



KingfieldNews

Same Great Place

(4310 Nicollet)

Same Great Time

(8:30 AM to 1PM every Sunday)

Same Great Neighbors

(Kingfield folk!)

See you at the Kingfield Farmers' Market!

Once upon a time in Kingfield there lived a farmer, Don Roberts, who had some land just into Wisconsin and grew produce according to organic practices. At the same time people in Kingfield had been talking about a particular challenge of their urban community, the lack of easy access to fresh and healthy food.

Over a dozen years ago, to address this problem, KFNA (the Kingfield Neighborhood Association) started a little farmers' market in partnership with Farmer Don. The market grew. And grew. And grew. People from outside Kingfield visited the market then went home and wanted the same type of access to fresh food and a fun community gathering place in their own neighborhoods. Eventually the big city created new policies to support and encourage more small markets across Minneapolis.

The Kingfield Farmers' Market continued to grow. It grew from a market to a movement, and somewhere in this shift it got too big for KFNA, your neighborhood association, to run it any longer. In 2009, the market split into its own organization that continues to nourish the neighborhood weekly with food and with a common space where neighbors can gather, meet, and mingle.

We all need food to live, but we need connections and community to live well. The market makes for easy community collisions, those chance meetings on a regular basis that spark friendships and knit the neighborhood together into one Kingfield, as opposed to 3700 households. This opportunity to see old friends and meet new neighbors each week is the reason that, although KFNA no longer runs the market, KFNA still maintains a table at the market each week. We fill this table with great community partners, useful community information, and new initiatives and info on how you can become even more engaged in your neighborhood.

At the KFNA Table this summer:

- FairSkies (July 6 and Sept. 7)
- Minneapolis Solid Waste and Recycling (June 8 and Sept. 28)
- Minnesota Renewable Energy Society's Tiny Solar House (June 29)
- Home Energy Squad (June 15 and July 13)
- HourCar (TBD)
- MPRB and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Playground Project (June 22)
- The Aliveness Project (TBD)



As well as KFNA's own initiatives:

- Community gardens and the building of a bread oven
- Solarize Kingfield, including solar and other energy saving education
- Graffiti identification and prevention strategies
- Nicollet Open Streets
- Neighborhood walking tours, Little Free Libraries, public art, and more!

To get involved with KFNA, sign up for the weekly email notice at www.kingfield.org, or stop and talk to volunteers at the KFNA table at the Kingfield Farmers' Market each week. You can also just give us a call or an email at 612.823.5980 or info@kingfield.org.

Little Free Library Walking Tour



What's bigger than a breadbox and full of books? If you live in Minneapolis, you know the answer: a Little Free Library! The birdhouse-like book exchanges have popped up all over the city, and Kingfield is home to more than a dozen. Next month, you can get to know the miniature libraries better on the first-ever Kingfield Neighborhood Little Free Library walking tour.

The fun, freeform event will take place on **Thursday, June 19, from 6:30 to 8 PM**. First, pick up a Passport Map for the Kingfield Little Free Libraries (LFLs) at either Royal Grounds Coffeehouse, ColorWheel Gallery, or Nicollet Ace Hardware. Then simply walk or bike from site to site! Some hosts (indicated on the map) will have a small activity or surprise for you at their Little Free Library; they will also stamp your passport to show that you visited their LFL. When you finish the tour, take your completed passport to Royal Grounds for a free treat, to ColorWheel Gallery for a Kingfield magnet or card by owner and artist Tammy Ortegon, or to Nicollet Hardware for a Frisbee. Even if you don't complete your passport, stop in at one of these locations to register to win a Little Free Library of your own. Completed passport holders can register for free; those who enjoyed only a portion of the tour can register at the suggested \$10 donation level.

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GAWKERS WELCOME: IT'S GARDEN TOUR TIME!



Neighbors enjoying last year's Garden Tour Post-Party—join the 2014 Tour on July 10th!

Always wondered about the secret to your neighbors' beautiful gardens? Curious about what other people are doing with their back yards? The Kingfield Neighborhood Association's Pleasant Community Garden will host the 6th Annual Kingfield Garden Tour on Thursday, July 10, from 6 to 8 PM.

A number of Kingfield neighbors are being selected to serve as Garden Tour hosts; they will be available to answer questions and share their real-life struggles and successes with gardening in Minneapolis. The tour route is still

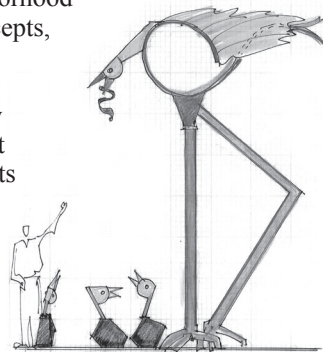
being planned, but you can expect to discover an exciting variety of gardening solutions, including a new rooftop garden on Nicollet Ace Hardware that will be included in this year's tour. Tour hosts each will receive a special goody bag from Nicollet Ace Hardware as a thank you for allowing us into their gardens.

After touring the gardens in the neighborhood, attendees are invited to a Garden Party at the Pleasant Community Garden located at the Center for Performing Arts. This celebration of community and gardening will feature food and music, as well as some educational presentations about exciting local gardening topics. Stay tuned for more information, which will be posted on the Kingfield Garden Tour Facebook event page!

Tickets will be sold at Nicollet Ace Hardware and the Kingfield Farmers' Market the week before the event. Tickets may also be purchased the evening of the Garden Tour. All proceeds from the Garden Tour will directly support the Kingfield Community Gardens.

Art in Public Places

The City of Minneapolis Art in Public Places program is commissioning public artworks to be integrated into the newly reconstructed 10-block area along Nicollet Avenue. Artists Ben Janssens and Marjorie Pitz have been working with a public art committee consisting of neighborhood and business representatives to draft design concepts, including gateway sculptures at 31st, 35th and 40th Streets, as well as sculptural seating and bike racks at other locations. In late June the city will be conducting on-the-street interviews about the designs and gathering feedback from residents and visitors. The completed artworks are scheduled to be installed in the fall of 2014 and spring of 2015. For more information, visit the city's website at www.minneapolismn.us/dca.



A CALL FOR IMAGES "THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX"



Utility boxes sit on our street corners all over the city hiding the wires and triggers that make our phones, lights, and traffic signals work. Once you notice them, you begin to wonder how you ever avoided seeing the often battered and frequently graffitied metal canvases that grace our urban neighborhoods. The Kingfield Neighborhood Association recognized the untapped potential of these boxes and conceptualized and piloted a project in 2010 to wrap them with printed photographic images in an effort to reduce graffiti and beautify our community. Since then, the project has spread through other neighborhoods including downtown, and along the American Indian Cultural Corridor, as well as into other cities.

KFNA is seeking images from local photographers, professional and amateur, to complete the wrapping of the boxes in 2014 thanks to a matching grant from the City of Minneapolis, Solid Waste and Recycling. The completed project will result in the creation of a virtual outdoor gallery that improves the streetscape in the Kingfield neighborhood.

Kingfield is bordered by 36th Street and 46th Street S. and 35W and Lyndale Ave.; priority will be given to images captured within this area, but any photo capturing the spirit of our Minneapolis also will be considered. Images (up to 3 per person) will be accepted between June 2 and July 7. All applicants with selected images must sign a VARA waiver allowing KFNA to modify their image to fit on a utility box, use the image for promotional purposes, and remove the image at the end of its life.

Full details on the project including the Call for Artist, Image Submission Form, and the VARA waiver can be found on our website at www.kingfield.org/art-connecting-kingfield/ or you can contact Executive Director Sarah Linnes-Robinson at info@kingfield.org or 612.823.5980.



From the KFNA President

Between this newsletter and the last one, I've moved. Not out of Kingfield, and not far at all. After two years plus of searching, we found the house that met our very narrow requirements: 3+ bedrooms, more than one toilet, stable foundation, and, oh...on the same block.

A number of our friends, and quite possibly my spouse, thought limiting the house search to our same block was, ahem, crazy. Our neighbors on the block understood, though. While it's certainly true that there are nice people everywhere, and many of the blocks in Kingfield especially are connected and friendly, we've got a three-and-a-half-year head start here. My kids know which doors to knock on, and which yards they can just barge into. I know where I can borrow oil and sugar, and what concerns to take to where. It takes time to know who's who, and what's where, and friendship takes even longer than that. Lucky me that I get to get settled into a new house on the old block.

A long-time member of another neighborhood association told me this week that he thought it took two years to get your feet on the ground in figuring how to be effective in neighborhood work. I'm not sure it's as extreme as that, but being around KFNA for my third year now, it certainly makes it easier to see the patterns in the concerns neighbors bring to us. Our concerns range from the mundane essentials to the abstract ideals — potholes and zoning complaints to equity and climate change. In another three years, we'll likely be talking about different iterations of the same thing. Not because we never made any headway before, but because the nature of these challenges are iterative. What does change is the relationships between us as neighbors and a city — we know each other better, and have a better grasp on who's who, and what's where. If you're in a muddle on something, block-wise, or city wide, or global, give us a call and see how we can help. And if there are things you know, be in touch too. We're all travelling that plane between the mundane and the ideal, and it's much more interesting when we go together.

With kind regards,
Hetal Dalal, KFNA President

Little Free Library Walking Tour, continued from Cover

And, of course, you can take a book or leave a book at any of the LFLs on the tour. They're a bibliophile's dream and typically have something for everyone, from Dr. Seuss to *Doctor Zhivago*.

Little Free Libraries started as a simple idea: The first one was built in Hudson, Wisconsin, by Todd Bol in 2009 as a memorial to his mother, a former teacher and avid reader. Bol handcrafted it to look like a red, one-room schoolhouse, complete with a bell on top, then filled it with books and installed it in his yard. When he saw how his neighbors reacted — stopping by not only to share books, but also to share conversation — he knew he was on to something.

"It's like a neighborhood water cooler," Bol says. "The reason Little Free Library has been successful is that people tell us, constantly, 'I've met more neighbors in a week than I've met in 30 years.'"

What started small has grown into a global, grassroots phenomenon, and there are now more than 16,000 Little Free Libraries in all 50 states and 60 countries around the world, including Brazil, Australia, Japan, Iceland, Pakistan, and more. In 2012, Little Free Library became a nonprofit organization, with a mission to promote literacy, creativity, and a greater sense of community. To support their efforts — or to find out how you can become a Little Free Library steward — visit www.littlefreelibrary.org.

— By Margret Aldrich, LFL steward and author of *My Little Free Library*, forthcoming from Coffee House Press in 2015



Kingfield Neighborhood Association (KFNA)

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

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If you are interested in writing, editing, designing,
or taking photographs for the *Kingfield News*,
call or email KFNA.

HHW Collection Events, Grasscycling and Composting

As you clean your house and begin yard work this spring, remember to properly dispose of any household hazardous waste (HHW). From pesticides, fertilizers, and bug spray to household cleaning products, car products, paint, and more, HHW includes any items labeled with the following signal words: POISON, DANGER, WARNING, CAUTION. These items should not be placed in your regular garbage cart and should be brought to one of Hennepin County's HHW and Recycling Drop-off Facilities, or to one of six HHW collection events being held in Minneapolis this year. For more information on locations and dates, as well as items accepted at the drop-off events, visit www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/collection-events. Please note that electronics will NOT be accepted this year.

After you get rid of all of your unwanted chemicals, try grasscycling and composting to reduce the need for chemicals in your yard. Grasscycling, the act of leaving grass cuttings on the lawn to decompose, results in a healthier, lower maintenance lawn. In fact, one season of grasscycling is equivalent to one fertilizer application!

Composting is a way to speed up the natural decomposition of yard waste and food scraps to return organic materials and nutrients to the soil. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's www.Reduce.org web page has excellent fact sheets to help you build a compost bin, get started composting in your backyard, and diagnose and solve any issues you may be having with a backyard compost bin. While you're there, check out all the other great resources www.Reduce.org has on reducing waste at home, work and school, and even on making your own green cleaners!

This article is provided to you by Minneapolis Solid Waste & Recycling. For questions regarding your solid waste and recycling service, call 612-673-2917.

...and the KFNA Treasurer

As a new father to a curious eight-month-old, I look for pretty much any opportunity I can find to expose baby Malcolm to new sights, sounds, tastes, and experiences. (Tastes in particular are pretty entertaining to watch—watching his face change from disgusted, to interested, to accepting every time he tries a new food is pretty hilarious.) So when some city landscaping specialists came by our house the other day to dig up our old boulevard tree stump and plant a new tree, my wife and I took him outside so he could see what was going on. The fact that he was wearing pajamas showing teddy bears operating giant cranes while watching actual people operating giant cranes was a happy coincidence.

What Malcolm didn't know is that the planting of that tree was set in motion long before this spring day by the actions of the Kingfield Neighborhood Association (KFNA) Board. One of my Board colleagues last fall suggested that, in the wake of the June 2013 storm that took out a number of trees in the city, we walk up and down the streets in Kingfield and find places where new trees should be planted. He rounded up volunteers for each street between 36th Street and 46th Street. (I got to do my home street, Harriet Avenue, on a calm October night when looking at the trees was particularly enjoyable.) He then sent those addresses to the powers that be. As a result, this spring numerous new trees have been planted in our neighborhood!

The point of this story, aside from being a new father excited to share the cute things my son does with anybody who will listen, is that KFNA does things like this for our neighborhood each and every day. As treasurer for KFNA, and a CPA, I know the glazed-over look people get when I start excitedly talking about financial sustainability. Please know I am NOT going to do that in this column. I am really just interested in letting you know the background on a few of the great things that KFNA does for our neighborhood, so that you can decide for yourself how much that is worth to you at your end-of-the-year giving. Stay tuned to this column for more examples of the things we do and why they matter. And yes, most likely peppered with references to things that baby Malcolm does.

Yours truly,
Mark Waller, KFNA
Treasurer



KYATCHI: Catch the Catch



Sarah Peterson opened Kyatchi this spring, becoming another addition to the growing food presence along Nicollet Avenue, south of Lake Street. With the mentorship of veteran restaurant owner and Nicollet Avenue neighbor Kim Bartmann, plus the talents of chef Hide Tozawa, Sarah and her brother Sam are bringing sustainable sushi to south Minneapolis.

Kyatchi is the Japanese word for "catch," which can be taken as both the action (to play catch) and the result of fishing (the catch). The interior motif plays to both, especially highlighting chef Tozawa's passion for baseball.

Sarah wants this to be a casual space, designed to be a neighborhood spot that feels more of a corner pub than a sushi bar. The sushi is here, simple and beautiful. But there are also hot dogs (the baseball nod) and grilled fish and meats, and noodle soups for comfort, making this a pretty family friendly restaurant as well.

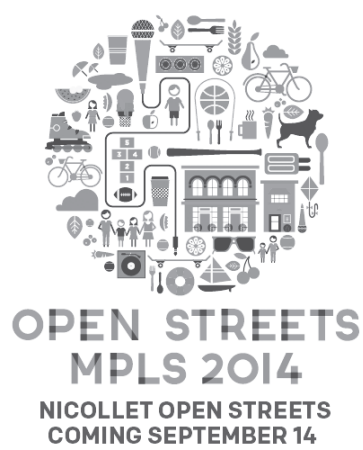
I have had the opportunity to test the seating in nearly all its forms: the tables, the lovely bar, and the sushi chef's counter (a real treat to watch him masterfully plate one dish after another). I have yet to find my way to the chef's table within the kitchen workspace. (I tend to spend too much time in my own shop's kitchen.) The best part: Every time I have been to Kyatchi (a few) I have seen someone I know. What a great show of support from our neighborhood! If you haven't been there yet, try happy hour as a starter. You'll enjoy great picks from the menu when it's a little less crowded.

Having not been much of a sushi diner before, I appreciate the efforts of Sarah and her staff to help me learn about the menu and support my new adventures. It is great to have her as a neighbor and fellow entrepreneur willing to "make the right choices" in running her restaurant.

— By Dan Swenson Klatt, KFNA Board Member
Owner of Butter Bakery Café

Nicollet Open Streets Is Coming to Two Great Neighborhoods Near You!

The Kingfield and Lyndale neighborhood associations are partnering on a Nicollet Open Streets event, to be held on Sunday, September 14, from noon to 5 PM, between Lake Street and 46th Street. Open Streets are one-day events focused around healthy living, sustainable transportation, local businesses, and community connections. For this one afternoon, Nicollet Avenue will be closed to all motorized traffic (cars and buses) and the street will be open for biking, walking, dancing, yoga, jump roping, art making, frolicking, and more! We invite the entire neighborhood to come out and enjoy Nicollet on this day!



Volunteers are already planning activities for the afternoon, but more participation and planning will be needed to make the event one that highlights our specific community. KFNA is looking to be in touch with Kingfield residents who are authors, musicians, visual & performing artists, crafters, bikers, dancers (all genres), movement specialists (yoga, Pilates, Zumba, etc.), massage therapists, and anyone with their own idea to promote health & community.

To discuss your potential involvement in Nicollet Open Streets, contact Sarah at sarah@kingfield.org or 612.823.5980!

37th Street Community Garden

Okay, so it doesn't look like much. Yet.

I can imagine this phrase being used quite a bit about 150 years ago, as our state's residents looked over the terrain and looked at each other and wondered if farming was indeed the route to choose to make a living in Minnesota.

While this year the "garden" may be just a few containers and perhaps a boulevard mound or two, we're hopeful this community effort will grow over the years.

Having been given permission to work the soil (or lack thereof) along the boulevard at the corner of 37th Street and Nicollet, the staff of Butter Bakery Café, and the staff supporting the residents of Nicollet Square, are hoping to demonstrate some ways to use a boulevard for growing food. As we seek to enhance the area around the café with edible landscaping, we look forward to sharing what we know and helping you to put your boulevard into production.

We have received some donations of plants (including daylilies whose blossoms are edible). Now we are looking for some free compost and garden soil to use for amending the current soil. If you can help, please contact Dan at Butter Bakery Café. Thanks!

— By Dan Swenson Klatt, KFNA Board Member & Owner of Butter Bakery Café

Celebrate Our Beloved Community On Saturday, August 23

Join your friends and neighbors at the 3rd annual park event to honor the legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This year's free celebration will include musical entertainment, activities for kids, food vendors and the unveiling of the Beloved Community Project. Years in the making, the project includes a paved walkway, granite benches and landscaping around the *Freedom Form II* sculpture and a plaque marking its significance in the park.

The Beloved Community Project is a collaborative effort between the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park Legacy Council, the Kingfield Neighborhood Association, and Chicago Fire Arts, partially funded by the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council.

Additional highlights include a display of the new

playground expected in 2015, an obstacle course for kids sponsored by InnerCity Tennis, and the opportunity to meet our new park director, Peter Jaeger.

The event begins at the Sabathani Community Center where Minneapolis School Board Director Dr. Tracine Asberry will lead a march through our beloved community.

- **11 AM • Rally and Speeches at Sabathani Community Center, 310 E. 38th St.**
- **12 Noon • March to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park, 4055 Nicollet Ave. S.**
- **1 to 4 PM • Beloved Community Project unveiling, Musical Entertainment, Food Vendors, Kids Activities**

"Beloved Community," is a phrase that was used by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to describe a place where the gifts and concerns of all people are woven together. We recognize all that has been torn apart, damaged or unheard and we celebrate our capacity to engage and co-create through art, expression and love.

For more information contact the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park Legacy Council at mlkparklegacy@gmail.com.

Meet the New MLK Park Director



My name is Peter Jaeger and I grew up in and currently live in Southwest Minneapolis with my wife and two children. I am the Director at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park.

My long history with the Minneapolis parks began when I was a child participating in after school programs and sports teams. I really value what the parks do for community members of all ages and what the communities do for each park. I want kids to have a safe, welcoming environment to spend their free time with mentors who will really listen and expect appropriate behavior. In my 20+ years of experience in the Minneapolis Parks I have seen the community shape the programs and events offered at each park. I am amazed at what everyone brings to this park and look forward to seeing the fruits of this hard work in action. I welcome the new program ideas and want to hear about what people want to see at this park. I want to work with the community to build an even stronger park in the future.

I have been at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park for a few months now, and I have spent much of that time working to connect with the kids, staff, coaches and communities that call this park their home. I have identified opportunities for additional programs to offer, and I am excited to see these new programs in action this summer. I invite everyone to www.minneapolisparks.org and search Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park for a complete listing of programs.

Get your child out on the water in one of our city fishing camps, or learn about growing food in the Urban Farming class. I am excited to spearhead a new archery program with teams throughout the city and one located here at MLK Park. We have teamed up with our friends at the Tennis Center to offer ACE (Academic Creative Engagement) in the City, a summer enrichment class for youth ages 8-10 years, and team tennis. Baseball, volleyball, and basketball camps for youth encourage kids to get active and polish up on their skills this summer.

In the City of Lakes everyone should know how to swim! Register your child for FREE lessons and water safety classes with transportation to and from the park every day.

We'll have special events as well. The Jazzmobile will be stopping by on July 16 from 3 to 6 PM, so come down for a picnic and good music. **The 14th Annual Ice Cream Social will take place on Thursday, July 17, at 6:30 PM** with music, games and crafts for the kids. And we will be playing *The Pursuit of Happyness* on the big movie screen outdoors on August 6th at sundown.

I hope everyone gets a chance to take advantage of this beautiful park this summer. I look forward to meeting more neighbors and I am so excited to be here. Enjoy the weather!

A NITE TO UNITE: MINNEAPOLIS NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2014

The 31st Annual Minneapolis National Night Out is **Tuesday, August 5, 2014**. Whether it's your first time planning an event or you're continuing a tradition of years on your block, register your event online or through 311. **If you want to block your street, you can do so for free through July 22.** From July 23 through July 31, there is a \$100 fee. After July 31 no applications for blocking off a street will be allowed.

Need some encouragement? How about free ice cream from Sebastian Joe's? That's right, every year Sebastian Joe's not only creates a new ice cream especially for the Kingfield Neighborhood (remember Nicollet Pothole?), but they also donate that special ice cream to every registered NNO event in Kingfield, personally delivered by KFNA Board Members. Think you can create the next great ice cream flavor? Send us your ideas, or stop by the KFNA table at the Kingfield Farmers Market!

Playground Design Process Nears Completion

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) is pleased to announce several opportunities for community members to review and comment on the revised play equipment design for Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park. The goal is to finalize the design on June 25, 2014, for MPRB approval in July. Construction is anticipated for the spring of 2015.

Design team members will present the revised play equipment design at the following locations in June. Community members are invited to attend and to provide comments:

- **June 9, 6 to 8 PM • Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park**
- **June 12 & 17, 10 AM to 2 PM • Sabathani Community Center (310 E. 38th St.)**
A Spanish interpreter will present with the design team on both days.
- **June 22, 10 AM to 1 PM • Kingfield Farmers Market**
- **June 22, 2 to 3 PM • Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park**

In addition, the play equipment design will be at the park **June 10 – June 22** and posted on the project's web page (www.minneapolisparks.org/default.asp?PageID=1359) for individuals to review and comment upon. Sign up for electronic updates on the project, or contact Jennifer Ringold at jringold@minneapolisparks.org or 612-230-6464.

A final community meeting will be held on **June 25, 6 to 8 PM at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park**, during which the design team, play equipment manufacturers and community members will work together to finalize the design for the play equipment based on the comments received.

THE ART OF CREATING COMMUNITY

Kingfield resident and artist Rachel Breen recently received a State Arts Board Grant to create murals on garages in Kingfield. According to Rachel, “My recent work has explored the practice of saving heirloom seeds, asking larger questions about what we have inherited from the past and the legacy we hope to leave behind. By focusing on activity that humans have been doing for thousands of years to protect seeds, I ask the public to consider our role in sustaining the environment today and into the future.”

To involve the public in the creation of this community-based project, Rachel is asking the neighborhood to consider our role in both telling stories and in creating a community legacy. She hopes to learn from neighbors what they have inherited and what they would like to pass on to future generations. Eventually she will incorporate impressions from these conversations, along with images of heirloom seeds and plants, into the creation of the murals she will make on neighborhood garages.

• Pop-Up Public Art

This year KFNA is launching the first ever Pop-Up Public Art project (PUPA)—and we want YOU to scheme up some project ideas. This new initiative by KFNA aims to support local artists, provide unique experiences at our urban businesses, and create unexpected community experiences. The goal of PUPA is to create a relationship between KFNA, local businesses, and artists resulting in an opportunity for all neighbors to experience art—all in the hopes of building a stronger, better connected neighborhood!

What is your idea for a Kingfield PUPA Event? Curbside theatre or parking lot dancing? A sketch party or writing stories on a bank of public typewriters? Window art or street furniture coverings?

As the pupa is the transitional stage between the larvae and adult butterfly, PUPA will be a stage of growth and change for KFNA as we learn how to work with multiple artists over the course of the year, helping them to present their work in a public setting so that it engages passersby.

KFNA staff will help frame your project, connect it with a local business, and promote it in the Kingfield eNews. Up to \$100 is available as reimbursement for supplies, as well as \$150 honorarium per event.

To learn how PUPA events are selected and to receive an application, please contact KFNA’s Executive Director Sarah Linnes-Robinson at info@kingfield.org or 612.823.5980.

How to meet and talk with Artist Rachel Breen about this project:

- Visit Rachel at the KFNA Table at the Kingfield Farmers’ Market on Sunday, June 22.
- Sign up to have a conversation about our communal legacy by contacting her at rbbreen@yahoo.com or 612-501-9592.
- Participate in hands-on art making at a Cultural Café this summer, an event combining food, music, art, and culture to be held at the Mosaic Garden at MLK Park weekday evenings in August (dates TBA).

• Graffiti Prevention

Although Rachel Breen’s main goal for her mural project is not to deter graffiti, KFNA is excited to support Rachel’s project in part because we know that public alley artwork does cut down on tagging. We don’t know if it is the lack of a blank canvas or the obvious sense of community pride that encourages taggers to turn away when faced with a piece of public art, but KFNA has proven time and time again that art works to deter graffiti (along with building a great sense of community pride).

This year KFNA is addressing graffiti in the neighborhood with two of our own graffiti-prevention initiatives:

- Teaching neighbors how to use their smart phone to report graffiti to the City of Minneapolis via 311.
- Wrapping 6- 10 additional utility boxes with community photographs through our Thinking Outside the Box: Utility Box Wrapping Project (see more info on page 1).

For more information on either project contact info@kingfield.org or call 612.823.5980 or visit www.kingfield.org.

WE’RE HAVING A BIKE RODEO!

Bring your bikes, trikes, and don’t forget your helmet! Bicycle riders of all ages are encouraged to meet us at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park (4055 Nicollet Ave. S.) on **Saturday, June 28, from 11 AM to 1 PM**, rain or shine. We’ll cover safety tips, have free equipment checks, and conduct proper helmet fittings. Test your pedaling skills on a safety course provided by the Minneapolis Park Police.

Haven’t registered your bike with the City yet? We can help with that, too! Volunteers from the Kingfield Crime Prevention and Safety Committee will be on hand to enter your information into the Minneapolis Bicycle Registration Database. This can help increase the chances of your bike being returned to you if it is lost or stolen, and also can help identify the rider in case of a bike crash

(many bicyclists don’t carry identification with them – especially children).

For more information about the bike rodeo or bicycle registration, contact KFNA at 612.823.5980 or Cheryl@Kingfield.org.

Calendar of Events

Mon, June 16 Summer Tennis in the Parks begins for youth ages 6-17. MLK Park, 4055 Nicollet Ave. S.

Tues, June 17 Summer ACE Program begins (InnerCity Tennis for Youth, Ages 8-10) Free • MLK Park, 4055 Nicollet Ave. S.

Thurs, June 19 Homebased Happy Hour • 4 to 6 PM Kyatchi, 3758 Nicollet Ave. S.

Thurs, June 19 Kingfield Little Free Library Walking Tour • 6:30 to 8 PM

Wed, June 25 MLK Park Playground Community Meeting • 6 to 8 PM

Sat, June 28 Bike Rodeo • 11 AM to 1 PM • MLK Park, 4055 Nicollet Ave. S.

Mon, July 7 Application deadline for Utility Box Project (See story, page 1.)

Thurs, July 10 6th Annual Kingfield Garden Tour • 6 to 8 PM (See story, page 1.)

Wed, July 16 Music in the Parks: Jazzmobile concert • 3 to 6 PM

Thurs, July 17 14th Annual Ice Cream Social • 6:30 PM

Tues, Aug. 5 National Night Out (See story, page 3.)

Wed, Aug. 6 Movie in the Park, “The Pursuit of Happyness” • At Sundown

Sat, Aug. 23 Celebrate Our Beloved Community (See story, page 3.)

Sun, Sept. 14 Nicollet Open Streets Event • Noon to 5 PM

Nicollet Ave. between Lake St. and 46th St.



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