



EATING FOR ART: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

Hungry for a Better-Looking Neighborhood? You can do something about it on September 22!

Now in its 5th year, Eating for Art brings local restaurants together to raise money for arts programming and public art projects in the Kingfield and Lyndale neighborhoods. When community members eat and drink at participating local establishments, the restaurants in return will commit a percentage of their day's sales to KFNA and LNA for community-based arts programming in each neighborhood.

This year, Eating for Art will be raising funds to support public art along the reconstructed

Nicollet Avenue. While the City of Minneapolis has generously committed \$160,000 for this project, we know how expensive public art can be as part of big infrastructure projects. We also know the strong desire people have for the reconstructed Nicollet Avenue to be a welcoming environment that reflects the spirit and soul of our neighborhoods, along the entire length of the corridor.

Gather your friends on September 22nd, and go Eating for Art. Enjoy morning coffee at Anodyne, then stroll to Butter for a mid-morning treat. Have lunch on the patio at Victor's 1959 Café and take the whole family to dinner at Curran's Family Restaurant, or drop into The Lowbrow or Blackbird for a late night beer and an appetizer.

These are just a few of the neighborhood restaurants participating in Eating for Art this year. For a complete listing, please check the KFNA website closer to the date at

www.kingfield.org. If you have questions, contact Sarah Linnes-Robinson at KFNA, sarah@kingfield.org or 612-823-5980.

Remember, the more you eat, the better your neighborhood will look!

EATING FOR ART LOCATIONS:



DO YOU CHOOSE TO WALK OR BIKE?

Then you are a part of Bike Walk Move!



Over the summer months you may have seen the Bike Walk Move table at the Kingfield Farmers' Market, or seen ads on Metro Transit buses featuring Kingfield residents, or you came out to

play on the RiverLake Greenway for the June celebration, or perhaps a volunteer knocked on your door to ask if you would complete a survey about biking and walking.

What's going on? These all are part of a campaign called Bike Walk Move, designed to raise awareness about new bicycling and walking options in the Twin Cities. Kingfield has been one of the focal points of the campaign, in part because of the new routes that intersect the neighborhood: the RiverLake Greenway (an east-west route along 40th and 42nd Streets from Lake Harriet to the West River Parkway bike path); new bike lanes on 1st Avenue and Blaisdell Avenue (extending from the River Lake Greenway into downtown Minneapolis); and, just west of the Kingfield neighborhood, the new Bryant Avenue Bike Boulevard, which extends from 58th Street to Loring Park.

The goal of Bike Walk Move is to let residents know about these new ways of getting around—and to get people to try them out. The celebration of the 1st & Blaisdell bike lanes (story page 3) will be part of October Bike Walk Week, Oct 2-9, 2011. For more information about the campaign, visit www.bikewalkmove.org. The campaign is part of a major investment in bicycling and walking from a federal pilot program administered by Bike Walk Twin Cities, a program of Transit for Livable Communities.



CELEBRATE 38TH STREET!

Coming Saturday, September 24th, 2011

38th Street has connected our communities for over a century—it's time once again for us to **Celebrate 38!** Activities are in the works at **38th & Grand AND 38th & Nicollet**. Come enjoy music, dance, food, fun, special sales, prizes, and surprises with your neighbors on 38th Street from 11 am – 4 PM!

The party will get started at **38th & Nicollet, 11 am – 1 PM**, with food and entertainment provided by Nicollet ACE Hardware and others, topped off with Sebastian Joe's *Nicollet Pothole* ice cream scooped courtesy of the Lander Group. Get fancy with face painting and temporary tattoos by Elements of Creativity, and feather extensions by BANGbang. The party will move west to **38th & Grand**, where there will be food, drinks, special sales, music, and activities continuing **until 4PM celebrating many new businesses to the corner including Digs Studio at 3800 Grand**.

Get all the details at <http://kingfield.org/celebrate-38th/> and make your plans to **Celebrate 38th Street on Saturday, September 24th!**

NICOLLET AVENUE REPAVING UPDATE

BACKGROUND:

After a process that involved intense community engagement, the proposed Nicollet Avenue redesign will most likely be voted on by the Minneapolis City Council in early September. While not perfect in the eyes of every stakeholder (including much of the Kingfield business community, the Kingfield Redevelopment Committee, and many members of the KFNA Board who at time of printing this paper are strongly supporting a wider roadway) the final design will give the community a much improved Nicollet Avenue that looks better, is safer for vehicles and pedestrians, and is "streetcar ready."

PROPOSED ROADWAY CHANGES AND ENGINEERING RATIONALE:

- **Roadway width will be reduced from 50-52 feet to 44 feet**, providing one-way 11-foot drive lanes and 11-foot parking lanes. A width of 44 feet is common on many similar streets including sections of 46th Street, 42nd Street, and Bloomington Avenue—all of which have bus and heavy vehicle traffic, as well as many small businesses just like Nicollet. Studies show that narrower streets encourage slower driving and require drivers to pay more attention to the road.
- **Boulevards of 5 feet will be added**, a critical improvement for pedestrians, transit users, residential and commercial property owners. Boulevards at 5 feet provide the right amount of space for storing streetscape out of the sidewalk area and support healthy tree growth. Boulevards also provide space for snow storage, improving winter sidewalk safety.
- **Sidewalks remain at 6 feet, as per city policy**, but with the addition of 5-foot boulevards, pedestrians will have comfortable space for strollers and wheelchairs.

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Plastics Recycling Stations for Environment and Crime Prevention

At a meeting hosted by the KFNA Crime Prevention & Safety Committee back in March, discussion turned to plastics and recycling issues. Longtime Kingfield resident Hannah Mitchell presented her block's plastic recycling program, which she started with a drop-off alley location at her home for plastics not collected by the City. Hannah and others at the meeting decided to see if the Kingfield Neighborhood Association (KFNA) would support interested neighbors in setting up additional stations, through the Community Initiated Grant program.

What does plastic have to do with crime prevention? Police representatives at the meeting noted that walking your plastic around the block regularly, with lots of people doing it, creates a presence, just like walking your dog. It gets people out noticing things, and is a good crime prevention strategy.

Hannah has been maintaining her block-based plastics recycling station for about two years. "It started for one block," she says, "but we are attracting people who know I do

this from 2 other blocks nearby." It takes 3-5 people about 2 hours every other week to label bags, check and resort the plastics, store the sorted filled bags, and then drive them to one of the collection sites. She keeps doing it because, she says, "Besides making our blocks safer, collecting your own plastic increases your awareness of the volume of waste we create that is indestructible. That is important to me."

The cost of establishing and maintaining a station for 2 years amounts to about \$200, for materials and signage. KFNA will be providing materials for 5 new stations to be hosted and maintained by a team of neighbors, at various locations in the Kingfield. **To see what a station looks like, and find out where the new stations will be, stop by the Farmers' Market on October 2!**

If you are interested in hosting a plastics recycling station on your block, contact Sarah Gleason, KFNA Project Organizer, at sarahg@kingfield.org or (651) 335-4507.

From the KFNA President



Greetings, Kingfield Neighbors. On National Night Out (August 2) KFNA Board Members had the pleasure of visiting 55 block parties throughout the neighborhood, scooping ice cream along the way. Thank you to everyone who organized and attended events. (Is your block not organized? Contact Sarah Gleason to volunteer to be a block leader, sarahg@kingfield.org 612.823.5980.)

One reason we scoop ice cream is we want to hear from you. What did I hear? Well, quite a bit of laughter (might have been the home brew on Garfield Avenue), but some serious talk too. One longtime resident told me that rising property taxes were especially hard on him and his wife. Other residents are looking forward to a redesigned Nicollet Avenue. Still others asked how to get involved (thank you!) A recurring theme was that neighbors are important in each others lives and relationships make blocks strong and help make Kingfield a great place to live.

My favorite encounter of the night involved a woman out for a walk with her children. She had never heard of National Night Out when she came across a party. A woman from the party invited her family to join the gathering. Though the two women spoke different native languages, they quickly learned that they both wanted safe streets, good schools, and a fun park for their children. By the end of the night the woman asked what she could bring to share at the next party, and a new relationship was formed.

A few words on walking and biking—simple acts that also help strengthen our community. October 5th is International Walk/Bike to School Day. I will be on a walking school bus with a group of neighbors headed to Kingfield’s community school, Lyndale Elementary. If you can, I encourage you to walk or bike your child to school that day, or try walking somewhere in Kingfield. On October 9th, the grand opening celebration for the Blaisdell/1st Avenue bicycle lanes will wrap up Bike/Walk Week. Ride the lanes with friends and neighbors, head over to King Park, the YMCA, church, and take a slight detour to the Kingfield Farmers’ Market. I hope to see you, and thanks again for making Kingfield great.

— Scott Bordon, KFNA President

NICOLLET AVENUE REPAVING UPDATE continued from cover

- **Nicollet Avenue will be widened at select intersections, for data-driven reasons.** Lake—31st will be widened to allow for a future turn lane and higher vehicle volume. 36th Street will be widened to allow implementation of a turn lane now 38th Street will be widened to accommodate truck traffic turn movements and allow potential for a future turn lane.
- **An option discussed but rejected was adding bumpouts at intersections.** While typical benefits of bumpouts include street narrowing and providing a safer street crossing for pedestrians, bumpouts can also reduce on-street parking and impact snow removal.
- Additional safety improvements for pedestrians will be added to Nicollet, including **countdown timers at every signaled intersection.**
- **Unused and unnecessary driveways onto Nicollet will be eliminated,** improving pedestrian safety and adding on-street parking.

NEXT STEPS:

City Council approval in early September will establish the overall roadway design, including locations of bus stops and traffic signals. Significant design work still is needed, however, and the project team will continue to

work with individual property owners, residents, KFNA, NEHBA (Nicollet-East Harriet Business Association), and the project steering committee to discuss specific issues such as access, encroachments, utility services, and other design details.

- **Sept-Oct:** Development of detailed design plans. Key decisions will include necessary utility relocation/impacts, and drainage considerations; how construction will be phased and staged; design and locations of streetscape, lighting, art, stormwater features, and other amenities.
- **Late Oct:** Community meeting to review construction plans. Date TBD. Check www.kingfield.org for project updates.
- **Winter:** MnDOT review of construction plans and contractor bidding.
- **February 2012:** Community meeting to review construction staging, access.
- **April 2012:** Start of construction

All comments regarding the Nicollet Avenue Repaving Project should be directed to the project consultants: Jessica.Laabs@kimley-horn.com or 651-643-0437.

Gardens Are Growing...

In just its second year, the Kingfield Community Garden “outgrew” its original site at 38th and Pleasant. Even though the Pleasant Community Gardeners agreed to divide their plots in two this year, there was still a waiting list of those looking for land. Thus the Kingfield Garden Group began to search for additional garden space.

• Moonshine in Kingfield?

Just on the edge of Kingfield at 46th & Nicollet there stands a relic of prohibition: a moonshine shed. This eclectic piece of architecture serves as the namesake for one of Kingfield’s newest *potential* community garden sites. The site will ideally hold 5 to 6 garden plots, plus a space for performing artists.

KFNA is a member of MN Green, an organization run by the MN State Horticultural Society that collects and distributes donations from nurseries to public garden spaces. Luckily at the same time that the property owner made the site available, a large donation from MN Green came up. A few members of the Pleasant Garden decided to use this year as a test run for the Moonshine Garden, using what they grow to donate to local food shelves and hold a harvest preservation class (see calendar on page 4).

– Tina Falkner and Suzie Lilyblad, Kingfield Garden Group members

• Blaisdell Community Garden

An empty—and unbuildable—lot sits at 3916 Blaisdell, between two encroaching rental buildings. With a waiting list for community green space, this lot presents another opportunity to expand our community garden network.

Earlier this spring, neighborhood garden supporters met with the adjacent building owners and several neighbors to discuss creating a community garden on the site. While the neighbors were supportive of the idea, more work needs to be done to create a workable garden model. Outreach is needed to bring neighbors from the surrounding blocks together so that they may contribute in creating the management model, provide design, planting, and care guidelines, as well as help in the physical creation.

Additionally, more research needs to be done on ownership options. The City of Minneapolis owns the site and has given the KFNA the first right to purchase the land. All options for ownership and management are being explored; including placing the land in a “green land trust,” which would then allow KFNA to organize a community garden on the site but assure it would remain green into the future even if KFNA does not continue the management.

Meanwhile, donated perennials from MN Green were planted on the slope to prevent erosion and volunteers will continue planning throughout the winter, with the goal of opening the garden to the community in the spring of 2012. If you are interested in helping please contact Sarah Linnes-Robinson at KFNA at 612-823-5980 or sarah@kingfield.org. We’d love to get more people involved and make this truly a community effort!

– Marnie Peichel, Kingfield Garden Group member

Can Crime Prevention Be Fun? You Bet!

Earlier this year, members of the KFNA Crime Prevention & Safety (CPaS) Committee cooked up a great new idea. What if they had their meetings standing up? What if they had those meetings outside, instead of inside? And what if they held those meetings in different parts of the neighborhood, so they could reach more people? It was a great new recipe for making Kingfield safer and more connected: travelling gatherings for summer 2011!

Each monthly “crime prevention party” has had its own flavor, and every one has been a success. Diverse groups of about 20 adults and a dozen kids have shown up for each event. Everyone gets a Popsicle, and the chance to find out what’s going on in their corner of the neighborhood. Police officers and seasoned block leaders answer questions and offer ideas, while kids play games. Best of all is the chance to get to know neighbors, new and old, and share a sweet summer evening.

The KFNA tent has been at 36th and 1st, 43rd and 1st, and 38th & Nicollet. The last of the 2011 travelling crime prevention parties will be on **Tuesday, September 20, 6:30 PM, at 38th and Grand.** Then the CPaS Committee will be heading back to their home base at MLK Park, where they will host a neighborhood bonfire in October.

New Businesses Investing in 38th and Nicollet!

When you visit the **American Grill** you’ll find it’s a family affair. Ami Dharsee and his two sisters, Zaara Amir and Raj Mellesmoen, opened up their new take-out restaurant in June in the old Hong’s Kitchen space. Zaara Amir, formerly a translator, set out to share her perspective on other cultures through cooking. American Grill serves a variety of entrees including chicken, gyros, fish, Italian beef sandwiches, hamburgers, polish, and samboose. All entrees are cooked to order using fresh ingredients, AND they deliver! • **American Grill | 3752 Nicollet | 612-827-2322**

Nobody understands your hair? The folks at **BANGbang Salon and Creative Space** will listen. “We want to be a neighborhood salon,” says owner Ashley Haley, a Kingfield resident, “someplace where everyone will feel comfortable.” BANGbang offers men’s, women’s, and children’s haircuts, coloring, styling, waxing, and extensions. The salon carries handmade jewelry by local artist Lauren Neal, and a variety of hair care products from Bumble and Bumble and Shu Uemura. The salon space is also available for rent for your next wedding party or beauty brunch. • **BANGbang Salon & Creative Space | 11 West 38th Street /612.823.2264 | bangbangmpls.com**



About the Kingfield Neighborhood Association (KFNA)

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

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Celebrating Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at MLK Park

This past spring, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board approved and funded the Phase I recommendations presented by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Committee, a new group established to assure that Dr. King is honored at the Kingfield park named for him. These recommendations were developed through six community meetings, and included the moving and restoration of the “Freedom Form #2” sculpture by Daniel L. Johnson (also known as “Wings of Freedom Memorial Sculpture”), originally dedicated and donated in 1970, as well as the installation of accompanying landscaping and a name plaque.

“Freedom Form #2” was moved to its new location to coincide with an August 28th celebration in Washington, DC, at the MLK Memorial. On this date, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Committee also held a community celebration featuring speakers, musical entertainment, storytelling, spoken word, refreshments, and the opportunity to meet the sculptor. Landscaping and other immediate site improvements will take place this fall and spring.



Possible future projects of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Committee (that have been identified by the group, but are neither funded nor prioritized) may include:

- Civil rights related art and history installations
- Gardens
- Playground equipment
- Social justice programming

To serve on the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Committee, or to get involved with planning of any of the projects listed above, please contact Committee Co-Chair Sandra Richardson at srichardson7@comcast.net or park staffer Carmen Wilson, Community Service Area (CSA) Team Leader, at clwilson@minneapolisparcs.org or 612-290-8107. **The Legacy Committee normally meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 6:30 – 8:00 PM at the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Park, 4055 Nicollet Avenue South.**

CELEBRATE THE NEW BLAISDELL AND 1ST AVENUE BIKE LANES!

Join your neighbors on Sunday, October 9, to celebrate the new Blaisdell and 1st Avenue bike lanes, and ride the loop! Activities include group rides, music, food, and entertainment from many of the great businesses and organizations along the way! Visit celebration stations (including one at MLK, one near the Midtown Greenway, and one near downtown) for giveaways and to enter a drawing for prizes. Why not organize your own bike group and ride the entire loop, stopping at each station along the way? At this time all the celebration details are not determined, but we promise a great time! Check the Kingfield website at www.kingfield.org for details as they become available.

The new north-south bike route, including southbound lanes on Blaisdell and northbound on 1st Avenue, runs from downtown Minneapolis (near Loring Park) to 40th Street, where it intersects the RiverLake Greenway, a great east-west bicycle route. The project received a \$150,000 federal grant from Bike Walk Twin Cities (also known as the Non-Motorized Transportation Pilot Program), which is funding more than 75 miles of new bike lanes and sidewalks, plus several innovative programs such as Nice Ride Minnesota, the City of Minneapolis Bike Walk Ambassadors, and the Sibley Bike Depot Community Partners Bike Library. Find out more at www.bikewalkmove.org.

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.

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!

Dog Park Process Zeroing In On Possible Sites

Following the controversy over the establishment of an off-leash dog area in Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) established an appointed Citizen Advisory Committee to recommend a preferred location and design for an off-leash recreation area (OLRA) within a specific service area of the Sixth Park District. The service area extends from Minnehaha Creek north to 36th Street, and from I-35W west to Lake Harriet/Kings Highway. MLK Park was taken off the table for consideration, but the goal of establishing an OLRA in the 6th District remained. The end is now in sight, though the outcome is not yet clear as this newsletter goes to press.

Here is a report from Brook Lemm-Tabor, KFNA board member serving on the CAC:

This group has been meeting regularly since being formed in February, to investigate possible locations for an off-leash dog recreation area in the 6th Parks District. The CAC is comprised of members of the neighborhoods of the 6th District, including two representatives from the Kingfield Neighborhood Association (KFNA), and a Kingfield Dog Park Task Force member. It also includes representation from our neighbors to the east from Bryant, Central, and the Sabathani Community Center.

Over the course of the past few months we have had many suggestions to possible locations and much discussion as how good and/or bad these suggestions would be for both the off-leash dog park (OLDP) and how they would impact current uses and the neighborhoods that are nearby. After much discussion and investigation, the list of possible sites has been narrowed down to three. Maps of these sites are available at the Minneapolis Park and Recreation

Board website: www.minneapolisparcs.org/default.asp?PageID=1266. From this page, you can also access a public site utilized by members of the CAC to discuss issues that have arisen as the process has moved forward: <http://6thparkdistrictdogparkcac.ning.com/>

- **SITE 1: Lyndale Farmstead Park** • *South of the Operations Center wall along Kings Highway*
This proposed site is located in Lyndale Farmstead Park. Its northern boundary would be the operations center wall and it would be within the turf and tree area along Kings Highway. This site would be west of the path that runs diagonally from the athletic fields to the southwest corner of the park behind the Theodore Wirth Home and Administration Building.
- **SITE 7: Minnehaha Creek** • *Along the South side of Minnehaha Creek east of Pleasant Avenue*
This proposed site is on the south side of Minnehaha Creek. It extends from Pleasant Avenue east to the base of the hill where Minnehaha Parkway splits. The trail within this area would be realigned as part of the project to allow for continuous trail use outside of the proposed site.
- **SITE 32: Lyndale Farmstead Park** • *Southside Operations Center Parking Lot*
The proposed site is within the Southside Operations Center parking lot within Lyndale Farmstead Park. The stormwater pond within the site would not be accessible to dogs or people.

Individuals may send public comment on the project to Jennifer Ringold at jringold@minneapolisparcs.org or Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board, 2117 West River Road, Minneapolis, MN 55411.

KINGFIELD SOFTBALL CONTINUES

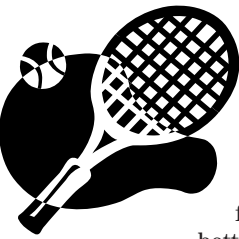
We came. We played. We had fun. And we made new friends. But wait, it's not over! You can still participate in Kingfield community softball, as we are extending our season a few weeks into September, every Thursday at 6:30 PM. So get on your bike or walk over if you're in Kingfield– if not, you're still welcome to mosey on over to best neighborhood in Minneapolis.



We may require the lights or starting a little earlier, but you can always follow me @Jefe23 on Twitter, or join our Facebook group (Kingfield Softball) for more info or contact me at Jeff@booksandbars.com. The Lowbrow continues to welcome us after our games, too.

We meet every Thursday at MLK Park, Diamond #3. Bring a glove if you have one, or borrow one of ours. We pick two teams and play ball. It's free, co-ed, low pressure, and lots of fun. All skill levels are welcome, but adults play only, please. There may even be a new fall or winter sport if people are interested in continuing the fun! Hope to see you on the field before all the leaves block the base path.

INNERCITY TENNIS: Free Saturday Tennis Program



On most Saturday afternoons, you'll find my son Mark, age 5, running his heart out at the InnerCity Tennis program in the tennis bubble at MLK Park on 40th and 1st. This is truly one of the best programs we've found locally, and what's even better, it's free.

Mark's age group does relays and skill building for 90 minutes, while practicing turn-taking, team spirit, and cleaning up, all under the kind guidance of dozens of volunteers. One of my favorite aspects is the program's “Character Assets,” which are taught by example regularly: respect, responsibility, integrity, perseverance, enthusiasm, teamwork, and service. Each session concludes with a piece of fruit and a bottle of water. All tennis racquets, balls, and equipment are provided.

After spending our Saturday afternoons at tennis, I am also happy to report that Mark goes to bed early and then takes a 3-hour nap on Sundays. I can't guarantee you'll get a nap, but I will promise that you'll have a lot of fun. If you come, look for us!

—Amy Reisdorf, Mark's mom

ICT Saturday Winter Program 2011

**Free • Kids ages 3-17
Same Day Registration**

SESSION I

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and November 12, 19

SESSION II

January 7, 14, 21, 28 and February 4

PROGRAM DETAILS:

Level One (Pre-tennis) / Ages 3-6 / 1:30 – 3:00 PM
Skill development stations help kids prepare for a future in any sport.

Level Two (Beginner) / Ages 7-11 / 3:00 – 4:30 PM
Activity stations build tennis fundamentals.

Level Three (Intermediate) / Junior High Kids / 3:00 – 4:30 PM
The full court and regular balls are used.

Level Four (Advanced) / High School Kids / 4:30 – 6:00 PM
Court positioning, match tactics, and the mental approach to the game.

InnerCity Tennis/Reed-Sweatt Family Tennis Center

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612-824-6099 • www.innercitytennis.org

One Minneapolis, One Read

Beginning this fall, folks all over Minneapolis will have something in common: a book. One Minneapolis, One Read will bring the city together by having everyone read the same book, *The Grace of Silence*, by Minneapolis native and National Public Radio host Michele Norris. This memoir describes the experience of the Norrises as the first black family on their block in a south Minneapolis neighborhood. Norris also details her discovery of race-based family secrets.

Get involved in this first-time Minneapolis community read. Read *The Grace of Silence*, then sponsor a book discussion. Or host a movie and discussion that explores issues of race, and listen to family and friends and record those conversations. Events this fall will include a variety of opportunities to share and learn.

The idea for a community read was inspired by Building Bridges, a group of residents in south Minneapolis neighborhoods whose mission is to understand how race and racism impact our communities. Instead of walking away from difficult discussions on a recent racially-polarizing local issue involving an off-leash dog park, these neighbors wanted to find a way to promote better understanding. You can also stay up to date on Building Bridges activities by “liking” the group on Facebook! <http://www.facebook.com/buildingbridgesmpls>

SPECIAL ONE READ EVENTS INCLUDE:
Author Michele Norris Speaks About *The Grace of Silence*
October 3, Guthrie Theater. For more information contact oneread@minneapolismn.gov or call Cheyenne Erickson at (612) 673-2052. Visit www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/ncr/oneminneapolisoneread.asp.

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Solarize Kingfield is a solar installation program for local businesses and institutions, led by KFNA.

We help businesses and institutions interested in installing up to 40 kW solar electric systems to *simplify the process and reduce the cost of adding solar*. The goal of the program is to make solar more accessible to commercial property owners and more visible to neighborhood residents. KFNA’s objective is to remove the barriers to solar installations for small local businesses and non-profit organizations in and near Kingfield, to help them save money and energy and strengthen their investment in the community. This work is supported by a grant from the City of Minneapolis.

We started working with two pilot sites in late 2010, one of which is moving toward commitment to a solar PV

installation this year. We have also been working since 2010 with a group of local solar installers to find ways to simplify the process. **Our partnering solar PV installers are Solarflow Energy, Applied Energy Innovations, Sundial Solar, and Innovative Power Systems.** Partnering installers are locally based and/or have significant local experience, and have been willing to invest their time and expertise in this project. It is our hope that by working closely with these partnering installers, the City of Minneapolis, and other key actors, we can build local systems and capacity, and shape public policy, to enable the growth of solar energy in Minneapolis and our state.

After identifying a number of buildings in the neighborhood with solar potential, we invited their owners to a workshop in May, organized with Eureka Recycling, the City of Minneapolis, and other key resources. You can see the presentation from that workshop at <http://kingfield.org/solarize-kingfield/>.

If you own a non-homesteaded building in or near Kingfield (commercial, nonprofit, or institution) and are interested in exploring a solar electric

installation, let us know by emailing your building’s address and your contact information to sarah@kingfield.org, as soon as possible. If, based upon aerial photos, your property is felt to have good solar potential, Solarize Kingfield will pay for the solar assessment (typically \$250-\$400) AND reimburse the cost of the required on-site energy audit (\$400-\$500, depending on building size) for participating building owners. If you decide to pursue solar as a power option, Solarize Kingfield can also help pay up to 50% of the solar installer’s structural engineering assessment. **However, these actions MUST occur before October 15, 2011, to be eligible.**

Cost: For a solar electric system, the cost depends on the size of the system and the ease of installation. Before incentives and tax credits, typical costs range from \$6.50-\$9.00 for each watt of capacity. Incentives and tax credits can cover more than 60% of the cost in some cases. A typical profitable business can see installation costs recouped in 5-7 years. Your solar installer should be able to assist you in identifying your return on investment based on your specific situation.

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Curran’s Family Restaurant • Dreamhost
Four Gates Physical and Energetic Culture
Good Life Catering • Johnson Design + etc
The Landier Group • Leonardo’s Basement • Little Eco
The Lowbrow • Northrup Remodeling and Roofing • Patisserie 46
Rau + Barber • Sebastian Joe’s Confectionary
Ungerman Construction • Victor’s 1959 Café

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**Events related to the Minneapolis community read of The Grace of Silence by Michele Norris (See page 4; Visit <http://www.facebook.com/buildingbridgesmpls> for more information, or contact Sarah Linnes-Robinson of KFNA, at sarah@kingfield.org or 612.823.5980.)*

Fri., Nov. 25	*National Day of Listening
Sat., Oct. 22	*Family History Fair • Minneapolis Central Library
Tues., Oct. 18	*YWCA Luncheon: It's Time to Talk Forums on Race Minneapolis Convention Center
Sat., Oct. 15	*Neighborhood Building Bridges event (to be planned)
Sun., Oct. 9	Blaisdel/1st Ave. Bike Lane Celebration (See page 3)
Tues., Oct. 4	*An Evening with Michele Norris
Mon., Oct. 3	*One Minneapolis/One Read: Author Michele Norris • Guthrie Theater
Oct. 2-9	Bike Walk Week (See page 1)
Sun., Oct. 2	Kingfield Farmers' Market (See page 1)
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Fri., Sept. 30	Family Movie Night resumes at MLK Park
Sat., Sept. 24	Celebrate 38th Street
Thurs. Sept. 22	Eating for Art (See page 1)
Tues., Sept. 20	Crime Prevention Traveling Block Party (See page 2)
Sep. 13 & 20	Preserving Vegetables with Marianna Padilla
Sept. 1	Fall Activities begin at MLK Park
Thurs. all Sept.	Community Softball (See page 3)
Fri., Sept. 30	Youth Sports, Arts/Crafts, Adult Dodgeball, Senior Fitness, more
Sat., Sept. 24	Visit www.minneapolis.parks.org for complete information
Sun., Sept. 20	At MLK Park; see www.northerngardener.org for information.
Tues., Sept. 13	Crime Prevention Traveling Block Party (See page 2)
Thurs. Sept. 8	Outdoors at 38th & Grand Ave.
Fri., Sept. 3	Eating for Art (See page 1)
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