



KINGFIELD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

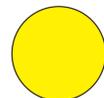
2018-2019 KFNA ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Let Us Know what you think about KFNA's projects and events!

**What projects/events do you love?
Which should KFNA stop doing?
What should KFNA change or adjust?**

Vote via stickers in the PINK area next to the activity:

 **Love this event/activity. Keep doing it!**

 **This event should change**
(let us know what should change with the cards below)

 **This event should stop**
(let us know why with the cards below)

Communications

In 2018, KFNA maintained regular communications via: the KFNA Website, Kingfield Neighborhood Association Facebook Page, Nextdoor Kingfield, weekly Kingfield eNews, as well as the printed and mailed quarterly Kingfield News and special partnerships with the Lyndale Newspaper to increase communication. We also continued our weekly presence at the community table at the Kingfield Farmers' Market to keep neighbors informed about activities, issues, and opportunities right here in Kingfield Neighborhood!

National Night Out

In 2018, KFNA again biked to over 50 block parties and brought Kingfielders the sweetest National Night Out experience ever...free, locally made Sebastian Joe's!

Vote HERE Get Out To Vote

In 2018, KFNA increased its Get Out the Vote (GOTV) work with a three-pronged approach. 1) KFNA placed over 500 yard signs throughout the neighborhood reminding neighbors to vote; this was a 25% increase over the year before. 2) KFNA recruited and trained thirty GOTV Block Captains who did direct outreach on their blocks to their neighbors, emphasizing just how important voting is as a member of the Kingfield community. 3) KFNA hosted two Polling Day Parties, one in August for the Primary (complete with on-site massage tables, hands-on activities, and "poll dancers"!) and one in November for the Election. Both parties included tents full of tasty treats, beverages, and cheerful neighbors who were there to thank all voters. Together, these strategies have established Kingfield as a community of voters, and helped increase voter turnout by twenty percentage points between 2014 and 2018.

Arbor Day

In April, the Minneapolis Park Board Forestry Department partnered with KFNA and brought Arbor Day to Kingfield. This city-wide event brought a natural playground, a brass band in a tree, and over 100 hand-planted trees to MLK Park. The event also introduced KFNA to the Brewery Running Series and their Run for Beer event, which led to a partnership in the fall. Arbor Day also unveiled our joint 2018 flavor made with Sebastian Joe's Confectionary, MPLS Birch Bark, with a chocolate bark full of pretzel sticks and berries in a base of birch flavored ice-cream!

Empty Bowls

In February 2019, KFNA organized and held the 8th annual Kingfield Empty Bowls event, a fundraiser for Nicollet Square, which houses 42 formerly homeless youth in our community. Unlimited homemade soup was given to attendees in handmade bowls in return for a donation. Despite a snowstorm of epic proportions, Kingfield neighbors still packed the gym with over 425 people, raising over \$5000 of discretionary funding for Nicollet Square.

Community Oven

The Kingfield Community Outdoor Oven held another full season of monthly events April-October which included monthly community pizza and bread baking events.

Vote HERE Open Streets

In September, KFNA hosted and co-organized the 5th annual Nicollet Open Streets with the Lyndale Neighborhood Association. Attendance reached over 15,000 people who spent the afternoon walking and biking the 2.5 mile stretch of Nicollet Avenue from Lake Street down to 46th Street. The event also unveiled KFNA's new partnership with the Brewery Running Series, who financially supported the event by hosting our first ever Nicollet Run for Beer.

MPRB Pruners

Five Kingfield stakeholders were trained by the University of Minnesota to become Minneapolis Park Board Citizen Pruners. These citizens will help care for boulevard trees citywide, and have also agreed to tend the newly planted Kingfield Orchard, which was planted at MLK Park during the Arbor Day festival.

Compost + Organics Team

Received a grant from Hennepin County to increase residential organic composting and held three Compost Cafes to train a new joint-neighborhood Rockin' Organics Team (ROT) to do direct block outreach to their neighbors. Increased rates in Kingfield by over 2%.

Porchfest

KFNA organized the 4th annual Kingfield PorchFest. This event provided free access to over 50 local musical performances on 30 sites on a single summer evening. This wildly popular, financially self-supporting event offers local musicians a way to share their talents with their neighbors, as well as serves as a promotional event that draws people both to the neighborhood, and out of their homes, for an evening.

Pleasant Community Garden

In 2018, the Pleasant Community Garden completed its 8th successful year with 18 gardeners. These volunteers organized the annual Kingfield Garden Tour, which supports the KFNA Community Garden Mission of connecting gardens and gardeners throughout Kingfield, and raised money to support the garden and our rooftop bee hives. KFNA also supported the veggie gardening classes in partnership with Hennepin County Master Gardeners, and a communal donation garden at MLK Park that benefits the Aliveness Project food shelf.