



MOVING IN: THE ALIVENESS PROJECT

In 1985, the mysterious new epidemic of HIV/AIDS was facing the nation and creeping through the population. Resources were limited; facts were obscure. A diagnosis of the disease was frightening new territory, a virtual death sentence to many.

Around that time, a group of Minneapolis friends began informal meetings in living rooms and church basements, sharing their experiences and supporting one another to better live with the disease. Interest in their group grew, and they quickly recognized a huge need in the community for what they had created: a centralized resource for successfully coping and surviving the illness. By 1987, the Aliveness Project was officially born.

From their home base at 38th and Chicago, the Aliveness Project works to bring self-empowerment to the HIV community. With a small staff of nine full-time and nine part-time employees, they prepare and serve at least two hot meals daily, provide various professional physical therapies and holistic treatments, keep an extensive library, and run a food shelf. Additionally, they offer case management, connecting people with resources to help meet their needs, assisting with everything from housing arrangements and health care to legal and financial issues.

In more than 20 years, the Aliveness Project has served nearly 1,600 Minnesotans living with HIV/AIDS. Considering that Minnesota's HIV population is around 6,200, this means they have reached 1 in 4 Minnesotans with the disease. And they haven't done it alone: More than 1,000 volunteers contribute their time every year.

Tim Marberger, Director of Fundraising and Special Events, explains that volunteers annually give labor and services equivalent to fourteen full-time employees. And it is precisely this sort of community structure that the group was founded on. They consider themselves member-driven, rather than the client-focused model used by most social service agencies.

Marberger explains, "Throughout our entire structure there are people living with HIV. We're not just an agency of hopeful people trying to help the poor people. We are a true partnership, working together—staff, volunteers, board members—and half of [the organization is] HIV-positive."

This year, with a grant from the Wells Fargo Capital Campaign, the Aliveness Project is preparing their new home at 38th and Nicollet. The site boasts 12,000 square feet, a considerable increase from their current site's 7,000.

The kitchen/dining room will double its capacity, from 40 seats to 80. "There's going to be more therapies, more meals, more volunteers, and that's exactly what we need," says Marberger.

So far, the group has raised \$440,000 of the \$2.25 million needed to complete the project. These funds have been raised in addition to the organization's annual operating budget, all of which comes from federal funding, grants, donations, and fundraisers.



One of the biggest fundraisers is the annual Dining Out For Life, which Marberger notes has high participation from Kingfield restaurants—Grand Cafe, Curran's, and Victor's 1959 Café included. This year the event brought in an astonishing \$128,000 citywide.

Marberger explains that the new space and expanded funding efforts will be needed more than ever in the coming year. The Minnesota Department of Health projects newly-diagnosed cases of HIV to rise by 25% in 2009, with the highest increase in the 15-24 year-old demographic.

Marberger speculates that in some ways, HIV/AIDS education has fallen off the map with young people. "One young boy, about eighteen years old, was telling me he just didn't learn about AIDS. There's more....abstinence-only training in schools. It's just so sad."

Even though a new mural has gone up and excitement is building, we won't be seeing the group officially moving in until about fall of next year. But in the meantime, "We need volunteers," says Marberger. "That's an ongoing thing. We strive to make every dollar go to services. We work very lean to make sure money goes to the work, rather than other things."

As I write, staff and volunteers are hustling to complete their 22nd year delivering holiday gift baskets. Last year, these baskets brought food and gifts for adults and children in 700 homes, delivered on Christmas Eve. The majority of the hands-on work, including deliveries, is done by volunteers.

Marberger encourages anyone interested in volunteer opportunities to check out the website, www.aliveness.org/volunteer.htm. Watch the video entitled "Alive!" for a glimpse at some of the faces that depend on the work of the Aliveness Project, not only for a few hot meals, but for the empowerment, the resources, and the family that this group has brought into their lives.

— Amanda Vetsch

GO GREEN AND SAVE GREEN THIS SPRING!

Round two of a full-service energy saving program is coming to Kingfield.

KFNA has again teamed up with the Center for Energy and Environment, CenterPoint Energy, and Xcel Energy to offer Kingfield homeowners Community Energy Services (CES). Through the program, residents will receive professional home energy visits, low-cost energy saving items, free educational information on how to lower energy use, and more. See the article on page 2, which describes one neighbor's experience with this program.

A 1.5-hour informational training meeting will take place on February 16 for Kingfield homeowners interested in organizing their immediate block to attend the program. The two-hour workshops will be offered on Thursday evening, March 18, and again on Saturday morning, March 20. Reserve your spot at one of the workshops by contacting Beth Bennett at 612-335-5874 or bbennett@mncee.org.

HELP US GET YOUR ENTIRE BLOCK TO THE WORKSHOP!

Contact Sarah Linnes-Robinson, KFNA Executive Director, at 612-823-5980 or sarah@kingfield.org to see if someone has volunteered from your street to do outreach on this program yet!

Funding for this project was provided by the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR).



312 West 34th St

WE HAVE A SCHOOL!

LYNDALE SCHOOL WELCOMES KINGFIELD FAMILIES

After years of longing, Kingfield families will finally be assigned a guaranteed community school. In 2010, Lyndale Community School, a K-5 located at 34th and Grand, will become the community elementary school to serve all of Kingfield neighborhood.

Lyndale School's attendance boundaries will be adjusted to include all of the Lyndale, Kingfield, and East Harriet neighborhoods, and a little bit of CARAG. Lyndale also draws students from a larger area with its Somali and Spanish ELL programs, as well as citywide special education and a high-five program. The school's success lies in the "warm and welcoming atmosphere," said PTO president Liz Short.

While many in Kingfield are just discovering Lyndale School, some Kingfield families couldn't wait a year to fulfill the community school dream, opting to switch their kids to Lyndale a year before the changes take effect.

Chris and Laura Thompson said their third-grade daughter, Maddy, ultimately convinced them to make the change. When she learned (among other things) that the Children's Theater works with the third-graders once a week for the entire school year—culminating with a play written, directed, and performed by the students themselves—she made her parents a list of reasons to send her to Lyndale.

Maddy had a lot of items to put on her list. Lyndale partners with a staggering number of arts and community organizations, from the Bakken to the Jungle Theater to the Minnesota Sinfonia.

Another strength of the school, said Liz Short, is "teachers who love the school, love the children, and know how to teach to individuals."

Kingfield resident Jill Craig has seen the effects of individualized instruction in her daughter's classroom. "[My daughter's] teacher makes sure she is always challenged. I don't know how she can work with so many levels of learners, but she does."

Principal Ossie Brooks-James is pleased that Kingfielders now have a "wonderful community school" as one of their school-choice options. Indeed, the community aspect of the school may draw many Kingfielders to Lyndale.

"When kids who live near each other go to school together, the neighborhood becomes stronger and the entire community benefits," said Lyndale parent and Kingfield resident Abbey Sidebottom.

Fellow Lyndale parent Meg Hoyt agrees. "Why can't Kingfield, East Harriet, and Lyndale neighborhoods have a great community school they can support?" she asks. "Lyndale is one of the best kept secrets of [the Minneapolis Public Schools]."

To learn more about Lyndale School, families may contact the school and arrange for a tour—call 612-668-4000. Or attend an open house at the school on Wednesday, January 13, at 6:30 p.m.

Kingfield Lyndale School parents also have been hosting informal coffee sessions for families interested in Lyndale Community School. To learn more, contact Jenny Bordon, jkbordon@aol.com.

— Jenny Bordon, Kingfield resident and parent of two Lyndale Community School students



From the KFNA President

For our neighborhood and for KFNA, 2009 was a busy year—one we can look back on for its many accomplishments and noteworthy projects.

The year began with the emergence of a newly independent Kingfield Farmers Market. Originally a committee of KFNA, a dedicated group of volunteers put in countless hours of hard work and planning and, with the assistance of a grant from KFNA, created an independent non-profit corporation to run the market. Besides being a great place to shop, the Kingfield Farmers’ Market still serves as a gathering place for the community and includes a weekly KFNA table that helps residents keep in touch with happenings in the neighborhood.

KFNA took on projects to beautify the neighborhood, including laying the groundwork for a new pilot program to prevent graffiti—wrapping utility boxes with local artists’ photographic images of our community—which was

approved by the Minneapolis Arts Commission in October. KFNA also organized four blocks in the northeast section of the neighborhood to address graffiti issues in their alleys (see story on page 4). The results of the cleanup and alley mural project are block-long art galleries.

KFNA also served as the review committee for the Nicollet-East Harriet Business Association’s business façade grants in Kingfield, providing grants to six businesses. And KFNA facilitated the outreach to the neighborhood regarding the development of an affordable housing facility for young adults at 37th Street and Nicollet Avenue (page 3). This year some board members traveled in Kingfield’s new Hour Car, which was introduced to the neighborhood with the assistance of KFNA.

One of my favorite neighborhood events each year is KFNA’s spring community art show, as it’s always exciting to see the depth of artistic talent in Kingfield. This year’s show—ReDefine, ReCreate, ReInvent—was no exception. Another event that tops my list is National Night Out, when KFNA Board members bike from block party to block

party, serving ice cream from Sebastian Joe’s. The featured flavor this summer was Nicollet Pothole, reminding us of the repair issues with that street. Advocacy through ice cream? The Mayor announced in November that Nicollet will be repaired in 2012. KFNA will partner with Lyndale neighborhood in 2010 to begin the design process, to assure this street gets repaired in a manner fitting its important role in our neighborhoods.

KFNA recently created a new Schools and Youth committee to advocate on behalf of all of the youth of Kingfield and address ongoing issues such as the transition to Lyndale School (story on page 1). Also ongoing will be the work started by KFNA and active residents to attempt to establish a dog park at Martin Luther King Park. I look forward to KFNA continuing these projects and taking on new ones, to continue to make the neighborhood a better and more vibrant place to live and work.

—Chris Sur, KFNA President

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF A GOOD DEAL: HOME ENERGY CONSULTATION IS EDUCATIONAL AND EFFECTIVE

Like many homes in Kingfield, mine is approaching a century in service. The place has character and class, but also I know it has a boiler dating from the 1960s, some drafty windows that may be beyond repair, and I suspect that there is not much insulation in the outside walls. I would like to waste less energy and save money in the process, but where to start? Fortunately, there are programs and funds available to help.

KFNA recently partnered with the Center for Energy and Environment (CEE) to allow homeowners to enroll in the Community Energy Services program. I attended one of two workshops in October at Martin Luther King Park. The opening presentation described household energy usage and simple ways to save energy. At the end, I scheduled an in-home energy consultation with an up front cost of \$20 that will be reimbursed by KFNA. I left with compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), and foam gasket seals that go under electrical outlet plates to install myself.

Later that month, two consultants arrived and spent an hour and a half in my home. One of them focused on

testing, including a blower door test, where he sealed a large fan to the front door to determine the house’s overall tightness; a boiler combustion efficiency test; a check of the attic crawlspace; and an insulation check, which involved boring a hole in a closet wall.

While he was working, the other consultant toured the house with me, pointing out possible areas for improvement. We replaced light bulbs in a number of fixtures with spiral and globe-style CFLs. Using a mirror on an extension wand, we looked at the places where window and door frames meet walls, and found a number of spots where simple caulking would reduce drafts. We also looked at options for sealing windows and doors themselves.

The consultants’ final recommendations were to insulate under a four-season porch, do air sealing in the attic, and get a power-vented boiler and water heater when the time comes. They shared how my monthly natural gas and electricity usage compares with state averages, and they’ll be sending updates on how my usage changes over the next year. They supplied lists of insulation contractors and

window/sash refurbishment specialists, and also left information about CEE’s home improvement loan programs.

When asked, the consultants said that they did not know the details of some funding sources other than their own, such as the recently announced (and seemingly hard to take advantage of) Project ReEnergize, but that economic stimulus funding is still making its way out to homeowners and programs.

All in all, I think this was a very good deal. I learned several ways to improve my home’s comfort level and energy efficiency, and I have already spoken with an insulation contractor.

If you are interested in participating in the program, additional workshops are planned for the evening of March 18 and the morning of March 20, 2010. Reserve your spot at the workshop by contacting Beth Bennett at 612-335-5874, or bbennett@mncee.org.

—Alex Anderson



About the Kingfield Neighborhood Association (KFNA)

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

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DOG PARK UPDATE

After a full summer of hard work and research, a group of dedicated neighbors held a meeting at Martin Luther King Park on Oct 22nd to share proposals for an off-leash dog area located at the park.

Discussion centered on the areas of the park that seem most suitable for the project. While meeting attendees looked at photos of the areas, they weighed the pros and cons of each.

We learned that this part of the city has the highest density of licensed dogs, but no off-leash areas. We also learned that the city’s few existing dog parks took a long time to create, so we are just at the beginning of this process. But overall, there seems to be a great deal of support for the idea of a dog park within Kingfield.

Strategy sessions will begin in November and will need to continue throughout the coming months. If you would like to help make a Kingfield dog park a reality, email info@kingfield.org, or call 612-823-5980.

ONE GARDEN IS NOW JUST MEMORIES, BUT ANOTHER WILL BE PLANTED

I arrived in San Diego last week to attend my great-uncle Chuck’s funeral. I am now here helping my dad’s cousins pack up the house so the last remaining relative here, my great-aunt Joby, Chuck’s older sister, can move to Escondido to live with one of them. Aunt Joby has lived here for close to 80 years, watching family coming and going. My great grandparents boarded many others here over time, both friends and strangers who would ultimately become family.

The modest house is part of a small compound. A breezeway leads to a double garage with rooms above it and an attached apartment. In the backyard is “the hut,” a gazebo-like structure with an outdoor kitchen in it, as well as several garden sheds and chicken coops. Next door in one direction is the house that was built for my dad’s parents to live in with their family, and next door in the other direction is the “chicken house,” now a rental, originally built to house chickens but turned into a bunkhouse for soldiers during the war.

With many mouths to feed, my great grandmother did all her cooking in the small kitchen with the help of an extra outdoor canning stove. She grew all the food outside in the large yard. Gophers are a problem in California, so my great grandmother dealt with them by planting in raised beds made of boats. I remember sitting out in her “boat garden” helping her weed when she was well into her 90s.

As I walked the grounds after the funeral with my cousins, we talked about the lemon tree in front of the house and what great lemonade our grandma made from the fruit we picked. As we approached the pomegranate tree near the “hut,” we all remembered being scolded for picking pomegranates—Aunt Joby didn’t want us to get stained by the juice. But we figured that now we could get away with picking a few, so we grabbed a pitchfork from the shed and started attacking the tree for its bounty.

It was the memories created in that garden that made me think of the community gardens we will be planting in Kingfield next spring and how important they will be. As of this writing, we have had several great fundraisers, including Blue Sky coupon book sales, the first annual neighborhood garden tour, and a screening of the movie *Fresh*. A group of neighbors has been meeting, and we have formed more focused subgroups. The Organizational Structure and Site Design groups hope to have site designs and plot numbers by December, when we will then begin to work on filling them.

My family here was very excited when I told them about a community garden to be planted in my yard. The first thing they said was that it will afford others to have good food to eat, as well as the opportunity to have memories such as ours. They were very happy that I will be able to play a part in providing that to people and said that I am living up to my name, which is the greatest compliment they could have paid me.

This home and land has carried the good energy of all those who have lived here, and I have feared what would happen to that energy when the houses are bulldozed over as “progress” creates a grocery store or apartment building. But as I leave this site, I hope to take with me the energy that was put into it over the years and bring a piece of that back to Kingfield. I hope that the spirit of my great grandmother will follow me to a new garden and community of people, and that she will be able to share her green thumb in spirit to many more generations to come.

—JobyLynn Sassily James

With a lot more work to be done on the community gardens, we still need volunteers. If you want to be involved on any level to grow food and memories, please contact Sarah at sarah@kingfield.org.

CELEBRATE 38TH!

On Saturday, September 19th, a new kind of community celebration was inaugurated: A special day to celebrate 38th Street, the commercial and transit corridor that has connected south Minneapolis neighborhoods for over a century. Kingfield businesses and organizations enthusiastically joined in, offering special deals, entertainment, and free food and prizes. Beautiful weather made it a great day to take advantage of all the opportunities for fun!

The festivities kicked off early, with workshops led by volunteers from Lake Country and San Miguel schools: Neighborhood kids and families made maracas, and a joyful noise, in anticipation of the West 38th Street Parade. Neighborhood musicians entertained the waiting crowd, and many people stayed to enjoy the crunchy caramel apples, diverse performances and sample activities offered by performers and providers from the Center for Performing Arts.

Up the street, Quality Coaches celebrated their 38th anniversary with an open house, garage band music, and lots of free hot dogs on the grill. Finer Meats fed all who came in the door, Best Food offered special 38-cent slushies, and new Kingfield neighbors, The Aliveness Project introduced themselves with homemade cookies and painted on a bright new “face” at their 38th and Nicollet location. In mid-afternoon, an eager crowd gathered at

3800 Nicollet to savor the Nicollet Pothole ice cream given away by Lander Group. In addition to participating in the parade, Nicollet Ace Hardware played generous host to the History Hounds scavenger hunt, and gave away big backyard prizes.

Meanwhile, bargain hunters visited the Incarnation Church and Bancroft neighborhood garage sales, as well as special sidewalk sales and a mini-flea market at 38th and Grand. The HOURCAR made appearances up and down 38th street, enrolling neighbors in the Minnesota Energy Challenge and a free prize drawing. East of the freeway, the 38th and Chicago business association gave away reusable bags full of resources, and Bancroft neighbors tidied up their Meridian garden over cookies and lemonade.

If you missed the festivities, be sure to check out more photos at www.kingfield.org/celebrate-38th, as well as lots of snippets of 38th street history from the History Hounds scavenger hunt at www.kingfield.org/local-history. And stay tuned for a possible 2nd annual Celebrate 38th! in 2010.

*Photos clockwise from top left:
A new face for The Aliveness Project, dancers from San Miguel, a classic car from Quality Coaches*



Our neighborhood abounds with HISTORY. Did you know that 38th Street used to be the edge of the city? That means all your neighbors south of 38th lived in the suburbs! Learn more about Kingfield and your neighborhood’s settlement at www.kingfield.org/local-history. Want to know more? Contact Sarah at info@kingfield.org to join other neighbors in researching and sharing more history about your home and neighborhood!

Changing The Way Kingfield Families Select Schools

The Changing School Options (CSO) Plan voted on by the Minneapolis School Board in September changed the way Kingfield families will select schools for their children. Kingfield was previously an open area with no guaranteed community school. Now, Lyndale School is Kingfield’s guaranteed school for incoming Kingfield Kindergartners for families who place it on their choice card and return their card by the due date, January 31, 2010. In 2010 only, Lyndale will also serve as the guaranteed school for all Kingfield 1st through 5th graders whose families choose the school on their choice card.

Kingfield operated under a three-choice guarantee for the previous ten-plus years. Beginning in 2010, we expect Kingfielders will have a two-choice system, allowing families to select both a community school and a magnet option, in either order of preference. How these rules will work this year is itemized below.

Please sign up for the Kingfield E-Mail Notice at www.kingfield.org to get notices of important neighborhood events including Choice Card submission info updates, or visit www.kingfield.org/schools regularly to see current updates on implementation of the CSO Plan. Also contact the MPS Student Placement office at 612-668-1840 for specific information regarding placement choices; choice cards will be available online, at schools, on web or by calling 612-668-1840 on Dec. 16.

Elementary School Choice Rules for Kingfield Residents

As noted above, the guaranteed community school for Kingfield residents in Zone 3 of Minneapolis is the Lyndale Community School (K-5).

The other elementary school options, for which busing will be provided (if you are outside the school’s walk zone) are:

- Armatage Montessori Magnet (K-5)
- Barton Open Magnet (K-8)
- Ramsey Fine Arts Magnet (K-8: open to Zone 2 and 3 children—entire MPLS Southside)
- Windom Dual Immersion Magnet (K-5: open to Zone 2 and 3 children—entire MPLS Southside)
- Whittier IB Magnet (K-5)

If you are currently in one of the above listed Minneapolis Public Schools:

- Your child can stay in this school and you will not need to submit a Choice Card.
- If you have an incoming Kindergartener to the same school, you will have sibling preference for placement; but you do need to submit a Choice Card for the incoming student.

- If you have an incoming Kindergartener to a different Minneapolis Public School, you will not have in-area sibling preference at the new school, and you do need to submit a choice card.

If you are in any other Minneapolis Public Elementary School than the ones listed above, the Placement Rules vary if you are currently in a magnet or a community school. In either case, you may elect to stay in your current school, but you must submit a Choice Card and you must provide your own transportation.

If your current school is a magnet school you are guaranteed a spot in this school in the coming year.

If your current school is a community school you can stay in this school if there is room after Community Area children and their siblings are placed.

Additionally, in either a magnet or community school, if you have a child in any other Minneapolis Public School than those listed above and you have an incoming Kindergartener that you want to attend the same school, you must submit a choice card for the incoming student but you will receive out-of-area sibling preference (a lower level of preference for placement, below area kids, their siblings, current out of area kids, and in some schools “choice is yours seats” reserved for students from select areas of the City).

The choice card for the entire city this year will include two spaces (there is no longer a 3-choice guarantee for Kingfield). Each family can select one community school choice and one magnet school choice within their zone, Zone 3. If the community school you select is the one designated for the neighborhood as “your” community school (in Kingfield this is now Lyndale School), you will be guaranteed to receive either your first or second school choice for any child, K-5, this coming year only. In the future this guarantee will only exist for incoming Kindergartners. If you select a different community school option than Lyndale as your community school selection AND if neither this school nor your magnet selections have space for your child, it is possible that you will not get into your designated community school either. You will also receive a lower priority for placement for any other community school choice other than Lyndale School, and will be placed there only after all area kids and their siblings have seats.

Choice Cards are due by January 31, 2010, and can be submitted electronically (more information forthcoming) or by mail.

– Sarah Linnes-Robinson, KFNA Executive Director, and proofed for accuracy by Jackie Turner, Director of MPS Student Placement



NICOLLET SQUARE GROUNDBREAKING

Nearly 200 people gathered to watch as Mayor R.T. Rybak and other public officials joined Plymouth Church Neighborhood Foundation Executive Director Lee Blons in the groundbreaking for Nicollet Square on Thursday, November 12. Nicollet Square is an innovative model of supportive housing and employment to help young adults transitioning out of homelessness and foster care become independent and economically self-sufficient. Photo by Mark Christman.

Kingfield is feeling the effects of the federal government’s economic stimulus plan (known officially as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, or ARRA) with the November 12th groundbreaking of Nicollet Square.

With the collapse of the market for Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, construction on the building, to be located at 3700 Nicollet, had been held up for several months. However, Plymouth Church Neighborhood Foundation, the developer of Nicollet Square, received a grant from the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency’s Tax Credit Program, which in turn was funded by ARRA. Lee Blons, Executive Director of PCNF, says that Nicollet Square was one of only seven projects in the state to receive these funds.

According to Avenues for Homeless Youth, more than 1,300 young adults aged 18-21 are homeless on any given night in Minnesota. Nicollet Square will provide studio apartments for 42 of these young adults, as well as supportive services, including a front desk staffed 24 hours a day. The ground floor of the building will mostly have retail uses, including Cookie Cart, a nonprofit that teaches job skills to youth through the operation of a retail bakery.

From the groundbreaking on November 12th, construction is expected to last nine months. KFNA is excited to welcome this project into our neighborhood, and we intend to do all we can to invite these residents be a part of our neighborhood, not simply reside in it.

– Alex Bauman

ALLEY MURALS CREATE
A NEW KINGFIELD ART ZONE:

The new murals feel like a virtual art gallery, and work as a strategy to prevent graffiti by making the painted surfaces less tempting targets for taggers.

Thanks to a Clean City grant from the City of Minneapolis and a paint grant from Valspar Corporation, Kingfield is now home to a new cluster of colorful murals. Tucked away in four alleys, they beautify a corner of the neighborhood that has had a high concentration of graffiti problems in recent years.

Those with properties on the alleys assembled, and interested residents then met with artist Katrina Knutson, who was contracted to design a unique mural for each property, based on a theme chosen by the owner. Residents each chose a color of paint for the background, then organized family and neighbors to prime and paint the surfaces.

Katrina has been completing the murals in black silhouette. Property owners are left with matching paint to have on hand in case touch-ups become necessary.

The cumulative impact of these murals is delightful! The first block to complete their project was the 3600 block between 1st Avenue and Nicollet; the murals in the 3700 block between Nicollet and Blaisdell are also done. Each of these blocks is also home to another new unrelated mural, magnifying the effect. The 3700 blocks between

Stevens and 1st Avenue, and 1st Avenue and Nicollet, are also in process, and these neighbors hope to finish before the winter freeze sets in.

When you get a chance, take a stroll through Kingfield's newest, surprising art zone to see for yourself how beautiful graffiti prevention can be!

GOT GRAFFITI?
WE'VE GOT PRIMER.

Thanks to a grant from the Valspar Foundation, KFNA has a few additional gallons of stain-blocking exterior latex primer to give to neighbors and neighborhood businesses covering up graffiti. Just contact KFNA at 612.823.5980 or info@kingfield.org to arrange for pick up.

KINGFIELD
COMMUNITY
ART SHOW &
SILENT AUCTION

March 20, 7-10 PM
Rau+Barber • 4244 Nicollet Avenue

THINKING OUT OF THE BOX:
A Call for Artists

Creative solutions, unusual juxtapositions, innovative use of materials...Kingfielders are a revolutionary crowd! This year's 5th Annual Community Art Show asks local artists and community members to create 2-dimensional or 3D art that expresses their creativity and presents something outside of the ordinary 4-sided straight walls of our regular world. A twist of words, a repurpose of materials, an invention of sound or sight, an image that leaps off the wall...let your mind go free and think out of the box!

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 10, 2009
ARTWORK DUE: March 13 and 14, 2009

Selected pieces hung for pre-display at Anodyne @ 43rd. All pieces to be sold by auction Saturday, March 20. To register, visit www.kingfield.org or call 612-823-5980.

THANK YOUR LOCAL BUSINESSES FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF KFNA THIS YEAR!

Local businesses give in many ways to KFNA throughout the year, to further our work of community building and community bonding. One of our favorite business-sponsored events has to be Eating for Art! For this one day event, folks are encouraged to eat locally at specific restaurants, who then donate a percentage of their sales back to us.

Special thanks are due to the cafes that participated in Eating for Art in 2009. This year we raised close to \$3,000! We then turned around and donated these funds to Leonardo's Basement for a new Family Arts initiative, and to the Hosmer World Music and Dance program, which brings free live music and dance programming to Hosmer Library and Painter Park. We are surrounded by so many clever partners who help us further our mission of bringing

neighbors together and expanding on their creative enjoyment of the world! Thanks, all!

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Support your neighborhood!

Thanks to the KFNA Green Committee for organizing a successful Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off in September, in collaboration with Hennepin County and several neighboring neighborhoods. Many residents expressed their gratitude, appreciating the drop-offs service, with 67 of the 166 participants coming from Kingfield!

KINGFIELD CLEANS UP!

Calendar of Events

Now	Youth Winter Sports Registration at MLK Park (Fundamental Basketball, Youth Basketball and Wrestling) Martin Luther King Park – www.minneapolisparcs.org – 612-370-4908
Monday's thru December, 14	Senior-cise MLK Park Recreation Center – 4055 Nicollet Ave. S. www.minneapolisparcs.org – 612-370-4908
10:15 – 11:15 AM	
Dec. 4	Holiday Party & Gift Making: A Studio Bricolage First Friday Studio Bricolage @ Leonardo's Basement – 4301 Nicollet Ave S. www.studiobricolage.org – \$10 at the door
7-10 PM	
Dec. 5	Unlimited Bodywork Sample Sessions – Center for Performing Arts Studio 107 – Call 612-821-9202 for more information.
8 a.m. – 11:30 AM	
Dec. 5	MIXOLOGY: The Art & Science of Drink Craftshouse Restaurant, The Graves 601 Hotel, 601 1st Ave. N., MPLS \$45, limit 50 guests - Register at www.studiobricolage.org/mixology
3-5 PM	
Dec. 15	Computer Basics Class for Adults and Seniors A free class at MLK Park Recreation Center
10-12 PM	
Dec. 16	Internet Basics Class for Adults and Seniors A free class at MLK Park Recreation Center
10-12 PM	
Jan. 8	Let's Get Small: A Studio Bricolage First Friday Leonardo's Basement – No registration necessary – \$10 at the door
7-10 PM	
Jan. 13	Lyndale School Open House 312 West 34th Street – Call (612)668-4000 for information
6:30 PM	
Feb. 5	Wireless Rube Goldberg: A Studio Bricolage First Friday Leonardo's Basement – No registration necessary – \$10 at the door
7-10 PM	
Feb. 16	Informational Training Meeting for Home Energy Workshop Organizers – Call KFNA at 612-823-5980 for more info
Time TBA	
Mar. 10	Registration Deadline for "Thinking Out of the Box" – See page 4
Mar. 13 & 14	Artwork Due for Kingfield Community Art Show
Mar. 18 (PM) or Mar. 20 (AM)	Home Energy Workshop – Contact Beth Bennett for reservations at 612-335-5874, or bdbennett@minnec.org. See cover article.
Mar. 20	"Thinking Out of the Box": Kingfield Community Art Show & Silent Auction – 7-10 PM – Rau+Barber – 4244 Nicollet Ave. S.