



KingfieldNews



Five years and strumming strong!
Thursday, June 20, 6 to 9 PM



For the 5th year on a single summer evening, Kingfield musicians will perform acoustic music outdoors at their respective homes or a neighboring porch, while neighbors stroll through enjoying the sounds. Last year this event featured more than 50 musical performances on almost three dozen Kingfield stages. Veteran players will be back this year, including Tiny Bubbles, Heartfelt, Wilkinson James, and Spaghetti Monetti & The Sauce—with styles running the gamut from ukulele to acapella, rockabilly to jazz. Also look for a number of special acts to be introduced this year, including the entire Who’s “Tommy” (played WHOTenanny style!) in celebration of the 50th anniversary of this rock opera.

Who plays at PorchFest?
You can play at PorchFest!

If you are a performer in any unplugged music genre and have at least one hour and 20 minutes of music, please contact KFNA Executive Director Sarah Linnes-Robinson at info@kingfield.org and ask if there are still spaces

available. If there are, we will then send you an online application. We’ll begin confirming accepted performers in mid-May and we work to fill the entire neighborhood with a web of music. By the time this newsletter arrives we may need a second group on various porches, so don’t be afraid to reach out.

Where does PorchFest happen?
That is up to all of you!

If you are a musician you can play at your home, unless another nearby neighbor has already registered. If we can’t allow you to play at your own porch due to musical sound collisions, however, we’re happy to work to place you on a neighbor’s porch. In fact, we have so many new people who want to play at Kingfield PorchFest this year we really need additional hosts. Again, please contact KFNA Executive Director Sarah Linnes-Robinson at info@kingfield.org if you have a large front yard and, ideally, an open-air covered porch. Sarah will work with you to make sure there isn’t another group too close, and then will arrange for musicians to play at your home for the evening.

Who’s a PorchFest Supporter?
You can be a PorchFest supporter!

As always, PorchFest relies on the goodwill and donated time of musicians, both amateur and professional, and host-porches. Musicians rely on your tips and your purchases of their CDs and other merchandise, so pack your pockets with change and give freely that evening! KFNA also relies on your donations to organize and promote this event. Besides purchasing souvenir memorabilia, which will be available at various porches, you can also simply make a donation to KFNA online. Go

to www.kingfield.org and hit the button on the right-hand side of the page. You may give any amount to support this locally created event!

How does PorchFest happen?
This is how it happens!

Four amazing Kingfield businesses have stepped forward as Kingfield PorchFest Sponsors, and through their financial contributions we are assured that KFNA won’t need to spend an excessive amount of money organizing and promoting this event. Three of these businesses will host stages at PorchFest, so be sure to visit them at Butter Bakery Café, Locus Architecture, and The Lowbrow, and tell their staffs “thank you” while you are there! The Lowbrow also invites all neighbors to join them after PorchFest for their regular 9 PM until 10:30 PM (closing) Happy Hour. PorchFest’s fourth sponsor won’t be a musical site on June 20th, but they manage to be one almost every other day of the year, so also a huge thank you to Twin Town Guitars, and be sure to stop into their shop for all your musical needs leading up to PorchFest!

Contact Sarah Linnes-Robinson, KFNA’s Executive Director, at sarah@kingfield.org or 612.823.5980 if you have questions regarding Kingfield PorchFest.



What do Drain Gretzky, Shirley MacDrain, and Gus and Inez have in common with the Cave of Wonder?

All are Kingfield storm water drains, adopted by neighbors like you!

Minneapolis is inviting residents to participate in Adopt-a-Drain, a new metro-wide program aimed at keeping local lakes, streams, and wetlands clean. By adopting a drain, residents commit to keeping it clear of leaves, trash, and other debris, protecting local lakes and rivers from polluted storm water runoff that flows off of our streets. Find your own perfect match and sign up at www.Adopt-a-Drain.org.

In addition to trash, road salt, and chemicals, organic debris like leaves and grass clippings also threaten the health of our waters. Decaying leaves and grass that wash into storm drains when it rains release nutrients into lakes and rivers that promote algae growth.

Some Kingfielders have already adopted drains through the older City of Minneapolis program, and are familiar with the responsibilities and rewards of adopting a drain. They will tell you that part of the fun is giving your drain a name, which is recorded on an online map. Take a look around the neighborhood and you’ll find The Gunk Pit, The Magnificent Storm Water Portal, and PURPLE dRAIN, among others.

Minneapolis is merging their existing Adopt-a-Drain program with the metro-wide program. Both existing and new adopters in the City of Minneapolis will need to create an account at www.Adopt-a-Drain.org with their name and address. Existing adopters will be paired with their previously adopted storm drain, while new adopters can claim one or more available storm drains.

You don’t have to go it alone! Adopters receive supportive tips on how to be safe while cleaning the drains and get annual reports on how much pollution they and other participants have kept out of local lakes and streams.

There are more than 300,000 storm drains in the Twin Cities metro area. Thousands are still waiting for that special person to name, clean, and protect them, many of them in our own neighborhood. A waiting drain could be right outside your door!

For more information on how to adopt a drain, visit www.Adopt-a-Drain.org. If Minneapolis residents have questions, they can contact AdoptADrain@Minneapolismn.gov or 612-673-5522. The City of Minneapolis will continue to update the former Minneapolis Adopt-A-Drain website with tips and news.

WE PRUNE UGLY TREES!

Kingfield Citizen Pruners, a “branch” of KFNA’s Green Team, are looking for boulevard trees that need to be pruned. Find us on Facebook at Kingfield Citizen Pruners and nominate a tree by posting a photo of the offending tree and the closest house address to it. If you are not on Facebook, please send information to info@kingfield.org. With this crowdsourced list of trees, we will prioritize the blocks to visit and create a pruning schedule. Work will be scheduled with consideration of species (some are best pruned at certain times of the year) and all care will be taken so that trees don’t go through any stress. The trees submitted must be on the city-owned boulevard, not in someone’s yard. We can address issues such as low-hanging branches infringing sidewalks and obscuring stop signs, and bristly sprouts coming up from the base.

The Kingfield Citizen Pruners are trained volunteers through the Minneapolis Citizen Pruner program. This program is a collaboration between the University of Minnesota and the City of Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board Forestry Department. Volunteers are taught proper pruning methods and tree identification skills. By having volunteers provide maintenance pruning of the boulevard and park trees, the forestry department is better able to distribute resources to trees needing the most help. If you are interested in joining the Kingfield Citizen Pruners, contact sarah@kingfield.org for more information.

KFNA Annual Meeting and New Board Members

Friday April 26th, KFNA held its annual meeting with a celebration at the neighborhood Pizza Oven. The yearly event is an opportunity for neighbors, board members and KFNA staff to come together and celebrate all that KFNA accomplished in the past year. Despite the threat of rain and cold, the weather cooperated, and more than 100 neighbors and community leaders showed up to eat fresh-cooked pizza, talk about the past year, and share ideas for the future.

During the event, annual board elections were also held. Please congratulate new KFNA board members Michael Skinner, Elena Bretzman, David Robbins, Lesa Hudak, and Sarah Tschida. They join returning board members Chris DesRoches, Samantha Loesch, Lisa Skzeczkoski-Bzdusek, Madelyn Sundberg, and Scott Mueller, who are all beginning the second year of their two-year terms.

Three seats are still open on the KFNA Board, and to fill these KFNA is seeking specific populations, including renters, POC, youth, or seniors, to balance representation on the board. If you have any questions or are interested in serving, please contact KFNA Executive Director Sarah Linnes-Robinson at sarah@kingfield.org.

Thanks to the great volunteers who helped prep the oven and cook the pizzas, as well as all the neighbors who came out. We look forward to seeing you at upcoming KFNA events in 2019!

Farewell from the KFNA President



I moved to Kingfield almost a decade ago. Like all first-time homebuyers I was excited and nervous about our house. Over the years we have gotten to know and love this wonderful neighborhood. Each day walking and biking, I meet new neighbors and see old faces—this has always made me feel like Kingfield is a small town in a big city.

As Kingfield has changed this last decade I have fallen more and more in love with our charming neighborhood. I have loved the new playground, the pizza oven and all the new restaurants. (My oldest kiddo is in the background telling me to share that he loved watching the street resurfacing too!)

As with all things, change must come. We recently decided to move and unfortunately weren’t able to find the house we were looking for in Kingfield. Although this move comes with many positives, I will miss our neighborhood so much. I am reminded of a quote from Walt Disney that I am particularly fond of: “We keep moving forward,

opening new doors, and doing new things, because we’re curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths.”

I look forward to returning frequently to see old friends and neighbors and wish the neighborhood all best in the coming years. I know this neighborhood will continue to prosper and grow and I look forward to seeing all that is to come.

– Ashley Siljeborg, KFNA President

Editor’s note: Watch this space in future newsletters for messages from your new KFNA Board President, Chris DesRoches, who we introduce below.

Welcoming Chris DesRoches



We are pleased to introduce Chris DesRoches, who will serve as President of the Kingfield Neighborhood Association Board this year. This is his second year on the board.

Chris has a Master’s Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the U of M, and in the past year he has utilized his skills for KFNA as the primary researcher and community outreach volunteer on the Minneapolis 2040 Plan, and as a member of the Community Advisory Committee for the Park Board’s southwest park planning process.

Chris works for a local placemaking firm, so he understands the work that KFNA does to create public spaces that promote people’s health, happiness, and wellbeing. He enjoys building and leveraging community within Kingfield to create a better, more inclusive and resilient neighborhood. When not working, Chris plants things in the summer and knocks a ball around on ice in the winter. He can also be found hanging out with his daughters and wife at MLK Park or along Grand Avenue, where they live.

Barton Dance

Clara Barton Open School 5th graders experienced an amazing program called Dancing Classrooms through Heart of Dance, Minnesota, thanks to the generosity of the Kingfield Neighborhood Association. Grant money provided students the opportunity to learn six different ballroom dances through a 10-week program at school. Ballroom dancing provides an integrative approach to learning: not only do students learn to dance, but they have increased self-confidence, improved physical fitness, enhanced academic achievement, increased team building experience, and conflict resolution improvement.

The Barton 5th graders were able to showcase their dancing at an all-school morning meeting for Barton students. The support they received from students in other grades was empowering and uplifting!

Barton Open is so grateful for the financial support from Kingfield Neighborhood Association and excited about this partnership moving forward.



SUSTAINABLY KYATCHI

You may consider Kyatchi a sushi restaurant, when in actuality it’s a Japanese specialty restaurant that happens to include sushi on its menu. But what Sam Peterson, co-owner and co-founder of Kyatchi, really wants you to know is that he, his fellow owners and staff all care about environmental sustainability.

When Kyatchi opened at 38th & Nicollet in 2014, their menu had eight or nine fish, and now it’s up to thirteen. That’s a smaller selection compared to many other Japanese restaurants, which typically offer 30 to 40 types of fish, but they’re not all going to be sustainable. Sam says, “Every fish that we sell, we can go to our distributors and say, ‘Hey, when was this fish caught? Where was this fish caught? What was the name of the boat? What was the name of the captain?’” Kyatchi is a partner of Seafood Watch, a program started by Monterey Bay Aquarium in California that helps consumers and businesses choose seafood that’s fished or farmed in ways that support a healthy ocean, now and for future generations.

A lot of Kyatchi’s customers love their sustainable efforts and dine there because of it. Every menu has a little blurb about these efforts, and a card explaining Monterey Bay Seafood Watch is included with every bill. “I think as people are starting to wake up and be aware of all of (the issues with our oceans waterways), I think we’re going to see more and more sustainable fish going forward,” Sam says.

It is already happening: Just five years ago, about 50 restaurants in the U.S. were partners in the Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch program, and they were all in California. Kyatchi was the first Seafood Watch partner in Minnesota; now, Sam says there are thousands of partners, including more restaurants in Minnesota.

In addition to being committed to Seafood Watch, Kyatchi is mindful of where it sources the rest of their food. Sam says, “Our chicken is all organic. Our pork and our beef is free-range, hormone-free, no antibiotics.”

Kyatchi also makes it a point to train their staff on what’s compostable, what’s recyclable and what has to go into a landfill as trash. All of their to-go supplies are compostable. Their chairs are made from recycled and reclaimed materials. There is no trash bin in the front of the house, and there’s only one trash bin in the back room. Sam estimates that almost 90% of their waste goes into composting or recycling. Sam feels it’s easy for other restaurants to get on board with sustainable efforts; it just takes a willingness and proper training of staff.

Sam says that every staff member at Kyatchi is committed to being green and more sustainable. Also, everyone at Kyatchi makes at least \$15 per hour, in advance of the Minneapolis legislation. “If people care about the environment and care about what they’re eating, they’re going to care about how the people serving them are treated.”

“I’m a progressive guy, I come from a progressive family, and I truly believe that our oceans are in danger and our ecology is in serious danger. I sleep better at night knowing that I’m trying to help (solve) the problem. If everybody knew where their food truly came from, they would probably make different decisions.”

Learn more about sustainable seafood at www.seafoodwatch.org. Visit Kyatchi at 3758 Nicollet Ave. S.



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

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KINGFIELD NEWS

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

KINGFIELD 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 delicious homemade soup, fresh bread, and tasty desserts were given to attendees in

handmade bowls in return for a donation. All the food was donated by our local restaurants, who value being a part of our community. Despite a snowstorm of epic proportions, Kingfield neighbors still packed the gym with over 425 people, raising over \$5,000 of discretionary funding for Nicollet Square.

We at KFNA want to extend a big thank you to our volunteer planning team who gave generously of their time for six months. The team planned and staffed the pottery paint-a-bowl events, collected pottery from various artists and school studios, held monthly meetings on key event logistics, created posters and marketing materials, and contacted 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 drop a line at info@kingfield.org and ask to have your name added to the contact list.



Promotions in MPD lead to New 5th Precinct Commander

Former 5th Precinct Inspector Kathy Waite has been promoted to Deputy Chief of Patrol and will be replaced by Amelia Huffman. Waite served as inspector of the 5th Precinct for just under three years. She has served with MPD since 1993 and formerly led the 2nd Precinct in Northeast before taking the role in Southwest. She was a frequent speaker at the monthly Kingfield Neighborhood Association board meetings, talking about crime trends and answering neighbors’ questions about a variety of concerns.

Amelia Huffman began her career in the 5th Precinct in 1994 as a patrol officer and even lived in the Kingfield neighborhood for several years. She has also worked on MPD’s community response team and as a shift lieutenant in the 5th Precinct. Huffman formerly led MPD’s homicide unit, served as a public information officer during the bridge collapse, worked as an investigator in the crimes against children and financial crimes units, and served in internal affairs.

“I’m really thrilled to be working in the same part of the city that I call home,” she said. “I don’t think anyone will notice any difference in enforcement priorities. In this precinct, we have a significant focus on property crimes.”

NICOLLET OPEN STREETS



Nicollet Open Streets returns on Sunday, September 22nd: From the Kmart parking lot to 46th Street, from 11 AM to 5 PM, Nicollet Avenue will be closed to motorized transportation. It’s a celebration for our street, with activities, music, food, and more!

Nicollet Open Streets is hosted by two neighborhood associations: Kingfield and Lyndale, who together provide a unified

event year after year. Now our biggest annual festival, Nicollet Open Streets brings out more than 15,000 neighbors exploring the 16 blocks of Nicollet that run through our shared community.

Event Sponsors are needed to offset the massive investment of planning and hosting Nicollet Open Streets. By sponsoring us we can help your business or organization take advantage of this increased local foot-traffic on Nicollet even more, by increasing your visibility through neighborhood-wide mailings, event handouts, social media event coverage, and placement on event maps.

Sponsorship is open to businesses and nonprofits both on and off Nicollet. Sponsorship levels range from \$175 and up. If you would like to learn more, contact KFNA’s Executive Director Sarah Linnes-Robinson at sarah@kingfield.org / 612-823-5980 and she can send you a sponsorship package. The deadline for Event Sponsorships is early August, so contact us today!

Additionally, more than 100 volunteers are needed 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. It’s not too early to raise your hand to help out! If you’re interested in volunteering, contact Alison at the Lyndale Neighborhood Association at alison@lyndale.org.

Run for Beer! Run for Root Beer! Slow Bike for Beer!

Nicollet Open Streets unveils a trio of races!



Coming Sept 22nd, we are partnering with the MN Brewery Running Series to offer a race for everyone. Races are staggered and will kick off starting at 11:15 AM with the 5K Run for Beer. The Quarter-mile Run for Root Beer is targeted at runners nine years old or younger and will begin at 12:15 PM. A Slow Bike Race (for Beer, of course) will close out the race day at 1:15 PM. All races will kick off under the blow-up arch in front of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park.

Registration can be completed online. Race costs vary between \$10 for the Root Beer Run and \$30 for the others. Get more information on the Nicollet Open streets Run Trio and other runs organized by the MN Brewery Running Series at <https://breweryrunningseries.com/minnesota/>. Look for the Nicollet Open Streets logo! Got questions? Contact KFNA Executive Director Sarah Linnes-Robinson at kfna@kingfield.org or 612-823-5980.

NNO is Tuesday, August 6, 2019

If you’ve lived in Minneapolis a while, and in Kingfield specifically, chances are good that you’ve attended a National Night Out (NNO) block party. Minneapolis has been ranked #1 in NNO participation among all U.S. cities with a population over 250,000 for many years, and was ranked #2 in 2018.

National Night Out (NNO) is a campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer and more caring places to live. More than 1,600 National Night Out events were registered in 2018. Was yours one of them? If it wasn’t, it should have been! Registering your block party helps the city keep a pulse on the neighborhood, and comes with incentives: free Sebastian Joe’s specialty flavor ice cream, anyone?

Block Leaders can register their NNO event and apply to close a street or alley with a single online process at http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno/nno_register. If you register by July 23rd, there is no cost to block off your street. Even if your block doesn’t close the street, please register to make sure you are on the list to receive the annual free ice cream delivery by your very own KFNA Board member, and to be included in the participation tally by the city.

FED UP WITH ROAD CONSTRUCTION?

Think how area businesses feel

For those of us struggling through I-35W construction traffic, the good news is that MnDOT recently shortened the time the 46th Street bridge will be closed to traffic (to about a month, rather than an entire summer). The bad news is that even without that bridge closed, some businesses along Nicollet will be struggling to make ends meet.

We have already seen it happen: Long lines of traffic down Nicollet and Lyndale Avenue result in impatient drivers, and if they dare drop out of queue they tend to cut hurriedly through the side streets rather than wait out the traffic at a local café. Neighbors who fight the same traffic to get home often don’t want to head back out into the fray once they finally make it home. The result is that foot traffic leads away from those areas most impacted by the construction, and our businesses are impacted in turn. It may be another two years before our neighborhood will feel the benefits of new transit, easier access, and improved flow along 35W and its connections into our neighborhood. Some businesses will find ways to ride this out without too much impact, but many feel the stress and indeed there are a few that likely won’t make it through the stretch, unless we make the extra effort to spend our time and our dollars there. KFNA encourages neighbors to remember the importance of supporting our local business community through the construction period this summer.

CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS EXPANSION PROJECT

On March 29th, the Center for Performing Arts (cfpa) at 38th and Pleasant announced the planning process for a building expansion that will provide additional office and studio space, and larger venues for more performances and community gatherings.

Throughout the spring and early summer, cfpa is engaging with various communities as part of its process. Jackie Hayes, the owner of cfpa, presented at the KFNA redevelopment committee public meeting and attended the KFNA annual meeting on April 27th, discussing the possible project with neighbors and generating ideas around some questions including:

“What programming would you want to see happen in a cfpa expansion?”

“Where’s the best location for bike racks or garden areas on the north side of the building?”

CFPA continues to brainstorm around these and other questions. Please visit cfpampls.com/about/expansion/ to share your thoughts and ideas, and for ongoing updates on the project.



Kingfield Farmers Market is in full swing, and along with locally grown produce, meats, cheeses, fermented goodies, and prepared foods, each week we have live music and family-friendly events! All music is from 10AM to noon.

June 2nd: Reduce your environmental footprint. Learn more about recycling, composting, and renewable energy, while listening to music by Steve West and the Northstars.

June 9th: Worm hotels (11AM-1PM). Learn about vermicomposting and everything you need to know to make your own worm hotel, while tapping your feet to the Broken Heartland String Band.

June 16th: The Raptor Center (Noon-1PM). Get an up-close view of eagles, owls, hawks, ad other raptors. Before they arrive, dance to the upbeat tunes of One Ukulele. Also, make sure you shop for ingredients for the next week’s bake-off!

June 23rd: Kingfield Farmers Market Bake-Off! Sign up online in advance, and submit your creation by 9 AM. We encourage you to use ingredients from the market in your recipe. Not a baker? We need you too! Buy a plate of goodies starting at 10 AM, and vote for the winner! All proceeds from the bake-off support Kingfield Farmers Market. The winner will receive a special market prize pack, as well as 15 minutes of fame! Details at neighborhoodrootsmn.org. Providing the ambiance that day is the lively brass band The Preludes to a Blizzard.

June 30th: We’re making a Neighborhood Roots Coloring Book! Bring your submission to the market, stop by and draw one at the market, email or mail it in. Make sure to include your name, age, and which market you attend. We’ll compile the drawings and share the final product with our market community. The much-loved Roe Family Singers will round out a great market day.

To keep up to date with all market activities and weekly vendor line-ups, sign up for our weekly newsletter at neighborhoodrootsmn.org.

Neighborhood Roots, the organization that brings you Kingfield, Fulton, and Nokomis Farmers Markets, relies heavily on volunteers like you! We’d love to have your help with setup and teardown each week, as well as with food demos and other events at the market. Even a few hours a month makes a huge difference. If you’re interested, email volunteers@neighborhoodrootsmn.org

Kingfield Farmers Market
Sundays, 8:30-1 PM through October 27th
4310 Nicollet Ave. South

Magnifying our outreach by partnering with Minneapolis Climate Action

This summer KFNA is working with another nonprofit, Minneapolis Climate Action, to spread the word about composting. We may actually spread a little compost too, but mostly we will be talking about the importance of this simple home-based action and helping people start, or expand, this practice.

What does composting have to do with climate change? You may know that when organic matter decomposes it produces methane, a greenhouse gas even more damaging to the environment than CO2. This dangerous decomposition happens in landfills all over the world, made worse by the fact that humans waste an astounding amount of the food that we produce. Much of the loss happens at the top of the chain—crops are lost, food spoils in transit or is thrown out from grocery stores—but a significant amount is thrown out by us, the consumers.

It is estimated that all together in the US we throw out almost 50% of all the food that our farmers grow, and the number-one waste material in our garbage cans at home is food scraps, estimated to be as high as 35% in the United States and other high-income economies. Most food scraps will end up in landfills, or in our case in Minneapolis, a garbage burner. At least our food scraps aren’t turning to methane in the landfill, right? But throwing wet food scraps in the HERC is like tossing a wet bucket of leaves on a campfire. If 35% 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?

The other consideration is that when we throw food scraps away, whether they are landfilled or burned, we are throwing out the potential energy still contained

inside of them. Compost transforms waste before it rots, so that methane emissions are significantly reduced, and what’s more, compost is a natural way of adding nutrients to our soil, lessening the wear and tear brought about by chemical fertilizers, pesticides, and pollution from vehicle exhausts.

We can’t tackle the massive problem of food waste only by composting, but composting is a part of the solution, and is a simple, tangible action that we can take at the household level and has impact when we all do it together.

So are you inspired to learn more and do more? That’s great, because we need you! In fact we need you to join us at our first Green Hoppy Hour at Pat’s Tap on Tuesday July 9 from 5:30-7 PM! Join us for games, trivia, and information sharing about composting and how it’s an action you can take right now on climate change. New and experienced composters welcome! And the first 30 people to show up will get a token for a free drink.

Interested in learning or doing more? Just contact Sarah at the Kingfield Neighborhood Association to get a schedule of other outreach events and activities that you can attend, or even help plan! 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.



MLK Donation Garden: Connecting neighbors and growing food for our community

Back for another year, the MLK Donation Garden connects neighbors, teaches practical skills, and supports people in our community who have a difficult time accessing fresh food. Every Tuesday evening a group gathers from 5:30 to 6:30 with Hennepin County Master Gardeners to tend the vegetables in the boxes at the northern side of the MLK Recreation Center and discuss a weekly topic. Look up the scheduled topics on our Facebook page at “MLK Donation Garden,” or just come and be surprised! There also will be work to do each week, such as weeding, watering, and harvesting. The food we grow will be donated to The Aliveness Project (located at 3808 Nicollet), but the knowledge you go home with is yours to keep!

Come watch the sugar snap peas grow, learn how to prune your tomato plants, understand the concepts of “square foot” gardening, and discuss how to solve problems with insects including Japanese Beetles. Come on over and bring your questions, tend the soil, and meet neighbors. Come weekly or drop in when you can; you are always welcome!

Looking for Great Gardens for “Kingfield Brings the Blooms” Garden Tour

Is your garden the envy of the block? Do the bees do a happy dance when they discover your yard? If you are willing to share your secrets and allow other flower-loving neighbors to enter your special sanctuary, please consider being part of the 2019 Kingfield Garden Tour on Thursday, July 11th, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. So if you plan to have blooms galore and want to show them off, send us an e-mail and we will send you all the details: info@Kingfield.org.

Calendar of Events

- Registration for Summer Park Activities at MLK Park • Open Now**
Online at www.minneapolisparcs.org, or in-person at MLK Park Recreation Center 4055 Nicollet Ave. S. (pg 3)
- Kingfield Farmers Market • Sundays, 8:30 AM to 1 PM • 4310 Nicollet Ave. S. (pg 3)**
- Donation Vegetable Gardening to benefit The Aliveness Project • Tuesdays, 5:30-6:30 PM**
MLK Park, northwest corner gardens, 40th Street and Nicollet Ave. S. (pg 4)
- Kingfield PorchFest 2019 • Thursday, June 20 • 6 to 9 PM**
At Kingfield porches near you. (pg 1)
- Green Hoppy Hour • Tuesday, July 9 • 5:30-7 PM • Pat’s Tap**
3510 Nicollet Ave. South (pg 1)
- “Kingfield Brings the Blooms” Garden Tour • Thursday, July 11 • 5:30 to 7:30 PM (pg 4)**
- Ice Cream Social • Thursday, July 11 • 6:30 to 8:30 PM**
MLK Park, 40th Street and Nicollet Ave. S.
- Movie in the Park (“School of Rock”) • Wednesday, July 31 • Starts at dusk**
MLK Park, 40th Street and Nicollet Ave. S.
- National Night Out • Tuesday, Aug. 6 (pg 2)**
- Our Beloved Community Celebration • Sat., Aug. 17 • 1 to 4 PM**
MLK Park, 40th Street and Nicollet Ave. S.
- Nicollet Open Streets • Sunday, Sept. 22 • 11AM to 5 PM**
Nicollet Avenue: Lake Street to 46th Street
Run for Beer 11:15 AM • Run for Root Beer 12:15 PM
Slow Bike for Beer 1:15 PM. (pg 3)

Editor’s Note: We guess some readers might be reviewing the summer schedule and wondering when the Outdoor Oven events are taking place. Due to the expansion of cfpa into the outdoor space, which KFNA currently leases, the pizza oven (as well as the community garden and beehives) will need to be moved, or removed and recycled. KFNA is currently exploring all options to ensure the best outcome for the community. Stay up to date to on any future final events by joining our email list on the right-hand side of our web page at www.kingfield.org.