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 38th! Activities are in the works at 38th & Grand and 38th & Nicollet from 11 AM to 2 PM, followed by Baggo Bean Bag Tournaments at 38th & Grand from 2-4 PM. All that who want to relax all day! Come enjoy music, dance, food, fun, special sales, prizes, and other surprises on 38th Street.

THE PARTY AT 38TH & NICOLLET INCLUDES:
• Nicollet Pothole and Créme Fraiche Curry Crunch Ice-cream provided by The Lander Group
• Hotdogs and loads of old-timey music, including bagpipes (check out the hat designed, which will then be transferred to a pattern that will be used on the community mosaic projects)
• 38th Shakers at Best Foods
• Duck Pond with prawns at Blackbird Café
• Children’s Bounce House provided by Mushy’s Body Shop
• Kidspot Activity Stations at InnerCity Tennis in MLK Park
• Bike grill on site at Fluer Meats
• Face painting and temporary tattoos from Sugar Sugar
• Bicycle check-ups by InnerCity Tennis
• Classic 361 Car display from Quality Coaches
• Photo booth by Southwest Minneapolis Patch

Get all the updated details at 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 drinks they prepare. And many are looking to you for your advice as to what improvements might be made.

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 their famous duck rice, get a Study beer at Blackbird, and kick-in over $2 to the Nicollet Station 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!

Volunteers Needed for KINGFIELDBANG!

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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 we are all equal and 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 we can get more Spanish speaking neighbors and businesses involved, feel free to contact Henry Jimenez at Henry@kingfield.org or (702) 808-7844.

TRANSLATION

¡Bienvenidos al vecindario de Kingfield!

A partir de ahora vamos a tener una sección del boletín de noticias en español para reconocer que tenemos un gran porcentaje de vecinos que hablan español y queremos ser inclusivos de las noticias y eventos promovidos en este boletín, y también querríamos que todos nos sintiéramos bienvenidos a los eventos del vecindario Kingfield.

Queremos informarles que ahora tenemos dos miembros de la asociación de vecinos que son bilingües en español y que querríamos hacer un llamado a la comunidad de todos los que tenemos bienvenidos a los eventos del vecindario Kingfield.

Si usted tiene alguna pregunta, sugerencia o ideas sobre cómo podrán 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
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Get Your Local On!

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 fundraising back to its original season as a fall fundraiser in early Spring! Details will be coming out soon, including a March date for this show, this year 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 Up/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 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 James-Robinson at sarah@kingfield.org or 612.822.5980.

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 Current 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” foods often associated with natural foods co-ops while also offering the convenience of a supermarket. Items that would be found at larger grocery stores. Two co-ops have been started in other parts of the city, and the 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

Dear Kingfield Neighbors,

Four years ago I learned that Kingfield residents’ long-time hope of having a guaranteed place to eat was going to become reality. At the same time, Kingfield was also closer to having a bicycle lane on Blaisdell and 1st Avenues. I decided to run for the board, knowing that I would need 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. outlived 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 Outreach Program. The Kingfield Outreach Program has been designed to define the vision and goals for a neighborhood to work with the city and other partners to achieve defined goals. Please contact me or Sarah Lienes-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 a new Ramsey Middle School welcomed its first students. Washburn High School is thriving. Soon Lyndale Avenue will be a Butter Bakery Cafe (relocating from 17th & Nicollet) and Riney 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 Luther King Jr. Park. Thank you to all who have supported these changes and, special thanks to the Legacy Committee, residents, businesses and those who have been a part of creating a more just, vibrant, connected neighborhood.

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.

Forever grateful,

– Scott Bordon, KFNA President

Kingfield Karma

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 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 delicious, peanut-free peanut butter chocolate cookie at Butter, for only a buck!

Such abundance. It’s all right here: Moonwatering 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 step to up do 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 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 mad at Kingfield for making it happen. Thank you, KFNA, for your commitment and for making it happen.

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 of us, 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,

– Nate Blumenshine

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.projects.html or make checks out to People for Parks, memo line “MLK Park”. The Minneapolis People For Parks, P.O. Box 24801, 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.minneapolisparks.org or contact Jennifer Engfeldt at 612-230-4644 or jengfeldt@minneapolisparks.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 Cafe at 1405 Nicollet 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 County 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 the amazing baked goods that are outsold by more than half a dozen batches in a weekend, Dan would always throw in some sort of baked goods for the cast party.

That’s why I’m so excited to be part of a organizing a neighborhood celebration of Butter’s move to its current location at 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.

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

– Jacob Tiffner

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.

Exercise at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park

4015 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.

– Sandy Schoenberger

From Your NCEC Commissioner

Hello Kingfield! My name is Henry Jimenez 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 commissioners, and I represent District 6, which includes the following neighborhoods: Kingfield, CARAG, East Isles, ECCO, Kenwood, Lowry Hill, Lowry Hill East, Whitter, Steven, Squires, Loring Heights and Lyndale. I wanted to take this time to thank you all for your energy 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 love to hear from 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 NCEC is a representation of Minneapolis communities. After the NCEC was formed, a lot of changes happened, and special thanks to the Legacy Committee, residents and businesses that are continuing to raise money for improvements to the park.

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Within a few weeks, I plan on organizing 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 sharing ideas, we can make a lot of progress. I invite you all to join me and share ideas that make Minneapolis better.

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Henry Jimenez • 702-080 7844 • jimenez11@gmail.com

A Carrot A Day?

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. It would like to get involved, their board meets every other Tuesday at 7 AM at Blue Ox Coffee, 3770 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, or on Facebook.com, facebook.com/carrotinitiative. I have already applied and am about to start on the Carrot Initiative program. 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, or find me at the desk of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Park, where I work occasional evenings.
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 Legislative Committee for Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park and longtime resident of the Field neighborhood. “We are about to 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 Wrath of Of Snakes by Isabel Wilkerson, The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot, 37 by Walter Mosley — have dealt with African American experience. But others, including The First Book of Everything 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 Diane Wilson, a member of the Rosebud Sioux tribe, to talk about the history Wilson describes.

On September 4, Jonathan Ostell 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 McDonald at lyndamcdonnell08@gmail.com. Please let me know how I can help with your community initiatives. 612-709-4775 (cell).

Bryan Thornton 4500 Block of Blaisdell bryan@kingfield.org

I serve on the Kingfield Neighborhood Association because I want to try to move 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.

Art Knowledge
3700 Blocks of Pleasant a.knowledgeweb.com or comcast.net

I was born and educated in Iowa, with frequent Minnesota vacations (Lake Vermillion). My folks moved to Northfield in 1979 and I gravitated to Minneapolis following acquaintances from college days. After gigs in North Carolina and the Bahamas I returned to 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.

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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 wood chips, 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.

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— Brook Lessen-Tabor

Get to Know Your KNFA Board Members!
Nathan Troutman Blumenshine 3900 Block of Grand Nate@kingfield.org

Having just moved to Kingfield in 2011 serving on the KNFA 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 6 months 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. 612-709-4775 (cell).

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 bunnies…” KNFA shares in that “market bliss” every Sunday. Market-goers stop by the KNFA 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 “cold comfort beer” with the KNFA board members
• learn about and support the Aliveness Project and a local Red Ribbon Bike ride team
• learn about and support Kingfield Community Gardens through their creative fundraising events, including the Kingfield Gardens Walking Tour and Gardens-To-Dinner register to vote and learn about upcoming elections
• …and much more!

Stop by the KNFA 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;
• hooking 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 KNFA table, contact ScottM@Kingfield.org

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Crime Prevention and Safety

For the past two summers, the Kingfield Crime Prevention and Safety Committee (CPAS) has forged a claim on insurance claims.

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. If you 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

Kingfielders will find two constitutional amendment questions on the ballot this November.

The Kingfield Neighborhood Association has chosen to join the coalitions of organizations opposing both amendments. It is unusual for KFNA to take a position on matters outside its primary arenas of work, but the board in a 12-1 vote (one abstention) adopted the following resolution on June 13th.

The Kingfield Neighborhood Association hereby joins the coalition of organizations, churches, synagogues, governmental bodies, and businesses opposing the two constitutional amendment questions on the November 2012 ballot.

These two amendments are permanent changes to our state constitution that would limit the freedoms 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.

For more information on efforts to oppose the amendments, check out the websites of the two main opposition campaigns: mnunited.org and www.ourvoteourfuture.org.