



KingfieldNews

KEEPING IT LOCAL, BUT SHARING IT GLOBAL:

Kingfield PorchFest 2018!

THURSDAY, JUNE 21, 6 TO 9 PM

Calling all Kingfield musicians and porches
for PorchFest 2018!

Once again, on a single summer evening, Kingfield musicians will perform acoustic music outdoors at their respective homes or on a neighbor's porch while neighbors stroll through the neighborhood enjoying the sounds. Last year this event featured almost 60 musical performances on three dozen Kingfield stages.

This year, due to the confluence of our profoundly local event and the summer solstice, we are joining with Make Music Day (hosted locally by Vega, a music education nonprofit) and our little ol' summer festival will be advertised across the world!

How will this change our locally-strummed evening? Well, it might result in a few extra visitors to our community to listen to the amazing sounds of Kingfield, and thus it means we need to register our sites and musical groups in a timelier manner (less by-the-seat-of-our pants). **This year's June 1st deadline for registration will be strictly enforced, due to the match up with Make Music Day; but don't wait until then, as slots will be filled on a rolling basis.** Your application is always vital to help us match musicians with hosts and porches, and to coordinate, map, and promote the evening, and this year's firm deadline will allow us to enter the information into an international database and have our musicians listed on the Make Music Twin Cities website as well. (For more information on Make Music Day celebrations in the Twin Cities, visit www.makemusicday.org/twincities.)

Registration is open now! If you are willing to perform music, provide a porch, or both, please contact KFNA Executive Director Sarah Linnes-Robinson at info@kingfield.org

ORGANICS MATTER

Kingfield and Lyndale neighborhoods are uniting to raise a "Rockin' Organics Team" (ROT), focused on increasing the amount of organic material captured from our homes, local businesses, and community events. Supported by Hennepin County, we are focused on training a group of compost-savvy block leaders who are distributed throughout our two neighborhoods and who will engage directly with neighbors on matters of waste and energy reclamation through the capture of organic materials. Sound fancy? It's not! It is as simple as collecting all the materials from your home that break down organically and diverting them from the trash, and instead placing them in a separate green compost bin for the city to collect on trash collection day.

Why do organics matter?

If we consider the food alone, it is widely supported by the scientific community that 10 calories of fossil fuel energy are put into the system to grow every single calorie of food. Every time food is thrown away, all of the embedded energy that went into producing that food is also wasted. That is, by throwing food away, we are literally throwing away the energy it took to grow it. Even if we clear our plates, however, there is still potential energy in the scraps left over from cooking, energy we can use.

Join the Pleasant Community Garden Club Garden Plots Available!

Do you have a green thumb, or like to plan great parties? Join likeminded folks in the Kingfield Pleasant Community Garden Club, which is looking for new members this spring. As caretakers of the Pleasant Community Garden (located at 38th Street and Pleasant, alongside the Center for Performing Arts), Garden Club members maintain individually assigned plots and the community growing spaces on the property.

The Pleasant Community Garden consists of 22 total plots for neighbors and friends of Kingfield—and 17 plots are now available for the 2018 growing season! (A percentage of plots are reserved for tenants of CFPA, if interested). The annual fee for a plot is \$40, which is reduced to \$30 for returning gardeners.

kingfield.org; we will then send you an online application. We will begin confirming accepted performers and sites after May 1st as we work to fill the entire neighborhood with music; please note, all registrations are not automatically approved as we try to not create musical sound-collisions on that night.

Be a Kingfield PorchFest supporter!

As always, PorchFest relies on the good will and donated time of musicians, amateur and professional, and host-porches. New this year, PorchFest will sell advance tickets to attendees who wish to financially support the publicity and organizing of this event. Advance ticket holders will be entitled to special perks (TBA!) that evening. More details on ticket purchasing and benefits, coming at kingfield.org in the weeks to come.

We also are looking for volunteers to help with planning and to volunteer during the event itself. We will have two or three planning meetings between mid-April and the June 21st event. Please contact KFNA at info@kingfield.org or 612.823.5980 to be part of the PorchFest Planning Team.



Why are we doing this work?

We believe that the City of Minneapolis' curbside composting program is a model that should be supported and promoted within our community and beyond, and, to develop a habit you need to practice the activity. We also believe that neighbors teaching neighbors is the best way to share the information.

What will this work include?

Parties! Three of them, in fact! ROT members will be invited to three Compost Cafés, where you will get to play composting games, increase your compost-smarts, and generate organic waste (i.e., cook and eat delicious food)! Armed with this knowledge, you will get to be the leaders in spreading this information to your neighbors at house parties and community events!

Who can do this work?

You can! It will be fun. Just contact Sarah at the Kingfield Neighborhood Association and she will identify if you will serve as your block's primary lead, or connect you with a neighbor also interested in this work. You can reach Sarah at info@kingfield.org or 612-823-5980. The first Compost Café is in mid-March, so call soon!

All members of the garden make up the Kingfield Garden Club, whose purpose is to strengthen the community through shared gardening experiences, on location and out in the neighborhood. In addition to shared site caretaking, Garden Club members are responsible for holding the annual Kingfield Garden Tour in July, and any other outreach and joint activities the group decides on. Special volunteer opportunities are currently available for Garden Coordinator and Garden Tour Committee Chair.

Contact Cheryl@Kingfield.org to find out how you can join in on the fun! Applications for plots are available now and due by midnight March 29th, so be sure to get your name on the list for a chance to get a spot.

Spring Events Planned for Outdoor Oven



The Kingfield Outdoor Oven opens on **March 24th** this year (yes, we are optimistic!) with a Saturday community pizza event from **5:30-7:30 PM**. You are then invited indoors at the Center for Performing Arts, for a free public performance by performance artist Saúl García-López. The artist will read from his new book, lecture on his process, and give a presentation from his just-completed onsite workshop entitled "Exercises for Rebel Artists." A discussion facilitated by the Dispute Resolution Center of Minnesota (disputeresolutioncenter.org) will close out the evening.

April's event on the 21st will follow the same format. The oven will be open from 5:30-7:30 PM, and a free public presentation by three local artists will follow. The April Sellers Dance Collective, Ben Swenson-Klatt, and Emily Rose Duea will perform excerpts of longer pieces developed in residency at CFPA on the topic of identity. Community members are welcome to come for pizza, the performances, or both. Once again, a post-presentation discussion will be facilitated by the Dispute Resolution Center of Minnesota.

In May, the community pizza event will be held on May 19th and will be a confluence of all things spring! It is the day of the Kingfield Yard Sale, so we expect a lot of sale-holders to arrive, too tired to cook dinner; plus, families with young children (elementary school and younger) may want to attend to meet the new KFNA Family Engagement Committee team. (Read more about the Family Engagement Committee on page 2.) The team will be soliciting input on future activities to engage and build community between youth and their families.

These community pizza events all operate on a donation basis, with a suggested contribution of \$10 per person to help offset the cost of lighting the oven and purchasing ingredients. We are in the process of discussing follow-up Sunday events that will be offered on a registration basis so we can better predict quantities. To be informed of these events as they are planned, be sure to sign up to receive the free weekly KFNA eNews: just go to kingfield.org and look for the "Weekly E-Newsletter Sign Up" box on the right-hand side of our home page.

Spring and Summer Activities at MLK Park

The warmer weather brings spring sports to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park. Registration is done in person, and birth date verification is required, so stop by the park during business hours to get on a baseball or softball team. Also, we have open gym for kids every day after school, and teen night every Friday from 8 to 11 PM. Whenever there's a day off for Minneapolis Public Schools, MLK Park Rec Center opens at noon with early gym hours. (We are open and your children are welcome at the park every day of spring break, as well!)

It's not too early to plan summer! Summer programs are open for registration and space is limited for camps and classes. This season's highlights include Robotics, Fishing, Archery, Minecraft, 4H Explorers, Ceramics, Tennis, Soccer, Basketball, and Gardening. Go to the MPRB website or stop by the park to see a complete list of activities. To register online, go to www.minneapolisparcs.org / find an activity/ browse & register key words. Or if you would like an electronic brochure for all of the Southwest Minneapolis parks with registration hot links, please email king@minneapolisparcs.org and I will send one directly to you. Thanks, and enjoy the weather!

— Peter Jaeger, MLK Park Director

From the KFNA President



Spring is upon us, and there is so much going on in Kingfield this season. Many of us cannot wait to spend time with neighbors outside, even though we have great fun during the winter at events such as Empty Bowls. The annual meeting is behind us, which means you have elected new and returning board directors. Because of an unexplainable time warp, by the time you read this I will no longer be president or a KFNA director. I am sad to go, but even more excited to know that someone (a similar time warp keeps me from knowing who this might be) more capable is already doing awesome things.

This experience has been fun and rewarding. I am proud of our neighbors and board directors who are willing to be uncomfortable at times in order to address societal racism and the many other forms of oppression that exist. Our neighborhood is acutely aware that we are more secure economically than many other parts of Minneapolis. We acknowledge the blinders many of us wear, and we work to remove them to see our city for what it is...both vibrant and unequal. This is hard work and we have a very long way to go, but I am honored to serve a community that is welcoming and self-aware. Thank you, all!

– David Fenley, KFNA President

YARD SALE EXTRAVAGANZA!

The 20th Annual Kingfield Community Yard Sale Extravaganza will be held on **Saturday, May 19th, 2018, from 9 AM to 2 PM**. If you would like to have a garage or yard sale on that date, please let us know by sending your name and the address of your sale to KFNARummageSale@gmail.com before 7 PM on Tuesday, May 15th.

As in years past, we will place signs throughout the neighborhood letting everyone know about the sale, but due to a change in staffing we will not be publishing nor distributing printed maps this year. We will create an electronic version of the map showing the location of everyone’s sales and publish it on Kingfield social media (website, Facebook page, Twitter, and NextdoorKingfield) but will not include details regarding individual sale contents. We hope this change in service still meets your needs, and you use this collective day to rid your home of unused items and clear out your garage!

There is no fixed cost to participate in the Kingfield Community Yard Sale this year, but we do still encourage you to make a donation to KFNA in the range of \$10-20 per participating household for coordinating the details of this event and advertising it. Donations can be made on the KFNA website at kingfield.org (see the “Donate” button on the right side of the home page) or by mailing a check to KFNA at 3754 Pleasant Ave S #101, MPLS, MN 55409. Donations to KFNA, a nonprofit organization, can be written off as allowed by law.

If you have any questions regarding the event, please email KFNARummageSale@gmail.com



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.

Property Redevelopment Approved

In January the Kingfield Redevelopment Committee, with authorization by the KFNA Board, held an informational meeting regarding the redevelopment of a single-family home by the City of Lakes Community Land Trust (CLCLT) at 210 West 46th Street. After reviewing design plans for the property and taking time to answer questions regarding the CLCLT organization, the community members present approved an NRP plan modification, loaning an additional \$114,750 to CLCLT for this project. This funding will be bundled with a prior loan of \$145,250 for a short-term loan not to exceed 365 days. If paid back within this time frame, the interest on the loan will be forgiven by KFNA.

The City of Lakes Community Land Trust (CLCLT) is a non-profit organization that was formed in 2001 and provides sustainable homeownership through a community land trust model. The CLCLT provides perpetually affordable home ownership opportunities for income-qualified buyers who otherwise would not be able to purchase homes in Minneapolis. It does this by acquiring land and removing it from the for-profit real estate market by holding the land “in trust” forever, ensuring that it will always remain affordable for homebuyers. There are close to 250 CLCLT homes across Minneapolis today, with three already in the Kingfield neighborhood.

KFNA is excited to partner with CLCLT to assist in the renovation of this property located in Kingfield, which will be sold to an income-eligible person or family.

Family Engagement Committee

We can add to our lists of new and exciting things to do in the coming year, thanks to the new Family Engagement Committee. The committee’s goal is to bring more family activities to our existing neighborhood events, and to plan new events to engage Kingfield families. We will be meeting the last Monday of each month at 6 PM at Butter Bakery Café. Our next meeting is Monday, March 26th, and we hope that you can join us!

We’re already planning to be at the Arbor Day celebration this April 27th at MLK Park. The Park Board has some great family activities planned, but we will be there, too, with a tree photo booth. Bring a camera (or use ours) and take a picture of your family with the newly designated “growing tree.” We will be back year after year, so you can watch your family and the tree grow!

Interested in heading to a Community Oven event but not sure it’s the place for the kids? Plan to join us for a family pizza event on May 19th. There will amazing pizza, great company, and family fun. Look for the eNews in the coming months for more information! If you don’t already get the weekly free eNews, sign up at kingfield.org on the right-hand side of the home page.

We are Kingfield / We Vote!

When Kingfield sees nearly a 12% increase in voter turnout from the last city election, and when one of Kingfield’s precincts runs out of paper ballots before polls close, you know that you are part of a really, really great movement.

On January 10th, 2018, the Kingfield Neighborhood Association launched a new Get Out The Vote (GOTV) committee to build on the momentum created by this record turnout and last year’s “We are Kingfield / We Vote” yard-sign campaign. The committee will work on several projects to help Kingfield live up to its reputation in the 2018 election and beyond as one of Minneapolis’s most civically engaged neighborhoods.

Our efforts kicked off February 1st when KFNA co-hosted training for first-time caucus attendees. Despite subzero temperatures, more than 50 people packed Butter Bakery to hear from experienced caucus-goers about how to have an impact at their party’s precinct caucus. The following Thursday, almost 200 people attended precinct caucuses in Kingfield, showing high levels of engagement in a non-presidential election year.

The GOTV committee has other great activities planned for 2018, including:

- August 14, Primary Day polling party at MLK Park: The outdoor party will be the first time KFNA has hosted a polling party for a primary. Look for details in the coming months for family-friendly activities all day long at MLK Park.
- A bigger and better We Are Kingfield / We Vote At MLK Park yard-sign campaign: Sign up to host a yard sign this fall, and show your support for an engaged community.
- The “Knock your block” challenge: Talk to your neighbors about the importance of voting, make sure everyone is registered to vote, and help ensure that everyone makes their voice heard this November.
- November 6, the annual Kingfield Polling Party returns, with free coffee and treats at MLK Park on Election Day, all day. Bonfires and lively conversation promised!
- November 6, Returns Watching Party in the evening at InnerCity Tennis on the MLK Park grounds. We’ll gather from 7 to 10:30 pm on election night to watch the nationwide returns together on the big screen with a potluck, beer, and wine.



Want to get involved in these efforts, or have your own ideas to get out the vote? Email danm@kingfield.org.

Want to make sure that you don’t miss out on any of the events that will engage neighbors and build our sense of community? Be sure to sign up for KFNA’s weekly eNews at kingfield.org.

Popular Gardening Classes Return to MLK Park

Two free gardening classes are back at MLK Park this spring and summer, led by friendly Hennepin County Master Gardeners.

Vegetable Growing Basics is for beginning gardeners or anyone needing a refresher class. Master Gardeners will teach you how to plan and plant a vegetable garden, as well as how to care for your veggies until harvest time. Bring questions from your home garden to this class. The class is hands-on, and meets outdoors at the raised garden beds at the northwest corner of MLK Park, 40th and Nicollet.

Meetings are held from 6:30 to 8 PM on four consecutive **Tuesdays, April 3rd through April 24th**. Classes are free and open to adults 18 and older, but interested teens are welcome to attend with a parent.

To register for the class, visit:
apm.activecommunities.com/minneapolisparcs/Activity_Search/76501 or, phone MLK park at 612-370-4908. You are registering for Vegetable Growing Basics. You will need to give your name, address, phone number, and email address, if you have one.

The **Donation Gardening** class continues where Veggie Basics leaves off, so all who complete Veggie Basics are encouraged to attend. Donation Gardening also welcomes any other neighbors interested in gardening for a cause. With the help of Master Gardeners, we'll plant and tend to veggies and greens in the raised beds outside the park building. 100% of the produce grown will go directly to the meal program and food shelf at The Aliveness Project (just down the street at 3808 Nicollet), whose mission is to link people living with HIV/AIDS to resources for leading healthy, self-directed lives. (Learn more about The Aliveness Project by visiting aliveness.org.)

Donation Gardening will meet on **Tuesday evenings, May 1st through September 11, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM**, at the MLK Park outdoor raised garden beds. Come as often as you can!

Note: MLK Park is also considering offering food preservation classes in the fall. If you are interested in this, please contact KFNA and let us know so we can help in setting up this course offering. You can reach KFNA at info@kingfield.org or 612-823-5980.

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

38TH STREET BRIDGE CLOSES IN EARLY MARCH

As a part of the first stage of a larger highway project called “35W@94: Downtown to Crosstown,” the 38th Street bridge over I-35W is scheduled to close in early March for reconstruction. The bridge will remain closed through mid-summer 2018 to all motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists.

At the beginning bridge demolition, one weekend closure of I-35W will be required. Also, throughout the bridge closure, the intersections of Stevens Avenue and 38th Street and 2nd Avenue South and 38th Street, and the ramp from 36th Street to southbound I-35W will close.

“35W@94: Downtown to Crosstown” is a four-year project that includes reconstructing pavement, bridges, and ramps on I-35W, adding new access ramps to the Lake Street Business District, and building a new transit station on the interstate. Once complete, motorists and residents will have better accessibility, safety, and mobility in the area. The entire project is expected to be complete by fall 2021. For more information including detour maps, please visit the project website and sign up for email updates at www.mndot.gov/35w94 or contact the project email (info@35w94.com) or hotline (612-284-6125). Information is also available at kingfield.org.

Follow on Twitter:

35W@94

KINGFIELD HONEYBEES AND A NEW GARDEN

While the hives are busy this winter keeping their queens warm, you can enjoy the fruits of their labor at Butter Bakery Café. Head baker Suzie Lillyblad has been creating fabulous treats with Kingfield honey. Want to know more about our girls and what you can do to help support all of the pollinators that help make Kingfield beautiful? Well, this spring we will increase their food supply!

KFNA is working with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to create a native pollinator garden under the Quilted Mosaics on the south side of MLK Park’s Recreation Center. The park board has agreed to provide native neonicotinoid-free plants at no cost to KFNA, and mulch. We would need to provide volunteers for one or two days of planting, and commit to maintain the pollinator garden for the next few years. It is anticipated the plantings would take place in late May or early June, depending on the weather.

Sound interesting? Send us an email to info@kingfield.org and we will be sure to keep you updated on this new project!

How Green Is Your Alley?

Every year, we plan a tour of the amazing gardens of Kingfield. This past year, we heard that people are really curious about ways to make their alleys more beautiful. The alley is a tough spot, between salty frozen winters and city codes that limit creativity. Have you found a way to make your trash and recycling area an extension of your garden? If so, we would love to hear from you! If you haven’t found the secrets to success in your alley, would you be interested in hearing someone give you their ideas? Either way, reach out to Cheryl@Kingfield.org and let’s see if we can’t beautify Kingfield’s alleys!

Fighting Hunger, Feeding Neighbors, and Building Community: Kingfield Empty Bowls



It has become a tradition, seven years in the making, to gather each February at MLK Park and share a simple meal of soup and bread with neighbors. At this supper each person donates what they are able to fight hunger right in our community. Attending Kingfield Empty Bowls is a delicious excuse to gather for a greater cause. Thanks to the generosity of our numerous volunteers and donors, including the primary funder—the Kingfield Neighborhood Association, who donates the organizing time throughout the year to this event—we were able to write a check to our partners this year for over \$10,000!

This year’s event supported two important partners, Nicollet Square and Lyndale Community Dinners (LCD). Both these organizations address alleviating hunger in their own way: Nicollet Square by providing safe and stable housing (along with job coaching and living skill support) for formerly homeless youth, and LCD by providing healthy community dinners each Wednesday night on a voluntary sliding fee scale between \$0-\$3 per person.

KFNA is proud to be a strong partner of both of these organizations. By raising funds for Nicollet Square we help raise awareness of youth homeless in our community, as well provide them with discretionary funding to help residents as they see needs arise. By raising funds for Lyndale Community Dinners we support the regular work of neighbors who, through the simple acts of cooking and shopping on a weekly basis, are making sure that everyone has the opportunity to enjoy a home-cooked meal and a full stomach.

We at KFNA want to extend a big thank you to our volunteer planning team who gave generously of their time for six months to plan and staff the pottery paint-a-bowl events, collect pottery from various artists and school studios, hold monthly meetings on key event logistics, create posters and marketing materials, and contact donors. It is the team’s commitment that made this event possible. If you are interested in serving on the planning team next year, please contact us at info@kingfield.org and ask to have you name added to the contact list.

THANK YOU, KINGFIELD EMPTY BOWLS SUPPORTERS:

NOURISHMENT!

Baker’s Field
Flour & Bread
Blackbird Café
Breadsmith
Bruegger’s Bagels
Butter Bakery Café
Café Ena
Curran’s Restaurant
Five Watt Coffee
Harriet’s

La Fresca
Nighthawks
The Lowbrow
Pat’s Tap
Patisserie 46
Rincón 38
Royal Grounds Coffee
Sun Street Breads
Victor’s 1959 Café
Youth Farm

And Art!

ColorWheel Gallery
Dock 6 Pottery
Edina Art Center
Fired Up Studios
Northern Clay Center
Uptown Clay
Powderhorn Empty Bowls
Breck School
FAIR School
Roosevelt High
South High
St. Paul Academy
Augsburg College
University of Minnesota

MORE WAYS TO HELP NICOLLET SQUARE

Volunteer: Help Nicollet Square anytime, year-round, by volunteering your skills in collecting and organizing donations, working at the front desk, or showcasing your skills of cooking, baking, sewing, etc. If interested in volunteering, please contact Program Manager Lindsay Smith at lsmith@youthlinkmn.org or 612-823-0122 ex 103.

Donate items: Nicollet Square also maintains a “community closet” to help new residents stock their apartments when they move in. Items that are useful for new tenants include (but are not limited to) alarm clocks, kitchen garbage cans, pillows, blankets, sheets, comforters, bath towels, pots and pans, shower curtains and rings, toilet paper, and paper towels. If you have items in good shape to share, please consider Nicollet Square.

ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO DINE OUT FOR A CAUSE

Dining Out for Life, the annual fundraiser for The Aliveness Project (38th & Nicollet), takes place this year on **Thursday, April 26, 2018**. On this day, diners across Minnesota venture to local restaurants who have pledged to donate a percentage of that day’s profits to support The Aliveness Project’s work to help people living with HIV to lead healthy, self-directed lives. Neighborhood restaurants that regularly participate include Blackbird Café, Kyatchi, Butter Bakery Café, Hola Arepa, Pat’s Tap, and Victor’s 1959 Café. To see the full list of restaurants, visit www.diningoutforlife.com/minneapolis.

If you’re a local restaurant owner who wants to get involved with Dining Out For Life, please visit www.diningoutforlifemn.org to sign up or contact Ayrie Gomez at ayrie@aliveness.org, 612-822-7946 ext.207.

If you’re interested in volunteering at local restaurants by becoming an Ambassador, please contact Laura Henry at laura@aliveness.org.



EARTH DAY

Feeling hints of cabin fever from winter hibernation? No better cure than spending some quality time outside! In conjunction with the annual Minneapolis Earth Day Clean Up event put on by the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board and the City of Minneapolis Department of Public Works, KFNA will again be organizing Earth Day-related activities that you can enjoy as you come and go for the actual clean up.

As in years past, we will be showcasing the Donation Garden at MLK Park in partnership with The Aliveness Project and their Master Gardeners, as well as promoting and educating on the city organics recycling program. We will also have new features this year, including giving away trees for you to plant at your own homes, generously provided by Neighborhood Forest. For the clean up, bags and gloves will be provided on-site for you to use. We'll pick up trash in the area and help beautify our park and neighborhood as we head into the prime seasons for being outdoors!



In addition to clean up volunteers, we could also use volunteers to help on event day with tasks such as volunteer check-in, handing out materials, and managing information tables. If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to anthony@kingfield.org or aaron@kingfield.org.

The 2018 Minneapolis Earth Day Clean Up will take place Saturday, April 21, from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM at MLK Park.

We hope to see you there!

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park hosts 2018 Minneapolis Arbor Day Celebration on April 27

Join the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) and tree lovers of all ages for the 2018 Minneapolis Arbor Day Celebration (and Elmer the Elm Tree’s 40th Birthday!) at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park on April 27th, 4 to 8 pm!

This year attendees will enjoy a festival-style celebration full of tree-themed activities and educational opportunities, music, food, beer and, of course, new trees! Anyone can help MPRB arborists plant 150 trees around the park.

The 2018 Minneapolis Arbor Day Celebration would not be possible without event sponsors People for Parks, Brewing a Better Forest, and Pat’s Tap. Also, a big thank you goes out to all the community supporters and volunteers, including the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Council and Kingfield Neighborhood Association.

A partial rundown of events and activities includes:

- Bucket truck rides
- Rope-and-saddle tree climbing, supervised by professional arborists
- Tree-sized lawn games, including the return of giant cribbage boards built by Harmony Tree Works
- Tree-themed obstacle course/ Nature Play Zone
- Tree swing
- Bounce house
- Arborist show-and-tell: Get an up-close look at many of the tools and machines arborists use to maintain a healthy urban forest
- Food trucks
- Beer garden
- Live music

Visit www.minneapolisparks.org/arborday for updates.



Photo courtesy Sharon Hagford

Coaches Needed for 2018 MLK Park Little Kids’ Soccer Program

We are looking for coaches to help lead the Little Kids’ Soccer program at MLK Park again this summer. This is not a soccer league. We have fun playing creative games with soccer balls with boys and girls in groups of 4’s, 5’s and 6’s, 7’s and 8’s, and 9’s and older.

You don’t need to be at all of the weekly sessions. We have about 50 kids each Wednesday (about 85 register for the summer). We aim to have a minimum of 12 coaches (mostly parent coaches), with 8 or 9 of the coaches (game leaders) attending any given Wednesday evening session. Come as often as you can. We ask the coaches to get to the field at MLK Park (baseball field #1 along 42nd Street) at 5:30 PM and help clean up after the games, till 7:30 PM.

The program for the kids consists of 8 weeks of Wednesdays, 6 to 7:15 PM, starting June 20th and running through August 15th, 2015 (we’ll skip July 4th). We will have a coach training session in the little kids’ games either the evening of June 13th or 14th. The games will be taught by our favorite coach, Sheila McGill, St. Thomas University Women’s Coach. **If you’re interested in becoming a coach this summer, contact:**

- **Michelle Steffen** at steffemichelle76@gmail.com or 608/213-832
- **Michael Vanderford** at michaeljvanderford@gmail.com or 612/ 296-9647

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Donation Garden at MLK: Master Gardeners and community members grow food together to support the Aliveness Project Food Shelf. (Pg 3)



- **Open Now • Registration for summer activities at MLK Park**
Register online at www.minneapolisparks.org or in person at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center, 4055 Nicollet Avenue South (Pg1)
- **Mid-March • The Rockin’ Organics Team (ROT) holds the first Compost Café**
First event of the season! Center for Performing Arts backyard, 3754 Pleasant Ave. S.
- **Sat., March 21, 5:30-7:30 PM • Pizza at Kingfield Community Oven**
Free public performance will follow at the CFPA. (Pg 1)
- **Mon., March 26, 6 PM • Family Engagement Committee meets at Butter Bakery Café**
3700 Nicollet Ave. S. (Pg 2)
- **Thurs., March 29 • Application deadline for Pleasant Community Garden.** (Pg 1)
- **Tues., April 3, 6:30-8 PM • Veggie Basics Class begins**
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park (Pg 3)
- **Sat., April 21, 9:30 AM-12 PM • Earth Day Clean Up**
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park (Pg 4)
- **Sat., April 21, 5:30 to 7:30 PM • Pizza at Kingfield Community Oven**
Center for Performing Arts backyard, 3754 Pleasant Ave. S. • A free public presentation by three local artists will follow at CFPA. (Pg 1)
- **Thurs., April 26, All Day • Dining Out for Life**
The annual fundraiser for The Aliveness Project, at various restaurants (Pg 3)
- **Fri., April 27, 4 to 8 PM • Minneapolis Arbor Day Celebration**
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park (Pg 4)
- **Tues., May 1, 6:30-7:30 • Donation Gardening class begins**
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park (Pg 3)
- **Tues., May 15 • Registration deadline for the KFNA Yard Sale** (Pg 2)
Sat., May 19, 9 AM to 2 PM • The 20th Annual Kingfield Community Yard Sale Extravaganza (Pg 2)
- **Sat., May 19, 5:30-7:30 PM • Pizza at Kingfield Community Oven**
Meet the new neighborhood Family Engagement Team (Pg 1)
- **Fri., June 1, 9 AM, Drop-dead Registration Deadline for Kingfield PorchFest** (Pg 1)
- **Wed., June 20, 6 to 7:15 PM • Little Kids’ Soccer begins!** (Pg 4)
- **Thurs., June 21, 6 to 9 PM • Kingfield PorchFest 2018!** (Pg 2)
- **Tues., Aug. 14 • Primary Day polling party at MLK Park**