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– Wendell Phillips

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Phillips West Neighborhood Upcoming Events: Check out the Phillips West Website @ www.phillipswest.info



June 2nd (Thursday)

6-7:30 p.m. – Phillips West Annual Community Meeting!

Join your neighbors and other Community Partners for updates from Local City Government & Minneapolis Police. Minneapolis 3rd Precinct Crime Prevention Specialist Don Greeley is retiring after 30 years of service he will be our Guest of Honor! This meeting will take place at the Center for Changing Lives in the Centrum

Room 2400 Park Avenue. Free parking at rear of building off Oakland Av. Free Catered Famous Dave's & Beverages provided! More information? or would like to get involved with the neighborhood please contact Crystal 612-879-5383 or pwno2005@yahoo.com Please note: NO July or August Phillips West Community Meeting due to Summer Neighborhood Events.

Leadership Opportunity for Phillips Youth

Do you know a young person aged 11 to 15 that lives in the Phillips Neighborhood? Do you know a young person with exceptional leadership qualities? Or a young person that loves making art?

Well, send them our way! This summer, June 27th through August 5th, the Semilla Center at St. Paul's Lutheran Church will be training 20 youth as part of the Young Leaders Program. This program focuses on preparing kids with work readiness

and leadership skills through arts, gardening, and community work. Not only does this program teach valuable life skills, such as resume writing and the do's and don'ts of the workplace, it also provides kids with a creative outlet to make art that reflects their hopes and dreams for themselves and their community.

Applications will be due June 20th. Stop by St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 2742 25th Ave. S. for an application or for more information, please contact us at: stpaulscreate@gmail.com or at 612-724-3862.

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Sun: 12-5pm

Children's Programs

Family Storytime Fridays, 10:30 am

All ages & their parent or caregiver. Talk, sing, read, write & play together.

Puzzlemania!

Thurs. June 16, 23, & 30, 2-3 pm
Enjoy a variety of educational and fun puzzles and games!

Super Kinder:

**listos para el kinder
Mon. June 20-July 18,
10 am-noon**

Ages 4-5 and their parents/caregivers will meet for 5 weeks to learn activities and skills that build early literacy and ensure school success; for families who speak Spanish as their first language. Register at Franklin Library or 612-543-8510.

La Biblioteca Franklin ofrecerá una clase gratis en español para los niños que van a entrar al kinder en septiembre y sus padres o quien los cuida. Le enseñaremos como preparar a su niño para entrar a la escuela con actividades divertidas que podrán hacer en casa. Este programa es gratis y está diseñado especialmente para familias que hablan español como primer idioma. Inscríbase directamente en la Biblioteca Franklin o llame al 612-543-8510.

Kids Tech:

**LEGO® Stop Motion Animation
Wed. June 22, 1-2:30 pm**

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Burma-Shave**

Was two blocks east in 1882 when built, Vine Congregation's Church to be. C. A. Anderson had no guilt, Moving it in 1892 to everyone's glee. Burma-Shave

**Burma-Shave/Vine
Church Sidewalk
Rally May 7th 2016**

Loved by Americans including Gertrude Stein (who, in Everybody's Autobiography wrote "I wish I could remember more of them, they were all lively and pleasing.... I wish I could remember them I liked them so much"), Burma-Shave signs have been called part of "the national vocabulary" and have been installed in the Smithsonian

Institution as relics of the 20th Century. Over 7,000 sets of signs using 600 individual poems were maintained in 44 states and were seen by untold numbers of drivers. It's possible that through the 1920s, the Depression, World War II, and the 1950s, Burma-Shave's poems were the most public, widely read verse in America.

Tales from Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery

BY SUE HUNTER WEIR



Tim McCall

City created Gerber Baths for substitute swimming Mississippi's lures claim lives with drowning

There are 139 drowning victims buried in Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery. A handful of them were intentional—people who committed suicide by drowning—but the majority of the drowning deaths were accidental. Many of those victims were boys or young men.

Although Minnesota prides itself on being the land of 10,000 lakes, it is the Mississippi River that holds the greatest attraction for many kids doing what kids do in the summertime: fishing, swimming, just fooling around. The headlines for stories about boys who drowned, described the boys as “venturesome” or “adventurous,” and often spoke of the river “claiming” the boys. Given the attractions and opportunities that the river held for boys, the idea that the river claimed them seems particularly fitting.

The cemetery’s first recorded drowning was that of an unknown child. He is identified in the cemetery records only as “Unknown German Boy,” but how those who found his body knew that he was German is something of a mystery. This unnamed child drowned in August 1862 but there is no further information about his age or about where he drowned although, given how early it was in the city’s history, the river seems the most likely place. He was never claimed although surely someone must have missed him.

Venturesome boys could, and did, drown in lakes and ponds but there was no place that could compare to the Mississippi River. It was not only a body of water, but it was really big water that moved quickly. And there were any number of interesting things to be found floating in the river or washed up on the riverbank. There were bridges, booms, and barges, ideal places for having adventures with your friends. The boys had a handful of favorite places to play and those places were very dangerous.

On June 26, 1890, nine-year-old Otto Nelson and his friend went swimming by the railroad’s short-line bridge on the Mississippi River. Otto wasn’t really swimming since he didn’t know how, but that didn’t keep him from diving from a rock into the river where he quickly sank. His friend tried to save him but couldn’t. Less than a month later, on July 22, 1890, ten-year-old Emil Berglund drowned at the same location. He drowned after he slipped from a boom and fell into the river. Five years later, on July 22, 1895, nine-year-old John Carlson was fishing at the short-line bridge when he fell from the boom and was swept away by the current.

The water wasn’t particularly deep by the bridge although it was well over the heads of young, or even teenage, boys, but the current was too strong for those who fell in to fight against it and win. Seven years later, another boy, 13-year-old George Belland was swimming near the railroad’s short-line bridge when he was pulled under by the current and drowned.

Another place that the boys liked to play was under the Tenth Avenue Bridge. On July 15, 1893, eight-year-old Clayton Freese was swimming under the bridge when he drowned. On November 6, 1906, Carl Johnson and some of his friends were playing on a barge that was docked under the bridge when he slipped into the water. E. E. Myers, an employee of the power house, dived into the water fully dressed and made a heroic effort to save Carl but

his heavy wet clothes began to drag him down and he lost his hold on Carl.

City officials did what they could to try and keep boys from swimming in dangerous waters. In 1905, the city created the Gerber Baths on what was formerly known as Hall Island. The bath, which was named after one of the city’s aldermen, was established with the expressed purpose of saving boys’ lives. The Minneapolis Journal reported that girls were “not in the habit of getting drowned in the river and [since] the chief object of the baths was to save the boys,” girls were limited to using the bathhouse two half-days a week. Judging from cemetery records, it appears that providing a safer place to swim may have saved at least some boys’ lives.

There is only one boy buried in Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers who drowned in the Mississippi River after 1905. He was seven-year-old Herbert Wennerlund, who died on May 18, 1907. Two of his young friends witnessed the drowning but were so frightened that they made a pact not to tell anyone, including their parents, what they had seen. It was only after Harold’s father came looking for his son that they confessed and Harold’s body was recovered.

These adventurous boys who were claimed by the river are buried in various locations throughout the cemetery.

June Is Busting Out All Over At Semilla @ St. Paul’s

BY PATRICK CABELLO HANSEL

Ready for school to be over? Ready for sunny days and long twilights? Then the Semilla Center at St. Paul’s has something for all of you this summer. Check out these delectables:

For Children Who Love to Create: Creation Camp, June 13-17, 10 am to 2 pm. For children 3-11. Arts, gardening, bible stories, games, lunch, storytelling, and a trip on Friday.

For People Who Like to Eat and Celebrate: El Gran Kermesse outdoor bazaar. Saturday, June 19, 4-8 pm. Food, music, fun for all. Group singing!

For Youth Who Like to Grow: Our Young Leaders Program trains youth 11-15 in job and leadership skills. Youth receive a stipend (that means money, peeps!). Youth

will create art, learn photography, make and sell salsa and make an impact on the community. Get your applications now!

For People Who Like to Plant: Be a Healthy Community Pollinator: Learn how to grow food in small containers, plant pollinator attracting plants, and plant art in the midst of green. All Summer Long! Free Open Art Studio every Wednesday, 6-8 pm.

For People Who Love to Celebrate: Our Great Block Party in July (date TBA), Wednesdays on the Lawn, probably a concert, surely some pot lucks—who knows?

For People Who Like to Write: Submissions for the next issue of the Phoenix of Phillips literary magazine are now open. The theme is “This is My Story”. We want to hear your stories and poems of life in this great community. Special sections for youth, adults and seniors.

For information on all this, call 612-724-3862, e-mail stpaulscreate@gmail.com, or stop by St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, 2742 15th Ave S, on the corner with the big mosaic chair! St. Paul’s is an equal opportunity creative force.

Patrick Cabello Hansel is Co-Pastor of St. Paul’s Lutheran on 15th Av. and a Poet and Writer

Cinema at the Cemetery 2016

Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery Cedar and Lake Street

Gates open at 7 PM; Movie at Dusk

May 28:
The Cameraman
(1928)



August 20:
The Curse Of
Frankenstein
(1957)



September 3:
The Mummy
(1959)



September 17:
Horror
Of Dracula
(1958)

Clean shaves stubble, Building saved—no rubble. Don’t be fooled by vinyl siding, Behind these wall there’s history hiding, Burma-Shave

Steve Sandberg shows prize book of Burma-Shave Jingles for winning Burma-Shave Jingle Contest.

Steve interviews “Cauliflower,” descendant of “Tenacious” and “Take it Easy,” two of the horses that pulled the building 2 blocks in 1892.

“Cauliflower” and Trainer Margo McCreary.

“Cauliflower”’s trailer for long trips.

Why Celebrate?

Did you know that the East Phillips Cultural & Community Center is the only Minneapolis Park Building that was almost totally funded and designed through the efforts of the people of the community?

At the June, 2005 EPIC meeting Linda Leonard, after searching unsuccessfully for facilities for youth programs, suggested that we imagine what we could do if we had a Community Center in “Cockroach Park” (the former name of East Phillips Park). After laughing at the notion that the Park Board or anyone else would build anything for the roughly 7,000 youth in this challenged neighborhood, the meeting attendees started a list of uses that grew into interest and then excitement and finally a commitment to work to get a Community Center in East Phillips Park.

The first dollars are the hardest to come by in big dreams like this. The community voted to use East Phillips NRP money that was saved by thwarting an attempted take-over of EPIC by the troubled President of the Board at the time. His followers pulled EPIC’s 501(c)3 and resigned, leaving the few remaining Board members with a demoralizing mess. The thought of a new Community Center helped pull them together. They reconstituted the board and pressed on, dedicating these saved dollars. The \$180,000 and thousands of volunteer hours of lobbying, letter writing and battling some of the powers of that day, leveraged a total of \$5.5 million, laying the financial groundwork for what is now one of the busiest parks in the City.

It is filled with people enjoying soccer games, beginning education for the many cultures here, pottery, dance, yoga and many more activities and programs. It is a total hub of activity. Should we celebrate and honor all who helped and still do? How could we not do so? **Come join us to remember and celebrate this community triumph, this beautiful spring and this great neighborhood!**

East Phillips SummerFest



It's time to
CELEBRATE

in
East Phillips Park
Sunday, June 12th

1:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Minneapolis Park and Recreation

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Neighborhood artists, vendors & friends invite you and your family to a PARTY in the PARK



For Your Calendar: *

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

EPIC Board of Directors meets: Saturday, 6/4/16 & 7/2/16 At 10:00 AM

EPIC General Membership meets: Thursday, 6/9/16 & 7/14/16 At 6:30 PM

EPIC's East Phillips Community 17th Ave. GARDEN Steering Committee: Saturday, 6/4 & 7/2 At 9:00 AM

East Phillips Park Programming Partnership meets: Tuesday, 6/28 & 7/26 At 11:30 AM. **Lunch is served.**
The above meet at the East Phillips Park Cultural & Community Center located at 2307 17th Ave. S.

EPIC's East Phillips Community 17th Ave. Gardeners meet on the second Saturday of Each Month The next meetings are Saturday 6/11 and 7/9 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**



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BOARD MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY JUNE 14, 6:30-8PM.

Stewart Park (Arts & Crafts Room), 2700 12th Ave S, Minneapolis

- I. Introductions
- II. Approve May Board Minutes
- III. Finance Report
- VI. Discussion of the Neighborhoods 2020 plan
- V. Comments on CPP 2017-2020 guidelines
- VI. Omar Sabri – new expansion plans
- VII. Strategic planning and door-knocking update
- VIII. Coordinator Report
- XI. Public Comments

COMMUNITY MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY JUNE 28, 6:30-8PM.

Stewart Park (Community Room), 2700 12th Ave S, Minneapolis

- I. Introductions
- II. Approve April and May Community Minutes
- III. Alondra Cano – 9th Ward Report
- VI. Minneapolis Renters' Coalition – discussion of renters' rights, resources, and next steps
- V. Omar Sabri – new expansion plans
- VI. Partnership Presentations
- VII. At Large Rep and District 4 (26th St - 28th St; 12th Ave - Bloomington) position nomination and vote

Join the Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Assn board!

• At Large Rep

(Rep may live or work anywhere within Midtown Phillips)

• District 4 Rep

(Rep must live or work between 26th to 28th Streets and 12th to Bloomington Aves)

Attend the Community Meeting: TUESDAY JUNE 28, 6:30-8PM.



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Saturday, July 23, 2016

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Saturday, October 8, 2016



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ATTEND JUNE 8TH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING @ 7:00 PM

Good Police/Neighborhood Relationships Pays Huge Dividends

When I returned to Minneapolis' South side to make my home, I settled in the Phillips Neighborhood instead of Powderhorn because that's where my work took me, addressing homelessness in the Indian Community. As many of the bars along Franklin Avenue were being closed, crack dealers moved in, replacing one peril with another. Bullets flew almost nightly and with a large vacant property across my street and a child murdered in cold blood right there, *it was really scary!* *Murderapolis* truly earned its name! I remember a police officer asking why I even moved into Phillips after a gunshot through the window just barely missed my head as I was cooking dinner. In some ways this is how many people see life on the North-side *right now*.

Cecil Smith, Ventura Village's longtime lead on the Crime and Safety Committee also remembers how a combination of deliberate investments by Ventura Village and Minneapolis' Police Third Precinct leaders provided an alternative to what is being experienced elsewhere. Not that crime has disappeared here, but it is still a far cry from almost daily struggles reported by our news outlets. So what can we tell others about our story and what has led to a steady decline in the kinds of violent crime witnessed else-where in the City?

• *Precinct Inspectors Leadership Skills* - From Scott Gerlacher, Lucy Gerold and Michael Sullivan, our Third Precinct has enjoyed ongoing competent support by the top cops and entices younger squad members to gain their basic police work foundations here. Inspired leadership is a key to our increasing success.

• *Police-Community Partnerships* start as both parties begin listening *carefully* to each other. Identifying *trouble spots* in the neighborhood stemming from problem properties that provide sanctuary for gangs, drug dealers or simply shelter abusive behaviors, we learned that by addressing these on a block-by-block basis, neighbors have gained ground over



the years. This is most clearly seen by the unique investment the City has made in embedding civilian Community Safety Officers in both the precincts and in specific neighborhoods. Ventura Village has hugely benefited from the work that Don Greeley has done in bringing both the police and the neighborhood team members to the table. Whenever there has been issues, Don assembled police representatives together who responded to neighborhood concerns. This was the impetus that led to involvement in the neighborhood by East Africans.

• *Community Investment* - We calculated the sum of investments just along East Franklin Avenue totaled more than \$150 million. That included housing from Anishinabe Wakiagun and Many Rivers down to 35W where Hope Community and Aeon reconstructed all four corners of Portland and Franklin. That brought about rapid settlement of families, most of whom were stable and contributed to the health of the overall neighborhood. Franklin Street Bakery and Project For Pride in Living (PPL) also made substantial improvements turning troubled properties by adding workforce investments in Ventura village. By designating East Franklin from 11th Avenue to Hiawatha as the *American Indian Cultural Corridor*, most properties were improved, increasing both stability and livability.

• *Gentrification through Immigrant families settlement*. By drastically increasing the number of families and elders not heavily affected by chemical dependency issues, the increased settlement by deeply religious East Africans and Spanish-speaking families, a unique form of

"gentrification" replaced a more transient, troubled group of residents with those already living a more stable lifestyle focused on raising offspring and supporting elders. Although many of the new residents are busy with one or more lower-paying jobs, their primary interests are focused on those kinds of activities that stabilize an area. Housing stock is increasingly improved or replaced as more pressure is put on the real estate market to provide more housing units suitable for large, extended families.

• *Cultivating Strong Police-Community Relationships* - Ventura Village has had only two Crime & Safety chairpersons, each one bringing special concerns and leadership to the neighborhood. Jim Graham, whose eldest son is now a sworn police officer, provided a tough attitude about crime and *held feet to the fire* to achieve those goals. Police went after livability crimes and Ventura Village provided material support to under-funded police in terms of equipping those boarding up units that were vacant and initial use of surveillance cameras. Cecil Smith quickly filled Graham's shoes with his deep connections with police personnel and policy-makers to maintain rapport with the whole community.

Each month, Crime & Safety Committee meetings and General Membership meetings provide two clear opportunities for police to meet residents in a give and take manner so all issues and concerns are ironed out and expectations expressed. This goes a long way to eliminate the deep distrust and the fear displayed in other community settings. When regular dialogue is planned and executed, there is less time for rumors to boil over into recriminating rhetoric and blame.

Drawing support from East Africans whose lives in their homelands often were threatened by corrupt police actions, or justice that never materialized, made it difficult to show how police/community partnership practices were beneficial. Some who had been victimized as newer Americans, could not understand what role police should play in protecting them from predators. Learning trust was a slow process, but led to much greater neighborhood participation by East African community members.

An Ongoing Effort - There are still plenty of problems calling for police assistance, but even with some of the squads from the Third Precinct being called up to assist the Fourth, we are generally reaping the fruit of much effort given toward improving police/community relationships.

As Jim Graham once said, "In war, once you gain the ground, you have to hold it!" This becomes one of the great challenges, but when we apply systematic vigilance with good police intelligence and committed police work, we all benefit.

One example of community action took place years ago. After watching where the "drug dealers" hung out and perched themselves awaiting customers, I dutifully sprinkled some liquid corn syrup on any surface where they stood, leaned or sat. I kept doing it until they moved to another location, where I did it again until they left from there as well. Eventually they moved on. At the same time, cell phones stopped being these huge hulks and we were on those phones constantly calling 311 or 911—sometimes stopping a community meeting to make the calls. We are especially proud of the police and community partnership that has made us safer!

— Robert Albee

Meet Al Olson of Ventura Village's Board



One of our newest board members, Al Olson is actually one of the oldest members of the Phillips Community. He was raised here and was part of the 2nd graduating class from South High's new campus. His many years of work as a warehouse manager for General Electric and then Graybar Electric gave him a comfortable life before being recruited by fellow Mille Lacs Tribal Officials to become one of the

commissioners charged with the task of helping band members living in the Twin Cities as part of a developing outreach coming as a result of successful gaming to provide new housing investments for members. Along with Rick Smith of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, Al engineered a finance program for six families in Minneapolis that still stand as a prime example of how buying down mortgage rates and helping with down payments can be a huge benefit to both tribal members and the host neighborhood. A decade later, homeowners are remaining in incredible houses at a fraction of their cost while their equity grows. Incidentally, these are houses built of concrete from the basement to the rafters, that makes them the safest on any of the blocks where they are now located.

Al's considerable skills at bringing serious project to fruition will be a huge asset, especially for the Community Engagement Committee of Ventura Village. With the Super Bowl coming just blocks away, Ventura Village and adjacent neighborhood have opportunities to demonstrate the power of our cultural diversity and how each of the cultures represented can do outstanding activities and projects that underscore the values of all people coming together to share their histories and talents in a way that benefits the entire community. Hopefully, Al's great experience in bring housing solutions to successful fruition can also help East African families discover new ways to bring larger families into home ownership and even strategies that embrace the rental housing challenges so hard for stable family development.

NEXT VENTURA VILLAGE MONTHLY MEETINGS:

- MAY 26th: HOUSING & LAND COMMITTEE: 5:30 PM @ PCC
- MAY 26th: CRIME & SAFETY COMMITTEE: 6:30 PM @ PCC
- WELLNESS, GARDENING & GREENING: 6:30 PM -TO BE ANNOUNCED
- JUNE 1ST: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE: 6:00 PM
- JUNE 8TH: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: 6:00 PM @ PCC
- JUNE 8TH: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 7:00 PM @ PCC



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8pm Meal, men's clothes
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Movie Corner

BY HOWARD MCQUITTER II

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***** of Five Stars**
Action/Sci-Fi/Drama

From the beginning of Ben Wheatley's "High-Rise," the signs of a disturbing venture are in store for the viewers. Just minutes into "High-Rise," the setting backs of three months earlier when a doctor Robert Laing (Tom Hiddleston) after recently losing his sister moves into a spacious apartment on the 25th floor of this futurist high-rise (would be in the 1970s here).

(J.G. Ballard's 1975 novel adapted to silver screen by Ben Wheatley with the same title.) Laing goes on to say he feels he's living in the future that has already taken place. Whether or not, Laing is aware of what is about to take place in his new surroundings is uncertain. That is, the brutal reality of his other rich neighbors on the upper floors where he joins them

starting with frivolous decadence (orgies, drunkenness, drugs, etc.) to out-and-out mayhem.

The floors below are where the middle-classes live, however, in simpler and more crowded apartments. Even here--with fewer material goods--they, too, fall into dystopian anarchism just like their opulent neighbors above them.

Mr. Laing is no recluse and begins an illicit affair with Charlotte (Sienna Miller) and fools around with Helen (Elisabeth Moss), both are his neighbors. Charlotte and Helen are tied to a mercurial documentary filmmaker named Wilder (Luke Evans), who becomes friends with Laing, soon to be rivals over the two women. The initial gaucherie between the two men, like everything else in this apocalyptic film goes south.

Wheatley's "High-Rise" is not as good or as convincing as Joon-Ho Bong's science fiction-thriller "Snowpiercer" (2013). Nonetheless, "High-Rise" is watchable (if a little too disjointed for my liking) and has dutiful parts.



Cast: Jeremy Irons (Anthony Royal), Sienna Miller (Charlotte Melville), Luke Evans (Richard Wilder), Elisabeth Moss (Helen Wilder), James Purefoy (Pangbourne), Keeley Hawes (Ann Royal), Peter Ferdinando (Cosgrove), Sienna Guillory (Jane Sheridan) and Daniel Skinner (Simmons).

Director: Ben Wheatley.
Running time: 119 minutes.

Stay or Go?

HOBT seeks community input, stories, as it faces difficult decision

BY LINDSEY FENNER

In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre is reevaluating its occupancy of the Avalon Theater at 15th and Lake in Midtown Phillips. HOBT, founded in the Powderhorn Park neighborhood in 1973, produces the annual MayDay parade and festival, stages original productions at the

Avalon and throughout Minnesota, and collaborates with community through artist residencies and workshops.

The theater company has made the historic Art Deco theater its home since 1988. However, badly needed repairs and updates, and lack of space, will force HOBT to make the difficult decision in the next year to stay in the Avalon or find a new home.

HOBT is in the early stages of this process, and is seeking community input in making its decision. About 60 community members attended a community listening session on

May 17, and approximately 300 people have completed an online survey on the theater company's website. The survey asks for stories about participants' experience with the Avalon, and HOBT Executive Director Corrie Zoll is hoping for more: "We already have more than a dozen pages of wonderful stories, and hope to share these when we can. Please keep them coming!"

The community can give feedback through a survey at www.hobt.org, emailing HOBT Executive Director Corrie Zoll at czoll@hobt.org, or by writing to HOBT, 1500 E Lake St, Minneapolis, 55407

Alley Allies

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June 17
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Alley Communications, Publishers of the *Alley Newspaper*, will host a gathering of its most dedicated loyalists, writers, advocates, and contributors to talk about: "What community ownership means and how does it bear on the future of the Alley?"



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"Trump" disguised with "David West" mask doesn't fool audience.
Susan Gust

"A bezanty, fine, bright Trombone led the big parade With a couple of well tuned cornets close at hand. They were followed by rows and rows of the finest virtuosos, the cream of ev'ry famous band."
Allan Hildebrand

The Walker Church Choir raised their voices raising the spirits of the audience and the building under the direction of Maestro James (Jim) McCreary.
Peter Doughty

Raise Your Voice

Wild rice

BY PETER MOLENAAR

“Ricey Wild” is the pen name attached to “It Ain’t Easy Being Indian.” Ricey is a window to the world, as seen from the Fond du Lac reservation. Her work is published in THE CIRCLE and as such, is part of the fabric of our community.

Only occasionally has Ricey vented resentment upon the surrounding White world. However, in one instance, I was moved to respond from the perspective of an industrial worker (Smith Foundry). True enough, us white workers are sometimes a tad “slow.” Nonetheless, in our mutual confrontation with the money-power, unity

is the requirement of all. So, the learning process continues.

In her April 2016 piece, Ricey decisively leans toward unity by inviting us to become more “Indian.” An example of her sound advice:

“Okay, the powwow rules. When you see the Indians stand up, you do too. When they are quiet you zip it. No filming... when spiritual blessing are going on...” So, let’s get it right.

In the same article, an observation is rendered which is, to say the least, deeply ironic.

“In Native country there is always a Veterans’ Honor guard that leads the

powwow to show appreciation for the people who chose to serve our country... per capita, Indians have volunteered for military service more than any other ‘race’. I used to wonder why some did after all the U.S. government did to try and kill us, and got this answer: This was our country first. Even before we became U.S. citizens our people volunteered for the military and fought America’s enemies. Let that sink in for a bit.”

Sunk in yet?

Similarly, in the aftermath of WWI, Black soldiers marched in honored formation, to receive only the blessings of Jim Crow terror. WWII, same thing. Oh yes, our peoples have exerted their cry for some measure of respect.

Hey, I once knew a man (a white man) whose juvenile exploits found him court-ordered to Southeast Asia. He was dropped from the sky into the hills of Laos. Later in life, he was a comrade to me, a blossoming student of the worldwide revolutionary process, until some self-righteous commentator drove him away. Lord save us.

This year’s Fond du Lac Veterans Powwow will receive the Vietnam Traveling Wall, escorted to placement by hundreds of Bikers.

No doubt, these Bikers will become more Indian along the way.

Ricey concludes: “We never left, we are still here and the Revolution has begun.”

Phillips Million Step Challenge

Together we can achieve amazing things! This summer let’s walk together and take a million steps. None of us can do it alone but we can all be a part of making it happen when we join forces.

Phillips Wellness 50+, a movement for and by Phillips community members, has organized a walking group for

this June and July. No matter what speed or distance you walk, this is for you. It will be a fun way to be with your neighbors and give you a chance to get fresh air and work your muscles.

We need you to make this challenge a success!

Here’s how it works:

1. Come to the first group walk on June 7, 6:30 PM. We’ll meet in the lobby of Ebenezer Tower, 2523 Portland Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55404. We’ll give you a free pedometer and a tracking chart.

2. Then we will go out for our first group walk together: one group of easy-going “strollers” and another group of a bit more

aggressive “striders”

3. Keep track of all your steps for a week on the tracking chart and bring it to the group walk the next week.

It’s that easy. The group walk will be every Tuesday for eight Tuesdays starting June 7 at 6:30 PM meeting at Ebenezer Tower. We will total all of our tracking chart steps for the eight weeks into one grand total. We’ll have over a million steps! And we will all be healthier and a bit more connected.

For information or to sign up, contact Donna Nordin at 612-741-5180 or dnordin2@comcast.net.

See you on the 7th!



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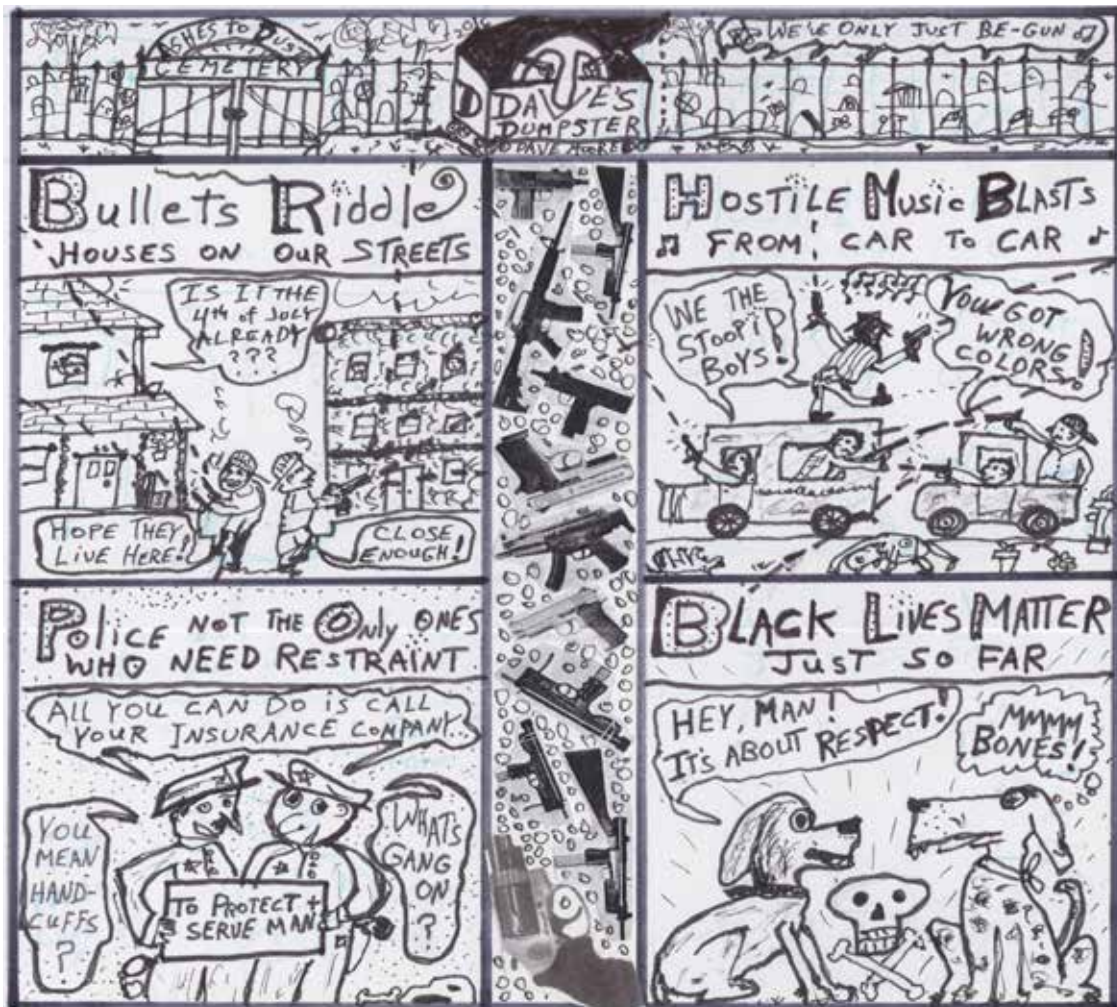
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BACKYARD INITIATIVE BACK PAGE



BYI AREA

The BYI Back Page is produced each month as a collaborative venture between the BYI Communications CHAT & Alley Communications, Inc., publisher of The Alley Newspaper. The Communications CHAT works with BYI CHAT(s) (Community Health Action Teams) each month as a "Resource CHAT"—helping to get the news and activities of the BYI out to the broader community.

Spreading Care through the Backyard Initiative

What Does It Mean to Care?

This is an interesting time in our development as an initiative. As a community we have lots of work to do. We are working, I feel, to change the conditions in our community. We are attempting to do what has not been done in any other community. There are some things unique to us and they give us center stage in our own healing processes and practices. This is where I see caring coming in. It is our heart as a community that is driving us towards healing. It is the work of sharing our hearts in our collective work as the Backyard Initiative. I see potential in our efforts and I applaud the dedication of each of the Community Health Action Teams giving intentional care to wounds unattended by the modern health care system.

Caring has to be at the core of our work because I have witnessed us face challenges internally and externally and overcome them as a community. It is your heart. It is the ability to share the vision of your heart's effort in the teamwork you exhibit as we are building community through a system of giving care. The Backyard Initiative is more than a partnership with Allina Health. Communities have become accustomed

to being used by corporations; non-profit and for profit. The aim is much higher than gains. As a care giving system the Backyard Initiative is a living entity we are keeping alive with our hearts. As we give our time, energy and efforts towards the care of our community we create healing.

Care is an intentional act motivated by the heart. It is a way of living in harmony with the spaces you find your spirit entering. Caring, to care, is being mindful of the heart as a spiritual instrument tuned to hear the voice of the Creator. Caring is the voice of a community member calling to check on you because they miss seeing your face. Caring is someone taking the time to walk the neighborhood to show a presence and commitment to helping others feel safe. These are all things I see happening around me within the Backyard Initiative. My greatest wondering these days is if we know what we (the community) have done in creating a functional Community Care Giving System™.

Minkara Tezet
*Griot of Psychology and Psychiatry,
Cultural Wellness Center*



Carl Lobley, Andre Graham and Minkara Tezet, Cultural Wellness Center and the Backyard Initiative-attending the International Health Fair, Saturday, April 16th at the Midtown Global Market.

For more information about the Backyard Initiative, visit the BYI Resource Center on south edge of the Midtown Global Market or call 612-353-6211



International Health Fair at the Midtown Global Market: The Backyard Initiative and the Cultural Wellness Center were co-partners with others in the effort.



The BYI Resource Center is pleased to host the ReTHINK Your Drink initiative with the assistance of Midtown Global Market vendors: Produce Exchange, Manny's Tortas, and Safari Express.

All 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.



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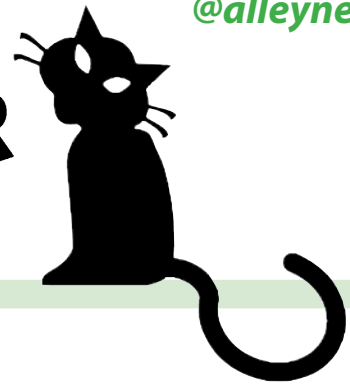
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THE THUNDER BEFORE THE STORM

The Autobiography of Clyde Bellecourt

As told to Jon Lurie

The American Indian Movement burst onto the scene in the late 1960s as indigenous people across the country began to demand what is rightfully theirs. Clyde Bellecourt, whose Ojibwe name translates as "The Thunder before the Storm," is one of its co-founders and iconic leaders. This powerful autobiography provides an intimate narrative of his childhood on the White Earth Reservation, his long journey through the prison system, and his embodiment of "confrontation politics" in waging war against entrenched racism.

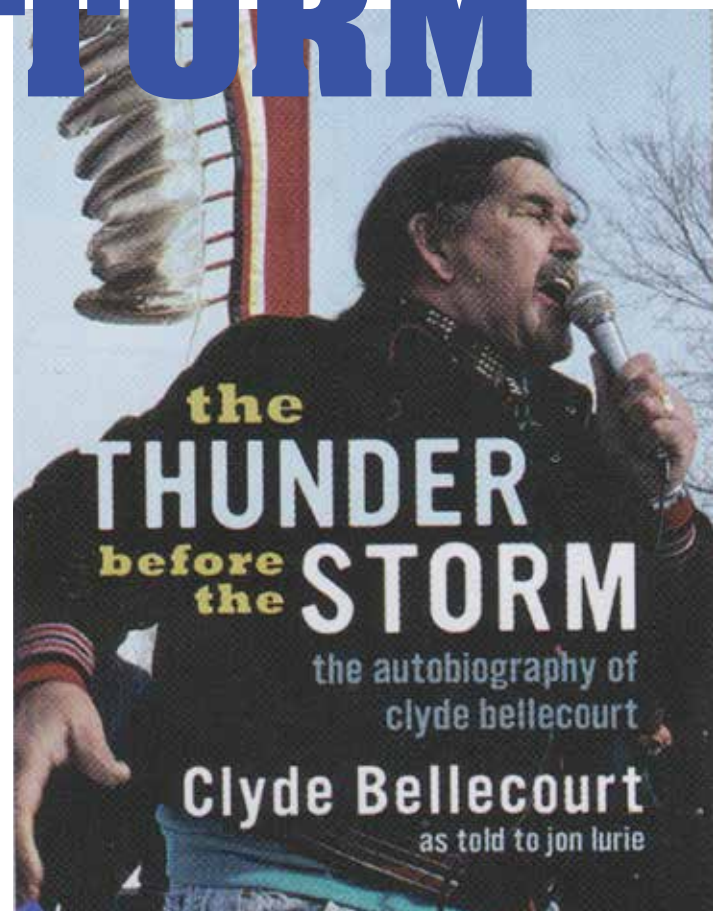
Bellecourt is up-front and unapologetic when discussing his battles with drug addiction, his clashes with other AIM leaders, his experiences on the trail of Broken Treaties and at Wounded Knee, and the cases of Leonard Peltier and murdered AIM activist Anna Mae Aquash. This gritty, as-told-to memoir also uncovers the humanity behind Bellecourt's militant image, revealing a sensitive spirit whose

wounds motivated him to confront justice and to help others gain a sense of pride by knowing their culture.

The Thunder before the Storm offers an invaluable inside look at the birth of a national movement—the big personalities, the creativity, and the perseverance that were necessary to alter the course of Native and American history.

Clyde Bellecourt cofounded the American Indian Movement [headquarters storefront—demolished—in Phillips Community on Franklin Avenue] and has worked for Indian rights for decades. He lives in Minneapolis. **Jon Lurie**, educator and journalist, has worked in the Minneapolis Native American community for many years. He is a staff writer for *The Circle* and has written for numerous other publications.

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August 20: The Curse Of Frankenstein (1957)

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East Phillips SummerFest

June 12,

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Movies in the Parks

June 6: Spectre PG-13 Peavey Park 730 East 22nd St.

July 7: Furious 7-PG-13 Cedar Field 2500 Cedar Av.

July 27: Monsters-G Stewart Park 2700 12th Av.

Aug 4: The Goonies-PG Powderhorn 3400 15th Av.

June 27: Mr. Holmes-PG Elliot Park 1000 14th St

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