

## Celebrate 38th Street on Saturday, September 29th

38th Street has connected our communities from the East to the West, from the River to the Lakes, 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** from **11 AM to 2 PM**, followed by **Happy Hour on Victor's patio** for those who want to relax after all the fun! Come enjoy music, dance, food, fun, special sales, prizes, and other surprises on 38th Street.

### THE PARTY AT 38TH & NICOLLET INCLUDES:

- Nicollet Pothole and Crème Fraiche Curry Crunch  
Ice-cream provided by **The Lander Group**
- Hotdogs and loads of old-timey music, including bagpipes and accordions, from **Ace Nicollet Hardware**
- 38¢ Slushies at **Best Foods**
- Duck Pond with prizes at **Blackbird Café**
- Children's Bouncy House provided by **Mulroy's Body Shop**
- Kidspeed Activity Stations by **InnerCity Tennis** in MLK Park
- Ribs grilled on site by **Finer Meats**
- Face painting and temporary tattoos from **Twin City Tattoo**
- Bicycle check-ups by **Recovery Bike** and bike-related bling from **Bike Walk Move**
- \$15 haircuts and \$5 braids for kids 12 and under from **bang BANG**
- Classic MG Car display from **Quality Coaches**
- Photo booth by **Southwest Minneapolis Patch**

### THE PARTY AT 38TH & GRAND INCLUDES:

- Kung Fu demonstration and a Little Lion Dance by **Golden Leopard**
- Kids' Craft Sale in back of **Digs Studio**
- Hands-on art making with **Alleyway Arts**
- Ice-Cream, Sno-cones, and other goodies from **Grand Café**
- Stop in at **Sugar Sugar** and say "38 Rocks!" and receive 10% off your purchase
- A line-up of **Kingfield Massage Artists**
- Dance and music provided by artists housed at the **Center for Performing Arts**
- Perennial and Bake Sale by **Kingfield Community Gardeners**
- And finish the afternoon with drink specials on **Victor's** patio from 2:30-4:30!

Get all the updated details at [kingfield.org/celebrate-38th](http://kingfield.org/celebrate-38th) and make your plans to experience 38th Street on Saturday, September 29th!

## Aren't You Hungry for a Better-Looking Neighborhood?

GO EATING FOR ART ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH!

Our local restaurants really appreciate art. In fact, many of them create art each and every day in the dishes and desserts they prepare lovingly, by hand, for your consumption! On September 20th, many of our local restaurants [listed below] will give a bow to other local art by participating in Eating for Art. Now in its 6th year, this one-day event brings local eaters out to local restaurants and together we all raise money for arts programming and public art projects in the Kingfield and Lyndale neighborhoods. By donating a percentage of their sales to public art this year, these businesses will help us increase art along Nicollet Avenue from Lake to 40th Street and create a welcoming corridor that reflects the spirit and soul of our community.



On September 20th, with each order of Cuban hash and café con leche at Victor's 1959 Café, you are providing almost \$4 to art in your neighborhood! When else can you order those crispy duck rolls and a Surly beer at Blackbird and kick-in over \$2 to the Nicollet art-pot? Or visit Anodyne for a morning bowl of their signature oatmeal, Lowbrow for their homemade fish sticks at lunch, Butter Bakery for a peanut butter chocolate bar and latte for a mid-afternoon pick-me-up, and finish the night at Sunstreet Breads...and you can consider that, besides being very full and happy, you have also contributed upwards of \$15 to creating a vibrant and interactive Nicollet Avenue!

What could be easier? Plan a coffee date, set a lunch meeting, or take your sweetie to dinner on September 20th. Your belly, and your neighborhood, will thank you for it!

## ¡Bienvenidos al vecindario de Kingfield!

A partir de ahora vamos a tener una sección del boletín de noticias en español porque reconocemos que tenemos una gran población de vecinos que hablan española y queremos ser incluyentes de las noticias y eventos promovidos en este boletín, también queremos recordar a la comunidad que todos son bienvenidos a los eventos del vecindario Kingfield.

Queremos informarles que ahora tenemos dos miembros de la asociación de vecinos que son fluido en español y estarán encantado de traducir todo el material en español. También vamos a trabajar con nuestros negocios latinos locales para que nos permitan distribuir el boletín de noticias traducidas a todos ustedes.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta, sugerencia o ideas sobre cómo podría mejorar el vecindario o si desea saber cómo involucrarse con la asociación de vecinos no dude en ponerse en contacto con Henry Jiménez.

Por correo electrónico: [Henry@kingfield.org](mailto:Henry@kingfield.org)  
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### TRANSLATION

Welcome to Kingfield neighborhood!

From now on we will be having a section of the newsletter in Spanish, because we recognize that we have a large population of Spanish speaking neighbors and want to be inclusive of the news and events promoted in this newsletter, to remind the community that everyone is welcome to all Kingfield neighborhood events.

I want to take the time to inform you that we now have two board members who are fluent in Spanish and will be happy to translate all of the material in Spanish. We will also work with our local Latino businesses to allow us to distribute the translated newsletter to you all.

If you have any questions, suggestions or ideas on how the neighborhood could improve, or if you want to know how to get involved with your neighborhood association, feel free to contact Henry Jimenez at [Henry@kingfield.org](mailto:Henry@kingfield.org) or (702) 808-7844.

## Get Your Local On!



themed "Local" — and if you are reading this newsletter you ARE local, so consider yourself invited to submit a piece for this community art show!

The show will be held at **Frame Ups/Capstone Gallery**, giving artists the opportunity to have their work hung in a real gallery space ... how cool is that? Visit our website at [kingfield.org](http://kingfield.org) to get the details, including the date, and to learn how to submit your piece for the show. Questions can be directed to KFNA executive director Sarah Linnes-Robinson at [sarah@kingfield.org](mailto:sarah@kingfield.org) or 612.823.5980.

Last issue we had promoted a date for the Kingfield Community Art Show to take place this fall — BUT, due to other events, we have decided to move this annual shindig back to its original season as a doldrums-breaker in early Spring! Details will be coming out soon, including a March date for this show, this year

## Volunteers Needed for King Park Mosaic

Beautiful community mosaic projects can bring so much to a neighborhood. They help prevent graffiti, they bring people of all ages together, they engender neighborhood pride, and they give people a creative outlet. Starting this fall, you can be part of the mosaic project that will be installed at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park. The project is being funded by an anti-graffiti grant from the City of Minneapolis and will be coordinated by KFNA and Southwest Senior Center.

The mosaic will consist of six to twelve 4-foot by 4-foot panels that will feature traditional quilt patterns from the cultures and communities that surround and use the park. The panels will be bolted to the south facing park building wall that is adjacent to the picnic area, close to the playground and visible from Nicollet Avenue.

The lead artist on the project, Sharra Frank, has experience working with people of all ages to create community mosaics. In the fall of 2011, Sharra worked with Southwest Senior Center to create the Bryant Avenue Mosaic, which involved over 180 volunteers. Sharra will create the design, which will then be transferred to a pattern that will

## A CARROT A DAY?

A new initiative may finally bring a community grocer to underserved areas of South Minneapolis. Working in the West Powderhorn Park area, a group called the Carrot Initiative is working hard to bring a community grocer to the neighborhoods of Bancroft, Bryant, Central, and Powderhorn Park. The group is currently looking at a hybrid co-op model, in which the store would offer the organic and locally grown choices often associated with natural foods co-ops while also offering items that would be found at larger grocery stores. This hybrid model is preferred as it is the most likely to serve the largest number of community stakeholders.



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From the KFNA President

Kingfield Karma



Dear Kingfield Neighbors,

Four years ago I learned that Kingfield residents’ longtime hope to have a guaranteed community school was going to become reality. At the same time, Kingfield was also closer to having bicycle lanes on Blaisdell and 1st Avenues. I decided to run for the board, hoping to build on the work of the many committed volunteers who had come before me. It has been a rewarding experience to serve as a KFNA board member. Today I get to walk with neighbors to Kingfield’s Community School—Lyndale Elementary. I am inspired to see the values of achievement, equity, and diversity, to see the dream of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. lived out at Kingfield’s designated elementary school. In the evenings, I ride my bike home from work in the Blaisdell bike lane. I like that working with other neighbors, the city and community partners, I have been a little part of creating a more just, vibrant, connected neighborhood.

So today I ask for your help and involvement. Your values, talents, or passions can help shape Kingfield’s future. KFNA currently has an opening for a board member and alternates. We also need help in setting neighborhood priorities. KFNA receives part of its funding through the City of Minneapolis Community Participation Program. Part of the program requirements are a Neighborhood Priority Plan that is developed with stakeholders. It defines the vision and goals for a neighborhood to work with the city and other partners to achieve defined goals. Please contact me or Sarah Linnes-Robinson for more information.

Recently, readers of the *Southwest Journal* voted Kingfield the #1 neighborhood in the area. There is a new basketball court with new glass backboards at Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park. This fall the new Ramsey Middle School welcomed its first students. Washburn High School is thriving. Soon I hope to be eating at Butter Bakery Cafe (relocating to 37th & Nicollet) and Rincon 38 (opening at 38th & Grand). Before I know it, I will be walking on the newly redesigned Nicollet Avenue shopping at one of the local businesses at the continually improving intersection of 38th & Nicollet on my way to the new playground at King Park. Thank you to all who are making these changes happen, and special thanks to the Legacy Committee, residents and businesses that are continuing to raise money for improvements to the park.

– Scott Bordon, KFNA President



About the Kingfield Neighborhood Association (KFNA)

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

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KINGFIELD NEWS

If you are interested in writing, editing, designing, or taking photographs for the *Kingfield News*, call or email KFNA.

I wasn’t surprised Kingfield was recently named the “Best Neighborhood” in Southwest Minneapolis, as voted by readers of the *Southwest Journal*. It’s an exceptional, magical place to live...

- ...Where my neighbor’s dog runs up to his fence with a tennis ball in his mouth to play catch across the fence with whomever walks by...fetch with me!!
- ...Where you see so many dads walking infants in strollers.
- ...Where neighbors plant, tend and share the harvest from a vegetable garden – a joint effort, in a front yard, on their own block.
- ...Where you can exchange a free book from our front yard “library” boxes, or where a neighbor’s fence—whatever is left on the fence is free – is a destination for children and treat for anyone passing by.
- ...Where you can buy a large gluten-free peanut butter chocolate cookie at Butter, for only a buck!

Such abundance. It’s all right here: Mouthwatering food, local produce, sweet candies and delicious entrees prepared by restaurants, offering their very best. Lucky us, so fortunate to be surrounded by so many small businesses. Committed, they are the first to step up to donate and give back to this place called Kingfield, again and again.

Aesthetics are important here and it shows, through gardens galore, trees, a “lack-o-litter”, over thirty painted murals and our ever so hip, “let’s cover those ugly utility boxes” project. It makes a statement: You are now entering Kingfield! The project was such a hit that other neighborhoods are makin’ it happen. Thank you, KFNA, for your commitment and continuous vision.

We are surrounded with exceptional people – resourceful, committed, caring, creative individuals. Look around, you feel the energy. It all comes down to the people, the place, all beings. All one, each of us here knows the love of place, for (like Lake Wobegon) it is Kingfield: **“Where all the women are strong, all the men are good-looking, and all the children are above average.”**

Forever grateful,  
Anne Birch

Southwest Senior Center offers low cost exercise, Tai Chi and yoga classes each week for people ages 50 and up.

For a full schedule, call 612-822-3194, email mschoenberger@voamn.org or stop by the Center at 3612 Bryant Ave. S. Fall Classes include:

**Exercise at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park**  
4055 Nicollet Ave. S. • Mon. at 10:15am  
Classes begin September 10

Combine strength training and light aerobics in this fun class. Recommended donation is \$30 for 15 classes.

Project Updates at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Advisory Council has a goal of raising \$55,000 for a new playground and other park improvements at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park. The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) has committed \$225,000 to the playground in 2013 and an additional \$62,500 for other improvements at the park in 2011 and 2012. The community process for the playground is anticipated to start the end of 2012 or beginning of 2013. Construction is expected in 2013 with a grand opening in early 2014.

If you would like to donate to the playground or the park, please visit <http://www.peopleforparks.net/projects.html> or make checks out to People for Parks, memo line “MLK Park,” and mail them to People For Parks, PO Box 24901, Minneapolis, MN 55424.

If you would like to be involved in the planning of the playground or receive updates on the project, please visit the project’s web page at [www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org) or contact Jennifer Ringold at 612-230-6464 or [jringold@minneapolisparcs.org](mailto:jringold@minneapolisparcs.org).

BUTTER BAKERY Help Celebrate the Move!



As a teenager, one of the things I love most about living in Kingfield is all of the great neighborhood restaurants, coffee shops, and local businesses that are in biking and walking distance of home. One of my favorites is Butter Bakery, currently located at Grand and 36th, with its great baked goods (the peanut butter bars are the best) and its casual and comfortable atmosphere. But really what makes Butter stand out is its involvement in the neighborhood.

When I was a Junior High student at Lake Country School, I was responsible for selling ads in our school play program. We had lots of great support from the neighborhood, but I always enjoyed and appreciated the support we got from Butter owner Dan Swenson-Klatt. Aside from being more than happy to support our school and its play, Dan would always throw in some sort of baked goods for the cast party.

That’s why I am so excited to be a part of organizing a neighborhood celebration of Butter’s move from its current location to 3700 Nicollet during the first week of October. In the spirit of community, Butter is inviting the neighborhood to participate in a moving parade. Please watch for more information about the move and the parade on Butter’s Facebook page [www.facebook.com/butterbakerycafe](http://www.facebook.com/butterbakerycafe).

I hope you’ll join me and other neighbors as we help our neighborhood bakery settle into its new home.

– Jacob Toffler

From Your NCEC Commissioner

Hello Kingfield! My name is Henry Jiménez and I am a proud Kingfield neighbor. I wanted to let you all know that I have recently been elected to serve as a commissioner of the Neighborhood Community Engagement Commission (NCEC).

Since 2008, the NCEC has worked with the Neighborhood and Community Relations department of the city of Minneapolis to provide overall direction on the City’s community engagement efforts. I am one of the 16 commission members, and I represent District 6, which includes the following neighborhoods: Kingfield, CARAG, East Isles, ECCO, Kenwood, Lowry Hill, Lowry Hill East, Whittier, Steven Square-Loring Heights and Lyndale. I wanted to take this time to inform you of some of my goals as a commissioner and to make you aware that I am always open to questions, comments, concerns and ideas to make not only Kingfield but the entire city of Minneapolis better.

As a commissioner I want to make sure that neighborhoods are not only communicating with each other but helping each other with their goals and accomplishments. I would like to assist neighborhoods with their continued efforts to engage all of their residents, so that everyone can have a sense of belonging and ownership of their neighborhood. I want to make sure that the city of Minneapolis continues supporting all of the neighborhood associations.

Within a few weeks, I plan to organize a meeting with all of the neighborhood associations’ staff and representatives of District 6, to address and tackle common issues and develop a strategic plan together. I believe that by bringing people together and developing a focus, we will be able to address our needs and wants.

I want to remind everyone that since it is my first term I am just now getting to know people, but I hope to get to know many more of you in the near future. Again, feel free to contact me if you have any questions, concerns, comments or ideas for me.

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A Carrot A Day? CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Currently, the Carrot Initiative is reaching out to South Minneapolis residents to gather feedback as well as to address any concerns that community members may have. If you would like to get involved, their board meets every other Tuesday at 7 AM at Blue Ox Coffee, 3740 Chicago Avenue South, and meetings are open to the public. You can also follow the progress of the Carrot Initiative through their website, [carrotinitiative.com](http://carrotinitiative.com), or on Facebook at [facebook.com/TheCarrotInitiative](https://www.facebook.com/TheCarrotInitiative). I have already applied and been placed on the Carrot Initiative board as a Kingfield neighbor. My goal is to make sure the project comes to fruition and to be part of the planning process. To share comments or ask questions about the Carrot Initiative, please contact me at [Bryan@kingfield.org](mailto:Bryan@kingfield.org); or find me at the desk of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park, where I work occasional evenings.

– Bryan Thornton



# Building Bridges with Books

## Making Connections Across 35W & Between Cultures and Generations

When Doris Christopher and I launched the Building Bridges multicultural book group a year ago, we knew two things: Books are a wonderful way to explore different cultures, and libraries are a great place to gather and discuss them.

A year later, we have settled into a comfortable pattern: At **6:30 PM on the first Tuesday of each month** (except when that conflicts with a caucus or election), 10 to 15 residents of Kingfield and Central neighborhoods gather at Hosmer Library or Living Spirit United Methodist Church to discuss a book and dig into a culture different from our own. Our conversations help bridge the gaps created by geography and race.

The first book — *The Grace of Silence* — was an obvious choice. Written by Doris’s niece, National Public Radio anchor Michele Norris, it examines the quiet racial bigotry in Minneapolis when Norris grew up here in the 1960s and 70s and the far more serious racism her parents experienced decades earlier but never talked about. The book was also the first book chosen for the entire city of Minneapolis to read and discuss.

“We got together the east and the west,” says Doris Christopher, a member of the Legacy Committee for Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park and longtime resident of the Field neighborhood. “We are sharing a common interest in

finding out about different cultures. We are comfortable discussing subjects we often shy away from.”

A number of the books we’ve read — *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot, *47* by Walter Mosley — have dealt with African American experience. But others, including *The Late Homecomer* by Kalia Yang and *Spirit Car* by Diane Wilson, are by local writers exploring their family’s experiences as Hmong immigrants (Yang) and descendants of Dakota people forced to leave Minnesota after the Sioux uprising of 1862 (Wilson).

After our group read Yang’s book, Doris arranged for the writer to speak at her church. In August, when the group discussed *Spirit Car*, member Deb Burke arranged for state Representative Susan Allen, a member of the Rosebud Sioux tribe, to talk about the history Wilson describes.

On September 4, Jonathan Odell will join the group and discuss his books *The Healing* and *The View from Delphi*. “I think we’ve all grown,” Doris said. “Otherwise we wouldn’t keep coming each month.”

For information about future meetings or joining the group, contact Doris Christopher at 612-327-2176 or Lynda McDonnell at lyndammcdonnell@gmail.com.

— Lynda McDonnell

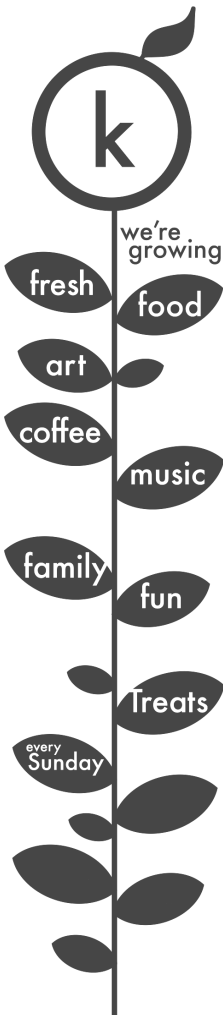
Last year Minneapolis launched **One Minneapolis One Read**, a citywide community project in which all city residents were invited to read the same book (*The Grace of Silence* by Michele Norris) and join in a community conversation. This year, the book chosen for our community read is *Spirit Car: Journey to a Dakota Past* by Diane Wilson.

Wilson, who grew up in a Minneapolis suburb, traced her family’s past through five generations to write *Spirit Car*, a book of vignettes that begins with a vivid account of the 1862 Dakota War in Minnesota, then follows her family’s travels that brought her mother to the Rosebud and Pine Ridge reservations of South Dakota.

Wilson will discuss her book in a conversation with **Garrison Keillor at 7 PM on Monday, Sept. 24**, at the Minneapolis Convention Center Auditorium. Tickets are available at [www.ticketworks.com](http://www.ticketworks.com) or 612-343-3390.

For more information and to get involved, visit [www.OneMinneapolisOneRead.com](http://www.OneMinneapolisOneRead.com) or [www.facebook.com/OneMinneapolisOneRead](http://www.facebook.com/OneMinneapolisOneRead).

# Kingfield Farmers Market



David Brauer recently wrote in the *Southwest Journal* that the weekly experience of the Kingfield Farmers Market “can be bliss. We’re there for the farmers, for each other, for our tummies...” KFNA shares in that “market bliss” every Sunday. Market-goers stop by the KFNA table near the entrance to the Market every week to connect with neighbors, check in on happenings and upcoming events, and learn about volunteer-led initiatives, local nonprofit organizations and businesses.

More than two dozen Kingfield volunteers and a handful of local organizations have had the opportunity to educate interested neighbors and promote their initiatives at the Kingfield Farmers Market so far this summer. **Market-goers have had the chance to:**

- learn about energy efficiency, connect to energy efficiency resources, commit to reducing their CO2 footprint, and win prizes!
- talk with neighbors and become advocates for voting “no” on upcoming constitutional amendment ballots
- learn about recycling and the new Minneapolis recycling program
- have a “café conversation” with a KFNA board member
- learn about and support the Aliveness Project and a local Red Ribbon Ride team
- learn about and support Kingfield Community Gardens through their creative fund-raising events, including the Kingfield Gardens Walking Tour and Garden-to-Table Dinners
- register to vote and learn about upcoming elections
- ...and much more!

Stop by the KFNA table in September and October when you visit the Farmers Market. **On any given week you might find:**

- a local or state elected official;
- information on the “Vote No” initiatives, including how you can help these campaigns
- the new Chinook Book selling as a “green fundraiser” for neighborhood gardens;
- local business representatives;
- biking advocates;
- or another local surprise!

And you will always find information on upcoming neighborhood events and friendly neighborhood faces! If you are part of a Kingfield volunteer group or organization, and want to find out how you might participate in the “market bliss” by volunteering at the KFNA table, contact [info@kingfield.org](mailto:info@kingfield.org).

# Sixth District Dog Park

The dog park for the Sixth District is making progress, though slowed by issues related to water drainage. As the park board researched how best to fit our off-leash facility into the existing structure at the Minneapolis Park Board maintenance facility, they became concerned about the planned surface of woodchips, which could enter the city’s underground storm water system. In a public meeting held August 22, it was announced that the new dog park instead will be covered with crushed granite composite.

Construction bids are being requested this month, and the park board hopes to have a surfaced and fenced area ready to use by November of this year. For a view of the plans and more information, visit the park board website at [minneapolisiparks.org](http://minneapolisiparks.org).



— Brook Lemm-Tabor

# Get to Know Your KFNA Board Members!

**Nathan Troutman Blumenshine**  
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**Nate@kingfield.org**



Having just moved to Kingfield in 2011, serving on the KFNA board is a great excuse for me to meet my neighbors and be ridiculously nice to them. I like that this neighborhood offers many different places and opportunities to have interesting conversations with former strangers/future friends.

Perhaps I am so into meeting new people here because for the past seven summers I have spent more days leading canoe trips for youth in Canada than living in the city. I look forward to meeting you too! Please let me know how I can help with your community initiatives. 612-709-4375 (cell).

**Bryan Thornton**  
**4500 Block of Blaisdell**  
**bryan@kingfield.org**



I serve on the Kingfield Neighborhood Association because I want to try to get our neighbors involved in what is going on and allow them to make decisions that affect their neighborhood.

Fun Fact about Me: I drink 156 oz. of water per day.

**Arthur Knowles**  
**3700 Block of 1st Avenue**  
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I was born and educated in Iowa, with frequent Minnesota vacations (Lake Vermillion). My folks moved to Northfield in 1970 and I gravitated to Minneapolis following acquaintances from college days. After gigs in North Carolina and the Bahamas I returned to south Minneapolis. I moved to

Kingfield in the late 80’s to housesit for friends trying to sell their house. Six months later they asked me to start paying rent, and 20 years later I bought the house. I got involved in the neighborhood with a vague idea of “acting locally,” but mostly in self-defense: I wanted to be apprised of what the city and county had in store for us before it actually happened. Fortuitous timing brought me in just as the Neighborhood Revitalization Program was being implemented in Kingfield, and I chaired the Livability Committee writing that section of our Phase I plan. I became active with the Board’s Zoning and Redevelopment Committee, and joined the Board itself the following year. With one brief hiatus I have been on the Board since then. I also developed a desire to resist “yuppification” of the neighborhood and to work to keep it working class and affordable — at which I have, for the most part, failed.

For almost 30 years I have worked as a housepainter and handyman. For some 36 years I have performed with the Minnesota Traditional Morris dancers at the Renaissance Festival, 4th of July parades, May Day celebrations, and other festive occasions: It’s a great excuse to dress up silly and drink beer in public. I am registered member of the Democratic Socialists of America. I am also a witch.

**Scott Mueller**  
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My wife and I moved to Kingfield over 3 years ago from CARAG. We were familiar with Kingfield, as my wife worked for a neighborhood café for a number of years and got to befriend a number of Kingfield residents. We’ve recently started fostering a rescue dog named Ziva (pictured with me), and

our walks with her have led us throughout Kingfield and we’ve met quite a few Kingfield residents beyond our block! We love the restaurants and the Kingfield Farmers Market and love how walkable Kingfield is.

I volunteered for the KFNA board because I wanted to help Kingfield residents and businesses better engage with each other. I especially enjoyed helping serve Sebastian Joe’s ice cream on National Night Out and talking with the Kingfield residents. As for one of my eccentricities, as my neighbors are well aware ... I love shoveling snow.



Crime Prevention and Safety

For the past two summers, the Kingfield Crime Prevention and Safety Committee (CPaS) has forsaken their claim on the folding chairs in the MLK Park craft room in favor of holding their meetings outdoors in various corners of Kingfield. This year, each month's gathering has had a particular crime prevention or safety theme. Neighbors are invited to share refreshments and meet with block leaders, business owners, representatives of the Minneapolis Police Department, and special guests.

Approximately 25 neighbors attended the June gathering, where Lieutenant Jack Kelly and Amy Lavender, the Minneapolis Police Department's Crime Prevention Specialist, provided tips on Home Security. While crime has been particularly low in our neighborhood this summer, "the most common crimes in Kingfield involve theft from cars and garages. The best way to combat this type of crime," Lavender says, "is to not leave valuables in your car and to keep your garage and car locked up."

About 15 neighbors gathered in July to talk about Personal Safety. Sifu Eric Muchowski and school-aged students from Golden Leopard Martial Arts on 38th and Grand demonstrated what they are learning in their Kung Fu class. "This is a great opportunity for younger members of the martial arts school to demonstrate their skills in front of an audience," Muchowski said. "Performing in front of people really helps them build confidence." Their message was about encouraging people to be confident and aware and to look out for potential problems before they arise. Yelling and running still top the list of the safest and most practical self-defense tactics!

August was a Fire Safety-themed block gathering. Door prizes included smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Now is a good time to prepare for the winter heating season by having your furnace tuned up, and checking the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. If you don't already have smoke detectors and a fire extinguisher in your home, consider purchasing them. The few bucks you spend on them may save you a whole lot in the event of a fire.

Upcoming CPaS Outdoor Gatherings: Tuesday, September 18th, 6:30 PM, 4400 Pleasant- Environmental Safety (Poison Control & Recycling) Saturday, October 20th, 6:30 PM, at MLK Park, on the Youthline building patio: Neighborhood Bonfire

KFNA Board Votes to Join Coalitions Opposing Constitutional Amendments: Vote No in November



These two amendments are permanent changes to our state constitution that would limit the freedom of people in this neighborhood (to vote and to marry), that would limit participation in the civic and political life of our community, and that would create a sense of persecution, exclusion and inferiority.

KFNA exists to serve the needs of the people who live, work and play here; to encourage greater participation; to advocate on behalf of the neighborhood people and to foster a stronger sense of positive community. The people of this community need their representatives and advocates to oppose laws and amendments that would harm them in these ways.

I've been a Kingfield resident since 1991, and on behalf of my family I would like to thank the board for their strong statements in opposition to amendments to our constitution which would harm my family and Minnesota.

For more information on efforts to oppose the amendments, check out the web sites of the two main opposition campaigns: mnunited.org and www.ourvote-ourfuture.org.

Betty Tisel



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Night Out scooping  
"...the flavor formerly  
known as Nicolle's  
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flavor Curry Crunch.

Calendar of Events	
Sat. Sept. 15	Garden to Table Fundraiser for Kingfield Community Garden Pleasant Garden, 38th & Pleasant Ave. 6 PM
Tues. Sept. 18	Crime Prevention and Safety (CPaS) Committee Outdoor Block Gathering 4400 Pleasant, Theme: Poison Control/Recycling. 6:30 PM
Thurs. Sept. 20	6th Annual Eating for Art (See page 1) Minneapolis One Read Kick-off, Minneapolis Convention Center 7 PM
Mon. Sept. 24	Celebrate 38th Street (See page 1)
Sat. Sept. 29	Kingfield Annual Art Show Coming March 2013! (See page 1)
Sat. Oct. 6	Thurs. Nov. 1 Community Mosaic Workshop, Southwest Senior Center 1 PM
Sat. Oct 20	Neighborhood Bonfire MLK Park, Youthline building patio 6:30 PM
Wed. Oct. 31	Halloween Party at Fuller Park for Community Service Area #10 Games, entertainment, and treat bags for children. Free. 6-8 PM
Tues. Nov. 6	Voting Day: The Kingfield neighborhood votes at MLK Park Recreation Center, 4055 Nicolette Ave. S. To verify, type in your address at pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us