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HOURCAR: Soon to be Our Car in Kingfield!

Years ago, I lived with a bunch of Macalester students. We had a household that shared many expenses and workloads including meals, laundry, and household duties. We were a household of 10 with only two cars, so we had a sign-up board in our kitchen to "reserve the car." It worked pretty well. Through carpooling, we were able to be green-loving hippie kids who could feel good about the eco-footprint we left on the Earth.

Back then it was all about the environment, but in today's economy, a car-sharing program can also address the needs of those who cannot afford to buy and maintain a car of their own. The Kingfield neighborhood is stepping up to meet those needs!

Thanks to the efforts of KFNA's Green Committee, Michael Lander, HourCar, and a Climate Change Innovation grant received from the City of Minneapolis, a new HourCar car-sharing hub will open on the corner of 38th and Nicollet. Soon you will be able to set up an account, make a reservation by phone or online, walk right up to a fancy new red Honda Fit, and take it out to do those backbreaking errands!

A project of the nonprofit Neighborhood Energy Connection, HourCar has served the Twin Cities for several years. Two rate plans available, and aside from a small monthly fee, you pay only for the time you use the car. The HourCar program pays for all the gas, maintenance of the car, and insurance.

On the "Freedom" plan, monthly dues are \$5.00, with a standard hourly rate of \$8.00, plus 25 cents per mile. On the "Go" plan, monthly dues are \$15, with a standard hourly rate of \$6.00, plus 25 cents per mile. Cars are available 24 hours a day, and for both plans the off-peak hourly rate is just \$3.00 per hour, plus 25 cents a mile, from 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. HourCar's target users are those who generally use public transportation or are one-car families.

When Kingfield resident Leigha Horton was single and living in Uptown, her 1994 Toyota Tercel broke down. Faced with repairs that would cost more than the value of the car, she decided to give HourCar a try.

Of her HourCar lifestyle, Leigha says, "The online reservation system was incredibly well-designed and easy to use, and I was often able to make last-minute reservations if I wanted or needed."



The Kingfield neighborhood HourCar has been ordered and will be available at the 38th and Nicollet Hub on July 5th. Free HourCar membership will be offered to neighbors who complete or update their Minnesota Energy Challenge at www.mnenergychallenge.org in July.

Leigha used the service for a year and "loved it," until eventually she needed the regular use of a vehicle for her employment. But now that she and her partner, Patrick Blomquist, live together, they have determined that can easily get by with just one car, used in conjunction with the bus, bikes or walking, and now they are very excited to use HourCar again at a new nearby hub. By getting rid of a car they can save \$3,000-6,000 per year.

The Kingfield neighborhood HourCar has been ordered and will be available at the 38th and Nicollet Hub on July 5th. Free HourCar membership will be offered to neighbors who complete or update their Minnesota Energy Challenge at www.mnenergychallenge.org in July. Contact Sarah Linnes-Robinson at sarah@kingfield.org or 612.823.5980 to learn how to submit your challenge and get a promotion code to receive your discount!

To learn more about the HourCar program, come to the Kingfield Farmers Market at 43rd and Nicollet on July 12. See our shiny red Honda Fit, and check out all the cargo room it has!

—JobyLynn Sassily-James

A New Vision Comes to Kingfield

This spring, the long-standing "Welcome to Kingfield" mural on the corner of 36th and Nicollet has been taken over by teenagers with spray paint. But these are no typical scribbling vandals. The kids are part of a service-learning class from Loring Nicollet Alternative School, led by instructor Victoria Peña, and are working with the full permission of the building's owner. Sophomore Bree Sullivan explains, "We're painting a mural for this neighborhood, and we're trying to incorporate things that are important to promote change."

The class is "Art in Activism: Passion for Whatever." Peña explains the premise of the class as activism through creative resistance: "[The students] studied the formula of artists seeing some sort of social injustice and creating their work for a specific audience, whether it's a Tupac song or a May Day parade, and putting that message out into the world." When the space was made available, Peña led her students in the challenge of using the space to serve the Kingfield neighborhood.

Rather than confining themselves to cold crime data or census reports, Peña's students actually took to the streets to hear firsthand from residents the challenges and charms of living in Kingfield. They handed out flyers, canvassed homes and passersby, and then sat down to brainstorm

what they had heard from the people and how they could use it to bring the neighborhood together. The kids were impacted by what they heard from residents of crime, gang violence, housing issues, and poverty. They drew heavily on the work of British graffiti artist Banksy in conveying a message of hope and unity for the area. "They were very excited about being able to give a gift to the neighborhood, to give back in some way," says Peña.

But their mural will not be permanent. Peña intends to hold her class again for new students, using the same space. "The idea is for this to be a changing space," she says. "Hopefully we'll be able to paint another mural with newer ideas, and involve the community more with a new project. The idea [is] to keep it alive with current events in the area."

The original mural was installed by the Kingfield Neighborhood Association in 2005. KFNA's director Sarah Linnes-Robinson said that although the neighborhood may miss the original work, it is exciting to have an active canvas at this site depicting change, as well as youthful energy and involvement. She added that no matter what the image is each year, KFNA's hope is that it will still serve as a welcoming gateway to the neighborhood and prevent graffiti on the wall.

Several of the students will be working through the summer to complete the mural. If you are interested in learning more about the project or about the Loring Nicollet Alternative School, they can be reached at 612-872-3626.

—Amanda Vetsch



Stay Up-to-Date Between Issues of Kingfield News

Did you know that KFNA provides a weekly e-newsletter to supplement this paper? It includes meeting notices, special events, and classes. Anyone interested may subscribe: Simply visit www.kingfield.org and, in the left column under "Subscribe to Weekly E-Newsletter," enter your email address. KFNA provides this information free of charge to keep you up-to-date on neighborhood events and issues.

KFNA is happy to include notices for any organization or business in Kingfield. Send a notice to info@kingfield.org any Monday morning for inclusion in the Tuesday e-mail. (Tip: If you send us a notice a few weeks before your event, we may be able to include it a few times, to give people a chance to get the date on their calendar.) Please note that we require all notices to include a contact person's name, email address, and phone number. For businesses, the invitation must be for a special event. Lastly, please note that KFNA reserves the right to paraphrase all notices, and to determine when and if they will be included in the e-newsletter. If you have questions about the types of notices we typically provide, contact Sarah at sarah@kingfield.org.

Building Nicollet Square at 3700 Nicollet

Ground breaking for Nicollet Square, the proposed mixed-use development at 37th Street and Nicollet, is delayed but still on track.

Replacing a former funeral home and parking lot, Nicollet Square will provide 42 studio apartments for young people transitioning from homelessness or foster care, with on-site life skills programs and supportive services provided by YouthLink. Nicollet Square is currently negotiating with a community partner to develop a coffee shop/bakery that will be a wonderful neighborhood amenity and a job training opportunity for residents. Nicollet Square will also have two other retail/office spaces for rent to neighborhood businesses.

Plymouth Church Neighborhood Foundation (PCNF), the non-profit housing organization developing the site in collaboration with Westminster Presbyterian Church and Plymouth Congregational Church, is reporting a delay in the ground breaking for the new building. Originally scheduled for spring 2009, the ground breaking is now anticipated for fall 2009. The primary financing for Nicollet Square is through the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program, which has suffered from the economic downturn. However, stimulus funds from Washington will be disbursed by Minnesota Housing this summer to enable the project to move forward.

Nicollet Square is "shovel-ready," and will provide employment for approximately 120 direct construction workers. The building will be completed approximately one year later. PCNF is in the process of securing funding for the supportive services program for fall 2010.

—Lee Blons, Executive Director, Plymouth Church Neighborhood Foundation



From the (new) KFNA President

This is my first letter to you as the President of the Kingfield Neighborhood Association, and I would first like to take this opportunity to welcome back returning board members and welcome the new additions to the board.

Returning members are outgoing President Tom Parent, who did a fantastic job leading the organization over the last year, new Vice President Chris DeParde, Treasurer JobyLynn Sassily James, Secretary Dean Muldoon, and also David Saddoris, Darrell Gerber, Marie Wolf, Arthur Knowles, and David Potosky. New members Marshall Onsrud, Scott Borden, and Jeff Bajek have been involved in the community and KFNA in a variety of ways in the past, and were specifically drawn to the board this year

through an interest in issues surrounding public school choices for families in the F2 Open Area.

I believe we have a talented and energetic board, and I look forward to working with them as we continue to build community and address neighborhood issues.

The school choice issue is one that our new board hopes to address. Changes to the process will have a strong impact in our neighborhood as the Minneapolis School Board determines how to establish a community school or schools for the area. The KFNA board hopes to assist in the process of delivering information and improving communication between neighbors and the School Board, and hopes that through the process a broad neighborhood consensus can be attained.

I also want address another community stress from the past year. The board wishes to express its condolences and sympathy to the families and friends of Mark Loesch, Katricia Daniels, and Robert Shepard. The recent trials in these high-profile murder cases that involved Kingfield neighbors were undoubtedly stressful and difficult times for the families, and we hope that the neighborhood and community can begin the healing process after these tragedies.

I am honored and excited to serve as President of KFNA and for the opportunity to work and connect with the neighborhood in the coming year.

—Chris Sur, KFNA President

KFNA 5% Exterior Home Improvement Loans Still Available

A few low-interest loans of up to \$10,000 each are still available to Kingfield homeowners for exterior home repair projects. There is no household income limit for this program, which is administered through the Center for Energy and Environment (CEE). This funding, along with the 12 loans provided to residents last year, comes from Kingfield's Phase II allocation of Neighborhood Revitalization Program funds. Information, including a list of eligible projects, can be found at www.kingfield.org/grant-programs or call Jim Hasnik with CEE at 612-335-5885.

PASSING THE TORCH

KFNA's Redevelopment Committee has spent 1 1/2 years supporting the redevelopment of 4307 Wentworth. We have told you about this project in previous issues, including the partnership between Hennepin County and the City of Lakes Community Land Trust (CLCLT) to demolish and rebuild the home. What was once a one-bedroom, one-bath, 100-plus-year-old foreclosed home, originally built as part of a housing development for immigrant workers, has become a green, 3-bedroom, affordable home, including all energy efficient appliances, recycled pop bottle carpeting, and a geothermal furnace.

The County passed the torch to the CLCLT this past spring, and the Land Trust began marketing the house in earnest, showing it in numerous open houses and the Minneapolis

& St. Paul Home Tour. The house, estimated to be valued at \$200,000, now has a purchase agreement in place with an income-qualified buyer and a closing date in July for \$142,000.

Before the torch passes from CLCLT to the homeowner in July, volunteers from the KFNA Green Committee will assist the project by installing rain gardens on the site, to capture the runoff from the impervious surfaces. KFNA has partnered with a local landscape company, Energyscapes, who donated their time to developing a full site plan for the homeowners and will oversee the installation of rain gardens.

This project has been a great collaboration of agencies and

missions to increase the number and style of affordable units in Kingfield, as well as to educate the neighborhood about environmentally green homebuilding and yard practices. KFNA thanks the County and CLCLT for their partnership on this project, as well as Energyscapes and the neighbors involved in the creation of the rain gardens. We are excited to welcome a new homeowner to the neighborhood!

The project should be almost completed by the time this newsletter comes to print, so stroll by 4307 and take a look, and if we aren't done, feel free to pick up a shovel and dig into the project with us!

—Sarah Linnes-Robinson, KFNA Exec. Director



About the Kingfield Neighborhood Association (KFNA)

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

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4200 Block of Garfield Avenue Hits the Big Time!

On May 31st, residents of the 4200 block of Garfield gathered in the street, along with pets, props and party supplies, for a very special photo shoot with one of their own, photographer Layne Kennedy. *Mpls. St. Paul Magazine* is preparing a feature spread for their August issue that will include the portraits created that day. The accompanying article will highlight some of the unique traditions and community spirit that make this neighborly Kingfield block so special, including the recent hold-nor-barred, gala-benefit for a neighbor the whole block put on in May. Keep your eye on the newsstand!



Pictured: Lucy Lawton, Lillie Ouellette Howitz and Kingfielder Gabe Cole-Brant.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION: Changing the Way Your City and Neighborhood Work

The City of Minneapolis' Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) is a 16-member, resident-based commission, which will provide direction to the next phase of the City's community engagement work. Intended to replace the 10-year-old Neighborhood Revitalization Program, the NCEC was created to shape how the City engages its residents. While working with neighborhood and community organizations, the Commission will oversee programming details and funding for neighborhood revitalization work.

The NCEC has eight members elected by the neighborhoods, five members appointed by the City Council, two members appointed by the Mayor and one member appointed by the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board. The NCEC will work directly with the newly established Neighborhood and Community Relations Department of the City of Minneapolis. This department's purpose is to support:

- Neighborhood Vitality, by supporting the ongoing work of the neighborhood organizations;
- Access and Outreach, by strengthening the link between the City, neighborhoods, community organizations, and all residents of Minneapolis;
- Community Participation and Engagement;
- The City Enterprise, by incorporating the work of neighborhoods and city departments; and
- Strategic Partnerships, by building broader support for neighborhood and community engagement work through partnerships with institutions, corporations, and foundations.

This commission will hold its first meeting in June 2009; KFNA will keep you informed as we learn more on how this will affect your neighborhood association's funding and operations in the future.

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Vacant Home on Your Street? Adopt it.

On our street in the Kingfield neighborhood, a house sits vacant in the middle of the block. We who live nearby keep an eye on it. If there is a newspaper or a flyer on the front step, we remove it. When it snows, we shovel. When the grass grows long, we mow. We want the house to appear lived-in, like the rest of the homes on our block. It's our best deterrent to keep out would-be copper thieves, drug dealers, and squatters.

We realize it's the responsibility of the bank to take care of this abandoned house, but there's a problem with that. The contractors who maintain vacant homes have multiple homes to look after these days. Oftentimes, they never show up after a snowfall. Then it becomes our responsibility to abate anything that offers a hint of abandonment.

We maintain that vacated property simply because we take pride in our neighborhood. It is the same reason we maintain our own property. There is really no point in stopping at the property line and allowing an adjacent parcel to fall to ruin. Ultimately, vacant homes become an

obligation to our communities and to ourselves.

In our situation, we don't have a set schedule for mowing and shoveling. It just kind of happens. However, I believe neighbors can easily pull together and develop a schedule for a vacant property on their block. Maybe a young neighbor could be paid by a block pool to maintain the lot. It may take some creativity to develop a routine, but the benefit to the neighborhood is worth the effort.

Please note that you should never directly enter or repair someone else's dwelling; even accessing their property is sensitive. If you are uncomfortable taking the above actions yourself, you and your neighbors can also push the owner for appropriate maintenance. If you need help figuring out the ownership of a vacant house on your block, please contact Sarah Gleason, Project Organizer at the Kingfield Neighborhood Association, at 612.823.5980 x3 or sarahg@kingfield.org. She will help you contact the owner and demand that the property be maintained.

—Dean Muldoon

VACANT HOME ON YOUR BLOCK?

What you can do:

- Maintain the yard
- Pick up old newspapers and flyers
- Inform your carrier or local post office that the property is vacant, to assure mail delivery is stopped
- Shovel walks and sidewalks
- Pick up dog droppings
- Light the property at night with a motion light on your own property directed toward the neighbors
- Get broken windows boarded by calling 311
- Calling 311 is a resource for all non-emergency issues including broken windows, lack of yard maintenance, or graffiti. If you ever see anyone enter a home that you think is vacant, do not confront the person. Instead, call 911.

Gardening Blooms in Kingfield

The previous issue of *Kingfield News* reported on KFNA's efforts to build a community of urban farmers and a network of urban farms in Kingfield. While researching various programs in the City, including Backyard Harvest and the Urban Gardener program at Sabathani, KFNA is making strides at bringing resources and gardeners together.

Through joint outreach with Backyard Harvest about their program, four Kingfield neighbors are participating in the program, working with their own personal farmer to raise food on their own land. To learn more about this program, visit www.pricoldclimate.org. Also look for the Backyard Harvesters at the Kingfield Farmers' Market later this summer, where you can meet representatives at the KFNA table, and see examples of their produce.

Additionally, KFNA has received a Minneapolis Climate Change Micro Grant to support the development of community gardens. The grant will provide training with the Urban Gardener program and support through Gardening Matters to neighbors interested in starting these gardens. So far, a group of more than 20 neighbors has stated a specific interest in this community garden project. They meet the 2nd Monday of each month at locations throughout the neighborhood. If you are interested in learning more and being notified of meeting times and locations, please contact Sarah Linnes-Robinson, KFNA Executive Director, at sarah@kingfield.org or 612.823.5980.

Walldogs on Nicollet Wins MAC Award: Celebrating the City through Public Art!

This spring, the Minneapolis Arts Commission selected three public art projects to receive the first annual MAC Awards, established to recognize special contributions to public art in the community. Our own Walldogs on Nicollet project received one of the awards!

The Walldogs project created 10 murals along Nicollet Avenue in the Lyndale and Kingfield neighborhoods during July 2008, which were painted by local and national artists, as well as community members. The murals depict elements from the history of the city, including the city's historic and current skyline, the work of Joseph Nicollet, the Nicollet Baseball Park, the former park building at Nicollet Field (now MLK Park), and the historic street car system.

As the recipient of the Award for Celebrating the City through Public Art, Walldogs on Nicollet is recognized to have "contributed to the visual character of the community through a work of public art," "fostered the city's sense of spirit, heritage, and/or diversity," and stands as a "work that has become a symbol for the city."

Recipients of the other two MAC awards were the creators of a colorful park bench crafted by youth in North Minneapolis, and a dramatic installation of photographs in a downtown skyway giving voice to the Minneapolis immigrant community.

The Minneapolis Arts Commission was chartered in 1974 with the mission to strengthen the arts and enrich cultural life in Minneapolis. The Minneapolis Arts Commission works closely with the staff of the Department of Community Planning & Economic Development-Planning Division, Cultural Affairs, and shares their goal of developing a strong and vital arts community throughout Minneapolis.

KFNA is honored to receive recognition for this outstanding project. Thank you Minneapolis Arts Commission!

—KFNA Board

Martin Luther King Park Mural

I have found an interesting mural that everyone in Kingfield should check out. It is the mural on the Martin Luther King Park recreation building. I like it because it symbolizes the park's history. I asked Sarah Linnes-Robinson (one of the people who made the mural) some questions about it, and here is what she said.

Q: How long did it take to paint the mural?

A: 4 days.

Q: What made you want to make the mural?

A: We wanted people to think about the history of the neighborhood, and to see what the park looked like 100 years ago.

Q: Have you done other murals?

A: Yes, we made 9 others that weekend. We've made a total of about 20.

—Dominic Lue, 3rd Grade

"Cathedral of the Cornfields": The Building(s) of Incarnation

2009 is the centennial year of one of Kingfield's landmark institutions: Incarnation Catholic Church. Founded in 1909 in what was then the southern outskirts of the city, the parish expanded as the neighborhood grew around it, and by the 1930s Incarnation's buildings occupied all four corners of 38th and Pleasant.

In 1907 some members of St. Stephens Church approached Archbishop John Ireland regarding the establishment of a new church south of Lake Street. A section of land on the corner of 38th and Pleasant Avenue was donated. The site at that time was a cornfield, and the area was so sparsely populated that the new church received the nickname "Cathedral of the Cornfields."

The first services were held in a temporary location beginning October 3, 1909. During the winter of 1910, ground was broken for the first building. It was a two-story brick structure and was called the "Institute of the Incarnation" (Cleary Hall). On the first floor was an auditorium and temporary church with a seating capacity of 800. On the second floor were six classrooms.

The school opened with 160 pupils in six grades in 1911. To accommodate the nuns who ran the school, a wooden frame house was converted into a convent. A new rectory was constructed in 1912. Construction of the church building began in 1916. It was dedicated on October 3, 1920.

In just 17 years, the parish grew from 200 to 1500 families. Many factors contributed to this expansion. The founding pastor Father Cleary's popularity and reputation certainly played a role, as did that of Archbishop Ireland. It was not unusual to see real estate ads reading, "Lots for sale in Fr. Cleary's parish."

The facilities at Incarnation could not keep up with the increasing number of young families. The parish purchased a lot on the southwest corner of 37th Street and Pleasant Avenue to construct a new convent in 1923. An addition to Cleary Hall was completed in 1929.

In 1934, even with the pressure of the Depression, construction of a new school was begun. It was located on the site of the old convent and would tie all four corners of 38th and Pleasant together. The school was completed in 1935 and named Moynihan Hall. At the time, it was considered by many to be the finest educational facility in the city of Minneapolis. A kindergarten was located in a house nearby.

Growth continued into the 1960s, when school enrollment topped 1000. An addition was built adjacent to Moynihan Hall in 1961-63. This would prove to be the last new building project, as the tides of enrollment would turn in the decades to come.

**Interested in other Kingfield history topics?
Contact Sarah Gleason at 612.823.5980 x3!**

Who Wants to Let the Dogs Out?

A recent poll, conducted via the KFNA website, indicated neighborhood interest in a Kingfield dog park. The issue was raised to the forefront of the Redevelopment Committee due to a recent surge in off-leash citations issued at MLK Park by Minneapolis Police. 299 neighbors answered the survey, and almost all expressed support for the idea. 139 of you even stated that you would put time and or money into making it a reality!

If you were one of these people, now is the time to come forward and put your effort toward this project. We need you to continue to express how important this would be to you and to assist us on this issue, which is a politically difficult idea to make a reality. If you want to work on the feasibility and creation of a dog park, please contact KFNA Project Organizer, Sarah Gleason, at sarahg@kingfield.org or 612.823.5980 x3.

Grants for Local Businesses



The Nicolle-East Harriet Business Association (NEHBA) has been serving local businesses for over three years and was created through funding provided by the East Harriet and Kingfield neighborhood associations. Its mission is to strengthen relationships among local businesses and the community, advocate for business owners, and foster local business development. It is their belief that a healthy local business climate is integral to the vitality of our neighborhoods. NEHBA's boundaries are between 36th Street and 48th Street, and from Nicollet Avenue to Dupont Avenue.

In 2008, NEHBA made \$50,000 of city money available to local businesses through the Great Streets Façade Improvement Program. The program helps create healthy neighborhood commercial areas by providing incentives to improve the appearance of building facades. Through the program, many Kingfield businesses were awarded matching grants of up to \$5,000 for facade improvements.

These businesses included Mr. B's, TNT Barbershop, and Mirasol Express. A number of other Kingfield projects have been approved but have yet to be implemented, including those for The Lander Group, Grand Cafe, and Quality Coaches.

2009 brought an expansion to the business nodes to which NEHBA could provide the grant funding. Currently eligible to receive grant funding are businesses at 36th and Lyndale, 38th and Grand, 38th and Nicollet, 43rd and Nicollet, 40th and Lyndale, and 46th and Nicollet. Projects can include, in part, painting or tuck-pointing, signage and awnings, or exterior lighting.

For more information on NEHBA's work in our community or to become a member, call 612-823-3472, email info@nicolleteastharriet.org or visit www.nehba.org.

—Marshall Onsrud

A Bike for Fifth Precinct Officers

Thanks to the commitment of a group of Kingfield neighbors, a brand new police bike hit the streets of the Fifth Precinct in May!

Why a bike? The neighbors had learned that police officers wanted to get out of their cars and closer to the community this summer, but lacked sufficient bicycles. The group loved the idea of cops on bikes in our streets and alleys, and decided to raise money through KFNA to donate a bike to the effort.

Inspector Kristine Arneson tells Kingfielders, "Many thanks. I saw the bike, and it is really nice! Officers are quite happy that the neighborhood was so generous."

The Crime Prevention and Safety Committee, supported by the Green Committee, is now raising money to finish paying for the bike. Stop by the KFNA table at the Farmer's Market to track their progress and help "fill the tires!"

As of June 1, \$285 of \$800 raised — just over a third of the way there.

KFNA Website Update

Thanks to the valiant effort of KFNA Board member David Postosky, KFNA unveiled a new website last summer. Still at www.kingfield.org, the website was reformatted to make the site easier to search and to update. We are pleased to report that the site receives an average of 200 hits per day. If you have not checked out our website lately, please do — it's our hope that you will find the information timely and useful.

The KFNA website is constantly improving, to make sure the info you seek is at your fingertips. The committee pages are regularly updated with current projects, and older documents are archived to maintain a record of issues and actions. If you can't find what you are looking for, please let us know, and we may be able to add the information to the site.

While you are stopping by, be sure to visit the links to KFNA's awesome business sponsors! Without the support of these businesses that assist with the cost of KFNA's communication work, this website would not be possible.

It's Coming Back!

SAVE THE DATE and YOUR EXTRA STUFF for the 2009 Kingfield coordinated garage sale on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12. Check the KFNA website or your local coffee shop for registration information.

KFNA at the Kingfield Farmers' Market

Over the past nine years, the Kingfield Farmers' Market has grown into a weekly happening on the 4300 block of Nicollet. The Kingfield Neighborhood Association (KFNA) is proud to see this project take root and flourish into its own organization. KFNA continues to be involved at the market as a founding sponsor and maintains a space at each market. Each week the table is hosted by a KFNA Committee or project.

Stop by and see what else KFNA is doing in the neighborhood — some special highlights include:

- JULY 5:** Table hosted by the Crime Prevention and Safety Committee — Fundraising for a bicycle outfitted for a cop. (See story on this page.)
- JULY 12:** HourCar is coming to Kingfield — See our new neighborhood car and learn about the program. (See story on the cover.)
- AUGUST 2:** All registered block-party leaders, stop by the KFNA table and pick up your free party pack!
- AUGUST 9:** HourCar returns to the Market to show off its stuff!
- SEPTEMBER:** The Green Committee sells *Blue Sky Guides* to support green projects in the neighborhood. Pick up your copy!



Calendar of Events

July 5	Kingfield HourCar Hub Opens at 3800 Nicollet Avenue South
July 12	Our Kingfield HourCar at the Market 43rd & Nicollet Avenue South (See story on page 1)
July 23	Kingfield MLK Park Summer Festival Martin Luther King Park • 4055 Nicollet Avenue South
6:30 - 8 p.m.	
July 26	Neighborhood Garage Sale Sign-up at the Market 43rd & Nicollet Avenue South (Sale held 9/12/09)
8:30 AM - 1 PM	
Aug 2	National Night Out Party Pack Pick-Up Registered block party leaders stop by the KFNA Market table 43rd & Nicollet Avenue South
Aug 4	National Night Out — On your block! Evening
Aug 9	Our Kingfield HourCar at the Market 43rd & Nicollet Avenue South (See story on page 1)
8:30 AM - 1 PM	
Sept 12	Kingfield Neighborhood-wide Garage Sales Various locations
8:30 AM - 1 PM	
Sept 17	Eating for Art! — Details to be announced in Fall newsletter Various Times Great local restaurants in your neighborhood!
Sept 19	Celebrate 38! — Details to be announced in Fall newsletter TBA Save the Date!!
Sept 26	Hazardous Waste Drop-Off — Details to be announced in Fall newsletter 9 AM - 1 PM 3800 Bryant Avenue South



Setting up the photo shoot on 4200 Garfield... all the neighbors are promised their 15-minutes of fame in Minneapolis St. Paul Magazine!

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