



KingfieldNews



KINGFIELD PorchFest!

Kingfield PorchFest:
A Music Event on the
Profoundly Small Scale!
Thursday, June 8, 6-9PM

PorchFest began with a simple idea: Bring all the talented musicians and bands in Kingfield to play outside on a single evening, in the most intimate of environments—at their own homes, or the home of a neighbor. We thought it would be a good way for all of us to hear music we don't normally listen to, and for neighbors to build new connections while discovering each other's secret talents. Boy, were we ever right! PorchFest was met with overwhelming support by Kingfield neighbors, whose only complaint was that it doesn't happen every week!

So Kingfield PorchFest is back this year, and a number of veteran and newbie groups are excited to play for you. Our goal is to spread sites throughout the neighborhood and provide a very diverse musical lineup over the course of the evening. Audience members (and this is where YOU all come in) should pack a pocket full of cash to tip their neighborhood minstrels. Every musician at this event is playing completely for free, so we encourage you to say thank you with a 5, a 10, or whatever is in your wallet at each location you stop to visit that night!

A couple of days before the event, a map will be published listing all the musicians, their performance times, and the host sites. You can be hard-core about it: Follow the links to the musicians' websites and listen to their tunes, then map out a path through the neighborhood based on what you like. Or, you can leave it up to fate and simply bike around that evening to see what strikes you as interesting!

Be sure to tag us on Instagram while you're out and about at #KingfieldPorchFest and #kingfield_kfna, or post on our Facebook event page at Kingfield PorchFest 2017, so we can see the fun you're having! We are again looking forward to listening to some great local music with you all on June 8th!

BE OPEN TO EXPERIENCE NICOLLET!



Nicollet Open Streets returns on Sunday, September 24th: From the Kmart parking lot to 46th Street, from 11 AM to 5 PM, Nicollet Avenue will be closed to motorized transportation. It's a celebration for our street, with activities, music, food, and more! Now our biggest annual festival, Nicollet Open Streets brings out over 100 businesses and more than 15,000 neighbors each year.

Local businesses are encouraged to become Event Sponsors of Nicollet Open Streets. Nicollet Open Streets is unique because our neighborhood associations host the event, giving priority to and highlighting local businesses and organizations that participate. As your neighborhoods, we're able to provide a unified event that truly reflects who we are as a community. Each year at Nicollet Open Streets, thousands of people explore these 16 blocks by bike and on foot. By working together, we can help each of you take advantage of this increased local foot-traffic on Nicollet Avenue to increase your visibility and sales.

Sponsorship is open to all businesses on and off Nicollet. Sponsorships help us make the event successful and provide your business even greater visibility through neighborhood-wide mailings, event handouts, social media event coverage, and placement on event maps. Sponsorship levels range from \$150 to \$25,000. If you would like to learn more, contact KFNA's Executive Director Sarah Linnes-Robinson at sarah@kingfield.org / 612-823-5980. The deadline for event sponsorships is August 5th.

Additionally, more than 120 volunteers will be needed to help with all aspects of the event—crews to set up, intersection monitors, info booth sitters, neighborhood representatives, photographers, roving ambassadors and cleaners, and volunteer leaders. It's not too early to raise your hand to help out! If you're interested in volunteering, contact Aryca at the Lyndale Neighborhood Association, who is coordinating volunteers for the day of the event. E-mail or call: aryca@lyndale.org / 612-824-9402 x 14.



Photos by Ajith George



Empty Bowls Overflowing With Kindness In Kingfield!

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Outdoor Oven Opens

The Kingfield Community Outdoor Oven reopened in May, and we re-honed our pizza-making skills for close to 75 community members who dropped by that evening to hang out and enjoy fresh pizza and each other's company. Join us for the next oven party! We'll be hosting regular oven events the 2nd weekend of each month until the snow flies, so be sure you are receiving the Kingfield weekly eNews—sign up on www.kingfield.org (right-hand side of the page)—where notices will be shared about upcoming oven dates, registration details, and the focus of each unique event.

If you have questions about the oven, please feel free to contact KFNA at info@kingfield.org or 612.823.5980.



The 35TH Annual Minneapolis National Night Out: Tuesday, August 1, 2017

National Night Out is an annual nationwide event that encourages residents to get out in their communities by holding block parties and getting to know neighbors, with the goal of making our neighborhoods safer. It's a great way to promote community-police partnerships and meet others, while enjoying a Minnesota summer evening surrounded by friends and family.

Start planning your party! For more information on planning and registering your event, visit: www.minneapolismn.gov/nno/index.htm.

If you register by July 19th, you may be able to close off your street for free, and have an opportunity to receive the annual free ice cream delivery by the Kingfield Neighborhood Association's board of directors!

Would you love to participate in National Night Out, but your block is not having a party? Contact Cheryl (Cheryl@Kingfield.org) to get help organizing your block!

Or, maybe you won't be in town for National Night Out. That's okay! Just leave on your porch light on August 1st to show your support!

From the KFNA President



Over the last few months the City of Minneapolis has planned and hosted a community conversation in each of five sectors of the city. The last one, for Southwest neighborhoods, took place at our very own Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park on May 8th. These conversations, dubbed “Neighborhoods 2020 Cafés,” were held so the city could gather information from residents about the priorities, funding, and actual existence of neighborhood organizations post 2020, when the current funding structure ends. This is a very big deal to KFNA and neighborhood organizations around the city. Without stable funding, many neighborhood organizations will cease to exist, eliminating a vital connection between residents and the city.

I view KFNA and neighborhood organizations around the city as a tool in the belt of city government to engage residents and combat systemic oppression. Any attempt to defund or otherwise undermine neighborhood organizations only hurts the City of Minneapolis’ stated goal to eliminate inequities across the city.

As an attendee who lives in another neighborhood so eloquently stated about the May 8th Southwest Neighborhoods 2020 Café, “The participants clearly enjoyed mixing and exchanging ideas. You created an environment where we came to feel like members of one neighborhood rather than 70 separate ones; I felt the boundaries crumbling. If 2020 planning engages neighborhoods to create a shared vision that encompasses and unleashes the potential from as many residents as possible, from every corner of our fortunately diverse city, it will be a superb achievement.”

Neighborhood organizations are small and agile entities that have the potential to evolve away from systemic racism and be more flexible to respond to issues at a faster

rate than city government. This is because neighborhood organizations have few to no permanent staff and the boards turn over every couple of years; therefore, the makeup can drastically change in a few short years. It is also because we are often the “closest to the ground” and have the most direct relationship with the broadest number of residents.

In terms of protected class, age, and renter/owner status, the KFNA board closely reflects our neighborhood demographics. But this does not mean we rest on our laurels when it comes to resident engagement; it is just a first step. As I have stated in my last few columns right here, KFNA is evolving in an attempt to reflect and serve all Kingfield residents.

We are at a clear junction in society where activism and unrest is palpable. The City of Minneapolis, its neighborhoods, and other justice-minded organizations need to work together now more than ever.

– David Fenley, KFNA President

MEET YOUR KFNA BOARD



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My favorite neighborhood events are the ones that allow us to gather outdoors for conversation and food. It’s great to see neighbors and friends I already know, and even better to rub shoulders with strangers. I’m excited to be part of KFNA as it helps make our city stronger: more welcoming to newcomers and immigrants; safer for tenants, pedestrians and bikers; and more sensible in how zoning supports new businesses and retains our history.



Erica Torres Baagason

My family and I moved to Kingfield one year ago this July. Our crazy house-hunting adventure led us back to the neighborhood I grew up in! I am excited to have recently joined the board and to incorporate the work I have been doing with Kingfield’s Equity & Outreach Committee. I am equally excited to start planning the upcoming Nicollet Open Streets, my favorite event in our neighborhood. I look forward to meeting more of my neighbors and discussing what we want to see for our future, here in Kingfield.

KINGFIELD GARDEN TOUR Beautiful AND Pesticide-Free?



The City of Minneapolis has been declared a pollinator-friendly community, encouraging residents and businesses to increase our pollinator-friendly landscape while eliminating the use of herbicides and pesticides. Is it possible to have a beautiful and bountiful garden without chemical treatments?

If that describes your garden, then we need your help! Volunteer your garden (or nominate a neighbor) for the 9th Annual Kingfield Garden Tour! This year’s tour takes place the evening of Thursday, July 13th. The tour is self-guided, and we ask that gardeners, garden designers, and families greet the tour participants, and, if possible, answer questions about your garden’s design and contents from 6 to 8 PM. Please consider showing off your success stories by sending your contact information to info@Kingfield.org.

Want to learn the secrets from successful gardeners? Be sure to save the date, then watch the Kingfield weekly eNews for tour ticket sales.



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

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

Treasurer’s Report



Happy spring, everyone! The Kingfield neighborhood is ramping up for a flurry of events this summer. Are you fully connected to what’s happening? KFNA sends out a weekly newsletter via email that has up-to-the-minute information on everything going on, from large-scale, scheduled events (PorchFest, Garden Tour, National Night Out, Open Streets) to meetings that come up more organically on issues important to the neighborhood. If you aren’t getting this e-newsletter yet, I recommend going to our site and signing up! The link is <http://kingfield.org>.

And while you are checking out the website, please consider donating to KFNA. Donations are tax deductible and support your totally local nonprofit and all the work that it does to address community issues, implement community solutions, and provide these amazing neighborhood activities. And if you are looking for more ways to participate in these events, you will find options here too. We love our volunteers! Without your help, we could not do as much as we do to build a strong, connected neighborhood community.

Thank you all for your support of our neighborhood, and I look forward to seeing you at events this summer!

– Lesa Hudak, KFNA Treasurer

Kingfield Farmers Market

The Kingfield Farmers Market (4310 Nicollet Ave. S.) is open for the 2017 outdoor season! Stop by the market on Sundays from 8:30 AM to 1 PM, now through October 29th, and make shopping for fresh and local fruits, veggies, meats, and cheeses a part of your weekly routine. Springtime vegetables include rhubarb, asparagus, spinach, lettuce, peas, and radishes. Stock up while they last, as their season is fleeting!

In addition to the amazing farm-fresh goodies, the Kingfield Market is the perfect place to discover creative locally made foods and tasty treats. The lineup of food vendors is a little different every Sunday: Check out Root to Rise Kitchen’s satisfying vegan fare one week, sip on a fizzy ginger beverage from Ginger Mann the next, or pick up a pie from Wicked Tarts. Sign up for our e-newsletter at neighborhoodrootsmn.org to receive the full list of the vendors attending the market each week.

Also keep an eye on our website calendar for a listing of fun activities and music at the market. Don’t miss the grilling demo in July, or our annual canning demo on August 13th. You’ll also find art and science activities for kids, and live music every week. Be sure to stop by the KFNA table in the middle of the market to meet community partners, and to find out what the Kingfield Neighborhood Association is working on next.

To further support the Kingfield Market, shop at the Wedge Co-Op during June, and round up your change at the register: Kingfield Market’s parent organization, Neighborhood Roots, is the Wedge Co-op’s Change Matters recipient for the month.

And, mark your calendar for the annual Neighborhood Roots Rootenanny on July 29th! Join friends, neighbors, and fellow market enthusiasts in the parking lot of Nicollet Ace Hardware (3805 Nicollet Ave. S.) that Saturday, from 6 to 10 PM, and dance to tunes from the amazing Afro-Latin band Malamanya! Purchase tickets ahead of time for \$15 (available at Nicollet Ace Hardware, or Kingfield, Fulton, and Nokomis farmers markets), or at the door for \$18. Celebrate and support local food and community with a fun night out!



GARDENING FOR GOOD



The MLK Community Donation Garden benefiting The Aliveness Project returns for its second season! 100% of the produce grown goes directly to Aliveness’ meal program and food shelf serving community members living with HIV/AIDS.

Individuals with HIV/AIDS have unique nutritional challenges, including maintaining a healthy weight and reducing the side effects of treatments. Some are also managing a second chronic condition, such as diabetes or high cholesterol. Many also face food insecurity.

To address these concerns Aliveness offers a host of food and nutrition services to its members, including individual nutrition counseling with a registered dietitian, group wellness seminars, a food shelf, a hot meal program, and the garden. These programs encourage members to make smarter eating choices, to be more physically active, and to connect with their community –ultimately supporting them in their efforts to lead healthy, self-directed lives.

To kick off the 2017 gardening season, Aliveness partnered with Minneapolis Parks and Recreation and the Kingfield Neighborhood Association for an Earth Day cleanup event at MLK Park on April 22nd. Hennepin County Master Gardeners and other attendees weeded the garden beds and added rich compost to the soil. The planting of cool-weather vegetable seeds was delayed due to a rainy end of April, but we are eager to dig in and start planting!

Interested in helping grow vegetables for the food shelf and meal program? Want to learn more about vegetable gardening? Join us at the northwest corner of MLK Park (40th and Nicollet) every Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 PM to tend the garden and learn tips from the Master Gardeners. Come as often as you can! (Please note that meetings may be cancelled due to rain.)

For more information about the garden project, or about food and nutrition services at The Aliveness Project, contact Arissa at 612-822-7946, ext. 217, or arissa@aliveness.org.

To make a healthy food donation to The Aliveness Project food shelf, contact Dan Capelli at 612-822-7946, ext. 205, or dan@aliveness.org. Examples of healthier donations include fresh, canned (in 100% juice), or frozen fruit and vegetables; dried (or canned lower-sodium) beans; whole grain products; and lower-sugar, higher-fiber cereals.

To make a cash donation, please visit <http://aliveness.org/donate>. A gift of just \$25 provides eight hot, balanced meals!

– Arissa Anderson, MPH, RD, LD
Nutrition & Wellness Programs Director
The Aliveness Project

Building Blocks of Kindness

After the November election, many of the women on our block—the 4200 block of Garfield Avenue—felt shocked, disheartened, and worried. Like people all over the country, we started asking ourselves what we could do to foster the kindness and generosity that exemplifies the best in us. About 10 women came together for our first meeting in January, both to commiserate and to encourage positive action.

Although many of our members are individually active in areas such as politics, the environment, and education, we decided to focus our group energies on issues involving immigrants and refugees. We call ourselves the Garfield Resistance Group. At our meetings we write postcards to legislators, share good sources of news and information, talk about what we’ve done individually, and generally create community.

The women in this group like each other and have always enjoyed an easy camaraderie. But coming together in this way has strengthened our understanding of and respect for each other. Sometimes we’re energized; sometimes we’re discouraged. But as one member reminds us, “The only bad thing you can do is nothing.”

We have always had a cohesive and friendly block. Even those of us who disagree politically or socially still find

much to like and admire about each other. Spending time together as a neighborhood made it easy to determine who might be interested in such a group. Most of the people who were invited to the first get-together were interested, and some of them suggested other potential members. We now have a working group of about 14 women.

We have already contributed to one fundraiser. One member discovered a group called Flour Power (“Nasty Women Baking for Change”) that sponsors bake sales—that time-honored fund-raising method—to support progressive causes. Our group provided treats that Flour Power sold at the Powderhorn May Day celebration on May 7th.

A second Garfield Resistance fundraiser is scheduled for June 10th from 5 to 8PM at the home of one of our members. We’ll serve a selection of appetizers (provided by Afro Deli and Grill, an immigrant-run catering business) and drinks. Suggested admission price is \$50 per ticket. All proceeds will be divided between the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota and the International Institute of Minnesota. If you are interested in attending or donating, contact dmpichel@gmail.com.

– The Garfield Resistance Group

Parallel Parkletting



Hello neighbors! My name is Sean McAneney. I’m a Kingfield neighbor and 14-year-old Boy Scout with Mayflower Church’s Troop 187. I’m currently working to become an Eagle Scout, which is the highest rank in scouting.

One of the requirements to become an Eagle Scout is to do a service project that benefits your community. For my Eagle project, I’m planning to build a parklet for the Kingfield neighborhood.

A parklet is a sidewalk extension that runs parallel to the curb and provides seating areas, green space, and amenities for people who want to sit and enjoy the neighborhood. Often located by a business node, a parklet allows someone to linger without needing to purchase food or beverages from a restaurant like you do at a sidewalk café. Usually parklets are installed on parking lanes and use several parking spaces. They are installed during the summer and stored during the winter. A nice thing about parklets is that they can be moved from place to place over the course of the summer. We hope to find multiple partners throughout the summer interested in providing unique, small-scale, intimate programming.

I’ve discussed this project with the Kingfield board and executive director. We are currently in the planning stages for the project. I’m hoping to begin construction on the parklet in late June. Volunteers to help with construction would be welcome! If you are interested in helping out or can donate wood or other materials (e.g. plants, chairs, tables) that would be useful for this project, please contact me by email at sean.r.mcaneney@gmail.com. Thank you!

– Sean McAneney

KFNA is partnering with Lyndale, Central, and Bryant neighborhoods to Get Out the Vote in the 2017 election!

In 2013 the neighborhoods of Kingfield, Central, Bryant and Lyndale had 230,000 registered voters, but only 33% turned out for that year’s citywide election. This year, KFNA will work with a coalition of neighborhood organizations to make our community’s voice heard and get people engaged in the municipal election. Funded by the MPLS Foundation, KFNA and neighborhood volunteers will work to identify community issues, host discussions with mayoral and city council candidates, and get voters to the polls on November 7th.

As a first step, KFNA will be working with the partnering neighborhood associations to create a “common value statement” that describes the issues that are most important for our communities. We will use this statement to set the agenda for both Ward 8 candidate

discussions and Mayoral debates. KFNA will be bringing a draft of this “common value statement” to various locations and activities this spring to get resident feedback on its creation.

If you are interested in helping us with this work, we would love to hear from you! We will be looking for assistance in sharing the draft of common values and collecting feedback from Kingfield neighbors, door knocking in the four neighborhood areas, and planning discussions with mayoral and city council candidates. If interested in helping with any of these projects over the course of the next six months, please contact Sarah at sarah@kingfield.org or 612.823.5980.

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MLK Park
Summer Fun

We are gearing up for another great summer at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park with camps and programs planned to keep your kids busy. The gym, computer lab, and game room are open most every day, so just call down and see what is available. The wading pool is open until 10 PM every day, and the new playground is in full swing. You will also notice two new Little Free Libraries located by the playground and the garden. A shady tree in the park is a great spot to read to your child, so stop by and pick out a book.

The summer brochure for several parks in this area is located on the website www.minneapolisparcs.org. From the home page, click Parks & Destinations/ Recreation Centers/ Rev. Dr. MLK Rec Center/ Activity Guide. The guide has a complete list of summer programs, and I encourage you to see what’s going on; brochures are also available at the park. The park is again teaming up with local partners to offer a series of camps scheduled throughout the summer running Monday through Thursday. We also offer weekly programs for youth, adults, and families at the park. Space is limited, so register now. From the website, click on Activities and Events/ browse summer registration and enter the registration number listed in the brochure.

Finally, please join us for two special events this summer. The 17th Annual Ice Cream Social is scheduled for July 13th at 6:30 PM. And the new playground dedication will be featured at the Our Beloved Community event on August 19th at 1 PM. Music, games, rides, food, and great neighbors will be featured at both events.



I-35W Reconstruction Project

Beginning this summer, MnDOT will be administering a contract to reconstruct Interstate 35W from 43rd Street into the Interstate 94 Commons. This project will enhance transit on Interstate 35W; construct a Transit Station on Interstate 35W over Lake Street; provide new access from Northbound Interstate 35W to 28th Street, and new access from Southbound Interstate 35W to Lake Street; and reconstruct the overpass bridges over Interstate 35W. Construction is anticipated to start in August of 2017 and be completed in the fall of 2021. For additional information, please visit MnDOT’s project website at www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/i35wminneapolis.

EMPTY BOWLS
OVERFLOWING
WITH KINDNESS
IN KINGFIELD!

KFNA wants to extend our thanks for the generosity of our local restaurants that provided delicious steaming soup, savory hot bread, and tasty treats to February’s Kingfield Empty Bowls event, and to the hundreds of neighbors that came together that evening to raise funds for Nicollet Square.

Nicollet Square is an independent living option in the Kingfield Neighborhood for 42 youth that have experienced long-term homelessness, and we are proud to work with them and their parent company, Beacon Interfaith Housing, to make Kingfield feel like a home to every one that lives here.

This year more than 750 neighbors gathered at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park to eat side by side and share a monetary donation with Nicollet Square. This year, diners’ contributions combined to result in KFNA’s largest donation ever—over \$9,000—to Nicollet Square.

Thanks to each and every contributor to Kingfield Empty Bowls 2017! And be sure to join us again at NEXT February’s Empty Bowls event!



EQUITY SIGNS

As the ground thawed, our neighborhood’s Equity & Outreach Committee signs began popping up everywhere—from women-owned businesses on Eat Street and Northeast, to May Day floats and to businesses and homes right here in Kingfield! What an amazing visual to see across our city, and to know it all started from neighbors gathering around a table at Butter Bakery.

If you haven’t purchased a sign yet, they are still available at Butter Bakery and ColorWheel Gallery. All proceeds cover the cost of the sign, as well as signs for those who are unable to make a donation. Thank you to both of these local businesses for their continued support and commitment to equity.

If you are interested in the work of Kingfield’s KFNA Equity & Outreach Committee, meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park at 6 PM. Please check in at the front desk when you arrive, as our location in the building changes from month to month. Please note that there will be no meeting during the month of July.

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