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Nicollet Square Advisory Group Forms

by Sarah Milligan-Toffler



Like many in the Kingfield neighborhood, I have been watching with curiosity and anticipation as the Nicollet Square apartment building was built at 3700 Nicollet Avenue. I've read the statistics that, on average, 10,000 people are homeless every night in Minnesota, including more than 200 unaccompanied youth. That's heartbreaking, and I've often wondered what I could do about it beyond

feeling bad. It's exciting to have a project right in our neighborhood that's providing a real solution for homeless youth. When the call came looking for volunteers to serve as part of an advisory group, I raised my hand right away.

The Nicollet Square Advisory Group is a collaboration of the Kingfield Neighborhood Association and Plymouth Church Neighborhood Foundation to facilitate communication between all the service partners at Nicollet Square, the residents, and the neighborhood. Ultimately, I have two goals as a representative of the Kingfield neighborhood:

- 1 To help the residents of Nicollet Square feel welcomed into the neighborhood, build their connections with caring adults, and learn how they can become active contributing members of the community.
- **2**To facilitate connections between residents and Kingfield neighbors to help the community provide appropriate support and lend their expertise to the project's success.

As I have been talking with friends around the neighborhood, most are curious to know who's living at Nicollet Square and how they might get involved. Here's a quick

Nicollet Square currently has 23 residents—about one half have experienced long-term homelessness, and one half are transitioning from foster care into independence. Nicollet Square residents pay \$205/month in rent for their first two years of residence. After two years, the rent goes up \$100 per year. Support staff are on-site, including someone at the front desk 24/7.

I hope you will join me and other neighbors for a Grand Opening at Nicollet Square on May 5th at 3:00 PM. Come for a short tour, meet the on-site staff, and learn how to become involved. I look forward to seeing you there!

As a neighborhood representative, please contact me with questions, ideas, or concerns about the project. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sarah Milligan-Toffler Kingfield Neighborhood At-Large Representative milltoff@earthlink.net

Discover the Hidden Treasures of Kingfield, May 21 & 22

Kingfield's Local Small & Home-Based Business Market May 21, 9:30 AM to 1 PM

Kingfield is full of entrepreneurs and also full of residents who really believe in purchasing local. The Small and Homebased Business Market is an amalgamation of these two! Swing by MLK Park, 4055 Nicollet, on Saturday, May 21, to plan a spring project, see the vast array of business offerings in your community, and see a selection of classes and summer camps offered in our community.

Come mingle and meet many of the folks working out of their homes or operating their own small business within a mile of Kingfield. Find out who provides design services for web or print, what summer classes and camps are offered within walking distance of your home, identify someone who can help with that next pesky computer or plumbing problem, or even someone who could help ease the pain of your sore back after all the shoveling this winter! Home repair, mental health services, body care, gardenscaping and landscaping—Kingfield's got it all!

To reserve a table for your local small or home-based business, contact sarah@kingfield.org or call 612.823.5980. This and other advertising opportunities with KFNA can be found at kingfield.org/business-opportunities.

Kingfield Farmers' Market Re-opens May 22, 8:30 AM to 1 PM

The Kingfield Farmers' Market will kick off its 11th season Sunday, May 22, filling 4310 Nicollet with green plants, garden goodness, and the best array of street food in southwest Minneapolis.

Because it's early in the growing season, the first markets will focus on bedding plants, tasty fresh-baked bread and pastries, and of course street food—from longtime vendor Chef Shack, last year's newcomer Foxy Falafel, plus some great new vendors! As always, we're open 8:30 AM to 1 PM.

Swing by, grab spring by the shoulders, and reacquaint yourself with Kingfield's favorite Sunday hangout! Visit www.kingfieldfarmersmarket.org today.

April Foolishness

KINGFIELD COMMUNITY ART SHOW AND SILENT AUCTION

April 1, 7:30-10 PM

CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS • 3754 PLEASANT AVE. S.



Visual deception, trickery, illusion, creative faux play, The Great Joke... local artists will exhibit and auction their work celebrating The Fool, and the foolishness in us all, on April Fool's Day, Friday, April 1st.

TICKETS: \$10 presale/\$20 at the door Presale tickets may be purchased at Anodyne or online at www.kingfield.org.

To preview the art, visit the online gallery at www. kingfield.org one week before the show!

QUESTIONS? Email sarah@kingfield.org or call 612.823.5980.

SHOW PARTNERS:

Anodyne@43rd • Center for Performing Arts Color Wheel Gallery • Johnson Design + etc Leonardo's Basement • Odds N Ends • Rau + Barber



MONDAY APRIL 18

MLK PARK, 41ST AND NICOLLET

• 6:30 PM: One-pot Cook-off (Bring your own best taste to the challenge!)

• 7 PM: Meeting and Elections

Stroll on down to MLK Park, one-pot in hand if you care to share and test your dish against the current KFNA Board members, and enjoy a sampling of tidbits and tasty treats made with care by your neighbors. Fill your plate, catch up with neighbors not seen since the ice went out, cast your vote for your favorite one-pot dish, and join in the 7 PM annual KFNA membership meeting.

Bylaw changes and NRP Plan funding modifications WILL be made at this meeting. The KFNA Board will discuss and make their recommendations for changes at the previous board meeting on March 9th at 7 PM, Martin Luther King Park, 4055 Nicollet. (All neighbors are welcome to come and listen.) The recommendations then will be posted at www.kingfield.org, as well as printed and left on the info rack outside the KFNA Office, Room #101, 3754 Pleasant Ave. S., on or before Friday, March 18, at 5 PM.

Six officers will be elected to the board for two-year terms. Questions regarding KFNA, its operating procedures, responsibilities, and mission can be directed to Sarah Linnes-Robinson, KFNA Executive Director, sarah@king-field.org or 612.823.5980.

From the KFNA President



The Kingfield Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting is coming up on April 18....
Try to contain your excitement. Seriously, this is not a Kingfield event that has as much buzz as, for example, the community art show, the upcoming Kingfield Local Small & Home-Based Business Market, or the Kingfield Farmers' Market. But it is the most important event to attend for

anyone who cares about the future of our neighborhood and important projects like these. The KFNA Board initiates and oversees these projects, projects that also build community, and the annual meeting is where the neighborhood elects the members to the KFNA Board who set the tone, and the agenda, for the year to come.

As I have mentioned in prior columns, the future of funding for KFNA, and all neighborhood associations, is in doubt. The City's decision to freeze \$185,000 of Kingfield's funding targeted towards housing only underscores this fact. More than ever, KFNA is going to need to rely on dedicated volunteers to keep the Kingfield neighborhood improving.

There is a lot of energy in Kingfield these days. The restaurant scene seems to be exploding—Welcome Lowbrow, Patisserie 46, Blackbird, and soon Sun Street Breads, too! Our community school, Lyndale, is enjoying increasing enrollment, thanks in part to the efforts of dedicated parents. And KFNA has had a busy year, addressing issues such as the proposed dog park, the Driftwood request for a liquor license upgrade, the opening of Nicollet Square and other issues that have involved years of work, required a lot of energy, were at times contentious, and always brought forward a diversity of opinions that needed to be considered.

These issues have engaged the community in a variety of ways on specific issues. But the neighborhood—all of the neighborhood—needs to continue to stay involved. The current board of KFNA is incredibly dedicated. But the board candidly acknowledges that it does not adequately represent the ethnic, cultural, or economic diversity of the neighborhood. And given the current budget situation with the city and state, neighborhoods like Kingfield will be ever more dependent on the efforts of residents. Show up and get involved—by running for the board, or by making your voice heard by speaking at an open forum, or by voting for the new board. I hope to see you on April 18.

- Chris Sur, KFNA President

BLOCK LEADERS UNITE!!

Come One Come All—all you Wannabes and Flo & Joe Q. Publics—to the Good Neighbor Community Gathering!

- Personal Safety Presentation with Amy Lavender,
 5th Precinct Crime Prevention Specialist
- Become a Block Leader and connect with neighbors
- Organize recycling plastic and a Spring Clean-up
- Provide input on the Priorities for Program and Site Improvements at Martin Luther King Park resulting from the Dr. King Legacy discussions

TUESDAY, MARCH 15TH • 7 PMMartin Luther King Park • 4055 Nicollet Ave. S.

Have questions about Block Leaders? Contact Marshall at marshall@kingfield.org or 612-823-6226 Complete the online form on the KFNA site to enlist yourself as a block leader and get personal invitations to awesome events such as this!



About the Kingfield Neighborhood Association (KFNA)

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

KFNA Office Location: The Center for Performing Arts

Room 101 • 3754 Pleasant Ave. S. Minneapolis, MN 55409

Phone	612.823.5980
E-mail	info@kingfield.org
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The KFNA board meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at Martin Luther King Park, 4055 Nicollet Ave. S.

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Pleasant Gardening in 2011

The Pleasant Community Garden has openings for up to 7 new gardeners this season. This established community garden will welcome back 12 of the original gardeners to ensure the garden maintains its beautiful balance of personal plots and public space. If you haven't yet seen the Pleasant Community Garden, it is conveniently nestled next to the Center for Performing Arts. The garden includes a peaceful circle of perennials, perfect for parents to relax in while their children participate in dance or music classes at the Center for Performing Arts, or for walkers to pause in as they stroll through the neighborhood in the evening. What began as a patch of grass has evolved into a beautiful, vibrant, colorful melding of agriculture and flowers.

KFNA is actively working to confirm additional community garden space in the neighborhood, so don't be dissuaded by the low number of plots available—if we receive permission to garden the additional land, we will be accepting more than seven new gardeners this year.

TO APPLY FOR A GARDEN PLOT

- Pick up an application outside the door at the KFNA office: 3754 Pleasant Avenue South (Center for Performing Arts building) or get one online at kingfield.org/green/community-gardens.
- 2 Submit your completed, signed Agreement and the entire \$40 plot fee by March 28, 2011, to: KFNA, 3754 Pleasant Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55409.

The cost for a personal plot (approx. 5x10) for a season is \$40; A \$10 rebate of each personal plot fee will be provided at the end of the season, after the Garden Coordinator verifies the final clean up of your plot; Scholarships are available for low-income residents for 50% of the fee; Year-end rebates for these plots are \$10; Plots will be assigned by lottery for any new garden applicants.

Applicants will be notified by April 4, 2011, if they will receive a plot. Those not selected will have their application fee returned.

Gardeners selected will be required to attend (or send a representative to) an organizing meeting on April 7, 2011, 7 PM, MLK Park.

Every gardener is required to perform monthly service in the Common Community Garden as determined by the Pleasant Garden Group at this initial organizing meeting, as well as participate in pre- and post- season cleanup commitments.

20% of the Pleasant personal plots are reserved for tenant applications received by the due date; the remaining personal plots are open to any Kingfield resident. Persons not in these preferred categories may apply for personal plots but will be placed in a second round lottery, if one is necessary.

For more information, please refer to the Garden Rules, located at kingfield.org/green/community-gardens, or pick-up a copy from the KFNA office. Questions on the Kingfield Community Garden Project should be directed to Sarah Linnes-Robinson, Executive Director, Kingfield Neighborhood Association, at sarah@kingfield.org or 612.823.5980.

GOOD THINGS COME IN THREES

Maybe you've been thinking about dyeing your hair, doing a bit of yoga, or downing an awesome burger. How about a massage, a sexy new coif, and a glass of Ferme Rouge? Winter has been dark, cold, and oppressive. You rarely venture out anymore. It doesn't have to be like this. Treat yourself. You deserve it. The best news is, you only have to park the car once. These three new Kingfield businesses are all located at 43rd and Nicollet in the Rau + Barber building.

HAUS SALON

Hours: M 12-7, T 10-7, W-F 10-8, Sat. 9-5 4240 Nicollet Ave. • 612-827-4287 • www.haussalon.com

Charlie Brackney and Jessica Reipke opened HAUS Salon in January. HAUS' services include hair cutting, coloring, texturizing, perm relaxers, thermal straighteners, and make-up services. Brackney was a former creative director/master stylist at Juut Salon. Brackney's artistic talent combined with Reipke's business acumen is what makes HAUS rock.

"Our vision is to be the authority in hairdressing. We support our staff by cultivating an environment that supports them, their art and their clients. We intend to maintain a unique culture, which will foster a friendly, fair, and creative work environment, which respects diversity, ideas, and hard work." Brackney said.

The salon's already stylish and modern look will be further enhanced as its wall space becomes home to an art gallery curated by mplsart.com's Emma Berg. Oh, yeah—did you hear already? HAUS has a fireplace, too.

FOUR GATES PHYSICAL AND ENERGETIC CULTURE

4238 Nicollet Ave. • www.fourgatesmpls.com

Not as bendy as you used to be? Tendons taut as the springs in your old roller shades? Let loose and enroll in a yoga class this spring. Four Gates Physical and Energetic Culture will offer kettle bell classes, yoga classes, prenatal yoga and parent baby yoga, Qi gong meditation, acupuncture, and massage.

Former Minneapolis residents and Four Gates owners Colleen LaSota and Christian Doten recently returned to the bleak white tundra of the Midwest from Brooklyn, NY, on a mission to save your muscles from atrophy.

"We are looking forward to providing a fun neighborhood space for high quality movement and fitness instruction," LaSota said, "and the music will be great, too."

Four Gates Physical and Energetic Culture is scheduled to open March 1st. Hours and contact information will be available via their web site at www.fourgatesmpls.com.

THE LOWBROW

Hrs: T, W 4-11, Th, F, 4-12, Sat. 1-12, Sun. 10-10 (Closed Mon.) 4244 Nicollet Ave. • 612-208-0720 thelowbrowmpls.com

Heather Bray and Jodi Ayres' new digs, The Lowbrow, is committed to serving homemade comfort food. The duo was wooed to Kingfield via the Farmers' Market and local restaurant scene. "We just love the food culture in this neighborhood," Bray said. "We were very excited to open our business here and be a part of it."

Don't be frightened by the growling bear in The Lowbrow logo which adorns the restaurant's north wall. The bear is friendly to both vegetarians and meat eaters alike. He just wants you to make good food choices and enjoy quality scratch-made meals comprised of locally farmed and sustainably grown ingredients. Maybe you'll enjoy a glass of beer or wine, too. Listen to the bear when he says: "Welcome to The Lowbrow." Eat elsewhere at your own peril.

The Lowbrow is a great place for dinner most any night of the week. They also serve up an awesome brunch both Saturday and Sunday. Be warned, the bear sleeps all day on Monday.

Home Energy Workshops & Assessments Help You and Kingfield!

Kingfield homeowners rallied last year to make the Community Energy Services (CES) residential energy assessment program a huge success! More than 350 Kingfield households attended workshops to learn techniques to save money and energy in their homes; 237 have also scheduled a home energy assessment to make sure they have addressed the number one problems in their specific home.

This makes Kingfield the #2 neighborhood for attendance in the city; Kingfield ranks 4th compared to other neighborhoods based upon the percentage of attendees to housing units! This not only makes our neighborhood greener, but it could result in some green in the pocket of KFNA: Cash grants have recently been established for neighborhood participation in this program, possibly up to \$5,000 per neighborhood!

Kingfield neighbors are welcome to attend future workshops in any neighborhood (and Kingfield still gets credited for you attending!), but we are also scheduling another workshop for MLK Park in May. Remember, you must attend a workshop to be eligible for the \$30 home energy assessment.

- Tuesday, March 22, 6:30 PM Whittier Recreation Center (425 26th St. W.)
- Tuesday, April 5, 6:30 PM
- Armatage Recreation Center (2500 57th St. W.)

 Tuesday April 12, 6:30 PM, and Thursday April 12, 6:30 PM.
- Tuesday, April 12, 6:30 PM, and Thursday, April 28th, 6:30 PM Jefferson Community School (1200 26th St. W.).

Visit www.kingfield.org for the date of the May workshop at MLK Park. While on the Kingfield website, sign up for the Kingfield weekly e-mail notice (look to the left side of the home page). This e-mail will inform you of the workshop date, along with other great happenings in your neighborhood!

As with last year's workshops, participants will receive a package of materials and services that include a home visit (taking approximately 1 and ½ hours) from two energy professionals from the Center for Energy and Environment. These professionals will perform a blower door test to measure air leaks, and install energy and money saving materials such as compact fluorescent light bulbs, set back thermostats, low-flow showerheads, gasket seals, and pipe insulation.

To RSVP for any of the workshops listed above, contact Ashley Robertson at (612)335-5869 or <u>arobertson@mncee.org</u>.

The Kingfield Neighborhood Association has teamed up with the Center for Energy and Environment, CenterPoint Energy and Xcel Energy through a grant from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund to offer Kingfield homeowners this full-service residential energy program.

Park Events for Community Service Area 10:

Martin Luther King Park, Fuller Park, Lyndale Farmstead Park, and Painter Park

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board has a new registration program called ActiveNet. Neighbors need to create a profile for themselves and their family members to register online for Park programs. "Active Pass Cards" are issued to users ages 13 – Adult; Active Pass Cards are free and can be used at all parks throughout the MPRB system including Golf Courses, Water Parks and Recreation Center Programs. (activenet.active.com/minneapolisparks)

GYM SCHEDULE FOR MLK PARK

- Youth & Teen: M-F 3:30-5:30PM 5:30-9PM - Youth & Teen: M, W & F - Teen Night Owlz: 8PM-1 PM F & Sat - People w/ Disabilities: Thursdays Noon - 3PM - Family & Home School Open Gym: Fridays 1-3 PM 10:30AM-1:30PM - Open Gym: Saturdays (Active Pass Card required)

SPRING FLING- MARTIN LUTHER KING PARK

Saturday, April 23rd • 10 – 11:30 AM \$2 per person (max \$10 per family)

Activities include cookie decorating, basket making, egg hunt with prizes, entertainment with "Mr. Jim," and a petting zoo. Light refreshments.

YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

For boys and girls ages 9 to 13. Registration forms are available at Martin Luther King, Fuller, and Lyndale Farmstead Parks. In-person registration only. These leagues are NOT in-house. Games are played at nearby area parks, and practices are set by coaches.

ADULT INDOOR CO-REC DODGEBALL

Wed.: 6-9 PM 4/6 – 6/8 • Sat.: 11 AM-2 PM 4/9 – 6/11 Resident \$4.00 per session • Active Pass Required
Join us for fun Co-Rec Dodgeball action. Games are not refereed, but use the honors system of calling violations.
Weekly registration at www.mndodgeball.com.

SENIORS GET FIT - MARTIN LUTHER KING PARK

Mondays: 4/4 – 5/23 10:15-11:15 AM Work your whole body through stretching, strength training, and light aerobic exercise. Class is sponsored by the SW Senior Center and MLK Park. For more information and registration, contact the Southwest Senior Center at 612-822-3194. Please bring a pair of light weights (1-3 lbs).

COMMUNITY: 17TH ANNUAL EARTH DAY WATERSHED CLEANUP - MARTIN LUTHER KING PARK

No pre-registration is required! Arrive at MLK Park on Saturday, April 16, between 9:30 AM and noon, and check in at the registration table. A site coordinator will give you gloves and bags, and instruct you where to go and where to leave trash.

Move from "Me" to "We": MAKE IT A FLAMINGO SUMMER!

by Anne Birch



A recent Oprah program about happiness cited research that showed knowing your neighbors brings you happiness and a sense of safety. Our own local activist Jay Walljasper encourages us to move from "me" to "we" in our thinking, which I agree is a good thing. I learned this early on.

As a Baby Boomer, I grew up with 33 other playmates right on my block. My world was filled with play, exploring the outdoors, and creativity, doing what kids do best—having fun. With so many kids playing outside, we knew everyone. Heck, I was in most everybody's home. I got to see how others lived. We were all there, neighbors just living life together, a community engaged, all one. This has stayed with me. A home that flows beyond my walls makes for a life rich with meaning, a sense of place, of well being, security and, yes, happiness.

Times sure have changed. As anthropologist Margaret Meade said, "Nobody has ever before asked the nuclear family to live all by itself in a box the way we do. With no relatives, no support, we've put it in an impossible situation."

For me, it's all about expanding that box. As a National Night Out organizer and block leader, I'm fortunate. I'm surrounded with many like-minded people—neighbors open to experience all the great things in life as well as life's challenges. Come what may, we are all here together. We look out for each other. And what a great group it is—all types of folks gettin' along living our lives. It's the diversity and all our shared stories that make it so rich, fascinating, fun—a life of substance.

Years ago a friend of mine told me about their Flamingo block parties. I said, "I want to do that!" so I went home and put it on my calendar. When spring arrived, I bought a box of plastic flamingos and sent out an announcement:

IT'S A FLAMINGO SUMMER ON HARRIET! What the heck is that? No-fuss, neighborly get-togethers – just grab the Pink Flamingo on the side yard of (address) and plant it in your front yard – this announces to your neighbors to come to your house Friday night at 6:30 – bring their own chair and drinks – no food, no fuss. That's it – just sit in the backyard and enjoy. Celebrate summer and each other!

So go ahead. Make it happen on your block and see what transpires. Namaste. $\,$

"If we are to achieve a richer culture, rich in contrasting values, we must recognize the whole gamut of human potentialities, and so weave a less arbitrary social fabric, one in which each diverse human gift will find a fitting place." –Margaret Meade



Open Streets

Starting in 2011, Minneapolis bicyclists, pedestrians, skaters, and wheelchair users will take over miles of streets to have the opportunity to explore and enjoy their neighborhoods without motorized traffic. An Open Streets event (based on the Ciclovía from Bogotá, Colombia) will bring together families and neighbors to mingle, recreate, and shop in their communities in a safe, car-free environment. The Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition is organizing an Open Streets event for Lyndale Avenue South between Franklin and 42nd on Sunday, June 12, 2011, from 10 AM to 2 PM. Upcoming volunteer opportunities include delivering "Dear Neighbor" letters, and collecting approval documentation from businesses and residences along the route. For more information, please visit http://mplsbike.org/blog/ and email openstreets@mplsbike.org. Thanks!

Dog Park Debate Raises Awareness of Dr. King's Legacy



By the time you receive this newsletter, a group of citizens appointed by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board will be debating the merits of three sites in the East Harriet neighborhood for an off-leash recreation area (i.e. dog park). KFNA has designated two representatives to serve on the 19-member Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) that is tasked with recommending the best location for the off-leash recreation area among these pre-determined East Harriet neighborhood sites; the Kingfield Dogpark Task Force was provided with one representative. The Park Board unanimously voted not to allow the CAC to consider MLK Park as a site option, even though the board originally had supported a dog park in MLK Park. The MLK Park site was controversial, raising anger and protests in a portion of the African American community, and so was withdrawn as an option.

But the dog park debate brought some needed attention to the state of neglect of many of the park's current assets, and to the fact that KFNA has been struggling for over 15 years to find programs that build community for neighbors in that park.

Running parallel to the dog park discussion, the Park Board has led meetings with citizen groups to discuss how Dr. King should be respected and honored at Dr. Martin Luther King Park. Although much of the conversation has focused on the disrepair of the "Freedom Form 2" sculpture, discussion has begun about new programming for youth and adults, general site enhancements through gardens and art, and features for the park that could be used to attract more people from the immediate neighborhood, such as winter broomball and ice skating, and summer community gardens.

If you would like your voice to be heard, come to the meeting on March 15, at 6:30 PM, at Dr. Martin Luther King Park. You will be able to review the ideas that have been brainstormed and rate them according to your priorities for implementation. The Park Board has committed an initial amount of \$32,500 to begin to make these changes.

Additionally, a separate group of neighbors has been attending meetings coalesced by 8th Ward Councilperson Elizabeth Glidden. These discussions have focused on the divisions between our communities based on race, age, and experiences that became apparent during the dog park debate. This group is moving forward by planning a series of cross-35W community dialogs, which will be announced later this season.

If you have questions or opinions regarding the 6th District Off-Leash CAC, please contact the KFNA Representatives Brook Lemm-Tabor and Jeff Spencer, as well as Kingfield Dogpark Task Force Representative Jonathan Lee at dogpark@ kingfield.org or leave a message for them at 612.823.5980.

If you have questions or opinions regarding Dr. King's legacy being demonstrated at Dr. Martin Luther King Park, contact Jennifer Ringold, Manager, Public Engagement and Citywide Planning, at jringold@minneapolisparks.org or 612.230.6464.

If you have questions regarding the community dialogs related to the sharing of history and the goal of communitybuilding between all neighbors, please contact Sarah Linnes-Robinson, KFNA Executive Director, sarah@kingfield.org

Support a Kingfield **Nonprofit and Your Local Restaurants:**

DINE OUT FOR LIFE!



Dine Out, Fight AIDS

Looking for an excuse to hit your favorite local restaurant? On April 28, restaurants all over Minnesota will take part in Dining Out for Life, a benefit for The Aliveness Project, our local community center for people living with HIV/AIDS and their families. A number of Kingfield restau-

rants are participating, and The Aliveness Project, a 26year-old non-profit that serves nearly 1,600 Minnesotans each year, is moving soon to our neighborhood as well (Nicollet at 38th).

Support The Aliveness Project's work by eating at your favorite local café, or trying a new one, on Thursday, April 28. Participating restaurants are some of our very favorites including:

> BLACKBIRD, CAFÉ ENA, EL MESON, and VICTORS 1959 CAFÉ (DONATING 35%)

> > ANODYNE (DONATING 30%)

CURRAN'S and GRAND CAFE (DONATING 25%)

LA CHAYA (DONATING 15%)

Visit www.diningoutforlife.com for more particulars, and to view any new additions to the participating restaurant list.

Dine Out. Do good for Kingfield this April 28th by eating local! For more information about Dining Out for Life or The Aliveness Project, visit www.aliveness.org or www.diningoutforlife.com.

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Tues., Apr. 12

Tues., Mar. 15

8:30 AM-1 PM • Farmers' Market Re-opens, 4310 Nicollet Ave. (See page 1) Sun., May 22 9:30 AM-1 PM • Local Small & Home-Based Business Market, MLK Park Sat., May 21

> Nicollet Square, 3700 Nicollet Ave. (See page 1) 3-6 PM • Nicollet Square Open House Thurs., May 5

Jefferson Community School • 1200 26th St. W.

6:30 PM • Home Energy Workshop Thurs., Apr. 28

Dining Out for Life (See page 4) Thurs., Apr. 28

10-11:30 AM • Spring Fling, MLK Park Sat., Apr. 23 (See page 1), MLK Park

6:30 PM • One-pot Cook-off Challenge & KFVA Annual Meeting/Elections Mon., Apr. 18 Sat., Apr. 16

9:30 AM-Noon • Earth Day Cleanup, MLK Park

Jefferson Community School • 1200 26th St. W. 6:30 PM • Home Energy Workshop

7 PM • Community Gardeners Mandatory Organizing Meeting • MLK Park Thurs., Apr.7

> Armatage Recreation Center • 2500 56th St. W. 6:30 PM • Home Energy Workshop Tues., Apr. 5

Center for Performing Arts building • 3754 Pleasant Ave. (See page 1)

Submit to KFNA, 3754 Pleasant Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55409 (See page 2) Applications and Plot Fee must be received by this date.

Community Garden application Deadline Mon., Mar. 28

Whittier Recreation Center \bullet 425 26th St. W.

6:30 PM • Home Energy Workshop Tues., Mar. 22

Center for Performing Arts, 3754 Pleasant Avenue South

11:30 AM • April Foolishness Art Drop Off Sun. Mar. 13

Center for Performing Arts, 3754 Pleasant Avenue South 1:30-3:30 PM • April Foolishness Art Drop Off Sat., Mar. 12

7 PM • KFNA Board Meeting, MLK Park, 4055 Nicollet Ave. Wed., Mar. 9

7 PM • Block Leaders Meeting • MLK Park

Calendar of Events

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