**The Alley Transition**

**UPDATE**

**1. The Transition Team is meeting every 2 weeks.** It is comprised of: Alley Board Members, Sue Hunter Wie and Chair, Cathy Strombo-Ayres; Thar Adam, Ventura Village resident; Sunny Sweeney, Midtown Phillips resident, John Charles Wilson, Alley writer; Peter Muleman, Alley writer; Lee Leinhardt, Alley reader; Kelly Trau, East Phillips resident, Frances Mendenhall, Midtown Phillips resident; Susan Gart and Harvey Wing, volunteer staff.

**2. The essential work of the Transition Team is to:**
- Research and explore possible courses of action to keep The Alley as the Phillips Community publication including online publishing, an upgraded interactive website, other social media platforms, as well as the current print publication
- Generate a plan with timelines, needs, etc. to continue the preferred course forward
- Create a draft outline of the financial needs required
- Identify and outline a community engagement plan
- Explore the business model(s) concepts that can help Alley Communications to sustain The Alley as a publication

**3. Transition Team ideas for taking ACTION:**
- Promote The Alley at Phillips summer festivals and gatherings
- Survey and talk with people about their views of The Alley at these festivals
- Strategize how to increase income in the short term through small grants, ads, and donations
- Explore ways to grow the leadership opportunities of Alley Communications, especially with cultural communities

**4. RESULTS TO DATE:**
- Participated in the East Phillips Celebration June 23 and in 2 places at the Open Streets on East Lake Street, July 22, SCHEDULED for West Phillips Celebration at ASI for National Night Out, August 7, Open Streets Franklin August 26
- Over 63 surveys filled out so far with 79% percent of people reading The Alley
- Grant submitted for $2,250 to the City of Minneapolis’s Resilience 365 project
- Meeting to occur with organizations about page sponsorships
- Great celebration being planned in October to celebrate all who have made The Alley a great community newspaper. More transition plans will be announced. WATCH FOR THE DATE!

**5. What YOU can do:**
- Volunteer to help meet and greet folks at either of the August events. We need HELP! Contact Susan: susananngust@gmail.com
- A “thoughtful” Open Streets for July 22?
- Email openstreets@alleynewspaper.com

**6. The Alley Newspaper you are reading costs 55 cents to give to you!**
- Make a donation TODAY! Every dollar helps. PO Box 7006, Mpls, MN 55407. If you have donated, THANK YOU!

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**Dick Bancroft, Storyteller, July 21, 1927–July 16, 2018**

**BY LAURA WATERMAN WITSTOCK**

Dick was born in St Paul, MN on July 21, 1927 to parents who were both industrious and creative, and they wanted their son Dick to be the same. He shoveled walks and did many other chores for nickels, following his father’s admonition of saving half of what he earned. Along the way he learned to care for farm animals and milk cows. But these were chores. Dick had ideas and wanted to express them in images. As a child, Dick earned a small plastic Kodak camera. He began to take his own pictures. They were no more than two inches square, but they were so cherished, that he had them in his collection at life’s end.

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**Phillips West Neighborhood 22nd Annual National Night Out**

**Tuesday, August 7th, 2018 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

American Swedish Institute Parking Lot 2600 Park Avenue (food tent on corner of 27th Street & Park Ave.)

**“Get to know your neighbors while having fun!”**

Event & food is FREE for all who attend!

A variety of picnic food including popcorn, hot dogs, watermelon, candy and ice cream!

Lots to see and do! McGruff the Crime Dog, Minions Character, Cardinal Mascot, bounce house, a giant inflated slide, children’s games and prizes, face tattoos, Twinkle the Mascot, and a fish pond! A variety of entertainment including MN Adult & Teen Challenge Choir, Rene Studio Salsa Dancers, MiTierra Mariachi Band, DJ, 4 clowns, balloon animals and a rap and dance contest hosted by Mad DJs, top 3 win gift cards up to $100 (no cussing allowed!)

Lots of information tables with community resources and free giveaways!

For more information or to get involved, contact Crystal Windschitl at 612-879-5383 or pwno2005@yahoo.com

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**Get Dick Bancroft!** Continued on page 8

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**Fire** Continued on page 2

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**COURTESY OF BANCROFT FAMILY**

**COURTESY OF GABRIEL AND AMY PASS**

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**“Keep up the good work, staff.”  “Check out other newspapers.”  “I live down by McRae Park and The Alley is my favorite …  “Love your newspaper.”  “Keep printing.”  “Thanks for all you do.”  “Local papers are important for the community.”**

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What's Up at the Franklin Community Library

1314 E. Franklin Avenue | 612-543-6925 | www.hclib.org

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Su: 12-5

Metro Transit
You're voting for an agenda

By JOHN CHARLES WILSON

This is another slow month for transit news in the Phillips Community. I was originally going to write about the Gold Line, a Bus Rapid Transit. In this context, does that relate to transit? Since I mentioned at the beginning of this column, and Mr. Nash’s support is all the more remarkable in that his district is on the rural fringe of the metro area and doesn’t have transit (though Victoria and Waconia have both experimented with it in the past). I saw the fire it was hard to believe it was really happening,” stated Gabriel. Twenty-year neighborhood resident Amy recalls worrying about the safety of their tenants, and also about the house next door because a fire was coming out the windows towards the nearby home. “We are so thankful for the firefighters. The report says they got there in four minutes from when they got the call. They worked so hard,” stated Amy. “It’s dangerous, hot, dirty work, and they were still so kind to everyone and calm. She added, “They were so thorough and it’s because of them that we will be able to save the structure of the house. It would be so sad to lose this house entirely. We already saved it from being condemned once 19 years ago.”

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Urban 4-H Club
Tuesdays, 5-7:30 PM
Urban gardening to digital photos/video to theater: Partner: University of Minnesota.

Teen Tech Workshop
Wednesday, 3:45-5:00 PM
Make music, animation & more using hi- & lo-tech tools. Led by Library’s Teen Tech Squad.

Teen Anime Club
Fridays, 3-4:30 PM
Discuss manga and share artwork. Something different every time!

Franklin Learning Center
612-543-6934 or fcrlib.org
Free, one-to-one tutoring for adults. Learn English for the GED & citizenship exams, & gaining life skills. Community volunteers welcome. We provide training & materials.

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The primary elections are coming up on the 14th of August. How does that relate to transit? Since 1970, the State of Minnesota, the Metropolitan Council, and various other local government entities have run the transit system in the Twin Cities. The Federal government provides funding for specific transit projects, like Light Rail and Bus Rapid Transit. In this context, elections are important. Take, for example, Hennepin County Commissioner Peter McLaughlin. He has probably done more than any local politi-

cesan since before the Reagan era to promote public transit in our metro area. He has been a huge booster of Light Rail (both the Blue and Green Lines, and the future extensions to Eden Prairie and Brooklyn Park), Commuter Rail (Northstar to Big Lake and hopefully someday to Saint Cloud), and Bus Rapid Transit (the Red Line and the A Line, with new lines planned to pop up in the next decade or so). Unfortunately, the DFL denied him this year’s endorsement.

Without good transit, no major city can prosper. This isn’t just a “liberal” or “Democratic” issue. At least two Republican State Representatives, Kelly Fenton of Woodbury and Jim Nash of Waconia, are supporters of transit. Ms. Fenton helped conceptualize the Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit that I mentioned at the beginning of this column, and Mr. Nash’s support is all the more remarkable in that his district is on the rural fringe of the metro area and doesn’t have transit (though Victoria and Waconia have both experimented with it in the past). It is probably less surprising that the DFL is often associated with support for transit. Karen Clark, Scott Dibble, and Frank Hoyt have all made the grade, so to speak.

There is no way we can cover every local politician and their stance on transit in this one column, so I urge you, the voters, to do your own research prior to vot-

ing. Please vote for the candidate of your choice, though I hope that, like me, you will consider transit as at least one of the issues worthy of influencing your vote. Thank you.

Fire From page 1

Banned fireworks result: SEVERE FIRE!

block of Portland Ave. and displac-

ing a family of seven early Thursday morning. Two families, who have lived in

the home along S. 18th Ave. for over five years now, were displaced by the fire. The residents of the upstairs apartment reported hearing two Roman candles hit the sec-

ond-story porch at the front of the house at about 4:10 PM. When the mother looked outside, the front of the building was on fire, according to house owner, Gabriel Pass, who has lived along S. 18th Ave. for over 40 years. The mother rushed out of the house with her 6-month-old baby and 9-year-old daughter, and they alerted the teenagers home inside the main floor apartment. The families made it out with their two dogs, but two pet birds perished in the flames. Homeowners Gabriel and Amy Pass arrived a few minutes later, and firefighters shortly thereafter. ‘When I saw the fire it was hard to believe it was really happening’,” stated Gabriel. Twenty-year neighborhood resident Amy recalls worrying about the safety of their tenants, and also about the house next door because a fire was coming out the windows towards the nearby home. “We are so thankful for the firefighters. The report says they got there in four minutes from when they got the call. They worked so hard,” stated Amy. “It’s dangerous, hot, dirty work, and they were still so kind to everyone and calm. She added, “They were so thorough and it’s because of them that we will be able to save the structure of the house. It would be so sad to lose this house entirely. We already saved it from being condemned once 19 years ago.”

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Gas leaks out into the hallway and other residents raised the alarm. Day was reportedly in “the best of spirits. He was a clairvoyant who traveled a great deal, mostly throughout the Midwest. The police believed that at the time of his death he lived in Indianapolis but he had also lived in Denver, Chicago, Toronto, and Peoria. He did business under several different names, among them Leslie R. Davis and Dr. Lee Davis and although there is some question about it, Dr. Kinsley. In cemetery and death records his name was recorded as Leslie Day.

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PHILLIPS CLEAN SWEET SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018

9am-10am
Enjoy a Free Breakfast and Pick-Up Free Supplies
Free a FREE 2018 Clean Sweep T-Shirt

CHECK IN AT EITHER OF THESE LOCATIONS:
- Viola Ace Hardware Parking Lot – 2438 Bloomington Ave S
- Lutheran Social Services – 2400 Park Ave S (across the street)

Phillips Clean Sweep!
Meet your neighbors, help pick up litter, and clean up your neighborhood! Organize your neighborhood!
12pm-2pm
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 13th.
(No hazardous waste are picked up and any appliance or recyclables are picked up on the next city recycling pick up day.)

F4I: call 952-996-6490
Peavey Park Phase 2 construction begins July 30
Phillips community leaders and supporters joined with officials from the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) and the City of Minneapolis on July 9 to mark a milestone in Peavey Park’s transformation. A ribbon-cutting event officially opened the park’s new basketball complex, followed by a ceremonial groundbreaking for another series of improvements.

On July 30, MPRB officially begins construction on that second phase of the project. Crews will work through fall to build a new multi-use field, new playground and central path through the park, plus grading and additional stormwater-management enhancements.

**Public Impacts**
- Open during construction: Peavey Recreation Center, wading pool and basketball courts.
- Closed during construction: Playground and athletic field; in addition, most of the park will be fenced off.
- Nearby playgrounds and athletic fields are located at Stewart and East Phillips parks.

**UPCOMING VENTURA VILLAGE AUGUST MEETINGS**
- WEDNESDAY, AUG 8th BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: 6:00 PM
- WEDNESDAY, AUG 8th: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 7:00 PM
- TUESDAY, AUG 28th: WELLNESS, GARDENING & GREENING: 6:30 PM
- TUESDAY, AUG 28th: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT: 6:00 PM
- THURSDAY, AUG 30th HOUSING & LAND COMMITTEE: 5:30 PM

Ventura Village Meetings are upstairs in the Phillips Community Center at 2323 - 11th Avenue South - Minneapolis - 612-874-9070

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**Wellness, Gardening, and Greening News with Steve Dreyer**

August continues to be a busy month for neighborhood gardeners. Here are some community resources to help you.

- **Wednesday "Grow Your Own" classes continue through the month at the 24 St. Mashikii .GItigan (1316 E. 24 St.). Classes meet at 5:30 and cover a variety of topics about gardening and healthy living and eating.

- Our neighborhood's only local farmers market, the "Four Sister's Market" is open every Thursday 11 AM to 2 PM at the Pow Wow Grounds Coffee Shop parking lot at 1414 E. Franklin. You can shop for fresh local produce and other items every week.

- Ventura Village has a variety of tools to help you with your own yard and garden projects. We also have free wood mulch and access to a Minnesota Master Gardener if you have a problem or need an idea.

- Contact Mary at 612-871-7973.
Drone launched to survey the bridge!

**Short line bridge study is underway**

BY SOREN JENSEN

We are pleased to report that our hired DRONE was launched yesterday, to begin our new engineer- ing study of the Short Line Bridge over the Minnehaha Creek River. The drone will create a 3D map of the bridge, which will then be used by the engineers from Kimley- Horn in their study, which will estimate what it would take to shore up the bridge and make it safe for biking and walking. We expect to have the study done later this summer, and well sched- ule a community meeting in Saint Paul to share the results this fall.

Thanks to everyone who is supporting our efforts to Extend the Greenway over the river and through Saint Paul! Soren Jensen is Midtown Greenway Executive Director

Movie Corner

**A few summer movies for 2018 worthwhile and inspirational**

"I Can Only Imagine" (2018) Roadhouse Pictures

By HOWARD MCQUITTER II

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When I viewed "I Can Only Imagine" (encouraged by my friend, Marvin Windom) I can say the film is one of the most inspiring films of the year. It doesn't hit one over the head with Christian thunderbolts, as one might think. In the midst of summer blockbuster showings of superheroes, dinosaurs, killers, and those being killed, raunchy comedies, and loads of characters using cultural, and economic ambience of his time voting. "It is amazing to me how many people think that vot- ing to give the government power give poor people money is compassion. Helping poor and suffering people years of compassion Voting for our government to use guns, to give money to help poor and suffering people is immoral, self-righteous, bullying laziness." - Penn Jillette

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Thank you

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by Peter Molenaar

I have again had the opportunity to meet with Anita Gates at the Pow Wow Grounds Coffee Shop on Franklin Ave. Anita has an advanced degree in the field of education and is certified to teach the Dakota language. The local American Indian Parents Committee actively shares her concerns regarding the status of Native education. They are all willfully determined, even if feigning submissiveness is occasionally deployed for navigational purposes. The preservation and promotion of Native languages is a priority.

Should the rest of us care?

About a hundred years ago, Lenin addressed the chauvinism imbibed to Russian workers. He stated, in essence: If you intend to build a new world from the ashes of the old, abrogate your own nationalism while making concessions to the nationalism of oppressed peoples. Actually, this is a fundamental principle.

What good are the Ojibwa and Dakota languages in today’s world?

When the Indian was taken from the man (stolen from the stolen children), the man was diminished, not “saved”. Consider that one’s language. The local American Indian Education Conference might serve to shed some light across the land.

Meanwhile…

Those white workers who succumbed to the pledge from the breast of Donald Trump should stop feeling so inferior. Be happy that some folks speak more than one language. YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BUT YOUR CHAINS!

Raise Your Voice

Upholding Native languages

The All Nations Program (circa 1989) is a unique academic program specifically designed for American Indian students. The All Nations Team holds high and clear expectations for its students and provides innovative class-room, scheduling and strategies to ensure that their students meet those expectations. High expectations combined with supportive, nurturing staff and resources from the American Indian Community inspires our students to graduate in four years with the academic skills necessary for being successful in the post-secondary and business sectors of our community. The All Nations students know that they have a shared trust responsibility to give back to the American Indian community. The All Nations Team teachers provide students with opportunities to cultivate and share gifts in classes such as:

- Ojibwe Language 1, 2, and 3
- Algebra and Geometry
- Physical Science and Chemistry
- Language Arts, Honors English and Native American Literature
- World Studies and Geography
- Native Arts
- Young Women’s Group
- Olson Brand Academy
- Fall Welcome Back Ceremony

Any student may apply. Preference is given to Native American students. Acceptance is based on random selection. This program is offered to students citywide.

Anishinabe Academy

Vision: Educating and empowering through cultural revitalization.

Mission: To engage urban Indigenous students by integrating and reclaiming Native American identities, cultures and languages through authentic academic experiences.

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The South High All Nations SLC Program is designated as a Best Practices School for American Indian students in the Minneapolis Public Schools for 2006-2010. The American Indian Community entered into a mutual and historic agreement with the Minneapolis Public Schools called the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that clearly outlines and defines the need to address the academic failures of American Indian students enrolled in the MPS district.

There are seven Guiding Themes embodied within the MOA. This is reflective of the guiding philosophy of the All Nations SLC Program:

- Cultural Identity
- Wisdom
- Sense of Place
- Sense of Discovery
- Sense of Self
- Perspective and Cultural Lens
- Sense of Connection

“Voting is our right, but it is also our responsibility because if we don’t take the next step and elect leaders who are committed to building a better future for our kids, other rights - our rights to clean air, clean water, health, and prosperity - are placed directly in harm’s way.”

- Thomas P. Hoyt, American libertarian, hedge fund manager, philanthropist, environmental activist, and fundraiser

“Voting is how we participate in a civic society—be it for president, be it for a municipal election. It’s the way we teach our children—be in school elections—be it to be citizens, and the importance of their voice.”

- Loretta Lynch, American lawyer who served as the 83rd Attorney General of the United States, appointed by President Barack Obama in 2015 to succeed Eric Holder

“Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner.”

- James Boward, American libertarian author, journalist, and lecturer whose political commentary targets examples of war, taxes, corruption, cronyism and abuses of power in government.
Dick Bancroft: storyteller extraordinaire 1927-2018

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