Nicollet Open Streets is back!

Nicollet Open Streets returns on Sunday, September 20th: From Lake Street to 48th street, from 11 AM to 5 PM, Nicollet Avenue will be closed to motorized transportation. It’s a celebration of your street, with activities, music, food, and more! If you drive to the event, feel free to park in Klai’s parking lot—as a Nicollet Open Streets Neighborhood Sponsor, they are providing free parking. Then put on your walking shoes and see what’s great about the Kingfield and Lyndale neighborhoods from a different perspective.

Now our biggest annual festival, Nicollet Open Streets brought out over 100 businesses and more than 10,000 people in 2014. To get ready for this year, the Kingfield and Lyndale neighborhood associations have been working for months with local businesses, nonprofits, and city departments, who hope once again to bring the best of our neighborhoods to you.

In the works for the day: Physical and mental health stations by lots of great partners (Wellness Minneapolis, the Southwest Senior Center, Planned Parenthood, The Aliveness Project, the Tubman Alliance, Yoga Sanctuary, New Movement Pilates, and more), live music at four Kingfield stages (organized by our partnering music sponsors that include Five Watt Coffees, Butter Bakery Café, Roadrunner Records, and Driftwood Char Bar), and, of course, great street food and drinks served up by many our fabulous restaurants.

Also not to be missed: The petting zoo at Nicollet Ace Hardware, Kid Speed and a mini-course by InnerCity Tennis, a myriad of movement teachers and free classes brought to you by independent professionals who teach at the Center for Performing Arts, hair chalking and braiding by Pompadour, archery at MLK Park, and the MG Museum curated by Quality Coaches!

After last year’s Nicollet Open Streets, we heard from many people how well the event reflected our community. New this year will be an art fair along the 3400 block of Nicollet, with 10-by-10-foot spaces rented to artists for $30. We hope to reflect our community’s love of art while providing local artists an opportunity to showcase their work. Applications are available at kingfield.org, and should be sent to info@kingfield.org.

More than 120 volunteers will be needed on September 20th to help with all aspects of the event—crews to set up, intersection monitors, info booth sitters, neighborhood representatives, photographers, roving ambassadors (and cleaners), and volunteer leaders.

The Annual Community Bon(Ding)Fire:
Now with fire breathers!

For the past several years, on a cool fall evening, the Kingfield Neighborhood Association’s Crime Prevention and Safety Committee has hosted a Community Bon(ding)fire. Please join us this year on Friday, October 25, at 6:30 PM at MLK Park. There will be s’mores and apple cider for all! And of course we will have our traditional bonfire and fabulous storyteller. But then, as the evening grows darker, we will have a spectacular performance by fire breathers – an exciting opportunity not to be missed! All ages are welcome!
From the KFNA President

Dear Neighbors,

Hopefully your summer is going along nicely. This is a quick message to introduce myself and bid Hetal Dalal farewell as she takes a sabatical from her duties as president of KFNA. My name is David Fenley, and I will be attempting to fill Hetal’s shoes as KFNA’s new president.

Let me tell you a little bit about myself and why I am interested in public service. My wife and I have lived in Kingfield for the past three years, and we served on the board of most of that time (maybe you caught me scooping ice cream at the wildly successful National Night Out). I firmly believe in a government that serves every, and I mean every, resident. This is why I am involved with KFNA. Our neighborhood association and city do not serve every resident, but this is changing and I hope to be a part of this evolution.

City government deals with a lot of issues that impact the daily lives of you and your neighbors. Minneapolis’ neighborhoods are uniquely positioned to allow residents the power to influence citywide decisions. I want to see as many of you as possible influencing the people who make these decisions.

For my day job I work for a small state agency that advocates for policies and programs that advance the civil rights of Minnesotans with disabilities. Also, I enjoy cooking, eating, dancing, and talking politics, race, and gender. Shoot me an e-mail or catch me outside at the corner of 40th and Wentworth (where I happen to live) and I can tell you why Donald Trump is great for modern politics.

This was a short introduction, so I hope I was able to provide a little insight as to who I am. Please join me in wishing Hetal a fond farewell (for now). Hetal, I have learned much from you over the last few years as to what a leader is, thank you.

Thanks for reading KFNA’s quarterly newsletter. Hopefully we will bump into you at 4310 Nicollet Avenue and aptly themed playground at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park, and I would love to cross paths with you at Nicollet Open Streets later this month.

— David Fenley, KFNA President

ORGANICS DROP-OFF PICKS UP

Organics recycling drop-off opened at the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park on May 15, 2015. More than 20 people attended a meeting at the park that day, where they learned more about organics recycling and had their questions answered. Many residents even brought organics with them to the meeting to drop off, and the organics recycling program was officially begun!

We’re now four months into the drop-off at this site, with 143 households signed up online to use the drop-off. Since opening, more than 80 full carts of organics have been emptied! Each cart weighs between 50 and 140 pounds, based on the volume and the type of organics inside (paper products don’t weigh much, but food scraps do), so it’s fair to say that neighbors participating have diverted over 4,000 pounds of organics from the waste stream. Great job, Kingfielders, and keep up the amazing work!

If you haven’t yet signed up to participate in the drop-off, you may do so by visiting Minneapolis Solid Waste & Recycling’s Organics Drop-Off webpage. Call Solid Waste & Recycling’s Organics Drop-Off Hotline at 612.673.2917, or e-mail SWCustomer@minneapolismn.gov with any questions regarding the drop-off or your other solid waste and recycling services.

...and the KFNA Treasurer

As summer draws to a close, I will look back fondly at a number of things. I’ll look back fondly at the transition from crib to toddler bed for our little Malcolm, turning two this fall (although I won’t look back as fondly at the many battles at keeping little Malcolm in his toddler bed). I’ll look back fondly at walking the streets of Kingfield and enjoying the beautiful weather. And specific to KFNA, I will look back fondly at a number of terrific events that happened this year. Events like Kingfield Porchfest, where dozens of kind neighbors volunteered their time, talents, and porches to put on a memorable evening. Which makes me think about the importance of volunteers for KFNA events—even events like Porchfest truly could not happen without the help of volunteers.

As we look forward to this fall, please consider giving back to KFNA in any way that you’re able—financial or otherwise. Personally, I have found volunteering for events with KFNA incredibly rewarding and fun, and a great way to get to know my neighbors.

Maybe that’s an unrealistic sentiment. In that case I’ll just make a financial donation and wish you volunteers well!

— Mark Waller, KFNA Treasurer

New Playground at King Park Now Open

Many Kingfield families with small children have already discovered that the new playground at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park opened on August 22nd.

On that Saturday, the Minneapolis Park Board and King Park Legacy Council put together a fun ribbon-cutting celebration, which began with a march from Sabathani Community Center.

The new playground features themes of African-American inventors and the Civil Rights movement. It has all the typical fun elements of a playground with a really unique educational twist. We can be proud that our neighborhood is host to the first playground of its kind.

Twin Cities artists Esther Osuyande and Shalette Causley-Wundrick brought their visionary African American inventors and the Civil Rights playground art project to the King Park Legacy Council, and Silvia Bader Brown also helped the Council urge the Park Board to replace the old playground ahead of schedule (original replacement date was set for 2016 or 2017).

Justice Pamela Alexander and several elected officials and community leaders spoke at the dedication, but of course, the spotlight was on the playground itself. The colorful playground is wonderfully visible from Nicollet and from 42nd Street, but it takes a close look to reveal the way information about inventors and civil rights are woven through the site.

Thanks to Park Director Peter Jaeger and all the park board and construction staff who worked so hard on the playground. Thanks to everyone who made a donation for the playground, whether it was to buy a scoop of I Have a Dream ice cream, or to make a major financial contribution (KFNA, Nicollet Ace Hardware, Larry Fitzgerald, Jr., Bobby & Steve’s Youth Foundation, People for Parks, and the Hennepin County Youth Sports Fund).

Bring your family and friends to the new playground! It’s another reason that Kingfield is a great place to live.

— Betty Tisel

Kingfield Farmers Market

School is in session and fall is just around the corner, but the Kingfield Farmers Market is still going strong! We run outdoors on Sundays through October 25th at 4310 Nicollet Avenue South, 8:30 AM to 1 PM. You can still find your summer favorites, like sweet corn, green beans, and tomatoes, but fall crops are showing up too! Look for apples every week, plus plentiful cauliflower, carrots, potatoes, parsnips, beets, Brussels sprouts, and winter squash. Broccoli, spinach, radishes, and fennel take a break in the summer heat, but come back with the cooler weather. Grab breakfast and lunch at the market, plus stock up on breads, eggs, meats, and cheese as well as veggies.

We run rain or shine, hot or cold! Weather. Grab breakfast and lunch at the market, plus stock up on breads, eggs, meats, and cheese as well as veggies.

We run rain or shine, hot or cold! We run rain or shine, hot or cold! We run rain or shine, hot or cold! We run rain or shine, hot or cold! We run rain or shine, hot or cold!
**STAYING SOCIAL IN KINGFIELD**

**How social are you?** Let these social media platforms help you stay connected with your neighbors and neighborhood:

- **FACEBOOK:** KFNA has a Facebook page at /KingfieldNeighborhoodAssociation. We encourage you to “like” our page. From the Facebook page, you can subscribe to events that KFNA hosts. Click on “Events” or “More” to find “Events”. Then click on “Subscribe.”
- **FACEBOOK GROUP FOR KINGFIELD:** A Facebook group for the Kingfield neighborhood exists and has close to 1,000 members. It is recognized by KFNA and we are active participants, although it is not run by the association. Request to join at www.facebook.com/groups/KingfieldNeighborhood.
- **FACEBOOK GROUP FOR LOCAL BLOCKS:** Many blocks have their own Facebook group. If you’re not sure if your block has one, or you’d like help in setting one up, e-mail info@kingfield.org.
- **NEXTDOOR FOR KINGFIELD:** Nextdoor for Kingfield has almost 1,200 members, and all have been veted as Kingfield residents. It has become a popular platform for recommendations, free stuff, classifieds, and lost pets. A mobile app is available. Kingfield.nextdoor.com.
- **TWITTER:** Follow KFNA on Twitter: @Kingfield_KFNA.
- **LINKEDIN GROUP FOR KINGFIELD HOMEBASED PROFESSIONALS:** This group meets twice a month for casual gatherings and networking. More than 100 neighborhood professionals who primarily work from home are in our network. If you’re a home-based professional in Kingfield, we recommend that you join our group at www.linkedin.com/grp/home?gid=4812315. Please note that you will receive a message in your LinkedIn Inbox to approve your inclusion in this group.
- **KFNA WEEKLY E-NEWS:** While not a social network per se, the weekly e-news from KFNA still remains the best way to stay updated on happenings in Kingfield. If you’re not receiving a weekly e-mail from KFNA, sign up on the left hand side of KFNA.org.
- **FACEBOOK:** KFNA has a Facebook page at /KingfieldNeighborhoodAssociation. We encourage you to “like” our page. From the Facebook page, you can subscribe to events that KFNA hosts. Click on “Events” or “More.”

**CELEBRATE 20 YEARS WITH CFPA**

Mark your calendars! The Center for Performing Arts (3754 Pleasant Avenue South, centerforperformingarts.net) is celebrating 20 years this October 4th, 2016 with performances, oven-baked food (from the new community bread oven), and drink. The celebration is open to all community members. Performances and activities are free; food and drink by donation. Bring your ideas and vision for CFPA’s future to share. Activities will run from 6 to 9 PM in the back lot and yard of the Center. Follow the growing list of performers and activities on CFPA’s Facebook page (minnamonepalooza. Questions? E-mail info@centerforperformingarts.net.

**FILL A HOLIDAY BASKET WITH ALIVENESS!**

700 cardboard grocery totes will soon be transformed into holiday baskets benefiting 1,500 Minnesotans living with HIV/AIDS and their families. The Aliveness Project invites you to take part, as we begin our 28th annual celebration of Hanukkah and Christmas. Do you want to help solicit or sort donations? Bake cookies? Sew stockings or quilts? Organize logistics, or help greet and manage other volunteers?

If you are looking for a group opportunity, consider “adopting” some baskets. We would send you a wish list from one or more individuals or families, and you would use your funds to shop and wrap presents. Your community group or business could also host an item drive for our baskets. Item drive ideas include term “teas,” gift cards, mittens or gloves & hats, small kitchen items, men’s shirts, and towels & sheet sets. Items must be new. The only exception is that DVDs and CDs may be used.

Opportunities start soon and are mostly daytime or evening. Some can involve children, but others are for ages 16-plus. Call Monica at (612) 822-7946 ext. 206 for more information. Thanks, Kingfield neighbors!

**STEAM Adventure Camps**

This summer, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park and four other parks in South Minneapolis featured the first ever STEAM Adventure Camps. STEAM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math, and at no point did program creator and director Dane Esethu leave any of those focus points out of the equation. The park system teamed up with the University of Minnesota’s Urban 4-H to create unique and engaging camp for youth between the ages of 8-12. Thanks to a donor the camp was only $40 with scholarships available, so all who wanted to could take part in the action. These funds created four days of engaging curriculum that inspired the youth to create inventions using biomimicry, catapults, and a mobile aquaponics system.

Dane Esethu has had experience creating programs on the East Coast, South Africa, and his own Inspire program that is in schools and institutions such as the Science Museum and the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. His programs empower youth with social skills through science. Dane explains, “Everyone is fighting a battle in their own head that no one knows about, and I want to give them the tools to eliminate that battle.” This camp had a similar focus, interweaving science through experiential learning and dynamic social skill exercises to empower the youth to become selfless leaders within their school, family, and community. A mother of a scholar named Amaaya who attended the MLK STEAM Adventure camp proudly reported during the camp’s parent night: “Amaaya was happy to go every day. Great to have art. She was fascinated by the projects and inspired. She has spent hours telling us about it.”

A 10-year-old scholar named Zoey added, “I thought this camp was fun but we still learned. We got to try a lot of things and had more fun!”

After five successful camps, Esethu is ready to continue this program in parks throughout the school year. If you cannot get your kids to your park, just have your fingers crossed that your young scholars’ school will be Invited.

Contact Dane and Inspire at liveinspyred@gmail.com or just check out their website for camps in the very near future at www.liveinspyred.org.

**BIG LITTLE CELEBRATION**

Did you know that the Little Free Library (LFL) movement began about 5 years ago and now has become a global literacy movement with 25,000 libraries in all 50 states, and in more than 70 countries worldwide? Help us celebrate one of our newest LFLs on Sunday, October 11th. Margret Aldrich, local author of The Little Free Library Book, will be at the Kingfield Farmers Market from 11 AM to 1 PM, talking about her book and the success of these libraries. Then at 1:30 PM we’ll celebrate the LFL at the Center for Performing Arts, 3754 Pleasant Avenue South, with a little free party, and we’ll place the LPL plaque on the library. Want to know more about LFL? Visit littlefreelibrary.org.

**Kingfield Empty Bowls Team 2016**

Be a part of stopping hunger and homelessness, one bowl at a time!

**Thursday, February 4th, 2016,** KFNA will host the fifth annual Kingfield Empty Bowls. We would love to have you be a part of the intimate team that plans this community-wide event! Every year this event gets bigger and better, and we need more folks to help with figuring out the details and gathering the supplies, food, and the crowd!

In case you are unfamiliar with Empty Bowls, it is a single-day event that combines art, food, local businesses, nonprofits, and lots and lots of neighbors raising awareness and funds to combat hunger in our neighborhood. The 2016 Empty Bowls will again benefit Nicoll Street, an organization located in Kingfield neighborhood that provides affordable housing and a supportive environment for young adults who have experienced homelessness or have been in the foster care system. Last year we were able to donate over $7,000 to Nicoll Street through this single evening event!

The concept of Kingfield Empty Bowls is simple: Attendees make a donation (suggested at $20 per bowl!), select a beautiful handmade bowl donated by a local potter artist, enjoy a hearty meal of soup prepared by volunteers, and then keep their bowl as a reminder that many of our neighbors are in need of food and housing.

The event planning team will be holding their first meeting in early October. Contact Sarah Linnesh-Robinson at sarah@kingfield.org or 612.823.5980 if you are interested in getting involved or have any questions about the precise meeting date and location once it is set. The planning team will most likely meet monthly until the event in February, and will be even more opportunities to volunteer and assist with day-of-activities.

If you are a ceramic artist and are interested in throwing bowls publicly to promote Kingfield Empty Bowls, or donating bowls that you have already thrown (glazed or unglazed), please also contact Sarah as there are many ways for you to be involved sharing your talents and working with the community.
**46TH STREET STUDY: Information Meeting**

Next summer, Hennepin County is planning to repave 46th Street South from Lyndale to Cedar Avenues. Travel safety and other concerns have been raised about this stretch of road, and the paving project provides an opportunity to make improvements along the roadway for vehicular traffic, bicyclists, and pedestrians.

A working group has been established to study the transportation issues in this area, and to examine modifications that could be implemented with the paving project. The group consists of county and city staffs with representatives from the Field-Regina-Northrup, Kingfield, and Tangletown neighborhoods.

Residents and business owners from the vicinity are invited to attend an informational meeting this October, to share thoughts and observations that might help guide the study. The meeting will take an informal open house format, in which a map of the area will be displayed to allow comments to be posted and problem areas to be identified. Staff will provide information on existing traffic volumes, crash history, and background on previous ideas for improvement.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21 • 6-8 PM**

(Open house format, arrive anytime)

**Field Middle School**

4645 Fourth Avenue South

Additional information is available on the county website at: www.hennepin.us. In the search box, type “46th Street Study”. Questions or comments can also be directed to the county and city staff members:

**HENNEPIN COUNTY**
- Bob Byers  
  (612) 596-0354 • bob.byers@hennepin.us
- Kelley Yemen  
  (612) 543-1963 • kelley.yemen@hennepin.us

**MINNEAPOLIS**
- Allan Klugman  
  (612) 673-2743 • allan.klugman@minneapolismn.gov

---

**Kingfield.org Gets a Redesign**

We hope you enjoy Kingfield.org’s new look and features on the interface! The general idea was to make kingfield.org a one-stop resource for all Kingfield news and events. Happenings are now presented in a more user- and mobile-friendly fashion.

Why was this website redesign project important to me? As a fellow Kingfield resident, I thoroughly enjoy this area’s people and places. Whenever given the opportunity to contribute to the local community, I’m there. I especially enjoyed teaming up with Kingfield neighbor Scott Zosel on this latest project and learning from his expertise and extensive knowledge in the field.

I currently work for my 10-month old daughter, Amelia, and I’m doing some web development work on the side while she naps. On Tuesdays, I’m KFNA’s e-news digital mail carrier.

Scott is a jack of all trades. He runs his own business in web development, marketing, and branding. Check out his website at zoselco.com. By night you might catch him playing music to prepare for next year’s Kingfield Porchfest!

– Rob Seeds

Note: See other ways to stay connected and “social” in Kingfield on Page 3 of this publication.

---

**Fall Activities at MLK Park**

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center staff would like to thank everyone for a great summer. So many people took advantage of the camps, programs, and activities held every week at the park, and the festival dedicating the new playground was a fitting end to the season. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped throughout the summer.

Fall season brings more activities for you and your family. Some highlights are listed in the column to the right, and be sure to check out the complete list and further details at www.minneapolispark.org.

---

**NNO BY THE NUMBERS**

1. Fabulous neighborhood ice cream
2. Hardworking KFNA staffers spending the day prepping supplies and creating route maps
5. Broken ice cream scoops
6. Bicycle delivery teams
1. Mobile unit!
7. Pages of e-mail addresses collected to add folks to the free weekly KFNA e-mail news list
8. Tubs of Kingfield Crème Fraiche
Curry Crunch
10. Tubs of Nicollet Pothole
18. Cheerful KFNA board Volunteers

---

**58 HAPPILY REGISTERED KINGFIELD BLOCK PARTIES!**

---

**Calendar of Events**

**Fall Activities at MLK Park**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Event</th>
<th>Location/Time</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Open Registration for Fall Activities at MLK Park</td>
<td>6-8 PM Field Middle School, 4645 Fourth Avenue South (See page 4)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tues., Sept. 29 Meeting #1 Re: The Redecking of 38th Street Bridge over I-35W</td>
<td>6:30 PM Field Middle School, 4645 Fourth Avenue South (See page 4)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sun., Oct. 11 Little Free Library Celebration</td>
<td>11 AM to 1 PM Margret Aldrich, local author of “Cheerful KFNA Board Volunteers”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sun., Oct. 20 Nicollet Open Streets</td>
<td>11 AM to 1 PM Margret Aldrich, local author of “Cheerful KFNA Board Volunteers”</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tues., Sept. 29 Meeting #2 Re: Replacement of the 40th Street Pedestrian Bridge across 35W</td>
<td>6:30 PM Field Middle School, 4645 Fourth Avenue South (See page 4)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon., Sept. 28 Family Fishing Night</td>
<td>Ages 8 to 14 yrs, Sept. 9–14, $10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon., Sept. 28 Beginning Archery</td>
<td>Ages 18 and up, Sept. 24–Dec. 17, $125</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon., Sept. 28 Beginning Wheel Throwing</td>
<td>Thursdays, 7:30 PM, Ages 16 to 18, $30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon., Sept. 28 Family Ceramics</td>
<td>Thursdays, 4:00 PM, Ages 16 and up, $30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon., Sept. 28 After School Ceramics</td>
<td>Thursdays, 4:30 PM, Ages 6 to 12 yrs, Oct. 5–Nov. 5, $30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon., Sept. 28 Beginning Basketball</td>
<td>Tuesdays, 7:00 PM, Ages 11 and up, $50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon., Sept. 28 Family Tennis</td>
<td>Tuesdays, 6:00 PM, Ages 10 and up, $50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon., Sept. 28 Fundamental Basketball</td>
<td>Tuesdays, 6:00 PM, Ages 5 to 9 yrs, Oct. 2–Nov. 20, $20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon., Sept. 28 Porchfest!</td>
<td>6–8 PM Field Middle School, 4645 Fourth Avenue South (See page 4)</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>