



# KingfieldNews



**Kingfield Empty Bowls:**  
**Be a part of stopping hunger and homelessness in our community!**  
**Thursday, February 8th, 4-8 PM**  
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center • 4055 Nicollet Ave. S.

On Thursday, February 8th, Kingfield will host the seventh annual Kingfield Empty Bowls, and we would love to see you there! Empty Bowls is a single-evening event that combines art, food, local businesses, nonprofits, and lots and lots of neighbors raising awareness and funds to combat hunger in our neighborhood.

As in past years, donations to Empty Bowls will benefit Nicollet Square, an organization that provides affordable housing and a supportive environment for youth who have experienced long-term homelessness or have been in the foster care system. New this year, we are also partnering with Lyndale Community Dinners, which welcomes neighbors to a free home-cooked meal every Wednesday throughout the year. While helping to address ongoing food security issues in our community, these dinners also offer the chance for people of different walks of life to share a meal and fellowship.

The concept of Kingfield Empty Bowls is simple: Attendees make a donation (suggested at \$20 per bowl), select a beautiful handmade bowl donated by a local pottery artist, enjoy a hearty meal of soup prepared by local restaurants, and then keep their bowl as a reminder that many of our neighbors need food and housing. Bowls are being donated by numerous local high school ceramic classes, as well as by professional artists. Be sure to check out the Paint-a-Bowl on January 14th at ColorWheel Gallery (see details in the calendar, page 4) where you can help decorate bowls for the event!



## Kingfield Votes Campaign Helps Increase Turnout in November’s Election

On November 7th, Kingfield burnished its reputation as one of Minneapolis’s most civically engaged when 53.8 percent of registered voters turned out to vote—an 11.8 percent increase over our own turnout in the 2013 city elections. One force driving this increase: The 450 Kingfield neighbors who volunteered their lawns to host “We are Kingfield. We Vote at MLK Park” yard signs. The yard sign campaign represented a major push by KFNA to get more people involved in the political process. While reminding people to cast their votes, the signs also made a visible statement that Kingfield is a neighborhood that believes in voting.

The yard sign project was one additional piece of Kingfield’s Get-Out-the-Vote effort: KFNA threw their traditional Election Day polling place party, and also took part in a broader campaign to reach out to infrequent voters, partnering with the Lyndale, Bryant, and Central Neighborhood organizations. Funded by a grant from the Minneapolis Foundation, the four neighborhoods wrote a statement of community values, and then organized a community forum where the seven leading Minneapolis mayoral candidates were asked to address the most important issues facing our specific communities. More than 400 people attended the forum, creating a standing-room-only crowd inside Sabathani Community Center auditorium.

After the forum, volunteers crisscrossed the four neighborhoods, talking to residents about the importance of the city election. Low turnout in municipal elections means that candidates tend to focus on talking to frequent voters who are already highly engaged.

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Once again, many of our incredible restaurants have offered to provide soups, breads, and desserts for Empty Bowls. Please join us in thanking Blackbird, Butter Bakery Café, Café Ena, Five Watt Coffee, Nighthawks, Patisserie 46, Pat’s Tap, Royal Grounds, Sunstreet Breads, and Victor’s 1959 Café, who have already pledged their support.

## Get to know the City of Lakes Community Land Trust and support an affordable housing project in Kingfield

**Monday, January 22nd • 6:30-7:30 PM**  
**Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center**

At their December meeting the KFNA Board approved \$145,250 of recently unfrozen NRP dollars and returned program income from past home loans to be contracted to the City of Lakes Community Land Trust (CLCLT) for the redevelopment of an affordable, single-family home at 210 West 46th Street. To fully rehab this property, however, they need additional funds, **so the KFNA Board has authorized their Redevelopment Committee to hold a community meeting for the purpose of approving a NRP Plan Modification to move an additional \$114,750** from Strategy 1.4.1.1/ Housing Staff to 1.1.1.1a/Affordable Housing also to be loaned to the CLCLT. Attend this meeting to meet CLCLT representatives and approve the moving of this funding on January 22nd. Can’t make this meeting? Feel free to send your comments via email to [info@kingfield.org](mailto:info@kingfield.org).

The City of Lakes Community Land Trust (CLCLT) is a nonprofit organization that was formed in 2001 and provides sustainable homeownership through a community land trust model. The CLCLT provides perpetually affordable home ownership opportunities for income-qualified buyers who otherwise would not be able to purchase homes in Minneapolis. It does this by acquiring land and removing it from the for-profit real estate market by holding the land “in trust” forever, ensuring that it will always remain affordable for

## Let’s Talk Numbers... and what you can do about them

Based on what you might have read on Nextdoor Kingfield or various Facebook groups, you might think our neighborhood has been experiencing a horrendous crime spree. Fortunately, the numbers aren’t nearly as bad as you might think. Of course, numbers only tell part of the story, especially if you happen to have been a victim.

Let’s start with the facts: This year’s crime statistics (of reported crimes) show that robberies (when someone threatens to take something from you, personally, not your home), auto thefts, and arson are down compared to the last five years. Aggravated assaults (when someone threatens to hurt you) and burglaries (unwelcomed entry

## KFNA Annual Meeting & Potluck Showdown

**On Wednesday, March 7th,**  
**MINGLE, SHARE and VOTE!**  
**6 PM potluck and social/ 7 PM meeting and elections**  
**Location TBD!**

Gather with neighbors, hear the news of the year, and celebrate the Kingfield Neighborhood!

The annual KFNA board elections will be held on Wednesday, March 7th, with all nominations for board members taken from the floor at the meeting. For more information in the weeks leading up to this meeting, please contact KFNA Executive Director Sarah Linnes-Robinson at [sarah@kingfield.org](mailto:sarah@kingfield.org) or 612.823.5980, and she will be happy to chat with you about board needs and responsibilities. Board members meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month, so if you are interested in running for the board, please make sure you keep that evening free each month beginning March 14th, 2018.

Also plan to attend Kingfield Empty Bowls on February 8th, where you can snag a roving KFNA board member and talk with them about what it’s like to be part of the KFNA leadership team! They will all be at this event with an eye toward engaging new neighbors in the organization, as well as soliciting new ideas to include more neighbors in KFNA activities and events.

homebuyers. They do this by continuing to own the land, allowing them to sell the rehabbed home as a separate entity. When the homeowner sells the house, both parties realize an increase in property value and wealth; CLCLT reinvests their share of the profit into the affordability of the property, and the homeowner carries their share forward to purchase a new home. There are close to 250 CLCLT homes across Minneapolis today, with three already in the Kingfield neighborhood. In addition, the CLCLT has facilitated 50 resales, where homes have remained affordable to the next buyer.

KFNA is excited to partner with CLCLT to assist in the renovation of this property located in Kingfield, which will be sold to an income-eligible person or family at 30-80% MMI. Besides providing a \$10,000 grant to CLCLT, a 5% loan of \$250,000 will be drafted so that this property can be continue to remain affordable. The interest charged on this loan will be forgiven if conditions of the project are met, including:

- the property is completed and sold to an income-eligible family within 365 days of the loan signing, or December 31st, 2018,
- the loan amount is repaid in full, also within this time,
- and the home follows KFNA’s Design & Development Guidelines, specifically the commitment to “enhancing the unique characteristics of the neighborhood,” by using high-quality materials, and “respecting the environment” through the use of energy-saving lighting and appliances.

The project already meets the Design & Development Guidelines priorities of “increasing housing opportunities” and “collaborating with developers.” You can read these entire policies on the Kingfield website at [kingfield.org/board](http://kingfield.org/board).

into your home or garage) are up from last year, but not as high as 2013 or 2015. Unfortunately, thefts are the highest they have been since before 2012.

What does all that mean? Fortunately, there are very few violently forced entries into homes in Kingfield. Many thefts are from vehicles, or result from property being left behind or unattended, or property that is “lost,” meaning the owner isn’t sure where they left the items. Many burglaries and theft from vehicles are the result of not locking car doors, or leaving garage doors open. There are a few simple steps you can take to help reduce your chances of becoming a victim of these crimes:

- Lock your doors and windows
- Keep your garage door closed when not in your garage
- Remove items from your vehicle
- Register your bicycle by calling 311.

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# From the KFNA President



Thank you, Kingfield, for voting last month. We had a fantastic turnout for a municipal election year, thanks in part to our neighborhood “Get Out the Vote” effort—read about the details in the story on page 1 of this newsletter. KFNA will continue to engage our community in an effort to increase voter turnout in Kingfield and our surrounding neighborhoods.

I would like to take this opportunity to give a heartfelt thank you to Kingfield’s own Elizabeth Glidden for

## Kingfield Votes! • Continued from page 1

Thus, our campaign focused on infrequent and unregistered voters who might not otherwise hear much about the races for mayor, city council, and park board. Over the entire four-neighborhood area, voter turnout improved by 10.6 percent over the 2013 mayoral election, and we believe our voter campaign made the difference.

KFNA intends to build on these successful efforts to engage voters before next year’s election for governor, congress, state legislature, and school board. Expect to see the yard signs back, as well as renewed collaboration with surrounding neighborhoods, and an even bigger polling party at MLK Park! We are also brainstorming new ideas to increase civic engagement, such as appointing Election Day block captains, who will get out the vote block-by-block and help new neighbors update their voter registration. If you are interested in making Kingfield the number-one neighborhood for voter turnout, email [info@kingfield.org](mailto:info@kingfield.org) to get involved, or check the weekly KFNA newsletter as Election Day 2018 approaches.

Thank you to these very local businesses that fueled our Kingfield Polling Party this year: Butter Bakery Café, Five Watts Coffee, Royal Grounds, Curran’s, Bruegger’s Station 27, Sun Street, Patisserie 46, The Lowbrow. You are all the best!

## Lets Talk Numbers • Continued from page 1

Becoming more aware of activities occurring in our neighborhood can also help. Sign up for Crime Alerts from the MPD. Contact your block lead and ask to be included in information distributed by the Police Department. Not sure who your block lead is? Contact Jennifer Waisanen, our Crime Prevention Specialist ([jennifer.waisanen@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:jennifer.waisanen@minneapolismn.gov)). Studies prove that active block groups help deter crime and make neighbors feel more comfortable that everyone is watching out for one another.

her 12 years of service as Councilmember to Ward 8. Elizabeth’s professionalism and astuteness at City Hall over her tenure led to fair development across the ward and in Kingfield. Her navigation of city politics through many hard decisions went unmatched and, I think I speak for many of us when I say, I am sad to see her go. But, her departure does not leave us with uncertainty; we have chosen arguably the most qualified person to replace Elizabeth. Come January, Andrea Jenkins very well may be the most experienced elected official at City Hall, incumbents included. Congratulations, Andrea, on the much deserved and well-earned position as our Ward 8 Councilmember. We look forward to your leadership at City Hall over the next four years.

– David Fenley, KFNA President

# Kingfield Neighborhood Association Accomplishments 2017 Annual Report of Activities and Outcomes to the Community

- In February 2017, KFNA organized and held the 6th annual Kingfield Empty Bowls event, a fundraiser for Nicollet Square, which houses 42 formerly homeless youth in our community. Unlimited homemade soup was given to attendees in handmade bowls in return for a donation. Attendees took home their bowls to remember those who are hungry in our community. This event brought together more than 650 people and raised over \$9,000 of discretionary funding for Nicollet Square.
- The KFNA Annual Meeting and Potluck was held in February 2017, and eight new Directors and three Alternates were elected to the Board of Directors for a two-year term.
- Earth Day 2017 brought a giant pile of compost to the neighborhood from the state’s Plate to Garden program.
- In June, KFNA organized the 3rd annual Kingfield PorchFest. This event brought over 50 local musical performances to 30 sites over the course of one evening. This popular event offers local musicians a way to share their talents with their neighbors, while serving as a promotional event that draws people both to the neighborhood and out of their homes for an evening.
- In 2017, the Pleasant Community Garden completed its 8th successful year with more than 25 gardeners. These volunteers organized the annual Kingfield Garden Tour, which supports the KFNA Community Garden mission of connecting gardens and gardeners throughout Kingfield, and raised money to support the garden and our rooftop beehives. KFNA also supported an educational series on backyard gardening in partnership with Hennepin County Master Gardeners, and a communal garden at MLK Park that benefits The Aliveness Project food shelf.
- In 2017, KFNA again biked to more than 50 block parties and brought Kingfielders the sweetest National Night Out experience ever...free locally made ice cream by Sebastian Joe’s!

- The Kingfield Community Outdoor Oven held its first full season of events, April through October. This included monthly community pizza events, student concerts by CFPA tenants, bread baking experiments, and the first ever “Improv in the Garden” with local theatre artists performing in the outdoor space!
- In September, KFNA hosted and co-organized (with the Lyndale Neighborhood group) the 4th annual Nicollet Open Streets. 14,000 people spent the afternoon walking and biking the 2.5-mile stretch of Nicollet Avenue from Lake Street down to 46th Street on a gorgeous fall afternoon.
- In November, KFNA’s outreach to the community on Election Day included two tents full of tasty treats, hot coffee, and cheerful neighbors—with a goal of thanking all voters. In an effort to increase voters on what is traditionally a low turnout year, KFNA worked in partnership with 3 other neighborhoods to create a joint community values statement and plan a southside mayoral forum. KFNA also covered the neighborhood with more than 400 yard signs reminding neighbors to vote. These efforts resulted in an almost 14% increase of voters over the last municipal election four years ago.

- Throughout 2017, KFNA maintained our regular communications including the website at [www.kingfield.org](http://www.kingfield.org), the Kingfield Neighborhood Association Facebook Page, Nextdoor Kingfield, weekly Kingfield eNews, and the printed and mailed quarterly *Kingfield News* and special partnerships with the Lyndale newspaper to increase communication. We also continued our weekly presence at the Kingfield Farmers’ Market to keep neighbors informed about activities, issues, and opportunities right here in Kingfield.

Lastly, if you are the victim of a crime, please report it. The Police Department dedicates resources to attack crime areas. If they don’t know there is a problem on your block, they will be spending time elsewhere, where there are reported issues. And remember that if you see an active situation with a suspicious person, always call 911!

– Cheryl DeGrof



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

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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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## THE CROSSOVER: Art + Basketball

In October, artist Peyton Scott Russell introduced the MLK basketball team to artworks documenting the Civil Rights Movement from the Minneapolis Institute of Arts (Mia) collection. He then taught them basic aerosol art techniques and the process of stencil cutting, and the 12 youth currently have their work hanging in a gallery at Mia. Russell also created four murals on the basketball backboards in the gym at MLK Park—be sure to check them out the next time you are at the park!



Photo courtesy of The Aliveness Project

## Gardening in Community, Kingfield Neighborhood

Now is the perfect time to start dreaming of warm weather and enjoying the challenges and rewards of gardening! Don’t have a great spot to garden? Maybe you would rather garden with a group of people and share in the feelings of community. We have a place for you! The Kingfield Community Garden, located at the Center for Performing Arts, will have several vacancies for new gardeners in the spring. Applications for the garden will be available in March; to get on the notification list for available plots, contact Cheryl at KFNA at [Cheryl@Kingfield.org](mailto:Cheryl@Kingfield.org). We are also looking for volunteers to help manage the gardens and coordinate the annual garden tour! If any of this sounds like fun to you, please let us know!



# NEW MPD CHIEF

Chief Medaria Arradondo is the 53rd Chief of the Minneapolis Police Department. He joined the MPD in 1989 as a patrol officer in the 4th Precinct and worked his way up the ranks before being appointed Inspector of the First Precinct in 2013. He also served as a School Resource Officer, Northside beat officer, the Commander of the Internal Affairs Unit, Deputy Chief, and Assistant Chief, before being nominated as Chief by the mayor in 2017. Chief Arradondo serves on several community boards and is a member of several national and international police associations. Arradondo is a courageous public servant and change agent with a demonstrated talent for building mutually respectful and trusting relationships with community members and professional policing teams. He served as MPD’s liaison for the National Initiative for Building Community Trust and Justice, overseeing the execution of initiatives on procedural justice, implicit bias, and reconciliation training. His work has helped to positively transform the MPD culture, and to position the Department as a national leader in police service excellence.

## Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

Monday, January 15th, 2018  
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

MLK Park Recreation Center  
4055 Nicollet Ave. S.

The annual MLK Park celebration for Martin Luther King Jr. Day includes a keynote presentation, live entertainment, refreshments, and a tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (Speakers and performers to be announced—check the Minneapolis Parks website for details at [www.minneapolis-parks.org](http://www.minneapolis-parks.org).) As always, the celebration is free and open to the public. The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board also will present its “Living the Dream” award at the celebration, given to an individual, business, or community group who has demonstrated dedication and distinguished service to the MPRB and the lives of Minneapolis residents.

Bring a nonperishable food item to donate—January 15th marks the conclusion of the 9th Annual “Feeding the Dream” food drive, with all donations benefiting The Aliveness Project and Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative.

## 2017 KFNA BUSINESS SPONSORS



# How Can We Help the Homeless?

Have you ever wondered what you can do to help someone who is panhandling? Who should you call if you are worried about someone sleeping in a car, or worse, outdoors in an encampment? When winter arrives and the temperature plummets, who can people turn to when they need help finding a safe place to stay and a way to come in from the cold to stable housing? Call the Outreach Team!

The St. Stephen’s Street Outreach Team helps people experiencing homelessness find the housing and services they need to end their homelessness and improve their lives. The team serves people who sleep outside, in their cars or abandoned buildings, and in other places not meant for human habitation. They connect people to available rental housing, supportive housing, community resources, emergency shelters, drop-in centers, food shelves, and meal sites. For those who cannot find suitable shelter, St. Stephen’s Human Services provides emergency gear, builds their trust by checking on their welfare, and helps

them to find safe housing and the services needed to stay in their housing.

**What can you do if you are worried about someone who may be homeless, or if you are approached by someone panhandling? The Outreach Team has these tips:**

- Acknowledge the person (smile, nod, say hello, or wish them the best).
- If you are comfortable speaking to the person, give them information about St. Stephen’s Street Outreach Team. The organization has a pamphlet you can print and carry with you: [ststephensmpls.org/programs/emergency-shelter/street-outreach](http://ststephensmpls.org/programs/emergency-shelter/street-outreach).
- Call the Outreach Team and leave a message anytime at 612-879-7624. Put this number in your cell phone!

For more information, go to [ststephensmpls.org](http://ststephensmpls.org).

## Dear Kingfield Neighbor:

There are a lot of needs in this world, and we know that Kingfield Neighborhood Association (KFNA) isn’t the biggest one. But as we engage residents and businesses in activities, issues, and solutions, we are working on the biggest idea of all: making sure each and every person feels they are a valuable part of moving our collective community toward a more just and engaged position in this world.

This past year we have seen so many people inspired to action—in work with local organizations that deal with immigrant and women’s rights, gender and racial equality, affordable home and health access, and fair and humane treatment for all species and our earth. These are the issues that KFNA cares about as well. They are what we spend our time and money on as we work to connect neighbors to issues, causes, and organizations and help lead them onto a path of greater involvement in our society.

In our neighborhood we are constantly creating new, fun, and creative ways for neighbors to come together. Think of Election Day Polling Parties, Get Out the Vote reminders, Empty Bowls, PorchFest, Garden Tours, Open Streets, and the Community Outdoor Oven Pizza Parties. Through these activities KFNA is addressing issues of food and housing access, and affordable housing and homelessness, as well as building community and strengthening local relationships between neighbors and other local nonprofits.

In city, county, and statewide matters, we ensure that Kingfield has a seat at the table and a voice in the debate. Think of the Southside Neighborhood 2017 Mayoral Forum, Reopen Nicollet, the redevelopment of the 40th Street Pedestrian Bridge as an artful bikeway and part of the RiverLake Greenway, and 2020 and 2040 City planning and surveying. Through KFNA’s involvement on broader initiatives such as these, we assure that the community’s desires and needs aren’t left out of the planning or implementation of these projects.

Because of this work on behalf of our neighborhood, we are writing to ask you to support us with a tax-deductible financial donation.

KFNA runs a pretty bare bones operation. The board of directors and committee members do not receive financial compensation for their work in the community. The board members and other volunteers are coordinated by only two part-time, paid staff. This structure is designed to take advantage of the time, talents, and interests of residents in the neighborhood, as well as provide a place for people to test their leadership muster.

Your contribution to the Kingfield Neighborhood keeps this work happening in your community. You can make a one-time donation by mailing a check directly to us, or donate via Razoo, a safe online nonprofit giving tool, which is linked from our website at [www.kingfield.org](http://www.kingfield.org). Please also consider becoming a sustaining member this year with a monthly recurring donation at a set amount. We have giving levels to fit the needs of many different neighbors, including:

- The Kingfield Block Builder at \$5 per month
- The Good Neighbor at \$10 per month
- The Kingfield Leader at \$15 per month
- The Community Builder at \$20 per month
- The Kingfield Neighborhood Hero at \$50 per month, or more!

KFNA is working to connect each and every neighbor at the utmost local level into an action or cause, because we know that to create a One Minneapolis / One Minnesota / One United States will require each person being a part of the solution. It can begin at the local level in every community.

Thank you for your time, energy and interest in Kingfield Neighborhood and the Kingfield Neighborhood Association. It is you, the residents of Kingfield, who make this organization and neighborhood amazing!

Thankfully,  
Your Kingfield Board of Directors

## Volunteer with Kingfield Empty Bowls and make a difference in your own community.

If you are looking for neighborhood connections, new friends, and a way to help others, please consider getting involved. We are looking to fill more than 100 volunteer positions on Feb 8th, the day of the event!

Contact Sarah Linnes-Robinson at [sarah@kingfield.org](mailto:sarah@kingfield.org) or 612.823.5980 if you are interested in helping on February 8th.

We will also need close to 1,000 handmade pottery bowls, to be given away to all attendees that evening. If you are a potter, or if you know a potter, please

consider making, or asking for, a donation of bowls! For a digital copy of our Call for Pottery Artists, or for email language to send to potters that you know, please contact KFNA at [info@kingfield.org](mailto:info@kingfield.org). We will send you materials to share with your network.

Bowls can be dropped off through January 31st at the Color Wheel Gallery, located at 46th & Grand. Bowls will ideally be soup-sized, and must be created with a food-safe glaze. If you need KFNA to pick up a donation, please contact us at 612.823.5980 or [info@kingfield.org](mailto:info@kingfield.org).

## Want to do more to change the world?

Nicollet Square, our primary Empty Bowls funding recipient, was developed by Beacon, an interfaith collaborative of congregations committed to ending homelessness through housing, shelter, and advocacy. Beacon always welcomes new volunteers. Visit their website at [www.beaconinterfaith.org](http://www.beaconinterfaith.org). Also see the story, “How Can We Help the Homeless?” at the top of this page.



As Kermit crooned, It Ain’t Easy Being Green... always remembering to bring your reusable water bottle with you, arriving at a meeting spotted in sludge and tasting road salt from your morning bike commute, spending the end of every party elbow-deep in the garbage can, sorting out the compostables and recyclables that got tossed in there by accident. Because we at KFNA know that many of our neighbors care about the environment, part of our mission for the new year will be trying to shift more attitudes about environmental actions. Ideally, we would give up feeling that green habits are an extra effort and practice them without even thinking about it, essentially developing a greener lifestyle. KFNA will focus on creating change in the areas of home and business composting, waste reduction when hosting outdoor events, increasing pollinator habitat, incentivizing and supporting walking and biking, and more. We welcome you to bring your interests and ideas to the table and to be a part of our team as well!

If you are interested in being part of the green-washing in Kingfield, give us a shout at [info@kingfield.org](mailto:info@kingfield.org) or 612-823.5980.

## GET YOUR SHOVELS READY: The National Weather Service predicts a wetter than normal winter for the Northland

We need everyone’s cooperation to keep our sidewalks and streets clear of ice and snow. Minneapolis ordinance requires that all sidewalks be cleared completely of snow and ice within 24 hours after a snowfall. Apartments and commercial buildings are only granted four hours.

If you find a neighbor’s sidewalk that hasn’t been cleared, please check on them to see if they’re able to complete it on their own. If you still don’t see positive results after this effort, you can report the snowy/icy sidewalk to the City online or by calling 311.

Free sand for sidewalks is available from the City 24/7 (you must bring your own shovel and pail). The closest sand station to Kingfield is on West 60th Street between Lyndale and Harriet.

If you own a vehicle, please understand the parking restrictions of Minneapolis Snow Emergencies. Full details can be found online or by calling 348-SNOW (7669). Minneapolis Snow Emergencies have three phases, meaning you may have to move your vehicle more than once in a single 24-hour period. Look at the color of your surrounding street signs. If they’re blue, they are Snow Emergency Routes and will be plowed overnight on Day 1, which always begins at 9 PM. If they are brown or green, they’re non-Snow Emergency Routes and will be plowed during Day 2 or Day 3.

Going on vacation and leaving your car parked on the street? Leave your keys with a neighbor and ask them to move your car if a Snow Emergency is declared. Out shoveling your walk and see a car that’s illegally parked? Be a plow pal and knock on the neighbor’s door to help them avoid a ticket and tow.

My favorite thing about heavy snowfalls in Minneapolis is that I see so many of my neighbors outside reconnecting and helping each other out. Let’s make this a great and safe winter for all in Kingfield!

– Scott Mueller

## Winter Programs at MLK Park

Greetings from Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park! It might look quiet and cold from the outside, but the park is hot with action inside. Winter and spring programming are both open for registration now; go to [www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org) for a comprehensive list or enter the Activenet # for highlighted programs below.

Kingfield local Jennifer Phillips runs an excellent **Fundamental Basketball** program on Friday evenings, January 5th – February 23rd, 2018. Kids will practice basic drills and skills and finish each night with in-house games with their friends.

- Fundamental Basketball: 5/6 yrs. AN# 81466
- Fundamental Basketball: 7/8 yrs. AN# 81466

We also offer ceramic classes for just about every age in your household, Thursdays starting January 11th. New Saturday Open Studio time has been added for adults currently enrolled in our **Wheel Throwing class**.

- Kiddos N Clay: Ages 1.5-6 yrs. AN# 77738
- Potter Wheel Throwing: Ages 7-12 yrs. AN# 77721
- Family Ceramics: Ages 3+ AN# 77727
- Beginning Wheel Throwing: Ages 18+ AN# 77721
- Saturday Ceramic Open Studio: Ages 18+ AN# 77723

And, it’s not too late to get your child on a team at MLK Park! We have openings for basketball, wrestling, and more, for ages 5 and up. Call for more details at 612-370-4908 or go to [www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org) to register. If you have any questions, concerns or program ideas for the park, please email [king@minneapolisparcs.org](mailto:king@minneapolisparcs.org). Happy New Year!

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KFNA is forming an **Oven Management Team** to plan, advertise, and manage the Kingfield Outdoor Oven events in 2018. We envision these events to involve both pizza and bread baking, and to include events open to the community at large, as well as targeted to specific populations. We hope to increase the use of this community asset to build relationships between neighbors, local nonprofits, and businesses. If you are interested in volunteering to be part of this team, contact Sarah at [info@kingfield.org](mailto:info@kingfield.org) or call the KFNA office at 612-823-5980.

**Calendar of Events**

**Open Now**  
Registration for Winter Activities at MLK Park (Jan.–May). (See story, page 4)  
Online at [www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org), or in-person at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center, 4055 Nicollet Ave. S.

**Paint-a-Bowl for Kingfield Empty Bowls**  
Sunday, January 14 • 2 to 6 PM  
At ColorWheel Gallery, 319 West 46th St. (46th & Grand)

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration**  
**Conclusion of “Feeding the Dream” food drive**  
Monday, January 15 • 6:30 PM  
(See story, page 3) MLK Park Recreation Center, 4055 Nicollet Ave. S.

**Public meeting with City of Lakes Community Land Trust**  
Monday, January 22 • 6:30 to 7:30 PM  
To approve affordable housing funds for Kingfield property. MLK Park Recreation Center, 4055 Nicollet Ave. S. (See story, page 1)

**Last day to donate finished bowls for Kingfield Empty Bowls**  
Wednesday, January 31  
Drop off at ColorWheel Gallery, 319 W. 46th St., now through Jan. 31st during store hours.

**Kingfield Empty Bowls**  
Thursday, February 8 • 4 to 8 PM  
(See story, page 1) A fun evening of art, great food, and lots of lively conversation with your community. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center, 4055 Nicollet Ave. S.

**KFNA Annual Meeting, Board Election and Potluck Showdown**  
Wednesday, March 7 • 6 PM social hour • 7 PM meeting  
(See story, page 1) Location TBD! Look for more information at [kingfield.org](http://kingfield.org), or contact KFNA Executive Director Sarah Limes-Robinson at [sarah@kingfield.org](mailto:sarah@kingfield.org) or 612.823.5980.