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KINGS CORNER BLOCK CLUB REACHES OUT BEYOND THEIR CORNER

When KNFA invited our block club to help with the June 11th opening of the RiverLake Greenway, we were all for it. Two ideas were suggested for our group: decorating the pedestrian bridge over 35W before the event, and staffing a bike decorating station that afternoon. Little did we know the challenges and the fun we were facing...from 102-degree weather to cold rain and long hours.

Friday night, June 10th, 9:30 PM. It was raining, cold, and I was wondering if it was really worth it to put on a rain poncho, grab a step stool and drag it over to the 40th Street pedestrian bridge to tie bits of yarn on it. Some of my friends were worried that this act of creating yarn graffiti, however non-destructive, might get us into trouble somehow. Did I really want to do this—tonight?

Yes, I did, and I wasn't alone—12 other soggy souls carrying step stools eventually showed up, and HOTTEA, the yarn artist, put us to work. (Take a look at <http://vimeo.com/17649534>.) Throughout the night, necks draped with huge bundles of soaking wet yarn, we tied pieces across the span, making sure they were strung taut and secure. As the hours dragged on, our numbers dwindled. I ran out of steam around 1:00 AM. A dedicated few hung in there, and HOTTEA stayed the entire night.

When I got up to walk the dog Saturday morning, I couldn't wait to see what it looked like in the daytime. It was glorious. The brightly colored yarn glowed in the morning sunlight, and as we walked over the bridge it was like walking under the blue and green sections of a rainbow. What a wonderful way to greet bikers as they entered Kingfield from the other side of 35W.

Earlier that morning the police came by and told HOTTEA, "You know, you have to take this down." He knew that. And he would come by later to remove all traces of that



glorious rainbow, but not until a couple of nights after the celebration of the Greenway had ended.

Later on Saturday, a new group of Kingfield neighbors came by to help us set up a bike decorating station for the kids—though kids weren't the only ones who wanted to decorate their bikes. Folks riding by picked up maps and bells and streamers. Almost everyone wanted to attach playing cards to the spokes of their wheels.

My bike is still decorated, and I'm still riding around with streamers and flapping playing cards. The bridge is cleaned up now, but the memory of the experience is one I'll always enjoy. On behalf of the Kings Corner Block club (39th block of 1st Ave S and Stevens), Renee Day and I want to thank Sarah Linnes-Robinson and Sarah Gleason of KFNA for coming up with these ideas, organizing the projects, and inviting us to participate in the celebration of our neighborhood and its connections to the rest of the city. I also want to say thank you for all the work each of you do to celebrate the best of who we are as a community!

— Patricia Danielson • Kings Corner Block Club

Growing Vegetables While Growing Connections in Our Community



When Suzie Lillyblad and her boyfriend Eric Larson bought their Kingfield home seven years ago, it was raspberries that sealed the deal. "I had lived up north in the woods for years, and though I was ready to move back to the city, I couldn't give up that connection to the land. The house had a tiny kitchen, but a huge backyard, no garage or alley. And in the end, the raspberry patch sold me on the house." Suzie got hooked on the experience of growing her own food. "I love going out to see what is ready in the garden, then making something to eat from whatever we have grown. I have gotten more and more interested in knowing where food comes from, and ways we can grow food locally."

Last year Suzie and Eric helped launch the Pleasant Community Garden, Kingfield's first community garden located in a vacant lot owned and adjacent to the Center for Performing Arts. "Initially I was looking for more space to garden, with more sun. I also wanted to get to know the neighbors, and community gardening seemed like a great way to do that." Eric led the construction of the raised beds last year, and the construction of a three-bin compost enclosure this year. "He is a great builder, all-around good-egg handyman, who gives up a lot of his precious time for the promise of tomatoes," Suzie says with a smile.

This year Suzie has taken on the challenging volunteer role of Coordinator for the Pleasant Community Garden. "I am still stunned at what we were able to do last year. It was really amazing, and I feel lucky to have been a part

of it from the ground up. I'm trying to learn more about community gardening, especially the community aspect. I hope that the Pleasant Garden can become more of a meeting place, where we can have classes on vermiculture, on harvesting, preparing and preserving the food we grow. I want it to be a tool for education for all of us. We have to keep working on how we can do this better, and how we can make the most of it."

There are 17 plots in the Pleasant Garden with more than 20 gardeners, plus a handful of volunteers who don't have plots, but who help out with the common areas, pick up donated plants, or put together the Kingfield Gardens Walking Tour that supports Kingfield Community Gardens. Suzie's role in coordinating and supporting this group is demanding. "Yes, it takes a lot of time. But I have a desire to get to know people, and to help move the Pleasant Garden in a positive direction."

Suzie is encouraged by what has happened so far this year. "The first group workday this year was beautiful. Most of the gardeners were there, doing different things, taking the lead on tasks, chatting and getting to know one another. So much got done! It was great to see everyone coming together to get something done." She notes that the Pleasant gardeners are also trying out informal social gatherings in the garden as another way to connect with one another this year.

There is a lot going on in Suzie's life, some of it difficult. "When I feel myself fraying, I go to the Pleasant Garden and do a little watering or weeding. Even if I only have ten or fifteen minutes, I feel better." She also finds solace in growing something to bring to her mother, who is fighting a difficult cancer. "I make her potato-leek soup. It's one of the things she can keep down." Suzie laughs when she remembers that the first time she made it she used bok choy, because at that time she didn't really know what a leek was. "If I can figure out how to grow a leek when I didn't even know what one was ten years ago, anyone can." She hopes that the Kingfield Community Gardens will help more neighbors learn about, grow, and find joy in local food. She sums it up by saying, "We're all in this together!"

3rd Annual Kingfield Gardens Walking Tour

Come join us for an evening of garden exploration in Kingfield!

**Thursday, July 14, 2011
6:00-8:30 PM • Rain or shine**

Meet on the 3600 block of Garfield to begin the tour.

We will see examples of vegetable gardens, flower gardens, Asian-inspired gardens, ponds and waterfalls. The tour ends with refreshments provided by Anodyne, Butter, Grand Cafe, Lowbrow, Sunstreet Bakery and Patisserie 46. Music provided by Devin Hill. Prizes provided by Peterson Flowers and Sugar Sugar.

Tickets are \$10 — available at the KFNA Table at the Kingfield Farmers' Market or at the Tour. All proceeds will directly support Kingfield Community Gardens.

Annual Kingfield Ice Cream Social July 21, 6-8pm

Join friends and neighbors for the annual Ice Cream Social at King Park. Enjoy music by Kidsdance, face painting, hair spraying, and a moon walk for the kids, art with the Minneapolis Institute of Arts and Leonardo's Basement, a MPRB environmentalist, root beer floats, sundaes, and grilled hotdogs. Come celebrate summer at your local park!

NICOLLET AVENUE POTHOLE?

NOT JUST A GREAT ICE CREAM FLAVOR, BUT THE REALITY OF OUR MAJOR CORRIDOR FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER YEAR!

The complete street reconstruction of Nicollet Avenue from 31st to 40th is currently scheduled to begin in 2012 and will take two years to complete. It will be both a challenging time for neighborhood businesses and residents, as well as an important opportunity to plan for the future and to encourage investment in the community.

Jessica Laabs of the Kimley-Horn & Associates design firm is overseeing the public involvement process throughout the project. Feel free to reach her at jessica.laabs@kimley-horn.com or 651-643-0437. Background information on the Nicollet Avenue Reconstruction Project, including previously gathered public comments, can be found at www.kingfield.org/transportation/nicollet-avenue-reconstruction.

The next Public Meeting is on **Tuesday, July 12, at both 9:30am** (5th Precinct Bldg, 3101 Nicollet Ave.) **and 6pm** (MLK Park). These meetings will cover an updated layout plan, as well as more information on streetscaping, lighting, driveways, special service districts, and construction staging options.

From the KFNA President



Greetings, Kingfield neighbors. Thank you for making Kingfield a great neighborhood! Since 2003 I have lived on the 3700 block of Blaisdell with my wife and two daughters. We have formed strong bonds with those who live near us, as many Kingfield residents have. These connections are the heart and soul of the neighborhood. As the newly elected President of KFNA, I want to build upon these connections and the work of many past and present volunteers while reaching out to more people.

Kingfield has a lot to be excited about. National Night Out (NNO) is Tuesday, August 2. Kingfield typically has one of the highest NNO participation rates. The KFNA Board will continue its tradition of visiting gatherings to serve

Sebastian Joe's ice cream made especially for our neighborhood by this great local business. We look forward to hearing what's on your mind as we pedal our way through the neighborhood.

Certainly bicyclists, runners, and pedestrians have much to be excited about in Kingfield. I can go days without driving my car—so much in Kingfield is an easy walk or bike ride away. In June, Kingfield and the City celebrated the Grand Opening of the RiverLake

Greenway, running on 40th Street through Kingfield. The next day was Open Streets/Ciclovía. Thousands of smiling bicycle riders celebrated the closure of Lyndale Avenue to auto traffic, making Minneapolis feel like a small town. New bicycle lanes on Blaisdell and 1st Avenue make Kingfield even more bicycle friendly.

And Kingfield neighborhood's community school is shining brightly. In May the Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation awarded Lyndale Community School the 2010 MAEF School Spotlight on Community Award. The award is given to recognize the school's efforts to "substantially involve parents, volunteers, mentors, community groups, businesses, and/or other individuals and organizations in the school in order to increase academic student growth." Lyndale School has partnerships with more than 15 organizations including KFNA, and KFNA is pleased for its role in this award.

The Kingfield neighborhood needs your energy, help, and voice. I look forward to meeting you—learning what ideas you have to make our neighborhood even better, and learning what excites you about Kingfield. What's my favorite place in the neighborhood? I was born in Chicago during the height of the urban rebellions, and as a kid I loved to go to parks. So for me it is Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park. I go to there to play, to connect, to think...to dream.

— Scott Bordon, KFNA President

The Legacy of Dr. King at MLK Park

On May 18, 2011, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board approved the Phase I improvement recommendations presented by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Committee. These recommendations were developed through six community meetings and include:

- That the "Wings of Freedom Memorial Sculpture" ("Freedom Form #2" sculpture) honoring Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King be moved to its original site, visible from Nicollet Avenue with landscaping and name plaque.
- To clean and restore "Freedom Form #2" with a new foundation for the sculpture.
- To replace or add signage throughout the park to consistently use the revised name: Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park.
- To establish the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Legacy Advisory Committee as a

permanent group, to provide oversight and recommendations to the Park Board for the implementation of these recommendations, and to help raise the necessary additional funding for the Board's goal and the committee's plan to honor Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's legacy at the Park.

The Board of Commissioners approved \$32,500 in the 2011 annual budget for improvements or programming at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park that would best honor the legacy of Dr. King. Phase I improvements will be the top priority for this funding. Over the next couple of months, the work of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Legacy Advisory Committee will include planning for an August 28 event and the relocation of the Freedom Form #2 sculpture.

To get involved, please contact Jennifer Ringold at 612-230-6464 or jringold@minneapolisparcs.org. The next meeting is on July 14 at 6:30pm, at MLK Park.

WANNA HAVE SOME FUN?

Get in on the ground floor of a New KFNA Community Events Committee!

At their June meeting, the KFNA Board approved a new committee to be focused solely on creating and planning community events! Come meet with interested board members and other neighbors to discuss the goals and activities of this new group, which might include working on existing events and brainstorming new events.

As with all KFNA committees, participation in this group is open to all residents, property owners, and business owners. Regular meeting times will be established once neighbors express interest in participating. The first organizing meeting for the Community Events Committee will be held on **Wednesday, August 3, 7 PM, at MLK Park**. Questions? Contact info@kingfield.org or 612.823.5980.



About the Kingfield Neighborhood Association (KFNA)

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

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LEE FAMILY COMMEMORATIVE EVENT JULY 16, 2011



July 2011 marks the 80th anniversary of a time of both tragedy and courage in South Minneapolis. Join hundreds of neighbors in a solemn procession along 46th Street, and hear the story of the Arthur A. Lee family and their attorney, Lena O. Smith.

The Lees, an African-American family, stayed in their home at 4600 Columbus Avenue despite intense pressure to move and several nights of terrorizing harassment from thousands of angry protesters outside their house in July 1931.

Join together on July 16 to commemorate the Lees and their allies, and pledge to never again treat neighbors as the Lees were treated by the mobs and racist bullies. Let's show our children ways to be a welcoming community, as we learn from the past.

EVENT SCHEDULE: SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2011

- Assemble at 6:45 PM, Field School playground, 4645 4th Avenue South
- Begin solemn procession east along 46th Street to the street in front of 4600 Columbus Avenue; gather for story and dedication of the spot where a permanent plaque and commemorative sculpture will be placed.
- Continue walking east along 46th Street to McRae Park (east side of Chicago Avenue) for closing remarks.
- Total walking distance is six short blocks from Field to McRae.

Please attend, and spread the word! If you are on Facebook, invite others to the event. Just search for "Lee family," or look for July 16 events on Facebook. For more information, email info@july16th.org or visit www.july16th.org. You can also call event chair Jim Bush at 612-599-8943, or publicity co-chair Betty Tisel, 612-824-5820.

CPaS Hits the Streets with a Traveling Block Party

KFNA's Crime Prevention and Safety Committee (CPaS) decided to get outside and have a little more fun this summer. They have transformed their monthly meetings into traveling outdoor, stand-up gatherings, held in different corners of Kingfield, bringing together kids and adults, neighbors and cops.

A few days ahead, committee members and local block leaders knock on doors to invite residents from the surrounding blocks. Then the committee shows up on the appointed evening with a tent & banner, information to share, and a cooler full of freezer pops. They set up on the boulevard, and the fun begins!

The May kick-off was held at 36th & 1st Ave. Lt. Kelly gave a crime update, encouraged resident participation, took questions, and introduced the two other officers in attendance. Before and after the meeting, Lt. Kelly and the other officers talked with people individually about their concerns or questions. The KFNA board member who was hosting led some fun kids' activities. As they say, a good time was had by all!

In June, the CPaS "Party" was on 44th & 1st Ave. The next one will be:
Tuesday, July 19, 6:30 pm, 38th & Nicollet

Watch the eNews and website for future locations!

Visit www.kingfield.org and sign up for once-per-week informational, text-based, always local eNews. This is a free service, and guaranteed not to overburden your in-box! Just enter your email address into the sign-up box on the left-hand side of the web page to stay up-to-date on things happening in Kingfield! Or, email sarah@kingfield.org and put "add me to the eNews" in the memo line and we will do it for you!

Building Bridges to Reconnect Our Communities Divided by Race, Time, and 35W

When dialogue about a proposed dog park at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park highlighted a racial divide in our community, a group of neighbors started Building Bridges. The new project—led by residents both East and West of 35W—was started with the hope of bridging this racial divide. The specific mission of Building Bridges is to understand how race and racism impact our communities, and to forge stronger relationships and understandings between neighbors of diverse races, cultures, and ages.

A number of projects are being initiated by the Building Bridges Core Team, and your involvement is welcomed. Other groups are actively working on projects that serve the goal of mending our communities, and Building Bridges is supportive of these efforts as well, such as the Lee Family Memorial Event (see page 2). Building Bridges has representatives from Central, Bryant, Kingfield, Regina and Northrop neighborhoods.

Building Bridges Projects Include:

- October community event as part of One Minneapolis, One Read, of *The Grace of Silence* by Michele Norris – planning meeting July 11, 8 am, Anodyne. Based on the inspiration of Building Bridges, Minneapolis is sponsoring a city-wide read and related events for *The Grace of Silence* in October 2011. *The Grace of Silence* is a memoir by Ms. Norris, who grew up in Minneapolis, that describes the revealing of painful race-based secrets withheld from her by her parents. Interested in helping plan an event relating to the community read of this book? RSVP to attend this initial planning meeting, or indicate your interest in being involved in future conversations to Sarah Linnes-Robinson of KFNA, at sarah@kingfield.org or 612.823.5980.
- Enhancing the 40th Street Pedestrian Bridge as a gateway between Kingfield and Bryant Neighborhoods. KFNA is directing grant funding they received toward the 40th Street gateway on the Kingfield side of the bridge, including in Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park. The project will include both murals and enhanced maintenance of green space. Interested in updates, helping to review project plans, or community outreach? Please contact Sarah Linnes-Robinson of KFNA, at sarah@kingfield.org or 612.823.5980.
- One of Building Bridges' action steps is the collection and preservation of stories with the goal to learn about our community's history within the context of race. We plan to host a Community Scrapbook event, where people can share photographs, memorabilia, and stories. Our plan is to share these stories and reflections on race in our community on an interactive website for Building Bridges. Please contact Sarah Linnes-Robinson of KFNA, at sarah@kingfield.org or 612.823.5980 and she will put you in touch with the person leading the Community Scrapbook project.

Stay up to date on Building Bridges activities by searching and "liking" the group on Facebook!



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MY LIFE AS A YARN BOMBER

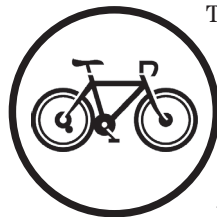
I am always intrigued by a community art project. When I heard about yarn bombing, a couple of things came to mind: I could use up my leftover yarn from forgotten knitting projects, and it would be an opportunity to do something kind of crazy. The prep for the project was cutting 9-foot sections of yarn in a variety of colors by the side of the tennis bubble. On this hottest day of the year, it was hard to keep hydrated. I really didn't have an idea how the project would evolve until Friday night at about 9:30.

We met the artist at the bridge and he mapped out our pattern. We teamed up, tying the yarn from one side of the pedestrian bridge to the other side, zigzagging along the edge. Even the rain did not stop us. People came and went, friends of the artist, neighbors, and bikers and walkers stopped to talk. It was hard to tell what it would look like in the daylight. I lasted until 11:30, and many others stayed on.

The project was almost complete at 7:00 the next morning when I walked over with my dog. It was an array of colors that caught your eye, and I hope it was enjoyed by many as they biked on the completed bike path.

— Lee Watkins

New Bike Lanes Coming to Blaisdell and 1st Avenue



The bike lane project on 1st and Blaisdell Avenues received a \$150,000 federal grant in 2007 from Bike Walk Twin Cities (also known as the Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program). This grant is part of a larger collection of "Bicycle Operations" projects around Minneapolis that are improving approximately 20 miles of streets for bicyclists, making them safer and more comfortable for bicycling.

The entire project runs from 15th Street in Loring Park to 40th Street (and includes LaSalle Avenue between 15th Street and Franklin Avenue), and will include a southbound bike lane on Blaisdell Avenue and a northbound bike lane on 1st Avenue.

Public Works began working with neighborhood groups in 2009 to come up with a design that could be agreed upon by all parties. A public meeting was held on March 17, 2010. A summary of all public feedback received is at

www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/bicycles/1stBlaisdellFeedBackSummary.pdf.

The possibility of parking removal on 1st Avenue between 33rd Street and 40th Street was an area of intense exploration. The final Public Works recommendation, which is what will be implemented, was to make no changes to the current parking situation and instead remove one lane in this section and replace it with a bike lane. Similar to how this second travel lane currently serves as a parking area on Sundays or Saturday/Sunday, the future bike lane will continue to serve as a parking area during the same days. A striped "buffered" bike lane is also recommended in this section of 1st Avenue.

Construction began in mid-June and should be mostly complete by mid-July. An opening celebration is being planned for late summer or early fall. Contact Mackenzie Turner at 612.333.3410 or mackenzie.turner@ci.minneapolis.mn.us if you would like to be involved in planning for the celebration.



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DODGEBALL BECOMES SOFTBALL — AND NEIGHBORS PLAY FOR FUN AND FRIENDSHIP

A handful of Kingfield residents played dodgeball together through the park system at MLK the past few years. After a year off from icing our shoulders after matches, we were called out of "retirement" this spring to represent our beloved neighborhood in the 1st Southwest Neighborhood Dodgeball Tournament. We recruited some new blood to form The Royal Tenenballs (a coy take on Wes Anderson's film, *The Royal Tenenbaums*, and our crown jewel of a hood.)

After defeating East Harriet and successfully bringing the championship trophy home (now proudly sitting in the window of Four Gates at 4238 Nicollet), we sat over beers at The Lowbrow pondering our next quest. I had long wanted another softball team after years of playing, so with the help of KFNA we approached Brian Cornell at MLK Park, and Kingfield Softball was born!

Kingfield Softball is a free, co-ed adult drop-in weekly softball game – Thursdays 7-8:30 PM at Martin Luther King Park, diamond #3. Show up earlier to warm up. BYOB – Bring your own ball, bat, beverage, buddy and glove if you have them, or borrow some from the park. Feel free to wander down alone or with a neighbor – you will borrow new buddies from the teams we create each week. We pick captains and two teams and then play a game! Play runs through Aug 25th. Our weekly games seem to always come full circle with a post-game celebration at The Lowbrow, who regularly supports our fun with specials on food and drinks!

Softball is THE sport of summer for adults. Where else can you live out your fantasy and pretend to be on the Twins (or maybe this season, you'd rather be on the Brewers)? We play for fun, so all skill levels are welcome. As one of our regular players David Peterson stated, "I think it's fair to say that the players on the Tenenballs, probably like many other people in Kingfield, really seem eager to meet their neighbors and participate in the community. I don't mean to sound too corny, but playing these casual games of dodgeball or softball are the kinds of things that make a place feel like home."

It's pretty difficult to put together a spontaneous pick-up ball game with many park diamonds being reserved and the sheer number of people you need to field a couple teams, so we've done the hard part for you! Now you just need to dust off your glove and show up. Teams will be different each week depending on who's there. We'll have fun team names and take a group photo after each game, which we'll post to our Facebook group. Please join the group Kingfield Softball on Facebook. We'll have invites to our events and fun chatter, and maybe some trash talk. Follow @jefe23 (Jeff Kamin) on Twitter for more info.

— Jeff Kamin

IT'S SUMMER, SO GET UP AND MOVE!

Bike Walk Twin Cities is going to be out and about in the Kingfield area this summer! Through the Bike Walk Move campaign (www.bikewalkmove.org), Bike Walk Twin Cities is working to increase neighborhood connectivity, bicycling/walking knowledge and infrastructure, and to inspire long-term mode shift in the area.



On May 31st, BWTC staff and Kingfield residents gathered to talk about issues and perceptions surrounding mode shift – why and how people are currently bicycling and walking in Kingfield, and what would help new folks get started. We identified several key opportunities where neighborhood residents can be involved:

- 1st/Blaisdell Bikeway Opening Celebration: We're looking for folks to help plan festivities and get the word out about this new infrastructure project that provides dedicated space for cyclists and creates a direct N-S route for cyclists to key destinations. Contact Mackenzie Turner at the City of Minneapolis at Mackenzie.Turner@ci.minneapolis.mn.us or 612-333-3410 if you'd like to learn more.
- Bike Walk Move at the Kingfield Market: We're looking for folks to help staff the KFNA Table on July 17 and August 7 and hand out information. (Who can resist good food AND good conversation?) There will also be the opportunity to organize and lead group rides to and from the market. Email Alicia at aliciaa@tlcminnesota.org, or call 651-789-1402 for more information.
- Conduct Neighborhood Surveys: Help us find out if folks are bicycling or walking in the Kingfield neighborhood – and why – by becoming a survey volunteer. Volunteers will visit neighbors and talk with them about bicycling and walking practices. There will be a follow-up survey in the fall. Email Barry at bcohen@rainbowresearch.org for more information, or 612-824-0724, ext 202.
- For general information about the Bike Walk Move campaign, contact Amber at amberc@tlcminnesota.org or 651-789-1416.

National Night Out is Tuesday, August 2, 2011

When you register your event, you will get free Mystery Point Passes for Nickelodeon Universe at the Mall of America. Registered parties in Kingfield will get free Sebastian Joe's ice cream delivered by a KFNA board member!

If you **register by July 19** you can block your street for free. If you register from July 20 through July 28, there is a fee. You will not be able to block off your street if registering after July 28.

Registration, ideas, resources and more information available at www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno/mailling.asp

See you at National Night Out!

Thank you 2011 KFNA Business Sponsors for all you do to support KFNA in providing FUN, COMMUNITY-ORIENTED EVENTS!

- Anodyne@43rd • Butter Bakery • The Center for Performing Arts • Color Wheel • Curran's Dreamhost Gallery • Four Gates Physical and Energetic Culture • Good Life Catering Johnson Design + etc • The Lander Group • Leonardo's Basement Northrup Remodeling and Roofing • Patisserie 46 • Rau + Barber • Sebastian Joe's Confectionary Ungerman Construction • Victor's 1959 Café



2nd 46th & Grand Annual Block Party

Sunday, August 14th • Noon to 9 PM

Art • Food • Music • Family Fun!

Join your neighbors and the fabulous locally-owned businesses at 46th & Grand to celebrate this vibrant community hub Sponsored by Kings Wine Bar, Cafe Ena, Color Wheel Gallery, Patisserie 46. Check www.kingfield.org for details!

Kingfield Exterior Home Loan Program Reopening!

Loan size: \$7,500-\$20,000

Interest Rate: 3%

Repayment Plan: 1 year per \$1,000

Exterior projects only.

Applications reviewed on a first come/first served basis beginning August 15.

Contact Rachel Rupp, Center for Energy and Environment at 612.335.5830 or rrupp@mncee.org for details.

REMEMBER: The Kingfield Neighborhood Association board meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month, every month EXCEPT August, 7 PM, MLK Park. Information on committee meeting dates can be found at www.kingfield.org, or by calling 612.823.5980, or by joining the weekly KFNA eNews, which you can do on the left-hand side of the webpage.

Date	Time	Event
Thursdays	7 PM	Adult Co-ed Drop-In Softball (see page 3)
Thursdays	7 PM	Martin Luther King Park Diamond #3 • 4055 Nicollet Ave.
Mon, July 11	8 AM	Anodyne • 4301 Nicollet Ave.
Tues, July 12	9:30 AM & 6 PM	Nicollet Avenue Repaving Meetings (see page 1)
Thurs, July 14	6 PM	Morning meeting at 5th Precinct, evening meeting at MLK Park
Thurs, July 14	6 PM	Kingfield Community Garden Walking Tour (see page 1)
Sat, July 16	6:45 PM	Tour starts at 3600 Block of Harriet; \$10 Ticket Cost
Sat, July 16	6:45 PM	Lee Family Commemorative Event (see page 2)
Tues, July 19	6:30 PM	Field School playground • 4645 - 4th Ave. S.
Tues, July 19	6:30 PM	CPAS Traveling Block Party (see page 3)
Thurs, July 21	6 PM	Intersection of 38th & Nicollet
Thurs, July 21	6 PM	Kingfield MLK Ice Cream Social (see page 1)
Tues, Aug 2	All Evening!	Martin Luther King Park • 4055 Nicollet Ave.
Tues, Aug 2	All Evening!	National Night Out! (see page 4)
Wed, Aug 3	7 PM	Be sure to be at the party on YOUR street!
Wed, Aug 3	7 PM	KFNA Community Events Committee Meeting
Sun, Aug 14	Noon-9 PM	Martin Luther King Park • 4055 Nicollet Ave.
Sun, Aug 14	Noon-9 PM	46th & Grand Block Party (see page 4)
Sun, Aug 28	Time TBD	Intersection of 46th & Grand Ave.
Sun, Aug 28	Time TBD	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Event (see page 2)
Thurs, Sept 22	All Day!	Martin Luther King Park • 4055 Nicollet Ave.
Sat, Sept 24	10 AM - 4 PM	Eating for Art! • Save the date!
Sat, Sept 24	10 AM - 4 PM	Celebrate 38! • Save the date!
Sat, Sept 24	10 AM - 4 PM	At Great Kingfield & Lyndale Eateries!
Sat, Sept 24	10 AM - 4 PM	A day-long celebration of 38th Street, all along the corridor!

Calendar of Events

(Read more about each of these great happenings inside this edition!)

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Come to a Garden Party!

Thursday, July 28
and Thursday, August 25
6-8 PM
at the Pleasant
Community Garden
3754 Pleasant Ave., at the
Center for Performing Arts
All neighbors welcome
for a garden social