The highlight of summer for hundreds of Phillips kids is the Clyde Turner Youth Basketball Camp. Approximately eighty boys and girls from nine to seventeen years of age filled the East Phillips Park Gym the week of August 14th and the Phillips Community Center the week earlier. They came for basketball and got a whole lot more. Clyde Turner’s Camp is an Educational Basketball Academy where basketball is utilized as a conduit to learning skills and skill application for success on and off the court. It provides sport opportunities for group social learning, leadership, development of good decision-making skills and a sense of accountability. The Camp is made possible by a partnership with the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, East Phillips Improvement Coalition (EPIC), Minneapolis Parks & Rec. and Past Athletes Concerned About Education (PACE).

I saw this unique concept unfold on Thursday as the gym started to fill at 11:00 AM. Clyde called the group to order at a little after 11:30 and introduced Desoon Oliver, Coach Karim Jackson says, “Stretch you arms way out!” “Keep them up.” “Now you have it!” “That’s Good!”

Clyde Turner
Basketball Camp
At East Phillips Park Cultural & Community Center-17th Ave. & Phillips Community Center-13th Ave.

Is MORE than Basketball!

BY CAROL PASS

Theatre’s Community Soul
BY SANDY SPIELER

Perhaps it seems like a contradiction to be a professional theatre with a community soul. Our internal dilemmas—about speaking our artistic voices while also giving community participants a voice; about providing our company with livable wages while keeping the theatre work inexpensive and affordable—are not separate from the external dilemmas of the larger world. Indeed, such a path contains all the recurring dilemmas of seeking to live a soulful life in the midst of our nation, where everything is valued primarily as a commodity of the marketplace. Walking this dilemma is part of being “in the heart of the beast.”

In 1979, company member and poet Stephen Linsner suggested the name “In the Heart of the Beast” as a metaphor for our theatre. He wrote, “To be puppeteers in the Heart of the Beast…is to find ourselves in the great world Beast made of families, races, ages, classes, corporations, and nations, people, (and creatures!) all different, working out a way to live together…in to work puppets. To hold life in our hands, to sense how we are all like puppets—worked by instincts, voices, and forces above and below us…is to carry and protect something very old like a heart within us, a secret, a promise. Like carrying a flickering candle through a dark place. Like carrying a family in a heart.”

In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre
Update to Our Community
August 2017

BY CORRIE ZOLL

HOBT’s Vision: 3 Years 3 Goals

Over the past three years, HOBT has been working toward a transformational plan to build a more resilient organization, to address the issues of owning an aging and distressed building, and to better serve its neighbors.

The Avalon Theatre: HOBT Says! & Welcomes Renters

The plan centers on a rebranding of HOBT’s Avalon Theater at the corner of 15th Avenue South and East Lake Street as a neighborhood art center. HOBT will continue to own and operate the building, and will continue to use it to present programming. Nearly all of HOBT’s programming can be condensed so that it relies on the Avalon Theater stage 20 weeks of the year. This leaves 30 weeks each year to fill the space with arts programming and events that represent the cultures present in the neighborhoods served by HOBT. Imagine live music, dance, theater, film, birthday parties, weddings and more. The additional income will strengthen HOBT’s ability to work toward its mission to bring people together.

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Loos, Fares, Hikes, and Detours

BY JOHN CHARLES WILSON

Finally! A month with Phillips-specific transit news, after two months of waiting.

The Lake Street light rail station is being renovated, including fixing the elevators and escalators, cleaning and re-coating/painting surfaces, replacing broken glass, and putting in new signs at lights.

Now if only the Met Council could do something about the elevators smelling like urine. I recommend installing a “Portland Loo” (http://www.theloo.biz) at light rail stations, park and ride lots, and other transit facilities. The Portland Loo is a metal outdoor toilet designed for areas where people often misuse provided facilities. It is vandalism-resistant and affords just enough privacy and comfort to be usable while not encouraging loitering or improper use. Passersby can’t see your genitals, but they can hear everything and see if more than one person is inside.

Non-rush hour local fares are going up from $1.75 to $2.00 and rush hour local fares are going up from $2.25 to $2.50 as of October 1, 2017. Express and Northstar fares are also increasing by 25 cents across the board. The Transit Assistance Program, an experiment which provided lower fares to people with low incomes, was not adopted.

Transit

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BY ERIN THOMASSON

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Tues, Wed, & Thurs, 3:30-7:30 pm

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Family Storytime

Fri’s, 10-10:30 am

All ages and their parent or caregiver. Talk, sing, read, write and play together sharing books, stories, rhymes, music and movement.

Franklin Teen Center Programs

Teen Tech Workshop

Wed’s, 4:30-6 pm

Make music, videos, animation and other projects using both high- and low-tech tools; iPads and 3D printers to synthesize machines and sew. Led by the library’s Teen Tech Squad.

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Thur’s, 4:30-6 pm

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“A Nation should not be judged by how it treats its highest citizens, but its lowest ones.”

Leon Oman, Treasurer.

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History: what and who chooses?

After 150 Years Gone, But Not Forgotten

In his book “In the Memory House,” author Howard Mansfield raises questions about who we, as a society, choose to remember and why. The “why” has less to do with the accomplishments of those being remembered and more to do with our sense of who we are as a society. Some people’s stories get told; others’ stories do not. Who decides?

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Mike Barth, Pioneer and Soldier Cemetery Caretaker "through rain or shine" on the lawnmower or here on a bobcat helping Brian Orth setting a Veterans grave marker.

The Way of the Monarch at Pioneer and Soldiers Cemetery
Monday Sept. 4th 1:30 PM

The Way of the Monarch follows the spectacular metamorphosis and migration of the monarch butterfly. This beloved creature transforms from egg to larva to caterpillar to chrysalis to butterfly to international traveler. Laurie Witzkowski is a maker of theater, music, ritual and garden sites, on the streets and by rivers, in war zones, sacred spaces in war zones, sacred sites, on the streets and by rivers across the country and the world, dedicated to ending violence on all levels. Additionally, she has envisioned space in war zones, sacred sites, on the streets and by rivers across the country and the world, dedicated to ending violence on all levels. Besides her theater work with many ensembles, she has appeared on stage, screen and recordings as a vocalist, musician and conductor. Drumming! Dancing! Working with kids and dirt and seeds! She just can’t help herself.
National Night Out

Once again, the diverse East Phillips community came out in large numbers to celebrate National Night Out (NNO). Neighbors attended block parties that engaged folks originally from all corners of the globe, sharing fun, food, games and conversation at parties throughout the community. Mixing cultures allowed some to crack open a piñata for the first time, and others to try basketball moves they never imagined demonstrated by new friends. This is East Phillips, where out of our global roots, we are still “celebrating diversity”, while building the strengths of our respective communities, never doubting that this is still possible.

Ideally Minneapolis involves all segments of the community in building healthier, safer and more enjoyable neighborhoods. NNO encourages people to get to know each other and work together to prevent and address crime and other neighborhood problems. It is an occasion to celebrate past successes, discuss current challenges and issues, and re-dedicate to collaborative efforts with neighbors, police, businesses and others to improve the quality of life in our City. Every year Minneapolis tops the list of NNO Block parties in the nation and if the parties in East Phillips are any indication, 2017 will not be an exception.

EPIC’s and NCR’s Role:
To help support this important event and the block clubs in East Phillips, EPIC Provides up to $100.00 of funding to each registered NNO block club party in East Phillips. The Neighborhood & Community Relations (NCR) department, whose mission is to foster community engagement provides this funding to neighborhood organizations. The most effective means of engaging people is getting them together to share food and fun. Incredibly, NCR rules still prohibit the purchase of food and entertainment. They verbally champion community engagement, while prohibiting the most effective means to accomplish it. We take this moment to once again encourage NCR to allow funding for our barbeques, inflated bounce houses and piñatas as seen in the pictures above.

For Your Calendar:

To get involved in EPIC and East Phillips, Join us at any or all of the meetings below.

EPIC Board of Directors meets on the Second Saturday in September due to Labor Day weekend.
Next Meetings: Saturday, 9/9/2017 and 10/7/2017 at 10:00 AM.
At 2433 Bloomington Ave. S.

EPIC Community Meetings are on the Second Thursday – Next Meetings:
Thursday, 9/14/17 and 10/12/2017 at 6:30 PM.
At the Community Center, 2207 17th Ave. S.
Agenda includes Neighborhood Industrial Pollution, Crime Initiatives, and EPIC project updates.

The East Phillips Park Programming Partnership meets on the LAST Tuesday – Next Meetings:
Tuesday 9/26/17 and 10/31/17 at 11:30 AM.
at the Community Center. Lunch is served.

The East Phillips Park Cultural & Community Center is located at 2307 17th Ave. S.

Special Events:

Phillips Community Clean Sweep: Saturday, October 14th – 9:00 AM meet at Welna for breakfast, your free T-Shirt & cleaning supplies – Clean the ‘hood – then at Stewart Park for free lunch, entertainment, information tables and much more.


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PHILLIPS CLEAN SWEEP
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2017
9am-10pm
Enjoy a Free Breakfast and Pick-Up Free Supplies
Plus, get a FREE 2017 Clean Sweep T-Shirt
CHECK IN AT EITHER OF THESE LOCATIONS:
Welna Ace Hardware Parking Lot – 2438 Bloomington Ave S
Lutheran Social Services – 2400 Park Ave S (enter on 24th St)
FREE 2016 Clean Sweep T-shirts will be available, while supplies last.

Meet your neighbors, help pick up litter, and clean up your neighborhood! Organize your neighbors!

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Get a FREE 2017 Clean Sweep T-Shirt

Free Lunch and Entertainment
Plus Neighborhood Information & Fun at Stewart Park (2100 12th Ave S)
Bring your trash!
The Phillips neighborhoods have raised funds to provide free pick up for residents during Clean Sweep. They will pick up extra household trash, old furniture, carpet, household construction and tires.
Materials should be out the night before and no later than 9am October 14th.
(No hazardous wastes are picked up and any appliance or recyclables are picked up off the city recycling schedule)
FFI: call 952-996-6470
HURRAH FOR PEAVEY PARK!

The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board and the Minneapolis City Council are funding a version of the Ventura Village & West Phillips Neighborhoods’ Plan for Peavey Park! Work on this major renovation began on Monday, August 14th, with the groundbreaking for the new basketball courts. It will continue through the summer of 2018 with a total redesign of the other areas of the park.

The Ventura Village and West Phillips Neighborhoods began developing plans for Peavey Park in the summer of 2010, when they approached and engaged Professor Ignacio San Martin, Chair of Urban Design and Director of the U of M’s Metropolitan Design Center. With San Martin’s guidance, the neighborhoods began a two-year process of community engagement leading to a Redesign of Peavey Park that would foster community use and reduce negative problems long plaguing Peavey Park. The plan was presented to the MPRB Board and accepted, but not considered for implementation until the 2014 South Service Area Master Planning process began. That process took two years, so in 2016 the MPRB Board finally officially approved the Peavey Park Redesign, with funding from the City’s 20 Year Neighborhood Plan Funding.

At this time, there is no picnic shelter included in MPRB’s funding for Peavey Park. As a result, our neighborhoods, along with the MPRB are again working together, to make a picnic shelter a reality. Ventura Village’s Community Engagement Committee has begun to design a viable shelter similar to the image (left) and raise funds. Half the funds have been secured; we are seeking help in raising the remaining monies.

If you can contribute, contact us by sending an email to PeaveyParkGift@gmail.com.

There needs to be huge Thank You’s to all who helped in this process—Inspector Lucy Gerold and Professor San Martin—and a remembrance of those who came before us, who worked so hard to improve Peavey Park. Before there was a Ventura Village or a West Phillips, Phillips Neighborhood Improvement Association (PNIA), People of Phillips (POP), and Hope Community members worked diligently to make our community a wonderful place to live. They also developed Peavey Park Plans, but sadly never realized.

Let us all rejoice in finally reaching success!

— Mary Watson

UPCOMING VENTURA VILLAGE MONTHLY MEETINGS:

WEDNESDAY, SEP 13TH: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: 6:00 PM
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TUESDAY, SEP 26TH: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE: 6:00 PM
THURSDAY, SEP 28TH: HOUSING & LAND COMMITTEE: 5:30 PM
THURSDAY, SEP 28TH: CRIME & SAFETY COMMITTEE: 6:30 PM

Two options remain for community engagement on Phase 2 improvements: 1) Stop by the Franklin Open Streets celebration on Sunday, August 27th, Noon to 4:00 PM. You’ll find MPRB staff at the intersection of Franklin and Park Avenues, as part of the Franklin Open Streets event. Stop by with friends, family and neighbors to learn about the project and give your input on Phase 2 improvements.

2) Take the Online Survey open through Sunday, August 27th. Whether or not you took the earlier survey, your input is needed for this follow-up survey. It focuses on design and other options for the new playground, plus concepts for a potential picnic shelter north of the playground.

Councilman Abdi Warsame is joining with the Phillips West and Ventura Village Neighborhoods to host a PUBLIC SAFETY BRAINSTORM SESSION to discuss strategies for reducing crime in the Chicago/Franklin Avenue area. Please take the time to participate in this engagement. Your concerns and ideas are important. Thanks!

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For more information or questions about Ventura Village meetings, please email us at info@venturavillage.org.
Dequon was one of the youth in Clyde’s Basketball Camp twenty-plus years ago. He is now a business man and owns a very successful barber/beauty shop in the area. Before basketball coaching and practice began, Dequon gave an inspiring talk about how his dream came true and challenged the youth in his audience to DREAM big as well. He counseled the kids to equate the “R” in DREAM to the word “Resource” – ie, find resources such as parents, school, church, etc. to help realize their dream. The “E” is to “Educate” yourself in-order-to prepare for the dream. “A” is to “Apply” yourself in all you do, and “M” is keep yourself “Motivated” in all decisions on your way to your goal. He then asked the youth to share their dreams which included the law, farming, politics, human and veterinarian medicine, and many more wonderful DREAMS all of which he assured, would be attained. A few of the youth wore Clyde Turner t-shirts which read, “Work Hard, Play Hard, Study Hard – Excel in Life – Beat the Odds”.

As the basketball part of Camp got started, Clyde led the kids in a rigorous round of stretching and limbering exercises. Yes, I said Clyde led the kids, doing exercises many 16-year-olds struggled with. As the day progressed, his staff of coaches quickly split the youth into age and ability compatible groups and led them in ball handling, dribbling, defensive and offensive drills, all stressing teamwork and sportsmanship as well as improving their basketball skills. It was amazing to see the coordinated effort that over the week turned kids into basketball players and gave them all life lessons to build their futures on.

Clyde enlists the help of many coaches for the kids, most of whom were one-time participants in his camps and all played college and/or professional basketball. In his words, “We try to include a strong life component in our camps. Obviously, we preach basketball fundamentals, teamwork, and sportsmanship, but we also incorporate the importance of having educational goals and career aspirations.” (GopherHole.com, May 24, 2004). A big part of Clyde’s goal is to serve the kids of economically challenged neighborhoods and, especially, to open the doors wider to the youth of the Native American Community.

Turner, after a stellar two years as a Gopher Basketball player in the early 1970s and a shot at the pros, returned to the U of M, got a master’s degree in social work and devoted his life to helping children and families in the Twin Cities. He served for years in the leadership of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, he put in 13 years with the Family Alternatives Program, managed the Child Protection Program for Ramsey County and this is his 31st year of providing what this gym full of kids have been waiting all summer for, the Clyde Turner Basketball Camp.

Our thanks to Clyde Turner and his wonderful coaches for offering a fantastic life experience to the youth of Phillips.

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HOBT Community Update

from page 1 together for the common good. Making an updated facility more accessible to more users serves a need for de

In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre (HOBT) recently received a $275,000 gift from the Sarah Bowman Trust. Sarah Bowman was a longtime supporter of HOBT and for several years was part of the “Sun Flotilla” of red canoes that bring the Sun Puppet Show to neighborhoods where these youth live. An eighteen season of Saturday Puppet Shows for Kids will present low-cost matinee puppet performances for families who live nearby, including Spanish language and bilingual performances.

HOBT’s theme will culminate in the February 18 premiere of NEIGHBORHOOD OF MAKE-BELIEVE by Bart Buch. The show uses the life and work of Fred Rogers as a frame to tell the story of people…is to tell the story of people who live in the heart of the beast— as courageous and resourceful as they really are.” This name was inspired by a phrase written by the Cuban poet Jose’ Marti, though often attributed to Che Guevara. Che had urged North Americans who wanted to be part of the Cuban revolution to take on the additional work that would be needed to transform the organization, the timing of Sarah Bowman’s gift will bring the organization from its current position to a point where a capital campaign is under way.

Scandinavian KUBB Game brings cultures together by Ingebretsen’s, at Lake Street Open Street Mpls, July 23rd 2017

What have you been eating at Open Street, at Lake Street Open Street Mpls

Scandinavian KUBB Game brings cultures together by Ingebretsen’s, at Lake Street

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Since its inception in 1989, HOBT has been committed to using the power of puppet and mask performance to bring people together for the common good through the theatre of the common. For HOBT’s neighbors in the Midtown Phillips, East Phillips and Powderhorn Park neighborhoods, that means more weekends that the Avalon Theater marquee is lit, more nights with activity on the corner of 15th & Lake, and more opportunities to connect with neighbors across cultures.

HOBT’s Next Steps

Making an updated facility more accessible to more users serves a need for developing a new business plan to ensure that HOBT pro-

The World’s a Stage beneath this marquee, at Lake Street Open Street Mpls

Scandinavian KUBB Game brings cultures together by Ingebretsen’s, at Lake Street

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2016 Critics’ Accolades: The Story of Crow Boy, Queens, & Basement Creatures In 2016, three Twin Cities theater critics listed three different HOBT productions in their year-end top ten lists of best performances, including THE STORY OF CROW BOY developed by Sandra Spieler, Steve Epp, Momoko Tanno and Masa Kawahara; QUEEN written by Erik Ehn and Junadsa Petrus and directed by Alison Heimstead; and BASEMENT CREATURES which was written produced by Davey Sizemier after he originally developed the piece as part of HOBT’s Puppet Lab program. HOBT’s 2017-2018 Season In the meantime, HOBT will continue to present high quality afterschool and summer programming to further its mission and programming that serves the common good through the theatre of the common. For HOBT’s neighbors in the Midtown Phillips, East Phillips, and Powderhorn Park neighborhoods, that means more weekends that the Avalon Theater marquee is lit, more nights with activity on the corner of 15th & Lake, and more opportunities to connect with neighbors across cultures.

HOBT’s Next Steps

While HOBT has been aware of Sarah Bowman’s gift for years, it was only a year ago that she was part of the “Sun Flotilla” of red canoes that bring the Sun Puppet Show to neighborhoods where these youth live.

An eighteen season of Saturday Puppet Shows for Kids will present low-cost matinee puppet performances for families who live nearby, including Spanish language and bilingual performances.

HOBT’s theme will culminate in the February 18 premiere of NEIGHBORHOOD OF MAKE-BELIEVE by Bart Buch. The show uses the life and work of Fred Rogers as a frame to tell the story of people who live in the heart of the beast— as courageous and resourceful as they really are.” This name was inspired by a phrase written by the Cuban poet Jose’ Marti, though often attributed to Che Guevara. Che had urged North Americans who wanted to be part of the Cuban revolution to...
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“What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead.”

The Semilla Center for Healing and the Arts and Annual Block Party @ St. Paul’s Lutheran 28th and 15th Avenue.

Gardening, Art, Growth, and Laughter

BY TALIA HANSEL AND AUBREY DONISCH

The Young Leaders Program of The Semilla Center for Healing and the Arts (a St. Paul’s Lutheran) has come to an end for the summer of 2017. The past six weeks have been full of gardening, art, growth, and laughter.

The Young Leaders brought the community together at St. Paul’s annual Block Party—they brought their A-Game and their water conservation knowledge to share.

BY THE PHILLIPS WELLNESS 50+ TEAM

Fourth, because their roots are deep, they hold more than just water. Pollinators flock to these flowers, providing both food and work for the community and more camaraderie among themselves.

The Young Leaders would like to thank everyone they have been able to meet this summer—we had a blast! Talia Hansel, is Community Ambassador for Young Leaders and Aubrey Donisch, is Youth Program Director.

St. Paul’s and Semilla Center’s annual Taste of Phillips Art Festival

BY PATRICK CABELO HANSEL


Individuals of all ages—community members, partners, students, and other guests are invited to submit to this community journal.

Youth and adults who live, work or volunteer in the Phillips neighborhood are invited to submit to this community journal. Deadline is September 30. E-mail submissions to semillacenter@gmail.com or mail them to Semilla Center for the Arts @ St. Paul’s, 2742 15th Ave S. Minneapolis, MN 55407.

4 Tips for a Healthy Lifestyle

BY THE PHILLIPS WELLNESS 50+ TEAM

It’s challenging to know what to do to stay healthy. Advice from experts seems to change from month to month, and it’s hard to keep track of what’s most important.

That’s why the Wellness 50+ group strives to take on four simple-to-remember behaviors:

• Getting 150 minutes of physical activity each week (that’s 30 minutes a day for five days each week).

• Eating five servings of fruits and vegetables a day. Think of a serving as about a half of a cup.

• Drinking little or no alcohol (no more than an average of one drink a day for women; two per day for men).

• Eliminating smoking and other tobacco products.

Doing these four things can produce important benefits, including:

• Better functional health (being able to do everyday things)

Call us from 6 - 9 p.m. on Mondays & Thursdays at (612)-724-1690
Visit us online at www.phillipsneighborhoodclinic.com

The Phillips Neighborhood Clinic is a FREE walk-in clinic operated by University of Minnesota health professional students.

Billy Joel, The “Piano Man” reflects a message in lyrics and persona

Billy Joel wears a jacket with the Star of David during the encore of his 43rd sold out show at Madison Square Garden on August 21, 2017 in New York City.

Pop great Billy Joel donned a yellow Star of David at a concert in New York in a powerful silent statement against white supremacy following the violence in Charlottesville.

The Piano Man, who is rarely overtly political, returned on Monday night to play his encore at Madison Square Garden sporting the Star of David on the front and back of his suit, photos posted online by fans showed.

Nazi Germany forced Jews to wear the religious symbol to identify them as it pursued its genocide. Joel was born to Jewish parents in New York, with his father, also a pianist, fleeing Germany where remaining relatives were killed in the Holocaust.

Dedication of the Phoenix of Phillips Art Gallery and Silent Auction.

October—28—October, 2017 4-8 p.m. Taste of Phillips Art Festival Festival de Arte en Phillips Semilla Center for Healing & the Arts @ St. Paul’s Lutheran 2742 15th Ave South in Minneapolis!
What’s going on in there? Phillips Aquatics Center Update

BY DENNY BENNETT

You know something is happening, you see the mounds of dirt, the heavy equipment, and the hard hats, but how is it coming along? Is it really going to be a new Aquatics Center?

I’m happy to report, that not only is construction progressing, but it is right on schedule! You can count on being in the water with your Valentine this next winter. If you drive by the site, you can see that the structure holding the swimming pool is up and work has begun on the parking lot. What you can’t see is the exciting progress inside the building. We are well over the halfway point, and with each passing week, it will look more and more like they are ready to open!

As you enter the building, the mechanicals, electric and plumbing have all been roughed in so that the walls, floors and ceiling can progress. In the existing pool area, the spectator seating is taking shape, and you can almost envision the future. You know something is happening, you see the mounds of dirt, the heavy equipment, and the hard hats, but how is it coming along? Is it really going to be a new Aquatics Center?

A new south addition to the original 1972 Phillips Pool and Gym building has taken shape and construction is over the halfway point. Throughout the building, the mechanicals, electric and plumbing have all been roughed in so that the walls, floors and ceiling can progress. The new structure will house the new zero-entry, 25-yard, shallow, warm-water teaching pool. The new pool concrete is being poured into the forms. An exciting addition to the new pool, has also seen some real progress! The new pool is in, and the concrete has been poured. The attached photo shows the concrete being poured into the forms.

In addition to all of the construction work, Minneapolis Parks & Recreation (MnPR) Assistant Superintendent Tyrize Cox has been working hard on scheduling and programming for the facility, once it opens in 2018. While an exact figure for pool entry, membership or swim lessons has not yet been approved by the board of directors, Tyrize assured me that any fees will be very modest, and that scholarships for folks demonstrating financial hardship will definitely be available.

Finally, Minneapolis Swims continues to raise money; and is currently seeking funds for two different programs. The first is the “Sha-Kym Adams Learn to Swim Fund,” named in honor of a South High School sophomore who drowned in Lake Nokomis three years ago. This program will provide “gap” scholarships for kids seeking swimming instruction, helping to cover any that the MnPR does not. Just this month, we received a generous and much-needed $10,000 grant from the Bentsen Foundation! The other Phillips Aquatics Center need is for the equipment necessary for competitive swimming: starting blocks, touchpads, scoreboard, etc. The MnPR is estimating the cost of these accouterments to be close to $100,000. The TMT high school team is counting on using this as a home pool. These items need to be collected, donated, purchased or otherwise procured.

To make a donation to either of these worthwhile funds, email director@mpsvsw.mp.org

Phillips Clean Sweep!

Meet your neighbors, help pick up litter, and clean up your neighborhood! Organize your neighbors!

Enjoy a Free Breakfast and Pick-Up Free Supplies

CHECK IN AT EITHER OF THESE LOCATIONS:

• Welna Ace Hardware Parking Lot – 2438 Bloomington Ave S
• Lutheran Social Services – 2400 Park Ave S (enter on 24th St

9am-12pm

Phillips Clean Sweep!

Free Lunch and Entertainment

Plus Neighborhood Information & Fun at Stewart Park (2700 12th Ave S)

Bring out your trash!

The Phillips neighborhoods have raised funds to provide free pick up for residents during Clean Sweep. They will pick up extra household trash, old furniture, carpet, household construction and tires.

Materials should be out the night before and no later than 9am October 14th.

(No hazardous wastes are picked up and any appliance or recyclables are picked up on the next city recycling pick-up day)

FFI: call 952-996-6490

Maddie Norgaard, showing the safer brake cleaner with Le Le, lead mechanic and manager of Nicollet Auto Services.

Red and White Taxi

Rongos Auto Service

Starr Auto Service

Valvoline Oil Change

Air Emission Reductions (per year):

• 40 lbs. of Hazardous Air Pollutants
• 860 lbs. of Volatile Organic Compounds
• 1,765 lbs. of ground-level ozone (smog)

To learn more about this project or get involved in future safer cleaning and degrading projects, please visit MnTAP’s website or call 612-624-1300. Maddie Norgaard is a MnTAP Intern

12 Local Auto Shops Help Reduce Hazardous Air Pollutants

BY MAD@@ NORGAA@@

The results are in from this summer’s Phillips Community Air Quality Improvement Project!

In total, 12 automotive repair shops chose to switch to safer cleaning and degreasing products and results in approximately 3,000 pounds of air emissions reduced per year. Working in partnership with Hope Community Inc., the Lake Street Council, and the Franklin Area Business Association, a Minnesota Technical Assistance Program (MnTAP) intern helped automotive repair shops identify safer alternatives available at local retail stores. Participating shops were given free samples of safer alternative products and a starter case to encourage adoption. MnTAP recommended safer products that have no Hazardous Air Pollutants, are low in Volatile Organic Compounds, and minimize Minnesota Chemicals of Concern.

Thank you to all the automotive repair shops making a significant contribution toward better air quality in South Minneapolis: Alliance Auto, Clausen Service Center, Dale Chevrolet and Towing Green Garage Interucco Auto Body K&J Auto Repair Nicollet Auto Services Lake Street Tire

Enlist your block club or church youth group! Above all, just bring yourself and help keep Phillips clean!

9am-12pm

Enjoy a Free Breakfast and Pick-Up Free Supplies

PHILLIPS CLEAN SWEEP
SATURDAY OCTOBER 14, 2017

PHILLIPS CLEAN SWEEP!

FREE 2017

PLUS, get a T-Shirt

Photos by Denny Bennett

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"Kidnap” and “D&to"  

Thriller, Di Bonaventure Pictures

It is true a child goes missing every 40 seconds in the United States. However, it is also true “Kidnap” is a bad movie. (It had recently been sitting on the shelf since 2015: usually a sign that it’s not good. Even though I sympathize with Halle Berry’s character Karla Dyson who has her young son Frankie (Sage Correa) snatched from her in an amusement park just slightly out of eyeshot. One wonders if a hyper-ocar chase after the kidnappers Terry (Lewis Temple) and Margo (Chris McGinn) Vicky up and down Louisiana highways causing numerous car wrecks you wouldn’t want to be on any of those freeways), including a police officer on a motorcycle demanding her to pull over upended.

The film is a huge mess: clumsy script being monologues and a painfully predictable atrocious script, lousy monologues and her antagonists are driving a Toyota, going over the road into traffic, going over the road getting on another with damage to both vehicles but nothing what the Indianapolis 500 would envy. Who’s more, director Luis Prieto’s vague references to child trafficking is unsatisfactory. We’re getting on another with damage to both vehicles but nothing what the Indianapolis 500 would envy.

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The Aerobics Beyond the “Y”

Visits to the Lake Street YWCA have become familiar to me, in the aftermath of thirty-five years hard labor at Smith Foundry. However, when worn ankles dictate, treadmills and ellipticals won’t do. It is from the vantage of a stationary bike that I am allowed to discreetly observe. As for aerobics, evidently there are many women who have surpassed what I once was. One wonders why a world-wide movement of women has not been mobilized to fight ISIS. Sending our young men to war tends to make matters worse.

Recently, en route to burning 100 calories at 95rpm, the caption line on the big screen flashed BREAKING NEWS: NORTH KOREA THREATENS GUAM WITH MISSILE ATTACK. Amazingly, the elipticals and treadmills kept churning. I happen to garden with the Koreans who founded the Community Peace Garden, at the junction of Highway 94 and Cedar Avenue. From them I received a copy of the spring issue of the YWCA Quarterly with the front page caption: WAR PROVOCATION. The sum of Christine Hong’s “The Long, Dirty History” was most impressive. ‘…Unsurprisingly, few media outlets have reported on North Korea’s overtures to the U.S., Korea’s overtures to the U.S., the United States of America can launch nuclear attacks against the Korean Peninsula at any time. The Korean Peninsula has not been able to achieve peace, and this has continued for more than 60 years. This is because the United States, which has always been in a state of war, continues to provoke the Korean Peninsula by launching nuclear attacks. Therefore, it is necessary to oppose the United States and build a peaceful world.‘

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Frank Reflections: The Korean Dilemma

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Franklin Av’s Open Street 2017

“IT is not where you start but how high you aim that matters for success.”

Franklin Av & 14th, looking east, Av near Pow-Wow Grounds Coffee Shop, All My Relations Gallery, Many Rivers Apts. East, and Ancient Trader’s Market, et al; portion of Native American Cultural Corridor during Open Streets Mpls 2017

A Chance to “build your neighborhood” on Franklin Av during Open Streets Mpls 2017 on The Av between PPL Headquarters and Franklin Street Bakery while appreciating the Aztec Dancers in Parade Performance.

Wheel Fortune to “Spin” on The Av during Open Streets or Daily to select and train for an occupation also on The Av at PPL’s New Education Center in the renovated New Franklin Theatre Building.

Checkmate on Franklin Av amidst hundreds of other activities August 27th at Franklin Av Open Streets Mpls. 2017

At Franklin Av OPEN STREET 2017 games to play, books for sale, stories told from Hennepin County Franklin Community Branch in the 103 year old building and 123 year old Franklin Library on Franklin Av that is one of the most active libraries in the metro area every day with computer, language, and culture literacy classes.

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Ventura Village Neighborhood of Phillips Community during Open Streets Mpls. 2017 display on Franklin Av and 12th Av.