PHILLIPS COMMUNITY IN MAY

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MayDay Parade

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June Phillips What Where

Absolutely no one even had a guess as to where May Phillips What Where was. There were two photos of it in the May issue and there are two in this issue.

Guess What and Where this is and get a chance to be in a drawing for $10. Gift Certificate to Velma Hardware on Bloomington Avenue.

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Ventura Village News Briefs

BY ROBERT ALBEE

Gardens Gain Ground & Goodies. More than 200 people showed up at the Phillips Community Center parking lot on Saturday, May 7 to join the Phillips Food Resource Hub’s Seeding the Hu hub event. Joiners paid $50 for individual or $630 for a community garden received a wide variety of seeds and plants to begin planting season in 20 community gardens and 61 individual plots. Food and beverages were served to those gathering under the pop-up canopies by the side of 24th Street.

Live music performed by a three-piece ensemble lightened spirits while the festivities were taking place in the back of a van provided professional advice.

Seeding the Hu Hub was repeated two weeks later accompanied by even more rain on Saturday, May 21. This time the atrium of the PCC was opened up to gardeners picking up tomatoes, peppers, tomato, and okra seedlings that briefly covered part of the gym floor. A community gardener also donated pea vines.

Number crunchers report that 2,668 new seedlings are being planted in the Phillips area by more than a hundred gardeners. Nineteen percent are new gardeners; another 34% for just a few years and more than 30% have been digging dirt for 20+ years. Ages of our planters range from young folks in their 20’s to elders, in their 60’s who speak at least five different languages. Although the Phillips Food Resource Hub is the newest of three programs covering Minneapolis, it is growing rapidly.

Phillips Community Center Occupancy to begin. With preliminary leases signed by Ventura Village and the Somali American Community, these grants can proceed with their office finishing and furnishings and will begin by June 1. The Shakespeare Midewakanton Sioux Community just announced a $50,000 grant to the Indian Health Board for funds to build out their lease space for the Running Wolf Fitness Center, which will be jointly operated with the Native American Community Clinic. Completion of the fitness center build out is expected by the end of June.

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board will begin their work of replacing the PCC’s flooring, ceiling tiles, painting and replacement of a north window wall by mid-June. There is additional work currently underway to modernize and update the entry systems to accommodate a variety of tenants and park users. Waite House, the PCC’s largest tenant, will begin their space build-out in June and are expected to complete their work and be moved in by the end of September.

Minneapolis Swims is the Phillips Community’s tenant seeking restoration of the PCC swimming pool. They recently signed a separate agreement with the Park Board that provides for completion of development within two years. Volunteer and board members have worked tirelessly at the Minnesota Legislature, seeking inclusion in the Bonding bill that provides construction funds to restore the current pool while adding an additional pool for children and accessible options. As this goes to press, news awaits the completion of the Bonding bill before funds will be awarded this year.

Minneapolis Swims has three goals: to provide free swimming lessons for all neighborhood children, to offer swim and dive team access to interested neighborhood youth, and once children can exit the pool and are safe around water to offer them more outdoor activities. Learning to swim saves lives. Drowning is a leading cause of death in children ages 1-14 and minority children drown at three times the rate of white children.

Swimming can help transform the lives of at-risk youth by offering opportunities to demonstrate courage by taking calculated risks and overcoming a natural fear of the water. It is a foundational skill for a lifetime of health and safety habits, and to build self-esteem by overcoming challenges and to build self-esteem by overcoming challenges and to build self-esteem by taking calculated risks and overcoming a natural fear of the water.

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June 2nd (Thursday) 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Join your neighbors and Community Partners.

FREE: Famous Dave’s Catered Dinner

Door Prizes Drawing

State of the City Update by City Council V.P. Robert Lilligren

Phillips West Board of Director - Time Commitment per month is roughly 2 hours including one monthly Community Meeting (1st Thursday) and the P W monthly Board Meeting (4th Monday).

Phillips West is between Lake and 22nd Streets and I-35W and Chicago Ave. Interested? Please contact Crystal Trutman at 612-879-5383 or email her at wcwo2005@yahoo.com

July Deadline: June 15

June Phillips What Where

Where is the Painting of Wendell Phillips?

This stone with Wendell Phillips Junior High School was set in place above the front entrance when the building was built in 1926. It is now set in the earth near the west entrance to the Phillips Community Center. The building was demolished in 1984 in spite of great protest by residents of Phillips Community. Four photos of it were taken.

There was a large painting of Wendell Phillips hanging on the wall across from the main entrance of Wendell Phillips Junior High School. Where did it go when the building was closed and demolished in 1984? We’d like to learn of its location before Dave and Harvey go to Harvard in June for the Wendell Phillips Bicentennial Symposium. People will be asking where it is when they explain that Phillips Community was in June for the Wendell Phillips Bicentennial Symposium. People will be asking where it is when they explain that Phillips Community was in June for the Wendell Phillips Bicentennial Symposium. People will be asking where it is when they explain that Phillips Community was in June for the Wendell Phillips Bicentennial Symposium. People will be asking where it is when they explain that Phillips Community was in June for the Wendell Phillips Bicentennial Symposium. People will be asking where it is when they explain that Phillips Community was in June for the Wendell Phillips Bicentennial Symposium. People will be asking where it is when they explain that Phillips Community was in June for the Wendell Phillips Bicentennial Symposium. People will be asking where it is when they explain that Phillips Community was in June for the Wendell Phillips Bicentennial Symposium. People will be asking where it is when they explain that Phillips Community was in June for the Wendell Phillips Bicentennial Symposium. People will be asking where it is when they explain that Phillips Community was in June for the Wendell Phillips Bicentennial Symposium. People will be asking where it is when they explain that Phillips Community was in June for the Wendell Phillips Bicentennial Symposium. People will be asking where it is when they explain that Phillips Community was in June for the Wendell Phillips Bicentennial Symposium. People will be asking where it is when they explain that Phillips Community was in June for the Wendell Phillips Bicentennial Symposium. People will be asking where it is when they explain that Phillips Community was in June for the Wendell Phillips Bicentennial Symposium. People will be asking where it is when they explain that Phillips Community was in June for the Wendell Phillips Bicentennial Symposium. People will be asking where it is when they explain that Phillips Community was in June for the Wendell Phillips Bicentennial Symposium. People will be asking where it is when they explain that Phillips Community was in June for the Wendell Phillips Bicentennial Symposium. People will be asking where it is when they explain that Phillips Community was in June for the Wendell Phillips Bicentennial Symposium. People will be asking where it is when they explain that Phillips Community was in June for the Wendell Phillips Bicentennial Symposium. People will be asking where it is when they explain that Phillips Community was in June for the Wendell Phillips Bicentennial Symposium. People will be asking where it is when they explain that Phillips Community was in June for the Wendell Phillips Bicentennial Symposium.
June Programs at the Franklin Library

By EDN THOMASSON

Children's Programs

Family Storytime
Wednesdays, June 7–10:30 a.m.
Ages 2 and up. Share books, stories, rhymes, music, and movement with your children.

Puzzlemania
Thursdays, June 8–25, 2–3 p.m.
Grade 2 and up. Enjoy a variety of educational and fun puzzles.

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World Language Storytime
Saturdays, June 7–26, 6–7 p.m.
Want to learn a new language? Join us to learn Oromoo, jin-gaayooda maansada iyo maansada Soomaalida.

Bilingual Reading Night:
Fridays, June 1–July
Enjoy books and reading in your favorite language.

Teen Programs

Teen Center Writing Workshop
Wednesdays, June 7–Aug., 4–5 p.m.
Fun and creative writing will have the opportunity to come together and share a planned writing activity.

Ms. G. Will Speak!
Wednesdays, June 15, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Learn how to use Microsoft Word and Open Office to create documents, presentations, and more.

Teen Center Writing Workshop
Thursdays, June 16, 1–2:30 p.m.
Join us as we read and discuss the works of significant nonfiction writers.

MnM Writing Group
Thursdays, June 23 & 30, noon–2 p.m.
Learn to use the menus and toolbar to create and publish your own fliers, brochures, and greeting cards.

Computer Basics Workshop
Fri., June 3, 1–3 p.m.
Learn and bring questions about basic mouse and keyboarding skills, creating an email account, using the Internet and searching (where applicable).

Senior Surf Day
Wed., June 15, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Learn about the St. Paul Public Library's computer classes and find out how to access the Internet.

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A crowd witnesses the Grand Opening of the Renovated Main Cemetery Gate on Lake St. The first burial within the Cemetery was in 1853. Coincidentally, the Lake St. and Cedar Ave. sides of the Cemetery with ornate fencing and stone columns is 1853 long.

The perfect week in the middle

White Angel

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ATTENTION FAMILIES!

Please join us at Trinity First Lutheran School this summer for our Summer Bridge to Success program! This program is a mixture of VIS and summer school and is the highlight of our students’ summers. Summer Bridge will be held from the weeks, June 21st through July 24th, excluding the week of July 4th. It is Tuesday-Thursday each week from 9:30-3pm.

Open to students entering 1st grade through 4th grade. The fee is $50 per student, this price includes: meals, t-shirt, weekly field trips and all educational materials.

If you are interested in attending please contact our Summer Bridge to Success Director, Carrie Butcher 612-871-2353 ext. 25 or butcherf@gmail.com

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BY PATRICK CABELO HANDEL

A small blue house with white trim, and just a touch of gold on the window frames. There were candles in all the windows, and the sidewalk and steps had been shoveled clean. She walked up to the steps and was about to ring the bell, when an old woman, older than any she had ever seen, opened the door. Her skin was leathery and her hair stone white, but Luz saw in her eyes a light that she had never seen.

“Komma,” the woman said, smiling. “Komma til mi”.

And she waved Luz into the living room, where a fire burned in the fireplace, a tea service and ginger cookies sat on a little table, and a small wrinkled man—if he indeed was a man—played on his violin the sweetest song Luz had ever heard.

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By Jane Thomson
Beside staring names, what these two recipes have in common is that they can help use up odds and ends of uninteresting foods; and do it simply.

EGGS IN PURGATORY

Adapted from “Dash”, the food advertising glossy supplement found monthly in the Pioneer Press and S’Tribe.

In medium skillet over medium-low heat, stir together brown sugar, butter, lime juice and cinnamon. Cook until set as desired. Top with Parmesan and black pepper.

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Ten (10) years ago, on a spring evening, the life of Leonard, a young man at university, was about to change forever. His older brother, Armin, had just been killed during the Second World War. Leonard had been living a sheltered childhood. He was going to college in the city. The war changes everything. Leonard becomes a detective. Armin’s death is connected with the disappearance of a young woman. Leonard’s life is spiraling out of control.

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Neighborhood Talk

As of the month of May 2011, the total Public Debt Outstanding of the United States of America bumped the $14.3 trillion debt ceiling set by Congress. This is not good. Come August, Lord knows what will happen should Congress fail to lift the ceiling.

So, what’s going on?

Our country’s gross debt has increased over $500 billion each year since 2003. Why? Because G.W. bush gave a tax cut gift to the super rich which erased roughly $2 trillion in revenue.

Then, of course, there were a couple of Wars which have cost us $1.1 trillion. To which we must add a financial melt-down which necessitated a bail-out and stimulus even as revenue streams went dry.

Note 1): A former chief U.N. nuclear inspector is now pressing the World Court to pass judgment as to the degree of criminality in the “grotesque distortions” (i.e. weapons of mass destruction, etc.) which facilitated a war with Iraq and the consequent death of hundreds of thousands of innocent people.

Note 2): To learn more about the “melt-down” culprits, go get the DVD “Inside Job” to find greed, immorality and power fueled by cocaine and prostitution.

So, what?

So, presently, the Federal government can’t pay its bills with-out deficit spending. However, if Congress fails to raise the debt ceiling, deficit spending will become illegal. Which is to say: the Obama administration would then have to pick and choose which bills to pay.

What choices? Social Security, Medicare, the military, and the servicing of the national debt (i.e. interest on government bonds held by rich people, etc.)—these are the choices.

Congressional Republicans have threatened to block any raising of the debt ceiling without massive spending cuts up front. Which choices? Sadly, President Obama has advised his Democrats: “Don’t draw any lines in the sand.” OMG!

Mr. President, dear man, listen. The Republicans know full well that cuts to Social Security and Medicare would induce massive demonstrations lead by Organized Labor in conjunction with an invigorated Peace Movement calling for big cuts in military spending. Clearly, the Republicans are bluffing.

Mr. President, we who elected you continue to exist. And, all things considered, you continue to have our respect…and most likely our vote, but partly in fear of consequences much worse. Yet there are times when you appear to have lost sight of us.

Would you have us conclude that Karl Marx was right all along?

Open Letter about Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery and Sue Hunter Weir

As I have gotten to know Sue over the years, I can not even begin to describe how impressed I am with what a great historian, member of our community, and friend Sue is. Sue has such a passion for the cemetery. It may seem like a very niche interest, but Sue has a talent for researching the lives of those Minneapolisians who have come before us and translating them into stories that we may “get to know!” these great people in a way that is not communicated through granite.

It is inspirational to know someone who “gets it” that life is about putting your energies toward that which you are passionate about. One of my great self indulgences (when I can find time to be by myself) is to go to the Midtown Global Market, grab a bite to eat, grab an Alley newspaper, and lose myself in one of Sue’s articles about someone who lived in our city 100+ years ago. In particular, Sue brings attention to those who lived rather common, or sometimes even unconventional lives.

These are people who do not have buildings and streets named for them. I’m certain these people would never imagine that 100+ years later there would be this lady putting their life story into print. I love that the organization which cares for the cemetery is named “Friends of the Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery” because if even a cemetery could have a "friend," Sue Hunter Weir would be this cemetery’s “best” friend.

Brian Finsdale

I grew up not too far from this cemetery and rode past it hundreds of times on the bus to downtown not knowing anything about it. It is an interesting example of how poorly history, even local history, is taught to children by our schools.

David Frenkel

Open Letter

Phillips’ youth petition helped create the new Stewart Park Soccer Field

In 2009 the Park Board held a public meeting at Stewart Park to gain input from the community on possible athletic field improvements at the park. The East/Midtown Phillips Youth Soccer teams attended in force. They came prepared with nearly 800 signatures on petitions requesting a new soccer field in the park. With funding help from the Hennepin County Youth Sports Grant program and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, that dream became reality.

On May 19th, 2011 a beautiful, state of the art soccer field with artificial turf and field lighting was dedicated with the first Barbeque of the season. The celebration included face painting by Park Staff, Juggling and Balloon magic by William Bradshaw of Fun Time Functions and comments by Park Board Commissioner Scott Vreeland and Hennepin County Commissioner Peter McLaughlin.

Two youth who were at the 2009 public meeting presented McLaughlin and Vreeland soccer balls signed by many of the young petitioners. The highlight of the day after enjoying the luxurious turf of the new field was watching for two of the youngest soccer aficionados score on both commissioners who were totally ineffective as goal tenders.

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Focus on Mental Health in the Backyard

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At the end of April the CHAT members discussed how each of their projects is addressing mental health and what mental health means to them. People listed the indicators of not being mentally healthy as stress, anxiety, anger, lack of trust, sadness, apathy, hopelessness, helplessness, fear, grief, sense of loss, and feeling isolated.

The Wisdom of the Community

After discussing in small groups how their projects are impacting mental health, the CHAT members reported to each other what their conclusions were. What emerged from the discussion was a picture of a healthy community, because everyone affirmed that a healthy community looks like what it takes for people to be mentally healthy. The most frequent word linked to mental health was connection — people need connection to each other, to their heritage, and culture, to something bigger than themselves.

• “We’re trying to get people to be connected and trust each other because that’s the biggest thing that will affect people’s state of mental health.”

• “Connectedness helps people find purpose in their life — they get plugged in and connect and that gives them the energy for their health.”

• “It seems like people care more about themselves because people care about them.”

• “Connecting, communication is health.”

• “Being able to connect with community, with neighbors, with your old cultural heritage because then you can know what’s inside you, where you come from, your roots are you are self-aware — that’s mental health.”

• “Acceptance of who you are and where you are is important.”

• “If a community is experiencing mental health, I would quote e.e. cummings: ‘I am through you so I. That’s the closest way I can think of how we’re connected...’”

• “We need to reach across... boundaries and dialogue together more than just when something bad happens.”

• “I think we’re rebirthing our community and relearning how to cook, how to do this, how to be connected, how to be a community again.”

• “If one of us is in trouble, we all are in trouble, if one of us is stuck, we all are stuck, if one of us is in despair and we need to work on it.”

What Mental Health and a Healthy Community Looks Like

CHAT members painted the following picture of mental health, which also describes what the CHATs are helping to make happen through their projects: When people are mentally healthy, they are:

• Connected to each other
• Connected to their culture
• Taking care of themselves
• Feeling supported
• Feeling heard
• Sharing culture, experiences
• Showing others they care
• Trusting each other
• Full of energy and purpose
• Working together
• Making music together
• Expressing themselves, their spirit
• Feeling they are a part of something greater than themselves
• Able to resolve conflict; nothing is allowed to fester
• Feeling balanced overall through the ups and downs of life
• Understanding perfection is not possible
• Accepting themselves
• Teaching, mentoring each other
• Connecting across generations, through time
• Talking to each other
• Doing things together
• Doing things for each other

All community residents are invited to the first BYI community forum on Friday, June 24th, from 6 – 10 AM at the Cultural Wellness Center. The topic will be health care policy. All Backyard residents are also welcome to come to the community meetings on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 5 PM. The Cultural Wellness Center is located at 1520 7th Avenue South in the Franklin Bank Building. Call the Cultural Wellness Center at 621-721-5745 for more information.