Worth Waiting? Waiting through winter for the month of May that starts with parades, continues with many marvelous events, and ends with graduations? Worth Waiting for so many events they won’t all fit on one page? Worth Waiting one kindergarten year, elementary school years, middle school years, high school years, vo-tech years, college years, grad school years for graduation? Worth Waiting? Hopefully, most will agree – Yes, Worth Waiting!

May begins with Minnesota American Indian Month Parade honoring and celebration of Minnesota’s indigenous people.


“And Still We Rise,” was the 41st Annual Parade and Pageant theme advocating an end to any and all racial oppression.

Anna Jarvis and daughter Anna Jarvis began Mother’s Day to raise awareness of poor health conditions in her community.

1,300 Andersen School students and many adults celebrated Arbor Day at Stewart Park, 26th and 12th Ave, by planting 150 trees.

Buster Keaton entertained 200 movie patrons at Cinema at the Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery.

Cinco De Mayo, 5th Of May, honors Mexican army victory vs. French at Puebla in 1862; celebrations at 2nd, Bloomington, and 27th East Lake.

All Seven Banyan Community graduating Seniors signing Acceptance Letters to colleges of their choice.

Norway’s 17th of May Constitution Day celebrated at Mindekirken Memorial Lutheran Norwegian Church with parade.

The 147th Honoring the Veterans Ceremony at Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery.

A dozen Ventura Village residents planted blooming flowers in Franklin Avenue flower pots beautifying the Avenue.

On Sunday May 31, Presidential candidate Bernie Sanders sought support from a “packed-in” gathering of over 3,000 people (100’s more listened outside) at the Mpls. American Indian Center Auditorium/Gymnasium at 1530 East Franklin Avenue.
Anna Jarvis and daughter, Anna Jarvis raised awareness of poor health for women.

Contrary to popular belief, Mother’s Day was not conceived and fine-tuned in the boardroom of Hallmark. The earliest trib- utes by various dates back to the annual spring festival the Greeks dedicated to Rhea, the mother of many deities, and to the offer- ings known as the Eleusinian Mysteries, to their Great Mother of Gods, Cybele. Christians celebrated this festival on the fourth Sunday in Lent in honor of Mary, mother of Christ. In England this holiday was expanded to include all mothers and was called Mothering Sunday. In the United States, Mother’s Day started nearly 150 years ago, when Anna Jarvis, an Appalachian homemaker, organized a day to raise awareness of poor health conditions in her community, a cause she believed was held back by mothers. She called it “Mother’s Work Day.”

Fifteen years later, Julia Ward Howe, a Boston poet, pacifist, suffragist, and author of the lyrics to the “Battle Hymn of the Republic,” organized a day, encouraging mothers to rally for peace, since she believed they bore the loss of human life more harshly than anyone else. In 1905 when Anna Jarvis died, her daughter, also named Anna, began a campaign to memorial- ize the life work of her mother. Legend has it that young Anna remembered a Sunday school les- son that her mother gave in which she said, “I hope and pray that someone, sometime, will find a memorial mother’s day. There are many days for men, but none for mothers.”

Anna began to lobby promi- nent businesswoman John Wannamaker, and politicians including Presidents Taft and Roosevelt to support her cam- paign to create a special day to honor mothers. At one of the first services organized to celebrate Anna’s mother in 1908, at her church in West Virginia, Anna handed out her mother’s favor- ite flower, the white carnation. Five years later, the House of Representatives adopted a resolu- tion calling for officials of the federal government to wear white carnations on Mother’s Day. In 1914 Anna’s hard work paid off when Woodrow Wilson signed a bill recognizing Mother’s Day as a national holiday.

At first, people observed Mother’s Day by attending church, writing letters to their mothers, and eventually, by send- ing cards, presents, and flowers. With the increasing gift-giving activity associated with Mother’s Day, Anna Jarvis became enraged. She believed that the day’s senti- ment was being sacrificed at the expense of greed and profit. In 1923 she filed a lawsuit to stop a Mother’s Day campaign, and was even arrested for disturbing the peace at a convention selling car- nations for a war mother’s group. Before her death in 1948, Jarvis is said to have confessed that she regretted ever starting the moth- er’s day tradition.

Despite Jarvis’s misgivings, Mother’s Day has flourished in the United States. In fact, the second Sunday of May has become, in Jarvis’s words, “the most popular day of the year to dine out, and telephone lines record their highest traffic, as sons and daughters everywhere take advantage of this day to honor and to express appreciation of their mothers.”

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By Eric Thomasson

Children & Family Programs

Family Storytwe

Fri. June 19, 10:30 am – 11:30 am.

For families. Watch puppet stories tell about animals, adventures, and overcoming adversity. Be ready for added fun by rhyming, sing and dramatic play.

Live Harvest: Chickens in the City

Fri. June 19, 2:00 pm.

Rob Zwick from Powderhorn Feed Co. will share everything you need to know about keeping chickens in the city! Learn about laying hens, raising chickens for meat, feeding your hens and more, plus meet a live chicken.

Volunteer Coordinator for the management of the hotline.

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July 23, 10:30 am-12:30 pm

See description; empieza por la mañana y limite 10. La

Biblioteca Franklin ofrecerá un curso de español para los niños que van a entrar a la escuela de septiembre y sus padres o quienes los cuida. Le enseñaremos como preparar a su niño para entrar a la escuela con las habilidades que necesitarán para hacer en casa. Este programa es gratuito y está diseñado para familias que hablan español como primer idioma. Inscribase directamente en la Biblioteca Franklin o llame al 612-543-5648.

For families. Ages 4-5 and their parents/caregivers will meet at Franklin Library for five weeks to learn activities and skills that will build early literacy and ensure success. This program is presented in Spanish as their first language. Register at Franklin Library or 612-543- 5648.

Urban Harvest: Healthy Bees, Healthy Lives

Fri. June 26, 2:00 pm.

Kristy L. Witham, owner of a local beekeeper of The Bee Kneez, will share information on grassroots efforts to counteract the dramatic decline in honeybee populations, and give tips on how to become a bee supporter or even a beekeeper.

Franklin Teen Center Programs

Urban 4-H Club

Tues 5-7 p.m.

We do everything from urban gardening to digital shorts video to theatre.

Act Out for Teens: Dukie Out

Wed June 24, 3:40-6 pm.

Entering grades 6-9. Learn the secrets of stage combat from an experienced Guthrie theatre artist. Slap, punch and kick with another teen actor or actress - just like actors do it on stage! It looks real, but it’s just pretend. No experience necessary!

Tech Teen Workshop

Wed June 24, 3:40-6 pm.

Get creative and make music, videos, animation and other projects using both high- and low-tech tools, everything from iPads and 3D printers to synthesizers and sewing machines.

Kids Tech: Make2 Kayek

Wed June 17, 3-4:30 pm.

Entering grades 4-6. Turn fruit, dough and even your friends into game controllers using a laptop and a device called Make Kayek.

Young Achievers

Thursdays, June 4, 11, & 18, 4-6:30 pm. Do you want community involvement? Then bring friends and come for poetry, arts, games and more! Write about the history of Mother’s Day.

Unwritten Stories of Somali Youth with Marhan Hassan

Sat June 24, 2015, 3:00 pm. Somali youth are invited to work with renowned author Hassan to write their unwritten stories. Over six workshops, participants will explore questions of what home means to them and document their personal stories, to be published as a book.

Adult Programs

Education Alternatives

Mon June 8, 1-2 pm. Join this week’s discussion on persistent problems in education and possible solutions, based on the writings in Knowles Dougherty’s blog: educationspersistentproblems@ wordpress.com.

Memoir Writing Group

Mon June 15, 1:00 pm. Would you like to create a record of your personal history? Bring what you have written and are willing to read to the group for helpful comments and suggestions.

Franklin Learning Center:

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“Death of Another Old Citizen,” James Jones, 58

James Jones was an American success story. An Irish immigrant, he worked as a common laborer for many years. After he moved to Minneapolis, he started a boarding house which, through his hard work and effort, grew into the Minneapolis House, one of the city’s most respectable hotels. His hotel was located at the “corner 1st and Utah,” or, as we know it, First Street and First Avenue North. Mr. Jones died in Minneapolis on July 1, 1872, from cancer of the liver at the age of 58 years. He is buried in Lot 96, Block C near four children who, judging from their ages and when they died, were his children and grandchildren. Mary Jones died on February 28, 1863, from measles at the age of six years, four months and 20 days. Emma Jones died on February 4, 1863, from diphtheria at the age of four years, three months and 19 days. According to cemetery records, she was born in the United States. Charlie Jones died on August 25, 1873, from cholera infantum at the age of two and a-half weeks. Charles and John Jones died in service to America!”

Death of Another Old Citizen
James Jones, proprietor of the American House, died yesterday morning at 7:30 o’clock. His family and friends were not wholly unprepared for this event, as Mr. Jones had been declining several weeks. From the first, the nature of his disease left little hope of his recovery. He bore the painful affliction without a murmur, and looked forward to death and the future with hope.

Mr. Jones was born in the Northern part of Ireland, August 1, 1834, and when a young man came to America, finally settling in Newmarket, Rockingham county, New Hampshire, where he was employed as a laborer for years, much of the time as a hand in one of the cotton mills at that place. Determined to better his condition, and satisfied that he could do better in the West than in an Eastern manufacturing village, he came to Minneapolis about fifteen years ago. Soon after reaching here he started a small boarding house, and gradually prospering opened the American House a number of years ago. By attention to business, never allowing another to do for him what he could do for himself, he acquired quite a competency. In all his dealings he gave evidence of the strictest integrity, and with all who knew him his word was his bond.

For a number of years past Mr. Jones has been a member of the Centenary M. E. Church, in this city. He was a consistent Christian, and among his latest utterances was, “Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, for his end is peace.”

His funeral will take place from the Centenary Church to-day at 4 p.m.

Mpls. Tribune, July 12, 1872

At the 147th Memorial Day Service

“...increased devotion ... for...last full measure...”

BY SUE HUNTER WEIR

The weather likely kept a few participants away but the service at Pioneers and Soldiers has always had a small-town feel. The mood is fitting for a cemetery where Memorial Day, once Decoration Day, events have been held since the General Logan issued his order in 1868 that set aside one day a year to remember those who died in service to their country.

Major General Rehkamp reminded us that:

“[Memorial Day] is a national holiday and a very special day. In America we acknowledge the special events in our history. Each year we set aside time to remember our war dead, to recognize the labor that built America, to give thanks for all we have. These holidays mark significant events and have always been reserved for ceremony and programs like this one here this morning.

This weekend we pause to spend a moment to reflect on Memorial Day and its true meaning. We reflect on the how, when and especially the why we pay tribute to our war dead.

We know that this day was originally called Decoration Day. That it’s roots go started with the Confederate dead and then expanded it to all Civil War dead. It was originally a day to honor military members who died in our nations Memorial Day has become the day we also remember all our family and friends and think about them and family and friends who have died.

However you and I must never...never ever...forget that the primary purpose of this day is to remember all those who died in service to America!”

Thank you to Major General Rehkamp, JROTC from Minneapolis Transitions School, the Seward Concert Community Band, American Legion Post #1, Boy Scout Troop 3082, and Mike Barth, City of Minneapolis Street Department, for giving all of us the opportunity to remember.

Audience dry, Actor, Director Buster Keaton wet at local Cemetery Cinema

BY SUE HUNTER WEIR

It was touch and go all day on Saturday. Would it rain or not? In the end it turned out to be a beautiful evening. Sweater weather but no umbrellas necessary.

More than 250 people enjoyed “The Navigator,” a 1924 Buster Keaton silent film. The amazing Dreamland Faces played an hour long live soundtrack that captured Keaton’s slapstick perfectly. We hope to have them back again next year for what is shaping up to be a new tradition in pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery.

In addition to the film, Taco Taxi was on hand with their great food and a number of visitors arrived early and went on a new version of the Smartphone History Hunt. If you haven’t had a chance to try it, we’ll set it up again for the fall showings, and we will be participating in Open Streets on August 2 from 11 to 4. Stop in and get a dose of history.

On Sunday, the planned schedule for fall is more or less set so mark your calendars:

August 29: Sansos Y Blue Orchestra
September 12: The Haunting (1963)
September 26: Poltergeist (1982)
October 3: Haxan: Witchcraft Through the Ages (1922) with the Rats & People Motion Picture Orchestra

Look for more details in future editions in the Alley and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ MinneapolisPioneersAndSoldiers.

Special thanks to John Moret and Trylon Cinema, Mike Barth and Aaron Hanauer, City of Minneapolis staff.

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Book by Sue Hunter Weir

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The history and events that make the cemetery a part of Minneapolis’ story.

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“Responsibility to yourself means refusing to let others do your thinking, talking, and naming for you; it means learning to respect and use your own brains and instincts; hence grappling with hard work.” – Adrienne Rich, American poet, essayist and feminist.

BY SUE RIESGRAF

We have many graduations here at Banyan (a community development organization in Phillips)... milestones that Banyan kids are reaching AND are prepared to move onto the next level. Our FIFTH GRADERS are leaders and are preparing to enter MIDDLE SCHOOL. Our EIGHTH GRADERS are preparing to enter HIGH SCHOOL. Our SENIORS have their college plans in place and are OFF TO COLLEGE this fall! Our college kids are also graduating and making the transition to CAREERS. These graduations give us a reason to pause and celebrate. Banyan kids “grow up” at Banyan because we are family. We are excited as a family to see our youth make successful transitions.

The Banyan HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES had many college options to choose from - both near and far, big and small, urban and rural. But after years of planning for this decision, countless meetings with parents and youth, applications completed, FAFSA forms filled out and sent in, scholarship applications submitted (all with the guidance of our College and Career Counselor) - they chose. We are excited to report that over half will be living on campus, and to make college a reality - 75% of the tuition costs will be covered by merit and need based scholarships and grants.

Look out - Bethel University, Augsburg College, Loyola University, Minneapolis Community & Technical College, Minnesota State University, Mankato, and the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities - Banyan youth will be on your campuses this fall, ready to make a difference!

We are so proud of all these accomplishments and milestones.

Banyan Community is a non-profit community development organization rooted in the Phillips neighborhood to transform lives by developing youth, strengthening families, and creating community. For more information about our work visit us at www.banyancommunity.org or call (612) 722-8512 or email us at info@banyancommunity.org

Ask them, “Was it worth waiting?”
Graduation – A Time to Celebrate at Banyan Community

BY SUNNY SEVIGNY

Wednesday, May 13, members of the community enjoyed a Neighborhood Greenspace Celebration as part of the St. Paul Riverfront Corporation’s annual Placemaking Residency. The event took place on the site of the former CEPRO grain elevators between 10th and 11th avenues. The event centered around engaging community members in discussions about what has already been done on the site in the past, and identifying some ideas and next steps needed to continue its development. There was a community workshop led by a representative from Gehl Studios from San Francisco, a talk on building healthy communities by Dr. Richard Jackson, as well as live music, a mobile sign shop, Zumba, and an aerialist performance. Many members of the community came out to participate in the workshop, or brought their children to enjoy the day in the open greenspace, make some art, and listen to live music from local artists.

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CEPRO Neighborhood Greenspace Celebration and Planning
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Waite House To Serve Lunch For Youth This Summer
Healthy Lunches Served at No Charge to Ages 18 and Under

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Open Arms MN will serve nutritious Free Meals this Summer at East Phillips Park Cultural Community Center

Open Arms of Minnesota is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children without charge and will meet nutritional standards established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture at East Phillips Park Cultural Community Center 2307 17th Ave. So. Mpls., MN 55404 Monday through Thursday, June 8th – August 13th.

Snack: 1:00 PM-2:00 PM
Dinner: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Open Arms MN Offices and Food Service Center is at 2500 Bloomington Ave.
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Family Friendly Music To Support At-Risk Children And Families
First Annual Summer Concert for Kids!

On Sunday, June 7th, Cedar Cultural Center will be full of local musicians and fans to enjoy family friendly music and community in support Southside Family Nurturing Center (SSFNC) and its work serving young children and families living in poverty and at risk for abuse and neglect in South Minneapolis.

The Summer Concert, a new event to raise money and awareness for Southside Family Nurturing Center (SSFNC), will feature family friendly music by The Bunny Clogs, Clementown, and the Roe Family Singers. During the show there will be face painting, balloon animals, and a silent auction! The event will take place Sunday, June 7th at 11:30am at Cedar Cultural Center (416 Cedar Avenue).

The proceeds from the Summer Concert for Kids will fund the critical early childhood education and family support services provided by SSFNC. SSFNC’s dual-generation supportive services include therapeutic early childhood education and intensive parent support and education services to families living in moderate to severe poverty and experiencing risk factors such as mental illness, housing instability, chemical dependency, and family violence.

More info on SSFNC at www.ssfn.org.
Tickets available at http://www.thecedar.org/events/2015/06/07/summer-concert-kids
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City Leaders move to press neighborhoods to spend down NRP funds

By C. Pass, East Phillips Resident

Neighborhood leaders have until June 26th to comment on a plan to move the NRP Plans of Neighborhoods forward...note I did not say ‘completion’. I said ‘ending’. According to this new proposal, N’hoods have 7 years from the approval of their NRP Phase II Plan to finish expending 95% of their funding plus program income from their loans, etc. If this is not complete they must enter a process where they submit a plan and reach these thresholds in a year or implement a major neighborhood review and revision in 18 months to accept or revise current strategies or request a waiver. N’hoods without a Phase II Plan must have one by December 31, 2016. All of these requirements take place under the threat of reallocation of a neighborhood’s funds to other N’hoods by action of the NRP Policy Board and City Council. Haven’t we seen such ‘takings’ before? It is clear to many of us that the low income, less educated, struggle the most...Many neighborhood artists, vendors & friends invite you and your family to a PARTY in the PARK.
Bernie Sanders, 2016 Democratic Presidential Candidate has reintroduced “Populism" into American politics to a huge crowd gathered at the Minneapolis American Indian Center. The United States has been hijacked by a small group of billionaires willing to sacrifice millions in their greedy efforts to gain even more of the American wealth for their small group of high-rollers. No President has the power to change the way politics has tilted the playing field toward their own interests; only a political revolution can change the landscape. Sanders is popular on Facebook for short segments of truth telling and it was clear that his messages fall squarely into the hearts and minds of those who came to see and hear him in person. Many of South Minneapolis’ “progressives” attended but the enthusiastic crowd was also well balanced with younger people ready to carry the torches for a real future.

Backyard Equity: Now that’s a new one! How many of the Alley’s readers have a real backyard of their own? Many of Phillips newer Americans are confined to tiny apartments with hardly any amenities. Imagine you have a large extended family that you’d like to invite over, but there’s no daytime equivalents of bunkbeds. Where to put the visitors? Ventura Village residents are working on a plan to develop the north side of the Phillips Community Center into a place rentable for a nominal fee whereby all those family members can gather for some fun and games. If successful and joined by White House’s seeking to put in an adjacent play area, residents and stakeholders could have a place for adults and children to have a semi-private backyard to hold weddings, anniversaries and other kinds of celebrations. Ventura Village will build a deck and a gazebo for music and “speeches” and the rest of the space will be open to tables, games and other gathering goodies.

Will Low Power Community Radio help bring about change we need? Forty years ago, Minneapolis was one of many cities in the United States where groups of media activists began the long effort of establishing small radio stations in an effort to democratize the airwaves and put to power back into the people’s hands. KFAI-FM developed out of a group called Fresh Air Radio and a north-side group with similar intent started KMOJ-AM. Despite that success the media in general was seeing a huge consolidation of media into the hands of a few conglomerates. Although the per hour listenership at these stations is not huge, they have afforded the ability for many voices that would never be heard to be heard. With technological leaps, both these and other community radio stations can stream their broadcast on the internet, changing what some earlier called narrow-casting into global-casting. A couple of years ago, President Obama signed the Local Community Radio Act into law following a 15 year effort by Prometheus Radio and Common Frequency, signaling a new era in community radio expansion. The Somali American Community and Pillsbury United Communities both sought and won the legal right to construct and operate Low Power radio stations that serve an approximate 5-mile radius. KALY-LP 101.7 FM’s broadcast tower and antenna will be located on Lake Street just across from the McDonalds near 35W Studios will be located at the Phillips Community Center near 11th Avenue and 24th Street, as will the studios for PUC’s station co-located with the White House inside the FCC.

Both broadcast groups are working on developing technical, programming, and volunteer outreach efforts because both will be listener-supported stations in a similar manner to KFAI, KMOJ and Minnesota Public Radio. Given programming already available on these stations, the new stations will be challenged to produce a different voice to the community and could be, in part, competing for the same listeners. Within the Somali community a huge opportunity awaits because many of the older Somalis and some of the newly arrived cannot yet speak English, nor can many read or write any language. By providing much-needed informational content in the Somali and Oromo languages, elders and new immigrants will have a vehicle in which to receive navigational information on local resources, people available the help them and news they might not be able to receive from their Homeland. Most important as well is the ongoing anti-Muslim, anti-Somali sentiment stirred up by threats of political terrorism abroad and fictionalized into many dramatic television series. Former Senator Norm Coleman called Minnesotta, “the Land of 10,000 Terrorists”, with hardly a blink from local media as to the hate/mare-mongering that rhetoric elicited. Social Media lit up with huzzahs to Coleman’s message, prompting a recognition that anti-defamation capabilities from the Somali community will be needed as time passes. KALY-LP will not be having a constant focus on heavy drama and politics; most supporters are looking for a much lighter, happier voice, both in English and Somali. Some hope to learn Somali language from targeted training programs, but music, the arts and wellness issues will be included in much of the programming being designed. As they say in the media, Stay Tuned! —Roita Abee

VENTURA VILLAGE MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

2nd Wednesdays: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: 8:00 PM

1st Wednesdays: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE: 6:00 PM

1st Tuesdays: WELLNESS, GARDENING & GREENING: 6:30 PM

Last Thursdays: HOUSING & LAND COMMITTEE: 5:30 PM

2nd Wednesdays: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 7:00 PM

Last Thursdays: CRIME & SAFETY COMMITTEE: 6:30 PM

PARKS COMMITTEE: Call 612-871-7973 for next meeting time

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Call 612-599-1066 for next meeting time

Ventura Village is located upstairs in the Phillips Community Center at 2323 – 11th Avenue South • Minneapolis • 612-874-9070
Phillips Aquatic Center Update

MARCH 25, 2015

MINNEAPOLIS, MN

1. On April 1st, the MPRB passed the following resolution to fund the difference between what- ever the final figure raised by Minneapolis Swims ends up, and the final cost to finish “Reduced Option B” sketch attached.

2. With the recently announced grant of $200,000 by the Piper Family Foundation, we have raised just over $3M now towards the generous estimate of $5.4M cost of building “Reduced Option B”. Our goal is to raise another $1,000,000 before the campaign ends.

3. At last night’s MPS Board meeting, Finance Chair Gagnon announced that the committee unanimously approved authorizing District leadership to begin conversations with MPRB leadership to explore a Capital contribution by MPS that would give them equity in the Aquatics Center, and increase the lane count in the main pool to 8, giving them a permanent 8-lane competitive District pool. This is expected to be voted on by the full board at next month’s meeting. The high end estimate for this increased size would be $2.5M, bringing the total cost to $7.9M.

May 14 Arbor Day celebration to include the planting of 150 trees by 1,300 Minneapolis students

With Arbor Day and Arbor Month just around the corner, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) wants to encour- age residents to plant more trees. This year’s theme “Plant Strong. Live Long” focuses on the impor- tance of proper tree planting.

DNR is providing a variety of resources to help Minnesotans get their trees off to a long, healthy life. Resources include simple, how-to instructions in a handy “Pocket Guide to Planting Trees.” The guide, available on the DNR website, highlights the variety of planting methods for various types of trees being planted: bareroot, burlap wrapped or container. Also available on the DNR website is a short video about how to Plant Tree Seedlings that provides easy to follow tips and tricks.

Another important factor in the overall health of the state’s tree population is diversity. That is why as part of this year’s state celebration, the DNR is partner- ing with the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) to plant more than 150 trees from 14 botanical families, 29 genera, and 50 different species (or cultivars) as part of the annual Minneapolis Arbor Day celebration.

On May 14, 1,300 kindergarten through eighth grade students from Andersen United Community School will learn first hand how to properly plant trees in the park next door to their school. From 8 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., students will work together with their parents and teachers to plant, mulch and water trees throughout Stewart Park in the Phillips Neighborhood. The event will conclude with a 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. official ceremony with In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre providing edu- cational entertainment and a choir performance by 150 4th-graders singing the praises of trees.

According to MPRB Sustainable Forestry Coordinator Philip Potyondy, “Planting a diversity of trees ensures a strong urban forest. None of the trees will be planting is susceptible to Asian longhorned beetle, emerald ash borers, or Dutch elm disease.”

More Info:

Fruits of the City will also be on hand to talk about their program and the benefits of fruit trees. Fruit trees are among the trees being planted, which also include shade trees, conifers, flowering trees, and nut trees. Some of the common names of more than 150 trees being plant- ed are Douglas Fir, Tamarack, Ponderosa Pine, Lilac, Dogwood, Magnolia, Cherry, Plum, Apricot, Pear, Hickory, Filbert, Walnut, Beech, Cork, several varieties of Oak, and Ginkgo.

For more information on how to plant trees, the many benefits trees provide and the 2015 State Arbor Month Celebration, visit: mndnr.gov/arbormonth.

St. Paul’s Summer Splash!

Our theme for summer 2015 is “The Gift of Water”. Events include a Creativity Camp for Children, June 8-12, Block Party July 19, Open Eye Puppet Show July 29. St. Paul’s Semilla Arts Program will be doing new mosaic garbage cans in Phillips this sum- mer, and participating in the Lake Street Open Streets on August 2. There will be photography and creative writing courses for youth and adults. And the Phoenix of Phillips hopes to bring out its second edition in the fall. Writers of poetry, short fiction can sub- mit their work to: stpaulscreate@gmail.com

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“The beginning of thought is in disagreement, not only with others but also with ourselves.”

– Eric Hoffer, “The Passionate State of Mind and Other Aphorisms”
Come to a Saturday Puppet Show!

Saturday Shows for Kids at Calhoun Square in June and July.

Register for an HOBT Summer Camp!

HOBT is offering week-long day camps this July for kids ages 4-18.

Life is hectic

Keep a healthy family
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The Hennepin County Child and Teen Checkups program can help with the details.

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Still I Rise

BY MAYA ANGELOU

You may write me down in history
With your bitter, twisted lies,
You may tread me in the very dirt
But still, like dust, I’ll rise.

Does my sappiness upset you?
Why are you beset with gloom?
‘Cause I walk like I’ve got oil wells
Pumping in my living room.

Just like moons and like suns,
With the certainty of tides,
Just like hopes springing high,
Still I’ll rise.

Did you want to see me broken?
Bowed head and lowered eyes?
Shoulders falling down like teardrops.
Weakened by my soulful cries.

Does my happiness offend you?
Don’t you take it awful hard
‘Cause I laugh like I’ve got gold mines
Diggin’ in my own back yard.

You may shoot me with your words,
You may cut me with your eyes,
You may kill me with your hatefulness,
But still, like air, I’ll rise.

Does my sexiness upset you?
Does it come as a surprise
That I dance like I’ve got diamonds
At the meeting of my thighs?

We rise to END any and all forms of racial oppression. So that all can breathe full and limitlessly and know they are free and divine. YES!

We rise so that the legacy of slavery and oppression will not live on anymore. Not in the prison industrial complex or racial profiling or state-sponsored violence or senseless killings or ignorant stereotypes or hateful confusion or soul depression or greedy indifference. This stops NOW.

We rise to heal the dis-ease of racism in all our hearts and the collective heart of the United States of America! We rise with galvanizing fire so that all can lay in the shade of the Tree of Life, feel- ing luscious breezes and warm kisses knowing all are loved to their core. YES!

We rise in affirmation that Black Lives are sacred. And sweet, ingenious, inventive, unfoiling, blossoming, courageous, resilient, ancient, soulful, queer, folk, complex, diverse, precious and infinite.

We rise so all can know our hearts and the collective heart of the United States of America! Black Lives Are Sacred

We rise in affirmation that the police force as teams of Grandmas, of social systems based on Cooperative Abundance, of Children living free and being taught the Whole Truth of ancestry, of Love raining down and cleansing all.

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MayDay Parade 2015...And Still We Rise

HOBT Saturday Puppet Shows for Kids are on the road in summer 2015! Join us every Saturday in June and July starting at 10:00am at Calhoun Square in Uptown for a FREE, family-friendly puppet show and workshop.

WHERE: In the Calhoun Square atrium (first floor), Calhoun Square is located at the corner of Lake St. and Hennepin Ave., in the heart of Uptown Minneapolis.

WHEN: Every Saturday during June and July. Shows at 10:00am and 11:30am. Each Saturday includes a “Make and Take” activity between the first and second show.


More information available at: http://hobt.org/events/saturday-puppet-shows-for-kids-at-calhoun-square/

Puppet Shows at Calhoun Square

FREE! Saturdays in June & July
10:00am - 11:30am
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Build a puppet, learn to stilt, create a parade, make a costume, join the circus!

Minimum enrollment for all camps is 10 students.

Full camp descriptions and more details at http://hobt.org/education/summer-camps/

July 6-10, 9:30am-12pm Butterfly Camp Ages 6-12 Teaching Artist: Laurie Witzkowski

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given no follow-up care, he committed suicide two weeks after discharge. These stories are heartbreaking, especially when we know that we are interconnected and responsible for each other and each other’s well-being. We can’t re-write those of Marletta, John and Andy. But, together, we can support many people we don’t yet know and enable them to have more choices, lead better lives, and extend their capacity to love and support those around them. To do so, we have to bring together medical care and public health. We are finally understanding, in my world, that health challenges are not solved by medical systems. In fact, we all know that access to health care is only a small part of a person’s health. If we don’t have one foot in health care and a larger foot in the community—working together to create more positive conditions for health—people will suffer. Public health has the data and connections to reveal the problems in the community, and clinicians have the direct patient/community member connections to bring the stories to light and change perspectives, behaviors and policies. Together, we need to collaborate even more, with each other, with other sectors, and with communities themselves to catalyze a big turn toward better health for all.

There are positive examples of change all over our state that we can build on.

At Allina Health, we are privileged to be working in creative partnership with our neighbors in the communities immediately surrounding our headquarters in the old Sears building on 36th street—a vibrant Midtown Global Market and The Commons—and our largest hospital, Abbott Northwestern.

For the past seven years we have worked on something we call “the Backyard Initiative,” with the School of Public Health. It has evolved into a promising example of community-led change. In fact, those of us at Allina Health have learned a lesson to learn from the community at the start. You see, we thought of it as working to improve the health of the people in Allina Health’s back yard. Pretty soon, though, community leaders straightened us out, by essentially saying “excuse us, Allina Health, but you are in OUR back yard and we are tired of being done to and done for.” Luckily, we listened.

Citizens—neighbors—have defined for themselves what is health, zeroed in on social cohesion as a core health strategy, and have formed Citizen Health Action Teams to drive the changes of their choosing and their design. One of the citizen teams is A Partnership of Diabetics, which offers a strong peer support for those with this chronic condition.

I can’t help but wonder if Marletta had had this community team on her side, whether her story might have taken more positive turns.

It won’t be easy to get all of this done right so that, ultimately, there are no preventable, tragic stories left to tell. It will be an incredible challenge to change ways of thinking and doing things for the better. There will be whitewater along the way. It will be a character test for us as individuals and as a community. What will it take to relieve this unnecessary suffering? Is it a Sisyphus task to accomplish this?

To do so, we have to bring your best and expect it of those who work with you. Be intolerant of anything that gets in the way of improving a life or lives.

3. Lead with love; make love your legacy. In the end, it is your passionate purpose that will carry you through the whitewater of change and resistance, lead to our collective ability to improve lives in unprecedented ways, and provide congruence between what we value at home, at work and in our communities.

We are finally understanding, in my world, that health care is more about love than anything else, for it’s not one person trying to relieve the suffering of another and that’s not love, I don’t know what it is.” Our job is to connect health care and public health to extend that love to the benefit of many. It is a charge and an opportunity for us to do something altogether different in history, a moment at which health systems like mine finally understand that we are meant to be about more than responding to illness: we are meant to be about health. Let’s meet at the nexus and profoundly change the health and lives for untold numbers of Marlettas. We need each other, and those individuals we are collectively fortunate enough to serve need you. In this moment, this historic time for what we can do together, the only thing that exceeds my admiration for you is my hope for you. The moment is now, and the moment is yours. Thank you, congratulations, and let’s do this!
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Needless to say, I have changed a lot since my first speech. For one thing, I’ve been coming to this grand auditorium, I was 10 years old and playing the piano, and I was scared to death. Needless to say, I have changed and aged since. This historic hall has also grown up since then as well, so I hope I hit fewer clinkers today and can improve on my previous Northrup Auditorium performance.

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