



Kingfield News

A Festival on the Profoundly Small Scale: KINGFIELD PORCHFEST 2017!



Attention neighbors, musicians, and porch owners! This is a call to offer what you got and SAVE THE DATE for Kingfield PorchFest on Thursday, June 8, from 6 to 9 PM!

For anyone who has missed this event the last two years and is wondering, What the heck is PorchFest? PorchFest is an evening of community all wrapped up in the sounds

of summer. On this single summer evening, Kingfield musicians will perform acoustic music outdoors at their respective homes, or at a neighbor's porch or yard, while others stroll through the neighborhood, enjoying the sounds. Last year this event featured more than 60 musical performances on 38 Kingfield stages.

PorchFest 2017 has a need for musicians, amateur and professional, and for porch venues. If you are willing to perform music, provide a porch, or both, please contact KFNA Executive Director Sarah Linnes-Robinson at info@kingfield.org; we will then send you an online application that will help us match musicians with hosts

and porches, to better coordinate, map, and promote the sounds of the evening! Based upon feedback from hosts, musicians, and participants last year, we are 1) looking for a variety of musical genres; 2) limiting the number of sites; and 3) looking for volunteers to help with planning and to volunteer during the event itself. We will have two or three planning meetings between late April and the June 8th event. Please contact KFNA at info@kingfield.org or 612.823.5980 if you want to be part of the PorchFest Planning Team.

We are again looking forward to listening to some great neighborhood talent on June 8th!



Working Together to Create a Just Community: Kingfield Empty Bowls

What a joyful gathering of community Kingfield Empty Bowls is! Every year it is a pleasure to come together to share a meal and work to support an important Kingfield neighbor, Nicollet Square. This year in particular, amidst the challenging political rhetoric of disrespect and intolerance of differences, it was especially heart- and stomach-warming to share a delicious meal of soups and breads with our neighbors, and then take the time to sit and enjoy each other's company.

With its mission to provide solutions to homelessness, Nicollet Square has been an asset in our community since mid-2011. From their recently published five-year report:

Strong partners make a strong program. For young people who experience homelessness, living in their car, in a shelter, on someone's couch, or even on the street may have been better than living at home. Most young people who have been homeless have experienced trauma at home or on the streets or both. Even if they don't talk about it much, they are vulnerable and sometimes scared.

Through our Empty Bowls event, Kingfield can be one of those "strong partners"—by raising funds for Nicollet Square and by raising awareness of the program and the reality of homeless youth in our community. Nicollet Square helps these young adults create a safe home in our neighborhood. Please read the entire five-year report from Nicollet Square at www.beaconinterfaith.org/what-we-do/housing/nicollet-square.

Thanks to the generosity of our numerous volunteers and donors and the primary funder—the Kingfield Neighborhood Association, who donates the organizing time throughout the year to this event—we were able to write a check to Nicollet Square this year for almost \$10,000! This funding is given as a gift to Nicollet Square as discretionary spending, so they can use it where it is needed most. A gift like this is a huge boon to a nonprofit, which often gets grants with strings tied to them that limit their use.

We at KFNA want to extend a big thank you to our volunteer planning team who gave generously of their time for six months to plan and staff the pottery throw-downs and paint-a-bowls, met monthly on key event logistics, created posters and marketing materials, and contacted donors. It is the team's commitment that made this event possible. If you are interested in serving on the planning team next year, please contact us at info@kingfield.org and ask to have your name added to the contact list.

Thank you to these Kingfield Empty Bowls Supporters:

- Blackbird Café
- Breadsmith Edina
- Bruegger's Station 27
- Butter Bakery Café
- City of Minneapolis
- Solid Waste & Recycling
- Continental Clay
- ColorWheel Gallery
- Curran's Restaurant
- Edina Art Center
- Five Watt Coffee
- Gigi's Café
- Hope Creamery
- Kings Wine Bar
- Kyatchi
- Litin Eco
- The Lowbrow
- Nighthawks
- Northern Clay Center
- Novak Painting
- Royal Grounds
- Rustica
- Patisserie 46
- Pat's Tap
- Sun Street Breads
- Grey Fox Pottery
- Uptown Clay
- Vicinity Coffee
- Victor's 1959 Café

Equity. Outreach. The Time Is Now.

The KFNA Equity and Outreach Community Committee is continuing to work with the KFNA Board of Directors, local businesses, neighbors, and community members to help make our neighborhood even more accessible and inclusive.

Currently, the committee is working together with the KFNA Board on implementing a required diversity training for all board members. The training will give our neighborhood leaders tools and resources to make decisions with a focus on equity and engagement.

Additionally, "We Stand with Our Neighbors" signs are still available at Butter Bakery and ColorWheel Gallery. Displaying a sign is a simple and powerful action that demonstrates our commitment to a community that is welcoming of everyone.

As we continue to work on ways to engage community members and businesses, we ask you to do something today that makes our neighborhood a more inclusive place. Make a commitment to being kind, generous, and to listen to those around you. To truly listen is to allow yourself to be changed by what you hear. Equity is something that can be achieved, but it requires constant maintenance.

KFNA Equity and Outreach Committee meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, 5:45 to 7:30PM.

— Erica Torres Baagason

Building Community in a Community Building ... with a Dash of Activism

When I decided to use "vision statements" for the window signage at Butter Bakery Café's new home on Nicollet four years ago, the first one on the list was "Community Building." I like how it is both a thing (the place where our community meets) and an action (the process of creating a community). One of the greatest honors of being a businessperson who lives and works in this neighborhood is to be able to recognize and get to know so many of my neighbors.

True, some I know just by their "usual" order at the café. But many, many others, I know from some connection we have made, some bit of information they shared about their life, some common goal or value we hold dear.

So, I feel like I have a good sense of the neighborhood, a good feel for its hopes and dreams. When I speak at the City Council, or at the State Legislature, or to a business association meeting, I feel surrounded by my neighbors, pushing me forward, holding me up, cheering me on.

I stepped into the conversation about sick and safe time nearly two years ago. It was an awesome process of alliances and negotiations. I accepted invitations to meet with neighbors, business people, council members, faith organizations, workers, and community organizers. There were so many new and different perspectives coming at me. My own understanding and position shifted and grew during the process. It was an emotional event to be present for the City Council vote, a privilege to participate in the mayor's ordinance signing, and a gift to just consider the journey it provided for me.

When the Chamber of Commerce was able to find sponsors at the State Legislature for a repeal of the Earned Sick and Safe Time ordinances in Minneapolis and St. Paul, it was an easy decision to volunteer to attend hearings of the bill and provide "public input." Even knowing the committees were going to vote party line and thus keep the repeal bill moving forward, it has been important for me to be a witness, to speak truth to power, and to do all I can to defend the work of our city as it pushes forward improvements for workplaces.

And because another one of the window signs at the shop is "make connections," I've ended up participating in other efforts, too—protection for immigrants, living wage campaigns, challenging the tip compensation culture, raising awareness of sex trafficking in our city, the need for affordable housing, and encouraging urban agriculture to help build a better local food system.

A cup of coffee ... to go? How would you like your activism today?

— Dan Swenson-Klatt

Dan serves on the Kingfield Neighborhood Association board of directors and is also a business sponsor of the organization, as well as an event supporter of PorchFest, Empty Bowls, and Nicollet Open Streets.

From the KFNA President



Hello, neighbors. On February 22nd, the Kingfield Neighborhood Association held its annual meeting where we ate, conversed, and took care of neighborhood business, including board elections. It is with great honor that I welcome our new board directors to KFNA. You will read about some of them and what they bring to the board in this issue. I have worked with many of them before, and I am excited to both continue as well as begin new projects and programs in our neighborhood with them. I am convinced that our neighborhood will benefit from their leadership and ideas.

One issue that is important to KFNA, as well as to neighborhoods across Minneapolis, is the direction our organizations will take post 2020. In just three years the city's funding of neighborhoods will end, unless the Minneapolis City Council decides to recommit to them. Neighborhood organizations have played an important role developing individuals and ideas over the last few decades, and I believe this should continue.

Another difficulty that KFNA and other neighborhood organizations face is in properly representing all residents. For the most part, white homeowners have disproportionately made up neighborhood organizations. This should come as no surprise given that few organizations in our society are immune to structural racism. KFNA and many other neighborhood organizations are aware of this undemocratic and oppressive phenomenon, but awareness is not synonymous with action and change. KFNA has pledged to change as well as work with the city and other organizations to make broader change. As one small step in this direction, KFNA has made a commitment to our Equity and Outreach Committee. Also, we will be conducting in-depth diversity training that will give board directors tools to understand how privilege affects the conversations and decisions we engage in. I ask you to stand beside us as we push for organizations across Minneapolis, including City Hall, that are representative and respectful of each and every resident.

— David Fenley, KFNA President

Back to Basics: Veggie Basics Is Back!

This popular free class led by Hennepin County Master Gardeners is back! Do you want to learn to grow your own vegetables? Then come to the Vegetable Growing Basics classes this spring at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center, 4055 Nicollet Avenue South. Classes will be held from **6:30 to 8 PM on five consecutive Tuesdays, April 4th through May 2nd**. Classes are open to adults 18 and older, but interested teens are welcome to attend with their parent.

Hennepin County Master Gardeners will teach you how to plan and plant a vegetable garden, as well as how to care for your veggies until harvest time. Classes will include hands-on activities, and each participant will create a design for their own garden space. Master Gardeners continue to be involved in the community at the donation garden located at MLK Park, so they will be available throughout the summer to answer questions that come up as your garden grows. The park is hoping to offer food preservation classes in the fall.

To register for the class, go to https://apm.activecommunities.com/minneapolisparcs/Activity_Search/vegetable-growing-basics/68945. Or, phone the park at 612-370-4908. You are registering for Vegetable Growing Basics. You will need to give your name, address, phone number, and email address, if you have one.

— Mollie Dean

This class is sponsored by The Minneapolis Park Board, Kingfield Neighborhood Association and the University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardener Program in Hennepin County.

Dine Out for The Aliveness Project and You'll Be "Dining Out for Life"!

On Thursday, April 27th, The Aliveness Project will again host their biggest fundraiser, Dining Out for Life, when more than 150 restaurants in the metro area donate a portion of their proceeds to Aliveness. It will take some help from the community: More than 200 volunteer Ambassadors will be needed throughout that single day! Ambassadors invite friends, family, and co-workers to dine out, and are placed in a local restaurant to welcome and thank diners, and encourage participation in our prize drawing and additional donations.

There is a simple one-and-a-half-hour training for Ambassadors, and no need to have volunteered at The Aliveness Project before. Want to go above and beyond? Volunteer as a Super Ambassador! Donate or solicit a prize worth \$100 or more and any diner who donates \$50 or more at your restaurant will be entered into a drawing for that special prize.

Dining Out for Life is an international fundraiser held in 60 cities throughout the United States and Canada. More than \$4 million dollars a year is raised to support the missions of 60 outstanding HIV/AIDS service organizations throughout North America. Locally, The Aliveness Project is participating as the sole beneficiary in Minnesota for the 23rd year. In 2016 more than \$270,000 was raised for Aliveness through the donations made by generous restaurants, sponsors, and 38,000 individual diners during Dining Out for Life.

Find more information at diningoutforlife.com or sign up to be a volunteer at aliveness.org/ambassador. Many restaurants in Kingfield are participating—see the full list below, and at diningoutforlife.com.

If you have questions, contact Laura Henry, The Aliveness Project's Volunteer Manager, at laura@aliveness.org or 612.822.7946 ext.221.

Kingfield Restaurants Participating in 2017 Dining Out for Life:

- Rincon 38
- Victor's
- 1959 Café
- Curran's Restaurant
- The Lowbrow
- Blackbird
- Kyatchi
- Nighthawks
- Butter Bakery Café
- Gigi's Café
- Kings Wine Bar
- Café Ena
- Pat's Tap
- Hola Arepa
- La Fresca



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

KFNA Office Location:

The Center for Performing Arts • Room 101
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The KFNA Board meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7PM at Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, 4055 Nicollet Ave.

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

Donation Gardening Returns

The MLK Park Donation Garden benefiting The Aliveness Project returns for its second season! 100% of the produce grown goes directly to Aliveness' meal program and food shelf serving community members living with HIV/AIDS. The first garden meeting will take place **Wednesday, April 19th, from 5:30 to 6:30PM** at the northwest corner of MLK Park, 40th and Nicollet. Come ready to get your hands dirty as we prep the beds, finalize the garden layout, and plant cool-weather selections like beets, kale, and Swiss chard. We will continue to meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 5:30 PM throughout the growing season, to tend the garden and learn tips from Hennepin County Master Gardeners. Join as often as you can!

To kick off gardening season, The Aliveness Project will partner with Minneapolis Parks & Recreation on an **Earth Day Cleanup event at MLK Park Saturday, April 22nd, from 9:30AM to 12PM**. Stop by the Aliveness table to chat with master gardeners, tour the garden site, learn how to become more involved, and enjoy a tasting, featuring veggies on the list this season for the food shelf and meal program.

Can't attend these events but want to get involved or learn more? Contact Arissa Anderson, Nutrition & Wellness Programs Director at The Aliveness Project, with any questions about the donation garden project: 612-822-7946 ext. 217 or arissa@aliveness.org.

Our Kingfield Pleasant Community Garden has a spot for you!

With the bouts of warm weather we have had recently, you may be eagerly anticipating the joy of spring days: the smell of fresh vegetables in the garden, the feel of the sun on your face ... Now picture yourself in the Kingfield Pleasant Community Garden, sharing the beautiful day with fellow Kingfielders! We will have applications available in mid-March, and they will be due by March 27th. If you would like to be added to the list of people interested in joining the garden (or just want more information), please send an e-mail to Cheryl@Kingfield.org to be one of the first people notified when applications become available. We will have several spaces available this year, so please let us know if you would like to join us! Applications will be posted at www.kingfield.org and provided as a link in the weekly Kingfield e-News.

If you are interested in learning how to garden, see the article above; Veggie Basics is a free class that will be held again this spring, and we are happy to notify you directly when it is time to register!

19th Annual Kingfield Community Rummage Sale

The annual Kingfield Community Rummage Sale is coming back, to be held this year on **Saturday, May 20th**. As in recent years, KFNA will accept registrations — including a nominal fee—from participating households and create a map of the registered sales, to be distributed online and at local businesses. Participants also will be provided a sign to stake into the ground at their own sale.

To be included on the map, you may register as a single household or as a block with your neighbors. While registration has yet to open, we encourage you to start reaching out to your neighbors to see if there's interest in registering as a block. I can speak from experience

that, when your block has critical mass of rummage sales, MANY people turn out and it becomes a super fun hangout with your neighbors!

The sale is still in planning stages. If you'd like to be involved with planning and executing this event, please email scott@kingfield.org. We'll need many volunteers in advance, and especially during the week just preceding the Saturday, May 20th, event. Also, look for Kingfield e-News updates for registration details in the coming months.

Sign up for weekly e-News at www.kingfield.org!

WHAT'S UP? Notes from MSP FairSkies

Airplane noise pollution remains a serious problem for residents surrounding MSP Airport, including those here in Southwest Minneapolis. MSP FairSkies Coalition (MSPFSC) monitors overflight impact and works to fight noise increases on a variety of fronts. Details on the group's many recent successful actions can be viewed at mspfairskies.com under the "Real Impact" tab.

What's ahead for FairSkies? We have been working with other citizen groups to support new federal legislation that would require Environmental Impact Studies that could potentially change noise metrics. Of great concern to us is the Trump administration's recently announced plans to reduce airline regulations.

Additionally, the FAA recently announced that MSP needs to restrict flights on runway 17, the nearly billion-dollar runway that was built a few years ago. As a result, it appears the FAA will increase the number of flights along the 35W corridor. It is believed that in the next two years the FAA also will try to implement NextGen (RNAV) departures out of MSP. We need to be prepared for this.

If you are concerned about airport noise, please stay tuned-in and engaged. Here are a few things you can do:

- Register your noise complaints. Call 612-726-9411, or go to macnoise.com.
- Contact our elected officials. It's important to let the governor, state representatives, and federal elected officials know your opinion regarding aviation noise. Share your personal story—how the noise affects your quality of life, or changes you have noticed.
- Share your concerns with other influential officials, including city council members and MAC/NOC commissioners. Contact the MAC/NOC commissioners through the MAC web site at metroairports.org.
- Follow MSPFSC co-founders Steve Kittleson and Kevin Terrell on Facebook or Twitter.



From the KFNA Treasurer

As I write this, we are just wrapping up Empty Bowls and have been enjoying an unseasonably warm February, but anticipating the rain and snow that is yet to come this week. Spring is in the air, but that inevitable last snowfall (or two or three) has yet to hit us.

Spring always brings spring cleaning for me: Windows open, spaces to clear out, and donations/garage sale items piling up. There are so many fun events coming up in Kingfield that follow along these same lines. On Saturday,

April 22nd, we will have our Earth Day clean up event. We are looking for volunteers to staff the table at MLK Park. In May we will be having the annual neighborhood garage sale. This will be a great opportunity to pass on treasures you no longer need or go looking to see ones you can find.

As you look forward to the spring, please consider giving back to KFNA in any way that you're able – financially, or through volunteering. Volunteering for events is a great way to meet new neighbors, always fun, and incredibly rewarding.

– Lesa Hudak, KFNA Treasurer

Street Resurfacing This Summer

The City of Minneapolis, Department of Public Works is planning a road resurfacing project for the summer of 2017 in two areas that include parts of Kingfield. Roads in these areas—called the Harriet Area and Lakewood Area—were originally built in 1980 & 1978 respectively. The project is part of the ongoing improvement plan for the city's streets, which requires roads to be resurfaced approximately every 40 years.

The total estimated cost of the 2017 street resurfacing program is \$6,715,861. As part of the funding for this work, property owners in the areas will be assessed. A letter was mailed to affected property owners this February with details of the assessments, and assessed property owners were also invited to a public hearing and informational meeting held in February.

The specific locations of the street resurfacing are as follows:

Lakewood Area

- 37th St W from Dupont Av S/Kings Highway to Stevens Av S
- 38th St W from Kings Highway to Lyndale Av S
- 39th St W from Bryant Av S to Stevens Av S
- Colfax Av S from 36th St W to 38th St W
- Aldrich, Garfield, Harriet, Pleasant and Pillsbury Av S from 36th St W to 40th St W
- Van Nest Av from 39th St W to 40th St W

Harriet Area

- 41st St W from Kings Highway to Grand Av S
- 42nd St W from approx. 120 ft. west of Fremont Av S at the alley opening, to Nicollet Av S
- 43rd and 44th Sts W from E Lake Harriet Pkwy to Grand Av S
- 45th St W from Kings Highway to Grand Av S
- Fremont Av S from 42nd St W to 46th St W
- Colfax, Aldrich, Garfield and Harriet Avs S from 40th St W to 46th St W

If you are a property owner in these areas, you should have received a letter with the amount of your personal assessment and important details for making payments to the city. The letter included these details:

- Assessments of more than \$150 are collected in five annual principal installments on the real estate tax statements beginning in 2018.
- Interest is charged on the assessments at the interest rate of 3.9%.
- At any time during the five-year period, a person may pay the remaining principal balance of the assessment plus the interest that has accrued to that point.
- Assessments of \$150 or less are to be collected in their entirety on the 2018 real estate tax statements with interest charged on the assessments at the interest rate of 2.8%.
- Prepayment of the entire assessment lump sum will be allowed, without interest charges. Prepayment must be in full.
- Prepayments will be accepted from November 2017 through December 31, 2017.
- To prepay, request a pay statement: call 612-673-2401 or visit the Minneapolis City Engineer's Special Assessment Office, 309 Second Ave. S., Room 209, Minneapolis, MN 55401-2268.
- No further notice of prepayment will be published or mailed.
- Postponing the assessment is possible for a homestead property if the owner is at least 65 years old or retired by virtue of total and permanent disability. Certain hardship criteria apply. Please note that the cost is only postponed – interest is applied.

Questions can be directed to Suzette Hjermsstad, Supervisor, Public Works Special Assessment Office at 612-673-2401, or 612-673-2157 (TTY); Suzette.Hjermsstad@minneapolismn.gov.

MEET YOUR KFNA BOARD



John Sessler

I moved to the 4200 block of Pleasant Ave. with my husband, Anil, in the spring of 2016. After stints in Chicago, Boston and D.C., we felt it was the right time to return to the Midwest. Anil and I fell in love with Kingfield because of the vibrant community, walkability, and ease of access to great food and shops.

As Anil and I start a family, we are excited that our child will grow up in an inclusive community. I am committed to ensuring that all individuals and families are welcomed and feel that they are valued members of the neighborhood.



Anthony Hsu

I have lived in Kingfield for the past six years. I graduated from the University of Minnesota (Psychology major, Leadership minor) and currently work for Target. I was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area, specifically in the Silicon Valley suburbs.

My motivation to serve on the Kingfield board was sparked from my involvement in planning Kingfield Empty Bowls for 2016 and 2017. I was energized by the dedication from the committee, the generosity of businesses, and the passion of the community at large. I hope to learn more about issues and topics that impact Kingfield, including sustainability, which is one of my passions.

If I am not out running or biking or at one of the local shops, you can often find me on the 135 or 535 headed downtown (or, running down the street after them). I will always be happy to hear from you on any topic. I am truly humbled and excited to serve you all as a new board member!

The Oven Opens on May 11th!

KFNA will celebrate as the Kingfield Community Outdoor Oven opens for the 2017 season on **Thursday, May 11**. Please join us that day, beginning at 6 PM, for fresh, hearth-baked pizza! We plan to hold monthly oven events the 2nd weekend of each month, continuing (barring a return of the Halloween snowstorm!) through November. The oven is located behind the Center for Performing Arts building at 38th and Pleasant.

We are in the process of creating an Oven Management Team, which will be responsible for scheduling and coordinating the monthly events. We are seeking 8 people to serve on this Team for 2017; if you think you might be interested, contact KFNA at info@kingfield.org and request the job description.



SUMMER IN THE PARK

The warmer weather brings baseball, softball, T-Ball and tennis to MLK Park. Our athletic programs serve youth ages 5 to 15 years, so please check the park for details. Registration is done in person, and birth verification is required.

Our summer program registration opened March 8th, and space is limited for camps and classes. MLK Park offers camps and classes in ceramics, archery, tennis, farming, aeronautics, robots, moviemaking, basketball, Little Kickers soccer, and more. Does any of that interest your family? If so, I encourage you to check out what's happening in the parks and keep your family busy this summer.

To find an activity, browse, and to register, go to www.minneapolisparcs.org. If you would like an electronic brochure with hot links, please email king@minneapolisparcs.org and I will send one directly to you. Thanks, and enjoy the weather!

– Peter Jaeger, MLK Park Director

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Precinct Caucuses 2017

Voting precincts are the smallest subdivisions of a city for the purposes of elections. The city of Minneapolis is made up of 13 wards, and each ward is divided into several precincts. Kingfield neighborhood is located at the west end of Ward 8 and neatly contains two precincts, 8-6 and 8-7 (that's "ward eight, precinct six" and "ward eight, precinct seven" to be precise). See the map to find your precinct!

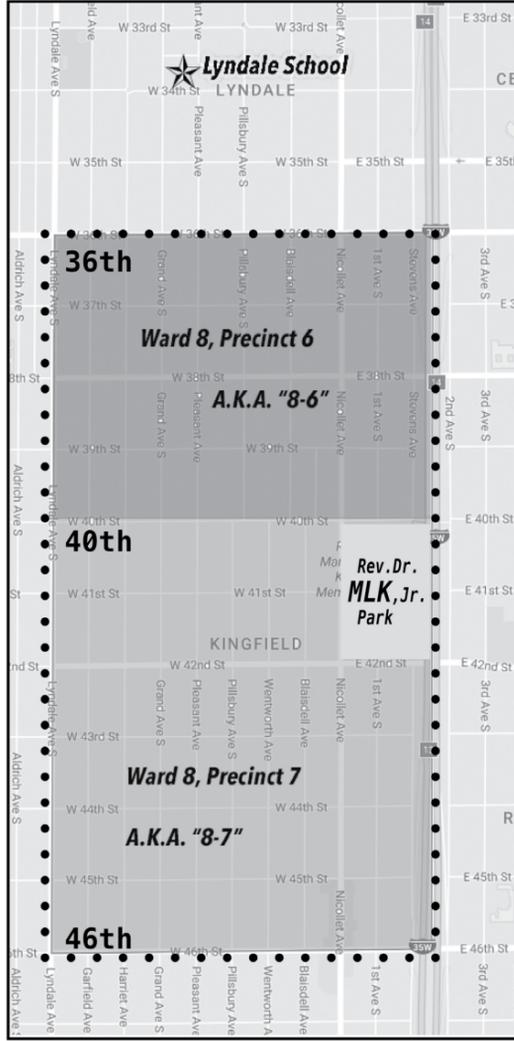
The precinct caucus is a meeting for people who live in one precinct to discuss candidates and issues, and to elect delegates to attend the ward convention at a later date, where they will vote on endorsing candidates and issues. This year, caucusers will begin the endorsement process for Minneapolis city council and mayoral contests, plus our park board and the board of estimate and taxation.

In odd-number years like 2017, each political party decides IF and WHEN to hold precinct caucuses. The DFL precinct caucuses for Ward 8 precincts 6 and 7 will be held this year on Tuesday, April 4th, at Lyndale School, 312 West 34th Street (between Grand and Pleasant Avenues). Registration begins at 6:30 and the caucus will be called to order at 7 PM. The DFL Ward 8 convention is on Saturday, April 29th, at Sabathani Community Center.

- At deadline, your reporter was not able to find information about MN-GOP precinct caucuses in 2017; call your local party office for more information.
- The Green Party usually meets by congressional district rather than by ward or precinct.

Who can attend caucuses? Any Ward 8 resident who will be eligible to vote by election day can caucus. This includes 17-year-olds who will turn 18 by election day on November 7, 2017. Younger residents are welcome to observe!

It's always a great time to get involved in politics at the neighborhood level. You can make a difference.



★ = Lyndale School

● ● ● = Kingfield neighborhood boundary

Little Kickers Soccer at MLK Park



Little Kickers Soccer for kids ages 4 to 13 will resume this summer with a new time and day of the week. Beginning on **Wednesday, June 28th, and going through August 23rd**, the program will run every Wednesday, from 6:15 to 7:30PM. We play on the fields in the southeast corner of the park,

along 42nd Street and near the highway wall. Children will learn sportsmanship and the fundamentals of soccer in a low-key, fun-filled and supportive environment from Kingfield neighborhood volunteers. Participants will be grouped by age: 4-year-olds, ages 5-6, ages 7-8, and ages 9 and up.

Training for parent volunteer coaches will be held on the park fields one week before the start of the season, on **Wednesday, June 21st, from 6:15 to 7:30PM**. Training will be led by the awesome Sheila McGill, head women's soccer coach at the University of St. Thomas.

Families, please join us for a **Little Kickers "Kick-Off Party" at the MLK Park Rec Center large gym from 5:30 to 7 PM on Friday, April 21st**. We will have free pizza and play some sampler games—fun soccer skill builders of the type that we play during the summer program. We'll also have information for new and continuing parent volunteers and registration information for Summer 2017.

Questions? Please contact:

Jerri Clark Wagner at jerriwagner@gmail.com or Michael Vanderford: michaeljvanderford@gmail.com or Mark Wagner: marknumberb@gmail.com

To register go to:

https://apm.activecommunities.com/minneapolis/parks/Activity_Search/70649

Questions regarding registration? Please contact:

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Open Now	Tues, April 4	Tues, April 4	Tues, April 4	Tues, April 19	Wed, April 19	Sat, April 22	Sat, April 22	Tues, May 8	Tues, May 8	Sun, May 21	Sat, May 20	Tues, May 11	Tues, May 7										
Registration for summer activities at MLK Park Register online at www.minneapolis.org or in person at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center, 4055 Nicollet Avenue South (See page 3)	Vegetable Growing Basics classes begin (See page 2)	Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center	DFL Precinct Caucus (See page 4)	Lyndale School, 312 West 34th St.	First meeting for MLK Park Donation Garden (See page 2)	Outdoors at garden on northwest corner of MLK Park (40th and Nicollet)	Earth Day Clean Up	Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park	Southwest Communities "Future of Neighborhoods" Conversation	Dinner at 6PM and program at 6:30-8:30PM	Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center	Free Dinner and Childcare provided	<i>The neighborhood organizations of Southwest Minneapolis, in partnership with the Minneapolis Department of Neighborhood and Community Relations, invite you to discuss the future of neighborhoods. Work with other Southwest residents to examine challenges facing our neighborhoods and suggest policy and funding streams to creatively address these challenges.</i>	Pizza at Kingfield Community Oven • First event of the season!	Center for Performing Arts backyard, 3754 Pleasant Ave. S. (See page 3)	19th Annual Kingfield Community Rummage Sale (See page 2)	Kingfield Farmers Market Opening Day	4310 Nicollet Ave. S.	Kingfield Farmers Market Opening Day	8:30AM - 1PM	At Kingfield porches near you!	6 - 9PM	Election Day (Ranked Choice Voting for City offices) for all Kingfield residents, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center

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