On November 9th KFNA hosted So Alive 2.0, its second fundraising dance party for The Alliveness Project. It was an especially noteworthy celebration as just two days later the Alliveness Project began selling its memberships at their new space at 3088 Nicollet.

I resurrected my DJ alter ego of djctagone to open the night and called on friends DJ FoodProof and Cloud of Forever Young to help host So Alive. Held on a snow-covered parking lot at Boyco Properties’ lot at 64th Street and Blaisdell Avenue, it was a great night of fun and dancing to ‘80s & ‘90s music. Kingfield neighbors Ted Salaysky’s Unity Sound Ministry provided sound and lighting. Neighbor Noah Hall once again designed the posters and artwork for So Alive. Neighbor Beida Siplika was on hand to photograph and film the night, and to provide a virtual tour of the new Aliveness space. Victor’s 1959 Café provided their liquor license, allowing us to sell beer and wine. The Lowbrow sponsored free passes for the night. More than 50 volunteers helped plan, set up and staff So Alive 2.0.

Beer and wine were donated by Kings Wine Bar, Fulton Beer and Summit Brewing Company. So Alive 2.0 was a zero waste event. Edith Brown Homes provided reusable souvenir cups for water and Lintin Eco donated compostable cups. Pilgrim Lutheran School lent us their coat rack for coat check. Many Kingfield businesses offered specials that day in conjunction with So Alive, including Anodyne, Blackbird Café, Butter Bakery & Café, Kings Wine Bar, The Lowbrow and Victor’s 1959 Café. Many area businesses also generously hung So Alive posters in their windows to help promote the party.

This year’s So Alive events hosted by KFNA have raised over $7,000, an amount matched by the Otto Bremer Foundation and the Edwards Memorial Trust to bring the total to almost $15,000.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this benefit party a success, and to all of the people who came out for a night of dancing. KFNA is excited to welcome The Alliveness Project to Kingfield, and looks forward to So Alive 3.0 in late February / early March 2014. Make sure you sign up for KFNA’s weekly e-news at www.kingfield.org so you don’t miss out on the next one.

For more information on The Alliveness Project, or to donate to their Capital Campaign fund, please visit www.alliveness.org. For other ways to support this organization please visit the article on page 2.

Scott Mueller
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**SO ALIVE IN KINGFIELD!**

**Redevelopment in the Neighborhood**

The Redevelopment Committee met this fall to look at both projects currently in progress in the neighborhood, and also to talk about the role of the committee for 2014. The committee went on a biking tour of about a dozen sites of interest in the neighborhood in September. There were several questions that came from that tour:

1. Will there be more teardowns in Kingfield as our housing stock is more affordable than places nearby? 2. Where are the next sites along Nicollet that could get new tenants or redevelop? 3. How can we reinvigorate the discussion about providing a better environment while crossing I-94 in modes other than a car?

In October, the committee started looking at topics that members were interested in pursuing in 2014. Ideally, the group would like to work over the winter to prepare for one or two major projects that could be carried out in the spring and fall. The projects would experiment with pilot programs, or in some cases formalize an effort.

- The committee focused more on hands-on activities than studies. Ideas include increasing small-scale retail opportunities, improving on our solar program, creating pilot projects around multigenerational and affordable housing needs, looking at biking routes, and increasing the enjoyment of walking around our neighborhood.

You can join in the discussion by attending our next Redevelopment Meeting on January 22 at MLK Park, or emailing Redevelopment Chair Jim Kuman at jk@kingfield.org.

**Is That You, Neighbor?**

Kingfield Neighborhood Association

**Annual Meeting & Potluck**

The Alliveness Project is happy to host KFNA’s Annual Meeting, “Is That You Neighbor?” on Monday, January 27, on the 2nd floor of their new building at 3088 Nicollet. Tours of their new space will be available from 5:45-6:30 PM for interested neighbors. After that, please join KFNA upstairs beginning at 6 PM for a potluck and social time, with the meeting beginning at 7 PM.

Bring a few neighbors with you, as you will be expected to sit at tables assigned to each of Kingfield’s 10 Areas! Kingfield Trivia, History, and What’s Happening Questions will be available on each table to spark conversations while you enjoy each other’s company! Besides being fun, we need you at this meeting because you, Kingfield’s neighbors, interview and elect your fellow neighbors to serve on your neighborhood nonprofit board of directors.

You can even be one of those board members, if you’d like—learn more by attending the board recruitment party one week earlier, on January 15 (see “Attention Neighbors,” below). If you can’t make this pre-party, don’t worry—contact Executive Director Sarah Limes-Robinson any time at sarah@kingfield.org, or 612.823.5980 and she will be happy to chat with you about board needs and responsibilities. She can also introduce you to the Annual Meeting. Each KFNA board member serves a two-year term, and attends monthly board meetings the 2nd Wednesday evening of each month.

We expect the Annual Meeting to last until about 8:30 PM, at which point all will be invited to hear兼容性检查并返回结果。output content after that night's event. This year's events: Beer and wine were donated by Kingfield neighbor Tad Salyards' Unity Sound Ministry provided sound and lighting. Neighbor Noah Hall once again designed the posters and artwork for So Alive. Neighbor Beida Spikha was on hand to photograph and film the night, and to provide a virtual tour of the new Aliveness space. Victor's 1959 Cafe provided their liquor license, allowing us to sell beer and wine. The Lowbrow sponsored free passes for the night. More than 50 volunteers helped plan, set up and staff So Alive 2.0.

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At a community meeting on October 8, the design team presented three concepts for the new playground at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park, all of which were based on previous input from the community. The three concepts were also available online, at the Kingfield Neighborhood Farmers Market, and at the park through October 25. Thank you to everyone who took the opportunity to review and comment on the designs.

On December 17 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., community members will be able to work with the design team to finalize the concept design for the new playground. Another community meeting will be held on February 4, also 6:30-8:30, with focus on the playground equipment.

All are welcome to participate in these meetings – kids too! Children are invited to engage in the design process, and adult members can take part in a child care program. Both community meetings will be held at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park (4055 Nicollet Avenue).

Funds for the project are still being raised. The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) has allocated $225,000 for the project, which will provide a playground comparable to other neighborhood parks. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Legacy Council, with the help of KFNA’s Neighborhood Association (KFNA), neighbors and local businesses, is actively fundraising to pay for enhancements – play features and interpretive information that help tell the story of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Civil Rights Movement and/or African American History.

To donate to the playground, please visit www.peopleforparks.net/projects.html or make checks out to People for Parks, memo line “Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park” and mail them to People For Parks, PO Box 24901, Minneapolis MN 55424.

The MPRB extends a thank you to the Legacy Council and KFNA for their ongoing collaboration on community engagement assistance and fundraising for the project.

For more information visit www.minneapolisparks.org/current-projects or contact Jennifer Elliott at email jenniffer@minneapolisparks.org, phone 612-303-5645.
Family Classes Come to MLK Park

Being a Kingfield resident with young kids and a frequent visitor to MLK Park, I wished for our recreation center to be more family friendly. My children and our neighbors’ children have taken classes at other parks, but family-centered classes were missing from our own rec center. After attending a MLK playground meeting, I met Brian Cornell, director of the rec center. He explained that the different parks were split into regions, each with a different focus, with MLK’s focus toward outdoor sports. However, MLK recre director of the rec center. He explained that the different parks were split into regions, each with a different focus, with MLK’s focus toward outdoor sports. However, MLK recre center would be open to tailoring classes to the community.

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Brian and I discussed the logistics of each recommendation. We thought that family yoga and Lego would be the most doable at this time, and Nan Zosel, yoga instructor, has graciously accepted to teach the family yoga class – starts soon! (See her article at the right.)

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As a transplanted to Minnesota, I still run into reminders of how I’m not a native. For example, I never use the word “interesting” as a pejorative, as in “that dish you brought to the potluck sure was interesting.” I’ve never had to make such a comment. Thank you for making money—to most Midwesterners, especially when asking for money for a good cause. Specifically, I don’t mind asking you for money to support KFNA. I hope you enjoyed the fundraising letter we mailed out around Give to the Max Day in mid-November. We had a great time writing it, and we’re going to have even more fun delivering singing telegrams and the other great prizes promised in that letter. The gifts from KFNA are still available – see list on page 4 of this newsletter – so if you haven’t already made a donation to KFNA this month, please do. We sure can use the support. Thanks on this question for a minute if you’re still unconvinced. Money is scarce for a lot, but so is community. Who else is taking real steps every day to turn your house and neighborhood into a home in your community? Your donations and participation in this caring, connected community vibrant with art and dancing and interconnected friends and neighbors.

With kind regards,

Hetal Dalal, KFNA President

From the KFNA President

Winter Yoga Classes at MLK Park

I came to late social media. I had been urged by years for my daughters to get on Facebook. (They were both out of high school by this time.) Within moments of setting up my Facebook account, I had discovered a yoga gathering at the Rose Gardens followed by an impromptu picnic. My girls were right – this was fun! Over the years I have happened upon all sorts of learnings, connections and new and old friends via Facebook. Yoga at MLK Park is yet another example. I am a member of the Kingfield Facebook group, and noticed another member named Gia-Hue wondering about the possibility of a family yoga class at the park. I responded by saying, “I teach – let’s talk.” Gia-Hue put me in touch with Brian Cornell, the park director, and voila – my Family Yoga class was born.

Family Yoga will be offered this winter at 10:30 AM on Saturdays, and I’ll also teach Adult Yoga at 7 AM on Wednesdays. Drop-in sessions are just $5, and a new 8-week session will begin mid-January. The Park has kindly provided mats and a big nice space. Sessions are tailored to the participants’ abilities and experience, and—in the case of Family Yoga—to their attention spans. We have invested some very cool new poses, including Flamingo, Shrimp and Bad Guy. Family Yoga is designed for children ages 6 and up, but families with younger children are welcome to give it a try!
in our neighborhood. Your support of this event will again benefit Nicollet Square, an organization that provides affordable housing and a supportive environment for young adults who have experienced homelessness or have been in the foster care system. Last year we were able to donate almost $7,000 to Nicollet Square through this event, and we hope to do the same this year.

The Empty Bowls planning team has been working busy to secure beautiful handmade bowls, and the community is answering the call. Several schools including Washburn, Dimond, Amashta, St. Paul Academy, and South are participating this year. An effort to provide education for students, representatives from Kingfield and Nicollet Square visited local classrooms to provide information about homelessness and the specific role of Nicollet Square in our community.

The arts community has also been very supportive of Empty Bowls; both in donating their beautiful work as well as their time. Local artist Michal Huyck made 200 bowls, and we invited the public to decorate the bowls during a Paint-A-Bowl event at MLK Park. Almost all 200 bowls were painted by as many residents in a two-hour period! KFNA would like to thank everyone who has already donated bowls, and remind others that it’s too late if you would still like to contribute! Drop-off is available at the Nicollet Square front desk, 30th Nicollet Avenue South. Look also for donation boxes at Framed-up Studios, Northern Clay Center and the Edina Art Center.

The concept of the Kingfield Empty Bowls Event is simple: volunteers make a donation (suggested at $20 per bowl), select a beautiful handmade bowl donated by a local pottery artist, enjoy a hearty meal of soup prepared by volunteers, and then keep their bowl as a reminder that many of our neighbors are in need of food and housing.

The bowls will be plentiful but so will the food. Once again many of our local restaurants have offered to provide soup, breads and desserts. Please join us at a wonderful event at Anodyne Coffeehouse, Butter Bakery Café, and Sun Street Breads who have already pledged their support to the event. We know that many more of our incredible community restaurants will be joining this trio to cook and bake for the event as it draws closer.

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Thursday, February 6, Kingfield will host the third annual Kingfield Empty Bowls event, and we would love to see you there. Empty Bowls is a single day event that combines art, food, local businesses, nonprofits, and lots and lots of neighbors raising awareness and funds to combat hunger.

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**NANCY WEISS**

As a small business owner and consultant, I am interested in building business vitality at all levels. Last year I became involved in developing a network of Kingfield work-at-homes. I am a member of the Nicollet East Habitat Business Association (NEHBA) and I host a twice-monthly Think Tank for local business people to get questions answered in a non-confronting environment. I am interested in creating a mentoring/internship program that matches Kingfield young people (ages 14-18) with entrepreneurs, small business owners, and consultants who do business within Kingfield. Want to join me? I have two school-age daugh-

ters and my husband is a first grade teacher. You may see me walking our dog, Josie.

Nancy E. Weiss, Nancy@kingfield.org

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**K-9s, S’MORES, FIRE SAFETY, AND MORE!**

The Kingfield Neighborhood Crime Prevention and Safety (CPaS) Committee has had a busy and fun fall. Thanks to everyone who joined us as we learned about the Minneapolis K-9 Program, roasted marshmallows for s’mores, and had the Fire Department teach us about home safety.

Our September meeting was held at Nicollet Ace Hardware. Two MPD K-9 Officers and their canine co-workers demonstrated their special crime-fighting skills. In addition to money donated by Nicollet Ace Hardware shoppers and owners, the event helped to raise enough money for the Police K-9 Invest Project to purchase a new bulletproof vest for one of the police dogs, helping with their mission of “No more naked police dogs!”

More than 50 kids and adults joined us at MLK Park near the Mosaic Gardens for s’mores and apple cider on a cold, blustery evening in October. Storyteller Nicholas Pawlowski gathered everyone near the fire pit for a presentation that was great fun for all.

In November the Minneapolis Fire Department presented information about ways to keep our homes safe from fire hazards. Those who attended learned about stopping preventable fires, smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, safe escape ladders, and fire extinguishers.

**A Greener Kingfield**

Our neighborhood will be literally greener next year, with up to 200 new boulevard trees! Thanks to a three-fold effort—by residents who sent tree requests to KFNA, volunteers (mainly board members) who identified where boulevard trees could be planted, and KFNA, which made rounds to identify property owners—our neighborhood requested that the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) plant nearly 200 boulevard trees in the spring of 2014. Before these trees are planted, MPRB’s Forestry Division will verify that each site is suitable for a tree (you can see their Tree Placement Criteria on their website, www.minneapolisparks.org/default.aspx?PageId=511), paint a white “T” on the curb to show approximately where the tree will be planted, and hang a notice on the property owner’s door with information about the proposed planting.

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Dear Kingfield Neighbors:

Thank you to everyone who responded to our November mailing prior to Give to the Max day and donated to the Kingfield Neighborhood Association; generous donors gave over $1500 to KFNA on this single day! However, we also know many of you were busy that day, prefer not to give online, or struggled with the broken online system that day so IF you missed out on that day to support the work that KFNA does, don’t worry—it’s not too late to make a year-end gift to KFNA, and all the great thank you gifts still apply! The donation levels and gifts for donors are listed once again here:

- **$25 COMMUNICATION SUPPORTER.** Receive the free weekly eNews at www.kingfield.org and “Like” Kingfield Neighborhood Association on Facebook! Unlimited quantity still available!
- **$50 PUBLIC ART LOVER.** Mailed to your home, a pack of 4 Quilted Mosaic greeting cards. KFNA’s most recent public art project installed on MLK Park in 4/13. 10 Remaining!
- **$75 FARMS MARKET DEVOTE.** 1 pint sauerkraut handmade and delivered to your door by board member Chris Schlicher. 11 Remaining!
- **$120 LOCAL BUSINESS SUPPORTER.** A 12-pack of Butter Bakery Café cupcakes delivered to your home or office; date to be arranged with donor, Dan Swenson-Klatt, owner, & KFNA Board Member. 6 Remaining!
- **$150 SHOUT-OUT FOR MY WACKY NEIGHBORS!** Receive a singing telegram on the date of your choice to the neighbor of your choice (and within reason) of the songs (3 max.) of your choice. 23 Remaining!
- **$300 KINGFIELD GREAT EVENT’S POP-UP PARTY LOVER.** POP-UP PARTY LOVER. KFNA Board Member Mark Waller’s band will play two 45-minute sets at your location in Kingfield—pick a cover you want played! (approx. 2 hour party with break between the two sets). 3 Remaining!
- **$600 COMMUNITY GARDEN ADVOCATE.** In honor of the bread/pizza oven we intend to build in 2014, we will host a pizza party for your 40 friends, at your home or the Pleasant Community Garden. Provided by Jason Montgomery, KFNA, Board Member and pizza truck owner. 1 Remaining!
- **$1500 ROCK YOUR BLOCK PLACEMAKING PARTY!** Activities may include bounce house, karaoke machine, Ping-Pong table, slide, dunk tank and more. On a date to be scheduled with KFNA Staff, may NOT occur on National Night Out. Limit of 5. Make your donation by mail to KFNA, 3754 Pleasant Ave. S, MPLS, MN 55409, or at www.kingfield.org or via the Razoo website directly www.razoo.com/story/Kingfield-Neighborhood-Association.

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**SINCE THE INCIDENT** Officers have been requested to conduct around-the-clock, extra patrol in the area. Other city-wide units within the city have also been asked to assist with the patrols as well as the undercover unit of the Fifth Precinct. This incident was not a random event and the Minneapolis Police Department does not believe that the public is at risk.

**WHAT YOU CAN DO** In order to assist the MPD during this investigation and for general crime prevention purposes, please call 911 regarding ANY suspicious activity. If it doesn’t feel right to you, don’t hesitate to call the police to check it out. Please leave on front and rear outdoor lights from dusk until dawn. Well-lit areas are a deterrent to criminal activity. If you have any information regarding the homicide or any other crime and wish to report it anonymously, check out www.minneapolis.gov/news/WMCSIP-116009 for information on the MPD Tip 411 smart-phone app.

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<td>Mon. Jan. 27</td>
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| | | | | Activities may include bouncy house, karaoke machine, Ping-Pong table, slide, dunk tank and more. On a date to be scheduled with KFNA Staff, may NOT occur on National Night Out. Limit of 5. Make your donation by mail to KFNA, 3754 Pleasant Ave. S, MPLS, MN 55409, or at www.kingfield.org or via the Razoo website directly www.razoo.com/story/Kingfield-Neighborhood-Association.

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