“Despite everything, no one can dictate who you are to other people.”

“A strong spirit transcends rules.”

“The Gatekeepers must change.”

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Prince – “Purple Rain”: “I never meant to cause you any sorrow / I never meant to cause you any pain / I only wanted to one time to see you laughing / I only wanted to see you /”

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BY ERIN THOMASSON

Children & Family Programs
Family Storytime

Fridays, 10:30 am. All ages and their parent or caregiver. Talk, sing, read, write and play together in a format appropriate for young children.

Franklin Teen Center Programs
Urban 4-H Club

Tuesdays, 5-7 pm. We do everything from urban gardening to digital photo/video to theater. Teen Tech Workshops

Wednesdays, 4:30-6 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. Led by the library’s Teen Tech Squad.

Young Achievers

Thursdays, 4:30-6 pm. Do you want to be involved in your community? Make friends and come for poetry, arts, games and more!

Adult Programs

Education Alternatives

Discussion Group

Monday, May 9, 1-3 pm. An in-depth discussion of persistent problems in education and possible solutions centered around topics raised in Knowles Dougherty’s blog: educationpersistentproblems.wordpress.com.

Pollinate Phillips

BY PATRICK CABELLO HANSEL

We know that our food supply depends on pollinators—the little creatures like bees and butterflies that carry pollen from one flower to another. We know that pollinator populations are diminishing for a variety of reasons—climate change, pesticides, loss of habitat. But did you know that each of us can be a pollinator? We can pollinate beauty, justice, and diversity. And by how we integrate our lives with others.

St. Paul Lutheran’s Semilla Center for Healing and the Arts is committed to pollinating our community with beauty, justice and mercy, and gaining life skills. We are always looking for community volunteers! No experience necessary; we provide training and materials. Contact us at hclib.org.

2016 Phillips Clean Sweep

T-SHIRT Design Competition

For Phillips YOUTH (11 to 18)

Design the 2016 Phillips Community Clean Sweep T-Shirt and WIN:

$50.00 cash T-shirt, recognition as the Winning Designer and a Featured article in The Alley Newspaper.

Deadline for Design Submissions:

Wednesday, June 15th, 2016

DEMON Details:

• Eye catching font design
• One color is preferred; two colors raise the cost but will be considered.
• Must include:
  • 2016
  • Phillips Community Clean Sweep
  • East Phillips, Northwestern Phillips, Phillips West, Venture Village and Little Earth
  • Phillips
  • Green Sweep and More
• Suggest a T-shirt color and contrasting ink color

ALL SUBMISSIONS become the property of the Selection Committee. THE WINNING DESIGN will be printed and finalized for publication.

Submit designs to:

Brad Paste, b.paste@allevinnews.org
Phone: 612-916-4687 Fax: 612-672-9360

DEADLINE

Wednesday, June 15th, 2016

Save Saturday, October 8th 2016

And participate in our annual Phillips Community Clean Sweep
“Wee Scotty,” James Stewart McLaren succumbed to pertussis

Personal histories tied to industrial histories

All that it takes is one look at his grave marker to understand how much James Stewart McLaren’s parents loved their first-born son. The marker also reveals how much they loved the country where they had been born and which they left in order to build new lives in the United States.

James’ marker is unusual for an eight-month-old baby, and in Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery it is one of a kind. It sits under a large tree surrounded by several smaller markers that have carved lambs resting on top, the style of marker most commonly used to mark the graves of babies and young children. James’ marker is tall with a loving cup on top of a three and a-half foot pedestal. James’ name, the date of his birth and his death are carved on the base as are the two words that tell of his parents’ love for him and their home country—they called him “Wee Scotty.”

Wee Scotty’s marker appears to be based on a Scottish quaich (pronounced quake), a shallow bowl with handles on each side. Traditionally quaichs were made of wood or silver and were used to mark rites of passage—weddings, christenings, welcomes and departures. This one marks a baby’s passing. James Stewart McLaren died on August 10, 1913 from whooping cough (pertussis). He was eight months and five days old.

McLaren is an old Scottish clan name that originally meant the Son of Lawrence. There were no Lawrences in Wee Scotty’s immediate family tree. Instead, he was named after his paternal grandfather and his father’s oldest brother. His father was named Mungo, a name that is not common in the United States, but which is fairly common in Scotland; it is thought to be a variation of the Welsh word that means “kind” or “gentle.”

Mungo Reed McLaren was born in Dundee, Scotland on June 4, 1883, the fourth child of James and Christina McLaren. He left school after seventh grade and eventually developed the skills necessary to work as a mechanic, most likely in one of the many factories in Dundee, a city known for shipbuilding and for manufacturing jute. In March 11, 1905, at the age of 21, he sailed from Glasgow, Scotland on the Columbia bound for New York. His destination was New Jersey, where he planned to join his older brother David. It’s not clear what prompted Mungo to relocate to Minneapolis but he did, and on September 8, 1907, this is where he married Williamina Nivin. They settled in what is now the Seward neighborhood, and on December 5, 1912, James Stewart McLaren was born. At the time Mungo was working as a machinist for the Minneapolis Steel and Machinery Company which later became Minneapolis Moline.

In 1916 the McLarens built a new home at 3627 Cedar Avenue, six blocks from the cemetery where their son was born. In 1917 Mungo applied for a passport in order to return to Great Britain to help out with the war effort. The company that he worked for at the time, the Bull Tractor Company, provided Great Britain with equipment and Mungo went back to train British mechanics to assemble the machinery and keep it in good working order. He returned to the United States at the end of the war, and he and Willamina had three more children. They remained in the house of Cedar Avenue until Mungo retired.

The Bull Tractor Company was more or less put out of business by the Ford Company which had developed its own line of tractors. Bull’s owners retooled and put their company’s energy into producing tractor engines and smaller lawn-care equipment. The company later changed its name to the one that we recognize today as Toro. Mungo worked for Toro until he retired and moved Texas, to live with his son Peter. He died in Dallas, Texas on March 13, 1965, and his remains were returned to Minnesota where he was buried in Crystal Lake Cemetery.

Whooping cough, the disease that caused Wee Scotty’s death, became much less of a threat to infants born in the United States after a vaccine was developed in the 1940s, but the incidence of whooping cough is on the rise. In 2014 there were almost 33,000 cases of pertussis reported in the United States, a 43% increase over the year before. While the number of deaths caused by whooping cough remains relatively low, the majority of those who died were infants. Children in developing countries are at much greater risk—around the world an estimated 150,000 children died from whooping cough in 2015.

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Toppling over on Memorial Day weekend, we will, as we have for the past 15 years, plant flowers in Wee Scotty’s marker. James Stewart McLaren is buried in Lot 26, Block L of Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery.

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SPRING! Time to Open the East Phillips Community 17th Ave. Garden

Did you know that the East Phillips Improvement Coalition (EPIC) is one of the only neighborhoods to own their own Community Garden? The story goes that in the Mid ’90s, three neighboring houses on the 2400 block of 17th Ave. S. were torched and burned to the ground in a gang war. Neighbors came together to retrieve the vacant lots for a much needed positive opportunity of community building. They fenced the lots and turned them into a “Guerrilla” Garden. What was a dangerous nuisance in an area called “Baby Beirut” for its constant gunfire, was transformed into a productive community garden of three city lots with 34 garden plots for the diverse and economically challenged residents of the East Phillips community. When rumors surfaced that the city-owned land might be taken from them and repurposed to high density housing, EPIC polled the community and received overwhelming support for purchasing the property using some of their Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) funds, but an analysis of the garden topsoil revealed lead and arsenic contamination. Incredibly, the City of Minneapolis paid over $25,000 to remediate the garden by replacing the top 18 inches with new, farm-fresh black dirt.

With soil replacement complete, the East Phillips Community 17th Ave. Garden was purchased, making the garden the property of EPIC for the East Phillips Community and a conservation easement was placed on the land guaranteeing its ongoing use as a community garden. EPIC’s goal for the garden is to provide a safe, inviting, sustainable, healthy place with requisite facilities and tools for residents to provide food for their families, to carry on home country traditions, and to create new experiences in gardening while meeting new friends ... a company of multi-cultural urban family farmers for the 21st century. Join us!!

East Phillips residents may contact Brad Pass at 612-916-8478 or bpass@usinternet.com to be placed on the 2016 Garden Plot Wait List.

For Your Calendar: *

To get involved in EPIC and East Phillips, Join us on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30PM

The EPIC Community Meetings are on the SECOND Thursday – Next Meetings;
Thursday, 5/12/16 and 6/9/2016 at 6:30 PM
Agenda includes Neighborhood Industrial Pollution, Crime Initiatives, and EPIC project updates.

EPIC’s Annual Meeting - Saturday, April 30th at 9:30 to 11:30 AM in the Community Center

The Epic Phillips Park Programming Partnership meets on the LAST Tuesday – Next meetings;
Tuesday, 5/31/16 and 6/29/2016 at 11:30 AM. Lunch is served.

Updates on Partner Programming, Park Events, Summer Fest 2016 & News.
The EPIC Board of Directors meets on the FIRST Saturday of the month – Next Meeting;
Saturday, 5/7/2016 and 6/4/2016 at 10:00 AM.

Meeting Location: All the above meetings and events are held at the fully accessible East Phillips Park Cultural & Community Center located at 2307 17th Ave. S.

The East Phillips Community 17th Ave. Gardeners meet on the second Saturday of Each Month
The next meetings are Saturday, 5/14/2016 in the COMMUNITY CENTER at 2307 17th Ave. S.
and 6/11/2016 at 9:00 AM in the GARDEN at 2428 17th Ave. S.

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

East Phillips Park Summer Fest - Sunday, June 12th from 1:00 to 7:00 PM in the Park.

MIDTOWN PHILLIPS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INC.

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BOARD MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY MAY 10, 6:30-8PM.
Stewart Park (Arts & Crafts Room), 2700 12th Ave S, Minneapolis

I. Approve Minutes from 4/12/16 Board Meeting (5 min)
II. MOTION: Accept and receive March Financial Reports (10 min)
III. Eric Gustafson – Executive Director of Corcoran Neighborhood Association - Presentation on the Neighborhoods 2020 plan (20 min)
IV. MOTION: To approve “Phillips Sound” Partnership and sign MOU (15 min)
V. Strategic Planning Update (15 min)
VI. Continued Business/Updates (15 min)
—Plaza Verde Update
—Event Update
—Office Space Update
VII. Coordinator Report (10 min)

COMMUNITY MEETING AGENDA
TUESDAY MAY 24, 6:30-8PM.
Stewart Park (Community Room), 2700 12th Ave S, Minneapolis

I. Approve Minutes from 4/26/16 Community Meeting (10 min)
II. Third Precinct Update: Cheryl Tigue – PO who works with the GIFT Program to talk about prostitution resources and processes (10 min)
III. The Family Partnership and Project for Pride in Living will talk about possible development plans at Lake and Bloomington that could include housing, a headquarters for TFP, daycare and a clinic. (10 min)
IV. Report from Councilmember Alondra Cano (10 min)

THEME: PARKS AND GREEN spaces (45 min)
IV.Kristie Erickson – MPCA, Presentation on data from 2-year air pollution sampling in Phillips
V. Southside District Planning – Minneapolis Parks and Rec Board
Other reports:
—Radnor Park
—Parks and Recreation
—Arbor Day

VII. Hope Community
VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 min)
—Call for AI Large Rep and District 4 Rep
—Call for Partners

This Monthly Alley Newspaper Half Page was paid for by Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association, Inc.
HUGE CHANGES SOON!
Later this year, Hennepin County will make some changes to the area around the intersections of Franklin, Cedar and Minnehaha avenues. Besides removing existing poor condition pavement and replacing it with new pavement, crews will also be making changes to improve the experience for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians. To learn more about the project and to sign up to get regular updates, visit www.hennepin.us/franklincedar.

Franklin Ave/Cedar Ave/Minnehaha Ave Intersection project

TC Tractor at “Target”/“Bull” to “Toro”

Mpls. Steel & Machinery Co. built Twin city Tractors until ’29 merger with Moline Implement Co. Ill. and the Mpls. Threshing Machine Co. Hopkins, MN and became Minneapolis Moline where Target is now. TC Tractors had a logo like the MN Twins.

Hear Seward Concert Band perform at 148th Memorial Day (see pg 3). Named for Seward Neighborhood, named for William Henry Seward, Lincoln’s Sec’y of State who bought territory now Alaska.
The Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT), Metropolitan Council, Metro Transit, Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis are working on a number of projects to improve the I-35W corridor for residents, businesses, transit riders, bicyclists, pedestrians and drivers.

What improvements are planned?

The planned improvements include:

- Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) service along I-35W
- A two-level transit station at Lake Street serving Orange Line BRT and express buses at the freeway level and local bus service along Lake Street
- A high quality pedestrian/bicycle connection between the Midtown Greenway and 31st Street, and other improvements for walking and biking in the station area
- Added vehicle access to Lake Street businesses from both northbound and southbound I-35W
- Several new local street bridges with space for pedestrians and bicyclists, including new pedestrian/bicycle bridges at 24th Street and 40th Street
- Replacement of old noise walls, old retaining walls, old pavement and deficient bridges
- New streetscaping and landscaping along parallel local streets
- Continuation of the managed lanes on I-35W, serving transit, carpools/vanpools, motorcycles and MnPASS subscribers who pay a fee based on the level of congestion

How will the Lake Street Transit Station benefit Minneapolis residents and businesses?

Due to current congestion and service restrictions, Lake Street at I-35W is vastly underserved by transit service. By 2019, the fully-accessible transit station at Lake Street is estimated to attract more than 139,000 annual additional riders with roughly 42,000 new riders boarding on the freeway level, and 97,000 annual new riders using local buses at the Lake Street level. The Lake Street Transit Station will facilitate many new trips and transfers that are not possible in the current transit system.

Benefits of Lake Street Transit Station - Continued from Page 1

Some of the benefits of the Lake Street Transit Station include:

- More than 8,000 jobs and 12,000 households within a 10-minute walk of the Lake Street station will have easy access to the Orange Line BRT.
- The Lake Street station will increase reliable, frequent transit access to people in the Lake Street area including neighborhoods with concentrations of affordable housing, low-income households, households without automobiles, and significant ethnic and racial diversity.
- Peak-hour transit service will be restored at Lake Street, which is currently restricted due to inability for buses to shift from the inside MnPASS lane (46th Street Station) and the Lake Street shoulder.
- By 2030, more than 800 daily bus trips will stop at the Lake Street Transit Station, carrying more than 20,000 riders.
- The new station will improve personal safety and comfort for both riders on the Orange Line and riders on Lake Street buses.
- The new station will be an architectural icon that will attract people, businesses and customers to the Lake Street area, adding value to the surrounding businesses and properties.
- The new station will provide a catalyst for significant transit-oriented development and infill development in the Lake Street interchange/station area.
- The pedestrian and bicycle connections to the transit station will improve safety and convenience for bicyclists and pedestrians.

How you can be involved?

Everyone is encouraged to be involved in the design as these projects move toward construction. You can participate by:

- Talking with your Project Advisory Committee representative (see www.35lake.com for members)
- Attending public meetings and open houses
- Sending comments: james.grube@hennepin.us
- Checking the project website: www.35lake.com
- Signing up to receive e-newsletters at: www.35lake.com
- Requesting a presentation: Contact Jim Grube at 612-596-0307 or james.grube@hennepin.us

Attention: If you have any questions regarding this material, please call 311

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www.35lake.com
MnDOT is planning to rehabilitate I-35W between approximately 42nd Street and 32nd Street. This project includes:

- Replacement of pavement
- Extension of southbound managed lane (lane for buses, carpool/vanpool, motorcycles and MnPASS subscribers)
- Possible redecking of some bridges
- Repair of some noise walls
- New pedestrian/bicycle bridge at 40th Street
- Estimated cost is $65 million
- Construction is planned for 2017

**Transit/Access project**

The I-35W Transit/Access project includes the Lake Street interchange area between approximately 32nd Street and 26th Street. This project includes:

- Full reconstruction of freeway, ramps and some sections of local streets and sidewalks immediately adjacent to the freeway
- Orange Line BRT Station at Lake Street
- New bridges at 31st Street, Lake Street, Midtown Greenway, 28th Street
- High quality bicycle/pedestrian connection between Midtown Greenway and Lake Street
- Noise walls and retaining walls
- New exit ramp at Lake Street from southbound I-35W
- New exit ramp from northbound I-35W to 28th Street
- Estimated cost is $130 million
- Construction is planned for 2017

Hennepin County will be reconstructing Lake Street between Blaisdell Avenue and 9th Avenue South as a separate project. This work will be coordinated with the reconstruction of the I-35W Transit/Access project.

**Chapter 152 bridges**

There are two bridges on I-35W that are included in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 152, which requires structurally deficient bridges to be replaced. These are the "braid" bridge, which carries I-35W southbound from the I-94 common section, and the "flyover" bridge, which is the ramp from northbound I-35W to westbound I-94. The replacement and relocation of these bridges will require the reconstruction of I-35W between 26th Street and downtown Minneapolis. This project also includes:

- Full reconstruction of freeway, ramps and freeway bridges
- New bridges at 26th Street, Franklin Avenue
- New 24th Street pedestrian/bicycle bridge
- Noise walls and retaining walls
- Estimated cost is $130 million
- Construction is planned for 2017
introduced HB 3684, extending schedule.

The New Real Timeline

Final plans should be complete soon, with few changes and much care given to all of the feed-back gathered from the public. By early September, the project will be out to bid. Once all bids are gathered from the public. By care given to all of the feed-swim lessons at the Phillips Aquatics Center:

The Pool is Making Waves

It was just over nine months ago that the Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) Board, with the blessing of Interim Superintendent Michael Goar, not only voted to re-affirm its commitment to contribute annual operating dol-lars for a 5-year period, but also announced that they would make a $1,750,000 capital contribu-tion to the MPRB to be used toward the construction of the Phillips Aquatics Center. Their only request was to work together to establish a memorandum of understanding (MOU), outlining this partnership would work.

Nine months later, a four-page document has emerged! https://goo.gl/8zVZK

As you might expect, the MOU calls on the MPRB to come up with a specific plan for provid-ing swim lessons at the Phillips Aquatics Center:

“By October 31, 2017 the MPRB will present plans for the establishment of a “City Swims” program with multiple partners. The plans will include lessons and classes led by professional staff and certified lifeguards for all Minneapolis children. MPS agrees to actively participate in the planning and implementation of the initiative through access to the pool as well as academic athletics and operations staff leadership. Both organizations mutually recognize the importance of financial develop-ment and success of the “City Swims” program. The “City Swims” initiative will be operational by February 1, 2018 contingent on the opening of the planned “Phillips Aquatics Center.”

What is most interesting, how-ever, is the scope of collabora-tion this MOU encompasses, calling for MPS and MPRB to work together to create a $1,750,000 capital fund for a new pool operated by the City of Minneapolis to participate in athletic programs of all types. The group will be led by the MPS director of athletics and the MPRB’s assistant superintendent of recreation.

The plan is then to have MYSA oversee (7) different sport-specific “commissions” made up of MPS & MPRB staff, students, coaches and parents from the community.

Dr. Stephen Fisk, Deputy Chief of Schools, and Trent Tucker, Director of Athletics, presented the MOU to the MPS Board of Education at its regular meeting on April 12. A copy of the presen-tation is available at https://goo.gl/BMOu. The adoption of a MOU was introduced, and will be voted on at the next board meet-ing. A copy of the presentation can be seen at https://goo.gl/v4ZCA

So far, the MPRB has not addressed the proposed MOU at the board level.

For anyone currently involved in youth sports, the thought of MPS and MPRB working as one - in terms of field and facility scheduling, thinking proactively about your specific sport, and making sure that resources are available to all members of the community -- is a dream. It seems the ripples from our pool are starting to make some interesting waves!

The Pool is Making Waves & the Phillips Aquatics Center

In February of this year, Minneapolis Commissioner of Education, Brenda Cassellius, Ed. D., delivered a report titled, “Existing Resources and Best Practices Available for Swimming Instruction in Minnesota Public Schools.”

To stay in compliance with the laws of Minnesota 2015, chapter 3, article 2, section 66(b), the commissioner of Education “must establish a work group of inter-ested stakeholders, including the commissioner or commissioner’s designee, the commissioner of Health or the commissioner’s designee, and representatives of K-12 physical education teachers, K-12 school administrators, the Minnesota School Board Association, nonprofit fitness and recreational organizations, public parks and recreation departments, and other stakeholders, includ-ing community members under-served and disproportionately impacted by the current distri-bution of swimming resources, interested in swimming instruc-tion and activities identified by the commissioner of Education, to determine and report to the education committees of the legis-lature by February 1, 2016, on the curriculum, resources, personnel, and other costs needed to make swimming instruction available in all Minnesota public schools for children beginning at an early age. The work group must consider the substance of the report under para-graph (a) in preparing its report.”

A copy of the report can be found here http://goo.gl/Ne5SyW

Their conclusion is that while it may be cost-prohibitive to build pools for every district in the state, collaborative partnerships between the schools and community organizations should be encouraged and incented, and that swimming instruction should be expanded to include drowning prevention as a way to reach more children.

Bob Crumsted is Executive Director for Minnesota Swimming, the governing body of non-high school competitive swim events, and was a member of the work group. He had this to say about the Phillips Aquatics Center and Minneapolis Swims:

“Is a member of the swimming instruction work group gathered by the Minnesota Department of Education, the Phillips Aquatics Center is a terrific example of a partnership that will help bring swimming instruction to children in Minneapolis schools. As I see it, based on our research and recommendations to the State. Minneapolis Swims, a 501(c)3, has put together a capital collabora-tion made up of State, County, School Park, Foundation and Individual donations to open a facility to be run and owned by the Parks. It will be utilized by the schools, located in the cen-ter of a community with a great need for our students to have access to a high-quality facility designed to be a learn-to-swim facility with 10 lanes. Moreover, not just for school children but all members of the community as well.”

Denny Bennett is President of Minneapolis Swims

Rave and/or Save Burma-Shave
Burma Shave Vine Church History Sidewalk Rally
May 7th 2 PM - 2019 East Lake Street

BY STEVE SANDBERG

Happy May Day and thanks again for your support for the interesting history of the building at 2019 East Lake Street where Burma Shave began.

We are getting closer to the day when we can gain access to the building and under the guidance of the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota (PAM), begin an offi-cial historic survey.

In pursuance of our goal we are hosting a Sidewalk Rally at 2 pm on Saturday May 7th at the site of the building, 2019 E. Lake Street. We are inviting dignitaries, celebrity judges for jingle writing and clean shave competitions. We think we have located a descendant of one of the horses that helped move the build-ing in 1892 who will be present to answer your questions.

This will all be done to pub-licize the rich history of this site and to raise money for the historic survey.

PAM has agreed to be the fis-cal agent, and please go to www. burma-shave.org to make a tax-deductible contribu-tion to the special fund set up for the Burma Shave History Vine Church Project, and we’ll see you May 7th for the Sidewalk Rally!
MAY 13TH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING @ 7:00 PM

MPRB Reveals Phillips Community Center Facility Grounds Redevelopment Plans

Not too many years ago, 2008 to be exact, the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board had largely given up on the Phillips Pool & Gym, which had been home to a Boys and Girls Club and YWCA Day Care for the nearly twenty years. With great reluctance and Phillips Community pressure, the MPRB coughed up more than $1.5 million to address previous failures to maintain the building, but unfortunately, the swimming pool could not be included in that re-opening effort. With assistance of tenants like Pillsbury United’s Waite House, Running Wolf Fitness Center and Ventura Village, the Park Board was able to lease excess space so the building could cash flow while providing needed recreational services. The building re-opened in 2011 and has been heavily used ever since. Now with five years of operating experience under its belt with the cooperative assistance of long-term tenants, redevelopment plans are ready to implement.

Most significant is the re-development of the current pool with an additional “teaching” warm water pool that is expected to be completed in mid-2017. In the future, Ventura Village will assist in development of a spa or “hot tub” for sore joints and muscles. This development will change the landscape by pushing parking from the south side of the building toward the west, with a new bus loading zone. The three major entrances on the east, west and south are expected to be consolidated into one located at the south end to accommodate the swimming pool entrance area as well. Entering the parking lot will also be moved to an access point on Eleventh Avenue.

The north side of the building has been mostly ignored for the past few years, but will be re-created into a quieter, more isolated area for community gatherings. Ventura Village has secured a $25,000 grant and pledged another $10,000 for a few of the improvements including a venue for bocce ball or art fairs and smaller public gatherings. Waite House plans to incorporate the outdoor area adjacent to their leased space to construct a larger children’s play area that will complement the outdoor development planned by Ventura Village serving adults and families. This will enable parents to enjoy several activities and still watch their children at play. All of these improvements will lead to a more vital community center.

TOWN HALL MEETING ADDRESSES ISSUES OF ISLAMOPHOBIA

More than 65 people joined their neighbors in attending an April 5th Town Hall Meeting to talk about their response to political candidates calling for police patrols and surveillance Muslim neighborhoods. With a large percentage of Ventura Village residents being Muslim religious affiliations, neighbors were able to express concerns with several elected officials and members of the Minneapolis Police Department. Officers speaking for the Department indicated that such orders would be considered “unconstitutional” and be refused. Members of the Somali-American Police Officers Assn. attended and spoke out regarding the insightful political rhetoric from several political campaigns. Abdullahi Sheikh, one of the participants posted a note saying, “Islamophobia is a new stereotype driven by prejudice & discrimination, hate against law-abiding Muslim citizens and non-citizens... We must reject this now and forever against every community faith.”

NEXT VENTURA VILLAGE MONTHLY MEETINGS:
- APRIL 28th: HOUSING & LAND COMMITTEE: 5:30 PM
- APRIL 28th CRIME & SAFETY COMMITTEE: 6:30 PM
- MAY WELLNESS, GARDENING & GREENING COMMITTEE: TBA
- MAY COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE: TBA
- MAY 13th: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: 6:00 PM
- MAY 13th: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 7:00 PM

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

Bill Kingsbury
In its April 2016 General Membership Meeting Ventura Village expressed our sincere appreciation for your service and dedication to our community. Your initiatives within the Wellness, Gardening and Greening Committee led to our enthusiasm for these concerns and has helped transform and grow our neighborhood. Ventura Village owes a debt of gratitude to you, our neighbor, friend and community member.

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"The Embrace of the Serpent"

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Movie Corner

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is in the same area, along the Colombian-Brazilian border, against Karamakate (the older played by Antonio Bolivar) becomes the guide going down the same river looking for yakrum. Guerra and cinematographer David Gallego could hardly have done a more eloquent film where white foreigners brought havoc on the pristine forests and the people as well. The land is sacred and is not to be unnecessarily butchered or disturbed by conormans.

"The Embrace of the Serpent" is nominated for Best Foreign Language Film for 2016.

Casting: Nest (Young ibibo Torr Karamakate), Jan Biyoet (Theodor Koch-Grunberg), Varamakate Migue (Manduca), Brionne Davis (Richard Evans Schultz), Antonio Bolivar (older Karamakate). Running time: 125 minutes. Director: Ciro Guerra.

"Hail Caesar"

Comedy/Mystery

PG13

Our beloved Minneapolis (St. Louis Park, exactly) native director, brothers Joel and Ethan Coen, speak like an upper-classman. Another off-the-wall comedy, screwy, boisterous similar to their other comedies "The Big Lebowski,” “O Brother, Where,” “Burn After Reading” (2008).

Like an old-school western, the Coens’ "Hail, Caesar!" rewinds the clock back to the Hollywood of the 1950s. What "Hail, Caesar!" does for me–at least–in the nostal-
gic sense, when I was a boy sitting in a theater (one screen) watching the fullness of Cinemaskope, the new larger than life invention in 1953. There’s a lot here that more than meets the eye, I mean, in ("Hail, Caesar"), especially for a baby boomer like myself.

To start off, Eddie Mannix (Josh Brolin) is the head of Capitol Studios with his loaded hands of about Tinseltown, her main target Baird is on an alleged scandal of the past. I didn’t find “Hail, Caesar,” "flat or boring; I am pleased with the film.

Cast: Josh Brolin (Eddie Mannix), George Clooney (Baird Whitlock), Tilda Swinton (Thora Tracke), Ralph Fiennes (Laurence Laurentz), Jonah Hill (Joseph Silverman), Frances McDormand (C.C. Calhoun), Channing Tatum (Burt Mannix), Alden Ehrenreich (Hobe Doyle). Scarlett Johansson (Dee Anna Moran), Directors: Ethan and Joel Coen. Running time: 105 minutes.

Phoenix Deadline May 30th

By Patrick Cabello Hansel

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zine, will be published early this summer. The theme is "This is My Story." We are looking for poems and reflections that tell your story, big or small: who you are, how you came to be in Phillips, what your hopes are for our neighborhood. Anyone who lives in Phillips, of any age and any ability are invited to submit. Deadline is May 30. E-mail your work to stpaulchurc

h@gmail.com, or mail it to: The Phoenix of Phillips, c/o St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 2742 15th Ave. S. Minneapolis, MN 55407

Are you interested in becoming a real estate developer in the City of Minneapolis?

The City of Minneapolis is hosting a Small Developers 101 Training to promote the development of women and minority-owned small developers. This introductory course will provide attendees with an awareness of (but not necessarily competence in) the basic tools used in consider-
ing a development project. The training will have three main objectives:

- To build capacity and divers-
ify the pool of developers in Minneapolis.
- To educate new and inexperi-
cenced small developers in risk manage-
ment and the real estate development process.
- To educate decision makers, community partners and City staff on the importance of devel-
oper capacity/experience in the evaluation of develop-
ment proposals.

Who should attend this train-
ing? The training is targeting, but is not limited to, the follow-
ing audiences:

- Small developers with no or lim-
ited experience.
- Businesses or nonprofits consid-
ering an owner-occupant (and maybe also renting out some space).
- Anyone who would like to make a liv-
ing from development (commercial
and/or housing) including women and minority-owned businesses.
- Neighborhood groups, decision makers, City staff, and founda-
tions seeking to understand how real estate projects work.

For more information: http://www.incrementaldevelopment.
org/minneapolis

Apply by May 1, 2016!

"Purple Rain" and Celebration

Sabbathian Community Center

310 East 38th St. Mpls 55409

Saturday April 30th

3:00 pm until 6:00 pm

Event will feature local musi-
cians. Our DJ Mr. Ray Seville will be

Free Open to the Public. Bring something PURPLE to SHARE!

Sponsor: Sabbatian Community Center, AMMAD, Seward, Community Co-op, MADD DADS, Councilperson Elizabeth Glidden, Willywood United Communities, and many others! If you want to sponsor, perform or contribute - call or text 612-781-8134.

Sabbathian Community Center is hosting Free nightly showings of "Purple Rain" at 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. The Feed Fridge Community Center is housed in the same building as Bryant Junior High School, where Prince attended. The community center is provid-
ing free popcorn for guests.

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Ursus spelaeus (Cave Bear) emerged one million years ago, coexisted with Homo neanderthalensis for 300,000 years, then went extinct in the period of Homo sapien ascendency. Cave Bear was a big vegetarian. In those Ice Age winters, he and his kind occupied in masse the great caves of Europe. There, they would hibernate. Who doubts that our own brethren and Cave Bear coexisted as cohabitants of the cave?

Neanderthal man had entered the scene, spear of Africa in hand. Nonetheless, necessity and fear imposed a powerful tension. We soon learned, however, that Cave Bear had come to sleep, and after all, would prefer not to mess with us. So then we, with our fire and spears, held the raiding hyenas at bay, while the old bears, which had come to sleep forever, provided a ton of meat.

Enter the dark cave...

In the future, from what steady source will we augment the grid to prevent the chaos of electrical blackouts?

Note: Many of our climate crisis activists have, in part, made careers in opposition to nuclear power. I do not doubt the integrity of their labor, but I do Doubt that their activities take a deeper look.

They tell me: Nuclear experts work for Corporate-America, therefore, we cannot trust any of them. Forgive me. Corporate-America is merely a shell to be dissolved away by our socialist revolution. This shell contains both good and bad. That which is good will be retained.

Then, so deeply painful, was the accusation of racism, on the grounds that a nuclear future would violate Navaho land. Firstly, dear people, I suggest we source our energy from the dismantling of our nuclear arsenal. Secondly, should we fail to resolve the energy question, what measure of genocide would the fascist element commence? And then...

Homo sapiens arrived with their dogs. The many skulls of Cave Bear hung to the wall, while the glowing torch shown the magical paintings of returning herds. This too was good, for many thousands of years.

Truth to tell, just as sure as the clay deposits from eroded granite were the template of organic molecular formation, the background radiation, which exists everywhere on this planet, fostered the evolution of conscious beings. Now, we must master this force.
LOOK! Just Half of the BACKYARD INITIATIVE Activities in April!!!

A partial sampling of the activities hosted by the leaders and members of the BYI Community Health Action Teams (CHATs). There is so much happening, there was not even room to list all of it!

Growing the Backyard

*MIDTOWN GLOBAL MARKET; *SABATANHI-Central Neighborhood; *WAITE HOUSE; *EAST PHILLIPS CULTURAL COMMUNITY CENTER-East Phillips

1. Community Engagement Survey: Get feedback from community through survey to develop training to increase growers and farmers to 20% (6 times)
2. Value Add to the Food System/ Skill Share: Recruit and train participants for food production for markets. (6 times)
3. Recruiting and Seed Give-Away: Talking with people in the community who farm or are interested in farming. (5 times)

Rebirthing Community – Communities of Light (COL)

*MIDTOWN GLOBAL MARKET; *VALON THEATRE-Midtown Phillips Neighborhood

1. Solar Lantern Workshops: Build + collapsible solar lanterns – teach self-sufficiency (5 times)
2. Solar Generator Workshop: Hands on learning to build stand alone solar generators (5 times)
3. Solar Lantern Decorating Workshop: Decorating collapsible solar lanterns with community members (3 times)
4. COL Co-op Meeting: Build capacity with COL co-op members (4 times)
5. COL Business Development: Build capacity

Out in the Backyard

*CANDO – Central Neighborhood

1. Pilates: System of exercises that improves flexibility, builds strength, and develops control and endurance in the entire body. (6 times)
2. Zumba: A dance fitness program originally created by a Columbian dancer that involves dance and aerobic elements and incorporates hip hop, soca, salsa, merengue and mambo. (8 times)

3. Yoga: An ancient East Indian practice that combines physical exercises, mental meditation, and breathing techniques. It strengthens the muscles and relieves stress. (12 times)
4. Bollywood Dance: A style of dancing based on Indian classical dance and folk dances from various parts of India and incorporating elements from the West. (11 times)
5. Community Potluck (1 time)

Latino Health Begins at Home

JENNY’S BEAUTY SALON: Midtown Phillips

1. Group Trainings on Internal/Home Environmental Hazards: Met with groups of 10-25 individuals to dispel myths and demonstrate common household products which can be used to clean their homes without a negative impact on their health. These safe alternatives can be used without compromising cleanliness. We also conduct a lottery or drawing system in which 1-2 individuals, based on group size, are selected to have their home audited and cleaned by a team of experts (Fridays) IN PRIVATE HOMES.

2. Home Audit and House Cleaning: Home audits to identify all the hazards in the home, do specific presentations on hazardous materials and the health risk associated with the products. The kitchen is then cleaned; stove-top, oven, refrigerator, microwave, countertops, walls, floors, tables, sinks, the entire kitchen and all surfaces. When the kitchen is cleaned, we teach the winner how to mix nonhazardous cleaning products that we used to clean their home. In people’s homes. (4 times)

Backyard Initiative CHAT activities are organized around these four Health Priorities

1. Social Cohesion: The sense of community and belonging that community members have. Community members feel they live in a place where people trust and respect each other and have a sense of responsibility to take care of each other.
2. Social Support: The support that a community member receives from and gives to the community members around them, including emotional and spiritual support, help with daily needs and crises, and the sharing of advice, information, and feedback.
3. Health Education: The degree to which community members and their families have the capacity to obtain, process, and understand basic information and services needed to make appropriate decisions regarding their health. This includes information about what is essential to health (the importance of the family, community, spirituality, the environment, culture, food, sleep, and movement) as well as the medical information needed to address a specific health condition.
4. Health Empowerment: Community members are active participants in their self-care, and have the knowledge, skill, and confidence to manage their health and health care and collaborate with health practitioners.

Full Backyard Initiative CHAT activities are available at http://byifact.org/