



KingfieldNews



SO ALIVE IN KINGFIELD!

On November 9th KFNA hosted So Alive 2.0, its second fundraising dance party for The Aliveness Project. It was an especially noteworthy celebration as just two days later The Aliveness Project began serving its members at their new space at 3808 Nicollet.

I resurrected my DJ alter ego of djoctagone to open the night and called on friends DJ FooLProof and Cloud of Forever Young to help host So Alive. Held once again at Solomon's Porch at 46th Street and Blaisdell Avenue, it was a great night of fun and dancing to '80s & '90s music. 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 Bekhi Spikha 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. Erik Brown Homes provided reusable souvenir cups for water and Litin 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 shop windows to help promote the party.

This year's two 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 Aliveness 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 party.

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

— Scott Mueller

KFNA Board member aka Resurrection by djoctagone

"Is That You, Neighbor?"

Kingfield Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting & Potluck

A New Month, a New Location, and Seven New Board Members to Elect!

The Aliveness 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 3808 Nicollet. Tours of their new site 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 Avenues! Kingfield Trivia, History, and Thought Provoking Questions will be available on each table to spark conversations while you enjoy each other's cooking! 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 Linnes-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. Or, simply nominate yourself at 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 help us clean up and retire next door to Blackbird, where we will celebrate the new Board Elect with Happy Hour beginning at 9 PM!

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 35W 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 would be carried out in the spring and fall. The projects would experiment with making incremental changes to improve the neighborhood focusing 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 Kumon at jim@kingfield.org.

ATTENTION NEIGHBORS!

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 and engaged committee members! And when we say committee, don't think stale and sleepy meetings. Think instead: dance committee, or guerilla gardening, or starting a teen "do-gooders" club.

KFNA'S ANNUAL ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE ANNUAL MEETING AND POTLUCK ON MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 2014, AND OUR NEED FOR VISIONARY VOLUNTEERS IS ETERNAL.

In advance of that meeting, on **Wednesday, January 15, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM**, I'd like to invite you to my home (Hetal Dalal) to talk so you've got time to really know what you're getting into and feel inspired. We'll have pizza and beverages, and conversation about the pain and the pleasures of joining the KFNA Board or making a commitment to a committee. This could just be the opportunity you've been looking for to make the coming year interesting and enlivening for you. Let me know in advance so we have enough food and drink, and kids are welcome. Please RSVP to Hetal Dalal, 612-724-0117, or dala0015@gmail.com

PLAYGROUND PLANNING CONTINUES



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, or 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 Kingfield Neighborhood Association (KFNA), neighbors and local businesses, is actively fundraising to pay for enhance

ments – 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 "MLK Park Playground" 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.minneapolisparcs.org/currentprojects or contact Jennifer Ringold at email: jringold@minneapolisparcs.org, phone: 612-230-6464.



From the KFNA President

Election Day this year was a great day to be on the KFNA board. I took the day off work and spent five hours dispensing coffee, candy, cookies, and conversation with neighbors as they came to vote. I had more and better conversations with neighbors on Election Day than at any other neighborhood event, and the depth of interest, insight and compassion expressed in those interactions left me humbled. As a snapshot, I talked with folks about coffee, election returns, graffiti, art in the neighborhoods, the economy, teenagers and young adults and the recession, patchouli, skateboards, child care costs, jobs, food justice, the co-op, cooking classes, elders in the neighborhood, real urban farming, winter outdoor markets, winter outdoor everything, the playground rebuild, airport noise, and more. Wow!

This is the second Election Day that KFNA set up an outreach table, and I couldn't be more glad. Thanks to everyone who stopped and talked. Thanks to Scott Mueller for noticing that all of Kingfield votes in the same place, and for stoking the bonfire so we didn't become popsicles. Thanks also to the other members of the KFNA board who made it possible to keep lots of folks at the table from 7 AM to 8 PM. All my appreciation goes to the hardest working neighborhood association staff, Sarah Linnes-Robinson and Cheryl DeGroff. And boy, can I say this would not have been possible without the river of love in

the form of coffee and tea donated by Anodyne Coffeehouse, Butter Bakery Café, Royal Grounds and Curran's. And cookies from Sun Street Breads. All our thanks!

As a transplant 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." Another difference: I'm more comfortable talking about money than 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. Mull on this question for a minute if you're still unconvinced: Money is scarce for a lot of us, 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 donation makes possible this caring, connected community vibrant with art and dancing and inter-connected friends and neighbors.

With kind regards,
Hetal Dalal, KFNA President

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 rec center would be open to tailoring classes to the community.

By speaking to neighbors and posting on different Facebook pages (Kingfield Neighborhood Facebook page and Kingfield Neighborhood Moms Facebook page) I was able to collect many wonderful recommendations for family friendly classes: Musikgarten classes, tumbling/gymnastics, open gym in the winter, Lego or building classes, clay classes, and possibly a preschool program.

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

The Lego class is still in the planning phase! To keep costs low, we would like to accept donations of Legos. Then, once enough Legos are collected, the class can be scheduled. Donations can be dropped off at MLK Park rec center.

– Gia-Hue Schendel

Winter Yoga Classes at MLK Park

I came late to social media. I had been urged for years by 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'm 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 PM 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 nice big space. Sessions are tailored to the participants' abilities and experience, and—in the case of Family Yoga—to their attention spans. We have invented 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!

– Nan Zosel, yoga instructor



Kingfield Neighborhood Association (KFNA)

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

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'TIS THE SEASON FOR SHARING THROUGH THE ALIVENESS PROJECT

Our new neighbor, The Aliveness Project, is a local nonprofit organization that offers a variety of supportive services for individuals living with HIV/AIDS. One of these services is the Holiday Basket Program, which has provided thousands of gift baskets to men, women, and children affected by HIV/AIDS throughout Minnesota since the program's inception in 1988.

The Aliveness Project invites us all to share the spirit of the season by lending a hand with Holiday Baskets. Here are a variety of ways to take part:

- **ADOPT A BASKET** Shop for gifts for an individual, couple, or family basket and help make someone's holiday brighter.
- **SEW A STOCKING** Create lovely homemade holiday stockings (sewing patterns are available) to be enjoyed and appreciated by others less fortunate.
- **BAKE COOKIES** Bake your favorite holiday cookies at your home to be shared with people who might not have the same opportunities or skills.
- **HOST A DRIVE** Your school, faith group, or workplace can hold a drive for new clothing, gloves, small household gifts, nonperishable food, toys, or gift cards so everyone can feel that they are making a difference with their holiday giving.
- **DELIVER BASKETS** Deliver baskets to eager and thankful recipients' homes.
- **ACCEPT A LEADERSHIP ROLE** Exciting, meaningful and dynamic opportunities to volunteer as a Captain by supervising volunteers, soliciting donations, filling baskets, or coordinating other activities.

Your care and commitment will help make a brighter holiday season for those in need. For more information, check out The Aliveness Project website (www.aliveness.org) or send your questions to events@aliveness.org.

IN SEPTEMBER WE ATE FOR ART!



Eating for Art this fall was a huge success, with seven Kingfield restaurants plus six more in Lyndale participating; in Kingfield alone over \$3,000 was raised, donated by these restaurants to KFNA! These funds will be used to develop the new Kingfield Curb Culture program. KFNA Staff has been discussing project ideas with participating restaurants (think art shows, window art, sidewalk and patio art displays, yarn bombing, sidewalk performances, mosaic planters, artsy street-side signs, and more!), and be on the lookout this coming year for Curb Culture projects. Business owners anywhere in Kingfield, if you have an idea for a project that you think might fit the bill as Curb Culture, just contact KFNA at info@kingfield.org to discuss your ideas!

KINGFIELD EMPTY BOWLS EVENT



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

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 double the donation in 2014!

The Empty Bowls planning team has been working busily to secure beautiful handmade bowls, and the community is answering the call. Several schools including Washburn, Ramsey, Armatage, St. Paul Academy, and South are all participating this year. In 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 artist 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 not too late if you would still like to contribute! Drop-off is available at the Nicollet Square front desk, 3010 Nicollet Avenue South. Look also for donation boxes at Fired-up Studios, Northern Clay Center and the Edina Art Center. The concept of the Kingfield Empty Bowls Event is simple: Attendees 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 soups, breads and desserts. Please join us in thanking 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.

SAVE THE DATE and join us on Thursday, February 6, at the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 4055 Nicollet Avenue, for a fun evening of art, great food and lots of lively conversation with your community.

Contact Sarah Linnes-Robinson at sarah@kingfield.org or 612.823.5980 if you are interested in getting involved. The planning team will meet in early January, and there will be opportunities to assist with promotion and event planning!

KINGFIELD EMPTY BOWLS Handmade Bowls + Handmade Soup

An event to build community and
raise funds for Nicollet Square,
a home for formerly
homeless youth
in Kingfield

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.

In addition, the CPaS Committee has been keeping our neighborhood block leads up to date on recent crime trends, and the Police Department presented an excellent Burglary Prevention Workshop. Information from the workshop is available on the Kingfield website, www.Kingfield.org.

Several members of the CPaS Committee have attended Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training sessions provided by the MFD. The CERT program is designed to help citizens work together in times of public emergencies. We are continually increasing the number of residents that can lend a hand in crisis situations that might happen in Kingfield and our neighboring areas.

The CPaS Committee will take a winter break, coming back together in the new year to decide on topics of concern to our neighborhood and ways that we can continue to keep everyone informed about crime prevention and safety. If you are interested in learning more about the committee or CERT, want to be more connected to information about crime prevention and crime trends, or would like to become more involved with safety awareness for our neighborhood, please contact Cheryl at Cheryl@Kingfield.org.

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 mailed postcards to identified 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 this webpage: <http://www.minneapolis-parks.org/default.asp?PageID=531>), 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.

Trees that were damaged in the 2013 summer storm will be replaced automatically. Assuming that the MPRB's budget will allow it, the rest of the trees requested will be planted as well. These trees will replace trees that have died over the years and have yet to be replaced, or will be planted in places that never had a tree before. If you receive a new tree, please be sure to water it regularly. MPRB recommends watering newly planted trees thoroughly once every 7 to 10 days during dry periods in the spring, summer, and fall. Other helpful tips for taking care of new and existing trees can be found here: www.minneapolis-parks.org/default.asp?PageID=150.

— Ben Rasmussen, KFNA Board Member

At this time of Thanks Giving,
KFNA thanks the many for-profit Kingfield
businesses that have supported our work of
building community in the past 12 months:

GOLDEN BUSINESSES

(Supporting 5 or more KFNA Events)

Anodyne Coffeehouse • Butter Bakery Café
Color Wheel Gallery • The Lowbrow • Victor's 1959 Café

SILVERY BUSINESSES

(Supporting 2-4 KFNA Events)

Curran's Family Restaurant • Erik Brown Homes
Johnson Design + etc • King's Wine Bar • Litin Eco
Nicollet Ace Hardware • Sun Street Breads
Twin Town Guitars • Unity Sound Ministry

BRONZE BUSINESSES

Blackbird Café • Café Ena • Corner Table
Grand Café • Mulroy's Body Shop • Patisserie 46
Pat's Tap • Quality Coaches
Royal Grounds • Sebastian Joe's

Meet the KFNA Board



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-homers. I'm a member of the Nicollet East Harriet Business

Association (NEHBA) and I host a twice-monthly Think Tank for local business people to get questions answered in a co-mentoring 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 daughters and my husband is a first grade teacher. You may see us walking our dog, Josie.

Nancy E. Weiss, Nancy@kingfield.org



LISA SKRZECZKOSKI

I moved to Kingfield about a year ago. My husband and I decided to move from our apartment downtown once it became too crowded with two kids. We have a 4-year-old daughter, Aizlyn, and an 18-month-old son, Zaedyn. We fell in love with the neighborhood because of all the friendly people and things to do in the area. We're hoping our love for the outdoors will turn us into gardeners because our house came with a wonderful backyard garden. However, it took us three quarters of the summer and a couple packs of Benadryl to realize our beautiful flowers were ragweed and a plant-killing vine. I got involved in KFNA because I wanted a way to meet as many people as possible and be involved in all the wonderful community events.

Lisa Skrzeczkoski-Bzdusek, Lisa@kingfield.org



CHRIS SCHLEICHER

I live in a fourplex apartment unit on the 3800 block of Grand Ave. with my wife and two young children. I work in tax as a CPA at an accounting firm downtown where I commute all year by bicycle. We moved to Kingfield 3 years ago from St. Cloud when I graduated college. I like to spend my time traveling with my family and cooking traditional foods.

Chris Schleicher, Chris@kingfield.org

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 FARMERS MARKET DEVOTEE.**
1 pint sauerkraut handmade and delivered to your door by board member Chris Schleicher. 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.**
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 best 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 bouncy house, karaoke machine, Ping-Pong table, slack line, 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.
- Thank you for supporting your most local non-profit, the Kingfield Neighborhood Association! Our neighborhood is an amazing place on so many levels – we thank you for all you do to participate actively in making this community what it is. And we do hope you'll take the time to make your financial contribution to KFNA as well– your gift makes the work of KFNA possible.

Home-Based Worker Events

As an engaged group of Kingfield neighbors, the Kingfield Home-Based Professionals share the joys and challenges of working from our homes. We encourage each other's professional endeavors, offer creative ideas, support one another and gather periodically in the neighborhood. KFNA encourages any Kingfield residents who work from home (either self-employed or employed by others) to join our LinkedIn group where you'll find announcements for happy hour gatherings and social events: www.linkedin.com/groups?gid=4812315

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

Minneapolis Police Respond to Homicide in Kingfield

Just before publication of this newsletter, KFNA received this statement from the Minneapolis Police Department in response to a homicide in our neighborhood:

On November 22, officers responded to a report of a person down in the alley at 39th St W/Pleasant Av S. Upon arrival, officers found the victim, Derek Holt, to be deceased. The cause was a gunshot wound to the head. Officers canvassed the area, spoke with residents and the Crime Scene Unit responded to collect evidence. The case was assigned Homicide investigators. The victim was not from the neighborhood, nor did he have any ties to Kingfield.

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.minneapolismn.gov/news/WCMS1P-116069 for information on the MPD Tip 411 smart-phone app.

For any other questions, please contact your **Crime Prevention Specialist Amy Lavender at amy.lavender@minneapolismn.gov**. Updates will be provided as they become available via <https://www.facebook.com/KingfieldNeighborhoodAssociation> and www.kingfield.org.

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Calendar of Events

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| Tues. Dec. 17 | 6:30 to 8:30 PM MLK Playground Community Meeting Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 4055 Nicoilet Ave. |
| Saturdays | 10:30 AM • Family Yoga Drop in class, begins in January; Call park for dates, 612 370-4908 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 4055 Nicoilet Ave. |
| Wednesdays | 7:00 PM • Adult Yoga Drop in class, begins in January; Call park for dates, 612 370-4908 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 4055 Nicoilet Ave. |
| Wed. Jan. 15 | 5:30 to 7:30 PM KFNA Board and Committee Recruitment Party See story on page 1 for details. |
| Mon. Jan. 27 | 6:00 PM Potluck and Social Time 7:00 PM Annual Meeting – “Is That You, Neighbor?” Meeting room at The Aliveness Project, 3808 Nicoilet Ave. |
| Wed. Jan. 22 | Kingfield Redevelopment Committee Meeting Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 4055 Nicoilet Ave. |
| Tues. Feb. 4 | 6:30 to 8:30 PM MLK Playground Community Meeting Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 4055 Nicoilet Ave. |
| Thurs. Feb. 6 | Kingfield Empty Bowls Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 4055 Nicoilet Ave. |