Kingfield PorchFest!
Thursday, June 21, 6 to 9 PM

Take a walk from the blues to some bluegrass, from indie-folk to Irish-folk to ukulele lady jams, all on a single summer evening in Kingfield. That’s PorchFest! Local musicians (many who live in the homes where they are performing) will play acoustic music outdoors while neighbors stroll through the neighborhood enjoying the sounds and our community. This year we welcome 50+ performing groups to over 30 stages throughout the neighborhood, mapped to keep you moving from site to site, as well as moving and grooving AT each site.

Check out all the bands that will be performing by visiting our website, where you can listen to SoundCloud snippets: kingfield.org/porchfest. Also this year, due to the complex nature of our festival event and the summer solstice, we are joining with Make Music Day (hosted locally by Vega, a music education nonprofit) and our local ol’ summer festival will be advertised across the world on their website too! If you want to listen to public music all day long, visit their website for musical celebrations across the Twin Cities (and the world) at www.makemusicsday.org/twincities.

Be a Kingfield PorchFest supporter
As always, PorchFest relies on the good will and donated time of musicians, both amateur and professional, and porch hosts. New this year, PorchFest is selling maps (printed on super cool 100% cotton bandanas) to attendees who wish to financially support the publicity and organizing of this event. PorchFest supporters will also be entitled to special perks when you show your bandana. You can get a map today at Twin Town Guitars, highlighted below.

Event Sponsors are needed to offset the massive event maps cost, estimated to be as high as 33%. Nicollet Open Streets. Nicollet Open Streets is unique because our two neighborhood associations host it, which gives it a unique flavor and also gives priority to local businesses and organizations that participate. The Kingfield and Lyndale neighborhood associations are able to provide a unified event that truly reflects who we are as a community. Thousands of people explore the 16 blocks of Nicollet that day, and by sponsoring us you can help your business take advantage of this increased local foot-traffic on Nicollet Avenue even more, by increasing your visibility through neighborhood-wide mailings, event handouts, social media event coverage, and placement on event maps.

Party on the Green Side
See this card? Don’t be surprised if one comes to your doorstep. Kingfield is working with neighbors on many blocks, educating them about the tricks of deciphering organic from recyclable vs. total trash material. These ROTA (Rockin’ Organics Team) leaders are then empowered to make connections with YOU, their immediate neighbors, to share the knowledge and increase the amount (and the cleanliness) of organic and recyclables collected in Kingfield. They are doing this through hosting Green House Parties, where they’ll share tricks and tips to collecting organic and waste, to combat some of the common barriers encountered when sorting waste.

Why does diverting organic matter from your trash can matter?
It is estimated that in the US we throw out 40% of all the food that our farmers grow. Even if we ignore the crops rotting in the fields or thrown out at grocery stores, the number one waste material in our garbage cans at home is also food scraps, estimated to be as high as 33%. While food in the field, food in the garbage can, and food still contained inside of them. These food scraps make excellent compost and can help improve the quality of our local soil, which has had its share of wear and tear from years of chemical fertilizers, pesticides, and pollution from vehicle exhausts.

You might think, Minneapolis burns its garbage so it doesn’t matter because I am not adding to a landfill. This is true, sort of. In Minneapolis we do actually burn our trash in a machine we call the HERC, but throwing all these wet food scraps in there is like tossing a wet bucket of leaves on the campfire. We Minnesotans all know what happens when you do that! If 33% of your campfire was rotting carrots, old coffee grounds, and last week’s lasagna, how much harder do you think it would be to keep it burning?

So are you inspired to learn more and do more?
That’s great, because we need you! We need more Green Party hosts, and we need people to attend their neighbor’s Green House Parties. Just contact Sarah at the Kingfield Neighborhood Association, and she will provide you with a Green Block Party kit and train you in how to use it. She also can connect you to another neighbor if someone else on your block is interested in doing the same work. You can reach Sarah at info@kingfield.org or 612-823-5980.

This program is supported by Hennepin County’s Green Partners Grow grant and the City of Minneapolis’ Solid Waste and Recycling.

People all over the city are talking about the “2020 plan” and “2040 plan,” but do you know what they are and how they affect you? Here’s a guide for telling them apart.

Neighborhoods 2020 is a report by the city work group called the Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission (NCEC). NCEC advises the city on community engagement issues and is responsible for developing guidelines for the city’s principal neighborhood funding program. NCEC partnered with Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) city department staff, neighborhood organizations, and other key stakeholders to conduct engagement and to develop the 2020, which are recommendations for the next phase (beginning in 2021) of Minneapolis’ neighborhood programming.

The “Neighborhoods 2020 Roadmap,” addresses funding, oversight, and support of the city’s neighborhood organizations, with the broad goal of redefining the roles and expectations of neighborhood organizations and a special emphasis on improving neighborhood associations that reflect the city’s changing demographics.

A draft of the document was presented at City Hall this May. The final plan, expected in November, will:
• Identify a potential source of funding for neighborhood organizations from the City.
• Address the relationship and responsibilities of the Minneapolis Neighborhood and Community Relations Department (NCR), the Neighborhood Community Engagement Commission (NCEC), and

Keep the PorchFest party going with summer music lessons at Twin Town Guitars!
If you are a beginner, or if you want to improve your technique, we’ll get you rocking with music lessons at Twin Town Guitar Box, plus, get 10% off all acoustic string instruments through August 31, 2018, when you show us your Kingfield PorchFest bandana!

Welcome Neighbors to a Green House Party!
Meet Your Neighbors with Taste Food & Color into Organic Recycling
Party on the Green Side

They’re not just super cool numbers, they’re the future of your city.
**From the (new!) KFNA President**

Madelyn Sundberg

KFNAPresident@kingfield.org

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the KFNA Board President, Judy B. Slavik, and I have lived in Kingfield for almost 9 years. I have been a member of the board for 2 years and I am looking forward to fulfilling this role with our local neighbors in a meaningful way so that we can believe that neighborhood groups are not only a great link to the city, but also provide necessary opportunities for citizen to engage with each other.

This was a short introduction and I look forward to getting to know all of you better in the coming months. Perhaps I can call on you all as somewhere between 6 and 8 PM on a Thursday night at the City Hall for some light refreshments. I am always available by email and I look forward to seeing you all this summer.

Ashley Slavik, KFNA President

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**Summer in the Park**

*We are gearing up for another great summer at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park with plenty of camps and programs to keep your kids busy! The Kingfield Neighborhood Association (KFNA) and friends are proud to bring you the 2nd Annual Summer in the Park: 8-Week Summer Camp Program. Each week is packed with fun for kids ages 5-11.*

**Compassion & Picnic**

*Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park\nSaturday, August 18, 1-4 PM*

**Activities:**
- Games
- Live music
- Food and drinks
- Fun for the whole family

KFNA has done an extensive review of the 2040 plan and is working to produce a draft outreach plan outlined in the 2040 Plan. This plan is designed to provide developmental goals and policies. The draft of that plan is in its final stages and will be available for review before it is sent to the city for final approval.

KFNA's Redevelopment Committee will continue to review and discuss the 2040 plan, refine this response, and build consensus. These comments will be compiled and attached to KFNA’s response to the 2040 Plan, and be considered for public participation and comments from community groups.

KFNA encourages residents who have questions or comments about the 2040 plan to participate in the Redevelopment Committee Meeting, or contact info@kingfieldneighborhood.com to discuss their concerns and questions.

Clerd DorBuch, KFNA Board and Sarah Lowers-Robinson, KFNA President

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**How green does your garden (or boulevard, or alley) grow?**

*Does everyone in your life envy your green thumb? Want to show off how you manage to make an urban neighborhood beautiful? Join us the first Saturday of the month in June, July, August & September for our Urban Gardening Tour.*

For the past 10 years, we’ve hosted a summer garden tour benefiting the Kingfield Community Garden, giving an exclusive look at some of the neighborhood’s most beautiful gardens. Our goal was to celebrate our neighborhood’s gardening tradition and history, as well as to promote the importance of having green spaces in the city.

This year we are looking for gardeners who are willing to share their secrets to success, especially in those really tough spots like spots beside sidewalks and alleys. Backyard heroes and front yard fiends, we want you! You just have to be willing to welcome tour-goers into your growing space on the evening of July 12th.

If you are interested, or if you know of a neighbor who should be encouraged to show-off, please email us at Cheryl@kingfield.org. For more information about sign-ups, please visit our Facebook page.

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**Get outside and play on National Night Out!**

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) hosted the 2018 Minneapolis National Night Out Celebration at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Park on Thursday, August 2nd. Over 300 people came out on a sunny and windy Friday afternoon to experience the annual family-style celebration of all things fun. Attendees enjoyed favorite activities like bike track, supervised swimming, a tractor and nature area, food and beer from a variety of local establishments, live music, and Minneapolis Fire Truck ice cream.

The Arboretum, a hand made up of local food professionals, climbed high up into a tree for a special offering of seasonal Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Bistro meals. The Elm Tree’s 40th birthday celebration was also a cake, drinks served by Chefs from community organizations, and a tree planting ceremony to commemorate the Elm Tree’s birthday. The Elm Tree has been a part of the neighborhood for over 40 years, providing shade, beauty, and recreation for all ages, and an old-fashioned family picnic. If you like to help bring this event to life, please contact Tally Totz at 612-601- 2400, or email talled@ Minneapolis. Code your time on National Night Out and bring your friends, family and especially in the Kingfield Neighborhood Association volunteers on the north side of the recreation center.

**MLK Park Primary Polling Party, August 14th**

If you’re living in Kingfield for a while, you know that Kingfield Neighborhood Association hosts a polling party at MLK Park every year in November on Election Day. Volunteers greet neighbors with beverages and rice generously donated by area businesses throughout the day while the polls are open. All of Kingfield (and Kingfield only) votes at MLK Park, so it is a great day to bump elbows with neighbors.

For the first time ever, MLK Park will be hosting an outdoor polling party for the primary on Tuesday, August 14th. Look for tents north of the MLK Park tennis courts.

We envision a day filled with family-oriented activities that you will want to check out when voting or going to different events, including music, games, raffles,oller skating, face painting, ready, set, go! fun, and especially in the Kingfield Neighborhood Association, is some of our favorite local businesses.

If you’re interested in volunteering at the table that day (students—our future leaders—we’re looking for a few of you, email scottm@kingfield.org).
In June we will be planting a native pollinator patch under the Quilted Mosaics on the southern wall of the recreation center at MLK Park. This garden is a joint project of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (providing the plants) and the Kingfield Neighborhood Association (providing the muscle and ongoing care).

We will need a lot of help to clear and plant the space in two days, plus we will need neighbors to sign up to oversee the pollinator patch throughout the growing season. If you are interested in making sure our Kingfield bees have plenty of food for pollinating our plants, send an email to Cheryl@Kingfield.org.