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## LEARN HOW TO GROW VEGETABLES:

Gardening Basics Classes Offered in English and Spanish!

Take a vegetable gardening class taught in Spanish at Sabathani Community Garden this summer. Monthly Saturday classes are taught by University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardeners in Hennepin County and translated into Spanish by Kingfield neighbor Marianna Padilla. **Call 612-547-6910 to register.**

Gardening Classes in English are also available on five consecutive Tuesdays beginning April 9, 6-7:30 PM at MLK Park. Contact KFNA to see if there is still room in the class by calling 612-823-5980, or emailing [info@kingfield.org](mailto:info@kingfield.org).

### Aprende a cultivar vegetales/verduras

Aprende a cultivar vegetales/verduras en una parcela en el Jardín Comunitario de Sabathani, 310 East 38th Street. Las clases serán de 9am a 11am por cinco sábados, 20 de Abril, 18 de Mayo, 22 de Junio, 24 de Agosto y 21 de Septiembre.

### Las clases serán en Español e Inglés. Las clases son gratuitas.

Usted recibirá una pequeña parcela y le daremos algunas semillas y plántulas para sembrar. Cada clase vamos a ver

su parcela y le ayudará a saber cómo plantar, cómo deshierbar, regar, separar las plantas y la manera de cosechar.

Le ayudaremos a resolver problemas tales como insectos y enfermedades. Vamos a hablar de cómo cultivar en Minnesota con su estación de siembra tan corta.

Muchas personas de diferentes culturas cultivan en Sabathani. Algunos jardineros con experiencia nos mostrarán sus parcelas y nos dirán cómo sembrar/cultivar.

Si usted asiste a cuatro de las cinco clases entonces puede ser el primero en la lista de espera para obtener una parcela permanente en el Jardín Comunitario de Sabathani en el 2014.

Las clases serán enseñadas por la Universidad de Minnesota Extensión de Jardineros Maestros en el condado de Hennepin.

**Por favor llame al 612-547-6910 para registrarse**

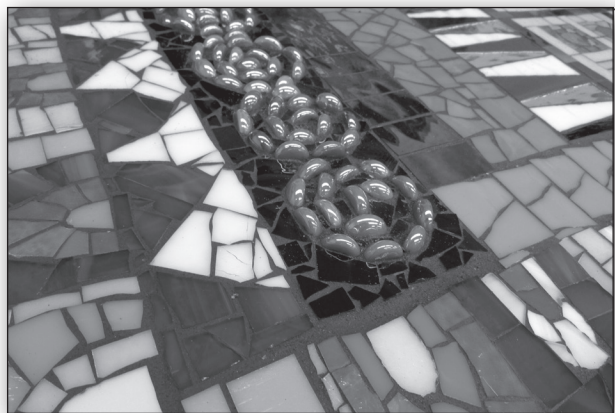
## SO ALIVE:

Dancing Bodies Help Welcome The Aliveness Project to Kingfield



On February 22nd, KFNA hosted So Alive, a fundraising dance party for The Aliveness Project, who are slated to move into their new home at 3808 Nicollet Avenue later this year. The organization purchased the Nicollet Avenue building, but needed to raise additional funds through their Capital Campaign to begin renovations on the space. A fundraiser was an opportunity to help others living with HIV/AIDS, and to help Kingfield learn more about and embrace its new neighbor. What KFNA helped put together turned out to be a most amazing night.

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## QUILTED MOSAIC UNVEILED

The creation of this 10-paneled piece of public art has taken on greater significance as all the parts have come together to be one whole. This project has brought together multiple neighborhoods and over 300 individuals ranging from 4-97 years of age, various cultures and numerous senior centers, including Park Elder Center, Centro Senior Center, El Centro, Sabathani Senior Center, and the Southwest Senior Center. Many neighbors have gathered repeatedly at the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park and Southwest Senior Center to cut, place, and attach thousands of pieces of glass. Like a quilt, the artwork and our community have grown both more intricate and more beautiful when viewed as a whole, rather than as its parts.

The results are stunning and will be a testimony to what a village can do together for generations to come. Please join us for food, music, and a short presentation as a thank you to the many, many volunteers who gave their time and energy to this project! We hope the various cultural textile patterns serve as a reminder to all cultures and people that they are welcome and celebrated within our community.

### QUILTED MOSAIC UNVEILING

**Saturday, April 27, 1-2:30 PM**

[Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park]

Presentation at 1:30 PM • Unveiling at 2:00 PM

## ON THE ROAD AGAIN!

KFNA's Traveling Block Parties Start in June

In an effort to connect with the community and provide access to safety information as well as local police officers, KFNA's Crime Prevention and Safety committee (CPaS) steps out of the park building each spring and takes its meetings to the streets!

**On May 21**, CPaS will celebrate the return of the season with a small reception for KFNA's new Project Organizer, Cheryl DeGroff, at 6:30 PM at the Nicollet entrance of King Park. This will be followed by a graffiti and trash pickup in the area.

**On June 18** the committee will move farther out to host a block party in the neighborhood. Where exactly? Well, it is up to you!

If you want the traveling block party to come to your street, complete with popsicles, wienies, sidewalk chalk, friendly police officers, and who knows what else, just send a note to [Cheryl@kingfield.org](mailto:Cheryl@kingfield.org) about why CPaS should visit your street this summer. [Alternatively you may mail your request to KFNA, 3754 Pleasant Ave. S, Minneapolis, MN 55409.]

## Are You Eco?

Lots of Kingfield neighbors do small things every day that help improve the environment of our neighborhood, city, and world. The small steps we each take can add up to big environmental impacts, so don't get overwhelmed that you need to change the world by yourself. Instead contact KFNA and offer to share your unique, cool, crazy, or even really simple "small step."

KFNA would like to collect a dozen or so of these small ideas and then work directly with a team of neighbors to find ways to "spread the green" by sharing the ideas with others—maybe via the newsletter, maybe at a hands-on EcoFair this fall, or maybe in other ways we haven't thought of yet. If every neighbor takes on one additional small green-minded action, we can make Kingfield an even healthier and happier place to be!

Contact KFNA at [info@kingfield.org](mailto:info@kingfield.org) or 612.823.5980. Please include your name, address, email, phone, and your green idea you would like to share. Let's work together to green Kingfield!

## KFNA Welcomes Cheryl DeGroff as Our Project Organizer!



Cheryl is a retired police officer from Florida who worked for local and state law enforcement agencies for almost 30 years before relocating to Minneapolis last August. Having grown up in upstate New York, she was somewhat prepared for our Minnesota winters, and is enjoying learning about our city and our community. Cheryl lives in

Kingfield, serving as a block leader on the 3700 block of Pillsbury. One of her first experiences with KFNA was as a volunteer, helping plan and host the recent "Empty Bowls" event—you may have even spotted her washing bowls! She loves event planning and has a passion for crime prevention, and will bring her expertise in both areas to her position as our new Project Organizer for the Kingfield Neighborhood Association. Be sure to say "hi" when you see Cheryl around the neighborhood!

## It May Be "Annual," But That Doesn't Make It the "SAME-OLD, USUAL" Meeting!

**KFNA's Annual Meeting is taking a page from its own playbook and moving out into the neighborhood this year!** Historically the meeting takes place on a beautiful spring evening, and people are a bit hesitant to come into the park building and miss the first lick of sunshine, so this year we are holding the Annual Meeting inside the big-windowed, bright new space of the lovely **Butter Bakery Café**.

On Monday, April 22, at 6:30 PM we welcome you to join the KFNA Board and your neighbors at Butter, 3700 Nicollet, for a Kingfield-only potluck party. The event will include the melodious sounds of Kingfield musician Benjamin Pena, delicious treats handmade by Butter themselves, and information from KFNA on activities and events from the year past and for the year to come.

Also at this meeting we will welcome six new board members, elected by you, the public. You can even be one of these board members if you want—learn more by attending the Board recruitment party one week earlier (see sidebar story). If you can't make this pre-party, don't worry—you may contact Executive Director Sarah Linnes-Robinson anytime at [sarah@kingfield.org](mailto:sarah@kingfield.org) or 612.823.5980 and she will be happy to chat with you about board needs and responsibilities. Or, simply nominate yourself at the Annual Meeting while you are there! Each KFNA Board member serves a two-year term.

We hope to see you at **Butter on April 22**...and wander by the week before the meeting to watch (and help create!) the growing community-window-art we are envisioning as well!

### DEAR NEIGHBOR:

Here's an invitation to create new friendships and connections, to conspire happily in the creation of community-building events, and to engage in nuanced and creative discussions on how to promote the welfare of our neighborhood, our city and our world. **KFNA is seeking new board members!** Our annual elections will be held at the Annual Meeting and Potluck on April 22.

**In advance of that meeting, I'd like to invite you to my home to talk.** We'll have pizza and drinks, and conversation about the pain and the pleasures of joining the KFNA board, what skills and interests are on our "wish list" to supplement the strengths of the current board, and why joining the board might make the coming year interesting and enlivening for you. Let me know in advance so we have enough food and drink, and I'll work out child care if you need it as well.

### Board Recruitment Party

**RVSP to 612-724-0117, or [dala0015@gmail.com](mailto:dala0015@gmail.com)  
Wednesday, April 17, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM  
at the home of Hetal Dalal**



From the KFNA President



Dear Kingfield Neighbors,

Term limits dictate that this will be my last column as President of the Kingfield Neighborhood Association Board. I have been grateful for the opportunity to serve on the board during the past four years, the last two as president.

My passion for a community school for Kingfield led me to serve on the board. My passion wasn't new to our neighborhood: In 1998 Kingfield said the lack of a neighborhood school had "a negative impact on the education of our youth and the livability of the community."

I came to the board in 2009, following a process Minneapolis Public Schools called "Changing School Options." The district had said the system that gave Kingfield 17 school choices was unsustainable. After much neighborhood uncertainty, debate, sometimes chaos, the district declared Lyndale Community School the designated neighborhood school for Kingfield. I and a number of like-minded families embraced the until-then-much-maligned school, believing in the common good, that we are part of the system and not outside of it, and that the individual choices we make impact the whole.

Kingfield now has seven elementary school choices, and in a time of a 25-million dollar

shortfall within the school district, we may be poised again to examine our values, our choices, and their impact.

During my time on the board I have enjoyed watching other neighbors who value diversity, equity, and achievement embrace the new community school. The neighborhood response to Lyndale led directly to the second walkable community school for our neighborhood, Ramsey Middle School. I am glad that children in Kingfield now have a strong elementary, middle, and high school pathway in Lyndale-Ramsey-Washburn, a pathway that is walkable or bikeable from all corners of our neighborhood's boundaries.

Walkability has improved in our neighborhood in other ways as well. Neighbors walk to restaurants, businesses, gardens and King Park. Like many of you, I look forward to again spending part of my Sunday walking to the Kingfield Farmers Market, buying what's in season, and greeting friends old and new. The sidewalk experience builds a neighborhood.

Please come to the Annual Meeting on Monday, April 22. Walk or bike if you can. Share a meal with your neighbors, find out what is going on, and perhaps run for the board. To be relevant, the organization needs more voices. I invite you to take your passion and share it with the neighborhood.

With kind regards,  
– Scott Bordon, KFNA President

Kingfield's Pleasant Community Garden



The Kingfield Neighborhood Association leases the land just north of the Center for Performing Arts (CPFA) for a community garden. Now in its fourth year, KFNA rents individual plots for \$40 a season, plus one hour per month of service to the communal garden on the site or towards gardening events. We reserve 20% of the plots for CPFA tenants (either studio or hourly). Applications and fees are due by April 16, 2013. If more applicants are available than plots, a lottery will take place. There is a mandatory garden meeting on the evening of April 30 for those who receive garden plots. **You can find the application and garden procedures at [kingfield.org/green/community-gardens/community-gardens-information-applications](http://kingfield.org/green/community-gardens/community-gardens-information-applications) or pick up an application outside the KFNA office, room 101, The Center for Performing Arts, 3754 Pleasant Ave. S.**

The New Playground at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Park: Planning Update

Community meetings for planning our new playground are happening this spring! The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB), working with representatives from the Kingfield Neighborhood Association and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Council, is in the process of selecting a landscape architecture firm to design the playground; at the time of this writing, final interviews are taking place.

The planners then hope to hire an artist and schedule community meetings later this month. The artist will work collaboratively with the community, project consultant and MPRB staff throughout the design process, to help bring civil rights and/or African American history to life within the playground design. Open community meetings will be used to gather input and feedback from park users of all ages. If planning and weather permit, construction would start in late 2013 with a grand opening in 2014.

Keep informed about the progress of this playground project: Visit the project's web page at <http://www.minneapolis-parks.org/default.asp?PageID=1359> and sign up for updates. You are also invited to be involved in the planning of the playground! Contact Jennifer Ringold at email: [jringold@minneapolis-parks.org](mailto:jringold@minneapolis-parks.org), phone: 612-230-6464.

If you would like to donate to the playground or the park, please visit [www.peoplefor-parks.net/projects.html](http://www.peoplefor-parks.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.



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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The KFNA Board meets the 2nd Wed. of the month at 7 pm at Martin Luther King Park, 4055 Nicollet Ave S

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I resurrected my DJ alter ego of djoctagone to open the night and called on friend DJ Jake Rudh to help host So Alive. Solomon's Porch at 46th Street and Blaisdell graciously donated their facility to us. Kingfield neighbor Tad Salyards provided sound support and gear, including the fog machine and lasers on the dance floor, and arranged the DJ crew in Solomon's Upper Sanctuary. Neighbors Noah and Genevieve Hall provided their skills to design the posters and artwork for So Alive. Victor's 1959 Café lent KFNA their liquor license, allowing us to sell beer and wine. Dozens of others stepped up in volunteering—friends, neighbors, Aliveness Project Ambassadors and Porchers (members of the Solomon's Porch faith community)—contributing 280 volunteer hours on the day of the event alone!

Additional donations of wine and beer were made by Kings Wine Bar, Lake Wine & Spirits, Summit Brewing, Cat and

Fiddle Beverage Company and my wife's supervisor, Joe Santos. Many Kingfield businesses helped sell So Alive pre-sale tickets and offered specials in conjunction with So Alive, including Anodyne, Blackbird Café, Butter Bakery & Café, Grand Café, Kings Wine Bar and Sugar Sugar.

Approximately 300 people showed up, most of whom danced to hits from the '80s and early '90s.

The response from all of the attendees was phenomenal—especially on the dance floor, where a giant sea of bodies moved and shook like you wouldn't believe. The event raised \$4250 for The Aliveness Project's move to Kingfield, where they will continue to meet the needs of the 1700+ people whom they serve.

To all of the volunteers who helped make this benefit party a success, and to all of the people who came out for a night of dancing, I cannot thank you enough. KFNA is excited to welcome The Aliveness Project to Kingfield, and we look forward to seeing all of the activity in the coming months as they prepare their new home.

– Scott Mueller, aka djoctagone & KFNA Board Member



Judson Street Fest: A 10-Year Tradition, Growing Bigger and Stronger Every Year!

On Saturday, May 18, KFNA will be a major part of the Judson Street Fest, on the corner of 41st Street and Harriet Avenue South. The Judson Street Fest is in its 10th year. It is an event which has three goals: to build connections within the community, to raise some money, and to have fun.

This year KFNA will be in charge of the giant inflatables and outdoor games, and will have the dunk tank for parts of the day. Money raised at those activities will go to the new playground that will be built at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park in the coming year. Both KFNA and Judson Baptist Church are excited about this opportunity to raise the needed funds for this new play space!

In addition to Kingfield's parts of the Street Fest, there will be music on the street corner and inside the church throughout the day, vendors, a silent auction, a plant sale, food and beverages by Kings (from the 46th & Grand restaurant), a Meals on Wheels service project, indoor games and activities, and much more.

The Street Fest is an event for people of all ages: It is kid-friendly and adult-enjoyable. Plan to be there on Saturday, May 18, between 11 AM and 8 PM. KFNA kid-focused activities will be in the 11 AM to 5 PM time frame, so be sure to stop by then.

Watch for more details on the weekly KFNA email list as May 18 approaches. If you aren't on the email list join it by visiting [www.kingfield.org](http://www.kingfield.org) and signing up on the left-hand side of the page. Mark your calendar now for the festival, however, for we expect it will be a fun day for all!



# Building Bridges Book Club

The Building Bridges Book Club invites neighbors from both sides of 35W to join them the first Tuesday of every month from **6:30 to 8 PM at Living Spirit United Methodist Church** (4501 Bloomington Ave S.).

Upcoming books are *Tree of Sighs* by Lucrecia Guerrero (**May 7**); *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion* by Jonathan Haidt (**June 4**); and *No Crystal Stair: A Documentary Novel of the Life and Work of Lewis Michaux*, Harlem Bookseller by Vaunda Michaux Nelson (**July 2**).

Previous books have included *The Latehomecomer*, *Spirit Car*, and *The Warmth of Other Suns*. And this past February, the Book Club sponsored a community conversation with Jonathan Odell, author of *The View from Delphi* and *The Healing*, which brought more than 35 people together to talk with neighbors about race and privilege. Connect with the book club at [www.facebook.com/buildingbridgesmpls](http://www.facebook.com/buildingbridgesmpls) or via email to [BuildingBridgesMinneapolis@groups.facebook.com](mailto:BuildingBridgesMinneapolis@groups.facebook.com).

## NICOLLET RECONSTRUCTION

The Nicollet Avenue Reconstruction Project will continue this year between 36th Street and 40th Street. Minneapolis Water already has begun to replace some of their gate valves in preparation for the road work and water main cleaning and lining. Minneapolis Traffic has installed temporary street lighting and will be removing the existing street lighting soon. The street lighting will be reinstalled following the road work.

It's anticipated that the road contractor, Thomas and Sons, will begin work in late April or early May. This year's work will be done in two phases: south of the 36th St intersection through the 38th St intersection, then south of the 38th St intersection through the 40th St. intersection.

- **Additional information regarding the project** can be found on the project website at [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cip/all/WCMS1P-102134](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/cip/all/WCMS1P-102134)
- **During the project, if you have questions or concerns regarding immediate issues, you can call the on-site project inspector**, Bob Schmidt, at 651-308-3805.
- **For general questions regarding the project, call the Project Engineer**, Beverly Warmka, at 612-673-3762

## THE ALIVENESS PROJECT'S NEW HOME

The Aliveness Project has announced that renovation of their new building at 3808 Nicollet will start this spring. It is projected that the work will take about six months, so they hope to move into the new building before the end of the year.

"We have been waiting for the day when our dream of a new home becomes a reality," shared Joe Larson, Executive Director of The Aliveness Project. "We are especially grateful for all the wonderful support we have received so far from the Kingfield community."

The Aliveness Project was founded in 1985 and provides a variety of services for people living with HIV/AIDS, including an onsite meal program, food shelf, integrative therapies, case management, health and wellness education, HIV testing, a holiday basket program and other supportive services. Last year The Aliveness Project served more than 1,700 HIV-positive individuals: one of every four Minnesotans affected by HIV/AIDS. Volunteers play an integral role in all areas of their organization, with more than 1,600 individuals providing over 36,000 hours of service annually.

Fundraising for their Capital Campaign will continue during the next few months to minimize the need for a long-term mortgage. Donations are welcome and can be made online at [www.aliveness.org](http://www.aliveness.org). **Please also consider eating at a Kingfield restaurant participating in Dining Out for Life on Thursday, April 25, to help support The Aliveness Project: [www.diningoutfor-life.com/Minneapolis/restaurants](http://www.diningoutfor-life.com/Minneapolis/restaurants).**

Volunteer ambassadors also are needed to serve as greeters at each restaurant.

**For more information on The Aliveness Project, please visit [www.aliveness.org](http://www.aliveness.org).**



## Letter from Birmingham Jail @50

In April 1963, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was jailed for participating in nonviolent Civil Rights demonstrations. He wrote his "Letter from Birmingham Jail" in response to a public statement by white religious leaders in the South who urged caution in pressing for Civil Rights.

**Reverend Donna Dempewolf**, Living Spirit UMC, and **Reverend Cynthia Williams**, Park Avenue UMC, will look at this classic Civil Rights document in its local and national context **Thursday, April 25, 7 PM**, in the community room at the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 4055 Nicollet.

**King wrote, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."**

There will be time for conversation and naming injustices that concern us today. This free event is sponsored by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park Legacy Advisory Council which meets the 2nd Thursday each month at 6:30 PM, at MLK Park.

## MSP FairSkies Coalition Presents Airport Noise Updates to Kingfield

**Thursday, May 2, 7 PM • Martin Luther King Park Building**



Is your backyard getting louder and louder due to jet traffic noise? Does it sometimes seem like an endless stream of noisy, low-flying jets right over the top of your house?

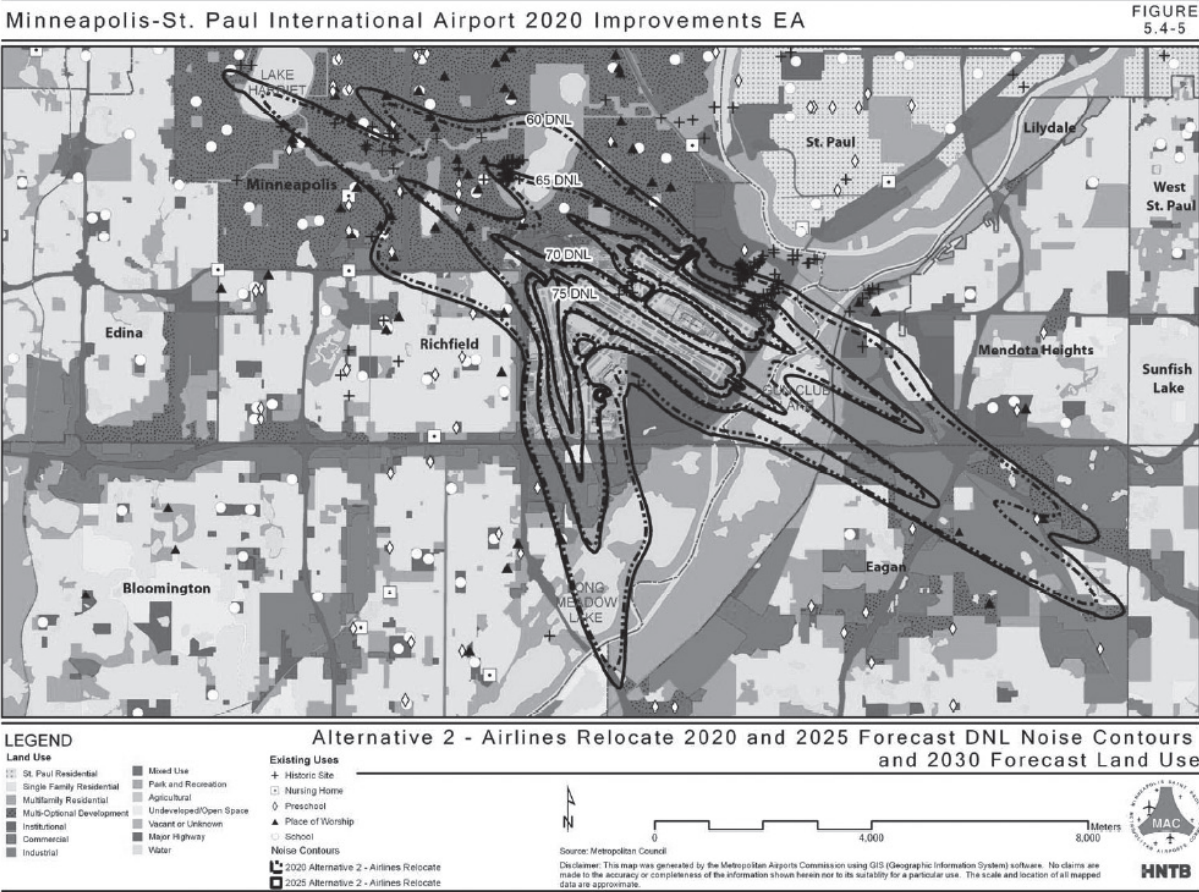
If your answer is yes to these questions, you will not want to miss the presentation by the newly formed coalition of neighbors, MSP FairSkies, taking a hard, long look at the airport expansion and what it means to you.

**We will be addressing two major converging MSP Airport issues we feel will impact life in South Minneapolis:**

1. A major expansion of MSP including more and more jets overhead.
2. A dramatic change in take-offs and landings RNAV (area navigation-highways in the sky), which puts a jet freeway right over Kingfield. (See: *Star Tribune* November 4, 2012, "New airport flight patterns shift noise.")

MSP FairSkies is beginning to formulate what is acceptable noise and jet traffic overhead, and we want you to be a part of the response to the airport. Other cities around the country have set limits and noise quotas with their jet traffic. We need to do the same. We plan a 60-minute presentation, with plenty of time for discussion. We will show the inconsistencies in the airport plans, and mostly the inadequate sharing of information with us, the neighborhoods imposed upon. This doesn't need to be airport vs. homes.

— Dean Amundson, KFNA's FairSkies Representative • 3853 Pleasant Avenue



## Free Kids' ArtStart Classes at Martin Luther King Park

This winter and spring, ArtStart, a Twin Cities award-winning arts organization, has been offering free art classes at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park. The next class will be Gee's Bend Quilts, taught by artist Robin Getsug on four Saturdays: April 15, 22, 29 and May 6, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM.

Gee's Bend, also known as Boykin, is a small isolated community in Southern Alabama named after Joseph Gee, a cotton plantation owner who settled there in 1816. The town is situated in a large bend of the Alabama River, thus the name Gee's Bend.

The majority of Gee's Bend residents are African Americans, most of them descendants of slaves who were brought there to work on the plantation. For over two centuries the women in the community have created quilts from whatever materials they have had available – scraps of old clothes, cotton sacks, and old linens. Along the way, these women developed a

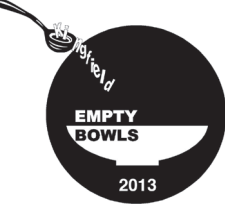
bold, distinctive improvisational style that has been compared to 20th century abstract art and jazz music. Their vibrant, creative patterns caught national attention during the civil rights movement and then again in the 1990s when the Museum of Fine Arts in Houston organized an exhibition of 70 quilt masterpieces.

Artist Robin Getsug has been teaching Gee's Bend Quilting classes for six years and is passionate about sharing this art form with young people. During class kids will pick a Gee's Bend quilter and learn about her life and quilting style. Kids then create a design and sew their own quilt square. Robin's dream is to travel to Gee's Bend, to quilt and learn from the amazing women there, and then share her experience with kids in the Twin Cities.

**Please join us at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park as we learn about and celebrate this great American art form, Gee's Bend Quilts.**



Second Kingfield Empty Bowls Event: Twice As Successful As the First!



Kingfield's February 2013 Empty Bowls Event raised over \$5500 for Nicollet Square, a home for formerly homeless youth in Kingfield, as well as over \$500 for MLK Park to support events of this magnitude. As one of more than 30 volunteers helping out on the day of the event, it was heartwarming to see the community come together to support such a worthwhile program.

Empty Bowls is a hunger awareness project that began over 20 years ago in Michigan and has spread to an international effort. Our Kingfield event brought more than 450 residents and friends to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park for an evening of soup and ceramics. Leading up to the event, local artisans, pottery schools, and high school students from Washburn High School and St. Paul Academy were busy creating over 400 gorgeous handmade pottery bowls just for the event. Four residents of Nicollet Square spent time on the day before the meal preparing soup with Dan Swenson-Klatt at Butter. In addition to Butter, chefs at Anodyne, Cafe Ena, and Corner Table created their famous trademark soups, supplemented with warm rice from Victor's 1959 Café.

As guests entered the recreation center, they stepped into a room filled with exquisite works of art. As a volunteer, it was wonderful to watch people, young and not-so-young, pick just the right bowl for their evening's fare. Once selected and washed, the bowls were carefully carried into the dining area for a choice of soups, tasty warm bread from Patisserie 46 and Sun Street Breads, and focaccia from Grand Café. Ending with sweet treats from Curran's, King's, and The Lowbrow, families and singles gathered around communal tables, some meeting their neighbors for the first time.



After such a successful second year, you can be sure that we will carry on this tradition by gathering the community together again next February. We hope to continue to raise awareness of and fight against hunger and homelessness in our neighborhood, and to bring together the kindhearted residents of Kingfield for another evening of community and charity.

– Cheryl DeGroff



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Calendar of Events

- AFLBS (Association Free Lutheran Bible School) Concert Choir: Spring Tour  
Friday, April 12 • 7:30 PM • Sacred classics, hymn arrangements, and energetic spirituals.  
Faith Free Lutheran Church, 140 W. 44th St (44th & Pillsbury)
- Metro Paint-A-Thon: Applications Due! • paintathon.gmcc.org  
Friday, April 12 • Low-income or disabled senior may qualify for free painting assistance
- South Minneapolis Housing Fair • Free!  
Saturday, April 13 • 10 AM - 3 PM • 2121 Lake Street, Minneapolis Sports Center, behind the Midtown Y. Visit this Fair to get your home improvement questions answered and find ways to bring creative visions to reality. Visit the KFNA table and learn more about our Solarize!
- Earthday at MLK Park • Join the fun!  
Saturday, April 20 • In the Morning • More details to come ... visit www.kingfield.org
- KFNA Annual Meeting, Election and Potluck (See article on page 1)  
Monday, April 22 • 6:30 PM • Butter Bakery Café, 3700 Nicollet Ave. S.
- Dining Out for Life (See article on page 3)  
Thursday, April 25 • All Day at Various Restaurants
- Letter from Birmingham @ 50 (See article page 3)  
Thursday, April 25 • 7 PM • Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park (MLK)\*
- Quilted Mosaic Unveiling Celebration (See article page 1)  
Saturday, April 27 • 1 PM • MLK Park\*
- Pleasant Community Gardeners Mandatory Meeting (See article page 3)  
Tuesday, April 30 • 6:30 PM • MLK Park\*
- FairSkies Airport Meeting • Thursday, May 2 • 7 PM • MLK Park\*
- Lake Country School Plant Sale • Thursday & Friday (May 9 & 10) • 8 AM - 6 PM  
3755 Pleasant Ave. S. • Organically grown annuals, perennials, vegetable and herbs.
- Minneapolis Police 5th Precinct Open House • 3101 Nicollet Ave. S.  
Tuesday, May 14, 5 to 7 PM • Family-friendly demonstrations and displays, refreshments.
- Judson Street Fest  
Saturday, May 18 • 11 AM - 8 PM • Corner of 41st St. and Harriet Ave. S.
- Kingfield Farmers Market Opens  
Sunday, May 19 • 8:30 AM - 1 PM • 4310 Nicollet Ave. S
- CPAS Spring Clean-up Party • Tuesday, May 21 • 6:30 PM • MLK Park\*

\*Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park address: 4055 Nicollet Ave. S.