



KingfieldNews

3RD Annual Kingfield Empty Bowls Event — AMAZING!



To all of you who attended Empty Bowls, donated, or volunteered: THANK YOU! This was the 3rd annual event, and in all, more than 500 people turned out on a cold evening in February to raise awareness and funds for Nicollet Square, a Kingfield home for formerly homeless youth. As a result of your generosity, we raised over \$9,000 via on-site and online donations! In addition, we were able to advance our goals of community building, highlighting the talents of local artists, schools and restaurants, and raise awareness about homelessness and hunger in our community.

The concept of the Empty Bowls event is simple (but the choices are plentiful!). Each attendee selects a beautiful handmade bowl from among those donated by local ceramic artists, then enjoys a hearty meal of soup, bread, and dessert prepared by local restaurants. Diners then keep their bowls as a reminder that many of our neighbors are in need of food and housing.

Thank you to **Anodyne Coffeehouse**, **Butter Bakery Café**, **Corner Table**, **Café Ena**, and **Kings Minneapolis** for the warm and delicious soups. Both the bread and rice were a welcome complement — thank you **Pâtisserie 46**, **Sun Street Breads**, **Grand Café**, and **Victor's 1959 Café**! And the desserts from **The Lowbrow**, **Curran's Restaurant**, and **Royal Grounds Coffee** had diners overjoyed.

The artists in our community were generous as well. Local artisans donated nearly 900 bowls for the event: a stunning array, ranging from those made by ceramic artists — including 200 bowls made by Michael Huyck for our Paint-A-Bowl event — to bowls hand-formed or thrown by students from Armatage, Ramsey, St. Paul Academy, and Washburn. A big thank you — I know that kiln challenges made the efforts from a couple of the schools heroic.

This is truly a wonderful event — I am a proud volunteer. It's difficult to put into words the emotion that this event sparks. Many volunteers work from October to February to make this event a success. Then comes the date, and we get to see the faces of the community as they see the hundreds of bowls, their angst as they try to make a choice of the “perfect bowl,” the proud students as they search for the bowl they made, the grandparents as they search for the bowl described by their grandchild. Next follows a delicious meal with great conversation.

Here's what others had to say about the event:

“Had a blast!! ... Kudos to the volunteers and all the wonderful restaurants/ bakeries and their staff who contributed to this worthy cause! Great food, great community and a great cause! This was such a great event and Kingfield came out on a very cold night to give back to the community.”

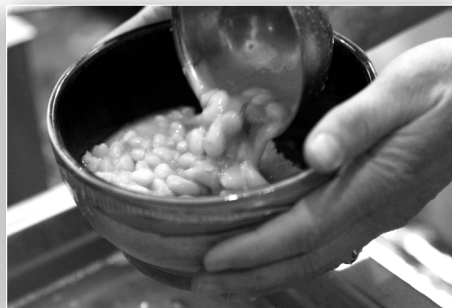
“Thank you, Kingfield! I chose my bowl because of a special message written on it that said ‘giving is a grace’.”

“Thanks for the amazing soup, thanks to the volunteers, and for the great fundraising for a very worthy cause...I love my neighborhood!”

“What a wonderful event! Two soups sampled — fabulous! A cute little bowl and encounters with old friends and new. Thanks to all who made it possible.”

After such a successful third 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.

— By Lori Olson • Photos by B Johnson Photos



KINGFIELD'S PLEASANT COMMUNITY GARDEN 2014



Close your eyes and visualize that soon this snow will be gone, and our neighborhood will once again be green! Join us as we make the Kingfield Pleasant Community Garden spring to life. Now in its fifth year, the garden (located just north of the CPFA, Center for Performing Arts) is available for use by individual gardeners in our community.

At least seven plots will be available to new gardeners this year! Plot rental for one season is \$40. Each gardener must also agree to perform 1 hour per month minimum in service to the common areas.

Applications and fees are due by March 21, 2014. You will be notified on or before March 28 if you will receive a garden plot. If more applicants are available than plots, a lottery will take place. We reserve 20% of the plots for CPFA tenants (either studio or hourly).

A meeting will be held on the evening of April 16th —attendance is mandatory for those who receive garden plots. You can find the application form at the following link: kingfield.org/green/community-gardens/ or outside the KFNA office door at #101 in the Center for Performing Arts, 3754 Pleasant, Minneapolis, MN 55409. Applications and plot fees can be mailed to this address or slid under the door; fees must be included with the registration. Note: If your application is not selected to receive a plot this season, your fee will be returned.

Got Your Own Garden at Home? We Want YOU for the Annual Kingfield Garden Tour!

Do you know someone in our neighborhood who always has a magnificent garden? Are you particularly proud of your own garden?

Organizers of the 6th Annual Kingfield Neighborhood Garden Tour are in the process of identifying homes for this year's tour, expected to be held on the evening of July 10th. If you are interested in participating, please contact KFNA at info@kingfield.org or by calling 612-823-5980.

So Long to Lonely Days at Home ... SoMakers Is Here!

SoMakers, a south Minneapolis co-working space, opened this fall in a once well-loved coffee shop at the corner of Bryant and 46th street. Long-time Kingfield residents



David Hussman, a self-described software anthropologist, and Andie Thomas, an occupational therapist, bought the building — now named DevJam Studios — a little over a year ago, originally as home to David's software production and IT company, DevJam. Inspired by shared work spaces found in travel and weary of explaining

to neighbors that their beloved coffee shop was no longer, David and Andie decided to expand their company and open the doors to the public as a drop-in workspace.

SoMakers offers free Wi-Fi, fresh water, and all the Peace Coffee one wants, housed in a coffee shop environment that seeks to support the creative “maker” in all guests—whether software developers, artists, authors or other. SoMakers guests range from small companies to home-based professionals and independent contractors. Guests may pull up a seat at a table or the bar for \$15 a day, \$60 a week, or \$175 a month, Monday through Friday, 9-5. Amenities include free parking, printing and scanning, access to private meeting spaces, outdoor café seating as weather permits, and no barista glaring at working customers. Additional meeting spaces are available for rent, including a large industrial basement space with bar, couches, and café seating that is perfect for corporate events, birthday parties and other celebrations. Two conference-style rooms are also available on the second floor with whiteboards, projectors and conference phones.

In addition to SoMakers, DevJam Studios is a hive of creative and philanthropic endeavors such as DevJam's monthly “jam” session for local software geeks and the First Lego League for local school children. SoEatsy, a community kitchen, will be open by the end of the month and available for rent as a shared kitchen space for local chefs and caterers. Go to <http://devjamstudios.com> for more information.

— By Andie Thomas • Photo by Amalie Thomas



From the KFNA President

We met together as a community in January for the annual rituals of potluck and board member elections. As with all good traditions, a few things were different and much remained the same. This year we held the

KFNA Annual Meeting in January instead of in April. Our hope was to tap into the spirit of cabin fever which can bedevil many of us in deep winter. Also different — the location. The newly relocated Aliveness Project hosted the event on their spacious second floor, and offered tours of their cool building. Wonderful, isn't it, when the new neighbors are nice? Remaining the same: Scott Mueller's "Scott's Schlopp," and the chance to hear from Elizabeth Glidden, fellow Kingfielder and now vice chair of the City Council. And of course, the marvel of breaking bread with friends new and old.

Our Board of Directors serves in staggered two-year terms, which meant we elected six people to serve for the next two years. Four of us are re-elected and returning board members: myself, Nancy Weiss, Scott Mueller, and Jenny Lock. And three are new: welcome to Robert Roedl, Roger Maldonado, and Kaitlyn Dennis. A warm welcome as well to Dean Laite, seated as an alternate.

We also said good-bye to a few board members: Jim Kumon finished his two-year term, and plans on continuing to serve as the chair of the Redevelopment Committee and as a board alternate. Chris Schleicher started as an alternate and took a position on the board when a seat became vacant. Knowing his dedication to nourishing food traditions and sharing this passion with his neighbors, I'm sure his good spirit will pop up behind the sauerkraut/kimchi crock at the Kingfield Farmers Market again, and in who-knows-what other places.

I'm continually inspired by the energy and dedication of our long-term volunteer leaders. Included among these:

Michael Vanderford, who has now served on the Crime and Safety Committee for over 10 years; Dean Amundsen, whose dedication to our neighborhood's interest in the MAC Airport FairSkies movement has required him to master the technical details behind the "highways in the sky" proposal; Suzie Lillyblad, the head pollinator of our community garden at the Center for Performing Arts; Martha Brennecke, who single-handedly combs through every story of every edition and makes sure our "t's" are crossed and our "i's" are dotted; Brenda Johnson, who lends her graphic design expertise for every art project the neighborhood is involved in; and the many, many active block club leaders.

Thinking about the year to come, I'm looking forward to the stream of events and actions which knit us together as an engaged community. If you haven't woven your passion into our shared endeavors at KFNA, get in touch: We'd love to weave you in!

With kind regards,
Hetal Dalal, KFNA President

BE PROACTIVE

It can be scary to read about increasing crime in Minneapolis. Fortunately, there are ways to help protect your home and our neighborhood from crime. Did you know that studies have shown that an active neighborhood watch program (similar to our Block Leader Program) is effective in helping to reduce crime?*

HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- **Attend KFNA Crime Prevention and Safety meetings** to receive current information from the police department. Notices about dates, times, and locations are always posted on www.Kingfield.org.
- **Get to know your Block Leader.** Don't know who your Block Leader is, or don't have a Block Leader? Contact our designated MPD Crime Prevention Specialist, Jennifer Waisanen (Jennifer.Waisanen@minneapolismn.org).
- **Participate in safety presentations and demonstrations** for everything from fire safety to child safety. Information is distributed every Tuesday via the Kingfield e-newsletter.

- **Attend neighborhood events that promote community gatherings** and opportunities to get to know each other. Be sure to "Like" the Kingfield Neighborhood Association's Facebook page so that you can receive updated event information.
- **Call 911** – anytime you see or hear something suspicious!
- **Did you know that sitting on your lawn with your neighbors enjoying a cold beer or soda pop can actually help to reduce crime?** Good excuse for a block party! Keep your block and alley neighbors connected so that everyone is watching out for each other!

Each month, the KFNA Crime Prevention and Safety Committee plans meetings or events for our neighborhood. Here are some of the activities we are

considering for 2014:

- Child Safety
- Community Emergency Response Training (CERT)
- Bike Rodeo
- Police Services and Resources
- Block Leader Training/Retraining
- Traveling Crime Prevention and Safety Meetings
- Community Fall Bonfire

Have other ideas or suggestions? Want to be involved in planning safety presentations and demonstrations or neighborhood events? Please contact Cheryl at Cheryl@Kingfield.org.

– By Cheryl DeGroff, KFNA Project Organizer

**US Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, "Crime Prevention Research Review," 2008.*



At press time, KFNA was planning So Alive 3.0, an event held on Saturday, March 1st, and once again benefitted The Aliveness Project Capital Campaign. The Aliveness Project is a community center for Minnesotans living with HIV/AIDS, and is the new site for So Alive 3.0.

In 2013, KFNA held two So Alive dance parties at Solomon's Porch while construction was ongoing at Aliveness' new home at 3808 Nicollet Avenue South. In November, just two days after So Alive 2.0, The

Aliveness Project opened its doors for its members. With matching grants, the first two So Alive benefits raised almost \$15,000.

Sponsors, donors and volunteers are being finalized as I write this; confirmed supporters include Victor's 1959 Café, Erik Brown Homes, graphic designer Noah Hall, Unity Sound Ministry, Surly Brewing, Lake Wine Spirits, Litin Eco, and dozens of volunteers. I will have once again DJ'd as Resurrection by djoctagone with special guest DJ SLT. If you missed out on supporting The Aliveness Project at So Alive 3.0, be sure to support them by dining at a Kingfield restaurant for Dining Out for Life on Thursday, April 24th. Details on Dining Out For Life can be found in the article on page 3, and at www.aliveness.org.

– By Scott Mueller (aka djoctagone),
KFNA Board Member

A NEW MARKET SEASON:

May 18th through
October 26



The Kingfield Farmers Market is looking forward to a 2014 season with some exciting new vendors (including new produce vendors), as well as lots of familiar faces providing locally-grown veggies, meats, cheeses, eggs, breakfast, lunch, and treats on Sundays from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Planning is underway for an event line-up packed with puppets, music, art activities, and opportunities to sample the seasonal produce available. We're pleased to continue accepting EBT and credit cards, and are going into our third year as a zero-waste market. Stay tuned for details on getting your market fix on weekdays once a month during June, July and August! See you at the market!

MUSIC (and more) FOR NEIGHBORS

Being a local, simple performing venue has been a long-standing goal of Butter Bakery Café. When we moved to 3700 Nicollet, the creation of a space for a small stage was at the top of my list.

I see this performing space from both sides—for local musicians and performers to have a comfortable, no cost place to share their talents, and for my neighbors to have a comfortable, no cost place to experience live music and other performances in many forms. Butter's music venue is designed to be a place where original music takes the stage for all ages, where even the youngest students can get a taste of public performance, and where short walk can connect my neighbors to talented veterans for a shared experience of community building through the arts. If you are interested in possibly playing music at Butter, contact us at info@butterbakerycafe.com.

And now, starting in March, the first Saturday evenings of each month will be dedicated to poetry and storytelling thanks to the local performers of Word Sprout (<http://www.wordsprout.org>). There will be opportunities through the year for anyone to step up to the mic and share a poem or story during these events.

– By Dan Swenson-Klatt, owner, Butter Bakery Café



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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Frozen Doesn't Always Mean Solid!

This frigid winter has frozen over the local lakes, but that doesn't mean that all ice is — or will stay — safe. Almost every winter, somewhere in Minnesota, someone falls through the ice and drowns. The Minneapolis Fire Department provided information on ice dangers at their recent ice rescue demonstration at the Lyndale Farmstead Park ice rink. More than 30 people gathered as the firefighters explained lifesaving techniques, and demonstrated the equipment they use in case of an ice-related emergency.

In addition to the presentation, Ice Safety brochures were provided that outline what you can do if you or someone else falls through. The brochure is available on the KFNA website: kingfield.org/crime-and-safety/. This event was hosted jointly by KFNA and the East Harriet Farmstead Neighborhood Association.

Gardening Basics Classes Offered in English & Spanish

Gardening classes in English are available on five Tuesdays (skipping over April 15) beginning April 1, 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.

Application forms can be found at: kingfield.org/green/community-gardens/ or outside the KFNA office door at #101 in the Center for Performing Arts, 3754 Pleasant, Minneapolis, MN 55409.

Classes also are offered on Saturdays for native Spanish speakers; read more about this below.

Aprenda a Cultivar Vegetales/Verduras

Aprenda a cultivar vegetales/verduras en una clase al Jardín Comunitario de Sabathani, 310 East 38th Street. Las clases se llevarán acabo de las 9 a las 11 am, cada segundo sábado del mes por seis meses, serán en Español y son gratuitas. Las fechas son el 12 de abril, el 10 de mayo, el 14 de junio, el 12 de julio, el 9 de agosto, y el 13 de septiembre.

Usted recibirá una pequeña parcela y le daremos algunas semillas y plántulas para sembrar. En cada clase vamos a mirar su parcela y le ayudaremos a plantar, deshierbar, regar, separar las plantas, cosechar, y resolver problemas tales como insectos y enfermedades. Vamos a hablar de cómo cultivar en una estación de siembra tan corta, como en Minnesota.

Muchas personas de culturas diferentes cultivan en el Jardín de Sabathani. Algunos jardineros con experiencia nos mostraran sus parcelas y nos explicarán cómo han sembrado/cultivado.

Si usted asiste a cuatro de las seis clases podrá estar en los primeros de la lista de espera para obtener una parcela permanente en el Jardín Comunitario de Sabathani en el 2015.

Las clases serán enseñadas por la Universidad de Minnesota Extensión de Jardineros Maestros en el condado de Hennepin y interpretadas por Marianna Padilla, una residente del barrio Kingfield. Por favor llame al 612-547-6910 para registrarse.

Translation into English: This spring and summer, take a vegetable gardening class taught in Spanish at Sabathani Community Garden. The six-part class will be led 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 for "In the Garden." The class will be held from 9 to 11 AM on the second Saturday of the month for six months: April 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, August 9, and September 13.

SHOW YOUR STUFF Kingfield Neighborhood-wide Garage Sales!

Before we know it, spring will be here (right?) and we all will be thinking about spring cleaning...and what better way to get rid of those gently-used items then to have a garage sale.

Last year's neighborhood-wide garage sale was such a success that we are considering holding the event again this year. KFNA is in search for a volunteer Garage Sale Coordinator and a support team of neighbors interested in helping to make this year's sale a bigger hit than last year's!

If helping with this event sounds like fun to you, please contact Cheryl at Cheryl@Kingfield.org.

DINING OUT FOR LIFE CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY



The Aliveness Project, a community center for people living with HIV/AIDS located in Kingfield at 3808 Nicollet, is hosting the 20th Dining Out for Life, Thursday, April 24, 2014. This fundraiser is a fun, easy way to get involved with The Aliveness Project. Restaurants pledge 20% to 100% of the sales on that day to the work we do providing hot meals, food shelf, integrative therapies, case management, educational seminars and so much more.

We are fortunate to have numerous restaurants in the Kingfield Neighborhood which participate for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The Kingfield restaurants are **Anodyne, Coffeehouse, Blackbird, Butter Bakery Café, Corner Table, Curran's Restaurant, El Paraiso Mexican Restaurant, Grand Café, Kyatchi, The Lowbrow, Rincon 38, and Victor's 1959 Café**. For a complete list of restaurants or to see which meal(s) your neighborhood restaurants are including, check out diningoutforlife.com.

In addition to the restaurants' involvement, we will also need more than 400 volunteers, called ambassadors, on that day. An ambassador acts as the host at a restaurant inviting their friends, families, faith communities and co-workers to dine at their restaurant for that meal(s). They go around to tables welcoming all and encouraging individual donations amongst the patrons. It's a fun way to get involved with a one-time volunteer experience. To volunteer, you can register at www.aliveness.org/ambassador or call Monica at 612-822-7946, ext. 206.

Join us Thursday, April 24 at one of your neighboring restaurants and help raise much needed funds for The Aliveness Project!

Thanks for a Job Well Done!

On January 10, KFNA said thank you to Amy Lavender, who had served as Kingfield's Crime Prevention Specialist at the 5th Precinct for the past five and a half years. Many of you met her at our Crime Prevention and Safety meetings, and even more have spoken to her on the phone about the various Crime Alerts that MPD distributes. Amy was not only personable and professional, but she was an amazing wealth of information in part due to her many years as a police dispatcher.

Her humor and grace-under-fire will be truly missed, but everyone is very excited that she received a promotion to Intelligence Analyst and has transferred to MPD's Strategic Information Center (where she will still be keeping an eye on our neighborhood!). Many thanks to Amy for all that she gave to our neighborhood.

And with that good-bye and best wishes to Amy, we now welcome our new Crime Prevention Specialist: Jennifer Waisanen. Jennifer has been with MPD since 1996 and, like Amy, worked several years as a 911 operator. She has been a Crime Prevention Specialist for the past 15 years, and even worked in the 5th precinct many years ago. She is excited to be back, and we look forward to working with her.

Please feel free to call or e-mail Jennifer with any questions or concerns you have regarding criminal activity or crime prevention. (612.673.5407 • jennifer.waisanen@minneapolismn.gov)

Meet the KFNA Board

**Our three new board members were asked three questions:
1) Where do you live? 2) Why were you compelled to run for the board?
And 3) What is something unexpected about you? Here are their answers.**

ROBERT ROEDL



1) I live at 39th and Pillsbury, a block so riddled with bright and talented and just plain fascinating characters

that I couldn't be happier for any opportunity to meet and converse with my neighbors.

2) I moved to Kingfield 15 years ago and have seen many changes that greatly improved the quality of life here. I decided to join the KFNA Board to be a part of these great changes and to, hopefully, make a meaningful contribution to the continued improvement of the neighborhood in which I live.

3) Something unexpected about me? I guess I'd have to say that, for a carpenter, I am unusually well versed in neurobiology.

KAITLYN DENNIS



1) I live on the 4000 block of Pillsbury.

2) Throughout the last year or so living in Kingfield, I've

really enjoyed getting to know my neighborhood and neighbors, and I'm excited about the opportunity to engage more directly with people and events!

3) I'm a flutist/pianist, and have performed in orchestras, marching bands, chamber groups, and most recently, with the UMN T.O.R.T. (Theatre of the Relatively Talentless) Pit Ensemble for the annual law school musical.

ROGER MALDONADO



1) Homeowner of 4022 Pillsbury Ave. S.

2) I recently just moved in and I wanted

to get involved in where I live. Essentially, I wanted to give back, invest in Kingfield, and also get to know my neighbors.

3) I love Disney World! If I had the money and time, I would go to Disney World every 3 months.

CAN I RECYCLE IT?
The Cap Conundrum

Can I Recycle it? The answer is yes and no.

Caps that are larger than 3 inches in diameter can be thrown loose into your recycling cart. Caps that are 3 inches in diameter or smaller need to be placed back on their original container to make it through the recycling process.



What about metal caps on glass salsa, pasta sauce, salad dressing and other containers?

Rinse the container, place the lid back on the bottle or jar, and place it in your recycling cart. All glass is crushed at the material recovery facility (MRF), and the resulting glass cullet is run through a series of magnets (and reverse magnets called eddy current) to pull the steel, tin, and aluminum lids from the glass cullet.

For more recycling information, visit www.minneapolisismn.gov/solid-waste or contact Solid Waste & Recycling at 612-673-2917.

By Kellie Kish, Recycling Coordinator for the City of Minneapolis

Changing of the Guard at MLK Park

Thank you to Brian Cornell for 13 years of service as director at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park! His dedication to our community has been always appreciated, and we are happy for his promotion and transfer to Longfellow. KFNA wishes Brian the best of luck in that community.

KFNA is also happy to welcome Peter Jaeger as the new park director; we are excited to work alongside Peter for the benefit of the community and the strengthening of our park as a community gathering place. According to Brian, Peter will bring strong leadership to both the park and neighborhood. He has over 15 years of experience with the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board at Pearl Park, Corcoran Park and Powderhorn Park.

A word of parting from Director Brian Cornell:

Thank you very much for the support you have provided me during my time in the Kingfield Neighborhood. This community is one of the best in its ability to work together for the greater good. All of you bring passion and commitment to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park. I look forward to seeing projects (Freedom Form 2 and the playground project) continue to be accomplished by The Legacy Council and the Kingfield Neighborhood Association for all to enjoy.

HOME-BASED HAPPY HOURS:
Building Community while Supporting Our Great Local Restaurants!

Kingfield Homebasers (aka Kingfield Homebased Professionals) is gaining momentum after forming just one year ago, and those involved are enjoying a true sense of community. The group is comprised of neighbors who work from home, either for themselves or others.

In February the Homebasers enjoyed a special event at Sun Street Breads, where the group shared their joys and challenges of working at home, in a speed dating format that encouraged people to talk with others they may not have known. The evening finished with presentations by members of the Kingfield Homebased Planning Team, presenting strategies they have been working on to address home-based challenges identified at the initial gatherings a year ago.

The Kingfield Homebasers plan to hold this type of meeting at different neighborhood venues twice each year, and are pleased to announce plans for casual happy hour gatherings as well. Any neighborhood residents who work from home and would enjoy a break and the company of other interesting neighbors are welcome and encouraged to attend! Our reservation is set at 12 persons, but drop in as your schedule allows, and we hope there will be a rotating crowd looking to build connections, personal and professional, in our neighborhood!

The following dates have been established for happy hours from March through May:

- Tuesday March 18 at The Lowbrow, 3-5 PM
Wednesday April 16 at Rincon 38, Time TBD
Wednesday May 21 at Kings, Time TBD

If you are a home-based professional who lives in Kingfield, you also are welcome to join our LinkedIn Group. There you'll find announcements for all happy hour gatherings, social events and more. www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=4812315

Calendar of Events table with dates from March 18 to May 21, listing events like Homebaser Happy Hour, Garden classes, and various community events.

Kingfield News 2014 JUDSON STREET FEST advertisement including date (Saturday, May 17), time (11 AM to 5 PM), and contact information.