The answers to these questions from our readers, our writers, our advertisers, our supporters will lead Alley Communications into reinvigorating and more importantly, revising what we do and how we do it beginning in 2016—a year of Anniversary Celebration and Deliberation. Enjoy the beginning of the Anniversary Celebration at the “Life After 40 Exhibit” with highlights of our 40 YEARS of publishing on December 16th, 2015; 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the American Swedish Institute, 2600 Park Avenue, Mpls. The American Swedish Institute is the our community’s castle! That evening is also the American Swedish Institute’s Holiday Open House for the Phillips Community without Admission Charge. Come and celebrate the importance of cultural identity through seeing some of the arts and crafts in this architectural treasure of our community. Enjoy some lite holiday refreshments and remarkable winter holiday decorations throughout the Turnblad mansion. If you have never been there before, this is a great opportunity to enjoy the whole castle and their new, modern Nelson Cultural Center with its restaurant called Fika.

If you’ve been there before, you’ll know you want to seize this no-admission fee opportunity because every year is excitingly different. This year also has the opportunity to see The Alley Newspaper’s “Life After 40 Exhibit.” Alley Communications is pleased and grateful to be able to have ASI host this exhibit at this marvelous home of the Turnblad Family, publishers of Svenska Amerikanska Posten, a Swedish Newspaper from 1885 to 1940 and eventually increased circulation to 40,000 by Turnblads’ ownership that began in 1897. Swan Turnblad began as a typesetter and Christina a housemaid and bookkeeper. Their life is truly a “rags to riches” story of immigration to America and remind most Americans having immigrant heritage.

Wander through the entire castle, chat with neighbors, enjoy a few refreshments, visit The Alley Newspaper exhibit featuring interactive displays. Catch the spoken word-rap-poetry “Wendell Phillips: Agitation is the Atmosphere of the Brains” by Phillips resident and The Alley Newspaper cartoonist Dave Moore, producer of “Spirit of Phillips” and Dave’s Dumpster [see front page]. For more information, call Harvey Winje, Alley Communications, 612-990-4022.

You are invited to Alley Communication’s “Life After 40” Exhibit of 2015 at ASI Dec. 16th 5-8 PM, See page 8
“When the great newspapers don’t say much, see what the little inde- pendent ones say.” – Wendell Phillips

Donations are needed, welcomed, and Tax Deductible.

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By Erin Thomasson

Used Book Sale
Sat. Dec. 12 10 am to 3 pm
Bargain hunters and book lovers
Friends of the Library selling hundreds of adult & children’s fiction & nonfiction books in hardcover & paperback withdrawn from the Hn City Libraries or donated by the public. Funds benefit the library.

Children & Family Programs
Family Storytime Fri., Dec. 4, 11 & 18, 10:30 am
All ages & their parent or caregiver. sing, read, write & play together in a format appropriate for young children. Share books, stories, rhymes, music & movement.

Franklin Teen Center Programs
Urban 4-H Club
Tues., 5-7 pm
Urban gardening to digital photo/video to theater.

Teen Tech Workshop
Wed., 4:30-6 pm
Make music, videos, animation & other projects using both hi- & lo-tech tools, everything from iPads & 3D printers to synthesizers & sewing machines.

Young Achievers
Thurs., Dec. 3, 10 & 17, 4:30-6 pm
Want community involvement? Bring your friends

Programs at the Franklin Library
1314 E. Franklin Avenue Complete program list or Rts. 612-543-6925 www.bclib.org
Mon, Fri 9:30-4:30 pm Tues, Wed & Thurs: 5:30-7:30 pm Sun: 12-5 pm & come for poetry, arts, games & more!

Adult Programs
Education Alternatives
Mon., Dec. 14, 1:00 pm
Monthly discussions of problem in education & solutions, based on Knowles Dougherty’s blog: eductionsperspectives@wordpress.com. With Other Lifelong Learning Institute.

Franklin Learning Center:
612-534-6934
Free, one-to-one tutoring for adults who are learning English & math, preparing for the GED & citizenship exams, and gaining life skills. We need volunteers, too! No experience necessary; training & materials provided.

BY CAROL PASS, EPIC PRESIDENT

City’s move: Eminent Domain of the Roof Depot Site
Because the owner of the Roof Depot property was not interested in selling to the City at this time, the City is reportedly resorting to their seldom-used big gun, Condemnation leading to Eminent Domain. This will allow the City to take the property from the rightful owner, in exchange for a price the court determines. Fair? No! Neither to the owner nor to the community! Once again, our problem is, the East Phillips residents, PAY and the rest of the City GAINS at our expense! Why should we consent to this action or the City goal as currently offered in the first place?

Most of us know well that East Phillips neighborhoods are one of the most over-burdened in the state with polluting industries and that its residents and children suffer the attendant serious health consequences and their related debilitating problems: more asthma, more ADHD, more cancer. In 2014, EPIC, the East Phillips Improvement Coalition, refocused to continue its long struggle to protect this neighbor- hood of low income and diverse people with many children from already existing pollution. At that time, EPIC’s process compelled the City to expose their close- ly guarded secret plan to dump pollution and congestion on East Phillips. This comes in the form of their attempt to relocate the City’s Water Maintenance Department and its fleet of 68 work vehicles, many of which are diesel, along with 100 employee vehicles at the Roof Depot site – 1860 E 28th St. at the intersection of Cedar Ave and 28th Street.

We now know this proj- ect has been in the works since before 2002 with no informa- tion shared with the community, including this most recent move. Consider: Where is the Community Engagement? Ignored for a decade! And even now there has been next to none! Where is the Equity? Interesting how quickly this Moral Posturing gets thrown out when over it is the way of the needs of people who don’t live here! People should know by now that EPIC does not change its stance and commitment to jus- tice and fairness because it gets costly in time and convenience! Shouldeering the community out of the way goes on primarily in the communities of poverty and diversity. The stated Equity poli- cies of the City itself demands a different approach and, at the very least, shared sacrifice! We call upon the other neigh- borhoods, especially those who have not had to continually fight these battles, to join us in opposi- tion and a more fair and equi- table solution to this battle. Call your Council Members. They are not listening to us who don’t empower them. We need your help!

EPIC Acts
The Board & Membership Passed the Following Resolution, 11-12-15

BY EPIC BOARD MEMBERS
Whereas the City of Minneapolis apparently COMMITTED to acquire the Roof Depot Site and force upon East Phillips the City Water Works Maintenance Facility, and
Whereas in doing so, the City of Minneapolis is in violation of all 7 of its own “Core Principals of Community Engagement” (2007, City Council) and also, breaches the public trust; and
Whereas The City of Minneapolis is ignoring its new definition of “Equity” i.e., “Fair and just opportunities and outcomes for all people”; and
Whereas Eminent Domain is being used as a weapon of preju- dice against a low income and indigenous community as well as being selectively used against an individual business owner; and
Whereas all of the cost, namely the sacrifice of the protection and public interest of our people and their chosen future, falls on the residents of East Phillips and all the gain goes to the rest of the City, especially those areas that do not have these challenges; and
Whereas the City plan will bring no new jobs, no new tax rev- enue while eliminating the existing

E P I C Acts page 7
Early deaths plague Montain family

Albert Montain and his friends were just fooling around. His friends dared him to climb to the top of the telegraph pole at the corner of 7th Street and Cedar Avenue on the West Bank. He made it, but as he turned to wave to his friends he made contact with the electrical wires and was electrocuted. It was September 26, 1911, and Albert was sixteen years old.

Albert had lost both of his par- ents by the time that he was six. His mother, Christine, died from tuberculosis on January 16, 1901, and his father, Adolph, died from brain fever on March 29, 1903.

The responsibility for holding the family together fell to Albert’s older siblings. Richard, the oldest, was 18 years old when their father died; Hilma, the oldest daughter, was 12. The other three children were Ellen, aged 14, George aged nine and Walter aged eight. Six of his siblings, Adolph and Christine Montain, were born in Sweden. They married in 1883 and the following year left Sweden for St. Paul, Minnesota. By 1884 Adolph was working in the flourmills. He spent the rest of his life working in the milling industry mostly employed as an oiler but occasionally as a sweeper or watchman. Richard followed in his father’s footsteps by age 18, he, too, went to work in the mills.

When she turned 18, Hilma began working as a seamstress. Within a few years, Ellen began working as a machine operator for the Northwest Knitting Mills. George as a clerk for the Soo Line Railroad, and Walter as a finisher for Bontell Brothers. By the time that he was 16 years old, Albert already had a job. He was a driver for the Northwest Automobile Company.

When Albert died, it had been ten years since Christine had died and eight years since Adolph’s death. His siblings were grown and ready to move on, and soon after his death the family began to scatter. George moved to the West Coast where he worked as a locomotive engineer in the Puget Sound Naval Ship Yards. He married and had several daughters; he appears to be the only one of Adolph and Christine’s children who had children who survived infancy. Richard married and moved to Ohio where he worked in an automobile factory.

Both of Albert’s sisters died young. Ellen Montain got married on January 22, 1913 and gave birth to a baby girl on October 18, 1913, but the baby was born prematurely and died after only three hours. The baby, identified in cemetery records as the Babe Arthur Anderson, shares a grave with Adolph Montain near the intersection of Cedar Avenue and Lake Street. Ellen Montain Anderson died 14 months later on March 18, 1914, at the age of 25. She is buried in Lakewood Cemetery.

Hilma Montain married on July 12, 1910. She gave birth to one child on May 20, 1913, but he died the same day. Hilma Montain Myhre died on July 9, 1917, after giving birth to another son, Robert; Robert died on July 11, 1917.

Walter is the only son who stayed in Minneapolis. He served in World War I and upon his return, married Saretta Barden. Their only child was a baby girl, stillborn on December 21, 1921. Walter’s death in 1966 and his wife and daughter are buried in Lakewood Cemetery. His death marked the end of the Montain family line in Minneapolis.

Albert Montain is buried with his mother in a grave close to the 29th Street bridge on Cedar Avenue. His mother’s name is the only one on what turned out to be their shared marker.

Passilles and galettes of green tomatoes cooked and tasted by Phillips aficionados, connoisseurs, and chefs

By Claudia Slovacek

Midtown Phillips neighbors and friends gathered for our 15th annual Green Tomato Cook-off at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church on 15th Avenue and 28th Street on October 22nd to taste delectable green tomato dishes. We had three judges who assessed each dish based on taste/smell, eye appeal, practicality, and unique use of green tomatoes. We divide the dishes into three categories: Savory, Sauces/Condiments, and Sweets.

This year, while the dishes were fewer in number than in past years, the variety and tastiness did not fail us. Pastor Patrick and his kids took first place in the Sauces category with a wonderfully balanced green tomato and peach chutney. Second and third place in the Sauces category were won by Alice Pazczkowski, who tried two versions of the same recipe, but with slightly different takes of the ingredients; one that was all fresh items from her garden and one that utilized some canned garlic and sugar. Both were well received.

There were no entries this year in the Sweets category, but some prior year entries remain memorable – green tomato pie, and our all-time favorite, green tomato ice cream.

In the Savory category Sue- Hunter-Weir won second place with a hot dish that was deemed a unique presentation by the judges. First place was nabsed by Pastor’s Patrick with his exquisite kale and green tomato quiche – both tasty and healthy for you.

Best of Show was Sue Hunter-Weir’s dish of galettes with green tomatoes. Cash prizes were given to each first place category and best of show winner. Other prizes were also handed out as well as ribbons for each of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. In addition to the entries for the categories, we continued our tradition of frying up a passle of green tomatoes. Paul Weir and Corrie Zoll also assisted Sue in this endeavor. Those attending said they were some of the most delicious fried green tomatoes they’d ever had. Seconds and thirths made the rounds because folks just couldn’t get enough of them.

While this year was an exception, held on the 4th Thursday of October, 2016 will have us back on the third Thursday in October at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church. There is no entry fee and the contest is open to all. The only rules are the item must fit into one of the three categories: Sweet, Savory or Sauces/Condiments, and green tomatoes must figure into recipe. Green zuchstras are not allowed as they are green when ripe, and tomatillos are also not allowed as a main ingredient. Other than that, the possibilities are endless. So, start planning now for your entry in 2016.
EPIC Continues its Tradition of Affordable Renewal

EPIC is proud to be one of the few Minneapolis neighborhoods to continue rebuilding and restoring our physical infrastructure in the great tradition of NRP projects of the past. In a progressive city it is critical to remember urban renewal is never done.

The photo on the right shows the beginning foundation work on the first of several affordable new homes to be built by EPIC in partnership with PRG (Powderhorn Residents Group) in East Phillips.

EPIC is also the acronym for East Phillips Infill Campaign. EPIC’s infill housing campaign is an effort to fill our many remaining vacant lots with affordable new homes and is designed to build back from the years of slum-lord neglect. The hope is that new and better housing will bring additional families and greater stability to the neighborhood.

For Your Calendar: *

Have a Great Holiday!

* East Phillips Residents wanting a 2016 Garden Plot, contact Brad Pass at 612-916-8478

Watch this space for additional or changed meeting information

GET INVOLVED!

Do you live, work or own property in Midtown Phillips?

Join the Neighborhood Association!

There are two open board member positions:

• At Large Rep
• District 4 Rep (26th to 28th Streets and 12th to Bloomington Avenues)

Or be a part of a committee on a topic of interest to you and your community:

• Housing
• Safety and Livability
• Midtown Festival
• Clean Sweep
• Community Outreach

and more!

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

BOARD: Tuesday January 12, 6:30-8pm. Stewart Park (Arts & Crafts Room)
COMMUNITY: Tuesday January 26, 6:30-8pm. Stewart Park (Community Room)

Designed and Paid for by East Phillips Improvement Coalition
ATTENTION RESIDENTS OF VENTURA VILLAGE!

The following actions will be considered and voted on at the December 9, 2015 Ventura Village Membership Meeting

1) Move to reallocate $50,000 of Ventura Village NRP (Neighborhood Revitalization Program) Phase II funds from Administration 1.1.2 to Parks/Open Space 1.1.2. These funds are designated to be used by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board for a hot water pool at the Phillips Community Center.

   Explanation: The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board has recently developed detailed plans to refurbish the pool at the Phillips Community Center and to build a new training pool. The budget does not include enough money to include a small hot water pool. The hot water pool is needed for students and other pool users to warm up in between using the other 2 pools.

   The hot water pool is also needed as a therapy pool by adults, especially elders.

2) Move to reallocate $55,000 of Ventura Village NRP (Neighborhood Revitalization Program) Phase II funds from Administration 1.1.2 to Housing 1.2.1. These funds are designated to be used to add funds to Ventura Village's Fix-up grant program.

   Explanation: Current applications exceed the available amount of money in the program by about $55,000. This reallocation will allow Ventura Village to fund neighborhood residents who have already submitted applications to fix up their homes.

3) Move to reallocate $56,263 of NCR (Neighborhood Community Relations) funds in Ventura Village's 2015 CPP (Community Participation Program) contract for use on the Ventura Village Neighborhood Priority Plan (NPP) priorities.

   Explanation: $56,263 was allocated from Ventura Village's 2015 budget to fund the Ventura Village Neighborhood Priority Plan. Of this total amount, $40,000 of these funds are designated to be used for the hot water pool at the Phillips Community Center, $10,000 are designated to be used for outdoor improvements on the north side of the Phillips Community Center, and $6,262 would be assigned in the future.

FREE EVENT!

An Easy to Learn Game for All Ages!

Let's Play Bocce Ball

Come join in a fun and easy to learn game that can be played by people of all ages! We are introducing an indoor version of the game to see how we can enjoy some wintertime recreation while getting the exercise we all need! In the beginning sessions, we will only be introducing the game, so we aren’t so fixed on holding to “international” rules. Our goal is to have elders or adults teaming with youth and children since it’s a game that can accommodate different ages on the same “team”. We are looking for people to team up into groups of four (two opposing teams of two players, hopefully male and female. This is a game of subtle moves and finesse, not brute strength or big muscles. Therefore testosterone-laden participants usually lose. Come enjoy with us; we’ll have the coffee on!

RSVP & Contact Person is Robert Albic @ 612.334.2999 for more information.

Saturdays
11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Phillips Community Center
Upstairs Dining Room

NOMINATIONS FOR VENTURA VILLAGE’S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Members of Ventura Village seeking election to the Board of Directors, whether nominated by themselves or another, shall register name, address, phone number, membership category (as defined in Article II Section 1 of the Ventura Village Bylaws), and place of primary residence, at Ventura Village’s office fourteen (14) calendar days (Nov. 25) prior to the scheduled election.

Nominations submitted by mail shall be addressed to the Ventura Village mailing address and postmarked no later than fourteen (14) days (Nov. 25) prior to the scheduled election. Nominations for election to the Board of Directors will not be accepted from the floor.
**CALL TO RAVE and (maybe) SAVE Burma-Shave**

**BY STEVE SANDBERG**

Thanks to The Alley Newspaper for its willingness to highlight a rare opportunity; the opportunity to save the Burma-Shave building, a building loaded with history that has been on the corner of 21st Avenue and East Lake Street since the year 1900. Many if not most of you have passed that building, unaware of its history. (See excellent accompanying article by historian Shari Albers)

It was early October when friend and Corcoran resident Tom Manley noted that asbestos had been removed, utilities cut off, and that the building was slated for demolition.

Since then, a handful of heritage-preservation minded local historians and myself have been working hard to demonstrate that this would be a waste of a unique historic opportunity and resource.

### Forestalling Demolition

The same building today after many different owners and occupants. The building has had a variety of cosmetic coverings that conceal the original exterior in the photo on the left. A Museum of the Streets plaque describes the building across the street near the YWCA.

To kiss a mug/that's like a cac- tus/takes more nerve than it does practice/Burma-Shave

We're widely read and often quoted/but it's shaves/not signs for which we're noted/Burma-Shave (1953)

Now you have passed that building, the year 1900. Many if not most of you have passed that building, East Lake Street in 1925. Built in 1900, the building had once been home to Hugnud Hall, a Scandinavian workingman's lodge, and then the Winget Mfg. Co. making aprons, sunbonnets, and dust caps. Burma-Shave, never sold well. Young Clinton, a successful insurance salesman with a law degree took the building, a chemist to further develop the liniment into a brushless shaving cream. They called it Burma-Shave.

Burma-Shave moved into East Lake Street in 1925. Built in 1900, the building had once been home to Hugnud Hall, a Scandinavian workingman's association, and then the Winget Manufacturing Company where workers fabricated aprons, sunbonnets, and dust caps. While Burma-Shave produced Burma-Shave, its historic advertising campaign took shape around the same time the company moved to this East Lake Street location.

Clinton's sons Allan and Leonard were hawking the product door-to-door, when Allan found advertising inspiration along a road in Illinois. A gas station had erected a series of signs that led onlookers to its location. The growing popularity of the automobile had people criss-crossing America along new highways, and Allan saw marketing potential.

Allan and Leonard cut recycled wood into 36" lengths and hand-stenciled the first red and white signs erected on Highway 35 between Minneapolis and Albert Lea, the first series of signs eventually grew to 7000 all across America. Customers demanded the product. Drug stores along the sign routes stocked Burma-Shave on their shelves. It was said that Burma-Shave was one company that did not lose money during the Depression.

At some point, the Odells began to rhyme the sign messages and created national contests to solicit new jingles. Rhyme contests brought in thousands of entries each year. $100 was paid for each verse used. Some years, there were 50,000 entries. Farmers along popular highways eagerly claimed extra income as they rented stretches of highway to advertisers.

The wolf is shaved so neat and trim/Red Riding Hood is chasing him/Burma-Shave

The bearded lady/tried a jar/She's now a famous/movie star/Burma-Shave

### Odell connection to Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden

Elise Butler taught science in Minneapolis high schools from 1874 to 1911. She took her students on field trips to woods and swamps in Glenwood Park (now Wirth Park). One of Butler’s botany students, Clinton Odell, had become a successful businessman with his Burma-Shave product. Odell took great interest in preserving and developing the gardens, personally paying for materials and labor. A main benefactor and volunteer, Odell donated the money to create the upland garden. Concerned that the garden be maintained, Odell recruited volunteers and a founding director, literally making him the first "Friend of the Garden."
Enter the Corner Store

At the height of his manhood, our Jesus would lead a nonviolent resistance to the Roman occupation. Then, three centuries later, the early period of Christian martyrdom would come to an end. 1189 – 1192…

In the Third Crusade, evidently as a matter of convenience, Richard the Lionheart would slit the throats of 3,000 Muslims, children included. 1936…

George Dimitrov famously stated: Fascism is the open terrorist dictatorship of the most reactionary, most chauvinist and most imperialist elements of finance capital. 1963…

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Journey Through the Dark
"Night and dark are good for us. As the nights lengthen, it's time to reopen the dreaming space." — Jeanette Winterson

BY PATRICK CABELLO HANSEL

As the days grow shorter and the nights grow colder, we are still drawn outside at night. There is mystery in a winter night, there is danger, there is hope that someone will welcome us.

Cultures around the world—at least in the northern hemisphere—have developed celebrations that recognize the terror of the sun leaving while celebrating, even demanding its return. Many of these celebrations involve lighting candles or bonfires: Candles on the head of Santa Lucia ("Holy Light") in Scandinavia. Lighting of the Hanukkah ("Festival of Lights") candles for Jews, to remember the miracle of the oil when they rededicated the temple after the Macabbean revolution.

The Christmas tree and its earth-based and Christian antecedents of celebrating the winter solstice. Many of these celebrations include processions outside, despite the cold in northern climes.

The traditional Mexican Christmas procession of Las Posadas combines both the darkness of the season and the light of welcome. Maria and José (Mary and Joseph) are two scared teenagers who are forced to leave their home and travel to unknown territories because of huge political forces beyond their control. They have to leave their families and depend on strangers for posada, or shelter. They face rejection after rejection, and then the most humble welcome.

Today, there are more refugees in the world than any time since World War II. We’ve all seen the photos of people fleeing war and poverty to get to Europe. While immigration has slowed from Mexico, thousands of people—mostly youth—are fleeing violence in Central America. What if each of those families was Mary and Joseph? What if each of those children was the Holy Child, the one bringing peace? What if each of us was the shelter, the posada?

Las Posadas will be held on December 19 at 4pm at St. Paul’s Lutheran at 2742 15th Ave S. When St. Paul’s was founded in 1887, it was named Svenska Evangeliska Lutherska St. Pauli Kirkan—the St. Paul’s Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church. Tens of thousands of migrants left Sweden to traverse cold North Atlantic seas, in search of a better life or to be reunited with family. Today St. Paul’s is primarily Latino—Iglesia Luterana San Pablo—but that search for light through the darkness continues.

We will walk in the neighborhood seeking posada, so dress appropriately! The procession will conclude in a darkened sanctuary, where we will hear voices of light from many cultures. Afterwards, the fiesta will include dinner, music and a piñata. For more information, call 612-724-2862, or e-mail stpaulscreate@gmail.com. On Wednesday nights, St. Paul’s Semilla Art Program will host workshops making art for the celebration.

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