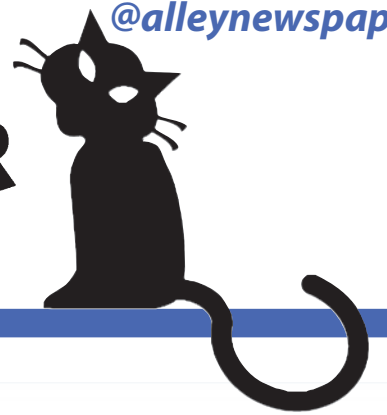


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Neighborhood Plan for Roof Depot

City Says "NO!"

Phillips Aquatic Center

School Board says, "YES!"



mixed use housing

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water works

COMMENTARY: The City Says "NO" to our Efforts to Clean Up Air Pollution and to Seek a Better Future for East Phillips

BY CAROL PASS, CHAIR, EAST PHILLIPS IMPROVEMENT COALITION, EPIC.

In spite of their continuing rhetoric about 'equity', the City of Minneapolis is rapidly moving forward with their long-hidden plans to intensify the air pollution and traffic congestion problems of what has become known by area residents as the "Intersection of Death", 28th St. and Cedar Avenue South, with its dangerous, toxic and foul-smelling air, its numerous massive and unsightly trucks, its impossible traffic congestion and its many nearby families with children and several ethnic day-care centers. The Ways and Means Committee of the City Council voted Monday, June 15th, 4 to 1 with one abstention to approve the intensification of these problems and on Friday, June 19th, in a 10 to 3 decision the City Council followed suit, in spite of the many letters, petitions and loud protests of your neighbors and many area organizations.

The Back Story:

Last November the East Phillips Improvement Coalition, EPIC, voted to begin a final campaign after all our others to remove the existing major polluting industries from East Phillips, i.e. Smith Foundry and the hot asphalt plant, Bituminous Roadways, and replace them with light industry and residential housing along the Greenway, changing this area to a place worthy of Highway 55 as the City's International Gateway from the airport. Residents' motivation came primarily in response to new science that has shown dramatically that all of this pollution is far worse for children than has been known in the past. ADHD and asthma recently figured far more heavily in the childhood health impacts resulting from these industries. EPIC, to implement our vote, began pressuring these industries to move and start-

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A Historic Decision!

COMMENTARY: Mpls. School Board made a magnanimous commitment of money and intent to youth and the Phillips Aquatic Center partnering with the Mpls. Park Board

BY DENNY BENNETT, MINNEAPOLIS SWIMS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, PRESIDENT

Tuesday night June 23, was historic! In a most selfless and noble act, the Minneapolis School Board passed a resolution MPS Board giving \$1.75M in capital, in addition to their \$150K annual operating commitment to the Phillips Aquatic Center.

These 10 lanes are going to change Minneapolis! Another \$500K to go!

There is a potential "Angel Donor" who may, in the wake of MPS's selfless gift step up and give us the money we need to get to the 8-lane configuration anyway! Exciting stuff! We'll know soon!

Historic, Selfless, Noble? Really? Yes, really!

First, let me begin by saying that tonight caps years of efforts by this group to convince Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) of the virtues

of swimming, and why Phillips, of all places, was the one neighborhood that most deserved this type of gift from the coffers of the MPS treasury. With MPS firmly entrenched in the philosophy of not investing capital in properties they do not own, and many budget fires of their own to put out, we resigned ourselves to never receiving capital dollars from MPS towards this project.

Of course, once it is built, we need to make sure it is sustainable, so we were quite pleased to get MPS to agree to a 5 year commitment to contribute \$150,000 towards operating costs.

As our fundraising gained momentum over the past year, and some of the players on the MPS board changed, and the neighborhoods stepped up with significant money, things changed. The Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board (MPRB) took notice, other donors took notice, and a swim-

ming task force at MPS was set up, and they took notice.

With the MPRB getting close to "picking a final pool", there were some "what if" conversations with MPS board members along the lines of, "What if you had 50% ownership of the Phillips Aquatics Center, and it was going to be a 2 pool 8-lane/4-lane facility, where you could use the 8-lane pool to host swim meets? In that instance, would you consider a capital contribution?" In a school district that only has 1 competition pool, a 6-lane pool, this was interesting.

In the meantime, MPRB passed their resolution, choosing the pool with the 6/4 configuration, and although still about \$2.4M short, saying they would finance the difference.

My conversations with MPS continued. Interim MPS

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**August Issue
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BY ERIN THOMASSON

**Children & Family Programs
Learn Together: Reading with Horse Power!**

Wed July 8, 10:30 am. All ages. Learn all about horses through stories. At the end of the event, you will be able to pet and interact with a live miniature horse.

Espectáculo en vivo: Las aventuras de Juan Bobo / Live Show: The Adventures of Juan Bobo

Wed July 15, 10:30 am. Para todas las edades. Acompáñenos en un espectáculo de títeres interactivo acerca de un niño decidido a poner al derecho un mundo que anda al revés. En el camino encuentra español, inglés, adivinanzas, diablillos tontos, un cerdo desaparecido y un pueblo necesitado de un héroe.

All ages. Join us for an interactive puppet show about a young boy determined to turn an upside-down world right-side up. On the way, he encounters Spanish, English, riddles, silly devils, a missing pig and a village in need of a hero.

Kids Tech: LEGO® Stop Motion Animation

Wed July 15, 3-4:40 pm. For families. Bring your own LEGO creation to feature in an animated stop motion video or make one at the library and bring it to life with the magic of animation! Led by the library’s Teen Tech Squad.

Live Show: Puppet Storytellers

Fri July 17, 10:30-11:30 am. For families. Watch puppets tell stories about animals, adventures and overcoming adversity. Be ready for added fun by rhyming, singing and dramatic play!

Live Show: Brodini

Wed July 22, 10:30 am. For families. Magician Graylyn Morris will raise spirits and test kids’ powers of concentration as he manipulates ropes, scarves, balls and other magician’s props in a perplexing “now-you-see-it, now-you-don’t” performance!

Family Storytime

Fri at 10:30 am. For children of all ages and their parent or caregiver. Talk, sing, read, write and play together in a format appropriate for young children. Share books, stories, rhymes, music and movement.

Puzzlemania!

Thursdays through Aug 13, 2-3 pm. For families. Enjoy a variety of educational and fun puzzles and games!

Súper Kínder: listos para el kínder / Súper Kínder: A School Readiness Program for Latinos

Tues & Thurs through July 23, 10:30 am-12:30 pm. Se requiere inscripción; empieza el 26 de mayo; límite 10. La Biblioteca Franklin ofrecerá una clase gratis en español para los niños que van a entrar al kínder 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. Inscríbese directamente en la Biblioteca Franklin o llame al 612-543-5648.

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For families. Ages 4-5 and their parents/caregivers will meet at Franklin Library for five weeks to learn activities and skills that build early literacy and ensure school success. This program is for families who speak Spanish as their first language. Register directly at Franklin Library or call 612-543-5648.

Art Out of the Box: Musical Monsters

Wed, July 29, 2-3 pm. Entering grades 2-5. Play with mirrors, googly eyes, and your own perspective with inspiration from the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, the mind of American artist Mark Mothersbaugh, and museum-trained teens. Meet us at the intersection of music, art and fun! Materials provided.

**Franklin Teen Center Programs
Urban 4-H Club**

Tues 5–7 pm. We do everything from urban gardening to digital photo/video to theater.

Teen Tech Workshop

Wed 4:30-6 pm. Get creative and make music, videos, animation and other projects using both high- and low-tech tools, everything from iPads and 3D printers to synthesizers and sewing machines. Led by the library’s Teen Tech Squad.

Young Achievers

Thurs July 23 & 30, 3:30-5 pm. Do you want to be involved in your community? Then bring your friends and come for poetry, arts, games and more!

Re-imagine Toys

Tues, July 28, 2-4 pm. Entering grades 6-12. Bring your twisted sense of humor and mischievous ideas and we’ll provide familiar and not-so-familiar toys for you to reverse engineer and redesign into incredible new creations. Barbie dolls could become monsters, Slinkys might turn into skyscrapers or lunchboxes could facilitate time travel.

Adult Programs

Education Alternatives

Mon July 3, 1:00 pm. Join this monthly discussion of persistent problems in education and possible solutions, based on the writings in Knowles Dougherty’s blog: educationspersistentproblems@wordpress.com.

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Monday, July 20, 1:00 pm. Would you like to create a record of your personal history? Bring what you have written and are willing to read to the group for helpful comments and suggestions.



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August 4th (Tuesday) 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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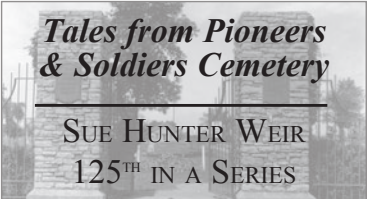
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Albert Emmanuel Nelson

Quarter Century Steward of the Sacred-Grounds, Stones, and Stories

It’s a safe bet that Albert Emanuel Nelson loved Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers Memorial Cemetery more than anyone else ever has. From 1928 until 1953 he was responsible for overseeing the care and maintenance of the cemetery grounds, for conserving and protecting the cemetery’s records, and for serving as the cemetery’s one-man public relations firm.

That’s what he was paid to do, but it does not begin to capture the reverence with which he approached his work. His interest in the cemetery and the lives of the people buried there—“the builders of Minneapolis,” as he called



them-- was his passion as well as his day job. He spent his free time assembling a library of more than 100 volumes of local history and gathering information for the book that he intended to write. There was a lot of information and gathering it was a time consuming task in those pre-internet days.

Albert Nelson was born in Minneapolis on February 1, 1892, a little more than 30 years after the

start of the Civil and Indian wars, but close enough in time to them to have heard first-hand accounts from veterans and their families. The veterans and Minnesota’s territorial pioneers were of special interest to him, and he was also deeply interested in the lives of Swedish immigrants like his parents Nels and Anna Nelson.

Albert was Nels and Anna’s only child. It is not clear what happened to Nels but by 1893, shortly after Albert was born, Anna began describing herself as a widow and was faced with the task of raising her son by herself. She worked as a “laundress,” washing and ironing the clothes for a private family and on occasion she took in boarders. Albert left school after completing the sixth grade. By the age of 15 he was working as an apprentice, most likely to a confectioner since by age 17 he was working as a clerk in a candy store. At age 18 he was employed as an elevator operator at a downtown hotel. When the 1920 census was taken, he was working as a laborer for the Minneapolis Park Board.

Albert and his mother remained close throughout her life. They lived together on the West Bank about a mile from the cemetery’s gates. He claimed an exemption from military service during World War I because he was his



Albert E. Nelson, caretaker of Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery, from 1928 until 1953, standing at the graves of Philander and Mary Prescott. Members of the Hennepin History Society had the Prescotts’ marker enclosed in stones from the first Central High School in 1926.

mother’s sole source of support. Anna Nelson died in 1944 aged 84. On January 6, 1945, eight months after she died, Albert married Susie Anderson.

Albert was in poor health for at least a few years before he died. He had already had two heart attacks before the one that ended his life. He died on July 1, 1953 seven months shy of the 100th anniversary of the cemetery that he loved so much. He was only 61 years old.

In 1958, a Canadian named Lela Taylor, wrote a letter addressed to Albert Nelson asking whether he could tell her how much a copy of the book that he had written would cost. Robert O’Reilly, the cemetery’s caretaker at the time, informed her that Albert had died some years earlier and that he had checked Albert’s widow who said that the book had never been completed.

That didn’t mean, however, that he hadn’t started one. The Minnesota Historical Society has a box containing typed pages, a handful of photographs, and two scrapbooks that are cataloged as the “Albert E. Nelson papers.” Most of the typewritten pages are copies of work written by others but several pages are original work by Albert Nelson. Had he lived long enough, they would likely have been incorporated into the book that he hoped to write. Friends of the Cemetery plans to reprint and make his essays available soon.

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OPEN STREETS, Open Cemetery, August 2, 11- 4

Join us at Open Streets on August 2nd from 11 to 4. Visitors can go on a smartphone history hunt, a non-phone history hunt or just sit in the shade and rest a while. Kids can make an old-time board game to take home.

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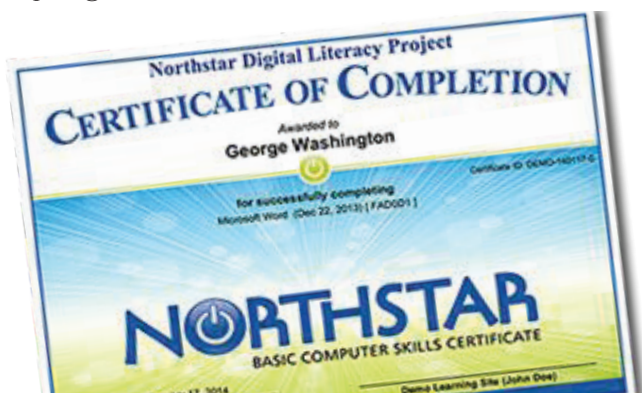
Epic, through its Programming Partnership, is working with East Phillips Park and others to bring two new series of computer based classes to our East Phillips Park Cultural & Community Center.

- 1) Computer Literacy class covers:
 - a. Mouse, Icons, Keyboard, the Operating System, Navigating the Internet & Google Drive
 - b. Future classes will cover the Microsoft Office Suite which is available via the Google Cloud to those who complete the class
- 2) Financial Literacy class covers:
 - a. How money works, All about Checking, Savings and Credit Cards, Needs vs. Wants
 - b. How to: Budget, Save for college, a car or a home, Save & invest for your future.

The Computer Literacy Classes are taught to the standards of the Northstar Literacy Project. Those who complete the class and pass the test will receive their “Certificate Of Completion” – a valuable asset when job hunting.

The Financial literacy classes are taught by Wells Fargo and have been valuable and fun for those attending.

For information contact Brad Pass -612-916-8478
Email bpas@usinternet.com



Neighborhood youth were a big hit at SummerFest 2015



The Little Thunderbirds



Park Talent Show



Open Mike Performers



T J Motley

East Phillips SummerFest 2015 was a huge success. The weather was perfect, the crowds enthusiastic, the food superlative and the entertainment could not have been better. The Little Thunderbirds opened, followed by young & old East Phillips Neighbors at the “Open Mike/Karaoke Jam”. The East Phillips Park Youth Talent Show continued to highlight our community’s incredible kids. Former resident Bruce Nygren & his Mumblebugs closed out the entertainment with 2 ½ magical hours of their original blues.

For your Calendar:

The EPIC Board of Directors NORMALLY meets on the First Saturday of every month.

NOTE THIS CHANGE Because of the 4th of July weekend, The July EPIC Board meeting will be: Saturday, 7/11/15. At 10:00 AM. The August Board meeting will be 8/1/15 At 10:00 AM as usual.

The EPIC General Membership meets on the Second Thursday of each month

Thursday, 7/9/15 & 8/13/15 At 6:30 PM

Agenda includes Neighborhood Industrial Pollution, Crime Initiatives, and updates on EPIC projects

The East Phillips Park Programming Partnership meets on the LAST Tuesday of each month

Tuesday, 7/28/15 & 8/30/15 At 11:30 AM. Lunch is served

Agenda includes Planning & Wrap-up of East Phillips SummerFest 2015, updates on EPIC’s Free Financial & Computer Literacy Classes & Programming Partner Events & News.

Meeting Location: All the above meetings and events are at the:

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

The Center is wheelchair accessible

The East Phillips Community 17th Ave. Gardeners meet on the second Saturday of Each Month during the gardening season, normally from April through September. The next meetings are:

Saturday, 7/11/15 & 8/8/15 at 9:00 AM in the Garden located at 2428 17th Ave. S.

SAVE THESE DATES:

Phillips Community Clean Sweep: October 10th 2015 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Garden Fall Harvest Party: October 17th 2015 from 4:00 PM until the fire goes out

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MIDTOWN PHILLIPS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INC.

JUNE BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday June 9, 6:30-8pm.

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

- Approve minutes of 5/12 board meeting (5 min)
- Orientation on funding sources, auditing and the expectations for MPNAI per our management response by Robert Thompson, NCR (40 min)
- Review for Approval HOTB 2015 proposal (15 min)
- Review for Approval Somali/American Radio Station KALY-LP 101.7 FM proposal (15 min)
- Midtown Phillips Festival planning/MPNAI booth (5 min)
- Public comments (10 min)

JUNE COMMUNITY MEETING AGENDA

Public attendance encouraged for community discussion and awareness of local issues.

Tuesday June 23, 6:30-8pm.

**Stewart Park (Multi-purpose Room)
2700 12th Ave S, Minneapolis**

- Approve minutes of 5/26 community meeting (5 min)
- Q&A on policy for local park field use with Scott Vreeland, Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (30 min)
- Midtown Phillips Summer Safety Strategy (50 min)
—Inspector Sullivan, 3rd Precinct, Minneapolis Police, will be joined by HN County Probation, Midtown Safety Center, HN County Attorney Gail Baez, Minneapolis Park Police, Transit Police, and 3rd Precinct Community Prosecutor.
- Midtown Phillips Festival announcement (5 min)



MIDTOWN PHILLIPS FESTIVAL JULY 25, 2015

Saturday, Noon to 8 pm
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VENTURA VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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NO JULY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING! ▶ JOIN US AUGUST 12TH

Re-Introducing Bocce Ball into the Phillips/Cedar-Riverside Communities



Bocce Ball was quite familiar to Somalis living in the southern part of the country once controlled by the Italians. Considered the world's oldest game, Bocce Ball is popular in Europe and is taking the Americas by storm. It's a game that elders and youngsters, and those in-between, can all play together.

Funded by *Blue Cross/Blue Shield*, Ventura Village has purchased two short courts (seen above) and two of the professional long courts. East Phillips old tennis courts became the test site for the first efforts at setting up the portable, inflatable courts for players to try out. Young and older stepped up to try their hands at a game with very simple rules, but requiring greater skills with competitive players. Somali rules made the game more fun to play and watch where you can knock other's balls away to get yours closer, using the court's sides and back boundary for more advantage.

Ventura Village has scheduled July 4th at the light rail station of Cedar-Riverside starting at 6:00 PM and will be at MidTown Phillips festival on July 25th and all day at Franklin Avenue Open Streets on August 16th!

Minneapolis Schools will partner with the Park Board on the final buildout of the Phillips Pool

After years of waiting, further action on the Phillips Community Center swimming pool came at the June 23rd Minneapolis School Board meeting. The resolution that passed by a 6-1 margin is to work with Minneapolis Park Board staff and develop a *Memorandum of Understanding* that would create an agreement addressing a wide variety of sports and activity matters that would benefit from a strong schools/park board partnership. \$1.75 million of capital funding and five years of ongoing operating support until 2020 were the numbers contained in the resolution.

One concern voiced by a school board member was that if the pool was designed around competition and drew people from a much wider area of the city, scheduling issues could crowd out chances for Phillips residents to fully access the facilities. This would end up *reducing choices* for families to go regularly and dilute the focus on water safety aspects that pool proponents kept insisting was the *primary purpose* for an accessible pool in these neighborhoods. Park Board President Liz Wilenski voiced the concern that was echoed by several School Board members. None of the details related to scheduling and ensuring access by the local residents have been developed or published. The assertion that an eight lane pool would be more costly to maintain than a six lane also remains to be re-examined in the future. Most important for the Phillips Community, is that \$1.75 million makes this long-awaited pool appear to be more likely to be developed. As Minneapolis Swims' Denny Bennett, said, "This is something to be very thankful it happened tonight!"

VENTURA VILLAGE MONTHLY MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN JULY AS FOLLOWS:

2nd Wednesdays: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: 6:00 PM	2nd Wednesdays: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 7:00 PM
1st Wednesdays: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE: 6:00 PM	Last Thursdays: CRIME & SAFETY COMMITTEE: 6:30 PM
1st Tuesdays: WELLNESS, GARDENING & GREENING: 6:30 PM	PARKS COMMITTEE: Call 612-871-7973 for next meeting time
Last Thursdays: HOUSING & LAND COMMITTEE: 5:30 PM	EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Call 612-599-1066 for next meeting time

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ed building a movement to de-industrialize this area around the “Intersection of Death”.

It was at that point that the City planners and Public Works came out of the woodwork and revealed their nearly completed and never-before-seen plan to add to the polluting industries by buying the Roof Depot site at 1860 East 28th Street and moving the City Public Water Works facility there, bringing to this already congested area 68 more massive trucks, 24 of them diesel, plus numerous other oversized vehicles, back hoes, bulldozers, etc. and also all the vehicles needed to bring 100 employees to and from the site for work, none of whom live in Phillips.

This plan would add to the

Core Principles of Community Engagement.

“1. The Right to be involved - Public participation is based on the belief that those who are affected by a decision have a right to be involved in the decision-making process.” (Adopted by Minneapolis City Council, 2007)

How are we to understand the ‘bad faith’ of the City’s concealment along with its failure to inform the neighborhood residents for years and then only in the last few months? How are we to understand their refusal to carry out the City’s own code of ethics, stated in part here? What does it mean that the City ignores its own documents, which are to insure ‘equity’ in community

childhood leukemia from these lines. Who would have asked these health and justice questions if we had not? Doesn’t the City Council and planning department have some responsibility to ask them? Where have they been in any of this? Protection and seeking to reverse the damage of low incomes and racial prejudice against these families and children has guided the actions of EPIC since its inception.

The Current Situation:

East Phillips residents and the East Phillips Improvement Coalition, EPIC, along with Tamales y Bicicletas and Council Member Cano’s office are working to ask the appropriate questions of the project, questions no one else was asking, such as who

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- **Great Places:** Natural and built spaces work together and **our environment is protected** All Minneapolis residents, visitors and employees have a **safe and healthy environment**.

The East Phillips Corresponding Vision of the Future:

We concluded that an Urban Agribusiness would be the best fit for Roof Depot building and would implement all the relevant “Goals and Strategic Directives” of the Council and Mayor. We requested that Dean Dovolis work with us to create an area plan for the community vision. We then met at an EPIC community meet-

East Phillips has used very little City money to pull itself up by its bootstraps. We still have photos from a huge party Mayor Belton threw for us years ago for our work at restoration of East Phillips, done with so few resources and we had only just begun. She handed EPIC a huge check for \$50,000 and persuaded Honeywell to do the same. It all went into filling vacant lots with housing. That was the ‘hey day’ of City support and collaboration with the neighborhoods. We have never received so much support since, and much opposition. The community has asked, but has not received and so have done much on our own. Given the lack of support, we have only asked to be left alone and, in that setting, have



polluting industries, inflicting on us the opposite of the de-industrialization we had hoped to achieve. The City acknowledged to us that they had been planning this behind our backs since 2001. They had completely ignored telling the community about this, ignoring all community engagement for more than a decade. Had we not begun an “anti-pollution/protect the neighborhood children” effort, some of us think we never would have known about this until the giant trucks began rolling through the neighborhood near the completion of the project.

Consider for yourselves number one of the City’s own

engagement and especially with regard to one of the poorest and most diverse neighborhoods in the City? We are responding in the only honorable and appropriate way, to fight this travesty of procedural and environmental injustice. We have a long and deep tradition of working together to battle industries, businesses or individuals who wish to locate industries in Phillips, which would harm or disproportionately burden this population of low income, struggling immigrants, refugees and people of color, roughly 50% who are children.

Recall that the neighborhood stopped the County from locating their Garbage Transfer Station in East Phillips in the late 90s; stopped the wood burning Midtown Eco-Energy plant in East Phillips in 2007 to 2009 when a major increase in asthma was found to be the outcome of this industry; and again stopped Xcel energy’s overhead high-voltage power lines and compelled them to be buried underground in 2010 to 11, when we learned of an up-tick of

gains and who pays. We worked to try to stop the project and, in the small time left to us, find alternative places for a new Water Yard to be built. We had been considering for years what should really be on this site and, again in the shortness of time, we called in Dean Dovolis, the designer of our East Phillips Park Cultural and Community Center, to help us with an alternative development for the Roof Depot and surrounding site. We are working to stop the City’s purchase of the Roof Depot site and, in the short time the City has left us with, we have developed a better plan, which creates a solution to all the problems of the “Intersection of Death.”

We began this process by referring to the City’s own stated “Goals and Strategic Directions of the City of Minneapolis” created by the Council and Mayor, to get a sense of direction.

Here are those City goals we found most relevant and compelling for us to try to bring into being to transform the “Intersection of Death” and the surrounding area impacted by it:

- **Living well:** Minneapolis is **safe and livable** and has an active and connected way of life. All neighborhoods are **safe, healthy** and uniquely inviting.
- **One Minneapolis:** Disparities are eliminated so all Minneapolis residents can participate & prosper **Racial inequities** (including in housing, education, income and health) are addressed and eliminated
- **A hub of economic activity and innovation:** Businesses-big and small-start, move, stay, grow

ing that was widely publicized to vote on the plan. The vote passed unanimously. You can see the basic elements in the picture at the top of this article. You can see it includes a large solar array to provide energy to power the agribusiness located in the Roof Depot building. It also includes residential housing and a bike shop on the Greenway.

Regarding the Mayor’s and City Council’s Goals, the following points address these:

- **Safe, Livable and healthy-** It would provide fresh, locally grown food in all seasons with almost no pollution, not even from cars, people could walk or bike to work.
- **Elimination of economic disparities and racial inequities-** would provide lots of jobs that Phillips residents could qualify for and families will not need to own a car to get to work. There are almost no adequate jobs near by for this population..
- **Focus on areas of greatest need-** This is an area of greatest need. The truth is that for the first time we now have some real amenities, the Park Center and the soon-to-be Swimming pool, but we did all the fundraisers and raised almost all the money ourselves, contrary to many other neighborhoods. We still have deeply impoverished families and many are currently spending an enormous amount of money and time to travel great distances to jobs.
- **Environmental Justice-** All Minneapolis residents should have a healthy and safe environment, This proposed development will provide that.

done wonders. The Park Building, the coming Swimming Pool, the soccer fields, the two apartment buildings, 28 town homes, 30 single family homes and many sport teams testify to that.

We have heard little from the Downtown Government for years. This is the first City involvement in memory and it comes only as something damaging, future destroying, with no community engagement to speak of and a project concealed from us for years in which we have had no say. It is an example which demonstrates a complete failure on the part of the City to even acknowledge the City’s “Goals, Strategic Plans,” claims to be concerned about racial or economic equity or even a nod toward serious community engagement as espoused in the documents created by the City itself, ones to which we in East Phillips are trying to adhere.

It is time for the City to put its money where its mouth is or to pull out and leave us to continue to rebuild East Phillips by ourselves as we have so beautifully and with so much hard work done in the past. Please end this quest to undo so much we have done and fought for. We will not back down from insisting on better treatment and respect for the goals, hopes and future plans of East Phillips’ people. This plan included here is what EPIC’s community engagement has told us the community wants... This is what the residents voted for ... This is what we insist on... a much better future than the grim one the City Council vote has set before us.

JUNE 8 — AUGUST 13, 2015

KIDS EAT FREE

SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS

Qué: El Programa de Nutrición del Verano de Minnesota brinda comida gratis, deliciosa, y saludable para los niños y jóvenes menores de 18 años de edad. Lo único que hay que hacer es presentarse!

Dónde: East Phillips Park Cultural and Community Center, 2307 17th Avenue South 612-370-4888

Cuándo: 8 de junio — 13 de agosto; Lunes-Jueves

Merienda
1 P.M. hasta 2 P.M.

Cena
5 P.M. hasta 6 P.M.

WHAT: The Minnesota Summer Nutrition Program: free nutritious and delicious meals for kids 18 and under. All you have to do is show up!

WHERE: East Phillips Park Cultural and Community Center, 2307 17th Avenue South 612-370-4888

WHEN: Every Monday through Thursday From June 8 to August 13

SNACK 1 P.M. TO 2 P.M.

DINNER 5 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

Ilmaha lacag la'aan bey ku cunayaan

Cuntada summer ka oo ciyaalka loogu talagalay

Xaggee: East Phillips Park Cultural and Community Center, 2307 17th Avenue South Telefoonka 612-370-4888

Goorma: Isniin ilaa Khamiis walba

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FOR MORE INFO: elizabeth@openarmsmn.org or 612-872-1152

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Cut Worms And Radishes

“Cut worms” are members of the largest family in the Lepidoptera, i.e., they are larvae of a moth. It was not a rabbit which murdered your tender young tomato, it was the devil incarnate.

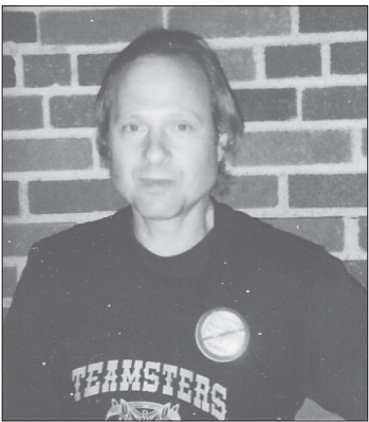
Behold the innocent one, plump and curled in the form of a C beneath the severed plant. What role in nature did its ancestors play? What Karmic consequences might ensue should you destroy it?

In this matter, I choose to honor my Christian grandmother. Straighten the “worm” between thumbs and forefingers, meditate briefly, then pop it in two.

On the other hand, experienced gardeners will follow mitigating steps: 1.) weed and rake the garden clean before turning the soil in late autumn, 2.) turn the soil again come spring, 3.) plant a trap crop.

Who can eat a hundred radishes? Plant them in April, weeks before setting out expensive transplants. A few fallen radishes will reveal the whereabouts...

- Hmmm...philosophical notes:
1. The universe evolves formation and exists in constant motion as a consequence of interpenetrating opposing forces (everything is self-contradictory).
 2. External factors are merely the conditions, internal contradictions are the basis of change.
 3. The accumulation of external factors (quantitative change) at



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some point alters the relative dominance of aspects within a contradiction, thereby inducing qualitative “leaps”.

4. Capitalism is self-contradictory (unjust, unstable, unsustainable) but contains the seeds of socialism.
5. We are presently in a quantitative phase of the revolutionary process (we are not yet in a revolutionary situation).
6. Given the relationship of forces in this country, the threat of fascism does exist.
7. The forces which revolve around the Republican Party must be blocked and stymied.
8. Social Democrats such as Bernie Sanders should not be castigated as “sheep dogs,” nor should liberal-centrists such as Hillary Clinton be summarily

Frank Reflections

BY FRANK ERICKSON

100 years ago White men who lynched Black men went off to fight “wars” to defend themselves and their country against aggression.

But these White men should not have been left alive to kill anyonein “war”—since they should have been killed for being terrorists by the people they were terrorizing. Yet those who opposed lynching 100 years ago did not have the violent capacity to have a “War on Terror” against the White

racists.

So goes the slippery slope of claiming your right to defend yourself using violence—It is your capacity to use violence that rules the day, not your justification.

There is a long back and forth history of violence used by members of an exclusive club who commit acts of aggression but then have the capacity to use violence based on their claims of defending themselves—example, U.S. Drone attacks.

The U.S. Government will imit

air strikes on ISIL if near civilians, but the box office success of “American Sniper” shows that the U.S. is entertained by the slaughter of Iraqis, rather than concerned about it.

Defense Secretary Ashton Carter said the Iraqi military has “no will to fight”. The U.S. needs to do its own dirty work if it wants to control central Iraq. The imperialists in Washington are frustrated that ISIL is better at illegally attacking and controlling Iraq than they are.

Aquatic Center from page 1

Superintendent Gore was portrayed as being opposed to the board on this issue, however, in reality, he just didn’t know anything about the Phillips Aquatics Center yet. He met with MPRB Superintendent Miller on multiple occasions to get a good understanding of how they

could best help on the project, and how overall, they could establish a new level of collaboration on a multitude of different projects and priorities that each of them had.

In the end, these two organizations have realized that they serve the same public, and in many instances they have facilities and services that do or should overlap, and that be working together, they can both be more efficient and effective and deliver a better product or service to us. That is how we have ended up with a thoughtful MPS resolution that has the work “Park” in it many times and results in a selfless gift that puts, not their needs first, but the needs of the people, who with the MPRB, they serve together, first.

So yes, Historic, Selfless and Noble.

What’s next? Well, there’s still the issue of about \$500,000 to raise to complete this 6/4 capital campaign. We are hoping that everyone who’s given, can give just a little more, and we’ll get there, I promise. Finally, I do have a most exciting prospect who has the ability to step in, and in the Minneapolis spirit of selflessness, write the check we need to bridge the gap to get the competition pool to 8-lanes. I’ll know one way or another by the next issue of The Alley. Stay tuned!

Read the resolution at <http://bit.ly/1TNOAeJ>
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Art Pollinators needed to explore role of art

What is art in transforming a community? Where do art and social and political struggle connect?

Young artists with St. Paul’s Lutheran’s Semilla Art Program will be asking residents and workers in Midtown Phillips how they see their community and environment; engaging neighbors to create art ; mosaics on planters and garbage cans, to photo exhibits to the 2nd issue of The Phoenix of Phillips.

Interested? Info stpaulscreate@gmail.com, 612-724-3862, or St. Paul’s Block Party July 18 from 10 am to 2pm.

Apartments for Rent
21st St. & 16th Ave.
2 BR \$755. + Util.

33rd St. & Nicollet Ave.
2 BR \$765. + Util.

33rd St. & 1st Ave.
2 BR 2 Bath \$995. Includes Util.
612-825-6283

Reimbursed Senior Volunteer Positions:
The Senior Companion and Foster Grandparent Programs are seeking volunteers 55+ years willing to help seniors as friendly visitors in their home & outings in the community in OR to help children in school settings as mentors and tutors. Volunteers needed in YOUR community!
Tax-free stipend, mileage reimbursement& other benefits.

Contact Lisa at, 651.310.9450
lisa.beardsley@lssmn.org

Freedom's Just Another Word for The Man Behind The Curtain

WE'RE THE BIG GUYS
WE KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU
WE WILL TELL YOU WHAT YOU WANT AND YOU WILL LIKE IT
WE KNOW WHAT'S BEST (for US)

WE'LL "GIVE" YOU BREAD AND STADIUMS
DON'T FORGET TO VOTE
AHA HA HA HA
HA HA HA HA
HA HA HA HA
HEY!!
WE'VE BEEN HACKED!!
HA HA HA HA

Independence Day Celebrates a Revolution

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BACKYARD INITIATIVE BACK PAGE








BYI AREA

GREETINGS! Please take a look at our July A-POD calendar because there's some major changes afoot! We decided to merge our Monday evening A-POD English-speaking group with our Thursday Morning (10:00 AM) English-speaking group, freeing us up to now participate in the Phillips Neighborhood Clinic's Monday evening schedule. Thus we can Meet-up with local residents who are diabetic but cannot afford regular medical care. We will set up a table there to meet with any patients who are diabetic to help them begin to navigate the sometimes choppy waters faced by those of us with diabetes. We are also beginning to offer a special A-POD Meet-up group at the Downtown YWCA that is specifically for Allina's East Lake Clinic patients. Those begin at 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM. With support from the University of Minnesota, we are happy to announce that we will be providing additional Somali Language Meet-ups on Fridays targeting residents of Hiawatha Towers, Pentagon Apartments, and Cedar/Riverside high-rises. Recruitment for these programs begins in July. We're so happy to have the opportunity to grow!



JULY 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
A-POD PROUDLY SERVES AS A CITIZEN HEALTH ACTION TEAM (CHAT) MEMBER OF THE BACKYARD INITIATIVE OF ALLINA HEALTH			1 A-POD AQUATICS 8:00 AM DOWNTOWN YWCA POOL	2 English Language A-POD - 10:00 AM @ PCC East Lake Clinic A-POD - 1:00 PM @ Midtown YWCA	3 Somali Language A-POD Hiawatha Towers	 PHILLIPS COMMUNITY CENTER 2323 11th Avenue South This is the West Entrance to the building. We are Upstairs on 2nd Floor. Call us @ 612.812.2429
 <i>Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much.</i> - Oscar Wilde -  Allina Health BACKYARD INITIATIVE	6 A-POD @ Phillips Neighborhood Clinic	7 Somali Language A-POD Horn Towers 31 st /Blaisdell Ave.	8 A-POD AQUATICS 8:00 AM DOWNTOWN YWCA POOL	9 English Language A-POD - 10:00 AM @ PCC East Lake Clinic A-POD - 1:00 PM @ Midtown YWCA	10 Somali Language A-POD Cedar/Riverside	
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Check out these Special Health Care Nights!!! at



Phillips Neighborhood Clinic

Foot Care Night:
Thursday, July 30
Thursday, August 27
Dermatology Night:
Thursday, July 9
Thursday, September 3

Additional Information:
• No appointments or insurance necessary.
• Spanish interpreters are available at all times.
Phillips Neighborhood Clinic is housed in:
St. Paul's Lutheran Church
2742 15th Ave South
Mpls, MN 55407
PHONE: (612) 724-1690
HOURS: 6 TO 9 pm

BYI Definition of Health

- Health is a state of physical, mental, social, and spiritual well-being. It is not only the absence of infirmity and disease.
- Health is a state of balance, harmony, and connectedness within and between many systems – the body, the family, the community, the environment, and culture. It cannot be seen only in an individual context.
- Health is an active state of being; people must be active participants to be healthy. It cannot be achieved by being passive.

The Backyard Initiative (BYI) is a partnership between the Community, Allina Health Systems and the Cultural Wellness Center. The goal of this partnership is to improve the health of the 45,000 residents living in the "backyard" comprised by the neighborhoods of Powderhorn Park, East Phillips, Midtown Phillips, West Phillips, Ventura Village, Central, and Corcoran. There are eleven Community Health Action Teams (CHATs) focused on improving the health through a variety of cultural and community-connecting activities. **For info on the BYI, please call the Cultural Wellness Center, 612-721-5745.**

Back Yard Initiative Back Page

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 (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.



JULY 2015

facebook.com/outinthebackyard

Out in the Backyard helps lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people (LGBTQ) to counter isolation by connecting to each other and community resources. Join us for FREE fitness classes!

part of The Backyard Initiative

All classes are FREE!

*Powderhorn Park-
3400 15th Ave. S. MPLS

*CANDO -
3756 Chicago Ave. S. MPLS

*East Phillips-
2307 17th Ave. S. MPLS

*The Exchange-
3405 Chicago Ave. S. MPLS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
*Thursday, 7/9-Community Potluck Dinner, 7pm @ 3844 21st Ave. S., MPLS *Thursday, 7/16 -All Chat meeting, 5-7pm @ PPL, East Franklin Avenue, MPLS			1 Zumba-6:30pm Powderhorn	2 Salsa-6:30pm Powderhorn Yoga-6:30pm CANDO	3	4 Yoga-10:30am Powderhorn
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