

Kingfield News



March, 2002

From the Kingfield Neighborhood Association

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Annual Meeting and Board Election

Monday April 22, 7 pm, MLK Park

KFNA's Annual Meeting is an important event for all neighbors. At this time, Kingfield residents and business people are elected to represent the neighborhood's interests to the City and the County — and increasingly, due to the onslaught of transportation issues that Kingfield has been dealt lately, to MnDOT and the Metropolitan Council as well. These elected neighborhood representatives, regular people like you

and me, become educated on important issues and decide what position the neighborhood association should take on each of them. And agencies outside the neighborhood listen, then form their plans and policies based on the positions taken by the neighborhood association.

You may decide that you want to be a board member and influence how things in our City are constructed, deconstructed and decided.

Then again, you may simply want to know who your neighbors are that are working on your behalf. By attending the annual meeting on April 22, you can meet the people that are making long-term decisions for Kingfield and Minneapolis, and also vote for the individuals that you think will continue to fight for what is best for the City and our strong neighborhood.

What: KFNA Annual Meeting

When: Monday, April 22, 5:30 pm Potluck, and 7 pm Meeting

Where: MLK Park, 41st & Nicollet

Kingfield 2002 Housing Programs

All KFNA Housing Programs have been redesigned with new, higher program limits to accommodate the rising cost of home repairs. Information and applications for all programs will be available at the KFNA Annual Meeting, Monday April 22, 7-9 pm. Please note: no applications will be mailed for the low-interest 4% Loan or the Matching Grant Program before this date. If you cannot attend the meeting, please call Jim Hasnik, Center for Energy and Environment Program Administrator, 335-5885, and put your name on the mailing list for application materials, which will be mailed the day after the annual meeting.

Emergency Home Repair Grant applications will be available in mid-March. For questions on this program or any KFNA housing program call Sarah Linnes-Robinson at the KFNA office, 823-5980.

All three 2002 housing programs are essentially the same as last year's. Here are the basic facts. Please note: if you received funding from one of these programs in the past, all programs will allow you to reapply and get additional funding this year!

Kingfield's 4% Loan Program is still open to all homeowners, regardless of income, in the neighborhood. The program has, however, doubled the loan amount each house-

hold can receive, up to \$6000. This money can be used for exterior repairs or improvements including roofs, siding, retaining walls, porches, and garages. Previous recipients of the loan are eligible to receive the difference between the balance on their current loan and \$6000. This ongoing program will accept applications beginning April 22 at the KFNA Annual Meeting and will continue to accept applications until all funds have been committed.

KFNA's Matching Grant Program has increased the size of the grant to \$4000. This program is open to homeowners whose income

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About the Kingfield Neighborhood Association

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

The Kingfield Neighborhood Association (KFNA) office is located in The Center for Performing Arts building:

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The KFNA board meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at ML King Park, 4055 Nicollet Avenue So. The following residents are serving on the **KFNA Board of Directors** for the 2001-2002 term:

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If you are interested in writing, designing, or taking photographs for the *Kingfield News*, call the KFNA office at 823-5980.



A Note from the President

Why become a board member? Hey, it's a good question. We lead busy lives and there never seems to be enough time to do everything. But being a board member means you can make happy changes right in front of your own eyes. You can contribute to wonderful efforts like the Kingfield Summer Cabaret, the beautiful new streetscape on Nicollet Avenue, the great new Farmer's Market. Or you can be like many board members and focus on our neighborhood revitalization efforts—improving business nodes at 43rd and Nicollet and now between 36th and 40th on the same street. Working to assure affordable housing at the Good Samaritan site on the 4400 block of Nicollet. Making a difference for your neighbors helping to fight for Kingfield's interests amid talk of moving highway ramps to 38th street. Improving the choices for Kingfield parents previously hurt by the school board's "open area" designation that denies us a community school.

People ask me, "what does it take to be a board member?" A bit of passion for change, and a couple of nights a month, one to go to board meetings and the other to work on your special effort. We have had great people serve on our board—decent, committed to the common interest, thoughtful. But we always need new blood—and we'd love your help. If you're interested in knowing more, please contact me at 612-822-8601 or at david@tcq.net. Thanks! ~ *David Brauer, President, Kingfield Neighborhood Association board of directors*

KFNA Opens New Grant Program for Social Service Projects

In an effort to support the work of those already providing services to Kingfield children, families, youth, seniors, and minorities (whether by race, sex, or sexual preference), grants of up to \$5000 will now be provided to these organizations. Projects serving "basic needs" are considered a priority and will be funded first. Basic needs are defined as food, clothing, safety, health, shelter, and transportation. Projects addressing basic needs may include: health services and information, heat assistance programs, temporary shelters, food shelf supplies, crisis counseling, and/or transportation to local social or public services. Projects that would also be considered may include

subjects such as: bilingual programming for adults and children, after-school classes, and mediation training and/or services.

Grant deadlines are May 6, June 14, August 1, and September 13, 2002. All grants received on and before each deadline will be considered at the same time. Grants will be awarded according to the Preference Criteria as stated in the Program Guidelines until funds have been committed; there is no guarantee of funding beyond the first deadline. If you have questions about the program, or would like to receive a copy of the Program Guidelines, please contact Sarah Linnes-Robinson, KFNA NRP Coordinator, 823-5980.

Community-Initiated Grants

Did you know that under the Community Initiated Grant Program, KFNA has been making small grants available to groups of neighbors who develop projects which solve an immediate livability concern or which benefit the greater neighborhood? Maybe it's time you and your neighbors got involved! Ideas for projects can range from the aesthetic to the practical, to the educational or entertaining. Guidelines and application forms are available by calling Liz Gibson-Gasset, NRP Project Organizer, at 823.5980 x3. What are you waiting for? Help your neighborhood help itself!

KFNA to Provide Grants for Business Façade Improvements

The Kingfield Neighborhood Association reopens the Business Façade Improvement Program for all commercial addresses that have not received a grant from this program in the past two years. Businesses can receive up to \$12,500, which the business or property owner matches dollar-for-dollar, for exterior visible repairs, replacements, or enhancements to their building. Businesses in Kingfield's targeted Redevelopment Zone (from 35W through the west side of Nicollet Avenue and from the south side of 36th through the south side of 38th Street) may

qualify to have their grant matched by the KFNA Property Redevelopment Program.

Eligible projects may include (but are not limited to) canvas awnings, signage, storefront window replacement, brickwork restoration, and/or exterior lighting. Only businesses that have not received a Business Façade Improvement Grant from KFNA before are eligible for the grant deadlines of May 6, June 14, and August 1, 2002. All commercial zoned properties that have not been approved for a project in 2002 are eligible for the grant deadline of

September 13, 2002. Any grants received on, or before, each deadline will be considered at the same time. Grants will be awarded according to the Eligibility and Preference Criteria as stated in the Program Guidelines until funds have been committed; there is no guarantee of funding beyond the first deadline.

If you have questions about the program, or would like to receive a copy of the Program Guidelines, please contact Sarah Linnes-Robinson, KFNA NRP Coordinator, 823-5980.

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is at, or below, 80% of the metro area median income (see chart at right). The approved grant projects will be based on an inspection and work must be done in the order of severity. Grant projects may include roofs, foundations, rotten wood repair, exterior steps and connected walkways, and/or primary storm windows and doors. Each \$1 from KFNA must be matched with \$1 of the homeowner's money; the match can be from the KFNA 4% Loan, but not the KFNA Emergency Grant Program. Additionally, neighbors who live in Kingfield's targeted Redevelopment Zone (from 35W through the west side of Nicollet Avenue and from the south side of 36th through the south side of 38th Street) may qualify to have their grant matched by the KFNA Property Redevelopment Program. Applications will be available beginning April 22 at the KFNA Annual Meeting and must be postmarked by Monday May 6, 2002. Funds will be granted based upon the severity of the repair problems.

KFNA's Emergency Home Repair Grant Program has also increased the size of the grant to \$4000. An emergency is defined as a condition

Family Size	60% Annual Gross Income	80% Annual Gross Income
1	\$32,220	\$38,100
2	36,840	43,500
3	41,400	48,950
4	46,020	54,400
5	49,680	58,750
6	53,400	63,100
7	48,900	67,450
8+	52,020	71,800

Household Income must be at or below these numbers based upon 2001 tax returns to qualify for certain programs.

that makes a house uninhabitable, extremely dangerous to occupants, or is capable of causing severe health problems. This program is open to homeowners whose income is at, or below, 60% of the metro area median income (see chart above); previous applicants can reapply for an emergency need and could be eligible to receive the difference between their previous grant and the \$4000 program limit. The program will open in

mid-March and funds are available on a first-come first-served basis, until all funds have been committed. Neighbors who live in Kingfield's targeted Redevelopment Zone (from 35W through the west side of Nicollet Avenue and from the south side of 36th through the south side of 38th Street) may qualify to have their grant matched by the KFNA Property Redevelopment Program.

Neighborhood Update

Hennepin County Offers Great Deals on Compost Bins

Due to the overwhelming response of last year's compost bin distribution events, Hennepin County and the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board are sponsoring another event this spring. Approximately 8,000 compost bins will be distributed throughout Hennepin County on a first-come, first-served basis. The cost of the bins is only \$20, with a retail price of more than \$70!

Backyard composting is an easy way to turn much of the waste from

your yard and kitchen into a rich material that you can use to improve your soil. Using finished compost on your lawn and garden will provide an organic fertilizer, suppress weeds, and hold moisture in the soil. The bin features 13 cubic feet capacity, a sturdy easy-to-open lid, two harvesting doors, and is made with recycled plastic.

Residents must place a pre-order, then pick-up and pay for the bin at one of the following events: Bryn Mawr Elementary School Parking Lot, 252 Upton Ave South, on Satur-

day, April 20th from 9 am - 2 pm; or in Southwest Minneapolis at Anthony Middle School Parking Lot, 5757 Irving Ave South, on Saturday, May 4 from 9 am - 2 pm. Limit one bin per household. The first 2000 residents to place their orders will receive a free kitchen bucket with their bin.

Residents are encouraged to order online at www.co.hennepin.mn.us/environmental, or to call Hennepin County Environmental Services at 612.348.9266 for more information.

Soccer, anyone?

Yep, it's been a while since Kingfield and King Park had a strong youth soccer program. About ten years, in fact. Now, word through the neighborhood grapevine indicates that similar existing programs in Armatage and Fuller parks just can't keep up with the demand — and that Kingfield residents with small kids often find themselves on waiting lists for youth soccer leagues. Maybe it's time for kids' soccer to make a comeback at our neighborhood park . . .

Where do we go from here? Well, a former MLK Park soccer organiz-

er is willing to share his time and experience helping set up a new neighborhood league. Possibilities exist for organizing coach training and clinics for the players. What's more, the best fields for kids' soccer in the Minneapolis Park system are available for use at MLK park if our neighborhood decides to organize a youth league.

So, what are we waiting for? Possibly you! If you have a child 4 to 8 years old whom you would like to introduce to a good soccer experience, we would like to hear from you. We would also love to find people willing

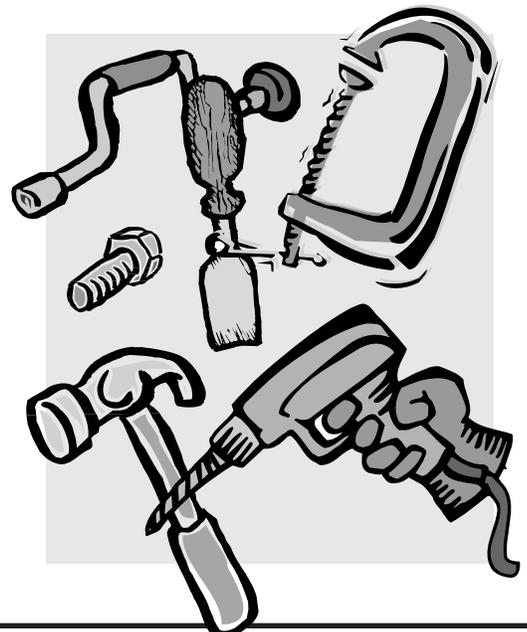
to volunteer time to help establish, organize and administer this exciting project. In either case, please call Michael Vanderford at 827-3014, or Liz Gibson-Gasset, NRP Project Organizer, at the Kingfield Neighborhood Office at 823-5980. With enough interest, our goal is to start up in June with a six-week summer session for kids ages 4 to 8 ages of age, followed by a six-week session in the fall.

[note: For older kids, contact the Minneapolis United Soccer Line at 612/822-8484, or the Westside Football Club Registrar, Beth Rusk at 374-0193.]

Kingfield BUILD-O-RAMA

This Father's Day, June 16th, from noon to 4 pm, you can participate in the first ever BUILD-O-RAMA at Martin Luther King Park. The hands-on festival for builders of all ages will be presented by Leonardo's Basement, an experiential art, science and technology program that makes its home in Kingfield. Artists, inventors and tinkerers will lead creative project building activities throughout the park. Kids and adults will be able to learn the skills of a blacksmith, build toys from countries throughout the world, roll down hills on go-karts, make whirl-i-gigs, sculptures and contraptions. Of course there will also be food, music and entertainment.

The Kingfield Neighborhood Association and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board will co-host the event. We have a growing list of presenters and are still looking for more. Call if you have an idea for a creative project building activity. We also need volunteers. Join the fun by calling Steve Jevning at Leonardo's Basement, 824-4394.



Vote on Kingfield NRP Plan Modifications Monday, April 22!

The Kingfield Neighborhood Association Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) Steering Committee is responsible for implementation and evaluation of neighborhoods' 1999 community approved NRP Plan. As part of the committee's task, the Plan is reviewed annually and inactive strategies are analyzed as to their relevancy and practicality. Based upon the 2002 review, the group is recommending the following plan modifications to be voted on by the community and approved by the sitting KFNA board at the April 22, 2002 Annual Meeting. If you have questions concerning any of these recommendations please contact Sarah Linnes-Robinson, KFNA NRP Coordinator, 612-823-5980.

Housing/Business/ Infrastructure: Goal 3, Objective 3, Strategy 1	Host Housing Information Fairs	\$4,000	Move funds to "Property Redevelopment Strategy" (Housing/Business/ Infrastructure: Goal 3, Objective 1, Strategy 3)
Neighborhood Life: Goal 1, Objective 1, Strategy 3	Create a Kingfield Resource Booklet	\$11,300	Move funds to "Property Redevelopment Strategy" (Housing/Business/ Infrastructure: Goal 3, Objective 1, Strategy 3)
Neighborhood Life: Goal 3, Objective 1, Strategy 4 & 5	Develop a Kingfield Youth Farm Garden & Market	\$18,000	Move funds to "Community Initiated Grant Strategy" (Neighborhood Life: Goal 1, Objective 1, Strategy 6)

What's the latest with the 40th St. Greenway?

• **A new name:** Our new name, the RiverLake Greenway, was chosen in a community contest for two reasons, both of which reflect our expanded scope. First, the Greenway now is planned to stretch at least from Lake Harriet to the Mississippi. Second, it will follow 42nd St. rather than 40th east of Roosevelt high school. But you can still call us the 40th St. Greenway in Kingfield. That beats "Drunken Sailor Way," one wag's tag for the serpentine design tested last summer!

• **A revised design:** We've listened to your feedback and have gone back to the original proposal. All the bumpouts will be on the north (sunny) side of the road, the curving lanes are gone, and the bike lanes remain. Since speed measurements indicated the serpentine design didn't slow traffic, we're back on the straight and narrow.

• **Construction this summer?** That's still the goal. Jim Daire, our man at Public Works, is trying his best to keep the project on schedule. The variables include passing state design review, fitting into the city's construction schedule or getting an outside contractor, and

getting bids within our budget. We're hoping to take advantage of the current favorable bidding climate.

• **Other neighborhoods:** The East Harriet Farmstead and Standish Ericsson neighborhoods are working with Daire to design their Greenway sections. The Bancroft neighborhood has expressed its desire to go ahead with the project. Longfellow expects to turn its attention to our Greenway after finishing its design for the Midtown Greenway.

• **Bridging the freeway:** If the freeway ramps are moved to 38th St., that means MNDOT will replace the 40th St. pedestrian bridge over the freeway, according to current plans. If that happens, we'd like to see a Kingfield-Bryant neighborhood grassroots design effort for the new bridge.

• **More planning money:** The Laura Musser foundation has awarded the Greenway project \$5,000 to help finance planning in other neighborhoods. We are grateful, and are waiting to hear from the McKnight Foundation on another grant request for similar purposes.

– Steve Brandt, 823.7793

Redevelopment Update

The Kingfield Redevelopment Committee has spent much of the fall and winter focusing on two major issues. The first is the future of the old Good Samaritan Nursing Home, which is currently vacant. As the selling price has come down in recent months, the committee has acted as the neighborhood's first contact for potential buyers. While nothing has been finalized, the plans of most interested parties envision housing on the site.

Secondly, the committee has been examining ways to help the northeast corner of Kingfield (from 35W through the west side of Nicollet Avenue and from the south side of 36th Street through the south side of 38th Street). Changes have been made to the Building Façade Improvement Program and to the Exterior Home Improvement Program to make it easier for businesses and homeowners in this area to take advantage of available NRP dollars. In addition, a design firm has been hired to help provide ideas for the commercial node at 38th and Nicollet. Design drawings will be

completed by mid-April; watch for community meetings to be held between now and then to allow for input and feedback from the neighborhood. Questions? Call Jason Zimmerman, 821.0881.

2002 Farmers Market Opens June 9 with a Plant Exchange

Last year thanks to a handful of hardworking KFNA volunteers, Kingfield's first Farmer's Market was established, operating on Sunday mornings from 9 am to 1 pm in the Time Warner Parking Lot at 42nd & Nicollet. While many of you may still be waiting for winter to arrive, the Farmer's Market planning committee has already begun organizing our 2002 summer market — and we'd love your help! Our market aims to provide Kingfield area neighbors with grower assured organic or locally grown produce, baked goods, meat, eggs, fresh-cut flowers, coffee, crafts, music and more, while simultaneously providing a great spot for neighbors to meet and chat. The Kingfield Farmer's Market is also proud to serve as

a convenient outlet for local farmers and small businesses to promote their goods. This season's market will open June 9th with a neighborhood Plant Exchange. Look for details in the next edition of the KFNA newsletter. In the meantime, contact Liz Gibson-Gasset, NRP Project Organizer, with questions or comments: 612.823.5980 x3 or egibson@means.net.

Would you like to receive "crime alert" information by e-mail?

In an effort to better communicate with block leaders and other neighborhood residents, the folks at the Minneapolis Police Department and Community Crime Prevention have made available an e-mail service that delivers crime prevention information more efficiently.

To subscribe to this service, send an email to: 5cyber-on@lists.pandh.com. For questions or concerns regarding this information, please call your SAFE team, Officer Walt Johnson at 673-2816 or Crime Prevention Specialist, Jennifer Neale, at 673.2815.

Going, Going, Gone!

Neighbors in the northeast corner of Kingfield had an extra reason to celebrate this December. Residents rejoiced as the long-awaited demolition of 3700 Stevens took place, removing a fire-damaged condemned building from the neighborhood. Possible plans for the empty lot include housing or a community garden.



New Business in Kingfield: Pazzobello

Pazzobello, translated "crazy beautiful," is a European-style flower market located at 42nd & Grand Avenue South. It moved to the Kingfield neighborhood in October 2001, after operating in the Uptown business district for 5 years. Pazzobello specializes in creating arrangements for weddings and special occasion, offering free consultations. The shop is filled with unique flowers from Holland, as well as Africa and Australia. Orchids of all sizes and colors

can be found here. In addition to fresh flowers which come in all price ranges and can be delivered, Pazzobello offers arrangements of silk and dried flowers to suit any budget. The shop also features a wonderful assortment of cards and gifts crafted by local and national artisans. In the spring, gifts for garden-lovers will be expanded to include garden trinkets, fences, little critters, metal sculptures and perennials for created butterfly gardens.

If you are looking for a special gift or just want to browse through this unique flower market, you are invited to come to Pazzobello. The shop is open from 9:30 am to 7:00 pm Monday through Friday; 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Saturday; and 11:00 am to 3:00 pm on Sunday.



Grab your calendars and clean your closets . . . KFNA's Neighborhood Garage Sale and Clean Sweep

The neighborhood-wide **Garage Sale** will be Saturday, June 1! Over 65 households joined in last year, making the annual event our biggest ever. Participating is simple: sales must open by 9:00 am and stay open until at least 3:00 pm. Your \$15 tax-deductible donation gets you a HUGE StarTribune ad that guarantees lots of neighborhood-wide traffic. You'll also receive maps of all participating households, a KFNA Official Yard Sale sign, and a Kingfield Neighborhood t-shirt. Please wear your t-shirt on the day of the sale to show support of your neighborhood!

To participate, please fill out the form below and submit it by noon on Wednesday, May 29. Questions? Call the KFNA office at 823.5980.

Operation Clean Sweep is tentatively scheduled this year for Saturday, June 8, rain or shine, the weekend following our neighborhood-wide garage sale. We are currently awaiting confirmation of this date from the Clean City Coordinator, and will announce it officially at our KFNA annual meeting on April 22 at MLK Park.

The annual Clean Sweep program is the perfect opportunity for neighbors to come together to clean out and get rid of all disposable materials stored in attics, basements, closets, back yards, porches, crawl spaces, and in garages. Volunteer-staffed city trucks will drive through the neighborhood loading trash from your regular pick-up location. Please note that the following items will not be collected: automotive batteries, concrete, household hazardous waste, motor oil, paints and thinners, and pesticides.

The success of this event rests, of course, upon the volunteers who help to organize and coordinate it, and those volunteers who head out with the trucks to collect trash. Please consider committing part of your Saturday to helping with this important event. Additionally, if you are throwing away excessive piles of rubbish, please plan to be home to assist volunteers loading your junk. If you want to volunteer or have questions on specific items to be collected, please call Sue Tambornino, Clean Sweep Organizer, at 824-6812 or e-mail tambo@bitstream.net. Watch out for more details on Clean Sweep in our next newsletter!

Kingfield Neighborhood Association Annual Garage Sale Registration

Sale date: Saturday, June 1, 9 am - 3 pm. Send your tax-deductible donation payable to:

KFNA, 3754 Pleasant Avenue South, Mpls, MN 55409.

Must be received by noon on Wednesday, May 29. Checks only please. Questions? Call the KFNA office at 823.5980

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Shirt size (please circle one):

Phone: _____ XL L M S no shirt

Kingfield Calendar

March

- 15** Book-Paper Collectibles Show at the American Legion, 6501 Portland, noon - 8 pm.
For more information, call Nicollet Bookstore at 822.5226.
- 18** NRP Steering Committee – Review of MLK Park Multi-Purpose Room rehabilitation, MLK Park, 7pm

April

- 10** KFNA Board Meeting, 7 pm, MLK Park
- 17** Open House with the KFNA Redevelopment Committee and Design Consultant Jason Aune, 7pm, MLK Park. For more information, call Liz Gibson-Gasset at 612.923.5980 X3.
- 22** **KFNA Annual Meeting and Board Election**, 5:30 Community Pot-luck, 7 pm meeting, MLK Park

May

- 8** KFNA Board Meeting, 7 pm, MLK Park
- 8-10** Annual Plant Sale in the parking lot of Lake County School.
For more information, call 827.3707.
- 20** NRP Steering Committee, 7 pm, MLK Park
- 28** Blood Drive at Lake Country School. To schedule an appointment, call 827.3707.

June

- 1** KFNA annual neighborhood-wide **Garage Sale**, 9 am - 3 pm.
- 8** Tentative **Clean Sweep** date. To confirm date or to volunteer, please call 823.5980.
- 9** Opening of KFNA **Farmer's Market** and **Neighborhood Plant Exchange**, 9 am - 1 pm,
Time Warner Parking lot at 42nd & Nicollet.
- 12** KFNA Board Meeting, 7 pm, MLK Park
- 16** Kingfield **Build-O-Rama**, noon - 4 pm, MLK Park. Call Steve Jevning for details, 824.4394.
- 17** NRP Steering Committee, 7 pm, MLK Park

Ongoing

For NRP Zoning Committee meeting dates, please call Don Laufenburger, 825.5076
Crime Prevention Committee: Call Officer Jennifer Neale, CCP/SAFE, 673.2815

Please send short notices about any Kingfield neighborhood public events, attractions, or meetings to Kingfield News Calendar, 3754 Pleasant Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55409, or e-mail to kfna@email.com.

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