



DEVELOPMENT UPDATE FOR 40TH & LYNDALE

In the early 2000's two Super America (SA) convenience stores were located across the street from each other at this intersection, due to the purchase of 7-11 stores by Super America. The residential property directly south of the now vacant Super America was purchased by the company, and the duplex on that property was razed, leaving a vacant lot. It was SA's desire at that time to build a larger convenience store at that location. Abandoning that plan in 2006, Super America instead closed the station, leaving a vacant building.

A joint neighborhood group formed in 2005, made up of Kingfield and East Harriet Representatives, whose mission was to help the 40th & Lyndale business node meet its full potential. This group, called the 40th & Lyndale Task Force, received funding from the city of Minneapolis' Great Streets Program to create a design for the node to meet Great Street standards while balancing the needs and desires of the nearby neighbors and the neighborhoods at large.

The 40th & Lyndale Task Force held a community forum in which more than 60 residents and business owners, including Super America, participated. At this forum, participants expressed a strong interest in amenities that fell under the Walkable Small Retail and Food category. Residents expressed the desire to make the intersection feel like an attractive small town, using 46th and Bryant, 50th & Xerxes and France Avenue as examples. Residents said they wanted community gathering places and stores they could walk to that also would fit into the fabric of a residential neighborhood.

Since 2006, other development has occurred around this vacant site. Lyndale Avenue has been reconfigured from four to two lanes, with expanded greening and pedestrian level lighting. Additionally, the RiverLake Greenway, an east-west pedestrian/bikeway that connects the Chain of Lakes to the Mississippi River has been completed. These changes have helped transform this section of

Lyndale back to a neighborhood avenue in the spirit of a Community Corridor as it is currently classified by the City. According to the 40th & Lyndale Task Force's application to the City in 2006, the vacant commercial building and empty lot are in marked contrast to the return of Lyndale Avenue as a neighborhood corridor and "this intersection as a community gathering point for residents of the two neighborhoods is significant," the task force wrote.

After years of looking at a vacant convenience store and inaction from an unmotivated seller, KFNA learned this spring that a purchase agreement for the site had been signed by a reputable local restaurateur, Paul Dzubnar, owner of the Green Mill franchise. His initial plan for the site met many of the goals identified by the 40th & Lyndale

"As the Councilperson for the 8th Ward, I am excited to see this node finally redeveloped and the vacant SuperAmerica location finally with an active business. I will be disappointed, however, if the final design doesn't fit the desires as stated by residents and the 40th & Lyndale Task Force — to fit in with the physical characteristics of the neighborhood instead of featuring a parking lot on this highly visible corner — due to the owner's inability to construct a new building on the site. Questions regarding the development can be directed to my office by calling 612.673.2208 or emailing Elizabeth.Glidden@minneapolismn.gov."

— Elizabeth Glidden
Eighth Ward Council Member

Task Force and various neighbors, including a build-out to the street, with parking to the side, and a restaurant that would serve as a community gathering place and revitalize the corner.

Nearby neighbors, whose consent is needed to approve the rezoning of the lot for parking, were hesitant about the size of the proposed restaurant, however, and its anticipated impact on the currently quiet corner. Even after concessions by Dzubnar to reduce seating and hours, and following several meetings with neighbors and Council Members Tuthill and Glidden, the new owner has been unable to get the required number of signatures from affected residents to rezone 4008 Lyndale Ave from a R1A to C1 to build a parking lot adjacent to his proposed restaurant, the Crooked Pint.

At the time of the printing of this paper, Mr. Dzubnar is moving forward with an alternate plan, including seeking a charter wine license from the City of Minneapolis that will not require any neighborhood permissions or zoning change. The developer will work with the architect to create a design utilizing the existing Super America building as a restaurant, and most likely the existing signage pole. The projected starting date to begin construction is sometime in July or August of this year. The alternate plan includes:

- Parking in the existing parking lot spaces facing Lyndale Avenue
- Seating for 62 patrons inside
- Outdoor sidewalk café seating 30 patrons along 40th Street
- Closing hours for the restaurant will be those allowed under state and city law for a charter-wine restaurant: 12 AM close on Sunday through Thursday, 1 AM close on Friday and Saturday
- The proposed hours for outdoor seating have not been discussed.

— Sarah Linnes-Robinson, KFNA Executive Director

Tour de Kingfield

Are you new to gardening and want to get ideas? Are you obsessed by gardening and want to spend more time in a garden, any garden? Or are you just plain nosy and want to see what other people are doing in their backyards? All of these are good reasons to attend the 5th Annual Kingfield Neighborhood Garden Tour, **Thursday July 11, 2013**, from 6 to 9 pm, rain or shine. The Garden Tour has been a high point of the Kingfield summer season for the past four years!

Advance tickets are available for \$10.00 at the KFNA table at the Sunday Kingfield Farmers Market. You could even win a ticket from one of our Kingfield Garden Tour Sponsors — Erik Brown, of Erik Brown Homes! Tickets also may be purchased beginning at 5:45 PM the evening of the tour at this year's starting location, 4237 Lyndale. At this garden you also will pick up your map for this year's self-guided tour. From there you can follow the map in any order that you wish, traveling through the neighborhood and stopping at the designated gardens at your own pace.

Park in the vicinity and walk from garden to garden, or consider biking into the neighborhood for a greener experience. Tour-goers will have the opportunity to visit a variety of private gardens owned and nurtured by passionate gardeners, who will be able to answer questions. Expect to take home some great tips and ideas from homeowners who work within the confines of city lots in our challenging Minnesota climate.

The tour concludes with a celebration of community and gardening at Kingfield's Pleasant Community Garden, 38th and Pleasant, next to the Center for Performing Arts. The garden party will feature music as well as delicious snacks and beverages provided by Butter Bakery Café, Anodyne Coffeehouse, and other local restaurants. Tour hosts will receive a thank you gift from Nicollet Ace Hardware. Special door prizes for tour attendees will be provided by Nicollet Ace Hardware, and Scott of Quantum Massage Works, a Kingfield home-based business, will be at the final celebration offering free chair massages in case you need to work out some kinks after the walking tour!

All proceeds from the garden tour will directly support the Kingfield Community Gardens. For additional information or questions, contact KFNA at info@kingfield.org / www.kingfield.org / 612-823-5980.

Why was the mushroom invited to the Kingfield Garden Tour? Because he is a fungi!

All the rain and cool weather this spring have been a boon for more than just the water tables. If you haven't noticed, mushrooms are all over the place this spring and summer: in the lawn and garden, as well as in two dozen hanging "tubes" at the Kingfield Community Garden! The tall wooden structures at the back of the garden hold the tubes of growing medium for native wild oyster mushrooms. This back location is perfect for the mushroom farm, as it stays cool and shaded throughout the day. The mushrooms will be featured in both the upcoming Kingfield Community Garden Tour on July 11, for viewing, as well as the upcoming Garden Dinners on July 27 and Sept 21, for eating!



COMMUNITY UNITY AGAINST CRIME CELEBRATE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT!

National Night Out is about more than just turning on your porch lights; it is a chance to connect with neighbors and celebrate your neighborhood. When asked why she enjoys her block's annual National Night Out (NNO) party, Kingfield block leader Ann Birch says, "To me, NNO is a celebration of what we've become. Over the years, our connections have evolved. NNO has led to flamingo parties, crime alert updates, progressive dinner parties, a book club, gay marriage celebrations, and our own Facebook where we seek referrals (plumbers, painters, etc.), and 'Odd versus Even' snowball fights!"

The 30th Annual Minneapolis National Night Out will be **Tuesday, August 6, 2013**. August may seem distant, but when it comes to having a fabulous block party, early planning and registration is a must! The registration process has never been easier as the city no longer requires that you list all neighbors who support a block permit. This change makes the process to register take only a minute, and helps the city know where to send the block event packets.

If you want to block your street, you can do so free through July 23. (Not all streets can be blocked, depending on traffic flow.) From July 24 through August 1, there is a \$100 fee. After August 1, no applications for blocking off a street will be taken.

Whether it's your first time planning an event or you're continuing a tradition of years on your block, be sure to register your event online or through 311. As in years past, Sebastian Joe's is KFNA's NNO #1 Supporter, and KFNA board members will visit each registered party and scoop a specially designed Kingfield flavor of the year. Remember Nicollet Pothole? That was Kingfield's 2009 flavor, which made it so big that Sebastian Joe's had to purchase special equipment to keep making it all year long! Got a great idea for this year's flavor name? Submit it at the KFNA table at the Kingfield Farmers Market on either July 14 or 21, and we will work with Joe's to select the winning name and design the ingredients.

See related article, *Garden to Table Dinner*, on page 3

From the (New!) KFNA President



Dear Kingfield Neighbors,

Community can be as small as my nuclear family of four, as big as the 5 billion people on our planet, and all the places in between. Here in Kingfield, population 9,000, we inhabit the in-between space. The ways in which we live and spend our time as neighbors, as residents, as people actively engaged in life make the difference between living in a spot on the grid and living in community. At KFNA, we create opportunities for neighbors to knit relationships with each other, and for those relationships to come together to advocate for Kingfield and the world.

Our neighborhood changed over the past year: people left, and new folks moved in; new restaurants came; Nicollet Avenue has a new surface; and my new BFF, the big blue single-sort recycling container, finally came. KFNA has changed too: Sarah Linnes-Robinson continues as the longest running staff person of an NRP group, but we have a new project organizer, Cheryl DeGroff. Cheryl, a retired police officer, brings to us a very level head and an unending supply of friendliness. KFNA's former president stepped off the board in May. We thank Scott Bordon for his enthusiastic leadership and his many years of

diligently attending an endless series of meetings. When Scott says the word "neighbor," his tone of voice—reverential and happy—tells you everything you need to know about how much Scott values us, his neighbors and his neighborhood.

KFNA did so much last year. We brought hundreds of us together in different workshops to piece together the beautiful mosaics now hanging on the south side of the park building at King Park. KFNA continued our efforts to green our power supply, organizing neighbors together in a bulk purchase of solar panels which, when complete, will add approximately 30,000 kilowatts of solar-generated energy. And we stretched a new muscle last year by advocating for the Vote No position on the two statewide ballot initiatives we voted on last November. All along the way, our community garden, National Night Out block parties, and traveling crime and safety block parties created traditions and structures through which friendships may bloom.

Take time this summer to embrace your neighbors and your neighborhood. I promise—they'll embrace back. If you need to find your way in to these activities and relationships—get in touch with KFNA: we need your voice.

With kind regards,
Hetal Dalal, KFNA President

Dear Kingfield,

Thank you for supporting the One Minneapolis mayoral forum. Thank you for not just calling yourselves a progressive neighborhood but for actually being committed to social justice through action. On June 6th, Kingfield co-sponsored the One Minneapolis mayoral forum, which more than 500 people attended. The audience was a true representation of what Minneapolis looks like. The panels were composed of community activists and youth, some of whom live in Kingfield and who live amidst the many racial disparities in our city. We intended that the mayoral candidates address these issues. We intended for this forum to be natural, and to begin the courageous conversation of race in our city. We are not looking for a savior from our problems—we believe that all people have the answers to these problems. However, we do want our next mayor to support the people and address the many racial disparities in our city. We love this city, but we need to become 1MPLS. Thank you again for all your support. We need to continue to support each other. If you would like to replay the forum, watch it on www.theuptake.org.

If you have questions, comments or concerns about our goals, feel free to email the organizers at onempls@gmail.com.

In solidarity,

Henry Jiménez, KFNA board member

Missed the Kingfield Garage Sale?



Participating in the Kingfield Garage Sale gave me a deadline for going through things that had accumulated over the winter in our closets and bookcases, and my son's toys. The sale also gave me a way to pass these things on. If you missed the sale but still have some excess stuff lying around, here are a few tips for de-cluttering your home.

Whether you are clearing out a junk drawer, basement, or bedroom, consider how you want to use that space. Don't stop at imagining a beautiful room, but really envision what you will do there. Then remove everything. Don't think about it too hard—you can consider each item later. Give the space a quick clean. Since you are not planning on clearing out the space on a regular basis, take the time to get out the cleaning products and vacuum.

Now comes the challenging part—putting things back in the freshly cleaned space. (It's also the fun part, where you get to see progress!)

For each piece, consider the following:

- When is the last time you used it?
- What would you do if you did not have it and needed it?
- Does the item fit your vision for how you will use the space? Things that you don't use or need can go

into boxes marked "donation", "trash", "recycle", and "goes elsewhere." As you get a sense of what belongs in the space and what does not, you can arrange things by how often you use them.

- Put one arm up and one arm down to find your "prime storage space." This might be shelves or cabinets that you can reach without needing to use a stool or bend down. Put the items you use daily there.
- Items that are used once a week can go in places that take a little more effort to access.
- Things that you use once a month or less could be designated to a different room or long-term storage.

Now you have an organized space and a pile of things that you don't need. If the idea of having a garage sale doesn't interest you, a number of Kingfield organizations will happily accept donations. In addition to the Salvation Army at 3740 Nicollet, day cares, churches, and schools usually love donations of kids' items, art materials, and office supplies.



Happy organizing!

—Christine Daves, Kingfield-based Professional Organizer www.think-organized.com



Kingfield Neighborhood Association (KFNA)

The Kingfield neighborhood runs from 36th to 46th Streets, between Lyndale Ave S and 35W.

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If you are interested in writing, editing, designing, or taking photographs for the *Kingfield News*, call or email KFNA.

14th Annual MLK Park Ice Cream Social

Thursday, July 18, 6:30-8:30pm

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park • 4055 Nicollet Ave. S.

Summer is in full swing! On July 18, join fellow Kingfield neighbors for a delightful evening with music, face painting, arts and crafts, an environmental table, and a Minneapolis Institute of Arts table. Grilled hot dogs, root beer floats and other goodies will be for sale at affordable prices. This outdoor event is a great chance to enjoy the park and have ice cream with your neighbors. Be sure to mark your calendars!

Interested in lending a helping hand? Please send an email to Cheryl@Kingfield.org.

KFNA Crime Prevention and Safety (CPaS) Committee Activities

In May, the CPaS Committee organized a graffiti cleanup. An inspection for graffiti within a two-block radius of MLK Park had already been conducted, and volunteers reviewed the locations that had been identified, and attempted to remove the graffiti from street signs, garbage cans, and electric box wraps. Each location was photographed (including graffiti on concrete surfaces that could not be removed by the volunteers) and submitted to the City via the 311cell-phone application. At the end of the cleanup, volunteers had assisted with the identification and removal of over 25 incidents of graffiti.

In June, the neighbors of the 4300 block of Garfield Ave S hosted this summer's first Traveling Block Party. Amy Lavender, Crime Prevention Specialist from MPD's 5th Precinct, provided information about crime trends in the area, bike safety, and summer community safety. Neighbors demonstrated unicycle and juggling skills and offered entertaining tips for those in attendance. Many thanks to Mr. Bill Miller for offering to have the meeting on his block! To nominate your block for a Traveling Block Party, email Cheryl@kingfield.org and tell us why your block is special. If selected, you will work with KFNA to choose a date in July or August and select a theme, and KFNA will assist you in lining up resources and advertising the event to your neighbors.

In September the KFNA Crime Prevention and Safety Committee will host a special event focused on the Minneapolis Police Department's K-9 Program and the K9 INvest Project, whose goal is to supply bulletproof protective vests for all of MPD's police dogs. Stay tuned for more details about this important event! If you are interested in helping, please contact Cheryl at Cheryl@Kingfield.org.

—Cheryl DeGroff, KFNA Project Organizer

HONORING THE LEGACY Celebrating with Jazz!



The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, in partnership with Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park Legacy Council, have planned the **Freedom Jazz Festival** to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the historic March on Washington at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park on **August 24th**.

Bring a blanket and enjoy delicacies from local food vendors while listening to the 20+ musicians with The Capri Big Band, funk from the BKS Band and The Minneapolis Jazz Workshop. Entertainment is scheduled for kids of all ages including face painting, eco art projects and moonwalk.

THE DAY'S ACTIVITIES:

- 11:00 AM Rally and Speeches**
at Sabathani, 310 E. 38th St.
- 12:00 PM MARCH to Close the GAPS**
organized by Minneapolis School Board Director, Dr. Tracine Asberry (teamtracine@gmail.com) to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 4055 Nicollet Ave.
- 12:30 PM Reflections** from Minnesota Civil Rights activists and elected officials
- 1:15 - 7 PM 12th Freedom Jazz Festival**
with host Rayford Johnson

Off site parking and free shuttle will be available at McKnight Early Childhood Center at 4225 3rd Ave. S. For more information visit www.MLKParkLegacy.org.

Meet the New Members of the KFNA Board



In April, KFNA held its Annual Meeting and Election, where neighbors elected six new directors (pictured on the left) to the KFNA board along with two alternates. Many of those elected had taken the time to attend a KFNA board meeting or a recruitment party earlier in the season so they understood the commitment to the organization and spoke eloquently about what they wanted to bring to the table as volunteers. A lawyer, two CPAs, a student of public policy, a workplace consultant who works from her home, an advocate and organizer for homeless youth, and two bakers now complement our board's other talented directors!

We are featuring two new board members here...be on the lookout for them at events and be sure to say "hi," and thank them for their service to your neighborhood!

Mark Waller (*Front row, 2nd from left*) I am the new Treasurer on the KFNA board. I have lived in Kingfield for a year with my wife, two dogs, and with a baby boy due in September. (As a result I have been on the lookout for future neighborhood babysitters!) I decided to run for a board position because I love being involved in the community that I live in, and because I wanted to utilize the skills I have built as a CPA in the non-profit industry in a different environment. In my free time, I run marathons—I will be running the Twin Cities Marathon for the third time this fall — and play drums in a band with my wife, Brigitte, who plays keyboards and sings.

Jenny Lock (*Front row, 3rd from left*) I wanted to live in Kingfield for many years, but didn't think it would ever happen. In April of 2011, I drove down 1st Avenue and noticed a little green house for sale. I set up a showing one week, a second showing the next week followed by a home inspection, and put in an offer the third week! It was the first and only house I looked at. I love being a homeowner and am learning all sorts of handy skills. I think that my work with youth and experience in conflict resolution will bring fresh perspectives to the board. I am eager to meet more neighbors and learn more about what makes Kingfield great. Something that most people don't know about me (and probably wouldn't guess) is that I love to go Salsa dancing!

Participate in the Planning for the New Playground at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) is excited to announce the beginning of the community engagement for a new playground at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park. Please plan to participate in the first community meeting for the playground on **July 30, 2013**, 6:30 to 8:30 pm, at the park. Participants will learn about the project, and share stories and ideas that help shape the future design.

Also, a community survey is available in English and Spanish until July 18 at www.minneapolisparcs.org/currentprojects (select Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park Playground) or by calling the MPRB's customer service center at 612-230-6400 for a paper copy. Completed paper

surveys can be mailed to, or dropped off at, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, Attn: Jennifer Ringold, 2117 West River Road N., Minneapolis, MN 55411. You can also contact Jennifer for project updates at jringold@minneapolisparcs.org, or 612-230-6464.

Donate! To donate to the playground please visit <http://www.peopleforparcs.net/projects.html> or make checks out to People for Parks, memo line "MLK Park" and mail them to People For Parks; PO Box 24901; Minneapolis, MN 55424.

— Jennifer Ringold, Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board

CREATING A CONTEMPLATIVE SITE FOR FREEDOM FORM NO. 2

Through a grant from the Regional Arts Council, the Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center (CAFAC) has been commissioned by the park board and MLK Legacy Committee to create a meditative environment for the sculpture *Freedom Form No. 2*. Designed by artist Daniel LaRue Johnson and originally dedicated in 1970, the sculpture was one of the first major public memorials to Rev. Dr. King Jr. after his assassination, and it was recently relocated to its original site in the park.



This summer, the Legacy Committee will engage the community through events in which residents will be asked to consider three different thought-provoking questions. The Fire Arts Center then will create Cor-Ten (weather resistant steel) surrounds for three new granite stone benches. Each surround will have a laser-cut stencil design highlighting one of the questions, as well as the community's answers, stamped into copper sheeting between the surrounds. The intent is the artwork will serve as a call to action.

CAFAC is thrilled to be involved in this project and looks forward to hearing your thoughts and contemplations throughout the summer.

— Heather Doyle

GARDEN TO TABLE DINNER

A special KFNA Community Garden Fundraising Event to help start new gardening projects in Kingfield! July 27th & Sept 21st, 6-8 PM

For the second year you can enjoy a **four-course meal** at **Kingfield's Pleasant Community Garden**, made with ingredients grown in our garden. Dinner is prepared and served by **Suzie Lillyblad**, Kingfield's Community Garden Coordinator, with the help of other community garden volunteers. The cost is **\$55 per person**, with a limit of 12 guests per evening. In case of rain, the dinner will be relocated to the sunroom overlooking the garden at the Center for Performing Arts.

Funds raised by these dinners support our mushroom farm, bee hive, and bread oven explorations! To reserve a space at the Garden Dinner, please email info@kingfield.org and tell us your name, contact information, which of the two dates you choose to attend, and how many seats you will need. When we confirm with you, we will make arrangements for payment. \$40 of the cost is a donation to KFNA that may be tax deductible as the law allows. Find Kingfield Community Gardens on Facebook to see a sample menu and photos of last year's events.

Under Construction along Nicollet Avenue



Van Geffen enjoys trucks, and ice cream, outside Butter Bakery Cafe

But the biggest "under" would be underestimating the level of support from neighbors and friends who have made efforts to make up for the lower traffic levels at Nicollet Avenue businesses. All of us along the avenue feel very grateful to those who are walking and biking over, setting up meetings, and bringing in friends who might otherwise get nervous about venturing into the construction zone. As we share the challenges of the disruption, we keep each other hopeful for what Nicollet Avenue will become in the years ahead.

Since May 1 the reconstruction of Nicollet Avenue has provided a bit of disruption to motorists traveling through the neighborhood. For the businesses within the construction zone, the disruption has been more significant. While each business has faced its own specific challenges, we all have faced the imposing Road Closed signs, detours that pull passersby away, the closing of cross streets that reduce access, and the loss of parking.

The project is nearing the end of its first phase. Then 37th Street will be reopened, and work will progress from 38th to 40th Streets, with hopes of finishing the full stretch by early September.

The phrase "under construction" got me thinking. There have been some great finds under the old roadway, including a stretch of rail and wooden ties, granite pavers, and various assorted pipes. There is always the looming backhoe that you wouldn't want to be under. A new sewer has been put in underground, with many a trench dug and filled under the new road surface. The ground (and floor) has vibrated under our feet many times as the road was torn up and then later as the new layers of gravel and asphalt were tamped down.

We have been under the watchful eye of Bev Warmka from the city, who has done a fantastic job of keeping us up to date, listening to our concerns, fielding our questions, and showing us that she understands that she works for us and is our connection to city services.

"Under" can also refer to underperformance: not being able to meet sales goals and income forecasts due to the disruptions, although even the weather can do some pretty good damage to those numbers. And yes, we've all been under a bit of stress trying to figure out ways to manage cash flow during the construction.

The Carrot Initiative Partners with Seward Community Co-op

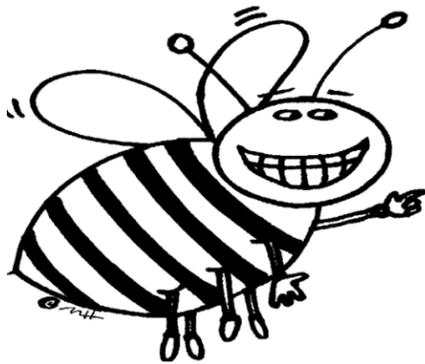
A year and a half ago the Carrot Initiative (CI) embarked on a mission to bring a much-needed full-service grocery store focused on healthy food options to the greater West Powderhorn community. Since that time we learned many things, among them what a “food desert” is, and the fact that 75% of the dollars our residents spend on groceries are spent outside of our own community. We met amazing people in a variety of neighborhood organizations and built partnerships with people in the healthy living community.

The Carrot Initiative is very excited to announce that it has partnered with Seward Community Co-op. Even more exciting is that Seward Co-op is considering opening a second location right in our community’s food desert at 38th St and 3rd Ave! Carrot Initiative and Seward Co-op plan to engage the community in discussions around this potential store site and the needs of the people living here. There is still much work ahead and we encourage you to be involved and join us to help make it a success.

We want to do our best to answer the community’s questions and concerns about this project so we’ve put together a Frequently Asked Questions on our website. If you have questions or concerns that are not answered, we welcome your feedback and feel free to contact carrotinitiative@gmail.com. CI is also planning on spending a Sunday at the Kingfield Farmers Market soon to meet you face-to-face, so watch the Kingfield eNews for an announcement of the date!

POLLINATOR PARTY: A Celebration of Bees

(It’ll be a HONEY of a party...)



Have you heard the buzz? Bees play a keystone role in the production of American agriculture through the pollination of fruits, vegetables, nuts, and seeds. The 2013 Pollinator Party will take place on **Thursday, July 25th, from 5-8pm** at Lyndale Park Gardens, just beyond the Peace Garden, on the east side of Lake Harriet. This event brings together bees, scientists, beekeepers, food, activities, live music, and more, and provides an opportunity for people of all ages to celebrate the life and work of honey bees and native bees. This event is free. Bryant Lake Bowl will be on site selling food & beverages.

The Pollinator Party is sponsored by Whole Foods. Event partners include the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, University of Minnesota Bee Lab and Bee Squad, Bell Museum, and Beez Kneez.

For additional information contact MaryLynn Pulscher, Environmental Education Coordinator, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, mpulscher@minneapolisparcs.org or 612-313-7784.



Minneapolis Energy Options Supported by KFNA Board

At the June KFNA board meeting, the board voted to support a resolution put forward by Minneapolis Energy Options (www.minneapolisenergyoptions.org) to keep the city’s energy options open, in a belief that Minneapolis should pursue an energy future with affordable, reliable, cleaner, and more local energy. Additionally, KFNA supports a ballot measure that would give the city the authority to establish a municipal utility if it can prove through careful analysis that it would provide cleaner power that is just as affordable, has as good or better reliability, and produces more energy locally.

Please contact KFNA Executive Director Sarah Linnest-Robinson at sarah@kingfield.org if you have questions regarding MEO and how you can support their work. You can also come to the KFNA table at the Kingfield Farmers Market on **Sunday, July 21, from 8:30am to 1pm**, to talk directly with MEO representatives.

6th DISTRICT DOG PARK CELEBRATION

Join us on **Wednesday, July 17th, from 4-6pm** for the Grand Opening Celebration of the Lyndale Farmstead Off-Leash Recreation Area (also known as 6th District Dog Park)! Leash up your furry, four-legged friends, grab your neighbors, and check out the much-anticipated new space nestled on the corner of 38th and Dupont, along King’s Highway. Festivities will include comments by elected officials, a ribbon cutting ceremony, refreshments, activities for the two-legged kids and fun “doggie bag” giveaways for the four-legged ones! Staff will also be on-site to sell licenses and off-leash dog permits to keep residents up to date.

The dog park entrance is located along Dupont Avenue South (Kings Highway) between West 38th and West 40th Streets. Parking for the dog park is on-street on West 38th and West 40th Streets or Bryant Avenue. Please note that there is no parking allowed on King’s Highway between 38th and 40th Streets or in the Park Board’s operations center parking lot which accommodates the Park Board’s large trucks and mobile equipment and is locked during nonbusiness hours.

If you have something you would like to contribute to the Grand Opening Celebration, please contact Jackie Lee Stone at eventsbyjls@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

Thurs. July 11	6 - 9 PM	Kingfield Community Garden Tour—Rain or Shine! (See page 1.)
Wed. July 17	4 - 6 PM	Grand Opening Celebration- 6th District Dog Park Dupont Avenue South/King’s Highway between 38th & 40th Streets (See page 4.)
Thurs. July 18	6:30 - 8:30 PM	14th Annual MLK Park Ice Cream Social MLK Park (See page 2.)
Tues. July 23		Deadline to register for free block party (See page 1 for more information.)
Thurs. July 25	5 - 8 PM	2013 Pollinator Party Lyndale Park Gardens, Lake Harriet (See page 4.)
Sat. July 27	6 to 8 PM	Garden to Table Dinner, Fundraiser for Kingfield Community Garden 38th & Pleasant Ave. (See page 3.)
Tues. July 30	6:30 to 8:30 PM	Community Meeting for MLK Playground MLK Park Recreation Center (See page 3.)
Tues. Aug. 6		30th Annual Minneapolis National Night Out (See page 1.)
Sat. Aug. 24		Freedom Jazz Celebration • MLK Park (See page 3 for a full schedule including times & location of events.)
Sat. Sept. 21	6 to 8 PM	Garden to Table Dinner, Fundraiser for Kingfield Community Garden Pleasant Garden, 38th & Pleasant Ave. (See page 3.)

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