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# Tread, Breathe, Laugh

*“Tread softly, Breath peacefully, Laugh hysterically.” – Nelson Mandela\**

Sears/Roof Depot Warehouse Site Up-Date

## The East Phillips Community Making Waves for Water Works

BY CAROL PASS, GAC MEMBER AND EPIC BOARD PRESIDENT

Ready or not: Here comes the City Water Yard, its numerous huge diesel trucks, its 100± employees’ additional cars to one of the most polluted and dangerously traffic-congested areas of the City.

### **The Promise:**

The City’s Core Principles of Community Engagement PROMISE our **“Right to be involved”**, namely that **“...those who are affected by a decision have a right to be involved in the decision-making process.”** (Adopted by the Mpls. City Council, Dec. 2007)

### **The Reality:**

Despite the promise, the City of Minneapolis, unbeknown to the “affected”

East Phillips community, had been working on acquiring the Roof Depot site for the purpose of transferring the water yard there for at least ten years without informing us. This only came to light after the East Phillips Community began a major campaign to de-industrialize the very heavy industry area around Cedar Ave. and 28th St. City officials may have realized the outrage it would create in the middle of our campaign to de-industrialize were they to just begin this process without giving the community even an ounce of information before beginning. It was obvious that we would encounter this plan with its secrecy for moving this heavily polluted area in the

### **Water Works**

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*“Neighbors Getting to Know Neighbors!”*

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

## Consumed by News?

BY HARVEY WINJE PUBLISHER

Are we too consumed by NEWS? Publisher Peter W. Marty challenges himself and readers with this question when also quoting “Alain de Botton, a British-based philosopher and author of The News: A User’s Manual, who believes that in contemporary culture news has largely replaced religion as ‘our central source of guidance and our touchstone of authority.’ The news—not scripture, tradition, or inspired ritual—informs how we handle suffering and make moral choices. A desire to know what’s going on all hours of the day and night actually makes us more shallow than we may want to admit.” [See, complete article by Peter Marty in Christian Century, November 23, 2016 and hopefully reprinted in the September Alley Newspaper]

## To Barricade or Not to Barricade, That is the Question!

BY BRAD PASS

### **A BARRICADE MEETING:**

On Tuesday evening, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 the neighborhood gathered at Open Arms to discuss the Barricades which have blocked vehicular traffic on E 25<sup>th</sup> St. between Bloomington Ave. and 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. for many years. The issue, as pointed out by Third Precinct Lt. Catherine Johnson, is that in the last two years crime statistics in the area have risen precipitously. Everyone at the meeting agreed that the police statistics more of less accurately reflect what is happening on the ground. There was disagreement as to the cause of, and the solution to, the problem.

### **The CAUSE?**

1. Some thought that the Barricades had become institutionalized and were seen as a place free of traffic and interference that could be used by prostitutes, users, dealers, and the homeless to conduct their business.
2. Some wondered if the elimination or lack of enforcement of “Livability Crimes”

such as the “No Loitering” law and others is related to the increase of crime and asked to see the relationship of the increase of police crime statistics to the date of elimination.

3. Some wondered if the difficulty of enforcing the “No Trespassing” ordinance was related to the increase. (In addition to having the authorized sign posted, the property owner must file a “Trespassing Authorization” form with the local police precinct. When a Trespassing incident occurs, the owner must confront the trespassers and get each to Print their name and sign the “Trespass Notice Form” which says, “YOU ARE HEREBY REQUESTED TO DEPART FROM THIS LAND AND NOT TO RETURN FOR ONE YEAR”. The owner must include his/her name on the form, give a copy to the trespassers and save the original. All this while not knowing if the trespasser is dangerous and has a weapon or not, thus forcing

police work on property owners.

4. Some saw the barricades as an essential safety feature of the neighborhood unrelated to the increase in crime.
5. Native Americans at the meeting perceived the barricades as an implicit statement cordoning off and thereby devaluing their community with respect to the rest of the neighborhood.

### **The SOLUTION?**

Some wanted the Barricades removed permanently.

Some wanted them to remain indefinitely but to be improved in appearance.

Some wanted them removed on a trial basis.

Some wanted them removed with another traffic calming amenity such as a Traffic Circle installed at 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. S and E 25<sup>th</sup> St. similar to ones at 32, 34, & 36 Streets and 17<sup>th</sup>

**Barricades**  
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BY ERIN THOMASSON

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**Urban 4-H Club**

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your personal history? Bring  
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## Transit

## Public transit availability and public versus private ownership

BY JOHN CHARLES WILSON

Transit news in Phillips and in  
the Twin Cities is pretty slow this  
month, so I thought I'd congratu-  
late our neighbors to the south  
in Rochester on finally having  
Sunday bus service for the first  
time in 50 years.

Those of us who are transit  
dependent in big cities often take  
for granted that service will be  
there 20 hours a day, every day.  
Smaller cities aren't like that. I  
lived in Rochester twice, 1988-9  
and 2005-6. Needing transit there  
is like having a 10 PM curfew  
on weekdays, 6 PM on Saturday,  
and being grounded every Sunday  
and holiday, even if you're a legal  
adult who did nothing wrong.

Until five years ago, Rochester  
was the last city in Minnesota,  
and one of the last in the United  
States, to have a privately owned  
bus system. Most public transit  
in this country has been run  
by local governments since the  
1970s. Rochester's extremely con-  
servative past is probably part of  
the reason. When I lived there, it  
was so right-wing that groups like  
the Posse Comitatus were almost  
mainstream and George H. W.  
Bush was considered a flaming  
liberal. Fortunately, Rochester is  
no longer so far to the right. There  
is even a thriving DFL and an  
open gay community in what is  
now nicknamed "Med City".

Recently, I met George Holter,  
the founder of Rochester City  
Lines. RCL still runs commuter  
buses from all over southeastern  
Minnesota to the Mayo Clinic,



and is a subsidiary of Richfield  
Bus Company, which does char-  
ters, and until 1979, ran subur-  
ban service from Minneapolis to  
Excelsior. He is 89.

### \*Nelson Mandela

**Former President  
of South Africa  
Nelson Rolihlahla  
Mandela was a  
South African anti-  
apartheid revolu-  
tionary, politician,  
and philanthropist, who served  
as President of South Africa  
from 1994 to 1999. He was the  
country's first black head of  
state and the first elected in  
a fully representative demo-  
cratic election. His government  
focused on dismantling the  
legacy of apartheid by tackling  
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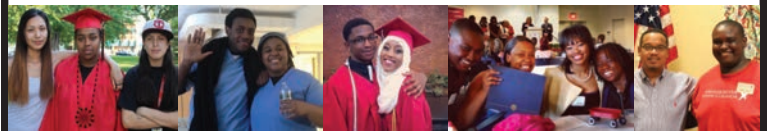
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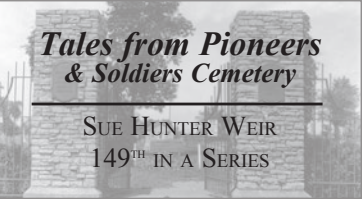


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It pays to revisit stories that you thought you knew and take another look to see what you’ve missed or to see what information you have found that you didn’t have at the time that you wrote it. This is one of those stories that keeps growing. The story of James Nettle Glover first appeared in The Alley Newspaper in January 2004.

In 2004, James Nettle Glover was thought to be one of three War of 1812 veterans buried in the cemetery. As it turns out, he is one of at least four. Another veteran was discovered after that story was written and, even though it is now wrong, the story is out on the internet and likely to linger there until the internet is replaced by something else.

That old Alley story about James Nettle Glover traveled 3,738 miles, all of the way to Aberdeen, Scotland. There, a researcher is trying to connect “our” James Nettle Glover’s branch of the Glover family to a man named Thomas Blake Glover, who because of his involvement in Japanese politics, was called the “Scottish Samurai.” He was the first Westerner to be awarded the Order of the Rising Sun and is credited with being one of the founders of Mitsubishi. We have joined in the search for a person who might be the link between the two branches of the Glover family. The search is somewhat confusing because there is a second James Nettle Glover, the nephew and namesake of “ours,” who was, among other things, the founder of Spokane, Washington. But, if one James Nettle Glover is connected, it follows that the other must be as well.

Our James Nettle Glover was



James Nettle Glover, born August 31, 1793 in Port Tobacco, Maryland (see The Alley, Newspaper, January 2004, page 1); enlisted in the War of 1812 after which he “decided to move north to get away from slavery.” He, his wife, their children and one of his sisters settled in Grant County, Wisconsin, in an area known as Abolition Hollow. It is ironic that a family who appears to have left England in order to avoid religious persecution looks, at least on paper, like kings.

a remarkable man. In 1931, his granddaughter, Mattie Jodon Fox, corresponded with Dr. Peter Holl, secretary of the Minneapolis Cemetery Protective Association. She appears to have written in response to a letter that Dr. Holl had written requesting information about her grandfather. She wrote: “Grandfather was a man of deep religious faith, a member of the Baptist Church and a fine Christian gentleman greatly opposed to slavery.”

She wrote about the family’s move from Maryland to Missouri after the War of 1812. It was there that James Nettle Glover met and married Elizabeth Dozier. They owned a plantation but unlike his father and other members of his family, he refused to use slave labor. According to Mrs. Fox, her grandfather “decided to move north to get away from slavery.” He, his wife, their children and one of his sisters settled in Grant County, Wisconsin, in an area known as Abolition Hollow.

Glover’s son, Philip L. Glover, appears to have shared his father’s political convictions. He enlisted and was a corporal in Wisconsin’s 10<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Infantry. He was one of 845 Union soldiers killed in action at Perryville, Kentucky, one

of the bloodiest battles of the war.

When they could no longer farm, James and Elizabeth Glover moved to Minneapolis to live with their daughter Sophia Jodon. Elizabeth was visiting family in Missouri when she died and was buried there. James Nettle Glover stayed in Minneapolis with Sophia and her family until he died on May 31, 1873, from apoplexy; he was 80 years old. He is buried near his son-in-law and one of his granddaughters.

In the early 1870s Sophia and her husband, George Jodon, traveled back and forth between Minneapolis and San Francisco. According to Debby Dane, another relative who was George Jodon’s granddaughter, he was a civil engineer and designed the dome on the luxurious Palace Hotel in San Francisco. The hotel opened to great fanfare in 1875 and burned during the San Francisco earthquake in 1906. George Jodon died on December 2, 1888, from heart failure at the age of 56. His daughter, Catherine Jodon had died three years earlier, on October 7, 1875, from an abscessed liver; she was 14 years old.

Finding a link between Thomas Blake Glover and James Nettle



Sophia, Jame Nettele Glover’s daughter, married George Jodon (pictured here) and they traveled back and forth between Minneapolis and San Francisco. According to Debby Dane, George Jodon’s granddaughter, he was a civil engineer and designed the dome on the luxurious Palace Hotel in San Francisco. The hotel opened to great fanfare in 1875 and burned during the San Francisco earthquake in 1906. [photo credit: Courtesy of Debby Dane]

Glover is a challenge. In many families sons were often named after grandfathers, fathers, or uncles. There are three Richards (so far) in the Glover family tree and some of their descendants have labeled them Richard I, Richard II, and Richard III. It is ironic that a family who appears to have left England in order to avoid religious persecution looks, at least on paper, like kings. Will we be able to find a common ancestor that links Scotland, America,

and Japan? We don’t know yet, but when we do, we’ll rewrite the story one more time.

**The MayDay Green Team  
Waste Collection Results  
Update**

**A couple of corrections to  
the weights:**

**609 lbs trash**

**937 lbs recycling**

**1648 lbs compost (organics)**

**For a total of 3194 lbs (over  
1.5 tons!)**

Vincent Price Extravaganza  
of Film at the Pioneers &  
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## What's up in East Phillips?

### Bylaw Revision Vote, August 10th

The EPIC Board and others have been working off and on for two years to amend the EPIC Bylaws, removing inconsistencies, conforming them to new Policies and Procedures etc. We need these in place to continue our work, to move into the next phase of EPIC's CPP contract with the city and other new business arrangements. **We're now ready. Come prepared to vote.**

### National Night Out:

**Tuesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>**

National Night Out is an annual nationwide event that encourages us to get out in the community, have a block party, and get to know our neighbors. It's also a great way to create community, encourage crime prevention, promote community-police partnerships and enjoy a Minnesota summer evening surrounded by friends and family. So dust off your grill, get some hotdogs and lemonade, and invite your neighbors.



### East Phillips Garden Fall Harvest Party - Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

This gala event marks the end of the 2017 Gardening season for the East Phillips 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. Community Garden. It starts at 4:30 PM with a pot luck garden dinner and is followed with the annual pumpkin carving contest, s'mores by the fire and often local talent provides entertainment. The Fall harvest Party ends when the fire goes out.

### Phillips Community Clean Sweep:

**Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>**

**This will be our 15<sup>th</sup> annual Clean Sweep.** The day begins at 9:00 AM with Breakfast at two sites, Welna Hardware on Bloomington & Lutheran Social Services on Park. Hundreds of neighbors pick up their free Clean Sweep T-Shirts, cleaning supplies, meet their neighbors & Clean the 'Hood. Last year neighbors removed over 41 thousand lbs. of junk and many appliances, tires, electronics & metal. Phillips Community Clean sweep ends with a free lunch and entertainment at Stewart Park.

This GREAT event could not occur but for our generous Sponsors who provide both cash and In-Kind Contributions – AND – all of you, our Neighborhood Volunteers!



## For Your Calendar:

*To get involved in EPIC and East Phillips, Join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month.*

**EPIC Board of Directors** meets on Saturday, 8/5/2017 and 9/2/2017 at 10:00 AM.

**EPIC Community Meetings** are on Thursday 8/10/17 and 9/14/2017 at 6:30 PM

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

**The East Phillips Park Programming Partnership** meets on the LAST Tuesday – Next Meetings; Tuesday 8/29/17 and 9/26/17 at 11:30 AM. Lunch is served.

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

**East Phillips Park Cultural & Community Center located at 2307 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.**

**The East Phillips Community 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. Gardeners** meet on the SECOND Saturday – Next Mtng:

Saturday, 8/12/2017 and 9/9/2017 at 9:00 AM in the **GARDEN located at 2428 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.**

\* **East Phillips Residents wanting a 2018 Garden Plot, contact Brad Pass at 612-916-8478**

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## BOARD MEETING AGENDA:

**Held every second Tuesday in Stewart Park**

**Tuesday August 8, 6:30-8pm**

**@ Stewart Park (Arts & Crafts Room), 2700 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Minneapolis**

- I. Introductions
- II. Review and Approve July Minutes
- III. Financial Report
- IV. Presentation on proposed zoning changes to the Abubakar As-Saddique Islamic Center
- V. Discuss GMHC and housing loan program alternatives
- VI. Community Announcements and Public Comment

## COMMUNITY MEETING AGENDA:

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

Check our website for locations: [www.midtownphillips.org](http://www.midtownphillips.org)

**Tuesday August 22, 6:30-8pm**

**@ Midtown Exchange Community Room, 2929 Chicago Ave, Minneapolis**

- I. Introductions
- II. Review and Approve June Minutes
- III. Organics Presentation by the City of Minneapolis
- IV. Midtown Festival Overview
- V. Planning for Candidate's Forum
- VI. Community Announcements and Public Comment



## Midtown Phillips Neighborhood is doing Asset Mapping this summer!

### What is Asset Mapping?

Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association is doing Asset Mapping in the Midtown Phillips neighborhood during July and August. Asset Mapping is an approach for learning about a community and is essentially an inventory of the gifts, talents, and resources within a neighborhood and provides information about the strengths and opportunities of an area, and can help residents to utilize those assets. Once community strengths and resources are identified and inventoried, one can also more easily think about how to improve community needs and health.

### What will we do with this information?

*We will never share your information without your permission!*

- ▶ A Neighborhood Resource Directory, listing neighborhood businesses, resources and contacts, including:
- ▶ Community Involvement Listings that showcase the activities of formal and informal groups and ways to get involved in community efforts
- ▶ A Database, internally kept by MPNAl, of the gifts, talents, interests, and resources of individuals/organizations in the neighborhood

### Midtown Phillips Asset Mapping Survey

**To complete the form online, go to: <https://surveyhero.com/c/d48defb>**

Thank you for taking our survey!

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# VENTURA VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



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## The Old Franklin Theatre Will Gain A New Life Through PPL

Project for Pride in Living, Inc. (PPL), a nonprofit provider of affordable housing and social service programs based in Ventura Village, has acquired the 8,000 SF Franklin Theater building adjacent their main administrative headquarters at 11<sup>th</sup> and East Franklin. PPL plans to rehab the building for additional program and administrative uses. The space created will serve as the new home of PPL's Employment Training Programs, which currently operate in a building at the intersection of Franklin and Chicago Avenues. PPL's Employment Training programs have grown significantly over the last 10 years. The renovated theater building will contain four large classrooms, as well as offices and work stations for the continued growth of PPL's Employment Training programs and Financial Counseling services.



The Franklin Theater building was constructed in 1916 as a movie theater but has fallen into a state of deterioration that leaves the space unusable in its current condition. Although the building is not designated as a historic building, it does still contains some features from its past use as a theater, including hand made plaster medallions and artifacts, an arched entrance with aluminum marquee and other features which will be retained and refurbished. PPL has already completed masonry work and tuck pointing on the front of the building. The full rehab will see the arch restored and lighting beneath it added, along with new windows and entry doors. The area between the theater building and PPL's existing headquarters, which is approximately 8-feet wide, will be roofed over to make an atrium space between the two buildings.

PPL plans to begin construction in September of 2017 and the work is expected to be complete in 12 to 15 months.

— Matt Soucek, Senior Project Manager, Project for Pride in Living (PPL), 1035 East Franklin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55404 [www.ppl-inc.org](http://www.ppl-inc.org)



**TO STEVE DREYER & PATTI PETERSON, OUR TWO NEWLY-ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS!**  
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ODAY, WHO HAS RESIGNED FROM OUR BOARD AND MOVED TO ANOTHER NEIGHBORHOOD.

### UPCOMING VENTURA VILLAGE MONTHLY MEETINGS:

WEDNESDAY, AUG 9TH: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: 6:00 PM  
WEDNESDAY, AUG 9TH: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 7:00 PM  
TO BE ANNOUNCED: WELLNESS, GARDENING & GREENING: 6:30 PM  
TUESDAY, AUG 29TH: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE: 6:00 PM  
THURSDAY, AUG 31ST: HOUSING & LAND COMMITTEE: 5:30 PM  
THURSDAY, AUG 31ST: CRIME & SAFETY COMMITTEE: 6:30 PM



Welcome

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# Cedar Field: History, Requests, and Changes

## LOCATION AND HISTORY

Cedar Avenue Field sits on a portion of a block between Cedar and 18th Avenues in the East Phillips neighborhood. Immediately to the north is the Little Earth Residents Association (LERA) building and the Little Earth of United Tribes Community is located across Cedar Avenue to the east. Cedar Avenue serves as the primary public park for the Little Earth Community.

In the summer of 1916 MPRB received petitions from area residents for a neighborhood park. MPRB reached out to David Stewart of St. Albans, Maine, who had previously donated land and funds to create Stewart Park farther west. In October of 1916 Stewart donated 1.89 acres of land (about one-half block) across 25th Street from the original South High School.

In response to requests for improving the land in 1919, the park board authorized spending up to \$1,000 to improve the empty ground for a small combination baseball and football field. The action came in response to several requests, including one from the coach at South High School for his teams to be able to use the field. This was part of an overall plan for the park, featured in the 1919 annual report, which included a playground for children, a small shelter and wading pool. The estimated cost of the plan was \$30,000, which would have been assessed against property owners in the area. The park is named for the street that runs alongside it.

Without assessment, the park board could only implement the ballfield, so in 1920 the field was graded and a backstop and benches were installed, as well as a sandbox for children. Playground equipment was installed in 1921.

In 1973, the 212-unit housing development Little Earth was constructed east of Cedar Avenue and on the land occupied by the original South High School. Little Earth is the only American Indian preference project-based Section 8

rental assistance community in the United States.

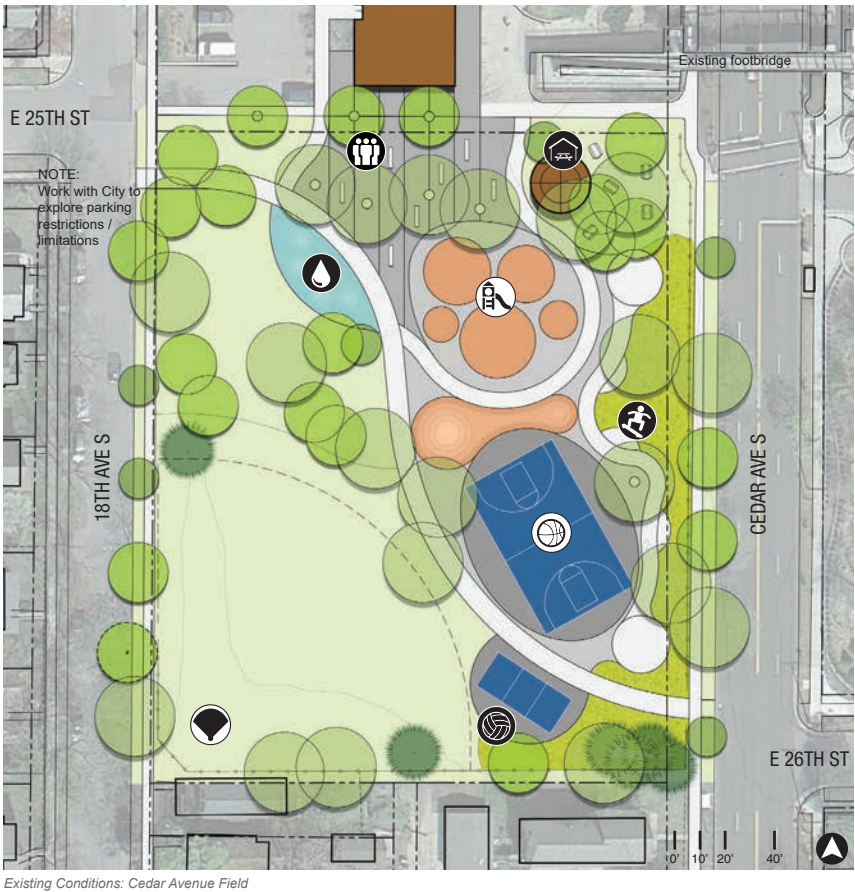
Cedar Avenue Field was upgraded in 1969 with the installation of playground equipment and creation of a hard-surfaced play area. The park was renovated again in 2003 with new playground equipment, a basketball court, and landscaping improvements. The hard courts were resurfaced in 2011.

## EXISTING CONDITIONS AND CHARACTER

Cedar Field currently contains a play area, a basketball court with two back-to-back hoops, and an informal open field that is used for baseball practice and other lawn activities. Pathways wander through the park, with benches and picnic tables scattered throughout. The park is protected from busy Cedar Avenue by a low berm and fence. Additional fencing along the southern edge of the park separates it from housing and an alley. Yet another fence defines the northern boundary of the park and creates a separation between the Little Earth buildings and the park. Near the northeastern corner of the park, a pedestrian bridge with switchback ramps allows pedestrians to cross over Cedar Avenue to other areas of Little Earth.

During the community engagement process for Cedar Avenue Field, safety concerns were frequently expressed. Specifically stated was the fact that the park may be serving as a “safe haven” for illegal activity. As described repeatedly by community members, the Little Earth Community, being private, can patrol for and evict trespassers anywhere—until they enter the public land of the park. An ongoing discussion about making the park more safe, potentially through involvement by Little Earth, is warranted.

Overall, the park is a shady greenspace within a dense urban community. It is only a few blocks from East Phillips Park but has a much different user group and a much different feel. Cedar Avenue Field seems more relaxed and passive than East Phillips—more



casual and cool. The amenities within the park are in moderate condition, though several safety concerns were raised related to specific park assets. The community notes regular sale of illegal drugs from cars parked for extensive periods of time along 18th Avenue. Those drugs are often used immediately in the park, on the benches and tables along 18th, and paraphernalia is often disposed of in the playground sand. Children and parents regularly find needles and other materials in the playground, and currently MPRB’s maintenance staff sift the sand regularly to remove them. The benches and tables are in very poor condition and the playground surfacing should be reconsidered.

## THE PROPOSED DESIGN

The design for Cedar Avenue Field is meant to improve safety in the park while also bringing new and unique amenities for a larger age range of youth in the neighborhood. The playground is retained in its same general location—though refurbished at the end of its useful life. The playground area has a full resilient rubber surface (or equivalent), which will prevent the disposal of drug paraphernalia. As this is a critical concern for the community, it would be possible and recommended to replace the surfacing in the short term, even if the playground equipment itself is not immediately replaced. Another change meant to improve safety is the removal of all seating on the 18th Avenue side of the park. A new picnic area, with tables, grills, and a small open-air shelter, is located in the northeast corner of the park. This area—though closer to Cedar Avenue—will allow for the desired use of the park for picnicking, but create

less of a convenient grounds for drug purchase and use. In addition, MPRB should work with the city and community to advocate for restricted parking along 18th Avenue, to prevent long-term staging of drug sale vehicles.

Overall the park features a curving path with more active uses on one side and open green space on the other. The green space accommodates a practice baseball field with backstop but can also be used for pick-up soccer, kite-flying, lawn games, gatherings, and other uses. The active side includes the playground, a new full-court basketball court (which could include multiple baskets at varying heights along the sidelines for multi-age play) and a paved volleyball court. A “skate trail” snakes along the eastern edge of the park, between the courts and the Cedar Avenue fence. This linear skate facility will attract a variety of age groups to the park and improve safety through increased activity. The trail should be hard surfaced and include a variety of banked curves, jumps, rails, and other exciting features.

At the northern end of the park, adjacent to the Little Earth buildings, the design breaks down the barrier between park and Little Earth, in order to facilitate more deliberate use of the park by youth and adults in the community. A new plaza stretches from the southern building entrance into the park. The plaza could feature large tables for games and homework, permanent ping-pong tables, large-scale chess and checkers, and other fun ideas for play. This space is meant to be very flexible, to be used for outdoor classes, kids hanging out, families having lunch together, formal ceremonies,

and whatever else the community can think of. To the side of this is a small water-jet play area. This feature will help activate the plaza, provide a lovely backdrop for the park as a whole, and also offer a small scale water play zone. The jets can be turned off and the area converted to a small stage for performances, gatherings, and ceremonies. The programming of the plaza and water play spaces should be considered an open discussion with the Little Earth Community and larger neighborhood. Regular involvement in and use of the park by the immediately adjacent community will increase safety in the park and make it more fun for all users. MPRB should continue discussions with the community about management and programming of the space, for the mutual benefit of community youth and MPRB maintenance and public safety staff.

Throughout the discussions of the design concepts, the community had many suggestions and ideas related to lighting and fencing. These discussions should be continued during detailed design. Lighting in the park is important for safety reasons, and permanent cameras should be considered. Fencing along 18th Avenue is not recommended, except where necessary for the baseball diamond. Fencing along Cedar Avenue and the southern property line is retained, but the northern fencing between the park and Little Earth is removed to allow improved connectivity.

## KNOWN LAND USE AND COORDINATION ISSUES

Coordination with Little Earth of United Tribes will be necessary during implementation of the northern plaza space, as it will cross the MPRB property line. Little Earth was involved in the master planning process and community members endorse this concept.

Coordination with the City of Minneapolis and advocacy from the East Phillips Improvement Coalition (EPIC) and Little Earth will be necessary to implement parking restrictions along 18th Avenue.

## UPDATE EXISTING

- Traditional Play Structure
- Basketball Court
- Multi-use Diamond

## NEW/ ADDED

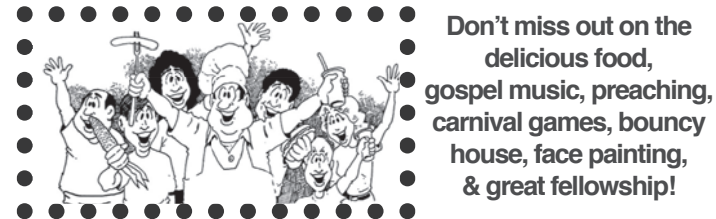
- Outdoor Gathering Space
- Interactive Water Play
- Group Shelter
- Linear Skate Park
- Volleyball Court



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\*7pm Chapel  
8pm Meal, women's clothes

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5pm Bible study  
\*7pm Chapel  
8pm Meal, men's clothes  
Thursday afternoons  
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Christian movie  
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(\* Guests must arrive by time noted)

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# OPEN STREETS MINNEAPOLIS 2017 – EAST LAKE STREET STYLE

Open Streets Minneapolis in year 6 brings together community groups and local businesses to temporarily close major thoroughfares to car traffic, and open them up for people walking, biking, skating, and playing. Open Streets gives residents an opportunity to explore their neighborhood and local businesses in a safe, fun, and family-friendly way. It encourages the use of active transportation and healthy living, and has a goal of giving residents an opportunity to rethink our streets as public space.

Open Streets events take place in all quadrants of the City and Downtown and is an initiative of Our Streets Mpls. (formerly the Mpls. Bicycle Coalition),

presented by the Center for Prevention at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of MN & co-sponsored by the City of Mpls.

**OPEN STREETS** happened on East Lake Street July 23, 11 AM to 5PM from Elliot Avenue to Minnehaha Avenue and down Minnehaha. If you were among the hundreds walking, biking, or skateboarding, you may have seen some of these views pictured below amongst thousands of other scenes without vehicular traffic on Lake Street—The Great Street—same as State Highway #7.

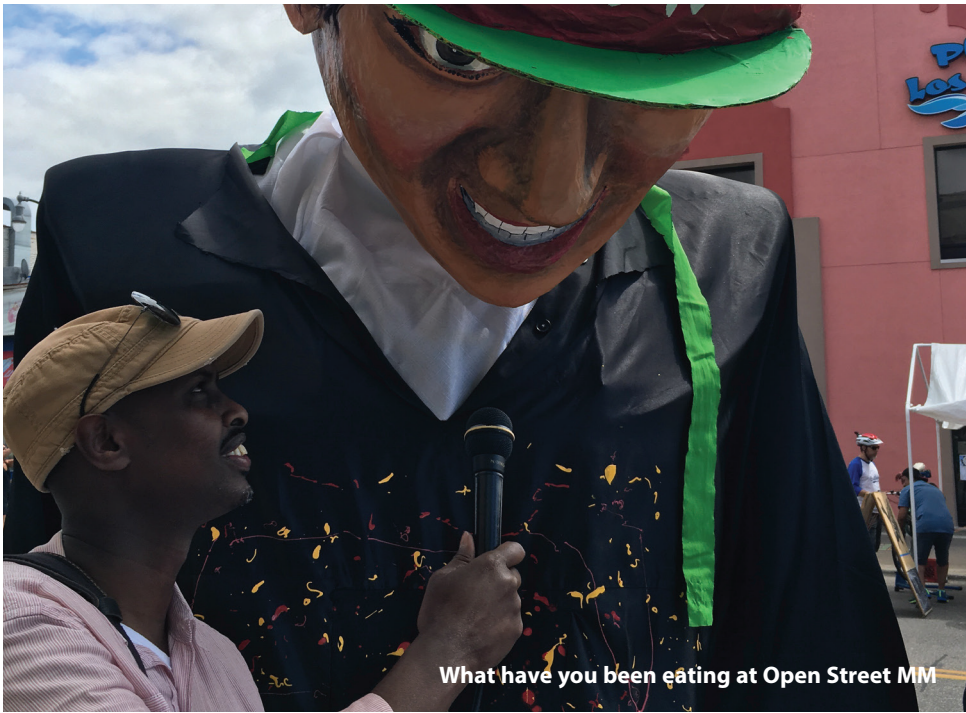
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No turning back at Cedar and Lake TW



All lanes are bike lanes at Open Street MM



What have you been eating at Open Street MM



Brass Messengers on the run TH



Hopping through the hoops TH



Focusing on the little things TW



Dancing on the Street TH

## ¡Agua es Vida! Water is Life!

BY TALIA HANSEL

The Young Leaders Program of St. Paul's Church and the Semilla Center for Healing and the Arts have been helping protect the Mississippi Watershed this summer in various ways:

- Planting native plants on boulevards, to capture storm water runoff
- Mulching gardens to keep moisture in vegetable beds
- Educating children and adults about how to care for the watershed

We have started a campaign called "Take the Pledge". The pledge has three simple commitments:

- I will drink water from the tap instead of buying bottled water. (Bottled water is pretty much the same as tap water. Some tap water sold is taken from deep in the earth, and has lowered the level of important aquifers. Plus Minneapolis tap water is clean and safe)
- I will clean up my street with my neighbors once a month. (Remember, everything that washes into storm sewers from our streets goes untreated into the river.
- I will learn more about how I can care for our Mississippi Watershed at <https://mwmo.org/learn/>

There are many other ways to conserve water, such as not mowing your lawn short, and capturing rainwater off your house or garage. If you are interested in



Four youth "Planting a Boulevard Garden"



"Maria, Planting Native lants"

learning more or becoming active in helping our watershed, call 612-724-3862 or e-mail [semillacenter@gmail.com](mailto:semillacenter@gmail.com). And follow

us on Twitter and Instagram: @semillacenter

Funding for this project was provided by the Mississippi



Photos by Patrick Cabello Hansel

"Planting the Peach Tree" in the "Peace Garden" along the south wall bordering the busy 28th Street of St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 2742 15th Avenue

Watershed Organization.

Management

Talia Hansel, Community Ambassador for Young Leaders

### Barricades

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Brad Pass

**A street blocked? Why would anyone want that? 16th Ave. Block Club complaints and kids asking for safety years ago resulted in a Barricade blocking vehicular traffic on E. 25th St, between Bloomington Ave. and 16th Ave. S. just South of the S.A. Gas Station and Convenience store. Now its appearance and need are being discussed.**

Ave. S. or a street wide Wrought Iron Gate.

In the end, it was decided to meet again August 8, 2017 at 6:30 PM. To further discuss the issue. Watch for notification of meeting location or contact Alondra Cano.

#### The HISTORY

Many years ago, in response to complaints from the 16th Ave. Block Club, a Barricade was erected blocking vehicular traffic on E. 25th St, between Bloomington Ave. and 16th Ave. S. just South of the S.A. Gas Station and Convenience store.

Why would anyone want that, you might ask? Before the barricade was erected, E. 25th St. was an East to West conduit for everything illegal between Bloomington Ave. on the West and Cedar Field Park on the East. At one time in the past this stretch of road was called the Ho Chi Minh Trail and

the area was referred to as Baby Beirut. Then several young kids came to an EPIC meeting and told how they had to dive into the S.A. dumpster to avoid being hit by a hail of gunfire. One was hit in the leg. They asked us to do something to make it safe. How could we say No? The residents formed the Bloomington Ave. Citizen's Patrol.

The Citizen's Patrol had its base at their card table at the intersection of E 25th and Bloomington Ave. and patrolled East and Midtown Phillips every morning with coffee on the corner and walking, biking and driving patrols for 2 ½ years, never missing a morning. This effort led to Security Cameras on Bloomington, getting to know and offer help to the prostitutes, users and even some dealers as well as proving to the police that there were actually decent, concerned

## Why walk?



BY THE PHILLIPS WELLNESS 50+ TEAM

Walking in one of the easiest ways to increase physical activity and improve your health. Almost anyone can walk, it can be done anywhere and it doesn't cost a cent.

Walking provides all sorts of benefits, including:

- Lowering blood pressure
- Reducing weight
- Preventing onset of diabetes
- Improving memory

Here are tips to help you stay safe on your walks:

- Cross streets at crosswalks. Better yet, cross at corners with traffic signals.
- Wear bright color clothing to be sure that you can be seen. Never assume a driver sees you

people in the 'hood, and eventually, it led to the Barricade. It all made an incredible difference.

Many times, over the years, EPIC and the neighbors tried to get more permanent, better looking barricades only to be told that they needed to be able to be fully and easily removed for various reasons. As time passed and especially in the last two years, Police records and citizens observations show a radical increase in illegal activity in the neighborhood and the Barricades seem to have become a gathering place for



crossing the street. Try to make eye contact with drivers as they approach.

- Walk on sidewalks whenever possible. Keep an eye out for uneven surfaces that can be hazards for falling.
- Wear good quality shoes. Look for shoes that have a thick sole, a wide base, closed back and good arch support.
- Carry your ID and emergency contact information.

Phillips Wellness 50+ invites

you to join us for a weekly group walk. Meet us in the lobbies of Ebenezer Park Apartments and Ebenezer Tower every Tuesday night at 6:00 P.M.

Phillips Wellness 50+ is an initiative to increase health and well-being, by and for people in the Phillips neighborhood. Contact Donna Nordin at 612-741-5180 or [dnordin2@comcast.net](mailto:dnordin2@comcast.net) for information.

the homeless and those using and dealing drugs.

Join us on August 8th, 2017 at 6:30 PM and give the residents your ideas. The Location of the meeting is not yet confirmed.

**Partial list of Meeting Attendees:** Karen Clark, Lt. Catherine Johnson Alondra Cano, Carol Pass, Brad Pass, Mark Welna, Linda Leonard, Mary Gonsior, Cassie Holmes, Joanie Essenburg, Tim Essenburg, **Apologies to the many attendees not included.**

**"After all is said and done, more is said than done."**

**Aesop\*\***

**Aesop was a Greek fabulist and story teller credited with a number of fables now collectively known as Aesop's Fables. Although his existence remains unclear and no writings by him survive, numerous tales credited to him were gathered across the centuries and in many languages in a storytelling tradition that continues to this day.**

# Will Another Important Building Be Demolished by Children’s MN?

BY HARVEY WINJE

“In 1916, the cornerstone was laid for the Messiah Lutheran Church at the intersection of East 25<sup>th</sup> Street and Columbus Avenue in South Minneapolis. It was 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 is still serving its original religious purpose though no longer for a Lutheran congregation which began In service to a Northern European immigrant community. Now the building hosts Mennonite and Latino immigrant congregations.” (see Harry Wild Jones, Architect Messiah Lutheran Church: Deserving Historic Preservation” by Bob Roscoe The Alley Newspaper, April 2017, pg. 6)

If Children’s Hospitals MN fulfills their plans, that Sanctuary will soon not be there. The block of

Phillips Community bordered by Chicago and Columbus Avenues and East 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Streets was devastated a decade ago by the surreptitious purchase and land clearing by Children’s MN. Twenty-six homes, a church, and an automobile service station were eliminated in order to build a 700 car parking ramp and a building for clinics.

This demolition was in direct violation of the signed 14 block Land-Use Agreement between the Phillips Community and Allina Health, Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Phillips Eye Institute, Children’s MN and their successors. The block that was demolished, Block 5, was described as follows in the Land-Use agreement: *“This block contains a desirable level of mixed use commercial and residential that should be maintained. Keep up appearance and rehab buildings as necessary.*

The only buildings escaping

that major development in 2006 were Messiah Church and the 95’ long store-front building at the corner of 25<sup>th</sup> and Chicago Ave., originally built by Dr. O.A.Olson, who lived at 2516 Chicago Avenue. The stores burned soon after the initial land purchase by Children’s MN and was demolished. Now only the 100-year old Messiah Church Sanctuary remains.

This distinctive sanctuary is owned by the congregation of Messiah Church though they worship at 2400 Park Avenue South and rent to other congregations as noted. Children’s MN has initiated efforts to have the Messiah congregation, as the current owner of the structure, demolish the building and sell the lot to Children’s MN. Ironically, in a Church history written in the 1950’s, Messiah’s Pastor Marbury Anderson explained, “It was for the children that Messiah Lutheran Church was born.” (“Preserving



Ben Heath

Immigrant History” by Lindsey Fenner, The Alley Newspaper, April 2017, pg. 6.) Though not the publicly stated reason, this request that the Messiah Congregation demolish the building may be to “escape” the wrath Children’s MN received from the neighborhood a decade ago over the demolition of what is called “Block 5”. (see reprinted Block 5 article below). The Messiah Church Sanctuary, designed by famous church architect Harry Wild Jones, is currently being considered by the City of Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Committee

for Preservation status.

For further information on the demolition of Block 5, see the excerpt below by Julie Miller, “Hospital land grab angers Phillips residents” published in The Alley Newspaper May 25, 2006. It is the introduction to a Special Section in that issue. That Special Section and the full text of the Land Use Agreement abrogated by Children’s MN can be read at [alleynews.org](http://alleynews.org) Articles by Bob Roscoe, Lindsey Fenner, and a comment by Messiah’s current Pastor may be read at [alleynews.org/archives](http://alleynews.org/archives).

## Hospital land grab angers Phillips residents

BY JULIE MILLER;\* THE ALLEY NEWSPAPER MAY 25, 2006

If it would wreck your whole day to come home from work and discover your house was gone, then you need to read this story, because it could happen to you! This is real. It is not a test. It is not science fiction and you have not just entered the Twilight Zone. You have entered the Lifesciences Corridor, another dimension where homes are dispensable, parking ramps are the future, and hospitals can go from “good neighbor” to

“perpetrator” in the blink of an eye.

Don’t take my word for it folks, take a walk or drive around the 2500 block of Chicago Ave. and you will see what the future has in store for you. The once stately and solid Victorian houses are gone now—nothing but a memory and a flat place in the dirt. This is the awful truth. It is not a cruel hoax, a bad joke or a dream from which you can awaken to find a world that still makes sense. This ain’t no disco, fellow citizens, and we’re

definitely not in Kansas anymore. Who needs the excitement of reality TV when we all live in an endangered environment? “Survivor: Phillips Neighborhood” is filming at a block near you.

This is a story about how a corporation can turn a neighborhood into a parking lot in less time than it takes KFC to rustle up a bucket of extra crispy. A story of how a city block in Phillips West came to be destroyed by Children’s Hospital without the consent of the neighbors or the

neighborhood organization. How Children’s Hospital broke a formal, solemn and binding covenant with the residents of our block and community, and placed 13 more blocks at risk. How the neighbors didn’t learn of Children’s impending encroachment until the hospital already had control of most of the homes through their intermediary, developer Jim Dowds (aka Prima Land Inc.). It’s the story of how we left for work one day surrounded by lovely, century-old houses, and came home that eve-

ning to find one of those homes and its trees gone; and over the following days and weeks another, and another, until eight houses were obliterated, along with all the trees. How all this was done in blatant violation of a Multi-Block Land Use Covenant signed by Children’s Hospital—a 14-block agreement which existed to protect every single home on my block, “Block 5,” and the other 13 blocks surrounding the hospitals.

[See Julie Miller’s entire article at [alleynews.org](http://alleynews.org)]



The curved east wall of the building built as the Sear Warehouse adjacent to railroad track for efficient unloading from railroad cars in the path now the Midtown Greenway with the Martin Sabo Bridge rise of the Greenway over Hiawatha Avenue/Highway #55.

### Water Works

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opposite direction the neighborhood was moving. So the purpose of their acquisition, we came to know, is to provide a new site for the City’s Water Yard, in the Face of EPIC’s efforts to de-industrialize and reduce pollution in this dangerously polluted area and in opposition to our effort to do more to protect Phillips’ children from an increase in the dangerous forms of pollution they already face.

The City of Minneapolis immediately encountered protest and good alternative plans were offered to move the neighborhood in the direction we had hoped. Hopeful to avoid further protest and without consulting us, the City used the threat of taking

the site by “Eminent Domain” to compel the Roof Depot owners to sell to them. The purchase has been made, placing the city in the drivers seat and we are now trying to determine our response.

Most of you are aware that East Phillips had created a viable and strong plan to build the East Phillips Indoor Urban Farm on this site to provide good jobs and a pollution free business producing good food for the neighborhood. Whether this happens is now in our hands and in the hands of the city. This is where this great project now sits.

### So, What’s New?

Community members and organizations have met in many venues and are united in insisting on a neighborhood friendly use for a

sizeable portion of the 7.63 acre Roof Depot site. We have made our demands clear at several City Council meetings and have elicited a commitment at the June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015 City Council Meeting **“... Directing Property Services to work with East Phillips residents and community members to identify potential redevelopment or leasing scenarios for the portion of the property not required for municipal operations ...”** (if any).

The GAC is formed:  
To accommodate this directive, the Guidelines Advisory Committee (GAC) was created by Mpls. Property Services. It consists of individuals from East Phillips & others.

The GAC was initially scheduled to meet 3 or 4 times for two hours each.

It was tasked to provide the City with **“... up to three proposed site development concepts for the property ...”** which is now called the “Hiawatha Campus Expansion Site”.

The GAC’s Response:  
The GAC chose to focus on one concept (not 3) that will meet the community’s needs.

Plans for the Hiawatha Campus Expansion Site must help to de-industrialize the area, offsetting

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## "Baby Driver" & "The Big Sick"



### "Baby Driver"(2017) ★★★★☆

Action/Comedy/Drama/Music  
Rated R

Director Edgar Wright's (I met him back when he directed "Shaun of the Dead") "Baby Driver" is worth the ticket while lounging in a comfortable chair in a theater (or at home) on a summer day. The beauty of "Baby Driver" is the movie feels fresh, electrifying and humorous. For lack of a better word, the cast is cool.

Baby is the title character played by Ansel Elgort, a twenty-something, white guy who walks around with earphones listening to pop music, such as from "Queen". Back-ground music from old school R&B tunes Martha Reeves & The Vandellas "Nowhere to Hide" and Brenda Holloway's "Every Little Bit Hurts" fill the air instead of what audiences may expect rap or hip hop music.

He is the getaway driver working for heist boss Doc (Kevin Spacey) along with three other lively characters Bats (Jamie Foxx), Griff (Jon Hamm), Darling (Eiza Gonzalez). All the action takes place in Atlanta, Georgia.

From the first time Bats meets Baby he doesn't trust him and always finds a way to criticize him. All this is thrilling to Baby in spite of his foster father's disapproval of the stolen money and the robberies. Then Baby meets a waitress Debora (Lily James) who he starts to fall for in turn the cool man with the earphones rethinks about his job description. After all, Doc wants Baby to go on the biggest heist thus far in their scheme. Yes, there is a dilemma for the young man: go ahead and do the job and risk being killed or get out altogether and pursue the girl.

Does "Baby Driver's" Edgar Wright take a page out of Quentin Tarantino's playbook? Adrenaline-driven, good car chases, looking for ways to escape should be what you're looking for in Wright's high-octane film.

Cast: Ansel Elgort (Baby), Jon Hamm (Griff), Eiza Gonzalez (Darling), Kevin Spacey (Doc), Jamie Foxx (Bats), Lily James (Debora). Running time: 113 minutes. Director: Edgar Wright.

### "The Big Sick"(2017) ★★★★★

Comedy/Romance/Drama  
Rated R

It's a delightful thing when chemistry, believable characters, and humor can be melted together



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in a romantic comedy. The risk for so many romantic comedies is a cross over to schmaltz or risqué or flat out frivolousness. "The Big Sick" is just one of those relatively few romantic comedies that embraces all three elements: chemistry, believable characters, and humor par excellence.

Kumail (Kumail Nanjiam) works the stand-up comedy circuits in Chicago along with two other stand-up comedians Bo Burnham and Kurt Braunohler. Kumail is Pakistani and his family live comfortably in a house in Chicago. His mother (Zenobia Shroff) and father (Anupam Kher) believe in arranged marriages as in Pakistani Muslim tradition. The mother invites potential Pakistani women to the house hoping her son will choose one of them. He doesn't.

Kumail meets an American white woman, studying to be a therapist, initially their relationship looks like a one-night stand or a few sexual encounters, then split. The woman, Emily (Zoe Kazan), has far less camera time than Kumail has but, nonetheless, the chemistry is not lost in the fray. She has to be hospitalized for an unknown virus. When he shows up at the hospital her parents are there where he's met with a cold shoulder, especially from her mother, Beth (Holly Hunter). And to think this, Emily, ordinary looking compared to the beautiful Pakistani women he rejected, is someone he really loves.

("The Big Sick" is based on a true story; Zoe looks similar to the real Emily.) Cast: Kumail Nanjiani (Kumail), Zoe Kazan (Emily), Holly Hunter (Beth), Ray Romano (Terry), Zenobia Shroff (Sharmeen), Anupam Kher (Azmat), Adeel Akhtar (Naveed). Running time: 119 minutes. Director: Micheal Showalter.

## The Great Makers Exchange Highlights Nordic Craft and Artisans: Mini-Workshops, Demonstrations and an Artist Market

Hands-on Nordic Craft celebrating and learning for all ages with workshops, demonstrations, an artist market, live music and a talk by Tia Salmela Keobounpheng; **noon – 5 pm Sunday, Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>; Mini-Workshops at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.** Entrance included in ASI Museum Admission: \$10 Adults, \$7 ages 62+, \$5 Students with ID and youth ages 5-12. FREE for ASI members. Workshop Reg. is \$25.

Beginners, professionals and the curious can all find something to experience. Watch how it's done and take home a finished work that you've crafted during a workshop or purchased from an artist. Master craftspeople and ASI resident instructors--- woodworkers, painters, weavers, textile artists, ceramicists and jewelers, lead the workshops for youth and adults. Partner organizations: **FOCI Minnesota Center for Glass Arts, North House Folk School, Silverwood Park and Women's Woodshop**

### Live Music:

- 12:30 - The Hunky Dory Scandinavian All-Stars;
- 1:30 - Tjörnblom
- **Featured Maker Talk and Art Installation: - 1p.m., *Practicing Creativity*** — Finnish-American designer/jewelry maker Tia Salmela Keobounpheng
- **Interactive Water Color Station** with Artist-in-Residence Tara Sweeney
- **Ongoing: Craft & Design Focused Micro-Tours of the**



### Turnblad Mansion

- **Makers Market in the ASI Courtyard**
- **Makers Market Artists and Workshop Instructors:**  
Carin Ekstrand-Anderson (STITCHESbycarin), Liz Buehlt (Crown Trout Jewelers), Sue Flanders (Kilns of Flanders), LizHilde (illustrator), Beth Homa (Birch Bark Weaving), Tia Salmela Keobounpheng (Silvercocoon - jewelry), Natalie Norman (Folkdress Fantasy), Chiaki O'Brien (SAORI Studio FUN - weaving), Angela Robins (woodcarver), Nora Schaper (Bodylish -body care), Cecila Schiller (Sculptor/woodcarver), Julie Steller (Steller Handcrafted Goods), Kelsey Oseid (Kelzuki, illustrator/author) and Vevang MPLS (woodcarvers).

### 10 a.m. – Noon

- **Birch Bark Card Holder Weaving**
- **Youth Only – Intro. to**

### Embroidery (ages 7-17, adults can register with youth participants)

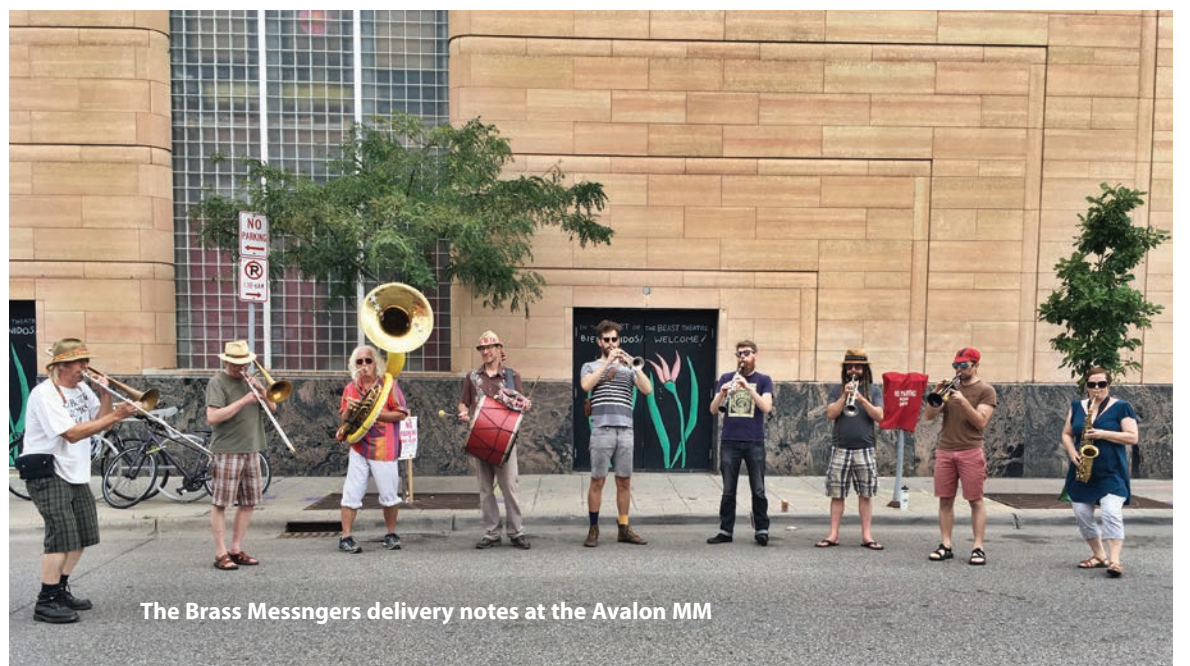
- **Pocket Dala Horse**
- **Intro. to SAORI Weaving 2 – 4 p.m.**
- **Sami-Inspired Bracelets**
- **Youth Only- Fabric Stenciling (ages 7-17)**
- **Mechanical Marvels – automata moving figures**
- **Hooked! – carved wall hooks**

**ASI:** museum, cultural center, and gathering place to share experiences around culture, migration, the environment and the arts, informed by ties to Sweden. 2600 Park Ave. Mpls. Info: [www.ASImn.org](http://www.ASImn.org) or 612-871-4907.

**HOURS:** Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sat. 10 a.m.–5 p.m.; Wed. 10 a.m.–8 p.m.; Sun. Noon–5 p.m.; closed Mon. **Admission:** \$10 adults, \$7 ages 62+, \$5 ages 6–18 & full-time students with ID. Free for ASI members and kids ages 5 and under.



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The Brass Messngers delivery notes at the Avalon MM

# Cultivating Heavy Soil

Transforming the USA along socialist lines is like propagating a garden in heavy soil. Dense soils tend to impede germination and root development. Yet, when properly conditioned, a "clay soil" is the most fertile and will produce glorious results.

Marxism teaches that external factors are the conditions of change, while internal contradictions are the basis. If things are not right, the seed will not deliver us the flower. Might hard work and perseverance render our desire?

As it happened...  
An elder Korean woman from the community garden kindly gifted me several seed packets from her homeland. The English label read "Blue Bell Root." In addition to its lovely flowers, this plant produces roots which will cure most diseases and extend our life spans. So, the work was cut out for me.

Available to me were several raised beds which, since an early harvest of kimchi radishes, had been fallow beneath grass clip-



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*Raise Your Voice*

pings and a top layer of composted cow manure. So then, turn with spade, consolidate and chop with rake, deep hand trowel to expose and obliterate remaining clods, thoroughly mix ingredients until volume has doubled, reform bed with rake, shore up bed sides with foot, plant seeds, add water.

Such is the nature of the conscious factor within the revolutionary process. But one's own consciousness means only so much, while mass consciousness will someday move mountains.



Bluebells in Crawley Wood, Ashridge Forest, UK

## Frank Reflections

# A Good Deed: Deed Hiawatha Golf Course back to Hiawatha's descendants!

BY FRANK ERICKSON

In regards to what should be done with the land known as Hiawatha Golf Course at 4553 Longfellow Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55407: give it back to Hiawatha!

When an opportunity like this presents itself, it needs to be embraced and the right thing done!

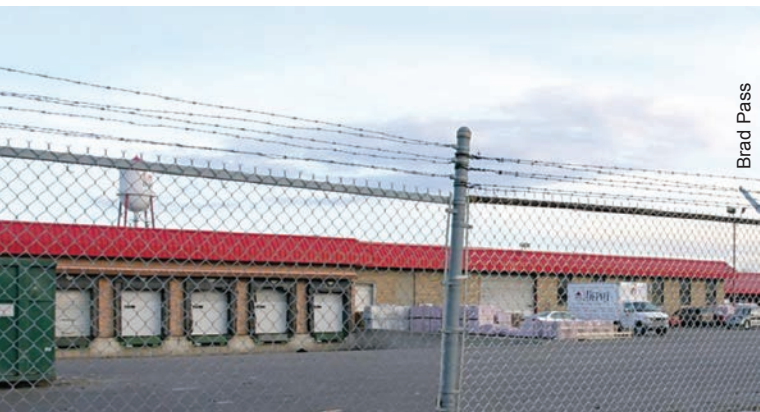
Giving the land back to its rightful owners is the right thing to do. Giving the land to the local Native American Community would not



hurt the City of Minneapolis or any of its residents in any way.

The White Man has unjustly taken, controlled, and prof-

ited from owning all of this North American land for long enough--- Time to give a little back!



In February 2016 the Minneapolis City Council voted 9-4 to buy the Roof Depot site in the East Phillips neighborhood, despite objections from the City Council representative from that district who said buying the site to use it for public works purposes is an example of "institutional racism."

Ward 9 Council Member Alondra Cano spoke passionately against the \$6.8 million purchase and got audience applause for her opposition to the city's purchase of 1860 28th St. E. and 2717 Longfellow Ave.

## Water Works from page 9

the increased industrialization brought by the Water Yard's fleet of trucks, too many of them diesel.

The community is also very concerned about severe traffic congestion and will focus on making the main access point to and from the site be on Hiawatha, Ave., keeping it off busy City Streets and children filled sidewalks.

The GAC members insist on additional time since there is no indication from the City of how much space or even if any space will be allocated to community needs.

Agreed Upon Community Needs:

Adequate space for the year-round Indoor Urban Farm including Aquaponics and Hydroponics.

A sustainable green site that will provide meaningful Jobs & Training for the Community.

A Bike Repair Shop, a Coffee/Sandwich Shop and a possible children's play area.

EPIC Receives \$319,000 from the State.

With help from State Representative Karen Clark, EPIC was awarded a State Grant.

The grant will fund an ethnically inclusive neighborhood collaborative to plan and help with start-up costs associated with meeting the community needs above.

The grant is "... to create the East Phillips Neighborhood Institute (EPNI) to expand culturally tailored resources that address small business growth and create sustainable and meaningful green jobs ..." preferably in the form of the East Phillips Indoor Urban Farm on a portion of the Roof Depot Site. Only in this way can East Phillips continue to march toward a less "heavy industry" future for this area so close and damaging to our children and their families.

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# WHEN GOVERNMENT CEASES TO PROTECT, THE CITIZEN CEASES TO OWE ALLEGIANCE !

**--- Wendell Phillips**  
**our neighborhood namesake**  
**(1851)**

\* tweet \* tweet \*  
I am Caesar – gimme a pizza the action!

\* tweet \* tweet \*  
Caesar salad with yummy waitress !  
Oh, I thought you said seize her!

\* tweet \* tweet \*  
My kind of whistle-blower!  
Don't be bitter – it's only twitter!

\* tweet \* tweet \*  
For a few dollars more, I might protect you!  
First protect my brand, then protect the land!

\* tweet \* tweet \*  
I pledge allegiance to the flag  
on the next hole of my golf course!

\* tweet \* tweet \*  
Public education is over-rated!  
Privatize till A-B-Ceases!

\* tweet \* tweet \*  
I'm not Russian into this! (hack hack)  
I TOLD you the election was rigged!

\* tweet \* tweet \*  
Get over it, losers! Giving you the Tweety Bird!  
You voted wrong, so you don't need your rights!

\*tweet \* tweet \* Nyuk! Nyuk!  
Layers of loyal lawyers protect ME!

\* tweet \* tweet \*  
I'm in the Caesarian section,  
Cutting health care!

**Trump Lives Matter**



# BACKYARD INITIATIVE BACK PAGE



BYI AREA

## Caring for and Preventing Diabetes in the BACKYARD

Connecting with Neighbors About Diabetes: an interview with Mr. Ray Thompson

What better way to learn about diabetes and how to live with it than to talk to someone who has diabetes and lives a full and active life? Powderhorn Park Neighborhood resident, Mr. Ray Thompson, discovered he had diabetes in 2006. Mr. Ray, as he is known to his neighbors and to other resident leaders within the Backyard Initiative, is truly an inspiration to not just “learning to live with diabetes” but in taking charge of his own health and helping his neighbors do the same.

**How did you discover you had diabetes?** R.T: “When I began to gain weight without necessarily changing my food intake amount and my feet were swelling and I was using the washroom much more frequently, I decided to go and see the doctor.”

**What did the doctor do?** R.T: “The doctor told me I had diabetes and I needed to get on medication right away. So I took pills. But I just kept eating the same way I always did. My diabetes got worse so the doctor prescribed me insu-

lin but I didn’t want to use insulin. The doctor stayed on me and showed me a lot of concern. That is why I like this doctor.”

**I remember you saying at a Backyard Initiative Dinner and Diabetes Dialogue (Triple D) event that you were able to reduce your blood sugar level and stay on pill medication. How did that occur?** R.T: “I was beginning to have foot pain associated with my diabetes and the doctor wanted to prescribe a medication for that, too. I told him I wasn’t taking any more medication. About the same time, I was listening to a radio show where people were talking about the incredible constant pain in their feet and legs from diabetes. That scared me. I had been active and done sports when I was younger and just didn’t want to end up sitting around in pain and living that kind of life. I began to pay more attention to my body. When I ate more sweets, I had more pain. When I ate less sweets, cake and pie, I had less pain. I realized I can do more to take

control over my diabetes.”

**What is your diabetes like now?** R.T: “I used to see the doctor every 2 weeks, now I see him every 4 to 6 months. I still take medication and I check my blood sugar level about 3 times a week. I pay attention to my body and watch my diet. Everybody needs to splurge once in awhile so I will have a donut or a burger and then really watch my carbs the next few days. I don’t eat white bread, sweets, potato chips, bad carbs and if I do, I can tell and then I lay completely off of them for a few days. I know I need to exercise more, too.”

**Did your work with the Backyard Initiative (BYI) have any influence in your approach to your health?** R.T: “I patrolled my neighborhood, usually in my truck before I got involved in the BYI. It is my way of protecting folks and helping to keep my neighborhood secure. I grew up seeing my Mom work very, very hard to get what she had. Folks still work very hard and are gone



Mr. Ray Thompson, Anchor Families CHAT leader and Callahan Clark, Phillips Neighborhood Clinic, connecting after a BYI Dinner and Diabetes Dialogue (Triple D) event in April. (see following interview with Mr. Ray Thompson)

all day at work. In less than an hour, someone can break in and take everything away from them. I don’t want that to happen to folks.

After I got involved with the BYI, I learned that I needed to connect with people more and not just patrol the neighborhood. Sometimes, I stop and talk or I help folks fix their car or help them with something else. We can then get around to talking about health or diabetes. I have a routine now with new folks--I can’t just jump in and talk about

health or personal stuff. So I still begin with talking about safety and security to build trust, so they know I am looking out for them and for our neighborhood. Then I can get around to talking and connecting with them about the other important stuff like their health.” [Mr. Ray Thompson is also a leader with the Backyard Initiative’s Anchor Families Community Health Action (CHAT). The interview was conducted by Susan Gust, BYI Communications CHAT member.]

## JOIN a Diabetes or Diabetes Prevention Core Group in Mid-August !!!

In collaboration with the City of Minneapolis, residents within the Backyard will be able to join a Diabetes/Diabetes Prevention (DDP) Family, Friends and Neighbors (FFN) group aimed at lifestyle changes for dealing with or preventing diabetes.

There will be 4 Diabetes/Diabetes Prevention Family, Friends, and Neighbors (DDP-FFN) core groups, with each one conducted for:

- 16 weeks of core classes
- 8 monthly post core follow-up group classes

Each core group will be hosted by a BYI Resident Recruiter/Host: Mr. Ray Thompson and Mr. Willie Younger of the Anchor Family \*CHAT; Ms. Candis McKelvy of Growing the Backyard CHAT; and Miski Abdulle and Amged Yussef of the Project SELF CHAT. The Out in the Backyard CHAT and Phillips Neighborhood Clinic will be instrumental in the recruitment and referral of potential participants. There will also be a DPP Hybrid Group hosted at the Midtown Global Market. The BYI Resource Center Staff will recruit from visitors of the BYI Resource Center and the Midtown Global Market for the Hybrid Group class. The difference between the FFN and Hybrid groups is the Hybrid participants may not be all families, friends, or neighbors to one another. All par-



If you need additional information or are interested in the DDP FNN or Hybrid Programs, please contact Roberta Barnes at [roberta@culturalwellnesscenter.org](mailto:roberta@culturalwellnesscenter.org), or 651-353-6211. You are welcome to stop in at the Backyard Initiative Resource Center in the Midtown Global Market to obtain additional information through a face-to-face contact.

ticipants in any of the groups will be screened for eligibility within the criteria established. The first classes will begin in mid-August and other classes beginning in succession (creating a ripple affect). The Backyard DDP-FFN and Hybrid Program will be presented here in the Backyard through a contracted partnership with the Minneapolis Health Department. The Project is under the leadership of the Cultural Wellness Center, the BYI’s Lead Agency with assistance provide by Allina Health Community Benefits and Engagement.

\*CHAT-Community Health Action Team

## Some of the Topics Covered in the First Six Months

- Be a Fat and Calorie Detective • Three Ways to Eat Less Fat and Fewer Calories • Move those Muscles
- Take Charge of What’s Around You • Talk Back to Negative Thoughts • The Slippery Slope of Lifestyle Change • You Can Manage Stress and more! ... and new topics in the Second 6 Month Program.



Robert Taylor, owner and chef of Zamaya’s Delicious Catering, taking a few minutes at a recent Dinner and Diabetes Dialogue to speak about his own recent discovery of having diabetes. Through sharing our own personal experiences with each other, the BYI believes we can better manage diabetes and support each other in doing so.




Staff members of Zamaya’s Delicious Catering offering food at a Dinner and Diabetes Dialogue (Triple D) event. These events occur on the first Thursday of every month at the MGM from 5 to 7 pm. This catering company was incubated at the Cultural Wellness Center and prepares food for almost all Backyard Initiative events.

Join us at the next Dinner and Diabetes Dialogue on **Thursday, August 3**, center stage area of the **Midtown Global Market, 5 to 7 pm**. Robert Taylor, Owner of Zamaya’s Delicious Catering will be preparing the Honey Mustard Fruit Slaw (recipe shown) along with some other great diabetic-friendly food. SEE YOU THERE!!!!

### What makes this a recipe tailored for diabetics?

One of the typical aims of a good diabetic sensitive recipe is to cook with liquid fats in place of solids or to omit fat altogether. The recipes are generally low in dairy, have limited use of sugars and are low in carbohydrates (which convert into sugar/glucose in the blood stream). With the **Honey-Mustard Fruit Slaw**, you are able to make a tasty slaw with a minimum of carbohydrates with still have a slightly sweet, light robust flavor.



### Honey-Mustard Fruit Slaw\*

\*Better Home and Gardens: Diabetic Cooking Made Easy

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1-½ Cups of green cabbage (shredded)
- 1 Cup carrots (shredded)
- 2/3 Cup apple or pear (coarsely chopped)
- 4 teaspoons salad oil
- 4 teaspoons coarse brown mustard
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 2 small cloves garlic (minced)
- 2 tablespoons peanuts or cashews (chopped)

**Step One** – in a medium/large bowl toss together the cabbage, carrots, and apple or pear; set aside.

**Step Two** – For dressing, in a small screw-top jar combine salad oil, mustard, lemon juice, honey, and garlic. Cover and shake well. Pour dressing over cabbage mixture; toss gently to coat. Cover and chill for at least 2 hours or up to 24 hours.

**Step Three** – To serve, sprinkle the cabbage mixture with peanuts or cashews.

Nutritional facts per serving: 122 cal., 7 g total fat (1 g sat. fat), 0 mg chol., 64 mg sodium, 14 g carbo., 3 g fiber, 2 g pro.