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SO ALIVE 2.0: Dance to Welcome The Aliveness Project to Kingfield

This past February, KFNA hosted an '80s and '90s retro dance party, So Alive (taking its name from the 1980s Love and Rockets hit), to benefit The Aliveness Project's move to Kingfield later this year. The dance party with cash bar raised almost \$5,000 and attracted more than 300 people.

Based on the success of the first dance benefit, KFNA will be hosting So Alive 2.0 on Saturday, November 9th, at Solomon's Porch, 46th Street and Blaisdell Avenue South. I again will be turning into my alter ego djoctagone (along with special guest DJs to be announced) and resurrecting dance floor classics from the '80s and '90s. Funds raised at this 2nd event will again go to The Aliveness Project and will be matched, dollar for dollar, by the Edwards Memorial Trust (see story page 2).

The first So Alive couldn't have been a success without all of its volunteers. On the day of

the event alone, volunteers logged in over 280 hours. If you're interested in helping plan, set up or staff the November event, please email info@kingfield.org.

More details will be announced on Facebook and via the KFNA e-newsletter. If you haven't already, please like our Facebook page: Kingfield Neighborhood Association.

I look forward to seeing another sea of dancing bodies and supporting all of the great work that The Aliveness Project does for those living with HIV/AIDS. Mark your calendars and get your dancing shoes ready!

— Scott Mueller, aka djoctagone & KFNA board member



No More Naked Police Dogs!



The story begins with a panicky knock on the front door in a Minneapolis neighborhood. On the front steps was a neighbor, an older teen, who was scared someone was breaking into his house. A call to 911 was made and the Minneapolis Police sent a Canine Unit to check the inside and outside of the teen's house. The other neighbor, Kim Maria Kramer, was impressed with the efficiency of the search team of the K-9 and handler who calmly assured the teen that his home was safe. It was this first interaction

with the police canines that made Kim Maria aware of how essential these little crime fighters are to her neighborhood.

When Kim Maria discovered that police dogs are not automatically issued protective vests similar to those worn by their human handlers, she stepped up and organized a grassroots movement to resolve the issue. In partnership with the Minneapolis Police K-9 Foundation, a nonprofit organization that works in cooperation with the MPD K-9 Unit to provide special needs that are unfunded through the unit's regular budget, she created a designated fund and volunteer group called the Police K9 INvest Project. This group of citizens has declared, tongue-in-cheek, "We do not want to see any more naked crime fighters."

The goal of the INvest Project is to raise funds to purchase a custom-made bulletproof vest for every MPD canine.

On Tuesday, September 17, you can help! Kingfield's September Crime Prevention and Safety Committee

meeting will be held that evening in the parking lot at Nicollet ACE Hardware, 3805 Nicollet Ave S., from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. After a review of current crime trends in the neighborhood, attendees will be treated to a special K-9 demonstration, and donations for protective vests will be collected.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you have another chance to help this worthwhile cause: For the entire month of September, Nicollet ACE Hardware will match all donations to the INvest Project made at their store.

Follow the Police K9 INvest Project on the progress of their fundraising effort, and see photos, news, milestones, birthdays, and K-9 training graduations on their Facebook page: [PoliceK9INvestProject](#).



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

Go Eating for Art on Thursday, September 19th!

Our local restaurants really appreciate art. In fact, many of them create art each and every day in the delicious dishes they prepare lovingly, by hand, for your consumption!

On Thursday, September 19th, many of our local restaurants [listed below] will give a bow to other local art by participating in Eating for Art. Now in its 7th 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. This year the funds will go to Curb Culture, a program being started by KFNA and LNA to bring a bit of art to the storefronts along our corridors. The program is being designed to create an even more unique shopping, dining and walking experience in our neighborhoods.

By donating a percentage of their sales to public art, these restaurants will help us increase art in our neighborhoods to create a welcoming corridor that reflects the spirit and soul of our community.

September 19th is the one day when for each order of Cuban hash and café con leche at Victor's 1959 Café, you are giving over \$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 \$5 to the Nicollet art pot? Or visit Anodyne for a morning bowl of their signature oatmeal, Lowbrow for homemade fish sticks at lunch, Butter Bakery for a peanut butter chocolate bar for a mid-afternoon pick-me-up, and finish off the evening at Grand Café with an elegant dinner for two... and you can consider that, besides being very full and happy, you have also contributed upwards of \$25 to creating a vibrant and interactive neighborhood!

What could be easier? Plan a coffee date, set a lunch meeting, or take your sweetie to dinner on September 19th. Your belly, and your neighborhood, will thank you for it!

Platinum Level: Grand Café, Victor's 1959 Café, The Lowbrow, Blackbird Café*, Crema Café/Home of Sonny's Ice Cream; **Gold Level:** Anodyne Coffeehouse; **Silver Level:** Bryant Lake Bowl, Butter Bakery Café, El Paraiso, Pat's Tap; **Bronze Level:** Sun Street Breads, Los Andes.



blackbird



El Paraiso
Mexican Restaurant

Los Andes



*Blackbird Café will be making a 50% donation to Eating for Art based on the number of donation vouchers they receive. Swing by the Blackbird anytime between now and Sept. 18 to grab a voucher (they're free!). Then Eat for Art at Blackbird on the 19th! Present your voucher at the end of your meal, and they'll donate 50% of your total bill.

A Warm Thank You for Voting!

Look for the blue tent outside Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park on Tuesday, November 5, all day while the polls are open. Stop by and get a free cup of coffee and chat with KFNA Board Members about all things Kingfield. It's just our way of saying "thanks for voting!"

Playground Design Launched, Concepts Up for Review October 8

A community meeting on July 30 launched the design process for the new playground at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park. Community members shared thoughts about the existing playground, hopes for the future playground, and stories related to Reverend Dr. King, the Civil Rights movement and other African American history. This information was collected through storytelling, brainstorming, individual art projects and a mini-design workshop. The meeting built on the community survey that was conducted between May 31 and July 18, and informal site visits conducted by WSB & Associates and Ta-coumba Aiken, the project consultants.

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) is pleased to announce that artists Esther Osayande, Shalette Cauley Wandrick, and Seitu Jones have joined the design team, to give visual voice to the community's stories during the playground and site design process. The MPRB thanks representatives from the Kingfield Neighborhood Association (KFNA), the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Council, project consultant, local artists, and Minneapolis Arts Commission who volunteered time and expertise to select the artists. The design team will create several playground concepts for the next community meeting, scheduled for October 8. From 6:30 to 8:30 PM at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park (4055 Nicollet Avenue), the community will be able to review and comment on concept designs for the playground. All are welcome to participate – kids too! Children can engage in the design process or take part in a child care program.



From the KFNA President

Dear Kingfield Neighbors,

National Night Out is hands-down the messiest and most pure fun we get to have as board members for KFNA. The usual routine looks like this: In the weeks before the first Tuesday in August, block leaders register their block parties. This gives them the opportunity to close the street to traffic, and to get on the list for ice cream delivery. The ever-generous Sebastian Joe's Ice Cream partners with us to create a new specialty flavor for NNO, then donates buckets and buckets of the yummy stuff for the block parties. As board members we're in on the secret new flavor weeks in advance, and get to help with the naming, if we're clever. This year's flavor was not short on "clever." Called "I Have a Dream Ice Cream," it was based on the Dreamsicle (a hit ice cream treat of the 60's) by mixing vanilla and orange sherbet, and updated with a liberal sprinkling of chocolate chunks. It was named to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington, and to celebrate the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Committee's big commemorative event in conjunction with the Freedom Jazz Fest, which occurred on August 24.

Our family was camping at St. Croix State Park the week of National Night Out this year. Once we were back in town, I dropped off the kids at home and quickly gathered my bike

and borrowed the neighbors' Burly trailer. My team of four – three board members and one helpful friend from another neighborhood – had 10 parties to visit. The evening opened with its usual good cheer amidst grills, lawn chairs, potluck platters and lemonade. It's hard to stay clean while scooping ice cream out of bike trailer, and hard to stop chatting when the scooping's done and there's another party waiting. As they say – first world problems. We'd made it through most of our list before the rain started. It came slowly at first, and then in cascades. National Night Out quickly became National Night In. We took refuge inside a house, and stayed tucked away until the wind died down. Our messy, soggy selves stopped by one more block, to find the hosts sweetly waiting for us in the shelter of their front porch, before making our bedraggled way home.

Kingfield's full embrace of NNO is awesome – of our 100 blocks, 52 had registered NNO parties. Many of these parties serve two blocks, and in at least one case four blocks, which means that some 70-odd blocks are engaged. I hope next year we can expand the effort even more. If you have ideas about how to expand the reach of NNO, or how to facilitate more relationship building and genuine exchange at an existing party, please be in touch.

With kind regards,
Hetal Dalal, KFNA President

Meet the KFNA Board



Dan Swenson-Klatt

I was inspired to run for the board because of the ability to connect with a great group of people and get more connected to the events that frame a year of living in Kingfield (i.e.: ice cream scooping). I live on the "one-way-no-way" T-road, Blaisdell at 40th, an odd spiral drive to get a bit of quiet. I like to make the walk to Harriet, I tend to spend a lot of time in my back and front yard gardens and at Butter Bakery, and I love three spots in between: Blackbird, Nicollet ACE Hardware, and Quality Coaches. I had not been a coffee drinker before buying Butter Bakery Cafe. Owning Butter for 7 years is the longest I have ever worked in the same place (over the course of 38 years of work). I sold my father's autographed baseball card collection (Mickey Mantle, Jackie Robinson, et al) to purchase Butter.



David Fenley

My fiancé and I moved here last August to escape the awful weather in Los Angeles—so far so good. The last year has confirmed my belief that the City of Minneapolis packs a punch that is by no means relative to its size. Whether it is in work or in play, we sure do know how to get things done here. Thanks to a forward thinking public, I believe Minneapolis is on a trajectory to reinvent itself over the next few decades, and I feel blessed to be a part of this progress. Becoming a KFNA board member is, I think, a way to influence how our community and city will evolve. I thank all of you who have welcomed my fiancé and me into the community and I look forward to meeting many more neighbors.

Make our Neighborhood Greener, Literally! Help Put Trees along Our Streets

Want to see more trees line our streets? The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board will take requests for trees to be planted next spring. While there is no cost to adjacent homeowners for the trees, the board needs to know where trees are desired and that they will be cared for.

To help us identify locations for trees to be planted in our neighborhood boulevards, email ben@kingfield.org and let us know if you would like:

1. a tree planted in front of your house
2. to volunteer to walk a block (or several blocks) of the neighborhood to identify where trees could go.

As volunteers walk the blocks and identify potential locations, they will leave door tags, asking if property owners would like and be willing to take care of a tree planted on a boulevard by their home.

Once we have compiled a list of potential locations in the neighborhood, we will submit the list to the Park Board this fall. They will then verify if a tree will work in each spot, determine what kind of tree would be best for the location, and where exactly it should go (by spray painting a white "T" on the curb). Note that the Park Board already plans to replace all the storm-damaged trees next spring.

– Ben Rasmussen, KFNA Board Member ben@kingfield.org



Kingfield Neighborhood Association (KFNA)

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

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or taking photographs for the *Kingfield News*,
call or email KFNA.

Little Kids' Soccer Finishes Strong



As a first-time coach, it was a little daunting for me to stare out over a sea of orange-shirted four year olds ready for the first day of soccer practice. Fortunately the Little Kids' Soccer Program had all of the volunteer coaches prepared, equipped and ready to have fun. This season marked the eleventh year of the program dedicated to teaching soccer skills to kids ages 4 to 10, while drawing kids and their parents to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park with a family-friendly outdoor activity. It was part of the fun to incorporate parents into the games we were playing, so by the end there were no spectators.

Organized by longtime neighborhood activist Michael Vanderford and ably supported by Sharon Browning, the coaches had the privilege of being trained by Sheila McGill of the University of St. Thomas. We learned games that had been honed over the years to teach great soccer skills in the most fun way possible. If my household is any indication, the kids that participated will fondly remember games like Buffalo Hunter, Tail Tag and Ouch!, while the adults walked away knowing more of their neighbors and feeling more invested in their neighborhood park.

Anyone interested in organizing a new soccer or other sports program for our park is invited to call the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. Dedicated volunteers/visionaries are necessary, as programs would start from scratch.

– Tom Parent, Volunteer Coach

The Aliveness Project Receives Matching Grant

The Aliveness Project will move into their new home later this fall at 3808 Nicollet Avenue. The new facility will be completely accessible, double the size of the old dining room, allow space for community activities and expand nutritional options in the food shelf. In 2012, Aliveness served more than 1,700 individuals living with HIV/AIDS throughout Minnesota with meals, food shelf, integrative therapies, case management, nutrition assistance, health and wellness seminars and holiday baskets. With the new larger facility, The Aliveness Project hopes to extend their reach.

This August, The Aliveness Project was awarded a \$100,000 matching grant from the Edwards Memorial Trust. If you donate now, each dollar will be matched. Nothing like doubling your donation! **Contact Tim Marburger at 612-822-7946, ext. 204 to donate, or you can donate online at aliveness.org.**

In the new space, The Aliveness Project will continue to need many volunteers for various programs. The most immediate need will be for holiday baskets. In 2012, The Aliveness Project delivered nearly 700 baskets of gifts to

people living with HIV/AIDS throughout Minnesota. Each year many volunteers are needed to coordinate groups, wrap presents, deliver baskets to homes, and "adopt" wish lists, the greatest need. When volunteers adopt a wish list from an Aliveness Project member, they receive the list with specific requests for a person or family. Spending about \$35 per person, volunteers then shop for, wrap, and return the gifts to The Aliveness Project for distribution.

In addition to holiday basket help, The Aliveness Project can use all types of volunteers from licensed therapists and board members to people to answer phones, clean, help with newsletter production, be involved with food programs and be ambassadors for Dining Out for Life.

Are you interested in seeing your new neighbor's home? The Aliveness Project will host some "hard hat tours" over the next months. September tours will take place at 6 PM on Tuesday, September 10, or Thursday, September 12, at 3808 Nicollet Avenue S. Please contact Tim at 612-822-7946, ext. 204 to RSVP. Watch The Aliveness Project website or follow them on Facebook for more upcoming opportunities.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

The Kingfield, East Calhoun, CARAG, and East Harriet neighborhood associations are partnering with Hennepin County to organize a hazardous waste collection event on Saturday, September 21. The goal of the event is to give residents a more convenient, local disposal option for their household hazardous wastes, resulting in cleaner and greener homes once the hazards are removed!

Please note: materials are accepted at no cost from households only—no business waste allowed. A partial list of accepted materials is below. For a complete list of accepted materials, and of those not accepted, visit the Hennepin County website and search for “Hazardous Waste.” Permanent County Drop-off Facilities are open year round and accept all of your problem wastes, including hazardous waste, electronics, appliances, automotive wastes, and more. Please note that fees may apply on certain items.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2013
10 AM TO 4 PM**
Bethlehem Lutheran Church
4100 Lyndale Ave. South, Minneapolis
Enter on Aldrich Avenue South

PARTIAL LIST OF MATERIALS ACCEPTED:

- Household, Lawn and Garden Products
- Adhesives (flammable or petroleum based)
- Aerosols (pressurized or containing product)
- Drain cleaner
- Driveway sealer
- Fire extinguishers
- Gas cylinders - propane less than 40 lbs.
- Paint (limit three 5-gallon pails; no limit on pails 1-gallon or smaller)
- Paint thinners, solvents and strippers
- Pesticides, insecticides and herbicides
- Rechargeable tools

MERCURY-CONTAINING ITEMS:

- Fluorescent bulbs and HID lamps (limit 25)
- Thermometers
- Thermostats

AUTO AND FUEL WASTES

- Fuel additives
- Gasoline (containers will not be returned)
- Kerosene

ITEM NOT ACCEPTED

- Appliances
- Asbestos
- Electronics
- Explosives
- Medicines or infectious wastes
- Motor oil
- Radioactive wastes (i.e. smoke detectors)
- Recyclables (scrap metal, paper, cardboard, cans and bottles, etc.)
- Tires
- Vehicle batteries

DROP-OFF RULES:

- Be prepared to show your driver's license or other proof of county residence.
- Follow the signs and stay in line.
- Secure products so they don't tip over or leak.
- Events will be shut down during inclement weather.

Building the Mosaic Gardens at MLK Park

In the winter of 2012 KFNA gathered a group of about a dozen interested neighbors of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park. Their task was to identify stakeholders in the park, create and distribute a survey to these groups, and then, based on these results, draft a vision for a community garden space at this park. Approved by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Council in April, KFNA began seeking partners and funding to begin to implement their vision of a garden where Food, Justice, and Community intersect—a site where access to land, learning, fresh produce, and opportunities become available to our entire vibrant and diverse community.

This spring KFNA entered into partnership with Project Sweetie Pie, an organization started in 2011 to develop neighborhood scattered-site gardens, to seed community activism and help each community's youth bring food justice issues forward. Receiving our first contribution of funding together in April 2013 from the Morrill Hall/Rachel Tilsen Fund, both organizations spent the next three months developing plans and an agreement to install the first phase of the garden, nine raised beds, at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park. The beds are intended to mimic KFNA and Southwest Senior Center's successful Mosaic Quilting project, also located at King Park, and thus the gardens have been named the Mosaic Garden. Like the quilted mosaic artwork, the gardens in their independent boxes combine to represent the various cultures in our community.

Built and planted in late July, the Mosaic Gardens have bloomed beautifully and now occupy a previously underutilized space on the park site under the Walldogs “Nicollet Field 1926” mural. The partners have gathered weekly to hold three Cultural Cafés on the site, to raise awareness of the new garden and bring people together to enjoy music, art, and healthy food from a variety of cultures. The goals of the garden are to educate youth and families about growing food, healthy eating, cultural similarities and differences in diet and taste, and to demonstrate the diversity of cultures in our community and celebrate their shared public space at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park.

We envision this garden will continue to provide opportunities for dialogues about food and cultural differences and similarities, as well as for sharing and laughter. In this interest, we are planning a community-brainstorming event on the evening of Sept 24, indoors at the park. Light healthy food (hopefully provided by the Mosaic Garden!) will be provided, but mostly it will be a time for discussion, for listening to the community about projects they want to initiate at the gardens in the year to come to increase the interaction of Food, Justice, and Community.



Join us for a Community-Food-Justice Discussion in the Multipurpose Room located at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 4055 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis

Tuesday Sept. 24, 6-8 PM

Together we will brainstorm ways that these three elements, FOOD, JUSTICE & COMMUNITY can intersect at the Mosaic Garden and at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park. Questions or to RSVP contact sarah@kingfield.org or 612.823.5980.

- The Mosaic Garden is a project of Project Sweetie Pie in collaboration with the Kingfield Neighborhood Association and supported by:
- Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board
 - The Morrill Hall/Rachel Tilsen Fund
 - Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Council
 - Green Earth Growers
 - MN Horticultural Society



Nicollet ACE Hardware’s Giving Program



Nicollet ACE Hardware owner Julene Lind has always been generous to our community, quietly donating to various charities she believes in. Then one day a few years ago, Julene was at a pet supply store, and at checkout was asked if she wanted to donate \$1, \$3, or \$5 to spay or neuter dogs—a great idea, she thought. Shortly after that, when Haiti was devastated by massive earthquakes, Julene wondered what she could do to help. She remembered the pet supply store employee asking for a donation and thought, why not? The employees at Nicollet ACE began

asking customers if they would like to contribute \$1, \$3, or \$5 for Red Cross relief for Haiti, and Julene offered to match each customer's donation. After only 14 days, Nicollet ACE Hardware had raised almost \$2,000!

Next, Julene started becoming more involved in the Kingfield Farmers Market. To date, Nicollet ACE Hardware has committed to donating \$4,000 a year for a total of \$16,000 for the market. This money has allowed the cost of a vendor's booth to remain affordable.

This year, Julene has decided to donate to very local causes or charities and again allow the community to participate. “I think a lot of people would like to give and financially feel it is impossible. We let them know that every dollar is matched!” she said recently. **In 2013, Nicollet ACE Hardware and their customers have contributed to:**

- St. Stephens Homeless Shelter: \$600.00
- Sabathani Food Shelf: \$698.62
- Sixth Park District Dog Park: \$584.92
- MLK Park New Children's Playground: \$994.82 (in addition to \$1,000 given at a previous fundraiser)
- Gillette Children's Hospital, through the Children's Miracle Network: over \$4,000

Next up, Nicollet ACE Hardware is accepting donations for the Police K-9 Invest Project, an organization dedicated to providing protective vests for each brave canine that works for the Minneapolis Police Department. This is in conjunction with hosting the September KFNA Crime Prevention and Safety Meeting where a Canine Unit will give a demonstration of the amazing abilities these animals bring to the law enforcement partnership. (See story on page 1.) In October Nicollet ACE will begin collecting funds for her new neighbor, The Aliveness Project (see story on page 2.)

Julene believes if the community knows that the owners of Nicollet ACE Hardware live here and deeply care about this neighborhood, they will appreciate shopping local even more. Shopping local should reach further than just restaurants and food. “If the community thinks we make a difference, they need to support us as well as the newest corner eating spot,” Julene explained. We in the Kingfield Neighborhood appreciate the difference Julene and the customers and staff of Nicollet ACE Hardware have made with their generous donations to each of these deserving local charities, and look forward to future opportunities to participate!

Home-Based Worker Events

As an engaged group of Kingfield neighbors, the Kingfield Home-Based Workers share the joys and challenges of working from our homes—whether we are self-employed or employed by others. We encourage each other’s professional endeavors, offer creative ideas, support one another and gather periodically in the neighborhood to listen and to speak.

We’re gearing up for social events in the coming months. KFNA encourages any Kingfield residents who work from home (either self-employed or employed by others) to join our LinkedIn group. You’ll find announcements for happy hour gatherings, social events and more.

www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=4812315

This is a private LinkedIn group, and you must be approved by KFNA to join. In joining this group, you agree that any information on your LinkedIn profile and any content posted within this group can be publicly shared within and outside of LinkedIn.

A Grand Happy Hour Just for You!



New at the Grand Café is Fall Movie Night! Come and enjoy an eclectic mix of films projected on the wall behind the café along with a beverage and nosh from the café kitchen, 8:30 to 10:30 PM. Continuing Fridays and Saturdays as weather permits. There is limited bench seating so bring your own lawn chair. No reservation is required.

Also available upon request at Grand Café are custom movie nights and happy hours for you and your group—perfect for birthdays, book clubs, or post-work celebrations! Food and beverage charges only—no extra fee for space. Grand Café Happy Hours and custom movie nights are available Tuesday through Sunday, 5 to 7 PM, reservations required. Call Mary Hunter at 612-822-8260 for more information.

PLAYGROUND DESIGN LAUNCHED • Continued from cover

The community process for the playground is anticipated to span through November. If planning and weather permit, construction will start in early 2014 with a grand opening in August of 2014. The MPRB has allocated \$225,000 for the project. The Legacy Council, with the help of KFNA, neighbors and local businesses, is actively fundraising to add to the project budget. **To donate to the playground** please visit <http://www.peopleforparks.net/projects.html> or make checks out to People for Parks, memo line “MLK Park,” and mail to People For Parks; PO Box 24901; Minneapolis MN 55424.

Get Involved! Please visit the project’s web page at www.minneapolisparks.org/currentprojects and sign up for updates or contact Jennifer Ringold at email: jringold@minneapolisparks.org, phone: 612-230-6464.

Improvements to *Freedom Form II* Site Set for 2014

Freedom Form II is the soul of our park. Shortly after Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King’s assassination, world renowned sculptor Daniel LaRue Johnson donated this piece to the Minneapolis Parks and the park was renamed to honor Dr. King. In the next year, we will continue improving the sculpture site with features including a paved path, granite benches with fabricated metal ornamental wraps, and interpretive markers. The project is a collaboration between the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park Legacy Council, Kingfield Neighborhood Association, Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, and is informed by community dialogue. It is partially funded through a grant from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Commission. We envision this as a place where people can learn, reflect on and contemplate Dr. King’s thoughts and ideas as well the values and lessons learned in the continuing struggle for freedom.

TIMELINE:

- Community Participation: Fall 2013
- Project Fabrication by Chicago Fire Arts: Winter 2013
- Project Installation: Spring 2014

We need your participation. At a series of community events, everyone will be invited to share their thoughts about Dr. King, the civil rights movement and what civil rights means to us today. Your ideas will be transferred to metal plates and welded to the bench wraps. The community events are to be scheduled. Please be on the lookout for dates and times.

– Art Serotoff, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Legacy Council member

EXPERIENCE NICOLLET CELEBRATION

Marking the end of two long years of construction, and the remaking of Minneapolis’ main street!

Celebrate everything our very own main street has to offer on **Saturday, October 5th!** The Experience Nicollet Celebration will showcase businesses along Nicollet from Lake to 46th Street. Individual businesses will offer specials, and family events and activities will take place along the corridor.

All the fun will take place from Noon to 4 PM and run from Lake Street to 46th Street. You’ll find sidewalk sales, live music, an interactive scavenger hunt, artists, great food, and tons of games.

In the next few weeks more information will be posted on the celebration’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/KingfieldNeighborhoodAssociation/events or the KFNA website at kingfield.org/experience-nicollet-celebration. Contact Sarah at sarah@kingfield.org or 612.823.5980 to discuss your participation in the event and then have it added to the websites!

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