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Is Peace Even Possible?

BY PATRICK CABELLO HANSEL

I am writing this on the day that President Trump unveiled his proposed budget, the farthest thing from a “peace budget” that I can remember. It proposes a 10% boost in military spending, even though the U.S. spends more than the next



8 countries combined, and has been involved in more wars since World War II. (And let us ask ourselves as a people, why is every country that we have invaded since WW II been much smaller and poorer than ourselves.) It drastically cuts those things that make for peace: the arts, climate science, foreign aid—even Meals on Wheels. It seems we are regressing further and further away from real peace.

But I am also writing this while listening to Mahalia Jackson. She sings to me: “It is well; it is well with my soul.” It’s not a call of resignation, but a call of faith and hope in the midst of struggle. And we so need that today. Peace is not just the absence of war or violence, but the creation of a society where all enjoy the fruits of the earth; where all have adequate food, water, culture, shelter, security, health care and respect. In Hebrew, the word is Shalom; in Arabic, Salaam. But it means the same thing: a healed world that provides wholeness.

Peace is also walking in that vision of wholeness. I admit it has been challenging for me to maintain a peaceful heart since the past election season. Such hostility—towards immigrants, the poor, refugees, women, LGBT people, Latinos, and so many more. Rhetoric, from all sides, that doesn’t even pretend to care about reconciliation. And now, concrete actions that threaten the fabric of Phillips, our nation and our planet.

At St. Paul’s Lutheran, we have renewed our commitment to living in peace as we help create peace. Starting this spring, we will be building a Peace Garden on the south side of the building, which is something of a mini-climate. We invite you to share your thoughts on what you would like to see: art, fruit trees, places for rest and reflection, herb or vegetable gardens or other ideas. You can e-mail us at stpaulscreate@gmail.com or come to two community input sessions: April 26 @ 7 pm and May 10 @ 7 pm. There will be healthy treats at both events.

And we invite you to join with us at our annual Palm Sunday Procession for Peace, Sunday April 9 at 12 noon. We start at St. Paul’s, 2742 15th Ave S. and process through the community, stopping to pray at various sites: for our children, the earth, immigrants, for safety and workers and families. Lunch afterward.

Maybe peace is impossible. But it is not unthinkable. And it surely is worth working for and living for.

“Peace if possible, Justice at any rate”.... Wendell Phillips



A Letter: Keep the Peace

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

[Note: This long letter (9,259 characters not 140) has been shown in excerpts to conserve space; truncated portions are indicated by these brackets [gap]. The letter deserves reading fully.]

“[]Throughout America’s adventure in free government, our basic purposes have been to keep the peace; to foster progress in human achievement, and to enhance liberty, dignity and integrity among people and among nations. To strive for less would be unworthy of a free and religious people. Any failure traceable to arrogance, or our lack of comprehension or readiness to sacrifice would inflict upon us grievous hurt both at home and abroad.

“Progress toward these noble goals is persistently threatened by the conflict now engulfing the world. It commands our whole attention, absorbs our very beings. We face a hostile ideology – global in scope, atheistic in character, ruthless in purpose, and insidious in method. Unhappily the danger is poses promises to be of indefinite duration. To meet it successfully, there is called for, not so much the emotional and transitory sacrifices of crisis, but rather those which enable us to carry forward steadily, surely, and without complaint the burdens of a prolonged and complex struggle – with liberty the stake. Only thus shall we remain, despite every provocation, on our charted course toward permanent peace and human betterment.

“Crises there will continue to be. In meeting them, whether foreign or domestic, great or small, there is a recurring temptation to feel that some spectacular and costly action could become the miraculous solution to all current difficulties. A huge increase in newer elements of our defense; development of unrealistic programs to cure every ill in agriculture; a dramatic expansion in basic and applied research – these and many other possibilities, each possibly promising in itself, may be suggested as the only way to the road we wish to travel.

“But each proposal must be weighed in the light of a broader consideration: the need to maintain balance in and among national programs – balance between the private and the public economy, balance between cost and hoped for advantage – balance between the clearly necessary

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What We Know About Trump So Far

BY LAURA WATERMAN WITTSTOCK

American media and the press developed a habit of looking at the first 100 days of a new president’s administration. It is a curious habit because most presidents, whether they serve one or two terms, have one or possibly two great successes, the exceptions being Washington, Lincoln, and Franklin D. Roosevelt and arguably one or two others. This rarity of greatness is partly attributable to a slow and inconsistent growth of the country’s development of policies and laws.

The administrative head of the country is expected to be a level-headed person having good diplomatic skills and an ability to keep the country out of hot wars while steering a steady course of economic growth and keeping the courts and Congress in check. Since Franklin Roosevelt, the country has come to expect more in services from its federal government, a new line from which there has been no retreat. Conservatives want less, liberals want more, but there has been no overall retreat from Social Security, the construction and maintenance of interstate highways, and now a creep toward national health care with the inclusion of Medicare, Medicaid, and the Affordable Care Act.

There has always been a social arc, bending the country more toward guarantees of education, health, and welfare along with a governmental tug toward “freedoms” that limit controls on individual lives. A big one of these is private gun ownership. The Second Amendment was once understood to be a Constitutional right of states to have militias for common protection, but it has been reinterpreted to mean an *individual’s* right to “bear arms.” The result has been an uncommonly large number of Americans who are shot or murdered every year.

The checks and balances among the administrative activities of presidents with the legislative actions of the Congress and the judicial decisions of the courts have produced some unusual circumstances and outcomes in the current era where hot wars mingle with cold war remnants and the courts have determined that corporations are individuals in this country. This last determination has skewed the national election process, cloaking it in a foggy mass election spending where of all things that should be transparent, the process of choosing our next president became awash in secret cash outlays.

Like a pendulum out of sync, our national election process has lurched toward greater and greater spending while giving the public less satisfaction with the results. National political conventions no longer select candidates. Moneyed candidates select themselves as nominees and use the primary system to win votes and delegates so that the national conventions of the two major political parties become merely endorsement exercises and not a nomination process. And it has not been since the 1960s. Because caucuses and primaries have become the way either party selects the candidates, national conventions have become lavish stages for videos, music, spectacle, and fiery speeches. Trump himself took the convention stage through a fog of theater smoke.

All of this, plus the distribution of electoral college

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BY ERIN THOMASSON

K-12 Homework Help

Tues, Wed, & Thurs, 3:30-7:30 pm ***Not offered April 4 – 6..

Free in-person tutoring for K-12 students. No advance sign-up needed. For more information, see www.hclib.org/homework. Sponsor: Friends of the Hennepin County Library.

Family Storytime

Fridays, 10:30-11 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.

Franklin Teen Center Programs Urban 4-H Club

Tues. 5–7 pm. We do everything from urban gardening to digital photo/video to theater. Partner: University of Minnesota.

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.

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Thursdays, 4:30-6 pm. U dabaaldag Dhaqanka Soomalida, sameyso saaxiibo cusub iyo in aad isticmaasho hab nololeed cafimaad leh. Lamaane: WellShare International. Celebrate Somali culture, make new friends and practice healthy lifestyles. Partner: WellShare

Phillips West Neighborhood Upcoming Events

www.phillipswest.info

April 6th (Thursday) 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Phillips West Monthly Community Meeting- Please join the Phillips West Board and Community Members for pizza and updates about what is going on in the Community. Ward 6 City Council & Minneapolis Police will be present to give update. We will also have guests from Public Works to talk about

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

International.

Adult programs

Memoir Writing Group

Memoir Writing Group

Thurs, April 20, 1-3 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. Collaborator: Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

Franklin Learning Center: 612-543-6934 flc@hclib.org

The Franklin Learning Center offers 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. Contact us at 952-847-2934 or flc@hclib.org.



bike lane construction on 26th & 28th. Meeting is located in the Center for Changing Lives Building (2400 Park Avenue, 1st floor Centrum Room). Free parking adjacent to the building is available. For questions please call Phillips West Staff (Crystal) at 612-879-5383 or email her at pwno2005@yahoo.com.

Happy Birthday WELNA!

Virgil Welna became 88 Years of Age on March 24th and Pat Welna celebrates 88 years on April 30. Happy Birthday to these two Best known, respected and loved Elders in our Community.



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Help the Mpls. Urban Forest

To maintain Minneapolis' wonderful urban forest, we need the help of private property owners and local businesses to plant more trees. The City of Minneapolis offers a program to plant trees for qualifying businesses and nonprofits through the Health Department's [Urban Forestry Project](#).

A landscape professional will work with each business to select the best trees for the property and have them professionally installed including mulch and a watering bag for proper maintenance. We are asking businesses to contribute \$25 per tree. (Quality trees with professional installation can cost businesses up to \$250 per tree.) There is no limit on number of trees. These trees provide a great service to our city through

reduced storm water runoff, lower energy use, and cleaner air for the communities where we live, work, and play.

The trees are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Sign up by April 30 to be included in our spring 2017 planting. Businesses and commercial property owners I may apply here to reserve their trees for 2017. To qualify, the property must have enough space to accommodate a tree, and the owner must commit to maintaining and watering the tree.

Over 250 businesses have already taken advantage of the program. For more information contact EnvironmentalServicesInfo@minneapolismn.gov or visit the [Minneapolis Urban Forestry Project](#) webpage.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

A group of faith communities is planning a series of weekly vigils on Lake Street to stand in solidarity with victims of sexual assault, including those who are trafficked. Every Thursday morning, people will gather at 7:30 am, at different points on Lake Street:

- April 6: Lake and Chicago
- April 13: 15th and Lake
- April 20: 28th and Lake
- April 27: TBA

For more information, e-mail stpaulscreate@gmail.com or call 612-724-2862



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David Buel Knickerbacker, 1833-1894

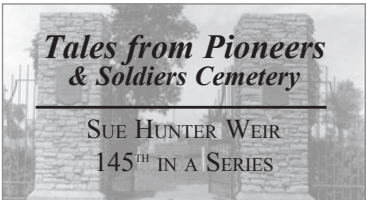
1871: Cottage Hospital began near Mills

David started it! “Goliaths” own it now!

Before health care was big business and before it became a political hot button, it was a charity. The first hospital in Minneapolis, the Cottage Hospital, opened its doors in March 1871. Eight of the hospital’s beds and most of its furnishings were donated by such diverse groups as the Masons, workers in the machine shop at the Milwaukee Railroad, St. Mark’s Parish, the Ladies’ Aid and the Brotherhood of Gethsemane Church.

The hospital was only one of many charitable causes that can be attributed to the Reverend David Buel Knickerbacker, the rector of Gethsemane Church, who saw a need to build the “Cottage Hospital and Home for the Sick and Friendless.” The population of Minneapolis was 13,000 when the hospital opened but many of the town’s people were single immigrant men who worked for the railroads and the mills in jobs that were extremely dangerous. The hospital was located downtown close to the mills for precisely that reason—to be near to the places where accidents were most likely to occur. The Cottage Hospital offered horse-drawn ambulance service.

The Brotherhood of Gethsemane raised money for the hospital by offering lectures and concerts, holding festivals, and by appealing to the public for food, money and supplies through the local newspapers. The public responded and each month a list of the donors and their gifts was



printed in the paper. For the most part, they were modest gifts: jars of jam, bandages, reading materials, home grown vegetables, eggs, milk and poultry. They also included brooms, blankets, and an occasional gift of medicinal whiskey. Mill owners donated all of the flour that the hospital needed and the railroad shipped carloads of firewood to the hospital at no cost.

It may sound idyllic but it wasn’t. While the citizens responded to the needs of the poor and helpless, those problems only increased as the city’s population grew and outpaced the hospital’s ability to take care of those who needed help. In the annual report for 1880, the hospital’s superintendent noted that the hospital’s “...capacity has at times been taxed to the utmost, and the city has outgrown the limit of our accommodations. The number of railroads entering here, and the amount of machinery in constant operation makes accidents of [sic] occurrence rendering it necessary to have larger and better accommodation whilst the requirements of the city’s poor demand more room than we have.”

The hospital accepted private patients who could pay for their own care but the majority of



David Buel Knickerbacker, 1833-1894

patients were charity cases who fell into one of two groups. The \$6.00 a week cost of caring for residents of Hennepin County was paid for by the county; the costs of those who were not residents of Hennepin County were paid for by private charitable donations. The hospital’s policy never changed: “Our doors have been thrown open wide for the reception of all colors, nationalities and creeds.”

Who were those patients? Each year the hospital superintendent included the number of patients treated, their countries of origin, their religious affiliations, and, on occasion, the reasons why people were admitted. Patients were not identified by name but Sister Annette Relf, nurse and matron of the hospital, wrote short profiles of a handful of the patients. Since the hospital was a mission of a church, it is not surprising that the spiritual healing of her patients was as important to her as their physical wellbeing.

Those brief descriptions, often

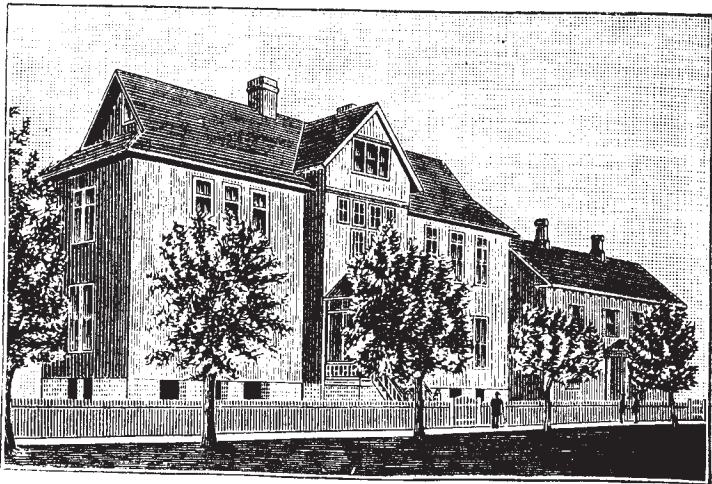


Illustration Courtesy of Minnesota Historical Society

St. Barnabas Hospital.
(Founded 1871. Enlarged 1882.)

It was originally printed in the St. Barnabas Annual Report from 1884. The original Cottage hospital is the smaller wing on the right-hand side of the building. The larger portion is what turned the Cottage Hospital into St. Barnabas.

no more than a sentence or two, are in some cases enough to help identify the people who are buried in Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers cemetery.

Three weeks after the hospital opened, the first patient death occurred. He was Cevis Swanson, a 20-year-old Swedish immigrant, who was admitted when “very low from typhoid and pneumonia.” Mrs. William McConnell, an elderly woman, was “blind and consumptive.” Charles Lane was “a wanderer from his home in Maine” who, before he died, “sent loving messages to his wife and child to meet him in heaven.” John Holloway was injured in a cave-in and “lingered in agony for several days” before he died.

Three of the men who died there were Civil War veterans: Horace Blake, Sylvanus Rugg, and Thomas Sandy. Sylvanus Rugg died from kidney disease; Horace Blake and Thomas Sandy

died from tuberculosis. Sister Relf described Thomas Sandy, a charity patient, as a “blacksmith, prematurely broken down by dissipation and hard living, who was badly treated and very unhappy in his home.” He was in the hospital for four months before he died.

In 1874, the hospital moved to Elliot Park, and, in 1883, changed its name to St. Barnabas. St. Barnabas continued to operate as a private hospital to 1991. In 1897 the City Council opened City Hospital, a tax-supported charitable hospital in 1881. Many years later it still exists as Hennepin County Medical Center.

There is an African-American man, John Wesley Justice, buried in the cemetery. He died in 1909 from TB when he was only 38. His father was named Isaac Justice. His grandfather, who was born in Virginia in 1837, was named Isaac Hope. So the family went from Hope to Justice.

Pioneer and Soldiers Cemetery Fence Update:
Bills on Capitol docket: Call Representative and Senator

BY SUE HUNTER WEIR

Representative Karen Clark has introduced bonding bill (HR 1073) to secure the funds necessary to complete work on the Pioneer and Soldiers Cemetery fence along Cedar Ave and Lake Street. The money would cover the cost of disassembling the limestone pillars, reassembling them using the correct adhesive, and capping them with a protective cover that will prevent erosion by keeping water from seeping into the limestone. The funds will also

cover the cost of replacing a section of “historic” chain link along the 21st Avenue side of the cemetery with a section of decorative fencing.

Senator Jeff Hayden has introduced an identical bill in the State Senate (SF 1355). Please consider contacting your Representative and Senator to encourage them to support these bills. If you are represented by one of the bill’s sponsors, please send an email or phone call thanking them for helping us finish this project.



Harvey Winie

Tales Trivia while “Digging”
From Hope to Justice
BY SUE HUNTER WEIR
There is an African-American man, **John Wesley Justice**, buried in the cemetery. He died in 1909 from TB when he was only 38. His father was named **Isaac Justice**. His grandfather, who was born in Virginia in 1837, was named **Isaac Hope**. So the family went from **Hope to Justice**.

Resurrection Sunday Banquet
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*7pm Chapel
8pm Meal, women’s clothes
Friday nights
3pm Christian movies
5pm Bible study
*7pm Chapel
8pm Meal, men’s clothes
Thursday afternoons
12pm Quilt & layette sign-ups
Christian movie
Child care for those in attendance
*1pm Ladies’ Day Chapel
2pm Meal, women’s, infants’ & Children’s clothing
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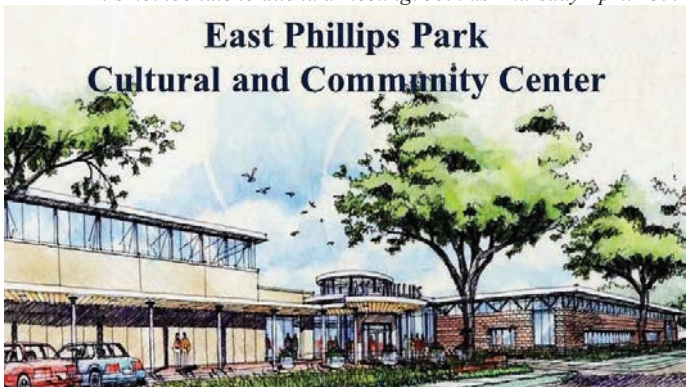
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- Attend at least 1 EPIC Community Meeting in the year preceding the Annual Meeting. & attend the Annual Meeting
- Represent ALL of the people of East Phillips
- Complete the Election Forms at – eastphillips-epic.com – Click About EPIC
- It's not too late to attend a meeting! Join us Thursday April 13th



**East Phillips Park
Cultural and Community Center**



Welcome EPIC Annual Meeting

EPIC Annual Meeting
Saturday, April 22nd 2017

Don't miss this EPIC EVENT

**9:30 AM to 11:30 AM at the
East Phillips Park Cultural &
Community Center**

2307 17th Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN

Free Pancake Breakfast, Door Prizes, Update
on EPIC Projects, Board Elections, Grand
Prize & much more.

For Board Member Election Forms

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Click on - About EPIC

For Your Calendar: *

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

The EPIC Community Meetings are on the SECOND Thursday – Next Meetings;

Thursday, 4/13/17 and 5/11/2017 at 6:30 PM

Agenda includes Neighborhood Industrial Pollution, Crime Initiatives, and EPIC project updates.

EPIC's Annual Meeting - Saturday, April 22nd at 9:30 to 11:30 AM in the Community Center

The East Phillips Park Programming Partnership meets on the LAST Tuesday – Next meetings;

Tuesday 4/25/17 and 5/30/17 at 11:30 AM. Lunch is served.

Updates on Partner Programming, Park Events, SummerFest 2017 & News.

The EPIC Board of Directors meets on the FIRST Saturday of the month – Next Meeting;

Saturday, 5/6/2017 and 6/3/2017 at 10:00 AM.

Meeting Location: All the above meetings and events are held at the fully accessible

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

The East Phillips Community 17th Ave. Gardeners meet on the second Saturday of Each Month

The SECOND Meeting of the Season is Saturday, 4/1/2017 at 9:00 AM in the COMMUNITY
CENTER at 2307 17th Ave. S. The Next meeting is 5/6/2017 in the GARDEN.

* **East Phillips Residents wanting a 2017 Garden Plot, contact Brad Pass at 612-916-8478**

East Phillips Park SummerFest - Sunday, June 25th starting at 1:00 to 7:00 PM in the Park.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

► “Future of Neighborhoods” discussion

May 4, 5:30-8:30pm

@ Abubakar As-Saddique Islamic Center

2824 13th Avenue South Minneapolis, MN 55407

Join community members from Seward, Powderhorn, Longfellow,
Midtown Phillips, NCR and others in a conversation about the future of
Minneapolis Southside neighborhoods. Refreshments provided!



► Microbrews for Midtown!

Thursday, May 11 from 5-10pm

@ EastLake Craft Brewery

(Inside Midtown Global Market)

920 E Lake St #123, Minneapolis, MN 55407

Have a drink for the benefit of your neighborhood organization!

A dollar from each pint bought at EastLake Craft Brewery

between 5pm and 10pm on May 11 will be donated to MPNAL.



► See a door-knocker on your block? Midtown Phillips neighborhood is doing Asset Mapping this spring!

What is Asset Mapping? Asset mapping provides information
about the strengths and resources of a community and can help uncover
solutions. Once community strengths and resources are inventoried and
depicted in a map, you can more easily think about how to build on these
assets to address community needs and improve health.

Please consider taking the short survey if you see us in your neighborhood!



For more info about any of these events: midtownphillips@gmail.com

BOARD MEETING AGENDA:

Held every second Tuesday in Stewart Park

Tuesday April 11, 6:30-8pm

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

- I. Introductions
- II. Review and Approve March Minutes
- III. Review Annual Meeting
- IV. Finance Report (Year End Report; Walk Through Financials)

—**MOTION:** To approve the engagement letter for BWK Rogers,
PC to complete the IRS 990 and Attorney General's Charities Division
Annual Report for 2016.

—**MOTION:** To contract \$5,000 from uncontracted NRP Phase II dollars
for 2017 Midtown Safety Center Expenses

- V. Board Orientation Planning
- VI. Community Announcements and Public Comment

COMMUNITY MEETING AGENDA:

Held every fourth Tuesday at a **different location each month.**

Check our website for locations: www.midtownphillips.org

Tuesday April 25, 6:30-8pm

@ Banyan Community, 2529 13th Ave S, Minneapolis

- I. Introductions
- II. Review and Approve March Minutes
- III. Board Elections

Interested in being on the Midtown Phillips board?

Come to this meeting to learn more!

- At Large Representative
- District 1: 24th-26th & Chicago to 12th Avenue
- District 3: 26th -28th & Chicago to 12th Avenue
- District 4: 26th -28th & 12th Avenue to Bloomington
- District 5: 28th-Lake & Chicago to 12th Avenue

- IV. Asset Mapping Planning--Call for Volunteers; Set up time-line for project
- V. Discussion for May 4 'Future of Neighborhoods' Meeting,
creation of Outreach Strategy
- VI. Safety Update
- VII. Introduction of Midtown Phillips Festival; Overview of planning process
- VIII. Community Announcements and Public Comment

UPCOMING COMMUNITY MEETING DATES:

- May 23 @ St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2742 15th Ave S
- June 27 @ Open Arms, 2500 Bloomington Ave



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APRIL 12TH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING @ 7:00 PM

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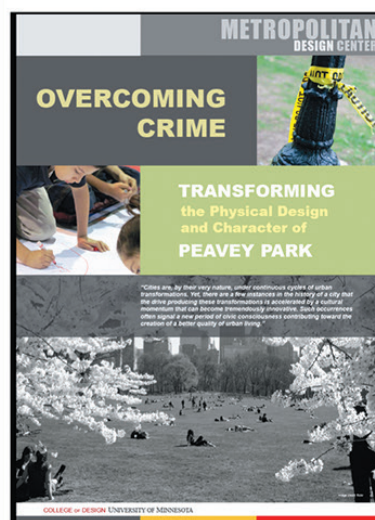
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| Traditional Play Structure Zona de juegos Goobaha ciyaaraha | Outdoor Gathering Space Área abierta para la reuniones de la comunidad / o picnics Meelasha dibadda ee lagu kumo |
| Basketball Court Cancha de baloncesto Garoonka kubadda kolayga | Group Shelter Refugio de picnic para grupo Koox duur-bax (picnic) awgeed meel degay |
| Multi-use Field (for soccer, football, lacrosse, and other field uses) El campo de usos múltiples (para el fútbol, fútbol americano, lacrosse, y el otros usos) Garoonka istismaalto badan Istismaalto badan kubadda kolayga, lacrosse, iyo istismaalto kale ee garoonka | Interactive Water Play Juegos de agua interactivos Ciyaaraha isku dhexjira ee biyaha dhexdooda |
| | Walking Loop Trail Sendero que recorre todo el parque Daraq lagu lugayyo |
| | Skating Rink (winter only) Pista de patinaje (sólo en invierno) Tasaarab arafka (xilliga qaboodaha kolayga) |
| | Lawn/Court Games Césped / Juegos Ciyaaraha dhulka bannan |
| | Urban Agriculture Area La agricultura urbana Beerla magaalada |
| | Basketball Court Cancha de baloncesto Garoonka kubadda kolayga |

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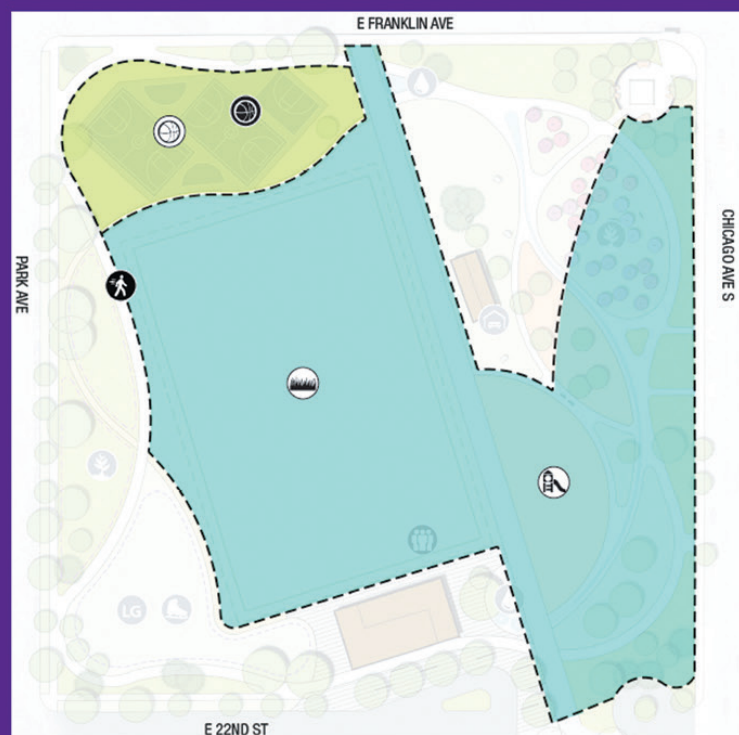
Ventura Village's predecessor addressed issues related to Peavey Park in very general language: "Strategy 1: Support the Park Board and others in stuffing Peavey Park, especially the summer; Strategy 2: Support the Park Board and others in providing more playground equipment in Peavey Park." Not much happened beyond a continuation of the park being a destination for criminal activity and a layover for homeless people in good weather.

Hope Community organizers spoke out in 2009, getting then 6th Ward City Councilman Robert Lilligren and Mary Merrill Anderson of the Park Board to begin addressing issues of equity and fair investments to inner city parks. Frustrated by the passiveness of the

Park Board, Ventura Village hired Dr. San Martin of UMN's College of Design to help residents with a process and a publication to transform this forgotten park into a true destination park. This document became the starting place for the approved plan seen online and shown here. Work on the



park will begin in 2017 with the changeover of basketball courts in the upper area and remaining areas to be addressed in 2018. These improvements, along with the upcoming Phillips Aquatic Center will bring a decade of pleading and planning to fruition. These projects will further enhance work from the past two decades that have transformed Ventura Village from a dangerous and desperate neighborhood into a much desired destination to raise families and practice healthy community life!



PEAVEY PARK PHASING SCHEDULE

| 2017 SUMMER/FALL VERANO/OTOÑO XAGAAGA/DAYRTA | 2018 SUMMER VERANO XAGAAGA |
|---|---|
| Expanded Basketball Courts Canchas de baloncesto ampliadas Garoonka kubadda kolayga ee la ballaariyay | New Multi-use Field Nuevo campo multiuso Garoonka ujeeddada badan ee cusub |
| New Lighting Nueva iluminación Nalaynta cusub | New Irrigation and Drainage Nuevo sistema riego y drenaje Waraabka iyo biya-saarida cusub |
| New Fencing Nuevo cercado Xayndaabidda cusub | New Playground Nuevo parque infantil Garoonka ciyaaraha ee cusub |
| | New Walkways Nuevos caminos peatonales Goobaha lugaynta ee cusub |
| | Site Grading Calificación del sitio Barla hagasajina kombiyuutarka |
| | New Lighting Nueva iluminación Nalaynta cusub |

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PARKS BOARD SEEKS DNR PICNIC PAVILION GRANT

Minneapolis Park and Recreational Board published its intent to seek \$58,000 in Minnesota Department of



Natural Resources grant funds to combine with \$50,000 funds from Ventura Village and funds from

Phillips West to construct a twenty by fifty-foot picnic pavilion for Peavey Park. The location can be seen in the upper left graphic, just to the east of the multi-purpose playing field. Until the outcome of the grant request is announced, there will be no plans drawn up for the actual pavilion. Pictured here are images of pavilions that have been constructed in parks in other areas of the country.



Picnic Pavilion Concepts



UPCOMING VENTURA VILLAGE MONTHLY MEETINGS:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12TH: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12TH: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 7:00 PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 25TH: WELLNESS, GARDENING & GREENING: 6:30 PM

TUESDAY, APRIL 25TH: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE: 6:00 PM

THURSDAY, APRIL 27TH: HOUSING & LAND COMMITTEE: 5:30 PM

THURSDAY APRIL 27TH: CRIME & SAFETY COMMITTEE: 6:30 PM

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MARCH 28TH GROUNDBREAKING

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Built for Children.....Built for Speaking English

Messiah Church is 100 Years Old June 24, 2017

On Sanctuary doors

Luther nailed 95 Theses Messiah Congregation "nailed" For Sale sign*

BY HARVEY WINJE

Five hundred years ago, on October 31, 1517, the priest and scholar, Martin Luther nailed a piece of paper with 95 opinions to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. It would begin the Protestant Reformation.

One hundred years ago, on June 24, 1917, 9-Year Old Messiah Lutheran Congregation dedicated their new Church building at 2501 East 25th Street, Mpls.

Almost 100 years later, on February 26, 2017, 108-year old Messiah Lutheran Congregation voted to "enter into negotiations to sell that historic church building" by a 31 "Yes" to 2 "No" vote giving notice also (on their website) that "we will be updating everyone as the Church Council discerns how to move forward."

The future of this historic building of worship remains uncertain.

tain. It is not clear if or how the building is being marketed. Apparently, a previous offer from Children's MN Hospital was contingent on it being demolished by the Congregation to avert the severe criticism of Children's MN for their demolition of almost the entire block ten years ago.

The Messiah Congregation moved to 2400 Park Avenue in 2008 and rents the 100 year-old building to Emmanuel Mennonite Church and Centro Nueva Vida Iglesia Apostolica.

Nine months ago, on June 21, 2016, the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission unanimously approved Commissioner Sue Hunter Weir's nomination of Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church located at 2501 Columbus Avenue South, as a Landmark, established interim protection, and directed the Planning Director to



Messiah Church 2501 E. 25th Street. Tops of 700 Car Parking Ramp/Clinics building and 2 Heliports in background

have a designation study prepared.

A Designation Study outlines the potential significance of a property, both individually and within the context of Minneapolis planning and heritage preservation goals. Studies are based on a review of resources including historic building permits, unpublished histories and documents,

newspaper articles, and archival materials from the Minneapolis Collection of the Hennepin County Library and Minnesota Historical Society.

The Heritage Preservation Commission may vote on the church's status as a landmark before June 21, 2017, but has the option of requesting an

extension of up to six months to complete the review. Ultimately the decision will be up to the City Council.

***"For Sale Sign"** is a metaphor as used here because the Congregation's decision on the building's future is "to enter into negotiations."

Isaiah 43:18-19a

Mission drives: hard decision to sell Church, for- getting former things to do something new

BY LOUISE BRITT

On March 1st, Messiah Lutheran Church voted to put their historic church up for sale.

This has not been an easy decision but the reality is as a church community we could no longer afford to maintain the Historic church building. It is in need of several repairs and as a Church Community we discerned that our trying to maintain an aging building was not the best use of our resources.

Messiah is not the thriving Swedish Immigrant Church of the past. We are a diverse, vibrant, worshipping community of the present. Our ancestors discerned that their call was to share the Gospel, Love and Mission of Jesus Christ through service to our neighbors. This is still our mission and focus today as Messiah Lutheran Church. We strive to fulfill that mission by building

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Messiah Church's compelling interior Architectural Art by Architect Harry Wild Jones

A Church Building as Art

Preserving Immigrant History

BY LINDSEY FENNER

One block from the elaborate American Swedish Institute mansion is a more modest landmark of the Swedish immigrants who made their homes in the Phillips neighborhood. The Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church, 2501 Columbus Avenue South, was once a social center for the Swedish-Minnesotan community. But over the course of a hundred years, the block has dramatically changed. A building that used to be nestled among single-family and duplex homes is now shadowed by a parking ramp.

In an effort to recognize and honor the church's social importance, as well as the craft used in the design and construction, the church building is currently being considered for local preservation status. Sue Hunter Weir, a Phillips historian who serves on the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission, nominated the building for consideration.

Built in 1916, the building was

designed by important local architect Harry Wild Jones. His more well-known works include the Lakewood Cemetery Chapel and Butler Square in the Minneapolis Warehouse District. But Jones also took pride in designing affordable, well-crafted churches, according to Hunter Weir. Messiah is one of the few intact examples of Jones' churches.

This church's red brick exterior makes restrained use of the Gothic Revival style. Inspired by medieval European architecture, the square bell tower, pointed arches, and carved wooden tracery are reminiscent of a castle. But the inside of the building is perhaps the most striking architectural feature. Sunlight streaming through the art-glass windows brings out the warm gleam of oak: oak pews, oak paneling, oak carving, oak ceiling, all soaring up to a crown of oak beams. As Hunter Weir described it, "The interior

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Harry Wild Jones, Architect

Messiah Lutheran Church: Deserving Historic Designation

BY BOB ROSCOE

In 1916 the cornerstone was laid for the Messiah Lutheran Church at the intersection of East 25th Street and Columbus Avenue South in South Minneapolis, designed by Harry Wild Jones, a leading Minneapolis architect.

Today, the two story red brick Gothic Revival structure, rests comfortably within this mildly compact urban environment, and still serving its original religious purpose, no longer for a Lutheran congregation which began as serving a Northern European immigrant community, but now for Mennonite and Latino immigrant congregations.

Messiah Lutheran's interior presents Jones's lavish use of wood, with pointed arches emblematic of the English Gothic Style, carved wood paneling, and an intricate stained glass window above and behind the altar lend the interior a graceful ambience. Perhaps the most splendid interior architectural feature is the system of wood hammer beam trusses, each characterized by series of sizeable vertical members with lathe-turned bases.

Harry Wild Jones became known as a church architect during his prolific career, totaling 21 churches in Minneapolis. Nonetheless, Jones is better known in the architectural community as one of the most imaginative early twentieth century designers of public buildings, such as what is known today as Butler Square, the long ago razed Nicollet Baseball

Park, Lake Minnehaha Yacht Clubhouse, Washburn Water Tower and many prominent residences. Seven of his buildings are locally listed historic landmarks.

At this time, three of his churches remain in their original design; eight have been significantly altered beyond their Jones architectural identity; and the others have been demolished. Messiah Lutheran Church is thus an important edifice in the historic testament of Minneapolis.

Two of the many prominent members of the Messiah Lutheran congregation are Luther Youngdahl and his brother Rueben. **Luther Youngdahl was an American politician and judge from Minnesota. He served as an associate justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court from 1942 to 1946, then as Minnesota's 27th Governor. Rueben Youngdahl served as fifth pastor of Mount Olivet Lutheran Church.**

Community historian Susan Hunter Weir assembled a very informative historic designation document for the Minneapolis City Council to hopefully nominate as a historic landmark. Her nomination form notes the scholarship performed by many architectural historians, including David Lanegran, Phillip J. Anderson and Dag Blanck, Larry Millett, and Elizabeth Vandam.

Marilyn Chiat, a national rec-

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As a correction, Children's Hospital does not at this time have a purchase agreement with Messiah Lutheran Church for the historic church property.

45 Year Momentum at an ALL-TIME HIGH!

PHILLIPS AQUATIC CENTER

At the Phillips Aquatic Center March Madness

BY DENNY BENNETT

March, 2017 will be long remembered as a big month in the history of the Phillips Aquatics Center! On Tuesday, March 28th at 1:00 PM, at the Phillips Community Center, the ceremonial groundbreaking took place. Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board’s (MPRB) Superintendent Jayne Miller led the festivities, and the crowd heard from elected officials, key donors and me. MPRB is planed the details of the event, and had the obligatory golden shovels and pre-softened dirt.

To me, this public display of “digging in” was like a wedding, in the sense that all who participate are saying loudly and publicly, “I’m all in!” From this day forward, we can all relax a little bit. This thing is real, and once declared publicly at a groundbreaking, there are no “take-backs”! Just like a wedding, there was even a reception with light refreshments afterwards, and for entertainment, people took a tour of the “before” version of the old pool.

In January, while I heralded the joy of this dream coming true, I also dedicated a few column inches to explain how important items got left out due to budget constraints. Specifically, there were two projects that were designated as “optional” and as a result, not included in the planned construction:

- Existing locker room upgrade – \$162,000
- Fitness & teen center relocation and remodeling – \$116,000

The locker room upgrade would be for the main men’s and women’s locker rooms, which will otherwise be utilized “as-is”

in their original, 45-year-old condition. While this is functional, it would be nice to have this final piece of the facility in appearance and utility to be fresh and welcoming (and in line with the new “family” locker rooms that are being added).

In the current configuration at the Phillips Community Center, the teen center is underneath the back of the bleachers, and the fitness center is located in two small classrooms near the front entrance of the building. Ideally, this would be reconfigured so that the fitness center would have a larger space (where the teen center is now) and an adjoining fitness room would also be created for “dryland” training, yoga and even non-water, learn-to-swim program components. Having all of this in a central area, close to the locker rooms, makes the most sense for building flow and efficiency.

We did not give up, and on March 8th, I received the exciting news from my contacts at The Minneapolis Foundation that we are receiving an anonymous grant for \$270,000 to take care of both of the remaining projects! As I received the news, it literally brought tears to my eyes. I had expected having to collect money from a number of sources – a little here, a little there – and having it take much longer. To receive the money from a single donor, an *anonymous* donor, so quickly, just took my breath away!

All of this “March Madness” however, really didn’t just happen this month. The events of March, 2017 that will be forever remembered, were really started by you

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Kimberly Adams, Honorary Co-chair of the “Sha-Kym Adams Learn to Swim Fund” and Denny Bennett, Mpls. Swims President receive a \$1,394.00 Gift for the Fund from Judy Ayers, South High Foundation President on behalf of the Foundation.

South High Foundation Donates to “Sha-Kym Adams Learn to Swim Fund”

On Tuesday, March 14, the Friends of South High Foundation presented a check for \$1,394.00 to Denny Bennett, president of Minneapolis Swims, and Kimberly Adams, Honorary Co-chair of the “Sha-Kym Adams Learn to Swim Fund” and mother of the late Sha-Kym Adams. Foundation President Judy Ayers presented the check during the Foundation’s monthly board meeting. Many of Sha-Kym’s extended family members attended the presentation, and his sister, Renae Rowe, read a meaningful poem.

Minneapolis Swims created this fund with the help of Sha-Kym’s parents, Kimberly Adams & Sharrod Rowe, to provide scholarships for swimming instruction, helping eliminate financial barriers that may exist for people to learn to swim. Kimberly’s hope is “that no parent ever have to go through what we went through.”

Sha-Kym Adams was a sophomore at South High School when he drowned in August 2014, while trying to swim out to the raft on Lake Nokomis with some teammates after a football practice.

To donate to the fund, go to our Facebook page and follow the link, or send contributions c/o Minneapolis Swims, 2323 11th Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55404.

South High Sends Swimmer to State Meet

The South High School swim team, coached by Jeff Sanders, sent junior Dutch Franko-Dynes to the 2017 MSHSL Boys AA Swim & Dive Championships, which took place at the Jean K. Freeman Aquatic Center on the University of Minnesota campus on March 3 and 4. Dutch finished 11th in the 100 freestyle with a time of 47.85.

Dutch, who was selected as a team captain for next year, is looking forward to the opening of the Phillips Aquatics Center, as the team currently does not have a home pool to practice in. Said Coach Sanders, “Having a pool with starting blocks to be able to practice starts and streamlining, and just having practice at the same time every day, and now the fitness center, it will be a game-changer for us. I’m so proud of what Dutch, and so many of the other swimmers have accomplished without our own pool. Hopefully, this will bring even more kids out!”

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from top left

and your neighbors seven years ago, or more, when you decided that it was not acceptable to have a vacant pool taking up space in your neighborhood, and that it would be a shame to fill it with concrete! It was the grassroots determination of some of you that Phillips deserved this and needed this. The actions you took then,



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are what led to a groundbreaking ceremony and a \$270,000 gift this month. Congratulations Phillips community – you earned it!

For further updates, please follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/mplsswims/.

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Chairman Archambault discusses the water protectors, allegations of misuse, and the current state of the DAPL fight

BY INDIAN COUNTRY MAGAZINE STAFF

Standing Rock Sioux Tribal chairman David Archambault II has been a part of the resistance against the Dakota Access Pipeline project’s intrusion on Lakota territory for the better part of three years. The conflict arose in 2016 as DAPL was rerouted by its parent company, Energy Transfer Partners, from Bismarck, North Dakota to a path through the Great Sioux Nation treaty land, where it cut across historic sacred sites and posed a threat to the source of

Standing Rock’s drinking water, the Missouri River. Throughout last year, Chairman Archambault shared video messages and issued updates on the need for prayerful and non-violent actions as more and more water protectors arrived in Cannon Ball, North Dakota to join in the Standing Rock nation’s fight. Ultimately, more than 300 tribal nations, along with non-Natives, celebrities, and supporters from around the globe joined the Lakota on the frontlines.

As an increasing number of law

enforcement arrived with militarized gear at the behest of Energy Transfer Partners, Chairman Archambault worked to maintain the focus of the water protectors. Following violent actions by law enforcement—the excessive use of water cannons, mace, and concussion grenades—a harsh winter, and the Trump administration’s greenlighting the completion of the pipeline, Chairman Archambault and the Standing Rock Tribal Council voted to evacuate the camps on tribal



Standing Rock Sioux Chairman David Archambault II

Courtesy Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

property. They maintained that the fight against DAPL had moved from the plains to the court system and Washington, D.C.

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and the comfortably desirable; balance between our essential requirements as a nation and the duties imposed by the nation upon the individual; balance between actions of the moment and the national welfare of the future. Good judgment seeks balance and progress; lack of it eventually finds imbalance and frustration.

“The record of many decades stands as proof that our people and their government have, in the main, understood these truths and have responded to them well, in the face of stress and threat. But threats, new in kind or degree, constantly arise. I mention two only.

“A vital element in keeping the peace is our military establishment. Our arms must be mighty, ready for instant action, so that no potential aggressor may be tempted to risk his own destruction. [gap]

“In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist.

“We must never let the weight of this combination endanger our liberties or democratic processes. We should take nothing for granted. Only an alert and knowledgeable citizenry can compel the proper meshing of the huge industrial and military machinery of defense with our peaceful methods and goals, so that security and liberty may prosper together. [gap]

“Another factor in maintaining balance involves the element of time. As we peer into society’s future, we – you and I, and our government – must avoid the impulse to live only for today, plundering, for our own ease and convenience, the precious resources of tomorrow. We cannot mortgage the material assets of our grandchildren without risking the loss also of their political and spiritual heritage. We want democracy to survive for all generations to come, not to become the insolvent phantom of tomorrow.

“Down the long lane of the history yet to be written America knows that this world of ours, ever growing smaller, must avoid becoming a community of dread-

ful fear and hate, and be instead, a proud confederation of mutual trust and respect.

“Such a confederation must be one of equals. The weakest must come to the conference table with the same confidence as do we, protected as we are by our moral, economic, and military strength. That table, though scarred by many past frustrations, cannot be abandoned for the certain agony of the battlefield.

“Disarmament, with mutual honor and confidence, is a continuing imperative. Together we must learn how to compose differences, not with arms, but with intellect and decent purpose. Because this need is so sharp and apparent I confess that I lay down my official responsibilities in this field with a definite sense of disappointment. As one who has witnessed the horror and the lingering sadness of war – as one who knows that another war could utterly destroy this civilization which has been so slowly and painfully built over thousands of years – I wish I could say tonight that a lasting peace is in sight.

“Happily, I can say that war has been avoided. Steady progress toward our ultimate goal has been made. But, so much remains to be done. As a private citizen, I shall never cease to do what little I can to help the world advance along that road. [gap]

“We pray that peoples of all faiths, all races, all nations, may have their great human needs satisfied; that those now denied opportunity shall come to enjoy it to the full; that all who yearn for freedom may experience its spiritual blessings; that those who have freedom will understand, also, its heavy responsibilities; that all who are insensitive to the needs of others will learn charity; that the scourges of poverty, disease and ignorance will be made to disappear from the earth, and that, in the goodness of time, all peoples will come to live together in a peace guaranteed by the binding force of mutual respect and love.”

[The Following paragraphs are the REAL beginning to this speech January 17, 1961, by **President Dwight Eisenhower**, three days before he turned the Presidency over to **John Kennedy**. This is now called his Military Industrial Complex Speech.

My fellow Americans:

“Three days from now, after half a century in the service of our country, I shall lay down the responsibilities of office as, in traditional and solemn ceremony, the authority of the Presidency is vested in my successor.

“This evening I come to you with a message of leave-taking and farewell, and to share a few final thoughts with you, my countrymen.

“Like every other citizen, I wish the new President, and all who will labor with him, Godspeed. I pray that the coming years will be blessed with peace and prosperity for all.

“Our people expect their President and the Congress to find essential agreement on issues of great moment, the wise resolution of which will better shape the future of the Nation.

“My own relations with the Congress, which began on a remote and tenuous basis when, long ago, a member of the Senate appointed me to West Point, have since ranged to the intimate during the war and immediate post-war period, and, finally, to the mutually interdependent during these past eight years.

“In this final relationship, the Congress and the Administration have, on most vital issues, cooperated well, to serve the national good rather than mere partisanship, and so have assured that the business of the Nation should go forward. So, my official relationship with the Congress ends in a feeling, on my part, of gratitude that we have been able to do so much together.

II. “We now stand ten years past the midpoint of a century that has witnessed four major wars among great nations. Three of these involved our own country. Despite these holocausts America is today the strongest, the most influential and most productive nation in the world. Understandably proud of this pre-eminence, we yet realize that America’s leadership and prestige depend, not merely upon our unmatched material progress, riches and military strength, but on how we use our power in the interests of world peace and human betterment.”

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beloved community in Christ, one person at a time.

Selling the church will enable us to continue our mission.

We are open to anyone who would like to buy the property.

I am very saddened by the outcry of members of the community who have not contributed to help maintain the building, who did not show up to listening sessions that were published on our webpage

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of Messiah is breath-taking. This is not just a building or even just a church, it is art.” The aesthetic value of the building is matched by the value of the social history lived within the building’s walls.

Like many churches, Messiah English Lutheran Church has been an important thread in the fabric of community life. But for the immigrant Swedish community of South Minneapolis, Messiah helped shape an evolving Swedish-Minnesotan identity. The church was one of the earliest Swedish congregations to use English for church services and church business. According to Hunter Weir’s research, “The church served as a cultural bridge that connected the dreams and ambitions that members had for themselves and

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ognized expert on religious architecture, considers neighborhood churches as “enhancers of the built environment, cornerstones of many communities and evidence of this nation’s ethnic and

and in various printed materials, yet feel they have a voice in what may happen to the property.

Moving forward I hope we can come together and celebrate the Sacred Words of Isaiah 43:18-19a “Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am about to do something new.”

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the ambitions that they had for their American-born children.” In a church history written in the 1950s, Pastor Marbury Anderson explained, “It was for *children* that Messiah Lutheran Church was born.”

As Hunter Weir completes her research, a report will work its way through the Minneapolis Office of Community Planning and Economic Development, and the State Historic Preservation Office. Although historic preservation status doesn’t entirely protect a building from alteration or demolition, it does mean that any major changes must be approved by the Minneapolis Heritage Commission. In coming months, the report will be presented to the Commission, with an opportunity for the community to comment at a public meeting.

religious diversity.”

Historic designation, which this church so notably deserves, may provide cultural investment in the surrounding area, once home to many immigrants when the area was settled and continuing today.

Bob Roscoe is principal of Design for Preservation

Somalia’s Drought

BY ARDO MOHAMED

- Over 6 million people are facing starvation and are dying from hunger and thirst.
- We’re asking our neighbors to contribute to our cause.
- Over two days we have raised \$11,500.00 by doing a bake sale and asking people to donate at our Islamic Center, Abubakar As-Sadique, 2824 13th Ave. So.
- We’re doing a car wash and pampering for the women on Sunday .
- Your gift today will provide clean, safe water to a thirsty family.
- You will give a desperate family urgently needed assistance to survive this drought – water, food, help and hope.
- Wherever it’s needed most, your gift will save lives.

Help build the puppets for the 43rd MayDay Parade!

During the month of April, In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre is transformed into a giant studio where staff artists and volunteers create the MayDay Parade.

From Saturday, April 8 – Thursday, May 4, 2017, MayDay Build Workshops are held at 1500 E Lake St, Mpls, MN 55407:

- Every Tuesday from 7-9pm
- Every Thursday from 7-9pm
- Every Saturday from 9-11am and 1-3pm

Workshops are free and open to the public. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Workshops are funded by free will donations.

Bring recycled items to the build if you can! We especially love paper bags and newspaper donations.

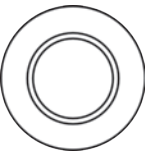
How it Works

- An artist will introduce you to the parade theme by show-

- ing you the giant storyboard (a visual script).
 - You select a section of the parade to work on, find the artist in charge of that section, and set to work!
 - Artists will guide you.
 - You can either make your own creation which you can keep after the parade, or help with the larger parade floats.
 - Typically, you'll need 3 or 4 sessions to complete a project, but you can come to as many or as few as your schedule allows.
- Other Details**
- Workshops are free, although donations are graciously accepted, always welcome, and much needed.
 - Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.
 - Wear “painting” clothes.
 - No reservations required. Just Come!
 - All welcome!



500 MayDay Plates Washed by “Heart of the Beast”



BY LUCINDA ANDERSON

In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre’s MayDay Green Team and YOU can divert 80% of the 2017 MayDay Festival waste from landfills, and this year’s **500 Plate Experiment** will help make it happen. Inspired by the Winnipeg Folk Festival where food vendors serve 100,000 festival goers on washable plates, a sub-committee of the HOBT’s MayDay Green Team is collaborating with Kabomelette food truck owners, Greg and Chelsea Miller, and Restaurant Supplier Joe Palen to serve 500 MayDay customers on washable plates.

Washing dishes consumes much less energy and produces less waste than recycling or even composting. The big vision is to someday have all MayDay vendors serving on washable/reusable plates. This year we need at least 500 people to buy their delicious food from Kabomelette and the same 500 people to return their plates to the collection bins adja-

cent to the MayDay Green Team waste stations. Easy, peasy, right?

Last year 2400 pounds of compost and recycling was collected at MayDay. Diverting 2400 pounds from a landfill or incinerator was a huge success, and this year the MayDay Green Team is hoping to break that record! Help the MayDay Green Team reach their 80% goal by volunteering to host one of the eleven waste stations around the park on MayDay, Sunday, May 7, 2017. You can help boost MayDay’s composting and recycling efforts by assisting folks with sorting their items at a waste station while affirming the impact of their actions.

This is an ideal volunteer opportunity for groups and individuals interested in sustainability and the environment. To sign up, visit <https://hobt.org/mayday/volunteer-for-mayday/>

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. – Mahatma Gandhi



Like a pendulum out of sync, our national election process has lurched toward greater and greater spending while giving the public less satisfaction with the results.

Trump so far
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votes, led to president Trump, a real-estate developer with no diplomatic or even administrative experience. (See the *Alley* December, 2016 and February, 2017).

Trump came to the presidency with an unusual agenda of change that emphasized laws to be rescinded, and the walling up of America in both a literal and economic sense. The *Washington Post* Fact Checker counted 280 Trump promises and 60 specific promises in what Trump called a “Contract with the American Voter.”

What president Barack Obama left as a legacy was a country that had been gaining in job growth throughout a long, slow economic recovery period. Jobs grew by 235,000 in February while the unemployment rate was 4.7 percent, unlike the picture painted by Trump that joblessness was rampant. To be sure, there are deep

pockets of unemployment in some areas of the country where mining and manufacture have slowed due to changes in manufacturing methods, foreign markets, or sourcing.

Trump came to office promising to put as much as a 10% tariff on imports, to punish American businesses who locate outside of the U.S., limit immigration, return all illegal aliens, limit Muslim travel or immigration to the U.S., and put up a wall along the entire southern U.S. border. All of this is wrapped with Trump’s “America First” slogan, an echo of a 1940 “America First Committee,” that sought to stay out of WWII and placate Germany.

It was sobering to see that only one of Trump’s transition team members is an economist because the president’s “America First” thinking will surely *increase* unemployment and fail to bring employment relief to the areas of the country where Trump promised more jobs. An economist or two could tell him that his recov-

ery thinking is flawed.

Trump’s desired cuts include:

- thirty-one per cent at the Environmental Protection Agency;
- twenty-nine per cent at the State Department;
- twenty-one per cent at the Agriculture Department and Labor Department;
- sixteen per cent at the Commerce Department;
- fourteen per cent at the Energy Department; and
- thirteen per cent at the Transportation Department and the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Cooler heads will prevail, even on the conservative side of the aisle in Congress as the budget process starts, independently of the president’s wish list. Yet there is likely a fight ahead as conservatives attempt to shrink government while trying to pass new health care legislation and greater increases in defense spending.

Attend a training to learn how to rehab a City-owned vacant home in Minneapolis

Community Planning & Economic Development from City of Minneapolis

Attend an Upcoming Minneapolis Homes Buy-Build-Rehab Training. The Minneapolis Homes Buy-Build-Rehab program provides a range of opportunities to own a home in the City of Minneapolis.

Buy: a move-in ready home, Build: a home on a City-owned vacant lot, Rehab: a City-owned vacant home

Upcoming Minneapolis Homes Build Trainings, Tuesday, March 28, 6:00-7:30pm, Urban Research and Outreach Engagement Center (UROC), 2001 Plymouth Avenue N. Minneapolis, MN 55411, RSVP: uroctraining.eventbrite.com

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Tuesday, April 4, 6:00-7:30pm, Sabathani Community Center, 310 E 38th Street #200, Minneapolis, MN 55409, RSVP: sabathani-training.eventbrite.com. This training will include information about how to apply for a new \$20,000 incentive for homebuyers to BUILD a new construction home on City-owned vacant lots. An additional \$5,000 is available for City of Minneapolis police officers, firefighters, and EMTs, as well as Minneapolis Public School teachers. To learn more about the financing available and program details visit our website.

Minneapolis Homes is a program of the Residential and Real Estate Development (RRED) work unit of the City of Minneapolis department of Community Planning and Economic Development. The goal of this business unit is to create healthy, mixed income housing markets in the City by developing opportunities for homeownership and responsibly managing land banked property.

Get Out



Universal Pictures
Horror/Suspense/Mystery/
Comedy
★★★★★

If you think "Get Out" is like Stanley Kramer's "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" (1967)—it is to an extent—but "Get Out" goes much further, much deeper in its approach to a very unsettling, suspenseful, malevolence; yet it's peppered with humor.

The director Jordan Peele, African American, of "Get Out" draws his inspiration from George A. Romero's "Night of the Living Dead" (1968). Romero's movie is one of the great horror classics and Peele's debut film comprises horror, suspense and humor and mystery is to be from a social perspective. Rose Armitage (Allison Williams), who is white, wants Chris Washington (Daniel Kaluuya), wants him to meet her parents. Chris is nervous about the idea—with good reason. It appears Rose's parents are accepting of their daughter's African American boyfriend. Her father Dean Armitage (Bradley Whitford) is a neurosurgeon and her mother Missy Armitage (Catherine Kenner) is a hypnotherapist, both devoted "liberals."

As the story unfolds, Rose's parents, the white guests and the African American help become more weird, more sinister, causing Chris to become leery than at the time he arrived. Something isn't right at the country estate making "Get Out" to be, quite honestly, a brilliant piece of work especially in the horror/suspense/mystery genres. It has its comedy side, resting on African American humor and tone, in several scenes when his buddy Rod Williams (Lil Rel Howery) back at Chris' apartment watching his dog warns him to bail out from Rose's parents' house after Chris tells him strange things are happening there.

Racial paranoid is everywhere



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at the estate. Even the black help Georgina (Betty Gabriel) and Walter (Marcus Henderson) act weird as if they will become fifth columnists against Chris down the road. The deck seems to be stacked against Chris with undercurrent they (the parents and Rose's brother) have nefarious intentions for their black "guest". And if Chris didn't know better, what appears wacky may be like the nightmare of Jeffrey Dahmer coming forth for the most unsavory purposes.

What's more haunting and brilliant at the same time in "Get Out" is there's much reality beyond the simple historic illicit romantic relationships of interracial couples, particularly between a black male and a white female. "Get Out" is unique in its social issues around the horror genre.

Cast: Daniel Kaluuya (Chris Washington), Allison Williams (Rose Armitage), Catherine Kenner (Missy Armitage), Bradley Whitford (Dean Armitage), Lil Rel Howery (Rod Williams), Betty Gabriel (Georgina), Marcus Henderson (Walter).

Running time: 103 minutes.
(R) Director: Jordan Peele. Writer: Jordan Peele.

Phasing plan for Peavey Park improvements is now online

Improvements at Peavey Park that are scheduled for both 2017 and 2018 are outlined in the new Peavey Park Phasing Plan for 2017/18.

In fall 2017, the Park Board will improve the basketball court complex. This includes replacing three half-courts with 2 full courts, one half-court and practice hoops. All of the new courts will be located in the northwest corner of the park.

In summer 2018, the multi-use field and playground will be replaced. Improvements for pathways, lighting, irrigation and

grading are also planned in 2018 throughout the park.

These improvements are guided by the Peavey Park Master Plan, which is part of MPRB's South Service Area Master Plan, covering all of the neighborhood parks south of downtown and east of I-35W.

To find out more about the 2017/2018 improvements at Peavey Park, visit the project web page, where you can also sign up for timely email updates, as the project progresses.

See: <http://ow.ly/5fdI30afUvY>

The Weather Diaries at American Swedish Institute Explores Fashion, Culture and Identity in Iceland, Greenland and the Faroe Islands

Ena with Eyes Shut, 2014, designer: Nikolaj Kristensen, © Cooper & Gorfer

Exhibition On View March 25-July 2, 2017

Exhibiting photographic artworks linked with installations probing the roots of West Nordic fashion and the impact of nature and weather in developing cultural identity. With mesmerizing creations of Cooper & Gorfer.

Sarah Cooper, (U.S., 1974) and Nina Gorfer (Austria, 1979), who now live and work in Gothenburg, Sweden and Berlin, Germany, travelled throughout Iceland, Greenland and the Faroe Islands on assignment from exhibition producer The Nordic House in Reykjavik. Their resulting large-scale, painting-like pieces are constructed with advanced collage techniques that combine photographs of work by some of the most gifted artists and designers of the West Nordic region including STEINUNN, Barbara I Gongini, Kria, Nikolaj Kristensen, GUÐRUN & GUÐRUN, Bibi Chemnitz, Jessie Kleemann, Mundi and JÖR by Guðmundur Jörundsson. The accompanying installations display, among other items, a 55-pound beaded collar, knitted garments, tulle and feathers, bone fragments and full-sized mannequins in tailored suits. *The Weather Diaries* film, a short "behind the scenes" documentary, shot on location, will show in the exhibition, giving voice to the designers and capturing the visual allure of these three island nations.

Bruce Karstadt, ASI President/CEO, says, "We welcome an opportunity to spark meaningful dialogue about how



exploring our roots can positively impact today's local and global community."

ALSO: Cows Can Dream – in Youth & Family Gallery Through October 29

An imaginative environment inspired by Cows Can Dream, a children's book with illustrations by Swedish visual artist Maria Bajt and text by Jason Diakité (aka Swedish rap star Timbuktu).

ASI MUSEUM HOURS:

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m.–8 p.m.; Sunday, Noon–5 p.m.; closed Monday.

Museum Admission: \$10 adults, \$7 ages 6–18 and full-time students with ID. Free for ASI members and kids ages 5 and under.

2600 Park Avenue South 612-871-4907 info@ASImn.org

Phillips Round the World Challenge Kicks off April 4

BY THE PHILLIPS WELLNESS 50+ TEAM

"I love to walk but it isn't always easy to find someone to walk with," says Pat Eagan. "The Phillips Wellness 50+ walking group helps me walk more regularly." Amy Rincon says she is "proud to wear my green t-shirt and be a part of a community of people working to keep ourselves healthy." She and her husband, Roy, have hardly missed a week since the Phillips Wellness 50+ walking group formed last May.

Now, the group is kicking off a new community challenge—the Phillips Round the World Challenge. None of us can walk around the world by ourselves but together we can do it.

We invite everyone to participate in this fun way to contribute to a community goal, get some exercise and meet new people. No matter what speed or distance you walk (or roll), this is for you.

Gathering on Tuesday, April 4

Join us for an organizing meeting in the dining room of 2700 Park Apartments on Tuesday, April 4, from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. We'll provide information about walking and serve a light dinner.

Walking Sessions Start April



Pat Eagan with Amy and Roy Rincon enjoying the potluck dinner following last fall's walking challenge.

The 8-week walking challenge will start Tuesday, April 18, meeting each Tuesday at 5:00 PM in the lobby of Ebenezer Tower, 2523 Portland Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55404. For more information,

contact Donna Nordin at 612-741-5180 or dnordin2@comcast.net.

Phillips Wellness 50+ is a community-led initiative with support from the Vital Aging Network, HealthPartners, Allina Health and the Bush Foundation.

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Project Earth

March 8, 2017...

(Note: DAPL refers to Dakota Access Pipeline.)

The Walker Community United Methodist Church continues to showcase our resilience, this time beckoning a “Café con Alondra.” The forum was to feature a panel of #NoDAPL veterans, fresh from the Battle of Standing Rock. Alondra Cano’s presence was appreciated as well.

As it happened, audience members were invited to state their concerns. By what path will we transition to the post-fossil-fuel society? Will an intervening crisis ensue? Does the slogan - “Workers and oppressed people unite” still hold true?

Clearly, the assembled Native-American voice now serves as our spiritual intermediary to Mother Earth. Yet, Trump supporters have shouted: “How will that oil get to you without the pipeline?” Well, listen up. The oil in question has been shipped by train all along. Why would you support the ambitions of one sector of capital over another? Why would you heap another brutal round of oppression upon the great heap of historical oppression?

There was one panelist with a pale face like mine. Patty is a tireless and talented activist. However, her observation that



PETER MOLENAAR
Raise Your Voice

“Market forces” are delivering us from fossil fuels too slowly was too meekly put.

Actually, the expression “market forces” is a euphemism for capitalism, i.e. capitalists and the profit motive. Thus, we are witness to the pivot from coal to natural gas, not because we have a “Clean Power Plan” but because fracking renders the gas cheap. But where is the real plan to save humanity and the viability of our planet?

Smile, please. Someday soon, a person like Patty will be elected president with a new assignment for NASA. Call it: PROJECT EARTH.

Frank Reflections

BY FRANK ERICKSON

Here is how the process works. State lawmakers get to the Capitol by being elected. Then, they get a 45 per cent pay raise \$31,000.00 to \$45,000.00 from an independent Council created by “voter approved Constitutional amendment.”

Interesting how they allow us to vote on a constitutional amendment to give a raise to themselves and that the vote is seen as a fair and justifiable approach; but refuse us the opportunity to vote on a liveable wage. For some reason a voter-approved amendment is enough for themselves to get a raise, but not enough for a liveable wage for their voters.

They need to stop playing games at the Capitol and do their job, giving access to democracy to everyone.

They just get voted into office, vote to get themselves a raise, and create “laws” that block any chance of low-income people getting a liveable wage. They deny us access for a liveable wage, but then use democracy to give themselves a huge raise! It is so wrong, I had to write it twice to see what I was missing. No! I’m not missing anything! It is so obvious it almost makes a person think they must misunderstand it. It is blatantly wrong!

Commentary

Our movement, rooted in immigrant workers, must stand with immigrants

Reprinted with permission from the Minneapolis Labor Review, February 24, 2017

BY CHELSIE GLAUBITZ GABIOU,
PRESIDENT, MINNEAPOLIS REGIONAL
LABOR FEDERATION

Work. Work is what sustains us. Work is the energy and labor we provide to our community, our families and ourselves. Work transcends race, class, ideology, and culture. Work sustains our neighborhoods and work has built the labor movement.

Work shakes me awake in the morning—whether it is the 75,000 members of the MRLF or my 2-year old. Work drives a construction worker to a site at 5:30 a.m. to beat the hot sun on the pavement. Work inspires a housekeeper each day at 5:30 a.m. to fill the cart with towels. Work keeps a teacher well into the darkness of the evening to support a student.

This pride, this value of work, is greater than any executive order President Trump can deliver to our movement. Core to the labor movement are the values of solidarity, freedom, opportunity, and equality for all. As our political climate grows more divided, our own solidarity must deepen.

Donald Trump’s executive

orders on immigration are an effort to criminalize working people—including people in our own unions. Working people in our community are afraid to take their children to school and to go to work themselves—let alone speak up against abuse and exploitation.

Minnesota has a rich history of immigrants building a life for themselves and making Minnesota one of the best places to live in the entire country. Immigrants come to us from many different avenues—fleeing persecution, searching for better work opportunities, participating in democracy, or seeking education. Some have even been forced to immigrate here via slavery or exploitation to provide their labor or services. Native Americans and immigrants from many generations have built our economy and will continue to carry the work forward.

Today, the world is experiencing the largest refugee crisis since World War II and humanitarian support is needed now more than ever. It is unacceptable that the we would choose to turn away the very people in greatest need of protection simply based upon where they are from or the faith they practice. The labor movement is home to many refugees.

Coupled with bans on immigration, we are seeing enforcement and deportation policies abruptly changed and broadened. Many families who have only provided good work to the fabric of our communities are suddenly being thrown into a terrorizing limbo of status and chaos threatening their very livelihoods. The workers impacted by these policies are being denied their due process and are having their voice in the workplace weakened. We must support immigration policies at the local, state and national level that protects due process for all workers, regardless of immigration status.

But, these harmful policies don’t just affect immigrants, they harm all of us. It continues to exasperate the discrimination people of color face in our communities. Enforcement-only deportation policies drive more immigrants into the underground economy—an economy that drags the wages and conditions of all industries down. Lack of trust between law enforcement and the community erodes public safety for everybody.

We must not be fooled. Many of these policies are rooted in a strategy to keep workers afraid and to weaken their power. In this moment, it is more important than ever that our labor movement provides information, support and solidarity to our immigrants, people of color and every other community directly under attack. Immigrants are welcome, safe and protected in our unions and the workers’ movement.

While corporate elites try to use policies of division to exploit our work, we will resist. We will use the collective power of our work. We will bring families together to support each other.





BACKYARD INITIATIVE BACK PAGE



BYI AREA



Featuring the Exciting Work of COMMUNITIES OF LIGHT CO-OP/ BYI Rebirthing Communities CHAT (Community Health Action Team)

JOIN Communities of Light (COL) at the MayDay Parade Workshops!

It's April and time for MayDay Workshops facilitated by Heart of the Beast Theatre as we prepare for the 43rd annual MayDay Parade and Festival! Communities of Light/BYI Rebirthing Communities CHAT bring people together for the common good and provide a different environment for creativity as we prepare for the Annual MayDay Parade. The COL MayDay lantern (icosahedron) decorating workshops are bright, colorful, and always delightfully engaging.

Community comes together to provide workshops where you can be creative even if you're not an artist. Almost anything goes, and we're there to help you coordinate and guide the direction of your color selections. We welcome your ideas on how to decorate our community-made solar lanterns. You can even join us in the COL section of the **MayDay Parade on Sunday, May 7, 2017.**

Communities of Light's MayDay Workshop location:

Avalon Theatre, corner of East Lake Street & 15th Ave. S., Mpls.



BYI Rebirthing Communities/COL CHAT leader hosting a Communities of Light lantern-decorating table at the MayDay workshop 2016.

MayDay workshop schedule: OPENS: Saturday, April 8

- **Saturdays**—April 8, 15, 22, 29—8:30-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-3:30 p.m.
- **Tuesdays**, April 11, 18, 25—6:30-9:30 p.m.
- **Thursdays**, April 13, 20, 27—6:30-9:30 p.m.

(NOTE: Communities Of Light is NOT available on Sat. mornings.

...and coming
this July 2017,
**COMMUNITIES
OF LIGHT/
BYI Rebirthing
Community CHAT
Re-OPENS
AMEN CORNER
Thrones Plaza-Corner
of Chicago and Franklin
Avenues JULY 8, 2017
~SATURDAY, Noon-
4:00 P.M.**



We are pleased to announce that we have added new volunteers from the Communities of Light Co-op to support the Amen Corner 2017 session. Please come and support us. The Amen Corner opens officially, **SATURDAY, JULY 8, Noon to 4:00 p.m.** Stop by Peavey Park, Thrones Plaza, on the corner of Chicago & Franklin Avenues. Communities of Light (COL) will support the Amen Corner's focus through the end of October and into November as weather permits.

Open Mic is the reason we present the

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.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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ANNOUNCE

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Amen Corner- to provide a space for all of us to listen to one another, the community, throughout the afternoon and relate to the thoughts, concerns, stories, and testimonies. And, of course, we'll be grillin'! The Amen Corner's focus—to use the Open Mic concept to provide a safe space for adults, youth and children to **"Speak Your Truth"** in hopes of making positive changes within our community; relieve current pressures; and help to create a healthy community.

Communities of Light, via the Amen Corner, will recruit new families to COL's solar lantern workshops and expose our guests to the idea of self-suf-

ficiency through conversation and understanding of ourselves and our community—being a COL Co-op member is a bonus.

We invite you to come to **Speak Your Truth** about yourself, your struggles, your stories, your ideas, your family, your community and your world. Please join Communities of Light at the *Amen Corner*, in Peavey Park, Thrones Plaza, every Saturday, Noon-4:00 p.m. (Chicago & Franklin Avenues.)

We look forward to seeing you as a volunteer and welcome you as a participant each Saturday. Mostly, we urge you to speak out the truth and you may just get an "amen." **Amen Corner, a time to enjoy community.**

For more info, contact: Amen Corner Team, 612-239-4652, or visit our website: communitiesoflight.org

Ongoing Solar Lantern Workshops – Solar Generator Workshops

Our core objective is to connect community members with each other in a way that our healthy interdependence can be furthered through engagement around community: mutually supportive sustainability strategies; honoring and encouraging inter-generational family participation; inter-cultural sharing of strengths and supports; and uplifting spirits and encouraging our noblest traits.

Solar Lantern Workshop:

Friday 5:00-7:00 p.m.- Midtown Global Market

Solar Generator Workshop:

Saturday, 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. – Midtown Global Market

To reserve your space to sign up to and participate, stop by Communities of



COL family members at the solar lantern workshop.

Light store, Midtown Global Market, call **612-239 4652** or call Gilbert McKinley, 706-601-7131.