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Velkommen to Phillips Norway House in Indigo



Doug Knutson

“Color it Indigo,” said Dewey Thorbeck, NH Architect, to portray water’s mutual significance and beauty in Norway’s fjords and Minnesota’s deepest lakes. The vivid, eye-catching use of Indigo also recalls the strong cultural affinity of Norway and Minnesota. Welcome to Franklin Ave. and Ventura Village NH.

By happenstance, Indigo’s traditional meanings—service to humanity, integrity, sincerity, intuition, and perception—are fitting with the NH “Peace Initiative” and hope to enhance conversation culture, and contemplation. Indigo’s deep midnight blue also suggests concentration and meditation.

The opening of another cultural center on Franklin Avenue, being adjacent to Mindekirken—the Norwegian Memorial Lutheran Church at the west end of the American Indian Cultural Corridor, enhances this area as a “go to” location for the richest of cultural traditions, insights and education.

The Phillips Aquatic Center

A Jewel of equity and collaboration

BY STATE SENATE DEPUTY MAJORITY LEADER JEFF HAYDEN, DFL-MINNEAPOLIS; STATE REP. KAREN CLARK, DFL-MINNEAPOLIS; MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS ABDI WARSAME AND ALONDRA CANO; MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD MEMBERS BRADBURN, JOHNERWIN, MEGFORNEY, AND SCOTT VREELAND; EVAN HALL, MIDTOWN PHILLIPS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION BOARD CHAIR; CAROL PASS, EAST PHILLIPS IMPROVEMENT COALITION BOARD CHAIR, AND DENNY BENNETT, MINNEAPOLIS SWIMS BOARD PRESIDENT.

Minneapolis, the City of Lakes, has a dirty little secret. With one of the highest state drowning rates for children of color in the nation, Minneapolis has no public, community-accessible indoor pools offering year-round swimming instruction. Unfortunately, in Minneapolis, the opportunities to learn to swim, and reap the many

health benefits that can come with swimming regularly, are too often reserved for those with means.

On Wednesday, April 1, 2015 six of our nine Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) Commissioners voted to move forward with restoring and expanding a MPRB-owned pool in the Phillips Community Center. With the opening of the Phillips Aquatics Center, close to public transportation, these Commissioners made a huge contribution to the equity picture in Minneapolis.

The best part of all this is that 57% of the capital required for this project has already been raised by outside sources, and the money continues to come in!

Additionally, outside revenue

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Dream Come True

New National Center for Norway in America

BY ELIZABETH PLAETZ LORI, NORWAY HOUSE DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS AND COMMUNICATIONS

What started as a dream more than a decade ago is now a reality. After years of imagining, planning and building, the Norway House Education Center will open its doors on May 12, 2015 with its first gallery exhibition, “Red, White & Blue | Norwegian Constitution, American Inspiration.” Inspired by a shared love of Norway and its heritage, volunteers and donors have worked tirelessly, giving their time and resources to build a bridge that connects America to modern day Norway.

Norway House is the new national center for Norway in America. This ambitious endeavor was inspired by the hundreds of thousands of Norwegian-Americans living in the Midwest. Norway House was built by many individu-

als, families and businesses who share a dream and support the mission to promote a common interest and community for Norway.

Norway House provides a place for many to call “home.” It has spaces for families and organizations to gather and celebrate. The Gavebutikk and Kaffebar by Also Ingebretsens (a long-standing neighborhood treasure) offers Norwegian gifts, specialties, coffee, and culinary favorites. Children have a place to come to learn new languages and folk songs. Corporations and business partners from Norway will now have a base to build opportunities and partnerships in a new environment. With the opening of the Education Center and plans continuing for the second phase of the project, the Event Center, it is an exciting time for Norway House.

Norway House is a Minnesota-

based nonprofit organization dedicated to providing a link for present and future generations of the Norwegian-American community in the Upper Midwest to the heritage and culture of Norway. Norway House partners with individuals, organizations and businesses in the Norwegian-American community to promote an appreciation for and understanding of the American Norwegian experience and its relationship to modern Norway and the world. The Norway House oversees programs, including The Edvard Grieg Society, the Norway House Peace Initiative and the “Going Viking” award, which recognizes the accomplishments of notable Norwegian-American leaders.

Hours & details
www.norwayhouse.org
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sources covering the bulk of core operating expenses have been identified and have committed to providing funding for the first five years of operation, with no indication that these commitments could not continue beyond that time period. Finally, a detailed business plan was developed showing how, with enough lanes, the pool could be used to generate revenue to help offset the cost of operation, *while always providing access to the citizens of Minneapolis 16 hours per day.*

Given that all of this was organized by a group of unpaid volunteers, the MPRB Commissioners



felt comfortable that their professional staff, working in conjunction with these volunteers, could make the project a success.

It was disturbing, however, to read an article on this decision published by The Star Tribune online April 2, then in print on April 4 entitled "Minneapolis parks to spend big on Phillips pool". Below are a few of the items of concern to us that we would appreciate readers of The Alley Newspaper being made aware of also.

- The board did *not* choose the most expensive option. The most expensive option was an eight-lane competition pool, with a four-lane teaching pool and expanded community resources. The cost estimate for this option had been estimated by MPRB at up to \$7.9 million. What the Commissioners chose is a never-before-proposed, mid-range compromise at a cost of \$5.42 million.
- Reference to the "project's backers" refers to Minneapolis Swims, which has, in fact, raised \$2,830,000 in firm commitments, pledges or cash as of the MPRB meeting on April 1. Additionally, another \$250,000 of likely funding in the form of a Capstone Grant has been identified by a local foundation.

- The article fails to mention that Minneapolis Swims has also secured \$275,000 in annual operating commitments from Minneapolis Public Schools, YWCA Otters Swim Team and Augsburg College for the first five years totaling \$1,375,000. Additionally, another \$20,000 annually for five years has been committed toward scholarships.
- The article states, "the sixth-year operating deficit would be \$336,000." Wow! Scary sounding for sure, but with five-year commitments, MPRB would have plenty of time to find replacement funding, which would only be needed if the

three anchors don't renew. If replacements aren't found, that would just be poor management. This also seems to discount all the other revenue streams the MPRB consultant identified. Regardless, stating that the pool will lose \$336,000 in the sixth year is just reckless.

- MPRB is also blamed for "plunging ahead" with a decision rather than discussing alternatives. In fact, it was exactly the opposite. Commissioners tried, on numerous occasions, to suggest the vote be delayed. The administration, not the Commissioners, insisted that the vote needed to take place at the April 1 meeting.

We are the City of Lakes, in the Land of 10,000 Lakes, and water really is a part of our recreation culture here. It only makes sense that our world-class park system would provide a year-round facility that ensures everyone can enjoy our natural resources safely, regardless of economic status. This facility will be another jewel in our system, not just for the equity it provides, but for the collaboration of people, neighborhoods, levels of government, foundations and corporations that have all come together to make it happen.

BY ERIN THOMASSON

Children & Family Programs Childcare Group Storytime

Fri, May 1, 9:30 am. Talk, sing, read, write and play.. Share books, stories, rhymes, music and movement.

Paint It Green: Rube Goldberg Marble Machine

Sat, May 9, 3-4:30 pm. K-grade 6. Design and make your own marble machine using a variety of tubes, papers, unusual scraps, tape, glue and wire. Then add a few marbles and watch the good times roll! Materials provided.

Family Storytime

Fri through May 22, 10:30 am. All ages & parent or caregiver. Talk, sing, read, write and play together. Share books, stories, rhymes, music and movement.

Franklin Teen Center Programs Urban 4-H Club

Tues, 5-7 pm. Everything from urban gardening to digital photo/video to theater.

Teen Tech Workshop

Wed, May 13 & 27, 4:30-6 pm. Get creative & make music, videos, animation & other projects using both high- & low-tech tools, everything from iPads to LEGOS®.

Young Achievers

Thurs. 4:30-6 pm. Want involvement in your community? Then bring your friends and come for poetry, arts, games & more!

Adult Programs

Education Alternatives Discussion Group

Phillips West Neighborhood Upcoming Events

www.phillipswest.info

May 7th (Thursday) 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. – Phillips West Community Meeting!

Join your neighbors and other Community Partners for updates from Local City Government, Business Partners & Minneapolis Solid Waste. This meeting will take place at the Center for Changing Lives in the Centrum Room (2400 Park Avenue). Free parking is available in the rear of building off Oakland Avenue. Free Jakeeno's Pizza & Beverages will be provided! If you would like to get involved with the neighborhood please contact Crystal at 612-879-5383 or email her at pwno2005@yahoo.com



Programs at the Franklin Library

1314 E. Franklin Avenue
Complete program list or info
612- 543-6925
www.hclib.org
Mon, Fri & Sat: 9am-5pm
Tue, Wed & Thurs:
9am -8pm
Sun: 12-5pm

Mon, May 11, 1-2 pm.

Join a monthly discussion of persistent problems in education & possible solutions centered around topics raised in Knowles Dougherty's blog: educationspersistentproblems.wordpress.com.

Memoir Writing Group

Thurs, May 21, 1-3 pm. Would you like to create a record of your personal history? Bring what you have written for helpful comments and suggestions.

Franklin Learning Center: **612-534-6934**

Free, one-to-one tutoring for adults who are learning English and math, preparing for the GED and citizenship exams, and gaining life skills. We are always looking for community volunteers! No experience necessary; we provide training and materials. or fle@hclib.org.



May 9th (Saturday) 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.-

Phillips West Spring Clean Up! Join your neighbors & other Community Partners for a block by block litter pick up starting at 9:30 a.m. but first join us for a free breakfast from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. at the Center for Changing Lives in the Centrum Room located at 2400 Park Avenue. After breakfast we will provide free bags, gloves and maps for all volunteers! Perfect volunteer opportunity for large groups, family & youth! There is free parking in the rear of building off of Oakland. For more information call Crystal at 612/879-5383 or email her at pwno2005@yahoo.com.

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See \$1,000. House on 15th Ave.

Phineas Phelps built houses after Civil War service

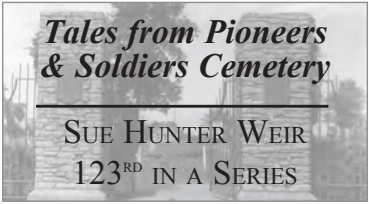
One hundred and fifty years ago, on April 9, 1865, Robert E. Lee surrendered to Ulysses S. Grant and our four-year Civil War was over. By the time that the war ended an estimated 630,000 to 750,000 men had been killed and another 1,000,000 injured. It seems like that war happened so long ago but if you know where to look there still are some small reminders in the Phillips Community of the men who fought it.

Phineas Phelps was born in Canada on December 2, 1831. He enlisted as a private in Company F of the 25th Massachusetts Infantry on September 24, 1861. A little over three years later, on October 25, 1864, he was discharged for disability. He headed west and was living in Minneapolis in 1865 where he initially found work as a teamster and later as a carpenter. He married the wonderfully-named daughter of another car-

penter—her name was Francavilla Fogg and she was 13 years younger than her husband. They were married on July 4, 1871.

Their first child, a boy, died on July 2, 1874, when he was two days old, and he was buried in what at that time was called Layman’s Cemetery. Their second son, Harry E. Phelps was born in June 1876 and survived to adulthood.

Despite the fact that Phelps was awarded a small pension for his disability, he was able to work as a carpenter. On June 5, 1886, he filed for a permit to build a wooden barn at 2800 15th Avenue South. The barn cost \$400, a significant sum of money back then. A few days later, he filed for a permit to build a wooden house at a cost of \$1,000. Less than a year after that, he filed for a permit to make some alterations to the house and to build an addition. He spent another \$100 on



wood for the barn. Phelps did not build the house for himself and the original owner’s name is not on the permit. It was probably one of many houses that he worked on in Minneapolis but it is one that has endured. The barn was demolished some time ago but one hundred and twenty-nine years later the house that Phineas Phelps built still stands on the southwest corner of 15th Avenue and 28th Street (across the street and just south of St. Paul’s Church).

Phineas Phelps died from heart disease in Britton, South Dakota on October 7, 1904; he was 73 years old. It is likely that he and Francavilla moved to South Dakota to be with their son. Phineas was brought back



Beginning June 5, 1886, Phineas Phelps built a \$400. wooden barn at 2800 15th Ave. So. Mpls. and this \$1,000. house. The vinyl siding and windows along with the metal door and satellite dish are probably more recent changes.



to Minneapolis for burial and is buried in Lot 29-34, Block F not far from his infant son who died in 1874. Phineas Phelps’ grave is marked with a military marker.

Join us in honoring Phineas Phelps and all of our other veterans on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, 2015, at Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery at 10 a.m. The Seward Concert Community Band will provide the music. And the next time you walk, ride or drive down 28th Street, tip your hat to the house that Phineas Phelps built so many years ago.

Thank You, Maria
Thank You, Maria, for advertising your Cafe at 1113 East Franklin for many years in The Alley Newspaper. Your Cafe with great hospitality, good food and fine service has become a Phillips Community, Ventura Village Neighborhood icon. Your support has been appreciated by our readers.

Memorial Day

Monday, May 25, 2015

Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery at 10 a.m.



NEIGHBORHOOD GREENSPACE CELEBRATION

Wednesday, May 13 | 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Cepro greenspace between 10th & 11th aves., next to the Midtown Greenway

Be part of the kick-off conversation about the future of an important Midtown Phillips greenspace.

- Join in a planning workshop with renowned urban designers
- Share your ideas for ways this space can contribute to our community's health
- Plus Zumba by Out in the Backyard, free snacks, the Mobile Sign Shop and other fun activities!

Learn more and register at Riverfrontcorporation.com/Cepro

Hosted by: Hennepin County • Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association • Allina Health and the Backyard Initiative
Midtown Greenway Coalition • Midtown Community Works Partnership • City of Minneapolis Neighborhood & Community Relations

FOURTH ANNUAL PLACEMAKING RESIDENCY

May 11-15, 2015

Moving the Twin Cities to Better Health

During the week of May 11-15, individuals, organizations, and institutions throughout the Greater Minneapolis Saint Paul region will explore the intersection between urban design and population health with the aid of internationally renowned experts, Dr. Richard Jackson, Dr. Anthony Iton, and Gehl Studio during the 4th Annual Placemaking Residency. The residency engages communities in presentations, workshops, walking and biking tours, and hands-on activities applying the newest thinking in city design.

Join the conversation by attending one of many events throughout the week and connect with us online at RiverfrontCorporation.com

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The 16th Anniversary Celebration of EPIC

The Annual meeting on Saturday April 25th celebrated sixteen years of EPIC's existence with another free community breakfast prepared by former EPIC Board member Sherzad Kordian, the number 2 chef of the Guthrie Theater.

The gala event was held in the \$5.5 million East Phillips Park Cultural and Community Center, which was a 5 ½ year project of EPIC and the broader community with initial funding provided by \$180,000 EPIC NRP dollars.



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Other EPIC Funded Projects Worth Celebrating



Phillips Aquatic Center

EPIC has invested \$75,000 of its NRP dollars to renovate and enlarge the Phillips Community Center swimming pool



Franklin Station Town Homes

This \$6 million development, leveraged by \$250,000 of EPIC NRP dollars, provides affordable home ownership for 28 families on E 24th Street in East Phillips



Greenway Heights Apartments

EPIC invested \$185,000 NRP dollars to provide the only affordable rental housing on the Greenway for 46 families in this \$7 million dollar project

For your Calendar:

East Phillips SummerFest 2015

Sunday, June 21st, starts at 1:00 PM and goes all day. Wonderful local entertainment, Great Food vendors and fun for everyone.

EPIC Board of Directors meets

Saturday, 5/2/15 & 6/6/15 At 10:00 AM

EPIC General Membership meets

Thursday, 5/14/15 & 6/11/15 At 6:30 PM

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

East Phillips Park Programming Partnership meets

Tuesday, 5/26/15 & 6/30/15 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.

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

East Phillips Community 17th Ave. Garden meets

Saturday, 5/9 & 6/13 at 9:00 AM in the Garden located at 2428 17th Ave. S.

MIDTOWN PHILLIPS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC

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AGENDAS:

MAY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday May 12, 6:30-8pm.

Stewart Park (Arts & Crafts Room)

2700 12th Ave S, Minneapolis

- Approve minutes of 4/28 community meeting (5 min)
- Amy's staff report (10 min)
- How to read a financial statement by Barry Rogers, MPNAI accountant. (20 min)
- Orientation on auditing and the expectations for MPNAI per our management response by Robert Thompson, NCR (20 min)
- Review board priorities for 2015 with Council member Alondra Cano to align efforts. (30 min)
- Public comments (5 min)

MAY COMMUNITY MEETING

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

Tuesday May 26, 6:30-8pm.

Stewart Park (Multi-purpose Room)

2700 12th Ave S, Minneapolis

- Approve minutes of 5/12 board meeting (5 min)
- The Lake Street Energy Challenge (15 min)
- Developer introductions, including PRG, PPL and others, who are interested in building in the Phillips neighborhoods. (35 min)
- Review Banyon 2015 partnership proposal (30 min)
- Public comments (5 min)

4TH ANNUAL PLACEMAKING RESIDENCY

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For more information, <http://www.riverfrontcorporation.com/placemaking-residency/>

THE ARBOR DAY CEREMONY

Please join students, parents, and local dignitaries in celebrating trees! Open to the public.

Thursday, May 14, 2015

1-1:45 pm: Ceremony

Stewart Park, 2700 S 12th Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55407

Tree Planting

In the morning, MPRB Arborists will teach approximately 1300 students from Andersen United Community School how to plant over 150 trees. Following the afternoon ceremony, neighborhood afterschool youth will also be instructed in tree planting.

The diverse mix of trees planted on Arbor Day will be from 14 botanical families, 29 genera, and 50 different species or cultivars. None of the trees are susceptible to Asian Longhorned Beetle, Emerald Ash Borer, or Dutch Elm Disease.

Ceremony

Students and parents will celebrate trees during a large ceremony including a choir performance from 150 fourth graders. In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre will also be involved.

In addition to being our annual Minneapolis Arbor Day Celebration, this is also the official State of Minnesota Arbor Day Event.

About Arbor Day

Arbor Day is celebrated each spring to remind the public about the importance of urban forestry, trees and tree care. The event also maintains Minneapolis' status as a Tree City USA, a distinction we've held since 1979.

Founded by J. Sterling Morton in 1872, the first Arbor Day was celebrated in Nebraska in response to a state proclamation urging settlers and homesteaders to plant trees that would provide shade, shelter, fruit, fuel and beauty for residents of the largely treeless plains.





Ventura Village’s General Membership Meeting - Wednesday, May 13th at 7:00 PM

VENTURA VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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ANNUAL MINDEKIRKKEN PARADE SET FOR MAY 17

Mindekirken (The Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church) 924 East 21st Street, Minneapolis, MN 55404 (612) 874-0716 www.mindekirken.org

10:30 a.m. Prelude Concert

Featuring the Norwegian Glee Club of Minneapolis

11:00 a.m. Syttende Mai Festival Service

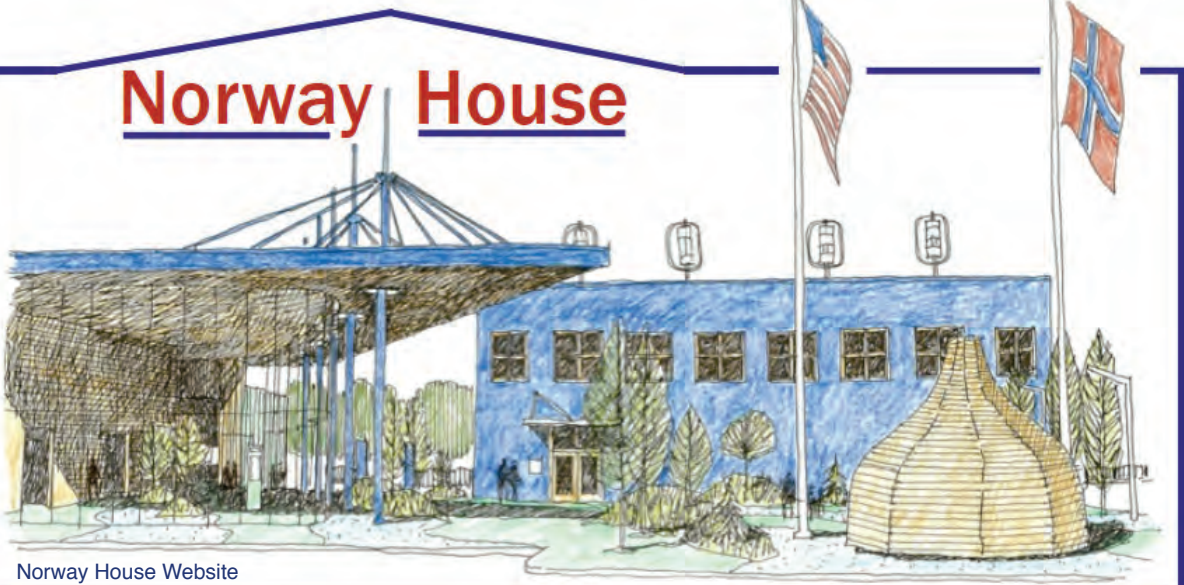
(Norwegian and English service) Rev. Kristin Sundt, The Mindekirken Choir, Trumpets - Official Greeting from the Palace brought by Knut Brakstad, Private Secretary to His Majesty King Harald V of Norway

Parade Approximately 12:15-12:45 pm)

Starting at Mindekirken, the parade will meander through the neighborhood and will return to the church.

1:00 p.m. Celebration of Heritage

Picnic lunch available; children’s games; Concordia Language Village activity for children; Twin Cities Hardingfelelag; Dassel Leikarring; Det Norske Folkedanslaget; & Fjell og Fjord Norwegian Youth Dancers – on the church grounds

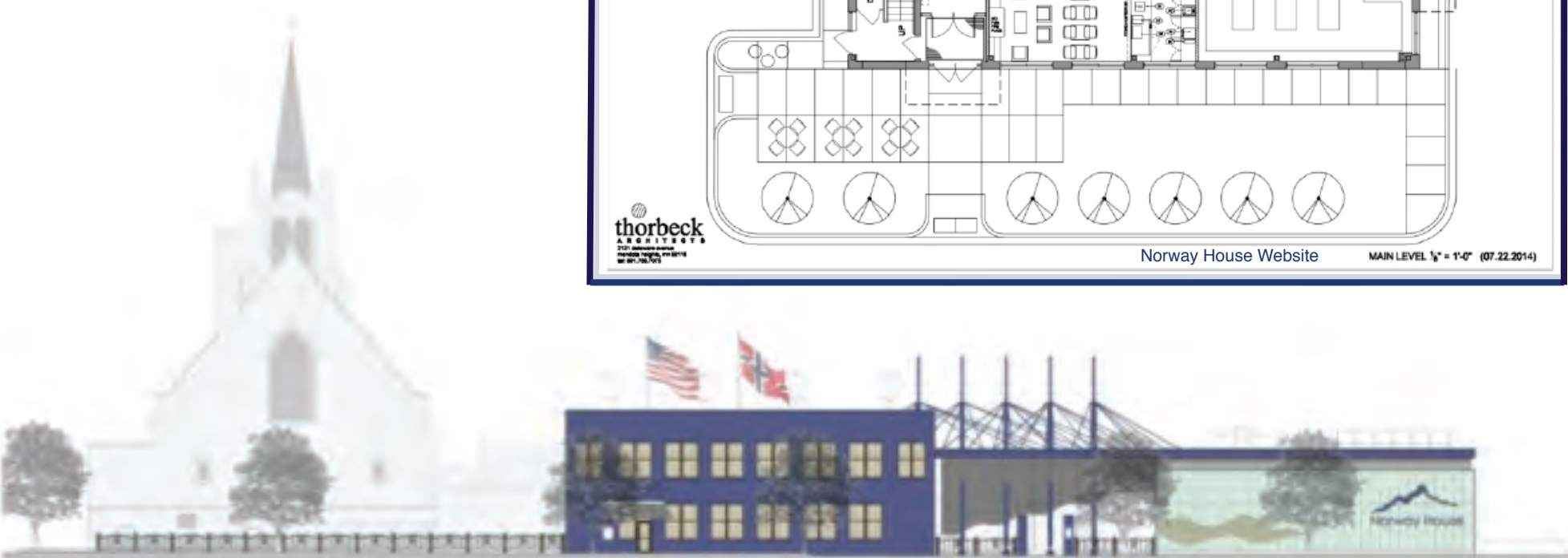
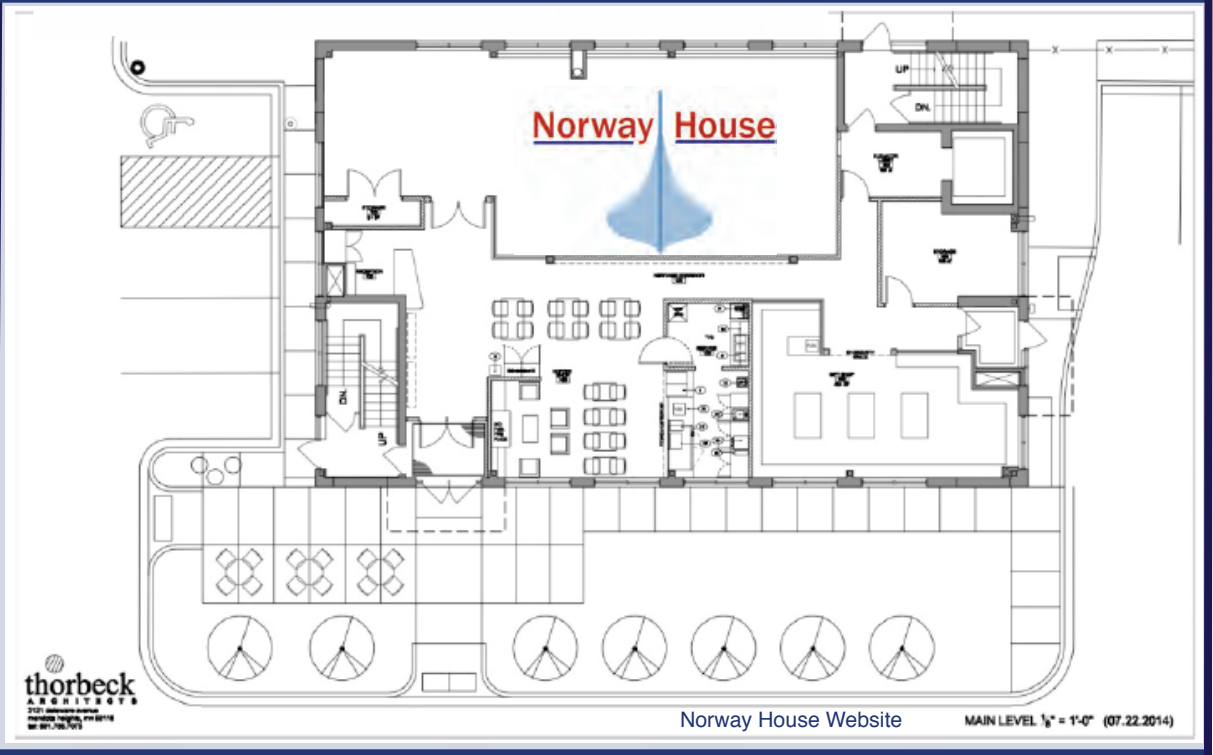


IMAGINE a place in Minnesota where all things Norwegian are located, embraced and cultivated!

Come to the Annual Mindekirkken Parade on **Sunday, May 17th** and stay around to get acquainted and step into the first phase of the Norway House project. According to the the project leaders, “As an office and conference/event facility, Norway House will:

- Provide space appropriate for meetings, performances, casual gatherings, dining, lectures, exhibits, learning, and ceremonies
- Provide Space for programming in the areas of art, music, design, business, science, technology, education, peace relations, environment, culture, and heritage
- Be located in Minneapolis, in an easily accessible location
- Be a ‘green facility’
- Be of distinctive contemporary architectural design

Let’s join our neighbors and see what their first phase of the project will provide!



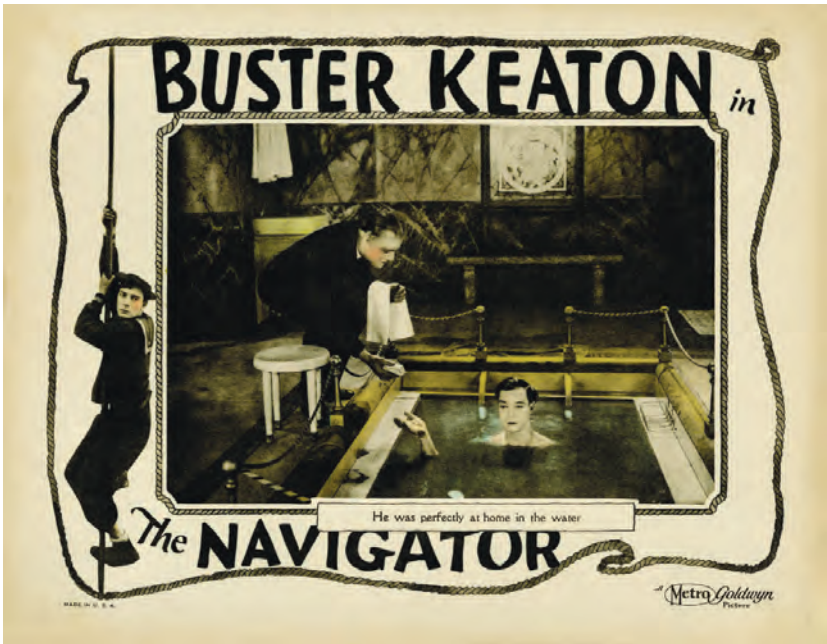
VENTURA VILLAGE MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

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

Ventura Village is located upstairs in the Phillips Community Center at 2323 - 11th Avenue South • Minneapolis • 612-874-9070

Cinema in the Cemetery

returns with Buster Keaton’s, “The Navigator”, Memorial Day Weekend to Benefit the Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery Fence Restoration Project
Film score to be played live by local music group Dreamland Faces



WHAT: On Saturday, May 23, at approximately 8:30 p.m., the Friends of the Cemetery in partnership with The Trylon Microcinema will show a special screening of Buster Keaton’s film “The Navigator” accompanied with a live score by local music group Dreamland Faces at Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers Memorial Cemetery located at 2925 Cedar Avenue, Minneapolis. The proceeds from the Memorial Day weekend event will help support the Friends of the Cemetery’s efforts to restore the limestone pier fence that serves as the border of the cemetery along Lake Street and Cedar Avenue.
Gates will open at 7:00 p.m. on May 23; moviegoers arriving early will have the opportunity to experience the historic cemetery and participate in a smart phone history hunt. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs. Taco Taxi will be there with their wonderful food available for purchase.

Tickets can be purchased online at Brown Paper Tickets (<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/1423311>) or at the gate the evening of the event (cash only). Tickets purchased on or before May 15 are \$5. Tickets purchased after May 15 are \$10; kids under 12 are free.
WHEN: Saturday, May 23, gates open at 7:00 p.m.; the film will begin approximately 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 30 has been set as an alternative date for inclement weather
WHERE: Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers Memorial Cemetery
2925 Cedar Avenue South, Minneapolis
On-street parking is available; no parking allowed in the cemetery. Using public transportation or biking to get to the event is encouraged as the Lake Street light rail stop is a short walk from the cemetery and it is also easily accessible from multiple bike routes.



Rachel LaViola, Nila Bala, Sarah Larsson, with Guest Sara Pajunen.
The Nightingale Trio, performances in Minneapolis and St. Paul With Ethnic Dance Theater in “Mountain Memories”
Saturday, May 16th @ 2:00 PM
Headlining show with guest Sara Pajunen
In the Heart of the Beast Theater
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warehouse or garage-type locations and the workouts are reportedly grueling and addicting.” It can be done individually or as a group. It encompasses tractor tires, cycling, running, kettlebells, and aspects of parkour, ropes, bars, rings, walls, and balance; nearly anything you can imagine that works your body. It can be as complicated or as simple as your imagination can make it.

Given the CEPRO sites close proximity to the Greenway and the health conscious users of trail as well as its proximity to the Midtown YWCA it seems like a match made in heaven. Already, sponsors have collected e-mail addresses for nearly 100 people who not only support the concept, but are eager to use it. There are 2 amateur rugby teams interested, a soccer team, and a weekend cross-fit group. Likewise, the U of M Parkour Team has expressed excitement about the possibility. West Phillips and the Nokomis neighborhood organization as well as the Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition expressed a desire to

be kept in the loop as the idea progresses.
The space is large enough to not only include the Cross-fit gym, but also Tai Chi, yoga and much more.
This is a great opportunity to make a destination site in the Midtown Phillips Neighborhood. A site that takes a tragedy and turns it into spectacular win. We hope you will agree. The city, county and neighborhood association are going to move the CEPRO through the normal process. That could result in anything, or nothing. For that reason, we are looking for people to help move this idea through the process, attend meetings, make the “Fitness for CEPRO” voices heard.
If you would like to be added to the e-mail list and are willing to be a part of this project or simply support it, please e-mail retterr@me.com. We get so excited when we think of this. It would be new, unique, destination oriented asset to Midtown Phillips that would be unique to the city!
*Abbreviated for space.

CEPRO

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Since then, the sport has grown and expanded and become one of the single most popular fitness regimens in America.
It was been the subject of a CBS segment focusing on the clubs in Chicago. CBS said “CrossFit is growing nearly as quickly as MMA (mixed martial arts) did when it first hit the fitness circuit. The idea of a ‘hardcore’ workout that is adaptable to any individual regardless of age or current fitness level has led droves of former couch potatoes to the gym, or ‘box’ as crossfit gyms are called. The boxes are usually no-frills

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BYI AREA

Miski Abdulle named Courageous Woman by Augsburg College!



Miski Abdulle resident of Phillips West Neighborhood has been named the 2015 Courageous Woman by Augsburg College!

Miski Abdulle’s dedicated service to immigrant women and the greater community was brought to center stage with the awarding of the 2015 Courageous Woman Award, an annual honor presented through the Augsburg College Women’s Resource Center. The Courageous Woman Awards acknowledge and recognize women who see injustice or need, act on it, take risks in order to do the right thing, and raise their voices to champion women. Throughout her 17 years of service to Pillsbury United Communities, Abdulle has done all of that and more in various roles within the agency and her

current status as Program Manager at the Immigrant Women Advocacy Program at the Brian Coyle Community Center. “Miski is a visible leader with great passion, high integrity, and empathy,” commented Amano Dube, Brian Coyle Community Center Director. “She has deep understanding of the communities we serve and the issues that are at stake,” added Dube. Abdulle has led efforts to assist women with a wide range of services and resources that include housing, daycare, employment support, food support, legal advocacy, issues of domestic abuse and crisis intervention. A highlight of the program is the annual Cedar Riverside Women’s Night Out event that attracts over 350 women and their children for dinner, music, a fashion show and more.

The award was presented in conjunction with Augsburg College’s annual Koryene Horbel Lecture held in the Hoversten Chapel on Tuesday, March 3. The keynote address was delivered by nationally recognized author and thought leader on Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies Janell Hobson, PhD, an associate professor at University of Albany, State University of New York. The event attracted an estimated 150 scholars, students and community leaders.

Founded in 2011 by Friends of the Anne Pederson Women’s Resource Center at Augsburg College, the Courageous Woman Awards program recognizes women who courageously strive for social justice and peace on the Augsburg campus or in the wider community and whose efforts, be they are small or large, make a difference to women. Augsburg College student Dua Saleh, who serves President of the Augsburg Pan-African Student Union was also recognized with the award. Miski Abdulle, is a resident of Phillips West Neighborhood and leader in the Backyard Initiative. As a leader in the BYI, Miski serves as a vital member of the Project S.E.L.F. Community Health Action Team or CHAT and as a Commissioner on the Backyard Initiative’s Community Commission on Health.

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.**







MAY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Yoga - 10:30am Powderhorn
3 Pilates - 10am CANDO	4 Zumba - 6:30pm Powderhorn QJ Gong - 7:00pm The Exchange	5 Yoga - 6:30pm East Phillips	6 Zumba - 6:30pm Powderhorn	7 Hip Hop - 6:30pm Powderhorn Yoga - 6:30pm CANDO	8	9 Yoga - 10:30am Powderhorn
10 Pilates - 10am CANDO	11 Zumba - 6:30pm Powderhorn QJ Gong - 7:00pm The Exchange	12 Yoga - 6:30pm East Phillips	13 Zumba - 6:30pm Powderhorn	14 Hip Hop - 6:30pm Powderhorn Yoga - 6:30pm CANDO	15 Empowerment Self-Defense - 6:30pm The Exchange	16 Yoga - 10:30am Powderhorn Holi Party - 4pm Powderhorn
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24 Pilates - 10am CANDO	25 Zumba - 6:30pm Powderhorn	26 Yoga - 6:30pm East Phillips	27 Zumba - 6:30pm Powderhorn	28 Hip Hop - 6:30pm Powderhorn Yoga - 6:30pm CANDO	29	30 Yoga - 10:30am Powderhorn
31 Pilates - 10am CANDO	* Thursday, 5/14 - Community Potluck Dinner, 7pm @ 3233 Columbus Ave. S., MPLS		* Thursday, 5/21 - ALL Chat meeting, 5-7pm @ PPL, East Franklin Avenue, MPLS			



MAY 2015 CALENDAR

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
A-POD PROUDLY SERVES AS A CITIZEN HEALTH ACTION TEAM (CHAT) MEMBER OF THE BACKYARD					1	A-POD Offices are located @ Mpls Park Bldg.: Phillips Community Center • Upstairs
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	11 7:00 PM ENGLISH LANGUAGE MEET-UP	12 1:30 PM SOMALI LANGUAGE MEET-UP	13	14 10:00 AM ENGLISH LANGUAGE MEET-UP	15	
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	25 7:00 PM ENGLISH LANGUAGE MEET-UP	26 1:30 PM SOMALI LANGUAGE MEET-UP	27	<div><div>MONTHLY DIABETES BREAKFAST 8:30 AM @ PCC DINING ROOM</div><div>MAY 28TH JOIN OUR MONTHLY DIABETES COMMUNITY BREAKFASTS!</div><div> BREAKFAST FUNDING PROVIDED BY: </div><div>ENGLISH LANGUAGE MEET-UP @ 10:00 PCC • NEXT DOOR</div></div>		
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