



# KingfieldNews

May, 2002

From the Kingfield Neighborhood Association

## Kingfield Neighborhood Association Kingfield Elects a New Board

The Kingfield Neighborhood Association's annual meeting, held on Monday, April 22nd at Martin Luther King Park, was a great success! Over 130 adults attended, along with dozens of children. The evening began at 5:30 pm with a community potluck. At 7 pm, after a brief welcome from KFNA president David Brauer, KFNA board members offered updates on the past year's board initiatives: the redevelopment of the Good Samaritan site, the attempted relocation of the now demolished Ace Hardware homes, the first Kingfield Barn-Raising, the continuing 35W ramp debate, and the new community school task force. If you are unfamiliar with any of these issues, KFNA encourages you to become more informed by joining the Kingfield e-mail list by contacting david@tcq.net or checking out our website at [www.kingfield.org](http://www.kingfield.org).

Following project updates, 14 neighbors offered to run for the open seats on the Kingfield Board. The candidates demonstrated a wide-variety of interests and skills – and all professed their love of living in Kingfield, as well as their desire to help their neighborhood. The newly elected individuals will serve on the board for two years; seven others were ranked as alternates in the case that board seats become vacant before the 2003 elections. Here is a quick look at our seven new board members, our six seated board members, and their seven alternates. Sing along to the tune of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" if you wish!

### Newly Elected Board Members

**Tracine Asberry-Lindquist:** A native of Detroit, Tracine loves Minneapolis as a second home. She looks forward to continuing the good work of the board on the strong foundations they have laid.

**Sean Whereley:** Sean lived and worked in Washington, DC for three years prior to moving to Kingfield in 2001. He works for a Minneapolis-based environmental group.

**Jeanne Massey:** Returning to the board, Jeanne has conscientiously served the neighborhood as a Kingfield representative on the 35W Ramp Mitigation Task Force. She has done an extraordinary job at keeping the community up-to-date on the group's, (and MnDOT's), thoughts and actions.

**Chris DeParde:** Also returning to the board, Chris has served as Treasurer for the past year and a half. Although arm-twisted into the position, he has enjoyed learning in intricate detail about the functioning of KFNA – and, with this knowledge, feels even more secure in the worth and actions of the organization.

**Patty Schultz:** Patty joins the board after serving and co-chairing on the KFNA Neighborhood Revitalization Program Steering Committee for the past two years. She hopes that her work at Habitat for the Humanities can assist the KFNA Board with accomplishing some of its affordable housing goals.

**Tony Aspholm:** A resident of Kingfield for the past 14 years, Tony is the husband of one and the father of four. Tony is interested in the issues of housing and transportation. His hobbies include swimming and cross-country skiing.

**Thor Anderson:** Thor is a Kingfield business owner as well as a Kingfield resident. He and his wife Yara have a son named Haakon who is two months old. Thor also teaches piano.

### Seated Board members

**Steve Jevning:** Steve has lived with his family in Kingfield for nine years and is always looking for ways to help young people and adults explore the world around them and actively work to change it — preferably for the better!

**Diane Deerwood:** As a second-year KFNA Board member and resident since March 2001, Diane is focused on celebrating neighborhood diversity, promoting activities which foster a sense of community between neighbors, increasing resident involvement in neighborhood issues, and promoting transportation improvements. (She also brings treats to all board meetings!)

**Gary Hoover:** Gary is a car-free, sustainable transportation advocate and earth friend. He is also a husband, father, dog-owner, and something of a Harry Potter fan. He owns a business in the neighborhood that operates on his environmental ideals.

**David Motzenbecker:** Mr. Motzenbecker, a young landscape architect with a penchant for strong coffee, loves music and intellectual pursuits, and is always willing to offer an idea for the betterment of the neighborhood. Whether anyone listens is another matter altogether. . .

**Jason Zimmermann:** Jason enjoys running, biking, and playing Ultimate Frisbee. He lives on Grand Avenue with his wife, daughter, dog and cats.

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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:

Thor Anderson .....821.1046  
Tracine Asberry-Lindquist  
Vice President .....824.7542  
Tony Aspholm .....827.2956  
Secretary  
Chris DeParde .....823.1442  
Treasurer  
Gary Hoover.....825.0892  
Steve Jevning.....822.3515  
President  
Diane Deerwood.....718.8276  
Arthur Knowles .....823.0808  
Jeanne Massey .....823.2859  
David Motzenbecker.....822.5571  
Patty Schultz .....822.3864  
Sean Whereley.....825.4952  
Jason Zimmerman.....821.0881

### KFNA Staff

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Sarah Linnes-Robinson.....823-5980  
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### Kingfield News

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



# Farewell from our KFNA President

Dear neighbors,

I wanted to say good-bye, since I am stepping down after two years as president of the Kingfield Neighborhood Association. I have recently been named editor of the Southwest Journal, and since our paper covers the Kingfield neighborhood, I can't participate in the decision-making anymore.

I'm satisfied and humbled to have been so active in the neighborhood – especially since I originally ran for the board three years ago because I was angry. There was a proposed bus hub where half the buses in South Minneapolis would have congregated just a few blocks from our house. I didn't feel the board had given us proper notice it was coming.

I vowed to run and do a better job communicating with you. If you're on the Kingfield neighborhood email list – now 420 strong! – you've seen one fruit of that frustration. Thanks to our persistence, the bus hub plan was dropped in favor of a cooperative solution to figuring out better bus routes (what we wanted in the first place).

I'm proudest of helping create a positive, mutually respectful board culture. In a volunteer organization, it's essential to battle cynicism and distrust that can so corrode the generous volunteer spirit and torpedo involvement. In the past two years, we have occasionally disagreed on issues, but never stopped assuming the best about each other, and that's a credit to everyone involved.

I'm also proud of creating last year's Kingfield Barn-Raising, where neighbors swarmed one project for a needy neighbor – about 30 of us repainted probably the biggest house in the neighborhood last fall! More profoundly, I'm honored to have facilitated the involvement of so many great neighbors, through the email list, countless door-to-door lit drops, and a lot of phone conversations. Almost nothing you see the neighborhood do is the work of one person – but one person can really improve things by getting the ball rolling.

There have been defeats, too. I'm sad that we couldn't save the two homes next to Ace Hardware that were demolished for a parking lot earlier this year. Because of our appreciation for Ace's community contribution, we voted to recommend city approval of the lot. Afterward, we worked hard to save and move the houses. However, we should have insisted on more time to assure the move before okaying the lot. We didn't have enough time in the end. There were no bad guys here, but I wish I had it to do over again.

I'm leaving the board in great hands – it was a final satisfaction to hear people say at our April annual meeting that they'd never seen so many great candidates! Thank you to everyone, and I'll see you in the Journal or at the next neighborhood meeting!

Sincerely,  
David Brauer

## Kingfield Cabaret

The 5th Annual Kingfield Cabaret will be held on the evening of Friday, August 16th in the street between Lake Country School and the Center for Performing Arts, at 38th and Pleasant. This great get-together for folks of all ages features locally made treats, art and music. As always, we need volunteers to make this popular neighborhood event a success. If you would like to help plan or run the Kingfield Cabaret, please contact the KFNA office at 612.823.5980.

## Important Summer Dates in Kingfield

June 1 – KFNA Garage Sale

June 9 – Opening of the Farmers' Market  
and Plant Exchange

June 15 – Clean Sweep

June 16 – Build-O-Rama

August 6 – National Night Out

August 16 – KFNA Cabaret

Look for details  
in this newsletter!

## Sumer Fun for Kingfield Youth – Center for Performing Arts

This summer, Art in the City will take kids throughout the neighborhood to explore the streets, making movies or creative booklets about Kingfield people, places and experiences. Walk throughout the neighborhood, interview business owners and neighborhood residents, taste Mexican pastries, see how keys are made, and hear the local folklore as you visit. You get to decide if you'd like to express your experience as part of a movie or as a neighborhood booklet. Best of all, show your work at the annual street festival, the Kingfield Cabaret, Friday evening, August 16.

### MAKE A MOVIE!

5-8 pm, M-Th, June 17 - June 28  
Additional studio time available  
Cost to Kingfield youth: \$50 (\$100 to others), Ages: 11-16  
Taught by John O'Brien  
Using family and local neighborhood stories, we'll teach you how to best record and edit your work in this informative and fun workshop. Equipment provided. Limited registration.

## NICOLLET AVE PROJECT

9 am - 12 pm M-F July 8 - July 19  
(afternoon field trip option also available), Cost to Kingfield youth: \$50 (\$100 to others), Ages 10-15  
Taught by Helena Keefe

Make an original book based on interviews, stories, food-tasting and business demonstrations that represent the diversity of Kingfield's Nicollet Avenue businesses.

For further information or to register, contact: Art in the Cities, Center for Performing Arts, 3754 Pleasant Ave South, Minneapolis, MN 55409. Telephone: 612.821.9202x3. [www.centerforperformingarts.info](http://www.centerforperformingarts.info).

## 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.

## Attention, Kingfield Seniors!

Join other senior citizens from the area for a hot, nutritious meal with plenty of fun and good conversation thanks to the Windom Senior Dining Program! Lunch is served from noon to 12:30pm Monday through Friday at the Windom Community Center, 5821 Wentworth Avenue South. Reservations must be made 2 days in advance by calling 612.824.5512 between 9:30 am - 1 pm. \$2.75 is the suggested donation per meal. For more information, call 612.370.4980.

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**Arthur Knowles:** Arthur is a self-employed housepainter and a renter. He has served for six years on the NRP Steering Committee and five years on the KFNA board. He likes to stay involved in his community and to know what is going on.

### Alternates

**Monique Richards:** Currently, Monique works downtown at NRG Energy, Inc on the trading floor in systems support. Her favorite job of all time, however, was as Karaoke hostess. She has never met a language she did not want to speak, has a degree in Spanish, has also studied French, Italian and Arabic, and claims to speak them "badly but with enthusiasm." Finding little time to knit these

days, Monique has become proficient at yarn collecting.

**Ben Kristinsen:** Ben has lived at 36th & Harriet for the past four years with his wife and son. He is a full-time grad student in public administration.

**Heather Martens:** Heather has lived in Kingfield for six years and served on the KFNA Board and NRP Steering Committee. She is currently co-chairing the Kingfield-East Harriet Joint Committee on Community Schools. She enjoys going to neighborhood coffee shops.

**Don Laufenburger:** Don has served on the KFNA Board as the "Zoning Guru" longer than most people have lived in Kingfield. He plans to stay active on the committee.

**Tom Buller:** Tom and his wife Jenny moved into Kingfield last July. He is a graduate in geography at the University of Minnesota, where he conducts research on issues of race and agricultural development. Tom's other interests include biking, ice skating, and playing with his puppy, Casey.

**Shannon Nelson:** A resident of Kingfield for four years, Shannon is interested in being involved in the neighborhood and helping with traffic/transportation issues.

**Wayne Anderson:** Wayne has lived in Kingfield for about 15 years with his wife and 2 children. "Fate," he claims, "has dealt me some spare time, so I hope to be spending some of it helping to keep up and improve our neighborhood."

*Congratulations and Welcome a-Board!*



# Neighborhood Update

## Neighborhood Plant Exchange and Farmer's Market

This year's opening Farmer's Market on Sunday June 9th will feature a neighborhood-wide plant exchange! Participating is fun, easy, and (best of all) it's free! Simply stop on by the market with any garden plant that you would like to share, and trade it in. Master Gardeners will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. While you are at it, pick up some fresh vegetables, bread, soap or coffee from the fabulous local farmers and vendors who make our market such a great place to shop.

The KFNA Farmer's Market operates on Sunday mornings throughout the summer from 9 am to 1 pm in the Time Warner Parking lot between 42nd & 43rd on Nicollet, providing area residents with grower-assured organic or locally grown produce, baked goods, meats, eggs, fresh-cut flowers, coffee, crafts, music and more. It's a fun and funky place for neighbors to meet and chat. Questions? Call Liz, NRP Project Organizer, at 612.823.5980x3.

## National Night Out Reminder

National Night Out is Tuesday, August 6th, 2002.

It's that time of year again to start thinking about your National Night Out event! Volunteers watch your mail for your NNO packet which includes information on NNO news, how to block off your street, register your NNO event, NNO promotional

products, and NNO event ideas.

If you are not a volunteer for the Minneapolis Police Department and would like to become involved in National Night Out, please contact your CCP/SAFE team or the NNO coordinator Lisa Klaphake, 612-673-2812. The City Council has waived the fee for people who register to block off their streets for their NNO events by July 9th. Those who register between July 10th and July 23rd will be charged \$15, and those whose applications are received after the close of business on July 23rd will be denied.

(As in past years, people must register their NNO events using the appropriate forms from the City Clerk's office. Just registering an event with CCP/SAFE will not mean that the street can be legally blocked off. The City Clerk's street closing application form will go out as part of the NNO mailing to volunteers. The number for the City Clerk's office is 612-673-2215.)

## KFNA's Neighborhood Garage Sale

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 attached form and submit it by noon on Wednesday, May 29th. Questions? Call the KFNA office at 823.5980.

## Clean Sweep

Clean Sweep is scheduled this year for Saturday, June 15th, rain or shine, just two weeks after our neighborhood-wide garage sale. 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 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 pile 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](mailto:tambo@bitstream.net).

**Housing grants & loans still available! First come, first served. Call 823.5980.**

## 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):

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