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Building Bridges & Breaking Bread: A 38th Street Bridge Pop-Up Celebration

Please join us on **Wednesday, September 11th**, from 5 to 8 PM, for Building Bridges, Breaking Bread, a cross-cultural feast for neighbors on both sides of the 38th Street Bridge to come together in community.

This is our second year in a row hosting this event, and we know it will be even more of a blast than last time!

- WHAT:** A community feast and celebration, with facilitated conversation
- WHEN:** Wednesday, September 11th, 5- 8 PM
Dinner at 6 PM
- WHERE:** On the East 38th Street Bridge
Between 1st Ave. S. and 3rd Ave. S.

Yes! This event is free. **Yes!** Dinner is provided. **Yes!** Children and youth are welcome! Remember to dress comfortably.

Join us for a sit-down dinner on the bridge, with kid friendly activities and more! This is an opportunity for neighbors to meet and have intentional conversation around our unique stories and shared future, where all members of the community are empowered!



Boomerang Bags, Boldly Working To Stop Plastic Bag Use, One Shopper At A Time!

Boomerang Bags is an international, volunteer-fueled project focused on making and distributing reusable shopping bags. Volunteers meet monthly to cut, sew, iron, and silkscreen beautiful bags from upcycled fabrics. The bags are given away free at select stores for people to reuse over and over, or to borrow and return if they forget their own reusable bags. Boomerang Bags has become a movement that is shifting society's throwaway mentality to a more sustainable revolution of repurposing and reuse, and it is now over 850 communities strong!

This fall a Kingfield chapter of Boomerang Bags is taking root, to be nurtured along by the Linden Hills group that formed over one year ago, and hosted by Butter Bakery Café. **You are welcome to attend any or all of three fall sessions, which will meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 6 to 9 PM at Butter Bakery Café, 3700 Nicollet: Sept. 17th, Oct. 15th, and Nov. 19th.**

The format will be causal, so drop in for as much time as you have free. Bring your own machine if you are a sewer, or just show up and help iron, cut, and pin. There will be a host each month to help you start the bag-making process and get oriented to a task. All levels of participation are welcomed, and we look forward to connecting with each other and sharing conversations about how we can all leave a lighter footprint on this beautiful earth!

To find out more about the Boomerang Bag movement, visit www.boomerangbags.org. If Tuesday sewing bees don't work for your schedule, feel free to attend a session on the 3rd Saturday of each month in Linden Hills. More information is available on their Facebook page at facebook.com/groups/BoomerangBagsMpls.

The conversation, facilitated by Marnita's Table, will furnish space for open dialogue and healing, using the Marnita's Table model of Intentional Social Interaction (IZI). A feast appropriate for all, from vegan to carnivore, will be provided by local community businesses.

Thank you to our co-hosts and sponsors:

- Marnita's Table (marnitastable.org)
- Andrea Jenkins - City Council Vice-President and Ward 8 Representative
- MnDOT (Minnesota Department of Transportation)
- Xcel Energy Minnesota
- Seward Community Co-op
- City of Minneapolis Public Works Department
- Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization (CANDO)
- Kingfield Neighborhood Association (KFNA)
- Sabathani Community Center



Composting... Did You Know?

Residents of Minneapolis who live in single-family houses, duplexes, or triplexes, and already have city waste hauling services may sign up for City Curbside Composting pickup at no additional charge.

To register for city composting, go to minneapolismn.gov/solid-waste/organics/WCMSP-171641. You will receive a green bin in your trash pick-up location in 2 to 3 weeks, and will receive a welcome kit with tips and free compostable bags by mail.

If you live in a building with more than three units it may also be possible to join the city's pick-up route. To explore your options, please contact Sarah at the Kingfield Neighborhood Association at sarah@kingfield.org or 612-823-5980; be sure to leave your name, address, and a return phone number.

Composting in your home is easy, once you figure out your process. KFNA staff is happy to brainstorm solutions to issues you may have, or answer questions—just contact us! You can also join MPLS GREEN Organic Recycling on Facebook and post your questions there—your fellow composters and neighbors can help you troubleshoot getting started.

CITIZEN PRUNERS

Interested in learning more about trees? Want to learn how to identify tree species in your neighborhood and implement proper pruning practices? Come attend the Citizen Pruner volunteer training led by the University of Minnesota and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Forestry Department. No prior experience or knowledge of pruning is necessary, and all pruning equipment will be provided for the training.

In a two-session training course, you'll learn basic tree identification, restricted species, fundamentals of pruning, and receive hands-on field practice. Once you've completed the training, you'll be able to sign up as part of the Kingfield Orchard Team and attend pruning events throughout Minneapolis, where you can apply your new skills and help our community's trees.

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Multiple Miles Of Unrestrained Community Merriment: Nicollet Open Streets is BACK!

Walk and roll down Nicollet Avenue on Sunday, September 22nd, between 11 AM and 5 PM. From Lake Street to 46th Street, it's a two-mile celebration of our main street, with activities, music, food, and more! So, pump up your tires or lace up your walking shoes (or maybe your dancing shoes?), as the street will be closed to motorized transportation. You can see what's great about the Kingfield and Lyndale neighborhoods from a totally different perspective.

Activities for the day will include live music and DJ's at multiple stages including Butter Bakery Café in cooperation with KFAI, Roadrunner Records, Driftwood Char Bar, Hola Arepa, Ramen Kazama, and Revival. Be sure to visit the Facebook event page at Open Streets Nicollet to see the full lineup of all the bands on all the stages, as well as a complete list of special performances. Also not to be missed: physical and mental health stations by lots of great event sponsors including the Blaisdell YMCA, The Aliveness Project, InnerCity Tennis, and Four Gates Physical and Energetic Culture.

Special events include the Nicollet Run for Beer's 5K, .25K, and Slow Bike races (see below), as well as a full-court set up by Twin Cities Bike Polo, and an obstacle course created by Hell Bent Fitness. Visit the MG Museum curated by Quality Coaches, the petting zoo at Nicollet Ace Hardware, and see a puppy parade. (Want to register your pooch? Stop in and talk to Elena about how to do that!)

Plus, of course, our many fabulous restaurants will offer up their great street food and drink specials: among them, you'll find The Lowbrow, Revival, and Apoy at 43rd Street; and, Kyatchi, Finer Meats, Nighthawks, Cinco de Mayo and Cocina Latina at 38th Street.

Nicollet Open Streets Unveils A Trio Of Races!

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

Join us on **Sunday, September 22nd**, for a trio of fun runs and rides as part of Nicollet Open Streets! 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.

Be active. Have fun. Give back! 100% of all registration fees go directly to the Kingfield and Lyndale Neighborhood Associations, non-profits committed to developing

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Organized and hosted by the Kingfield and Lyndale Neighborhood Associations in cooperation with Our Streets, Nicollet Open Streets has grown into our largest annual festival. Last year this event brought out more than 100 businesses and nonprofit organizations and over 15,000 people. To get ready for this year, KFNA and LNA have been working for months to bring the best of our neighborhoods to you. Although the event may be getting bigger each year, we seek to continue local involvement, so you will see many of your favorite community partners along the route.

Help bring the biggest annual party IN the neighborhood TO the neighborhood ... by being a volunteer at Nicollet Open Streets. We can't do this event without you—from street closings to attendance tallies to compost and waste educating, sign up here: bit.ly/2NTgUT5.

From The KFNA President



I’ve had the opportunity to spend the past six months on the Community Advisory Committee for the Southwest Parks Master Plan. In this process, every park from 394 to Hwy 62 and 35W to Edina and St. Louis Park is being reviewed and a plan is drawn to guide the vision of the parks for the next 20 years.

In Kingfield we have only one official MPRB park, but it is a special one. Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park serves as a reminder of what, as a neighborhood, we should strive to be. Both as a place and a legacy, MLK Park represents a vision of peace, equality, and advocacy.

I’ve gotten to speak about MLK Park at these meetings, about what the park means to our neighborhood. The

picture that I always refer back to is the typical Saturday evening in the park where, in a 500-foot by 500-foot area, people of all races, backgrounds, ages, and orientations come together to spend time with their friends, families, and neighbors. Picnics for birthday parties, basketball games, strollers, bikes, soccer—a place made active by what happens but brought alive by the people in it.

Over the past six months, KFNA’s staff and board leadership has been reflecting on KFNA’s role in the neighborhood. When thinking about this question, this picture of MLK Park always comes back to me, and I believe that KFNA’s role should reflect the values and vision of MLK Park on a Saturday night: a place of collection, community, and inclusion. As an organization, and a neighborhood as a whole, we should advocate for the principles that make the MLK Park the greatest park in Minneapolis.

– Chris DesRoches, KFNA President

Meet Your KFNA Board Members



SARAH TSCHIDA

“Community is important to me because there is power in coming together with others to create the world in which we want to live. If we believe that a more just world is possible, then we need to be connected to each other and always sharing our hopes.

I love meeting new people when I’m out in my front yard or running into friends and neighbors at Butter or Five Watt. I also enjoy taking my kids to play at MLK Park or to buy treats and listen to music at the Kingfield Farmers Market. Nicollet Open Streets is one of my favorite events of the year because of the energy. I love walking or biking down the middle of Nicollet and seeing things from a new perspective.”



KINGFIELD IN BLOOM

On July 11th, Kingfield hosted the 11th Annual Community Garden Tour. Since 2009, KFNA has been exploring neighbors’ gardens while sharing information about plants and garden features specifically for our special soil and environment. The tour isn’t just a fun way to peek into people’s yards; it has served as a fundraiser for the Pleasant Community Garden, the MLK Park Donation Garden, and the Kingfield Honeybees.

Sadly, this may be the last year for this event. As was the case with the Annual Garage Sale and the Community Bonfire, we have not been able to get a motivated and enthusiastic crew of volunteers to take on the job of helping us host these activities. With Cheryl’s departure from KFNA (see story on page 4), it is even more critical that the neighborhood work with us planning events that are important to them.

Thank you to all of the gardeners over the years who have worked tirelessly to spiff up their spaces...to Nicollet Ace Hardware for sponsoring the event...to Royal Grounds and Butter Bakery for donating treats and iced tea... to the gardeners at the Pleasant Community Garden who chaired the event over the years... and for the attendees that took the time on a warm Thursday in July to enjoy a stroll through Kingfield, sharing the beauty of the blooms.



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

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The Rewards Of Being A KFNA Board Director



Seven-plus years ago, I attended my first KFNA annual meeting. I showed up to cast my vote for a block neighbor who wanted to be elected as a Director of the Board of KFNA, and I brought one of the just four dishes I know how to cook to the potluck. Joining the KFNA Board of Directors was nowhere on my radar that day. But as I sat in that room at MLK Park and saw my fellow neighbors committed to helping make their – no, *our* neighborhood a better place, I made a snap decision to declare my candidacy and was elected along with my block neighbor to my first two-year term.

I had no idea that ahead of me in those next seven-plus years would come some of my proudest accomplishments in life. I’ve met some incredible, talented, passionate people along the way—some of whom have become my close friends. My biggest takeaway from KFNA? If there’s something that you want to benefit your neighborhood and beyond, all it takes is an idea and one or two others pledging their support to help shape and develop it. That’s it. You don’t have to get involved in every committee or project—you just pick and choose the few things that you want to help with and you have fun with it.

Professionally, I’m a promotions guy, so I’ve always had a passion for ensuring that people become informed, excited, and motivated. There are so many amazing events and efforts that occur in Kingfield, and I’ve always wanted to make sure that everyone was aware of as much as possible, because you can never join in on the things that you don’t know about. This is probably a convenient time for me to remind you to sign up for the weekly e-news from KFNA at www.kingfield.org, so you can stay informed, excited, and motivated.

I am grateful to all of those who helped me start and sustain the ideas that I brought to KFNA: the three So Alive dance parties that I helped DJ to benefit The Aliveness Project, the Kingfield Polling Party whenever we vote at MLK Park, and the “We Are Kingfield / We Vote At MLK Park” yard sign campaign. These are among my proudest accomplishments, because all of them brought us closer together.

But, for all the things I had a direct hand in developing, I’m going to share a little secret: Kingfield PorchFest might have never happened. In 2014, it was an idea brought forth by a fellow Board Director, but unfortunately it never got the volunteer support to shape and execute. The following year, I knew that we needed to do PorchFest, and I pushed to inspire other Directors to bring it to Kingfield. I did very little work, other than ensuring that we start what has become a magical tradition. That was a nearly effortless part of my commitment to KFNA, and it can be yours, too.

I’d love to meet you for a drink and perhaps a bite (I know how to cook only four dishes, remember?) to talk about how you could become a KFNA Board Director. Send me an email at scott@kingfield.org and let’s talk!

Kingfield, it’s been an honor and a blast to serve you on the Board of Directors of KFNA. KFNA will be hosting its traditional Polling Party on the grounds of MLK Park on March 3, 2020, when Kingfield casts its major parties’ Presidential nomination. That event will coincide with the end of my service as a KFNA Board Director, as I will have met a term limit set forth in the KFNA bylaws. Nothing would make me happier than to see you out that day casting your vote, grabbing some free coffee and treats and saying hello.

You’ve been informed ... let’s get excited and motivated together!

– Scott Mueller, scott@kingfield.org



BJ TITUS

“Growing up in Northern Minnesota, community was ingrained in everything we did. I didn’t realize until I went to college that oftentimes community has to be created. Throughout that time and after moving to Minneapolis, it took me some time to figure out community (I am still

working on it), but for me, community is feeling that you belong and you matter in a location. That location can be a neighborhood, a workplace, an affinity group, really anything.

My favorite places in Kingfield: Five Watt for coffee, Digs Studio for gifts, Cinco de Mayo for groceries, and Revival or Victor’s for dinner.”

KINGFIELD TO PARTNER WITH MINNEAPOLIS TO RECRUIT ELECTION JUDGES FOR 2020

KFNA is planning to partner with the City of Minneapolis to recruit election judges for the 2020 election through the city’s CORE (Charitable Organizations Recruitment for Elections) program. This program allows nonprofit 501(c)(3) organizations to receive compensation for recruiting individuals to serve as elections judges, both volunteers and paid judges. All funds raised through this program would go to KFNA’s Get-Out-the-Vote efforts, including the ever-popular yard signs and polling place parties!

Election judges gain valuable experience working with voters and serve the community by making voting accessible at 132 polling places across the city. Judges can work full or partial shifts and are needed for elections in 2020 on March 3, August 11, and November 3. You only need to be available on one of these dates to become an election judge.

- If you have served as an election judge in the past and want to do so again, we encourage you to sign up through KFNA and help support our work in election outreach.
- If you have never served as an election judge in the past and want to help make voting accessible to all neighbors in 2020, please contact KFNA to learn more.

Contact Sarah Linnes-Robinson, KFNA Executive Director at sarah@kingfield.org or 612-823-5980.

If you are another local non-profit interested in the CORE Program, the Minneapolis Elections & Voter Services office would be happy to share more information with you. Of particular interest are election judges that can help diversify the workforce at the polls to better reflect each neighborhood being served on Election Day, including people with fluency in Spanish, Hmong, Somali, Amharic, and Oromo. Please contact Tim Schwarz at the Elections Office for more details on the program at 612-673-313

Little Kids’ Soccer Program Reaches New Mark

The program KFNA started in 2002 to draw families with young children back to MLK Park is achieving its goal, even 17 years later. Our Little Kids’ Soccer program—Kingfield volunteers leading kids, 4-9 years old, in fun games with soccer balls each week—continues to draw a large number of kids, and their parents, summer after summer. This year, we registered more than 100 kids for the first time ever.



The continued partnership with the MLK Park director Peter Jaeger and his staff, and the use of the “baseball” field # 1 and the green shed at backstop #2, made it possible for the KFNA volunteer organizers and coaches to draw 70+ kids to the park each Wednesday evening, to produce great fun and excitement for the little kids and their moms, dads, grandparents, aunts, and uncles.

Despite the strong and growing interest in the soccer program, having enough volunteer coaches to start the summer season continues to be a problem. We always have lots of enthusiastic parents once the season begins in June. But we need at least 12 coaches initially to get trained in the “silly” games and cleared with the MPRB before we can start each year. Reaching, recruiting, and getting clearance for this minimum number of coaches still baffles us each year. We ran the program with a nine-coach potential each night this summer.

A big thanks to all our volunteers! In the coaches pool this summer: Jordi Gatlle, Noah Factor, Jake Freeberg, Josh Krohn, Jim Oliver, Luke Shors, Trent Senske, Michelle Steffen, Michael Vanderford, Tess Wetjen, Luke Wolter, Katagiri Yoshi. Hosting the registration table were Larry Fraser and Karen Poetzel.

– Michael Vanderford

GRAND AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION

Come to the Sept 11 KFNA Board Meeting at 8 PM to learn more!

In 2021, the Minneapolis Public Works Department plans to reconstruct 2.24 miles of Grand Avenue South between Lake Street and 48th Street West. The project will include complete replacement of the street infrastructure including pavement, curb, and gutter. The condition of the sidewalk and boulevard will be evaluated and may be included in the street reconstruction as well.

Street reconstruction often provides an opportunity for safety enhancements, greening, and other amenities. Public works will hold meetings regarding the preliminary design in late summer and fall 2019. Please visit the project website for more information, including upcoming meeting dates. To sign up for project email updates, see the “Grand Ave S Reconstruction” page at www.minneapolismn.gov/cip/futureprojects/grand-ave-s.

Neighbors, Nature, And A Cause Come Together At The Donation Garden At MLK Park

Since the beginning of May, volunteer gardeners have gathered weekly to grow a variety of vegetables for The Aliveness Project’s kitchen and food shelf. North from the gardens on Nicollet Avenue, The Aliveness Project is a community center for and driven by people living with HIV.

In addition to partnering with this Minneapolis-based organization, the Donation Garden volunteers also have the opportunity to learn and apply different gardening techniques. Led by Hennepin County Master Gardeners, the group has learned about everything from fertilizer to harvesting herbs to combating Japanese beetles. There’s also been a lot of experimentation with different mulches (cardboard, leaves, burlap sacks) and efforts to fend off hungry bunnies with artful garden “forking.” This year the gardening group is particularly proud of the new cucumber tower, the long eggplants, and the bountiful green beans!

Coming up this September and October, the group will continue the harvest and learn about taking down the garden to prepare for winter. Everyone is welcome to join, whether you’re stopping by for a single gardening topic or interested in coming every week. We hope to see you Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 pm at MLK Park. You can also check out the Facebook page (“The Donation Garden at MLK Park”) for specifics on weekly events and gardening tips!

– Annika Bergen

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The first training session (indoor), will be held on Thursday, September 26th, from 6:30 to 9 PM at the Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Southside Operations Center, 3800 Bryant Ave. S. The second session (outdoor field work) meets Saturday, September 28th, from 9 AM to noon.

The cost of training is \$25 (If financial assistance is needed, contact Calli at CJohnson@minneapolisarks.org). To register visit: www.mntca.umn.edu/citizen-pruner/minneapolis-citizen-pruner. Questions? Contact Calli at: CJohnson@minneapolisarks.org.

Citizen Pruners are responsible for submitting 10 volunteer hours a year or attending 3 city-hosted events, and must recertify every 3 years by completing an updated recertification assessment.

KFNA CONSIDERS CHANGES TO BYLAWS

Like all nonprofit corporations, KFNA maintains a set of internal rules and procedures (called bylaws) that govern the general operation of the organization and define eligibility for membership and service on the Board of Directors. From time to time, organizations like KFNA will review their bylaws to determine whether updates or amendments are necessary or advisable.

Recently, KFNA was presented with a cause to review their bylaws: Specifically, KFNA received an inquiry from a young person seeking an opportunity to become more involved in the community; the board now anticipates voting on an expanded definition of membership, to change the requirement from individuals of “voting age” to individuals “aged 16 and older.” The change, if adopted, would allow younger community members to serve on the board.

Under KFNA’s current bylaws, the proposed language implementing this change will need to be presented to the board for contemplation and may be voted on at the next regular meeting thereafter (likely in October).

In addition to and in conjunction with this potential change, KFNA has convened an internal working group to review the bylaws in their entirety, to determine other potential revisions or amendments that may be appropriate. This review will focus on adding clarity to existing bylaws where needed, or substantive amendments to various procedures that will better reflect KFNA’s values, with a particular emphasis on transparency and inclusion. KFNA anticipates more substantive discussion of additional amendments heading into the 2020 annual meeting.

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local leadership, identifying and solving local issues, and building a stronger community in our neighborhoods and within the city!

Your registration includes the Fun Run, swag/giveaways, 1 free beer or root beer from your choice of select vendors along Nicollet Avenue, bragging rights, and event festivities including multiple stages with live music, special deals from local businesses, access to food trucks and beer gardens, and more fun at Open Streets, which lasts until 5 PM.

Don’t forget some extra \$\$\$. In addition to your FREE beer and swag there will be merchandise for sale, food, and plenty more beer!

Important details:

- This is an open course, meaning all roads will NOT be closed. You are responsible for obeying all traffic laws and regulations.
- We will have volunteers along the way to help you know where to go.
- You must bring a valid ID or driver’s license. You do not need to be 21 to enjoy the event, but you must be 21

to enjoy the beer. Please drink responsibly. (Registered, underage participants will receive a token for a FREE non-alcoholic beverage)

- We run rain or shine! Dress appropriately for the weather.
- There will not be a bag check; please plan accordingly.
- Check-in starts at 10:45 AM. Please note there is NO parking on Nicollet Avenue all day, and no driving on Nicollet starting at 11 AM. Arrive by 11 AM to warm up with your fellow runners led by the Blaisdell YMCA before the 5K race begins at 11:15 AM. There is parking in the MLK Park parking lot off 40th Street, and nearby street parking on 42nd Street and 40th Street. We always encourage carpooling and safe, designated drivers.

Get more information on the Nicollet Open streets Run Trio and other runs organized by the Minnesota Brewery Running Series at breweryrunningseries.com/minnesota. Contact KFNA Executive Director Sarah Linnes-Robinson at kfna@kingfield.org or 612-823-5980.

RUN FOR BEER, support your community and local non-profits, and have fun! We’ll see you at Nicollet Open Streets!

MLK Park News

It was a fun summer here at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Recreation Center! We hosted youth camps every week, from archery and fishing to Battlebots and 4-H. The pool was full of kids and parents on those hot evenings, and there were too many family barbecues to count. Neighbors came together for an Ice Cream Social and Pizza Farm, and to celebrate Our Beloved Community

with food, music, games and fun! I would like to thank everyone who came down and enjoyed the park.

Now we transition into fall as your kids go back to school, and we still have lots going on. Weekly ceramics and archery classes are offered for the entire family. Flag Football teams are in full swing, and coaches are preparing for the upcoming basketball season. We are open for teens every Friday night from 8 to 11 PM. We offer open gym every day for kids and families, even on

Saturdays and Sundays. Don’t forget that the park is a great place for a family get together or birthday party, and ask about our toy rental geared towards younger kids.

For a complete listing of fall activities, go to www.minneapolisarks.org, or call the park for more details at 612-370-4908.



It’s Been An Amazing Opportunity...

When I first relocated to Minnesota from Florida, people thought I was crazy, and I was a little concerned myself...but once I found the Kingfield neighborhood, I knew I had found my new home. I signed on to volunteer for the 2013 Empty Bowls, and that’s when I really fell in love – an amazing event with fabulous people for a wonderful cause. As fate would have it, my timing was perfect: A part-time position became available, and I found myself in the new role of Project Organizer for the Kingfield Neighborhood Association! I have loved all of the fun activities and meaningful events we have created for the neighborhood, but most important, I have enjoyed the many interactions with neighbors and businesses, partners and resources (and our Kingfield honeybees).

Now I have the opportunity to begin another new adventure – spending winters back in Florida with my new granddaughter! So, October 31st will be my last day working with and for all of you. I will remember fondly the kind, caring people I have met during my six years with KFNA and hope each of you cherishes this supportive and diverse neighborhood. There aren’t many like it anywhere!

– Most sincerely, Cheryl DeGroff-Gunter



KINGFIELD EMPTY BOWLS 2020 PLANNING BEGINS

Kingfield Empty Bowls 2020 will be here before we know it, and we are looking for volunteers to help create another wonderful experience. Please let us know if you would like to be a part of the team that hosts this great event that both celebrates our community and supports those who have lived with housing insecurities.

Once again, the profits from Kingfield Empty Bowls will be donated to Nicollet Square, located in our neighborhood at 3700 Nicollet Avenue South. A project of Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, Nicollet Square provides a safe, affordable, and supportive housing option for youth who have experienced long-term homelessness or have been in the foster care system.

Empty Bowls volunteers may decide to host a Paint-a-Bowl Party, or work with local potters and pottery studios to create unique bowls for the event. Also needed are volunteers to help with general event planning. (It’s fun, we promise!)

Our first planning meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 2nd, 7 PM, at MLK Park Recreation Center. If you are interested in volunteering, please send your contact information to info@Kingfield.org, and we will be sure to find something you can do to help!

SAVE THE DATE: Kingfield Empty Bowls Thursday, February 6, 2020.



WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Kingfield Neighborhood Association is strongest when we are representative of our neighborhood and connected to neighbors in every corner. Please consider these upcoming opportunities to contribute and make your voice heard:

TAKE OUR SUMMER SURVEY!

It will take as few as 5 minutes to complete:

bit.ly/KFNA2019 (English)
or
forms.gle/DzvqFnxLBwbdoz8H9
(Spanish)

Join the KFNA Board of Directors. We are actively seeking residents to join the board. Build your leadership skills, connect with neighbors, and take action on community issues. We need our board to be made up of people with a variety of viewpoints, perspectives, and skills to ensure we are meeting the needs of all residents. Therefore, we are particularly seeking residents to join the board who are renters, BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color), seniors, youth 16+, people with disabilities, or LGBTQ.

Stay tuned for future community events to talk about the issues. If you have questions about how to get involved, or ideas for how to strengthen connections with residents, email board member Sarah Tschida at SarahT@kingfield.org.

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The Donation Garden volunteers have the opportunity to learn and apply different gardening techniques.

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Calendar of Events

Registration for fall activities at MLK Park
Open Now • Register online at www.minneapolisiparks.org or in person at Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center, 4055 Nicollet Ave. S.

Donation Vegetable Gardening (See page 3)
Tuesdays, 5:30 to 6:30 PM • MLK Park (northwest corner gardens)
40th Street and Nicollet Ave. S.

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Between 1st Avenue South and 3rd Ave. S.

Kingfield Chapter Boomerang Bags Sewing Bee (See page 1)
Tues., Sept. 17, 6 to 9 PM • Butter Bakery Café, 3700 Nicollet Ave. S.

Nicollet Open Streets (See page 1)
Sun., Sept. 22, 11 AM to 5 PM • Nicollet Avenue, Lake Street to 46th Street

Citizen Pruner volunteer training, Part 1 & Part 2 (Registration required. See page 1)
Thurs., Sept. 26, 6:30 to 9 PM & Sat. Sept. 28, 9 AM to Noon
Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Southside Operations Center, 3800 Bryant Ave. S.

First planning meeting for Kingfield Empty Bowls 2020 (See page 4)
Wed., Oct. 2, 7 PM • MLK Park Recreation Center, 4055 Nicollet Ave. S.

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Tues., Oct. 15, 6 to 9 PM • Butter Bakery Café, 3700 Nicollet Ave. S.

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Tues., Nov. 19, 6 to 9 PM • Butter Bakery Café, 3700 Nicollet Ave. S.