To rise in the morning only to eat, drink and gather gold, that is a life not worth living.

Throw yourself upon the altar of some noble cause!

Wendell Phillips (our neighborhood namesake) 1843
“The cause of the slave had many advocates, many of them very able and very eloquent, but it had only one Wendell Phillips.”

– Frederick Douglass

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Messiah Congregation, Epiphany** Sale and Celebration, Jan. 26 & 27, 725 East 25th Street

**BY ANN E. KEATING**

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church is having an Epiphany Sale and Celebration on Friday, January 26th and Saturday, January 27th from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm as we vacate our historic church at 25th Street and Nicollet Avenue. Come wander the rooms and reminisce. Pick through the books, take home a poster or a hymnal. Sit in the sanctuary one more time and listen to our wonderful organ. I am sure you will meet many of your old friends. Refreshments will be available where you can share memories with each other.

Check out the archives, maybe you would like to take home our bowling trophy from 1950 or a real old Bible. See the wedding dress of the first bride married at Messiah. Look at the photographs and find members of your family or maybe even one of your friends. They probably will look a little younger.

Have you always wanted a church pew? This will be your chance to buy one. There is always a need for a folding chair for that special occasion. They will be available for sale too.

All these items and many more will be available at bargain prices. For some who would like to do so, an opportunity to share your nostalgia, your memories and having them videoed and recorded for posterity will be made available so they, too, can be stored in our archive room and shared with future generations.

*Definition of Nostalgia is a sentimentalism for the past, typically for a period or place with happy personal associations. The word nostalgia is learned formation of a Greek compound, consisting of νόστος (nostos), meaning “homecoming”, and ἄλγος (algos), meaning “pain” or “ache”, and was coined by a 17th-century medical student to describe the anxieties displayed by Swiss mercenaries fighting away from home. Described as a medical condition—a form of melancholy—in the Early Modern period, it became an important trope in Romanticism. Nostalgia is associated with a wistful yearning for the past, its personalities, and events, especially the “good old days” or a “warm childhood.” Smell and touch are strong evokers of nostalgia due to the processing of these stimuli first passing through the amygdala, the emotional seat of the brain. These recollections of one’s past are usually important events, people one cares about, and places where one has spent time. Memory and emotion can also be strong triggers of nostalgia. Nostalgic preferences, the belief that the past was better than the present, has been linked to biases in memory.*

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**Urban Ventures’ Center for Families**

**A Program for the Whole Family!**

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The goal of the Center for Families is to provide services that equip and empower entire families to grow as individuals, overcome obstacles and support each other.

A quote from a recent graduate, said “I learned that it takes healthy co-parenting to have a stable environment for a child. 2 working as 1 is better than 1 working as 1”.

The program meets Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:30 pm at the Colin Powell Center 2924 4th Avenue near Lake Street. The next round of classes begins Wednesday February 14th There is no cost to participate. Info: 612-455-4644 or email priscilla.brown@urbanventures.org

**War Simulation, SB LII, Giveth and Taketh**

BY JOYCE CHARLES WILSON

The Super Bowl giveth, and the Super Bowl taketh away. For transit users in the Twin Cities, the Super Bowl is most often taken away, while the Metropolitan Council giveth the use of our light rail trains to rich tourists who can and Super Bowl tickets.

Meanwhile, our poor bus drivers are threatening to go on strike during the Super Bowl to call attention to the perfectly legitimate need to have some protection from riders who assault them. What is to be done? Shall we wait around like sitting ducks for the other shoe to drop? The Council wants to throw us a bone by offering free bus rides to us “regular citizens” on Super Bowl Sunday, while the elite with their game day passes get to ride our trains, all in the name of security.

Sure, we all want the Super Bowl to be a safe venue, but does the Super Bowl want us to be safe? Will Metro Transit be concentrated around the stadium my friend calls the “Sinking Ship” as others ignore the new rules? If it gets hit on the head by some robber while waiting for the #2 or the 86, will the police be there to help or note the time of the “chosen ones” – those who can afford Super Bowl tickets? On the other hand, with all the police brutality Minneapolis is known for, maybe the rest of the city away from the stadium can call it a “day off”…..

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A Victory for The Phillips Community

At last, construction on the Phillips Aquatic Center with its two indoor swimming pools is nearing completion. This amazing expansion and renovation of the Phillips Community Center, is the result of more than six years of hard work and strategic thinking by the volunteers of the Phillips Neighborhoods and Minneapolis Swims in partnership with Superintendent Jayne Miller and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB). Years ago, many Phillips residents learned to swim in what was then the Phillips Junior High School pool, built as a new addition in 1972 with Model Cities money. In 1987, the old school was declared redundant and was scheduled for demolition. The neighbors came together and successfully fought to save the relatively new pool and gym from demolition. The Boys and Girls Club then took over operations of the building. Twenty years later, they moved out leaving the building in such a bad state of repair that it was shut down and was again in danger of being demolished. Once again, the community stepped in to save the gym and the pool. The GRAND RE-OPENING will be announced soon.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WORKS AGAIN!
Congratulations Phillips, Minneapolis Swims & MPRB!

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Good-Bye & Hello Revisited: Welcome back Inspector Sullivan & thanks to Catherine Johnson

Although the changing of the Minneapolis Police’s Third Precinct commanders appears to be too frequent, we continue to be both sad and glad during this process. That’s because despite these changes, the Phillips Community and Ventura Village in particular have been blessed with inspectors who demonstrate continued respect for neighborhood crime and safety efforts. Inspector Michael Sullivan will replace Inspector Johnson as our Third Precinct Commander. Both Inspectors Johnson and Sullivan have been empathetic and collaborative in all of our collective efforts to address criminal activity with positive solutions.

We have received notice that “beat” officers in the Third Precinct have been cut from 21 to approximately 12 personnel. This means we will probably see some gradual changes in the deployment of these officers and the actual hours police will become available. We need to have an ongoing conversation with our police commanders so that the residents and stakeholders in Phillips can help reduce the consequences that these changes could have on our neighborhoods.

We say our Farewells to Waite House’s Francisco Segovia & Welcome Julie Graves

Few people have brought to the Phillips Community as wide-ranging sets of services for homeless, low-income and immigrant residents as Francisco Segovia. He has served as Executive Director of Waite House in both locations and was the biggest key to the community regaining the Phillips Community Center as a focal point for a broad range of services to youth, elders, homeless, immigrants. No Park Board facility in Minneapolis has a broader multicultural service-reach as the PCC, while ensuring that these facilities serve all ages successfully. Welcoming Julie Graves as the Interim Director we thank Francisco Segovia for all the wealth he brought to our communities. Francisco wrote this letter to his friends and colleagues who served with him at Waite House and Pillsbury United Communities and we could not say this better:

With a bit of sorrow, and a lot of excitement, I wish to formally announce my departure, after 23 years service, from Pillsbury United to pursue the building of a Civic Engagement Latino Organization. My first 9 years of service at Pillsbury were at Brian Coyle Center providing employment services as a team member of the Pillsbury Employment Services under the leadership of Mike Wynne, now with Emerge Services. The remaining 14 of my 23 years were spent as director of Waite House Center. Late 2003 Yvonne Olsen, a former Pillsbury’s Vice-president, hired and trusted me to run the Center. Guided by my supervisor and with the support of friends, mentors and a creative team, Waite House gained a stronger presence in our communities.

Thanks to our partners (organizations and individuals), founders, volunteers, my awesome team and our community (the purpose of our existence as an organization) thousands of people have been impacted by Waite House Center by our human services, civic engagement activities and/or the work of our public policy team. Thousands more will be touched by the work our new radio station, a project, that in spite of many challenges, is now a reality.

Our success is the result of our collective effort, creativity, and desire for building a better world. Let me state that our work is an act of love. It is the love that guided us to believe that every human being is a valuable member of our society. A world where everyone has a fair chance to live a decent life. A love that is cemented in human solidarity opposed to charity.

I’m taking with me an immense amount of historical knowledge such as the social settlement principle that gave birth and direction to this organization. A principle vehemently promoted by our former Executive Director, Tony Wagner.

I wish the best of success to everyone who is remaining with Pillsbury United Communities and have complete confidence in and give my full support to Julie Graves as she accepted the position of Interim Director of Waite House Center. If you wish to keep in touch or to learn more about the organization that we our building, feel free to email me at franciscosegovia@gmail.com
One of his namesakes is Minneapolis’ neighborhood, where SPIRIT OF PHILIPS appears in:

WENDEL PHILLIPS

www.alleynews.org

(1811-1884)
"Perseverance in almost any plan is better than fickleness and fluctuation. (Alexander Hamilton, July 1792)"
– Ron Chernow, Alexander Hamilton

A WARM HOLIDAY GREETING TO ALL....

And
A Plea For Help.

Though the holidays are a time to celebrate life, this holiday also brings the ghost of death. The death of The Alley. And the end of the Phillips neighborhood newspaper.

The editor/Coordinator job of The Alley, which includes many jobs from writing and photography to sending out the bills, will be empty in March of next year. Work now needs to be done in several directions to keep The Alley alive and developing towards being a strong neighborhood voice: volunteers are needed to work in all phases of its operation, to be involved with the Alley Advisory Board and to all work together in insure that The Alley remains staffed, living and growing beyond March. And the only way this will happen is if you become involved.

A meeting of The Alley Advisory Board will take place at Stewart Park Recreation Center, 12th Avenue South and 27th Street at 6:30 PM on January 4th, 1979, to work out a survival plan for The Alley. This is your invitation to attend.

Of course, the easiest action is no action—to do nothing. But nothing is the only thing you get for free anymore.

Michael Senn
Associate Editor

Steve Parker
Temporary Chairperson
Alley Advisory Board
A PLEA FOR HELP!

Opposite this page is The Alley Newspaper Front Page of December 1978/January 1979. It was “A Plea for Help.” Help did appear as it has for several evolutions of this community-owned and governed newspaper.

Neighbors took the task before them and produced 473 issues of The Alley Newspaper in 42 Years

During the past two years, we have begun to prepare for changes in editorship when Harvey Winje would leave that position. Harvey’s departure as Editor will happen in 2018.

Those discussions and the changes in producing The Alley Newspaper over the last eighteen years seem to be leading us toward a new infrastructure that broadens leadership and formalizes the governance of this community media source. The hope is that the change of the Editor and Manager function, as has happened many times, doesn’t just prompt filling that slot with one or two people, but with a team of people that broadens expertise, spreads out the work requirements, and diversifies the ages, ethnic and cultural perspectives.

This 2018 Plea for Help will attempt to answer these questions:

• Will Alley Communications transition into a new legal structure (such as a co-operative) while broadening the ages and diversity of contributors and ways of communicating?
• Will the work of Alley Communications, the nonprofit publisher of The Alley Newspaper, continue to emerge into new program areas such as documenting the community’s history, communicating in new ways, etc.?
• OR is the community’s decision to bring this 42 history in journalism and communications to an end with one great big party?

If you would like to be part of a group of people that addresses these questions or if you simply have a point of view, please let us know by EMAILING us at editor@alleynews.org or WRITE us at P.O. Box 7006 Mpls., MN 55407
Back during the Cold War, a young mute woman, Eliza Esposito (Sally Hawkins), lives in a shabby apartment above the Orpheum Theater ("The Story of Ruth and the Mardi Gras" on the marquee) with in-a-closet, gay struggling illustrator, Giles Richard Jenkins in Baltimore, Maryland, circa 1962. She works as a cleaning woman in a questionable, secret government facility. She goes about her job in a perfunctory way and has only one friend on the job Zelda Fuller (Octavia Spencer), who looks out for her.

One thing will change Eliza’s life forever which she doesn’t see coming. One day she and Zelda are told to clean some spilled blood in the laboratories. Eliza becomes curious about a tank in the lab. What they find next is an amphibian humanoid creature in the tank. For Eliza, whenever the chance she gets while at work, she gets the creature’s trust. The boss of the secret place is Colonel Richard Strickland (Michael Shannon), a sadistic man who abroad all they could do because little IT and little GIT were amoebas. But nothing can float forever. Volcanos erupt. Oceans shift. And miraculous path to becoming a human. Theresa Linnihan invites the audience to cheer little IT and GIT along the dangerous and miraculous path to becoming human.

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We had our annual Posada last Saturday—the Christmas procession with Mary and Joseph/Maria and Jose, looking for shelter for the holy child. We had some really mean innkeepers turn us away, which was great!

I’m looking for Posada or shelter from all the craziness of this past year. The tax cut for the rich has passed, sacred lands are going to be sold to mining companies, Dreamers are hung out to dry, pedophiles are honored, but don’t say “transgender” or “science based”. It seems like an assault a day. But—as they say on the ads for “miracle” products on late-night TV”—there’s more!”

That “more” may indeed be more assaults on the poor, the earth, those who are seen as “other”. But on this eve of the Solstice, I hold my hands out, not only asking for shelter, but offering it. Mary gave the fetus that became Jesus (yes, Virginia, that’s how it happened) posada in her womb. She gave him breasts aching with milk. She became the house for God, the house for hope.

I wrote this blog post on the Posada for our denomination’s worship blog:
http://blogs.elca.org/worship/?p=925

And I ask, what indeed, if we were all Posada for hope, for justice, for healing. Be Justice. Be Beauty. Be Shelter.
Touring Exhibit by Alley Communications DID YOU KNOW?

For the 2017 Neighborhood Open House event at the American Swedish Institute, the Alley Newspaper put together what we think might be the beginning of an ongoing "DID YOU KNOW" exhibit that illustrates some of the incredible facts that form the 150 years of history of the Phillips Community, in particular. We believe that all of us, those of us who live here and those who may be visiting our community for the first time, need to understand the vibrancy and diversity that has been our strong history for all these years.

Folks living outside of our area often talk about our community in ways that represent only the more negative or discouraging activities. Instead, if we use our own voices, images and stories and lift up many of the very amazing facts and real parts of our history, we can dispel the narratives and at the very least, resist the harm those stories can do to us individually and collectively.

It is a fact that learning about and lifting up this incredible history can contribute to our overall health through social cohesion and connection to each other and to history of this geographic area. We estimate that at least 300 people toured our exhibit on Wednesday, December 13th at ASI.

Here are three of the Did You Know exhibit posters:

1. The Phillips Community has been the home to several newspaper publishers or newspapers?
   - The Appeal Newspaper, founded in 1887 by Harvey B. Burk.

2. The Phillips Community hosts one of the most amazing cemeteries named Pioneer and Soldiers Cemetery where:
   - Black and White Civil War soldiers are buried. There are 8 known African American Civil War Veterans and two "Buffalo Soldiers".
   - There are African Americans (identified thus far) buried at the Cemetery including Harvey B. Burk, lawyer and manager of The Appeal Newspaper.

3. John Cowles, Jr. family resided at 2318 Park Avenue until the mid-1980's and purchased the merged Minneapolis newspapers, The Star and The Tribune, and added The Minneapolis Home of Cowles Family 2318 Park Avenue and now Men's Center Journal in 1939.

The Phillips Community has been home to several hospitals!
1. Lutheran Deaconess
2. Northwestern Hospital and now Abbott Northwestern Hospital which is part of Allina Health, the Hospitals and Clinics conglomerate that began in Phillips and is now a large part of Midtown Exchange at 2900 Chicago Avenue.
3. Mount Sinai
4. Sister Kenny
5. Children's Hospitals
6. Shoe Hospital

Join Phillips Wellness 50+ to learn, connect, build our community Tuesdays - 5:30 to 7:00 PM

Ebenezer Tower, 2523 Portland Avenue
(Ebenezer bus will pick up at Park Apts. and Loren on Park at 5:10)

January 9
Who Needs a Buddy? We All Do!
with Sandra Smith

January 16
Life & Death Planning
with Lee Cunningham

January 23
Questions & Answers about Making the Most of Your Money
with Lee Cunningham

January 30
Bit & Bites: Tasty Tidbits for Health
with Rachel from The Food Group

This is for everyone in the Phillips community. Hope to see you there!

Questions? Contact Donna Nordin at 612-743-5100 or dnordin2@comcast.net