



Kingfield News

“Is That You, Neighbor?” Kingfield Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting & Potluck

Cast aside the parka for an evening, stop peering out of your ‘scoodie’ like a babushka for a night, and come celebrate Kingfield and KFNA!

The Aliveness Project is happy to host KFNA’s annual meeting, “Is That You Neighbor?” on Wednesday, January 21st, on the 2nd floor of their building at 3808 Nicollet. Please join KFNA upstairs beginning at 6:30 PM for a potluck and social time, with the meeting beginning at 7 PM.

You can even be one of those board members, if you’d like! Look for announcements in the weekly KFNA e-News, or on our website and Facebook page for KFNA Coffee Dates and Happy Hours in the weeks before January 21, and drop in on one of them to meet some board members and learn more about KFNA.

If none of the drop-in events fit your schedule, don’t worry—just contact KFNA 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 attend the annual meeting and nominate yourself while there. Each KFNA board member serves a two-year term, and attends monthly board meetings the 2nd Wednesday evening of each month.

Note: Meet the newly elected KFNA Board at Happy Hour following the Annual Meeting at Blackbird Café, 3808 Nicollet, beginning at 9 PM!

MIDWINTER ESCAPE: A Homebased Professionals Event

Monday, January 26, 5:30-7:30 PM • The Aliveness Project at 38th & Nicollet

Break out of the midwinter weariness and gather with your fellow Kingfield Homebasers for camaraderie and critique! Past January events have drawn over 50 home-based professionals, so you won’t want to miss this one! In addition to providing fun social time to combat winter isolation, the January 2015 Midwinter Escape will engage our own graphic and web designers. In a small group setting, designers will offer tips about the questions a client should ask a designer, and will provide direct, concise feedback on others’ current marketing materials!

If you are a graphic or web designer and are interested in participating in this event, please contact sarah@kingfield.org. The more designers we have willing to volunteer, the more attendees can register. At the time of this printing, we have room for 24 people in this workshop—if you volunteer your services, we will have room for more participants!

The cost of participating will be \$10 for Kingfield Homebased Professionals, and \$20 for neighbors from adjoining neighborhoods. The cost covers food and nonalcoholic beverages plus an optional cash bar on-site. Find more information on the Kingfield website at www.kingfield.org or on the LinkedIn group of the same name.

The Kingfield Homebased Professionals also continue to gather informally at a Kingfield café the first week of each month, and for a happy hour in Kingfield the third week of each month. To find out the locations of these roving get-togethers and RSVP for these events, please join their LinkedIn Group!

Evaluating Nicollet Open Streets

Think back to the warm days of late summer and you may recall that on Sept. 14, Nicollet Avenue closed down to automobiles and opened up to pedestrians and bicyclists for the 1st Annual Nicollet Open Streets! Though the Minneapolis Bike Coalition promoted six such Open Streets events throughout the city in 2014, Nicollet Open Streets was unique in that two neighborhood associations (Kingfield and Lyndale Neighborhood Associations (KFNA and LNA)) organized and oversaw the event, using grant money from Blue Cross Blue Shield to help cover some of the costs.

Estimates of attendance showed that 9,500 people biked, walked, ate, drank, connected with organizations or neighbors, were entertained, or simply played on the 16 blocks of Nicollet Avenue closed to automobile traffic that day. Additionally, approximately 80 local businesses and nonprofit and governmental organizations participated in a myriad of creative ways, such as selling food and beverages, sharing ideas, and providing entertainment and activities.

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Kingfield Empty Bowls: Thursday, February 5th • MLK Park

Stopping hunger and homelessness, one bowl at a time!

Kingfield will host the fourth 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 single evening event!

The concept of Kingfield Empty Bowls 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 Empty Bowls planning team has been working busily to secure beautiful handmade bowls, and the community is answering the call. Besides direct artist donations of finished pottery, KFNA hosted our first-ever Pottery Throw Down in partnership with Washburn High School, Washburn Community Ed, and Continental Clay. Six volunteer potters filled the wheels in the Washburn art room and threw bowls for three hours. These 100+ bowls will be used at our community Paint-a-Bowl event on January 10, as well as shared with residents of Nicollet Square, who will assist with the decorating process, making sure each bowl is special when given to the public at our Empty Bowls event!

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! You may drop off bowls through January 31 at the ColorWheel Gallery, located at 46th & Grand, next door to Café Ena. Bowls will ideally be soup-sized and must be created with a food-safe glaze. If you need KFNA to pick up a donation, please contact us at 612.823.5980 or info@kingfield.org.

The bowls will be plentiful at the event, and so will the food! Once again many of our local restaurants have offered to provide soups, breads and desserts. Please join us in thanking Blackbird Café, Butter Bakery Café, Bruegger’s Bagels, Café Ena, Patisserie 46, Rustica, Sun Street Breads, and Victor’s 1959 Café, who have already pledged their support. We know that many more of our incredible community restaurants will be joining these to cook and bake for Empty Bowls as it draws closer.

Also at the event, local opera singer and Kingfield resident Amy Wolf and classical guitarist Wade Oden will be performing a one hour (6:30-7:30 PM) set of Spanish art songs by Sor and Rodrigo. Amy has performed with Minnesota Opera, Duluth Festival Opera, Utah Opera, and Opera on the James to name a few. Wade plays with the Minneapolis Guitar Quartet and teaches classical guitar at Normandale Community College.

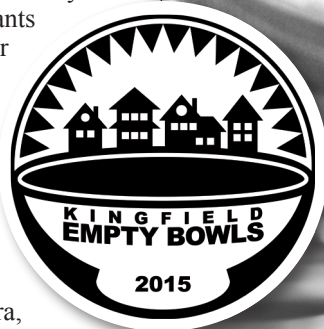
Paint-a-Bowl for Empty Bowls!

Saturday, January 10th
1-3 PM • MLK Park

Everyone can be a contributing artist for Kingfield Empty Bowls. Join us to glaze a handmade bowl to be given away at our February 5th Empty Bowls event! Paint-a-Bowl is open to all, but we prefer that children participating be at least 6 years old, and those under 12 must come with an adult.

All materials provided, no cost, but donations will be gratefully accepted!

Questions?
Contact KFNA at info@kingfield.org or 612.823.5980.





From the KFNA President

When my kids were young, we'd play a funny little conversation game -- I'd name a thing, and they'd guess whether it was magical or mechanical. As in: Electric lights and dishwashers? Mechanical. Unicorns?

Magic. Turning on the lights with a wave of a wand, or washing dishes with that same wave, à la "Sorcerer's Apprentice"? Well, magical, but supported by the mechanical, right?

The joys of living in Kingfield work the same way. It's a magical neighborhood and I feel very lucky to live here—I know many of us do—amongst neighbors who take the time to know each other, in walking distance of many family-owned stores and businesses, with public safety officers who can often be counted on. In a world full of stranger danger, big box chains and police forces

elsewhere whose values don't match the communities in which they work, none of the charms of Kingfield should pass unappreciated.

And while you're appreciating it, notice too that much of this magic has the mechanical supporting it. National Night Out and the annual garage sale, supported by the KFNA staff and board members, give you the chance to meet the neighbors who always leave through their alley. Artistic neighbors send in beautiful images to grace our electrical boxes, but Sarah Linnes-Robinson, KFNA's Executive Director, sends an endless stream of emails, letters and forms to jump through all the hoops to make them appear. Cheryl DeGroff, KFNA's Project Organizer, keeps the crime and safety committee together, giving us all a place to talk directly with the folks who know the most about keeping our families safe and preventing crime. KFNA spends countless hours and untold attention on things that are almost too boring to talk about—sound walls, exit ramps, parking spaces for new restaurants,

city budget lines. Boring, that is, unless we neglect them and the noise, the traffic, the intrusion, breaks through the charm and the magic. The mechanical supports the magical.

Dear neighbors – if you love your neighbors and your neighborhood, I'm asking you to pair your love with money. These things go so well together! Here at KFNA we need so much from you – time and attention, energy and goodwill, money, and, well...money. KFNA would be fully funded in a stable, self-sufficient way if every household donated \$20. Short of a magic spell we probably won't get a donation from every single household this year, so I ask each of you: Please take stock of your means, and the value you give to the magical and mechanical of Kingfield and give as much as you are able.

Thank you!

– Hetal Dalal, KFNA President

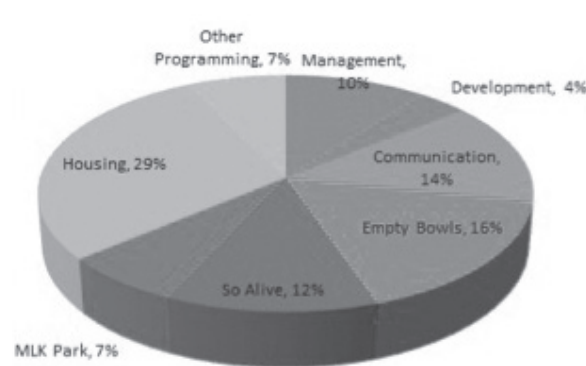


...and the KFNA Treasurer

It's the holiday season, and that means fun, family, friends, food, and ... pie. So much pie. Me, I'm partial to banana cream pie from Curran's (a Kingfield neighborhood staple) or pecan pie, or apple pie, or ...

well, really any pie. I'm a fan.

As somebody who looks at numbers all day long in my day job, sometimes I need a little variety in how those numbers are presented, and sometimes a pie chart is a helpful way to look at them. For example, a pie chart is a helpful way in showing how your contribution is used by the Kingfield Neighborhood Association. For one, you can see that all of your dollars are important to the continued success of the programming, and that a very large portion of your dollars go toward those programming pieces. Just look at the delicious-looking pie to the right. Some slices are bigger than others. What is notable is how large the slices of pie are that go toward programs like Empty Bowls, So Alive, and the Housing project. Another slice goes toward neighborhood



communications like the newsletter you are holding right now. In short, your financial contribution goes a long way toward making these neighborhood programs happen. We greatly appreciate your support!

All of this talk of pie is making me hungry! Let me go dig through the refrigerator to see if we have anything I can eat....

– Mark Waller, KFNA Treasurer

KINGFIELD RESTAURANTS PLAY "TAG, YOU'RE IT!"

In this new column in the Kingfield Newsletter, a Kingfield restaurant owner will tell you about their favorite other restaurant in the neighborhood! It might be where they go to slip away to for a quick bite of something different than what their own kitchen offers, or just their favorite place to hide away for a moment where their staff won't bug them! In this inaugural column, Restaurateur Heather Bray of The Lowbrow, which features scratch-made comfort food from locally farmed and sustainably grown ingredients, gushes over Nick & Chenny Rancone's Corner Table, serving a casually elegant, locally-sourced, ever-changing menu of American fare by Chef Thomas Boemer.

When Jodi and I want to have a special evening out, without a doubt our favorite place in Kingfield is the Corner Table. When you walk into the Corner Table, you encounter an unpretentious kindness and professionalism that immediately makes you feel you will be in good hands. To me service is very important, and at the Corner Table the service is truly remarkable. It is more relaxed than you might expect, and it is incredibly knowledgeable. I feel like any question I might have will be met with grace and thoughtfulness.

Another thing that sets the Corner Table apart is the wine list. Co-owner Nick Rancone has encyclopedic wine knowledge and has put together one of the most exciting wine lists in the Twin Cities. You will often find him tableside, talking you through the list until he guides you to the perfect choice for your dinner. I've discovered wine at the Corner Table that has blown my socks off.

And then there is the food. The food is both innovative and honest. And it is absolutely delicious. Chef and co-owner Thomas Boemer creates dish after dish that bowl me over with intense and balanced flavor. I'm STILL thinking about a perfect plate of Hamachi sashimi I had this summer.

When trying to encapsulate why I enjoy the Corner Table so much, it is because they find a way to make me feel both comfortable and wowed at the same time, and in my eyes you can't do any better than that.

– Heather Bray, co-owner of The Lowbrow



Kingfield Neighborhood Association (KFNA)

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

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or taking photographs for the *Kingfield News*,
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ELECTION DAY 2014

For the third straight year on Election Day, KFNA staff and board members and Kingfield neighbors braved the outdoors to greet our voting neighbors. Okay, you're right—this year we didn't need to "brave" much of anything, as the weather was pleasant, sunny and actually downright balmy most of the day! Starting at 6:30 AM and until 8PM, KFNA volunteers and staff were on hand alongside Nicollet Avenue, north of the park building, to thank voters and give them a hot cup of coffee or tea and some yummy treats. This was an opportunity for KFNA to meet, educate, and engage the neighbors whom we serve.

Minnesota always has a large voter turnout, and we knew that the entire Kingfield neighborhood (and our neighborhood only) would be voting at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park. We were excited about the efficient means of engaging with so many of our neighbors, and for the opportunity to thank them for voting. But most importantly, we just wanted to talk to our neighbors.

Given that this printed newsletter comes out only four times a year, and that it costs KFNA about \$8,000 a year to print and mail this newsletter, our primary objective was to ensure that our neighbors were getting the weekly e-News from KFNA. Our weekly e-News is our most efficient and least expensive means of sharing events and developments with our neighbors. If you're reading this and you're missing out on weekly news emailed to you, please sign up at www.kingfield.org. If you'd like to help defray KFNA's costs of distributing this printed newsletter, you can also make a donation to KFNA at www.kingfield.org.

The coffee and treats were donated from area cafés and bakeries. A big thank you to Bruegger's Bagels, Bull Run Coffee, Butter Bakery Café, Curran's Restaurant, Five Watt Coffee, and Royal Grounds Café for their kind donations—please thank them for supporting us when you next visit them.

This neighborhood outreach effort couldn't have come together without the support of our volunteers and our donors, and those who stopped to talk with us made it all worthwhile. KFNA will definitely have a presence again on Election Day 2016...just look for the KFNA tent outside MLK Park!

– Scott Mueller, KFNA Board Member

FAMILY FUN TIME AT MLK PARK

TRIKES, CARTS, FORTS, TUNNELS
AND TOYS IN THE GYM!

Mondays, 10 AM to 2 PM

Meet your friends for a playdate!
Starting January 12th • FREE

According to a survey that over half of the participating organizations responded to, the event was well received. Almost eight of ten organizations open during the event reported an increase in the number of visitors that day compared to a typical Sunday, and about two-thirds of these thought their customer traffic at least doubled. Many of the organizations thought the event brought in new folks, not just their regular customers.

Surveyed organizations rated the event highly on many dimensions, such as “casts Nicollet Avenue in a favorable light,” “is a valuable use of the neighborhood association’s efforts,” “felt welcoming to a diverse group of people,” and “strengthened the sense of community in the Lyndale and Kingfield neighborhoods.” No dimension, however, rated higher than “should be an annual event.” Virtually all the organizations said they would be somewhat or very likely to participate if Nicollet Open Streets is held again.

Colin Harris of the Minneapolis Bike Coalition is excited about the Nicollet Open Streets model, which gave neighborhood associations the lead on organizing the event and allowed the bike coalition to take a supporting, backseat role. If this model is replicated elsewhere, more people and neighborhoods will benefit from more Open Streets events throughout the city than the bike coalition could handle on its own.

— Katherine Harter, a resident of Kingfield Neighborhood, worked with KFNA and LNA to evaluate Nicollet Open Streets and enjoyed biking the event with her family



When participants were asked to describe Nicollet Open Streets in one word, the responses were overwhelmingly positive.

KINGFIELD GARDEN TAKES TOP HONORS

Those of you who joined us for the Kingfield Garden Tour last July will not be surprised to learn that one of the gardens on our tour was selected by Metro Blooms Minneapolis as an award-winning garden for 2014. John Humleker and Cordelia Anderson of 4405 Garfield Ave have been building their amazing enchanted garden over the last 28 years! With its gorgeous one-of-a-kind “Water Wall” in the front, natural stone benches, tables, giant rock bowls and the incredible fairy houses, this garden is as magical as it is environmentally friendly.

The property is the picture of environmental wisdom. All roof runoff is captured and reused; there is no turf, and rain is absorbed into the ground through the extensive use of flagstone, slate-paved pathways and decking. The lush greenery speaks for itself. There is plenty of habitat for birds and furry friends, and the garden is “bee safe,” meaning there is no use of chemicals or pesticides.

Humleker and Anderson, who weren’t raised by gardeners, have gradually learned the fine points of design and plant selection through instinct and trial and error. “When I go to the garden center, I look for color, shape or a feeling,” said Anderson. “I don’t remember plant names. That’s why I have a sign in the garden that says ‘Don’t ask me.’” Seems they are doing something right!

From passing neighbors and thirsty dogs to the occasional busload of school children, everyone is encouraged to visit and enjoy this special place!



View of the Main Pond and the Hobbit House

Vegetable Growing Basics: A Series of Free Classes at MLK Park



Do you want to grow your own vegetables? Come to the Vegetable Growing Basics classes this spring at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center, 4055 Nicollet. Classes will be held on five consecutive Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8:00, starting April 7 and going through May 5. Classes are free and open to adults.

Hennepin County Master Gardeners will show you how to plan and plant a vegetable garden, and how to take care of your garden until harvest time. Create a design for your own garden space, and practice gardening techniques through hands-on activities.

Garden at home, or at the park, which will have a community garden space dedicated to this program this year! Meet your neighbors and share gardening tips as we work the community garden together. Master Gardeners will be available at the park throughout the summer to help answer questions that come up as your garden grows.

To register for the class, go to www.minneapolisparcs.org, or phone the park at 612-370-4908. Specify that you are registering for Vegetable Growing Basics. You will need to give your name, address, phone number, and email address, if you have one.

The class is sponsored by the Minneapolis Park Board, Kingfield Neighborhood Association, Minnesota State Horticultural Society, and the University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardener Program in Hennepin County.

Classes in Spanish also offered: The Master Gardeners will teach vegetable gardening classes in Spanish at the Sabathani Community Garden. Classes in Spanish will meet once a month from April through September. To register, call the Sabathani Garden line at 612-547-6910 and leave your name.

— Mollie Dean, Kingfield Resident and Master Gardener

POTTERY CLASSES KICK OFF IN 2015

Pottery is one of the few forms of art that creates functional everyday pieces, and allows artists of various skill levels to work side by side and continually learn from one another. Working with your hands to relieve stress and create pieces that can be displayed or used is a wonderful leisure outlet for youth and adults alike. This craft has been making a comeback in popularity recently; if you hit a local art fair you will see all sorts of artists showing off their work.

In hopes to capture some of that enthusiasm, Martin Luther King, Jr. Park is launching a new pottery program starting in January. Instructor Mike Smieja is a working studio potter here in Minneapolis who also has participated in the Powderhorn Park program for many years. He has participated in Empty Bowls projects around the country as well, and is excited to support the Kingfield Empty Bowls project. All new programs at the park will dedicate class time to support Kingfield Empty Bowls. Most classes will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school and into the evening.

Youth Classes will introduce kids to the clay arts, mainly through hand building, but we will discuss wheel throwing and other techniques. Projects will be fired and glazed. This class will be fun and creative.

Family Classes will allow parent and child to work together to explore their creative side collaboratively. The projects will be designed to be taken home and used in the home together as a family.

Beginning Wheel Throwing will be an intensive class, very limited in size, for the individual who would like to focus on wheel throwing skills. Work step by step on three different pottery wheels. The focus of this class is technique, not completed works, though we will make sure that you have something completed at the end of the class.

Senior Ceramics has a 30-year history at the park led by Eunice Rudolph. Painting and glazing ceramic figures will continue every week. Stop by and discover the vast assortment of ceramic molds one can choose to work on.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Park welcomes your feedback as we develop this new program. For specific class times and information, visit www.minneapolisparcs.org. Click on “Find a recreation center,” then choose “Rev. MLK Park,” and click on the winter/ spring brochure. You can also stop by the park or call 612-370-4908.

— Peter Jaeger, Director MLK Park

Nicollet Votes

The election cycle has passed, Nicollet Votes has ended, and we’ve begun to analyze the results of the campaign. The preliminary data is already improving our understanding of the Lyndale, Kingfield, Stevens Square/Loring, and Whittier neighborhoods.

We staffed 30 door-knocks and one flyering event. We knocked on more than 1,762 doors, and had over 710 conversations between the four neighborhoods.

We fielded a total of 95 volunteer shifts, for about 250 volunteer hours.

We registered 50 voters, and passed out many more registration forms. In total, we added 223 potential new voters to the State of Minnesota’s Voter Activation Network (VAN).

One of our goals was to increase voter turnout in the neighborhoods from 57 percent (in 2010) to 65 percent of registered voters. We didn’t meet our goal, but the failure was caused by a bigger, nationwide problem, not a problem with our neighborhoods. Voter turnout for registered voters across the four neighborhoods reached an average of 53 percent, compared to the citywide average of 55 percent. The national average for eligible voters was 36.4 percent. Across the country, voter turnout was the lowest it has been since WWII.

Nicollet Votes knocked every door on the blocks we knocked, not just those of potential voters, a method that decreased our numbers. We sacrificed focused, targeted canvassing in favor of reaching as wide and diverse a population as possible. Though the numbers suffered, we connected with nonvoters in the neighborhoods, and the survey that was part of the doorknocks benefitted from a wider sampling of our neighbors.

This survey asked people to rate their level of satisfaction with their neighborhood and to name what they like about their neighborhood and what issues concern them. In Kingfield, approximately 93 percent of respondents liked their neighborhood either “mostly” or “a lot.” They frequently mentioned “good neighbors,” walkability and convenience, and the many small businesses as things they appreciate. The most common concerns were traffic related, with residents citing issues with parking, speeding, bike lanes, and lack of towing, while other residents mentioned crime and safety concerns and airport noise.

— Nate Elder and Logan Carroll, Lyndale Neighborhood News

the HOP

Your Social Playground

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Where Your Social Playground Meets Your Community
the HOP creates healthy boundary-pushing space
for your social stimulation.

How we do it:

The HOP creates space for the community to come
and experience true social interaction through diverse
mediums, with the intention and purpose of creating:
Intertwined Personal Community Relationships
Socially Aware Mindsets & Globally Friendly Lifestyles

Upcoming events:

January 12th • “Moshka” by the HOP • 6:30-9 PM
Center for Performing Arts • 3754 Pleasant Ave S.
Moksha means emancipation, liberation or release from
suffering. In a psychological sense, Moksha connotes
freedom, self-realization, self-love, and self-knowledge.

Activities will include:

Children’s Brain Lab • Women Empowered Dance
Intellectual Gathering • Imaginary Creation Space
Community Resources and Awareness Dialogues

January 14 — communaLAB

Time to be announced!

Moshka participants that care to will gather with a
socially and globally open mind to create a community
event centered around a Moshka-identified community
topic or issue with a focus on intertwining personal and
community relationships.

Partnerships:

the HOP is a proud partner with the Center for
Performing Arts. The center will be the main hub for
events and community gatherings.

communaLAB is a new partnership between the
HOP and the KFNA with the goal of hosting events that
intertwine personal and community relationships in a
creative and artistic manner.

Not sure what this is going to be? Neither are we!
Be brave, come check it out!

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KINGFIELD: Thinking Outside the [Utility] Box!



Utility box artist: Unknown



Utility box artist: Stephanie Torbert

Thanks to a fine selection of images by local photographers and a
graffiti prevention grant from the City of Minneapolis, late this fall
Kingfield completed Phase II of our utility box wrapping project! When
first conceptualized by KFNA and presented to the City in 2009, while
acknowledging it was creative and original, there was skepticism that
this idea was going to be long lasting and effective in stopping tagging.
However, Public Works approved Kingfield for a pilot project (Phase I in
our minds!) that was installed in 2010. It quickly proved effective, with
graffiti tagging on the wrapped boxes dropping significantly. In fact, in the
last four years, the initial nine boxes were only tagged five times. It didn’t
take long for other neighborhoods to start clamoring for information on how
to do a similar project. To date, 166 boxes are wrapped across the city, and
many more are in the works.

A huge THANK YOU goes to all the photographers who submitted images
for consideration for the project. The images that were selected are diverse,
but all offer a range of pattern that deters graffiti artists from marking the
boxes—whether out of respect for the artwork or because their image
would not be very viable, we don’t know! Many of this year’s images also
offer a magnifying-glass look at our community, due to the size of the final
images—from the startling giant-sized Converse tennis shoe (Katie Korpi),
to the bee you may never have noticed on the Echinacea (Bob Shrank), to
the bowling ball-sized tennis balls of Alby Zatkoff, who sadly died this
summer before seeing his photographs on a box. The images make you stop,
and often laugh. Hopefully they also encourage people to look both at the
artwork and at the world around them a bit more closely.

**Congratulations to all the following artists, whose images were
selected by both the KFNA Volunteer Selection Team and approved
by the Minneapolis Arts Commission:**

Joleen Sylvester • Pierce Kroh • Alby Zatkoff • Katie Korpi • Bob Shrank
Stephanie Torbert • August Olson • Kristina Perkins • Brenda Johnson

This year’s project wrapped an additional 10 boxes in Kingfield, largely
enhancing our new Nicollet streetscape and replacing some of the boxes we
lost in the recent reconstruction of the avenue. Although we had plans to
host a box tour (with boxed wine, of course!) this past fall, the early snowfall
got in our way, and a spring tour will be arranged and announced for 2015.
Keep on the lookout for this, when we start to thaw out, in the Kingfield
weekly e-News or this paper.

– Sarah Linnes-Robinson,
KFNA Executive Director & Curating Artist for the Project

Like our new Kingfield Empty Bowls logo? It was created
by Alex V. Kern, a Kingfield neighbor who runs his own
home-based graphic design business. Alex donated his
time and talent to help KFNA create our new Empty
Bowls look! To view more of his work, visit his website
at www.alexvkerndesign.com. According to Alex, his
mission is to improve life through art + design, one color
pixel at a time. He develops logos, brand systems, prints
+ layouts, illustrations + imagery, packaging, and web designs and strives
to strike a balance between eye-catching art and functional design while
remaining true to his client's needs.

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Calendar of Events	
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The Aliveness Project, 3808 Nicollet Ave., 2nd floor	6:30 PM potluck and social time, 7 PM meeting (See page 1.)
Mon., Jan. 26	Homebased Professionals Midwinter Escape
5:30-7:30 PM	The Aliveness Project, 3808 Nicollet Ave. (See page 1.)
Sat., Jan. 31	Last day to drop off bowls at ColorWheel Gallery for Kingfield Empty Bowls (See Page 1.)
Thurs., Feb. 5	Kingfield Empty Bowls Event
4-8 PM	Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park
4055 Nicollet Ave. (See page 1.)	