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CONSTRUCTION IS COMING TO NICOLLET AVENUE

Share Your Thoughts about the Future of Our Community Corridor!

This spring the Nicollet Avenue Construction Steering Committee was organized by the Lyndale and Kingfield Neighborhood Associations in partnership with the City of Minneapolis. With construction coming to Nicollet Avenue in 2012, the committee was formed to ensure that the community is involved in the design and planning processes, by soliciting and organizing input from community members, property owners, business owners and managers, and other users of the Nicollet corridor. The Steering Committee will strive to be honest brokers

between different ideas and interests. Additionally, the committee will work to identify and communicate ways to support businesses and residents who will be impacted during the construction.

On June 23, the Steering Committee will host the first in a series of public meetings concerning the Nicollet Avenue Reconstruction. The meetings will be held at Zion Lutheran Church, 128 W. 33rd Street, and individuals may choose to attend at either 4–5:30 p.m. or 6:30–8 p.m.; the meetings

will follow identical formats. The purpose of the meetings will be to discuss the avenue's issues and communicate our visions for the future of Nicollet. Nicollet property owners and tenants will receive a direct invitation to this meeting, but all neighbors are welcome to attend and share their thoughts. The Steering Committee hopes you will give us your input on this incredibly important community project throughout the process. See <http://www.lyndale.org/current-issues/nicollet-avenue-construction> for background information.

NICOLLET AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION COMMUNITY INPUT MEETINGS

Wednesday, June 23rd • Zion Lutheran Church • 128 W. 33rd Street • 4–5:30 p.m. and 6:30–8 p.m.

It Pays to Change Kingfield!

A summer project for teens (14-18) to build leadership skills and solve issues in the community! Cash stipend paid to selected participants in the program; end of session camping trip included as part of program!

HOW DO YOU GET INVOLVED?

Show up and take part in the Interview Challenge!

The Interview Challenge is open to all youth in south Minneapolis ages 14-18. If you have an interest in being involved in this summer program, please just show up. This four-hour leadership experience will challenge you to think about your relationship to your community and your peers. This experience will help you to decide if you are ready for the summer program, It Pays to Change Kingfield. You will meet other young people in your community who may share your passions and interests in addition to meeting local college students who are interested in building a relationship with you! Change starts with you, and now is your time to shine!

IT PAYS TO CHANGE KINGFIELD INTERVIEW CHALLENGE:

Time: 10:00am-2:00pm • Date: Saturday, June 26

Place: MLK Rec Center, 4055 Nicollet Avenue South

The program itself will be every Tuesday and Thursday, July 6th-August 24th; exact times are still up in the air but we are looking at late morning/early afternoon before 3 p.m.

This program is run by Project Footsteps (www.projectfootsteps.org) and supported by the Kingfield Neighborhood Association, MLK Park YouthLine, and a grant from the Center of Urban and Regional Affairs. Project Footsteps was founded in August of 2005 with the goal of helping young people recognize they must take ownership of bettering their communities, themselves, and their world, as well as to inspire, empower and prepare youth to be agents of change, social leaders, and volunteers.

QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

Kyle Rucker, Director Project Footsteps, Inc
612-353-6927 or kyle@projectfootsteps.org



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DOG PARK

MLK Dog Park Proposal Makes Progress

On May 5, 2010, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board of Commissioners approved the Kingfield Dog Park project concept and referred it to committee for further development!

A group of Kingfield resident leaders, now officially a task force of KFNA, brought forward the proposal for a potential off-leash area in MLK Park. This part of the city has the second highest density of licensed dogs, but is the only district with no off-leash areas. The Kingfield Neighborhood Association supports this project because the board believes an off-leash area in MLK Park will:

- Increase community interaction between residents
- Bring new visitors to MLK Park from several surrounding neighborhoods
- Add an amenity to an otherwise underutilized section of the park
- Improve safety in the neighborhood and park
- Encourage enjoyment of green spaces throughout the year
- Invite new patronage of local businesses and community resources

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MOBILE DRUG DEALING: Has It Come to Your Block?

Summer is the season of front porches and boulevard gardening...and sometimes for noticing mobile drug dealing right on our blocks! Mobile drug dealing is the sale of narcotics between individuals in vehicles—in cars, or even on bikes. A cell phone is usually used as a tool to set up the meeting at a specified location.

Look for these suspicious behaviors that may be signs of mobile drug dealing:

- Continuous car or foot traffic around the block, or back and forth on the same route multiple times
- The same vehicle meeting up with many different vehicles for short meetings
- The same person seen in many different vehicles
- Strange vehicles from out of the area
- Brief meetings
- Hand-to-hand transactions and/or transactions through car windows
- Cell phone usage and then meeting someone
- Headlight or brake light flashing
- Hand signaling (waving off the meeting)
- Someone taking or placing objects in odd places
- Observation of drug packaging materials, passing of money or other goods.

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I'm Crazy and I want to run!

Kingfield Dog Park Yappy Hour June 19, 3–6 p.m. 4244 Nicollet Avenue South

Bringing together dogs and humans for an afternoon of fun, to build our community and raise funds for the organizing efforts of the proposed Kingfield Dog Park! Cash bar available, and snacks for dogs and humans.

Dogs are welcome (of course!) but not required. All attending dogs must come with a leash, however. A professional photo opportunity for you and your dog will be available on-site, for a donation.

Event sponsored by **Rau + Barber**, **Victor's 1959 Café**, **Anodyne@ 43rd**, and a growing list of other sponsors! **QUESTIONS?** Contact dogpark@kingfield.org or 612.823.5980, or visit www.kingfield.org/dog-park.

From the KFNA President



This is my first column since KFNA's Annual Meeting in April and the election of new board members at that meeting. I would like to both congratulate and thank our new members: Brad Kalina, John Barber, Rachel Bond, Randy Niemiec, Tamera Eirten, Brook Lemm-Tabor; and also Mark Brandow, who re-upped for another two-year term. Although KFNA is an institution with a long history, it is largely defined by the board and staff serving KFNA at any given point in time. We have been fortunate to have an Executive Director, Sarah Linnes-Robinson, who has been with KFNA for 14 years and adds valuable institutional memory to the organization. But as you can see, almost half of our board is new.

The KFNA board typically attracts those interested in getting involved with the neighborhood association via a variety of personal interests: an interest in Kingfield businesses,

for example, or school choice issues, or advocating for a neighborhood dog park. But although individual board members have different interests and passions as they relate to the community, the work and responsibility of the board is to come together to help the neighborhood as a whole.

The 13 volunteer KFNA board members are committed to the betterment of Kingfield in all respects, whether that means working to reduce crime, beautifying the neighborhood through public art, providing exciting opportunities for the youth of Kingfield, or tackling new issues that may come up. We are a resource for residents and business owners, ready to address problems or take on projects to make Kingfield a more livable and vibrant neighborhood, and I am proud of the energy and passion I have seen at KFNA since I have been on the board. Thanks again to the new board members, and I look forward to working with the whole board throughout the next year.

—Chris Sur, KFNA President

Calling all Kingfield Leaders: We want to know who you are!

The most important thing we do to keep Kingfield a safe and interesting place to live is to get to know our neighbors. Fortunately, we're pretty good at that! National Night Out parties, unique block traditions like roving happy hours, the Farmers' Market, joining efforts to deal with crime...there are so many great ways that Kingfield neighbors come together and get connected. And behind each one are the neighbors who volunteer, take the lead, call the meeting, send the email, deliver the flyers... These are the block leaders and community builders who are the lifeblood of a strong neighborhood. The KFNA Crime Prevention and Safety Committee (CPaS) is focusing its efforts on identifying, supporting, and strengthening the

network of formal and informal block leaders who keep the 100 blocks of Kingfield connected.

CPaS leaders are working to identify existing or prospective leaders or contacts on every block in Kingfield. They hope to connect block leaders to available resources, find out what other information or support block leaders could use, and create ways for block leaders to share ideas and experiences with each other. A block leader social event hosted by CPaS in May was a great example—a sharing of homemade desserts and homegrown ideas for building community on the block. If you missed this one, be sure to look for another Block Leader Social this fall!

If you are a block leader, formal or informal, a National Night Out contact, or any other kind of contact/organizer for your block, please let KFNA know! Email info@kingfield.org, or fill out the block leader survey at www.kingfield.org/crime-and-safety/block-leader-questionnaire/.

Join Your Neighbors and Start Saving Now!

Join the residents of more than 300 Kingfield homes who are already saving energy and money! The Kingfield Neighborhood Association is excited to again offer Community Energy Services, a partnership with the Center for Energy and Environment, CenterPoint Energy, and Xcel Energy, with funding provided by the MN Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund.

As participants of Community Energy Services, homeowners are invited to a free educational workshop where they will receive energy-saving tips and schedule a customized home visit from CEE's energy experts. At the visit to your home, two CEE employees will

perform a blower door test to measure your home for air leaks, and install energy-saving materials as needed, which may include compact fluorescent light bulbs, low-flow showerheads, faucet aerators, pipe wrap, or a programmable thermostat. The home visit takes about an hour and a half, is worth up to \$400 in services and materials, and is available for a co-pay of only \$30. What's more, the Kingfield Neighborhood Association will reimburse the co-pay of every homeowner who participates, making this \$400 value absolutely FREE! Participants will also receive information on financing, rebates, and incentives for energy-saving appliances and projects.

The workshop will be held on Thursday, June 24th, at 6:30 p.m. at McRae Park (906 E. 47th St.). Contact Ashley Robertson at 612-335-5869 or arobertson@mncee.org.



About the Kingfield Neighborhood Association (KFNA)

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

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The KFNA board meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at Martin Luther King Park, 4055 Nicollet Ave. S.

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MLK DOG PARK • CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

HISTORY

In January 2009, as a result of a new Restorative Justice initiative in the neighborhood, a group of three Kingfield residents who had been cited for having dogs off-leash in MLK Park approached the KFNA Board about creating a dog park in the neighborhood. These residents surveyed neighbors near the park door to door, and found that most were supportive, and none were opposed to the idea of an off-leash area at MLK Park. An online survey posted by KFNA at that time received over 300 responses in a few weeks, most in favor of the idea. It was determined that the group would continue their research.

The Kingfield Dog Park organizing team grew through the spring and summer of 2009. The team toured MLK Park and mapped and photographed some potential sites. They then used the Farmers' Market and community events to gather input and gauge support. The team organized and led a community forum in October 2009 to share their ideas and gather feedback. More than 30 neighbors attended.

CURRENT PROPOSAL

The Dog Park Task Force developed a plan that responds to many of the concerns expressed by officials and residents; the proposed site totaled about 1.1 acres in area, and was situated along the east side of MLK Park, making use of a currently unused piece of land bordered by the new 35W sound wall. The proposal includes two fenced areas, one for small dogs only, and multiple entrances/exits from different sides. The Park Board, after reviewing this proposal, asked the group to consider the northwest corner of the park for the All-Dog area, so the group is drafting a plan for that area also as an alternative site. Whichever proposal is determined to best fit in with the current park uses and also serve dog owners will be brought forward to the public for comments in a public meeting

this summer. Notice on the meeting will be distributed by the Park Board to residents within a certain proximity to the park, and also through the Kingfield E-Mail list to anyone interested, so join it now at www.kingfield.org on the left-hand side of the page!

OUTREACH AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZING

The Task Force continues to actively and creatively spread the word and gather photos, input, and support, both online and in person. The Kingfield Dog Park Facebook page they created has over 375 friends. Task Force members have participated in community cleanups (scooping poop, of course!) and are regularly out walking the streets wearing Kingfield Dog Park T-shirts, reaching out to dog owners they encounter. Ways you can help bring an off-leash area to MLK Park:

- Write to park commissioners in support—you can find their names and emails at www.minneapolis.parks.org/default.asp?PageID=36
- Become a friend of the Kingfield Dog Park on Facebook
- Donate to KFNA, get a Dog Park T-shirt, wear it everywhere!
- Come to Yappy Hour on June 19 at Rau + Barber!
- Look for more ideas online at www.kingfield.org/dog-park

ALSO: The Dog Park Task Force is collecting photos of dogs with their human families ... send one jpeg per family to dogpark@kingfield.org. We believe that the diversity of our dog-owning community (in race, age, marital status, etc.) will be a strength for this park. Please label your photo with your dog's name first (e.g. Rex and Family). Send your photo today! Please know that by submitting this photo you are granting permission for KFNA to use it on printed and web-based promotional materials.

Walking the Walk to Lyndale Community School

A group of Kingfield families started a "walking school bus" to Lyndale Community School this past fall and walked together every day throughout winter. The parent- and grandparent-led group included 10 students. This spring, in an effort to encourage more students to walk, three additional routes were added on Tuesdays and Thursdays. More than 80 students from Kingfield and other neighborhoods have joined the walking buses.

Families who will be new to Lyndale School next year and want more information on the walking buses, or Kingfield residents interested in volunteering as crossing guards, please contact Lyndale Community School Parent/Kingfield Resident Scott Bordon at 612-827-1868, or scottbordon@hotmail.com.

MOBILE DRUG DEALING • CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

WHAT TO DO IF YOU OBSERVE SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY:

- Write down your observations in detail
- Call 911 when you spot the suspicious activity
- Contact your Crime Prevention Specialist (see below) with this information:
 - Plate number and state of issue on involved vehicles. Please try to identify which is the drug dealer's vehicle versus the buyer's vehicle
 - Make and model, color, 2-door or 4-door, truck, SUV or car
 - Suspect descriptions
 - Brief description of the actions you observed

What the CRIME PREVENTION SPECIALIST (CPS) will do:

- Evaluate the information and, if it meets criteria, a "Dear John" letter will be sent to the registered owner of the vehicle. The letter is not a tag, ticket, or criminal charge; it is simply an observation that states the vehicle was seen in activity consistent with mobile drug dealing
- Record and monitor the license plate and registered owner information
- Reply to any questions or concerns that the recipient of the letter may have

If you have any questions regarding the "Dear John" program, please contact:
Amy Lavender • Crime Prevention Specialist • 5th Precinct
(612) 673-5407 • amy.lavender@ci.minneapolis.mn.us



I Scream for King Park's Summer Ice Cream Social!

Join your Kingfield neighbors for a delightful evening at the park. Kids' activities, entertainment by KIDSDANCE, face painting, music, balloons, and so much more. Hot dogs, root beer floats, and other goodies will be for sale at affordable prices. Be sure to mark your calendars! Thursday, July 22, 6-8 p.m.

Kingfield's First Community Garden Blooms!



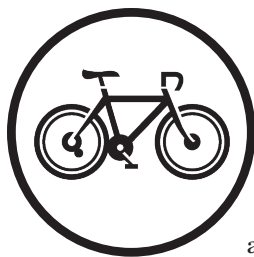
After a year of visioning, planning, and preparation, the first Kingfield Community Garden site is up and running at the Center for Performing Arts, 3754 Pleasant Avenue South. 25 neighbors are gardening in raised beds this season, with an additional team of dedicated "supporting gardeners" focusing on the garden's common areas. The vision of the Kingfield Community Garden is to share work, ideas, and food, strengthening the community socially, spiritually, and in practical ways.

Kingfield Community Gardeners had a chance to demonstrate their commitment to sharing even before the first seed was sown. The plan had been to have two community garden sites, with twice as many plots available. However, due to insurance complications, the second site fell through at the last minute. The prospective community gardeners agreed to share the remaining plots, so that everyone who wanted to be part of the community garden would be able to participate.

In early May, twelve 100-square-foot raised beds were constructed and filled with soil and compost by gardeners and hardworking volunteers, led by a talented neighbor motivated by the promise of a steady supply of tomatoes

this summer! Students from Pilgrim Lutheran School helped prepare the garden by planting flowers, spreading wood chips, and creating a decorative border to catch the eye of passersby. The blooming border will soon be replaced by a fence that can protect the garden goodies from marauding bunnies.

A team of volunteers is planning community events related to the Community Garden. Watch for activities at the Kingfield Farmer's Market; the second annual Kingfield Garden Tour on July 29; sales of *Blue Sky Guides* in August to support the garden; events in the Garden for Celebrate 38th! on September 25th; and more! Stop by to see what's blooming or chat with the gardeners any time. Check the garden page on the KFNA website, www.kingfield.org/green/community-gardens for upcoming events and ways you can help.



COMING SOON:
A Swifter and Safer Bike Ride to Downtown

In March, the Kingfield and Lyndale Neighborhood Associations hosted a community meeting in partnership with Minneapolis Public Works to discuss the proposed addition of bike lanes along 1st Avenue and Blaisdell Avenue.

Based upon public feedback to their proposed plan, the City has modified their original proposal and now intends to leave the parking as is on 1st Avenue between 40th and 33rd Streets. Additionally, they intend to install a 7-foot bike lane along the eastern edge of the roadway, with a 4- or 5-foot buffer zone between it and the proposed single travel lane for cars. Pubic Works believes that reducing the automobile travel to one lane will reduce the speed of the traffic, and the buffer zone will further protect bicyclists. When parking is allowed in the eastern bike lane on weekends, largely to accommodate car traffic to the Reed-Sweatt Tennis Center and the number of multi-family homes in the area, the buffer zone will serve as the de facto bike lane for these blocks.

On Blaisdell the proposal was not modified from the original plan, which calls for the addition of a striped bike lane while the driving and parking lanes would not change. The entire project, to be paid for by federal transportation funding, will cost \$150,000.

In reviewing the project, KFNA provided the following feedback:

"Blaisdell and 1st Avenues are important to the Kingfield neighborhood for two very different reasons: they are routes for auto traffic to move to and from the neighborhood and, more importantly, they are home to many Kingfield families. The current design of the avenues favors automobiles, resulting in traffic speeds that are too high, poor conditions for bicyclists, and an unsatisfactory pedestrian environment. A better balance needs to be struck between the many users of these streets.

KFNA believes that the proposed addition of bike lanes on Blaisdell and 1st is a good first step to make these routes more bicycle and pedestrian friendly. Bike lanes will reduce the existing lane widths in many places, the existing width of which is a contributor to the problem of excessive vehicle speeds. Bike lanes will increase drivers' awareness of other roadway users, which hopefully will cause the average driver to have more awareness of the residential surroundings and adjust his or her driving accordingly."

Programs at
Martin Luther
King Park

Summer Lunch Program

Free summer lunches for children will be available at King Park on a first-come-first-served basis. These are brown bag style lunches that will be prepared by the Minneapolis Public Schools Food Service Department. NO pork items are on the menu. Lunches are not available for sale, nor will they be given to infants under the age of 1 or to adults over the age of 18. No lunch program July 2nd-July 11th. Ages: 1-18 yrs • M-Th • 6/14-8/12 • 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Art in the Park

Martin Luther King Park, in partnership with the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, hosts "Illuminations," a K-6 art workshop series. Artists from the Minneapolis Institute of Arts shed light on treasures from the museum's collection with hands-on projects. All materials and resources provided. Come with an open mind and dressed to make art. Ages: 6-12 yrs • Wed. 7/21, 28 & 8/9 • 1-2:30 p.m. • free

Open Floor Hockey

Join friends and meet new ones for some fast-paced floor hockey.

Ages: 10-13 yrs • Thurs. 6/17-8/12 • 6-8:30 p.m. • free

Open Girls Volleyball

Join friends and make new ones playing open girl's volleyball. Games are not refereed, but use the honors system of calling violations. This is an excellent opportunity to improve your skills before the middle and high school seasons begin.

Ages: 12-18 yrs • Mon. 6/14-8/9 • 6-8:30 p.m. • free

Adult Indoor Co-Rec Dodgeball

Join us for fun Co-Rec Dodgeball action. Games are not refereed, but will use the honors system of calling violations. Weekly registration required at www.mndodgeball.com, and a \$3 fee is paid at King Park.

Ages: 18+ • Wed. 6/16-8/11 • 6-8:40 p.m. • \$3 per week

Fall Youth Sports Registration

Registration forms for 2010 Fall youth sports programs are available at King Park. Ages, dates, and fees vary by sport (soccer, football, volleyball). 6-18 yrs



Parent-Led
Fundamental
Soccer Camp

Sponsored by King Park and the Kingfield Neighborhood Association

Martin Luther King Park
4055 Nicollet Avenue, 612-370-4908
Saturdays, June 19th - August 7th, 10-11:15 a.m.
Boys and Girls ages 4-12

\$20 (Nonresident \$30) Fee waivers available upon request

Register online at www.minneapolisiparks.org, or in person at the park.

Volunteer parent-coaches are needed to make this program happen! Whether you are a soccer star or have no soccer experience, we will teach you to coach. Training for the parent-coaches is on Tuesday evening, June 8, 2010, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at King Park.

Please contact Scott Bordon at 612-827-1868, or scottbordon@hotmail.com, with questions or to reserve a spot at coaches' training.

Nicollet Square Update

Nicollet Square, a mixed-use housing and commercial development on the corner of 37th Street and Nicollet Ave. S., is well under construction. As previously reported in Kingfield News, Nicollet Square will be home to 42 young adults with a 24/7 front desk, on-site support provided by YouthLink, and a corner retail store as part of an on-site workforce development program for the young adult tenants. Plymouth Church Neighborhood Foundation (PCNF), the project developer, and KFNA have created a Community Benefits Agreement as a way to communicate and work together as Nicollet Square becomes an active member of the Kingfield neighborhood.



In December 2009, it was standing room only as public officials and community members gathered in a lighted tent for the ceremonial groundbreaking event. Construction on Nicollet Square began in early March, and is slated to finish in November. The walls and a roof should be completed by the end of June. Kirk Moorhead, from PCNF, is meeting weekly with the contractor about the status of the project. At the time of the next KFNA newsletter, we will have an identifiable building and know more about the opening. Any questions or issues about the site should be directed to Kirk at (612) 871-0890.

With help from KFNA and the Nicollet East-Harriet Business Association, PCNF held a reception on March 16th for individuals and businesses who wanted to learn more about the development. As of May 2010, Plymouth Church Neighborhood Foundation had not secured an employment partner and continues to seek a business interested in the corner retail space. For further information, please call Jill Garcia from PCNF at (612) 871-0890.

Neighbors Create a Stir at Sebastian Joe’s

With the greatest number of households participating in the CEE Home Energy Assessment workshops this year, the 4100 block of Garfield is top block. Their prize? They will be visiting Sebastian Joe’s Confectionary, tucked behind Anodyne at 43rd and Nicollet, to meet the owner, tour the facility, and taste a selection of ice creams. Following their tour, block leader Cathy McCarron and Kingfield staff will lead the neighbors in a brainstorming session for Kingfield’s 2010 ice cream flavor and name!

Way to go, Garfield neighbors! Not only will your homes stay cooler this year due to the energy saving changes you have made, but all of our bellies will too—we’ll scoop the flavor at all registered block parties on National Night Out, Tuesday August 3rd!

KFNA Thanks Our 2010 Business Sponsors!

Anodyne Coffeehouse • Butter Bakery Café • Center for Performing Arts • Color Wheel Gallery • DreamHost EnergyScapes • Gee Teez • Jardin Mágico • Johnson Design + etc • Leonardo’s Basement • Litin Eco Northrup Roofing & Exteriors • Rau + Barber Photography • Sebastian Joe’s Ungerman Construction • Victor’s 1959 Café

BUSINESS BRIEFS

IT’S ALMOST HERE...Patisserie 46, a bakery-café located at 46th and Grand is looking at an opening date in early summer. **Patisserie 46** will highlight the seasons with a selection of products such as ice cream, petit gateaux, chocolate bon bons, and tarts. They will specialize in viennoiserie such as croissants, Danish, and a few specialty items from around the world; and they are very excited about their macarons, which will change seasonally. Also available will be a selection of sandwiches, baker’s pizza called tarte flambée, and tartines, all using the bakery’s own bread plus local produce and meats. Patisserie 46 will teach classes one Saturday a month, with topics to include éclairs, macarons, brioche, and croissants. Owner and pastry chef Jon Kraus says, “The Patisserie’s goal is to provide the neighborhood with a place for daily bread and coffee, as well as ... a place for friends and family to start the day well, or meet and relax.” Follow Patisserie 46 on Twitter: twitter.com/Patisserie46.

NEW ON THE BLOCK! Katy Schmaty Jewelry, which opened in May, sells **one-of-a-kind and custom jewelry pieces** at modest prices. Looks range from quirky to elegant, incorporating semi-precious stones or refashioned vintage charms and beads. Check out photos on the web at **www.katyschmaty.com**, and stop by during shop hours, noon to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday (weekends by appointment). 3920 Nicollet Ave. S. (Inside Mulroy’s), 823-8200.

HAVE YOU HEARD? Blackbird Café, temporarily homeless after fire destroyed a retail block at 50th and Bryant this winter, **will relocate to 38th & Nicollet in Kingfield**. According to the owner and executive chef, Chris Stevens, “Blackbird is a cafe in the literal sense of the definition: a neighborhood centered, casual restaurant serving meals and drinks, attracting a variety of people. Our value priced menu offers a wide selection of scratch cooking using local purveyors and a nice assortment of inexpensive wines, macro and craft beers, teas and our excellent coffee drinks. We are shooting for a September opening and will be open for lunch and dinner daily, with breakfast available on Saturday and Sunday.” Anyone who has questions or concerns contact Chris at blackbirdmpls@hotmail.com.

Calendar of Events

Sat., June 19	10 a.m.	Fundamental Soccer Camp for Kids Martin Luther King Park • 4055 Nicollet Ave.
Sat., June 19	3-6 p.m.	Kingfield Dog Park Yappy Hour Rau + Barber • 4244 Nicollet Ave.
Wed., June 23	4-5:30 p.m. and 6:30-8 p.m.	Nicollet Avenue Construction Community Input Meeting Zion Lutheran Church • 128 W. 33rd Street
Thurs., June 24	6:30-8 p.m.	Home Energy Workshop McRae Park • 906 E. 47th St.
Thurs., July 22	6-8 p.m.	King Park Summer Ice-Cream Social Martin Luther King Park www.cl.mnneapols.mn.us/mno • 4055 Nicollet Ave.
Thurs., July 29	Evening	Kingfield 2nd Annual Garden Tour Contact info@kingfield.org for starting location or pick up a map and purchase tickets at the KFNA Table at the Kingfield Farmers' Market in July!
Tues., Aug. 3	Evening	National Night Out Block Parties At local yards near you!
Sun., Aug. 15		Get Your Kicks on 46! Celebrate 46th Street businesses—join the Kingfield e-notice at www.kingfield.org to learn more (about this and other neighborhood events) as plans are confirmed!
Thurs., Sept. 16	All Day	Eating for Art At various local restaurants. Stay tuned for more details!
Sat., Sept. 25		Celebrate 38! Various activities along 38th Street. See Fall <i>Kingfield News</i> for more details!



Pollution Goes Down the Drain

Water on our streets goes straight into our rivers. Two teams of Kingfielders spent a Saturday morning this spring marking some of Kingfield’s storm drains (sewers) with a graphic reminder of this source of pollution to our urban waterways. If you are interested in organizing a team of neighbors to continue the project this summer, please contact KFNA Executive Director Sarah Limes-Robinson at sarah@kingfield.org.

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