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# MOMENTUM

## Resilient responses amidst turmoil

BY HARVEY WINJE

Turmoil has dominated national and international affairs and news beginning 2016.

Local affairs and news also admit turmoil of unrest, inequities, violence, and challenges ahead.

Review of 2015 and view of 2016 show resilient responses.

## New Food and Beverage Choices Coming to Abbott Northwestern Hospital

BY ALISON PENCE, DIRECTOR OF  
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT – WEST  
METRO, ALLINA HEALTH

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, Abbott Northwestern Hospital and Allina Health announced that they were putting into action a new food and beverage policy starting in 2016. These changes will include removing sugary drinks and deep-fat fried foods from all cafeterias, vending machines and gift shops. As part of this change, the hospital has terminated the lease with the McDonald's that has been located inside the hospital for many years. The McDonald's will close by the end of May.

The decision to create a policy such as this one and to remove the McDonald's restaurant was not one that was made easily or quickly. For many years, both Allina Health and Abbott Northwestern Hospital have been looking at the role that lifestyle choices make in the health of our patients, their families, our staff and community members.

We know that this change will have an impact on the options available in our buildings, however as our President and CEO, Dr. Penny Wheeler has said “As an organization focused on health, it is our responsibility to model and encourage healthy choices.” The new policy does not prevent employees and visitors from bringing their own food and beverages into the building, it just

“Alley oops”, Buying the Nile, Changing Climate, Demolishing Buildings, Expanding Bakery, Finalizing Aquatics, Gardening for Health, Hoping on 4, Impacting LRT, Jousting by City, Keeping Vigilance, Laundering by Norway, Morphing Kaplans, Negotiating Change, Organizing Cohesion, Protesting Traffic, Quoting Phillips, Rising E. Franklin & E. Lake St., Staging PPL, Talking Together, Uprooting Banyan, Voting, Welcoming Immigrants, Xeroxing, Yearning for Justice, Zoning Biking. **See details on Pg. 8.**



### Martin Luther King, Jr. Day TOWN HALL MEETING Monday • Jan 18th 6:00 - 8:00 PM

**Phillips Community Center**  
2323 Eleventh Avenue South, Mpls. 55404  
Use West Parking Lot & Bldg. Entrance

*“Now is the time to  
make justice a reality  
for all of God’s  
Children. The time  
is always right to do  
what is right.”*

**Addressing  
ISLAMOPHOBIA**

**Hosted by Siad Ali**  
District 3 Director of the  
Minneapolis School Board



**“I’m calling for  
a total and  
complete  
shutdown of  
Muslims  
entering the  
United States...”**

**GO HOME!**



**Everybody will have an opportunity to speak and share their ideas and concerns.**

means that we will focus on selling healthier options to make it easier to choose healthy. Since the announcement, we have heard from a majority of our employees and visitors that they welcome the coming changes.

Changes to the cafeteria, gift shop and vending choices are currently underway to reflect our new focus. In early 2016, Abbott Northwestern will begin the planning process for what options will be available in the space currently leased by the McDonalds. The planning process will take place over many months and will include opportunities for patients, visitors and staff to weigh in on the future of the space. Watch for future editions of The Alley where we will share more details about the planning process for the new option.

## Park Board considers parks referendum

BY MPRB STAFF, [ABRIDGED BY ED.]

After a year of condition and service level public meetings of 157 City neighborhood parks, MPRB Supt. Jayne Miller gave Closing the Gap: Investing in Neighborhood Parks initiative recommendations to commissioners.

Miller shared ballot language for a Nov. 2016 referendum, an implementation plan, and elements of an agreement with the Mpls. City Council.

The MPRB is expected to act on the proposals Jan 20th. Miller will give the 2018-2022 Initiative specifics in April.

See Supt's. presentation [www.minneapolisparcs.org/closingthegap](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/closingthegap).

### Background

Closing the Gap is an initiative of the Supt. and Commissioners after they gave information Mpls. residents and partners about the condition and service levels; including impacts of system age and deferred maintenance on parks.

The Initiative gathered information from residents

**Park Board** see page 10

## The Dream is Coming True!

BY DENNY BENNETT

When I woke up on January 1<sup>st</sup>, and reflected on 2015, I smiled, as I re-assured myself, that, no, it wasn't just a dream, it really is happening!

As I write this, the city's finest construction companies are submitting their bids to build the new Phillips Aquatics Center! Master plans have been drawn up and ratified, and construction will begin in May!

Ventura Village generously voted to provide an additional \$80,000 in funding through the City to the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board earmarked specifically toward the addition of a small 3<sup>rd</sup> warm-water, therapy pool. To distinguish this from the 4-lane, 25 yard, warm water pool already in the plans, I'll describe (my words) the 3<sup>rd</sup> pool as a “hot-tube” or “whirlpool spa”. A very nice addition indeed! Of course, there is the necessary bureaucracy before this is a “done deal.”

The Minneapolis Parks Foundation recognized Minneapolis Swims for our efforts in bringing together the entities for the pool, and offered us one

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**February Issue  
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"Let me make the newspaper and I care not who makes the religion and the laws." – Wendell Phillips

BY ERIN THOMASSON

## Children & Family Programs

### Family Storytime

**Fri. 10:30 am.** All ages & parent or caregiver. Talk, sing, read, write and play with books, stories, rhymes, music and movement.

### Puzzlemania!

**Thurs. Aug 6 & 13, 2-3 pm.**

For families. Enjoy a variety of educational & fun puzzles and games!

### Family Storytime

**Fri. Aug 7 & 14, 10:30 am.**

All ages & parent or caregiver.

### Franklin Teen Center Programs

#### Urban 4-H Club

**Tues. 5-7 pm.** From urban gardening to digital photo/video to theater.

#### Teen Tech Workshop

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

#### Young Achievers

**Thurs. 4:30-6 pm.** Want community involvement? bring your friends for poetry, arts, & games.

#### Adult Programs

#### Education Alternatives

#### Discussion Group

**Mon, Jan 11, 1 pm.** Join a monthly discussion of persistent problems in education & possible solutions centered around topics raised in Knowles Dougherty's blog: [educationspersistentproblems.wordpress.com](http://educationspersistentproblems.wordpress.com).

#### Memoir Writing Group

**Thurs, Jan 21, 1 pm.** Want to

## Programs at the Franklin Library

**1314 E. Franklin Avenue**  
Complete program list or info

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[www.hclib.org](http://www.hclib.org)  
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**Tue, Wed & Thurs:**  
**9am-8pm**  
**Sun: 12-5pm**

create a record of personal history? Bring what you have written & are willing to read to the group for helpful comments & suggestions.

#### Franklin Learning Center:

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3 PM - 6 PM

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## Dream Come True

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of only two \$5,000 grants they awarded this year. In our case, we used it as a matching grant, and the 2014-2015 Boys Swim team & boosters from South, Washburn & Roosevelt High Schools who call themselves TMT (Tigers, Millers, Teddies) stepped up by raising \$10,000 and donated it to Minneapolis Swims, easily achieving the match.

Finally, we have just launched a grassroots fundraising campaign to make sure that we have the

funds for the finishing touches on the pool. Please go to [CrowdRise.com/MinneapolisSwims](http://CrowdRise.com/MinneapolisSwims) to check it out, see our new video, donate what you can and SHARE with everyone you know!

Denny Bennett is President of Minneapolis Swims

## Munchies, Music & Movement at Ebenezer Tower Apartments



Do you want to have fun, be connected and learn something new?

Munchies, Music & Movement is a project of **Phillips Wellness 50+**, a grassroots movement of people aged 50 and older supporting each other to improve health and well-being.

Joyce McGee-Brown, Hennepin County Extension Nutrition Educator, will lead a series of eight sessions at Ebenezer Tower Apartments in early February. Contact Donna Nordin at 612-741-5180 or [dnordin2@comcast.net](mailto:dnordin2@comcast.net) for details.

Join us in Phillips Wellness 50+. It's for you. It's for all of us!

Phillips Wellness 50+ is supported by the Vital Aging Network, HealthPartners and a Bush Foundation Community Innovation grant.

Phillips West Neighborhood Organization and Community Partners invite you and your family to the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual

## Winter Social!

*The Lutheran Social Service Center  
for Changing Lives*

**2400 Park Avenue**

(enter at west side of building)  
(Parking lot on Oakland Avenue)



**Thursday January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016**  
**5:00 to 8:00 p.m.**

*Join hundreds of your friends and neighbors for a FREE dinner buffet of catered culture foods from Qdoba Mexican Grill, Children's Food, other Vendors & a fun-filled evening! The purpose of this event is to provide a great meal and venue for Neighbors to network with one another and get information on Neighborhood Resources available! If you have questions, would like to volunteer or have an information booth please call Crystal Windschitl at the Phillips West office @ 879-5383 or email her at [pwno2005@yahoo.com](mailto:pwno2005@yahoo.com) you can also check out the Phillips West Website: [www.phillipswest.info](http://www.phillipswest.info)*

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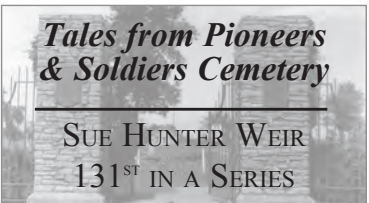
# Descendant of Norwegian seafarers chose baking, centuries later in Norway and in Minneapolis

BY JOHN FERMAN, GUEST AUTHOR

Inside the Main Lake Street Gates and just beyond the Civil War plots stands a columnar marble marker. Its legends are barely readable save for the name at the bottom: FERMAN.



This columnar, marble marker lies just inside the Main Lake Street Gates and beyond the Civil War plots. Its legends are barely readable except for the name at the bottom: FERMAN. It marks the gravesites of John Christian Ferman, Josephine (Josefsen) Ferman---his wife; and their eldest daughter and youngest son. This photo was taken by Grandson John Ferman.



Here lies one of the early Minneapolis bakers: John Christian Ferman with his wife, Josephine, eldest daughter, and youngest son. John descended from a long line of Norwegian seafarers stretching back to the 17th Century. He was born the 24<sup>th</sup> of November 1856 in Kragerø, Norway and christened Johan Christian Winther Fermann. Johan was the seventh of a brood of eight. John was 8 when his father, Peter Bjørn Fermann, was lost at sea. John's eldest brother, Niels Paulsen Fermann, was lost at sea ten years later when John was 18 in

1874. A year later Johan was in the 1875-Folketelling [one of Norway's three forms of census; Skallemanntall for taxation purposes, Manntall for military purposes-male only, and Folketelling] for Kristiana,\*\* Norway as a journeyman baker.

The year of John's\* immigration is uncertain but was somewhere between 1879 and 1882. In any event, John was a baker at the Bantly Bakery at 89 S.E. Main Street in 1884. October 25 of that year he married Josephine Josefsen. They were to have five children between 1886 and 1899, three survived to adulthood. John was a baker at 2529 26th Avenue in 1885 through 1886. John's next baked at 263 Cedar in 1888. John opened his own bakery at 320 Cedar Avenue in 1893 and continued there until 1912.

John also baked at 231 Cedar in 1913 and 2106 4th Avenue in 1914 and returned to 320 Cedar for 1915. John passed away October 18, 1917.

Prepared by grandson from a dearth of actual records.

\* \*\* *Historical Notes of expla-*



Baker John Ferman is pictured here at the Ferman Bakery 320 Cedar Avenue, Minneapolis. "The original 5" x 7" sepia print, mounted on plain cardboard without embossings [noting photographer or date], was in a box of my dad's stuff."

*nation:* Apparently, at time of his immigration to the USA, Johan Fermann omitted the "a" of Johan and the second "n" in Fermann. As grandson John says, "my dad, who was an expert at condensing a 15-word sentence into 2 words once said, 'new country, new name.' "

\*\*A first town-like settlement in Norway 1,000 AD was originally called Oslo. King Haakon V (1299-1319) built the Akershus Fortress. From 1536 Norway was in a union with Denmark. After

a dramatic fire, in 1624, King Christian IV rebuilt the town below the Fortress area and he changed its name to Christiania. As a consequence of the Napoleonic Wars, Denmark in 1814 had to cede the territory of Norway to the Swedish king, Karl Johan. Norway adopted its own constitution that year on 17 May 1814 and Christiania became the official capital of Norway. From 1877 the name was spelled Kristiania, and in 1925 it was changed back to the original Oslo.

# The Phoenix Rises Again!

BY PATRICK CABELLO HANSEL

What do we look for when the sunset sky/stirs up the crows? John Richard

The 2<sup>nd</sup> issue of "The Phoenix of Phillips", our neighborhood's own literary magazine, will be an insert in the February issue of The Alley. But you can get a preview copy and hear some of the writers at its Coming-Out-Party, Thursday, January 28 at 7 pm at the Midtown Global Market. Writers young and old will read their work; there will be live music and activities for children, as well as group poem and photography activities.

The Phoenix of Phillips is a part of the Semilla Center for Healing and the Arts of St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 2742 15<sup>th</sup> Ave S. Over the past nine years, Semilla (seed in Spanish) has taught over 2000 people mosaics, murals, photography, drama, creative writing and other art forms. Professional artists, working with community residents, have installed 22 murals and over 50 other public art place holders. In 2016, partners will include Andersen United School (Go Phoenixes!), Roosevelt High School, St. Paul's Home (low income senior housing) and the Multiple Sclerosis Achievement Center.

At the January opening, you will also be able to see the youth photography project of St. Paul's Semilla Center. Youth photographers from ages 7 to 18 have

created a beautiful documentary of "My Beautiful Community". You will also hear about Semilla's April National Poetry Month Event: "Word-Image-Power" which will connect literary and visual artists in a series of hands-on activities, open mics and exhibitions

The next issue of The Phoenix of Phillips will be out in June, 2016, on the theme of "This is My Story". Information on submission and other activities of the Semilla Center can be obtained by e-mail at [stpaulscreate@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulscreate@gmail.com) or calling 612-724-2862.

These activities are made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund. Additional



funding through a partnership with Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association, Inc.



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## Free Food and Clothes In Cedar Field Park

They came on a pre-Christmas Saturday to Cedar Field Park. They hung cloths on the baseball backstop – piled more clothes and boxes of shoes under them. They set up tables and a generator and emptied cans of soup in heated crockpots. For the rest of the day, they served hot soup to the people of East Phillips. Neighbors and passersby stopped to talk, eat and pick out what they needed: a pair of pants, a warm shirt, shoes or jacket.

Everyone enjoyed the hot soup and winter cloths and some wondered who these generous people were who chose to remain anonymous behind their Guy Fawkes masks.



*The corrupt fear us–The honest support us–The brave join us*

Phillips Neighborhood is filled with such remarkable people and such impressive and touching occurrences. Thank you to the men and women of Anonymous who give of their time and treasure to show compassion and care for those in need. It cheers the hearts of folks here.

*EPIC wishes all a wonderful New Year!*



## For Your 2016 Calendar: \* Happy New Year!

**The EPIC Board of Directors** usually meets on the FIRST Saturday of the month – Next Meetings; Saturday, 1/9/2016 and 2/6/2016 at 10:00 AM. (Note: The Jan. meeting is moved back 1 week)

**The EPIC Community Meetings** are on the SECOND Thursday – Next Meetings; Thursday, 1/14/16 and 2/11/2016 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; Join us 1/26/16 and 2/23/16 at 11:30 AM. Lunch is served.

Updates on Partner Programming, Park Events, SummerFest 2016 & News.

**Meeting Location:** All the above meetings and events are held at the East Phillips Park Cultural & Community Center located at 2307 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. The Center is wheelchair accessible and all are welcome.

**The East Phillips Community 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. Gardeners** meet on the second Saturday of Each Month during the gardening season, normally from April through September. Next meetings are Saturday, 4/9/2016 & 5/14/2016 at 9:00 AM in the Community Center at 2307 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. Subsequent meetings will be held in the Garden.

\* **East Phillips Residents wanting a 2016 Garden Plot, contact Brad Pass at 612-916-8478**

\* **Watch this space for additional or changed meeting information**

*Designed and Paid for by East Phillips Improvement Coalition*



## MIDTOWN PHILLIPS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INC.

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### BOARD MEETING AGENDA

**TUESDAY JANUARY 12, 6:30-8PM.**

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

- I. Approve December 8, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes - (6:30pm)
- II. Finance Report - (6:35pm)
  - Accept & Receive November and December Financial Reports
  - Approve 2016 draft MPNAI Operating Budget
  - Accept the 2016 CPP Contract allocation
  - Approve the draft contract & scope for Phillips Community Pool
  - Review draft Memorandum of Understanding for the New American Soccer League
- III. Annual Meeting Planning Report - (7:05pm)
- IV. Neighborhood Priority Plans - (7:20pm)
  - Neighborhood Street Signage
  - 26th Street at 11th Ave signage
  - PRG - \$15,000 for new house construction
- V. Staff Report - (7:50pm)
  - Augsburg partnership update

### COMMUNITY MEETING AGENDA

**TUESDAY JANUARY 26, 6:30-8PM.**

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

- I. District 2 Representative (24th-26th & Bloomington to 12th Ave) and District 4 Representative (26th-28th & Bloomington to 12th Ave) - (6:30pm)
  - District residents elect their rep at a membership meeting with motion of support per bylaws.
- II. 2016 Organizational Timeline review - (6:45pm)
  - Administrative & Project Timelines
- III. 2016 Proposed Operating Budget overview - (7:05pm)
- IV. 2017-2020 CPP Outreach Plan Proposal - (7:15pm)
  - Review monthly strategies to do outreach, hear from residents, and document ideas.
- V. Partnership Reports - (7:40pm)
- VI. Midtown Phillips Neighborhood signage design proposals - (7:50pm)
  - (See designs shown right)
- VII. Annual Meeting and Community Dinner announcement - (7:55pm)
  - Tuesday, February 23, 5:30-7:30pm at Andersen Community School cafeteria, 1098 Andersen Lane, Minneapolis

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### Join us for the MIDTOWN PHILLIPS COMMUNITY DINNER & ANNUAL MEETING

**Tuesday, February 23  
5:30-7:30pm**

**Andersen Community School cafeteria  
1098 Andersen Lane, Minneapolis**

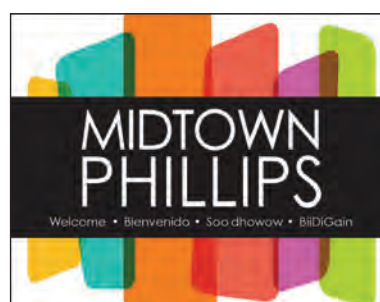
*All are welcome!*

*Learn more about what's going on in your community, the resources it offers, and how you can be more involved.*

Social hour and dinner 5:30-6:15pm;  
Program 6:15-7:30pm

- FREE Dinner catered by Salsa a la Salsa
- Speakers & Entertainment!
- Neighborhood Reports
- Info and Resource Fair
- New Board Elections of:
  - (2) At Large Reps,
  - Reps for Districts 2, 4 and 6
  - Board Chair

**FOR MORE INFO:**  
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Two proposed Midtown Phillips Neighborhood signage designs. These 20"x15" signs will be located around the perimeter of the Midtown Phillips neighborhood.





# VENTURA VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

JANUARY 2016



VOLUME 5 NUMBER 1

**JAN. 13TH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING @ 7:00**

## 2015: A YEAR IN REVIEW

**JANUARY:** Neighborhood Priority Plan - It took a month to prepare and took a year to get approved.

**FEBRUARY:** Neighborhood Priority Plan - Parks and Swimming are major issues for designated spending.

**MARCH:** Editorial - Suggested that Ventura Village create Street Ambassadors for year-around clean-up.

**APRIL:** Editorial - Why is Park Planning So Problematic? Blue Cross/Blue Shield Awards Bocce Ball Grant.

### JANUARY



Cecil Smith Presents a Peavey Park Plan for NPP funding designation.

### FEBRUARY



These two tables of participants attended a scheduled Neighborhood Priority Plan meeting at held at the Phillips Community Center.

### MARCH



Downtown Nicollet Mall Street Ambassador is on the street every day to help keep the area clean. How about our Streets?

### APRIL



Ventura Village's Mary Watson attended many meetings hosted by the Minneapolis Park Board. She objected to many parts of the process and said so in April.

**MAY:** Norway House Opening Event-Tour & Annual Norwegian Lutheran's Mindekirkken Parade May 17th.

**JUNE:** Bernie Sanders Brings Down the House - Thousands attend Indian Center Rally - Backyard Proposal

**JULY:** Minneapolis Schools Announces Pool Partnership - Bocce Ball Debut part of East Phillips Celebration

**AUGUST:** Open Streets - Franklin Avenue Event Preview: Music, Bike Rodeo Bocce Ball, Community Tables

### MAY



How it looks Today: How it will Look!

### JUNE

Bernie Sanders draws a huge crowd at MAIC Gym



Let's Play Bocce Ball!

### JULY



Blue Cross/Blue Shield awards grant to Ventura Village to introduce new game.

### AUGUST



OPEN STREETS MPLS

**SEPTEMBER:** Phillips Community Open House - Neighbors weigh in on PCC Pool Design Presentations

**OCTOBER:** Pool Design Revisions Presented - Backyard Proposal Gets \$\$ Support - Operation Clean Sweep

**NOVEMBER:** Mashkiikii Gitigan Harvest Party Story - Doña Rosa, Ventura Villages Farming Asst. Introduced

**DECEMBER:** New Ventura Village Board Elections - Pool test filling - Saturday Indoor Bocce Ball Games

### SEPTEMBER



The Phillips Community Residents get a

### OCTOBER



### NOVEMBER

Meet Doña Rosa, Ventura Village's Very Special Farming Assistant for Mashkiikii Gitigan



### DECEMBER



Successful Pool Refilling & Testing

Stay Tuned for 2016!

**Martin Luther King Day Community Forum is Monday, January 18th**



### How Should the Phillips Community Address Islamaphobia?

6:00 to 8:00 PM • Food & Beverages Available  
Phillips Community Center Upstairs Dining Room  
2323 11th Avenue South - West Parking & Entrance

A Community Forum Hosted by Siad Ali  
Minneapolis School Board Member



### NEXT VENTURA VILLAGE MONTHLY MEETINGS:

JANUARY 28TH: HOUSING & LAND COMMITTEE: 5:30 PM

JANUARY 28TH: CRIME & SAFETY COMMITTEE: 6:30 PM

FEBRUARY 2ND: WELLNESS, GARDENING & GREENING: 6:30 PM

FEBRUARY 3TH: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE: 6:00 PM

JANUARY 13TH BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: 6:00 PM

JANUARY 13TH: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 7:00 PM

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Neighborhood Plan for Roof Depot

# City Says "NO!"

## School Board says, "YES!"



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solar array

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

**BY CAROL PAUL, CHAIR, EAST PHILLIPS IMPROVEMENT COALITION, EPC.**

In spite of their continuing rhetoric about "equity," the City of Minneapolis is rapidly moving forward with their long-bushied and traffic-congestion problems of what has been known by area residents as the "Intersection of Death," 28<sup>th</sup> St. and Cedar Avenue South. With its dangerous, toxic and fast-moving air, its massive and unrelenting trucks, its impossible traffic congestion and its many nearby families with children and several ethnic day-care centers. The Ways and Means Committee of the City Council voted Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, 4 to 3 with one absentee to approve the intensification of these problems and on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, in a 5 to 1 decision the City Council followed suit, in spite of the many letters, petitions and local protests of young mothers, and many area organizations.

**Roof Depot**  
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**The Back Story:**

Last November the East Phillips Improvement Coalition, EPIC, voted to begin a full campaign after all our efforts to remove the existing major polluting industries from East Phillips, i.e. Smith Foundry and the hot asphalt plant, Henniman Roadways, and replace them with light industry and residential housing along the Greenway, changing this area to a place worthy of Highway 55 as the City's International Gateway from the airport. Residents' reaction was primarily in response to new science that has shown that dramatically that all of this pollution is far worse for children than has been known in the past. ADHD and autism recently figured for more heavily in the childhood health impacts resulting from these industries and more. To implement these industries to ERIC, to start new businesses, and to replace the Blaine configuration any? Exciting stuff! We'll know soon!

**Historic, Settling, Nabe?**  
**Really? Yes, really?**

First, let me begin by saying that single city years of efforts by this group to convince Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) of the virtues of swimming, and why Phillips, of all places, was the one neighborhood that must preserve the type of gift from the efforts of the MPS treasury with MPS firmly entrenched in the philosophy of not investing capital in properties they do not own, and many budget fees of their own to put out, we resigned ourselves to never receiving capital dollars from MPS towards this project.

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

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

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

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

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

My conversations with MPS continued. Interim MPS **Executive Center**  
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# “Are the news?” Never!

BY HARVEY WHELE, SENIOR VOLUNTEER  
EDITOR AND FEATURES COORDINATOR

The Alley Newspaper received an e-mail with these questions from a reader:

“Does The Alley Newspaper ever check submitted articles?”

“Let me make the newspaper and I care not who they makes the religion and the laws.” – Wendell Phillips 1811-1884

“Does The Alley Newspaper do the ‘muckraking biddings’ for some neighborhood leaders?”

These important questions remind us that we don’t take space often enough to explain how we serve our community to “inform and engage.”

This month, we are taking time to describe how the content within each Alley Newspaper is determined.

First, we hope of giving voice to all members of the community. To set the context, we’re starting at the beginning in 1975.

When and how did The Alley Newspaper decide what news to publish?

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ments, employees, businesses, organizations or students within the community, to have their announcements, opinions, and organizing efforts included in the newspaper.

Question: Does The Alley fact check articles when they are submitted?

Yes, articles are vetted for outright discrepancies, lies, defamations, and blatant inaccuracies. Yes, if the submission is an opinion. In this case, we depend more on the process of dialogue over time to correct, correct, or compromise.

Second, is the Alley intended to be published as entertainment, however, it is not.

First, is its authorship from within the Community?

Second, is it fair and not denigrating of another Community

member?

It is in the best interest of the Community regardless of being only one viewpoint on an issue of varied opinion.

Fourth, what is its priority

Chuck McInerney (left) and Kurt Bueffer (right) were inaugurated with newly installed “The Alley” T-shirts and the Alley Newspaper Festival Aug 25th by Inverness Neighborhood activist Joseph Sengler at Street Fair.

alongside of other material for a particular issue when space is limited by financial constraints?

All the News?

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BY JOE RIDGE

In the midwestern spiritual practice, the indigenous physical practice of the Ojibway people, there are eight prophecies that have come and are coming to pass. The prophecies take us across the

migration of the Ojibway people from the east to the upper Midwest where food (moons/moon/wild rice) grows in water, the invasion of the light-skinned race, and the struggle for survival against and resistance to that colonization.

Bodie, a long-time water walker, and I sat in a museum watching other people walk a beautiful stretch of a rural country road to be explained this part of his spirituality to me. The rain was lightly misting or windchilled. He

Honoring water 150 Miles

## The Chippewa River Water Walk

went on to describe the eighth and final prophecy, where people of all skin colors will live in harmony. He said that, on these walks, he has started to see this prophecy fulfilled. He has

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## Adena "Del" Bache Lundeen

### A Legacy of Service 1925 - 2015

#### SPOKES and CYCLES for CHANGE Merge

**BY SHEILA MANN, SPOKES FOUNDATION DIRECTOR**

On January 1, we had a big change: SPOKES (the community bike center just east of the LIT 25th Street) merged with Cycles for Change, a community bike center headquartered in the Po. And, the two community bike centers have very similar programs. Also, Cycles for Change provided financial support to SPOKES when it was starting and a half year ago when we took SPOKES' grant staff, location, programs, and hours (identical at www.SpokesOnline.org).

- Our Open Shop (where we help you fix your bike) starts on Saturday afternoon and Wednesday evening
- Our Earn-a-Bike course continues
- Our Learn-to-Ride course will start again this spring
- Our volunteer might say "I see the fish!"
- The Spoke Summit (weSPOKES) will actually add hours this spring (adding Sunday to its recommended week bike).
- SPOKES is actually merging with Cycles for Change, which has a long history of collaboration with the City of Deland. Cycles for Change (as long as that was a half year ago when we took SPOKES' grant staff, location, programs, and policies were designed together as a template).
- Most of SPOKES' programs contracted with Cycles for Change to provide staff support for the Learn-to-Ride, Merge and Open Shop.
- Cycles for Change is a branch of SPOKES, like Life Energy Program in the last two years.
- In addition, SPOKES is joining with a couple old friends, Cycles for Change's current Executive Director (Jason Tamm) and

current board president (Katie Pulling) were the two people responsible for the original idea of starting a community bike center in Sevierd. Kacie also wrote the grant application that funded the start-up of SPOKES.

For Several Neighborhood Groups, this change frees-up capacity and staff who are about getting more things going.

SPOKES will continue to partner with SNG on activities in the neighborhood.

For Cycles for Change, and SPOKES, the benefits include:

- SPOKES will be part of a larger organization that has a board and a staff who are about getting more things going.
- With locations on both sides of the river, Cycles for Change and SPOKES can work together to become a regional voice in bike advocacy.
- SPOKES has an established record of working with the 2nd African Community Center, established record of working with the community.
- SPOKES' Adult Learn-to-Ride program (initially based on curriculum developed by Cycles for Change) will expand to other areas.
- Cycles for Change has other volunteers who have never learned to ride a bike.
- Cycles for Change has other organizations with other groups of ways and when to meet.
- Cycles for Change and SPOKES will continue to work together with experience, expertise and enthusiasm.
- With this merger, both organizations will be able to be even more effective in our work of building a diverse and empowered community of bicyclists in the Twin Cities.

#### Del Lundeen, May 19, 1925-February 19, 2015

*"Quiet Del" Lundeen instantly lights up and is the 16th March (who died April 29th, 2014) provided here last year as a community event are probably discussing neighborhood concerns that they helped lead for decades.*

#### Man of Extremes

##### Measures

##### An "Operator" Par Excellence

BY RAYMOND WINE

From many conversations and stories shared at the Sunday memorial gathering for Del Lundeen, the consistent theme was that Del would always add extreme measures in devotion to family and in service to community.

On the other hand, her strong determination, focus of purpose, and resolve to appreciate her own life led her to request an extreme medical measure: when her time came to die, the Pastor Leslie Britt from Menaul Church, introduced the first of several speakers. Item 1, number one, of Del's 3 hours, who began by saying that mother had been planning this event for 30 years and was adamant that "no extreme measure" be taken when her "time had come."

Using food anecdotes and stories, Tom portrayed the mother's extreme care for life, joy of living, and commitment and the learned from her parents for family and community.

*Obituary for Adeline "Del" Bache Lundeen Continued and see page 2*

and politics.

Other speakers combined with many food memories and moments of what they will miss most. These are excerpts from the one hour gathering at the historic Thomson-Duganbury Family Home across the street from the 2615 Park Avenue residence where Del lived.

- Bob Bache, brother ten years younger, for whom Del was always a big sister who provided an example of living with purpose even into adulthood.
- Crystal Winkfield, Phillips West E. D, told of how Del, as board chair, was her boss and provided mentorship in the last years, evolving into a mutually supportive, personal friendship.
- Hattie Boyce, fellow resident at 2615 Park, lamented the loss of long-lived caregivers in their lobby lobby books and current events.
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#### Quiet Del

BY DENNA FOSTER BLITT  
 Del was such a quiet presence, quiet, quiet and powerful all in one. Like the quiet before the storm. Only the storm doesn't come. Del was in control.

Del's quiet and powerful presence, Will truly be missed; By all who loved her. And all who worked along side of her. In this neighborhood of a million stories, a tall story, a million different languages

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Wellness: by Artists and Artisans

### Mikwandonun Audisookon, a center for Art and Wellness

BY SHARON M. DAI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF IPTF

**INDIGENOUS PEOPLES TASK FORCE** is a Native American provider of HIV education and direct services to the Native community in Minnesota. For over 26 years, IPTF has developed and implemented culturally appropriate programs to prevent further transmission of HIV, increase access to traditional and western medical services, and improve the quality of life for clients, families, and communities.

This will be the new home of East 23rd Street, the Indigenous Peoples Task Force will be a building of great beauty and historic value and will be a building built to the current home of IPTF and Maindowahs (Ojibwa Housing Complex at 1355

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winning session, the Board and Society of IPTF drew up the design for a building that would house our bodies and nurture our belief that we are the caretakers of this hemisphere. As caretakers, we

need to take care of the land and the environment.

This new building will be made of compressed brick blocks, it will host an array of solar panels and be heated and cooled by the sun via a geothermal system.

It will host a theater space for the Indigenous Youth Theater Ensemble, one of the oldest ongoing Native theaters in the United States.

It will host a healing room, where people can be joined in quiet meditation, and it will host clinical space for our work with individuals.

This new space will have a

commercial kitchen where we will feed people a good breakfast and healthy lunch made from foods we grow in the gardens just outside our doors.

It will host an art studio where we can begin to teach our youth and adults traditional tribal crafting, basketry, feather looms and whatever they wish to learn. Our community center can be a place for visiting artists in residence and poetry!

If you wish to see the plan and offer comments, and it will host clinical space for our work with individuals.

Wellness: by Coalitions and Compromises

### No New Pollution and Congestion - for now. Owner of Roof Depot Site Rejects City's Water Works by Garbo

BY GARBO ANN PASS

Many Earth Phillips families and their children think and approve of the fact that the Owner of the Roof Depot Site has worked for over a decade without so much as mentioning this major plan to the surrounding residents, it is disturbing and disappointing, given the past responsible actions of Public Works involving citizens in the work that had already gone on in the nearby Phillips Works site on E. 26<sup>th</sup> St. The question "What has changed?" needs to be asked. It is never good enough to simply go against something, one must also be for something better.

rent Roof Depot site at 1860 E. 26<sup>th</sup> St. In pushing this plan forward, the City of Minneapolis Public Works Dept. has worked for over a decade without so much as mentioning this major plan to the surrounding residents, it is disturbing and disappointing, given the past responsible actions of Public Works involving citizens in the work that had already gone on in the nearby Phillips Works site on E. 26<sup>th</sup> St. The question "What has changed?" needs to be asked. It is never good enough to simply go against something, one must also be for something better.

Neighbors rally for Clean Air at the Roof Depot Site. (East 26th St. at Longfellow)

#### The Better Plan for the Roof Depot Site

The People of Earth Phillips are in the process of working on a plan and are exploring sources of financial support to turn this site into one of the largest Urban Agricultural sites in the State, a potential national model of cutting-edge sustainable urban organic food production.

The roof could provide most of the largest greenhouse solar arrays in the State supporting most, if not all, of the electrical energy produced yearly supply organic produce year-round to Twin City's consumers, stores and restaurants. This plan could provide hundreds of quality jobs for the people of Phillips, many of whom could walk or use public transportation to the site. The plan, if carried out, could radically reduce indoor agriculture incineration and the ill it will generated by the City's disregard of the people's right

to have a voice in decisions that affect them. It could also anchor one of the City's real Green Zones and bring about a major change in the future of Phillips' children, by not adding to their burden of health challenges, thus ushering in a huge and

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# WORTH WAITING

*Worth Waiting? Waiting through winter for the month of May that starts with parades, continues with many marvelous events, and ends with graduations? Worth Waiting for so many events they won't all fit on one page? Worth Waiting one kindergarten year, elementary school years, middle school years, high school years, vo-tech years, college years, grad school years for graduation? Worth Waiting? Hopefully, most will agree – Yes, Worth Waiting!*



Photo by: JIMMY HARRIS

May begins with Minnesota American Indian Month. Parade honoring and celebration of Minnesota's indigenous people.



Photo by: JIMMY HARRIS

3,200 Anderson School students and many adults celebrated 80th Day at Stewart Park, 26th and 12th Ave. by planting 100 trees.



Photo by: JIMMY HARRIS

Seven Sisters interviewed 200 women patients at Cinema at the Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery.



Photo by: JIMMY HARRIS

"And Still We Rise," was the 41st Annual Parade and Pageant theme advocating an end to all and all racial oppression.



Photo by: JIMMY HARRIS

Norway's 178th of May Constitution Day celebrated at Washburn Memorial Lutheran Norwegian Church with parade.



Photo by: JIMMY HARRIS

The 147th Honoring the Veterans Cemetery at Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery



Anna Jarvis and daughter Anna Jarvis began Mother's Day to raise awareness of poor health conditions in her community.



Photo by: JIMMY HARRIS

A dozen Vesteria Village residents planted flowering trees in Franklin Avenue flower plot benefiting The Avenue.



Photo by: JIMMY HARRIS

All Seven Bayview Community gardening seniors signing Acceptance Letter to college of St. Anne.



Photo by: JIMMY HARRIS

Copps Park, a former grain elevator, adjacent to the Midtown Greenway Celebrated its creation and initiated new planning.



Cinco De Mayo, 5th Of May, honors Mexican army victory vs. French at Puebla in 1862, celebrated at 2nd, Bloomington, and 27th East Lake.



Photo by: JIMMY HARRIS

On Sunday May 31, Presidential candidate Benito Santos sought support from a "backyard" gathering of over a 200 people 100% more educated outside of the Mall, American Indian Center Auditorium/Gymnasium at 1330 East Franklin Avenue.

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# 2015 was a very good year for The Alley Newspaper

Early in December we asked a group of Alley Communications stakeholders, this question: What role does The Alley Newspaper serve?

In Mid-December, we exhibited examples of their answers at the American Swedish Institute’s Holiday Open House and beginning of a year-long celebration of The Alley Newspaper’s “Life After 40”!

In Mid-February, we’ll have another opportunity for readers and supporters to offer their ideas and financial support as we continue our “Life After 40” celebration.

The February 12<sup>th</sup> event, “Heart to Heart Evening with The Alley,” at the Midtown Global Market, 920 East Lake Street, 5:30 to 7:30. Enjoy a piece of 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cake.



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## The Alley Newspaper is...

### Lifting Every Voice

- Helping to distribute the annual “Phoenix of Phillips” magazine
- “Raise Your Voice” column by Peter Molenaar
- Franklin Learning Center stories

### Connecting Neighbors

- News from and by Ventura Village Neighborhood Association, Phillips West Neighborhood Organization, Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Improvement Association, and East Phillips Improvement Coalition
- Photo documentation of “Amen Corner” produced by the Communities of Light/ Rebirthing Communities of the BYI

### Documenting History

- The Alley Newspaper in numerous volumes at the public libraries
- Tales from Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery
- Tributes to elders who have passed on

### Facilitating Deliberation

- Phillips Aquatic Center: 4 Page Special Section and consistent articles on this development
- Presenting various view-points on the Village Market Proposal Development
- Updates on the Midtown Cepro Site Park

### Advocating on Issues

- Roof Depot Acquisition Proposal by City of Mpls.
- Pedestrian Safety
- Building Healthy Community
- Backyard Initiative (BYI)

### Back Page

- Special gardening insert-2015 co-produced with the BYI Growing the Backyard CHAT
- Helping to lead the BYI Communications CHAT (Community Health Action Team)

### Promoting Art and Culture

- In the Heart of the Beast Theatre history project and performances
- Open Eye Figure Theatre performances
- Semilla project coverage of

photography, ceramics and poetry

### Agitating for Change

- Responsible journalism
- Citizen involvement
- Spirit of Phillips cartoons

- Contact us for how YOU or your organization can be involved with The Alley

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## JANUARY WITH PANGEA

Check out these events from Pangea & our partners!



### Lake Street Arts! Poetry Open Mic

Friday, January 22, 7:30 pm  
Pangea World Theater Studio



### Café con Pan by LUCA

Saturday, Jan 16, 3:00-5:00 pm  
Plaza Centenario

### Lake Street Arts! Open Ensemble

Monday, Jan 25, 6:00-8:00 pm  
Pangea World Theater Studio

### Lake Street Arts! At the Market

Pangea poets & guests performing at the Midtown Global market!

Thursday, Jan 21, 5:00-6:00 pm  
Midtown Global Market



### Lake Street Arts! Stories Matter

Saturday, January 30, 7:30 pm  
Pangea World Theater Studio

Find out more at Facebook.com/PangeaWorldTheater, or email us at pangea@pangeaworldtheater.org



# Resilient responses amidst turmoil

- A. “Alley oops” is when a basketball player throws the ball near the basket and another player stuffs it through the net for a score. Alley Communications gives chances for others to “score” by telling their stories and opinions.
- B. American Indian Community Development Corporation and Indian Health Board bought the Blue Nile Restaurant; now what?
- C. Changing Climate and the Accord agreed by 195 nations in Paris is a monumental development of 2015 ready for action in 2016.
- D. Buildings between 19th and 21st Avenues on Lake Street and the Brown Institute/Community Ed Bldg. at Hiawatha and Lake will be razed for new developments. Action is still happening to save the history of one of those structures that has been a church, a lodge hall, and a factory for Burma-Shave and its highway ad signage.
- E. Expansion of bread production and employment at Franklin Street Bakery results in closing of retail bake goods shop.
- F. Finalizing of scope, plans, and finances of the renovation and reopening of the Phillips Pool into the Phillips Aquatic Center begins a new era in the five-decade saga of this 1972 addition to Wendell Phillips Junior High School, demolished in 1984.
- G. Gardening for Health by individuals, block cubs, and organizations to localize healthy food supply and encourage that availability to everyone.
- H. Hope Community and Aeon Corporation completed their acquisition and newest building—The Rose, named for Sister Rose Tillmans, founder of Peace House-- of affordable housing and retail on all four corners of Franklin and Portland Avenues thus adding to three decades of community organizing and sustainable development of that northwest segment of Phillips Community.
- I. Light Rail Transit has been a catalyst for apartment and retail development wherever rails are laid. One of the most collaborative such actions began and will continue for a decade in four phases costing \$200 Million at Hiawatha and Lake Street. Partners are Corcoran Neighborhood Organization, Midtown Farmer’s Market, Hennepin County, BKV Group and L&H Station Development, LLC. Resulting in 100,000 square feet of County social service offices, about 16,000 square feet of retail space and up to 565 housing units — all built around an outdoor public market close to a busy light rail stop.
- J. Jousting by City; the land use dispute at the Roof Depot site between neighbors and City of Mpls. is like a martial game between two horsemen wielding lances endeavoring

- to strike the opponent while riding towards one another at high speed to break opponent’s lance or knock the opponent off the horse. Once defeated by neighborhood opposition and Owner’s decision to not sell, the City surprised all by pulling out a new weapon, eminent domain, prolonging the contest and betraying neighborhood preferences.
- K. Keeping Vigilance is a constant necessity adhering to the advice of Wendell Phillips, “Power is ever stealing from the many to the few.”
  - L. Laundering by Norway House in their newly purchased building at Elliott and Franklin Avenues until they demolish the building after raising \$13 Million to build Phase II of their plans. Meanwhile success exceeds projections of their new gallery, Also Ingebretsens Deli and Gift Shop, and office complex.
  - M. Morphing of the space between 14th and 15th on East Lake Street from eight decade, staple clothing retailer Kaplan Bros into upscale Quruxlow Restaurant opening soon.
  - N. Negotiating for Change in Equity and Power .
  - O. Organizing continues annually in superb fashion for the Green Sweep/Clean Sweep Events, Neighborhood Festivals, and



Medieval Jousting by 2015 Mpls. City Council

- Annual Gatherings.
- P. Protesting Traffic Dangers that trouble pedestrians, bikers and drivers at many local spots; this year attention was drawn to the hazards where 11th Avenue intersects with 26th Street without protective signage or street marking.
- Q. Quoting Wendell Phillips often monthly and turning 90+ into cartoons for our edification, Dave Moore and Linnea Hadaway bring his social justice campaign into the 21st Century from the 19th Century. See Dave’s written version of his rap/spoken word poem explaining Wendell Phillips the Agitator on page 11 of this Alley Newspaper.
- R. Rising of East Franklin Avenue and East Lake Street over the past four and one half decades

- is remarkable and not as heralded as it deserves. Why?
- S. Staging possibilities by PPL remain to be seen as they utilize the New Franklin Theater building they bought in December adjacent to their 11th and East Franklin headquarters.
- T. Talking Together happens a lot in our communities although there can never be too much as long as it is leads to cohesiveness and sustainable results.
- U. Uprooting Banyan Community to their new building where Groundbreaking happened in 2015, will happen in 2016 on 13th Avenue between 25th and 26th Streets while still leaving them “rooted” in programming in the Phillips Community. They have been at 26th and Bloomington after their beginning on 25th and 16th Avenue.
- V. Voting in 2016 will have substantial impact on the future.
- W. Welcoming Immigrants to an immigrant community is a constant obligation and privilege.
- X. Xeroxing and printing happening more than is healthy for everyone just like everywhere else.
- Y. Yearning for justice and peace continues to keep hope alive and stimulate action.
- Z. Zoning of Biking lanes happened with substantial changes to driving lanes and some amenities that were ill-advised are already changed. Reviews of the changes are mixed; a full year of use is needed for an accurate assessment of their value use.



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5:30 to 7:30 PM

Midtown Global Market

920 East Lake Street, Minneapolis

Celebrate the love of Community and 40 years of

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Anniversary cake, food, Valentine making supplies,

and fun for the whole family!

In collaboration with MGM’s “Family Night”

Music by: “New Distraction,” R & B and Classic Rock

A FREE event though free will donations for The Alley Newspaper gladly accepted.



## The Franklin Learning Center

Franklin Learning Center (FLC) provides adults with resources to educate themselves. Learners, instructors and trained volunteers work collaboratively, trusting each other's wisdom and experience. In partnership with other local organizations, we create a vibrant, cross-cultural learning community. At FLC, people are empowered with the knowledge they need to fulfill their professional, family and community roles.

### Services

FLC is an adult education program of Hennepin County Library. It is located in the historic Franklin Library in the Phillips Community of Minneapolis.

FLC provides free, flexible instruction tailored to individual learner's needs. Working one-to-one and in small groups with staff and volunteer tutors, learners study reading, writing, math, social studies and science.

Learners also practice speaking and listening, gain computer literacy, and prepare for the GED and U.S. citizenship tests. Every learner is encouraged to get a library card, and FLC staff work closely with other library staff to ensure our learners and volunteers make a good connection with the library and the Phillips Technology Center, also at Franklin Library.

### People

FLC has served the Phillips Community for 26 years, evolving with Franklin Library and the Community. The library has always strived to meet the literacy needs of new Americans: when it opened in 1914, one-third of its collection was in foreign languages - primarily Norwegian, Swedish and Yiddish.

When FLC opened in 1988 with funding from a federal grant, staff, volunteers and interns worked mainly with U.S.-born adults pre-

paring for the GED. Most learners were American Indian, African-American or Caucasian, and 58 percent were men.

Today, the greatest demand at FLC is for English language learning. In 2014, learners represented 24 nations and ranged in age from teens to seniors. 86 percent of learners were from Africa (78 percent from Somalia) and 4 percent of learners were Latino; 8 percent of learners were U.S.-born. About 70 percent of learners were women.

FLC welcomes volunteers and interns from a wide variety of backgrounds. They range in age from 18 to 90. Volunteers are community members, former FLC students and service learners from local colleges.

The program has grown from 37 volunteers and interns in 1988 to 159 volunteers and interns in 2014.

### Community



FLC has developed strong partnerships with the University of Minnesota; Augsburg College; Metropolitan State University and Minneapolis Community and Technical College (Project SHINE); St. Catherine University and City of Lakes AmeriCorps. The University of Minnesota recognized our work with University students, faculty and staff, honoring FLC with an Outstanding Partners in Community Engagement award in 2006.

The Minnesota Literacy Council helps FLC recruit and train volunteers. Friends of the Hennepin County Library provide

funding for the FLC program.

We connect adult learners with resources in the community. In 2014, we welcomed Emerge, Hennepin County Child and Teen Checkups, Project for Pride in Living, Second Harvest Heartland, University of Minnesota Tax Clinic and Waite House.

FLC by the numbers in 2014: 515 learners studied 20,244 hours 159 volunteers and interns tutored 7,708 hours. 2 learners passed GED subject tests. 64 learners became citizens. FLC is one of the top 25 most-referred adult education programs in the state.

## Franklin Learning Center Stories

### The city in 2065 Ogaso



### FLC Student working with Tutor Joan

City will be a most beautiful city. They will build a new model. The government will hire more security. The people will live in suburbs; government people will live in the cities - machines will clean the cities. It will be paradise.

### Learning English.

### Amina

My name is Amina Ahmed. I am a student in the Franklin Learning Center. I learn math and English reading and writing. When I came in the library, I didn't speak English or read or write. Now I can speak English well, and read and write well. I like Franklin library center because of the improvement to my English reading and writing. Thank you tutors and staff.

### My Cousin

### Bisharo

My cousin, Ahmed, came to the United States in 2005. He is a very hard worker, but he didn't know the United States. He worked for six months in a factory. The fac-

tory made meat. My cousin came to work one day and his boss sent him to do the washing. While he was washing my cousin burned his hand. After that he called us. He talked to his uncle and he said, "If I knew American life I would not have come. I quit my job now.

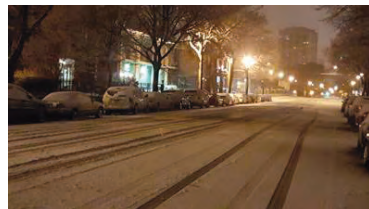


FLC Student Ivan

I am taking driver's lessons, will you help me?" His uncle laughed at him and said, "My nephew, do you remember when you said to me to send money? I said to you I didn't have money. You got mad at me. You didn't believe me, but you believe me today." My cousin said, "Yes, that is true my uncle. Sorry about that. I didn't believe that someone in America didn't have money. I have more

experience now." My uncle said, "Come back to me and I will help you, if Allah accepts me. You will feel better." After six months my cousin got a driver's license and he became a truck driver. Now he has money and is a businessman.

### Franklin Ave.



Franklin Ave on snowy morning.

Today in early morning I was coming back from work and was It was snowing so hard that I could hardly see the road. After I parked my car at home and got out, I froze in amazement how beautiful it was outside. Snow covered roads, and parked cars. Tree branches were covered with white and reflection from the lights made them bright and shiny. Streets empty of people and moving cars were quiet and peaceful. Light snow was covering me and everything around me, making me forget my hard day work. Then I realized how much I miss this amazing time of year.

### Feeling Proud

### Seid

One time when I felt proud of myself was when I recommended good education to my sister. She didn't like school and learn-

ing from books. She only cooked and stayed home. I encouraged her to like education. When I gave her the recommendation, she told me, "I am young, I have time to learn." Finally, when she was 17 years old, she took my recommendation and she came back to school. She succeeded at her education and I was happy.

### When I was Young Nimco

My friend and I went to the beach. Usually we went after lunch, but one day we went before lunch. We saw the big waves go back. My friend said, "Let's go and see that ship, how it looks inside. I heard it has beautiful places and special food." I said okay. The water was below our knees. When we reached the middle of distance, we saw a big wave which was about ten feet high. My friend said, "Today is our last day in the world!" She didn't know how to swim. I knew how. I said, "Grab my legs." She refused and grabbed my neck. Both of us were in a serious condition. Fortunately, an old man saw us and helped us escape from our trouble.

### My Story

### Abdio

My name is Adio. I am from Mogadhisu, Somalia, but I am



Figure 4 FLC STUDENT SEID

an American now. I came to American in 199 with my friend and her daughter. I came without any English. In my house in Mogadishu, I did not see any cockroaches or mice. In my first house in Bridgeport, Connecticut, I saw both cockroaches and mice. I did not believe I was in America. I came to Minneapolis in 2001. I am learning English. I like Franklin Learning Center. The staff are friendly, helpful, and encouraging. I live in a nice, clean building. No cockroaches or mice. I believe I live in America. Thank you everyone.

### The Two People are Puppets Brian

I saw some puppets on the way to the learning center on Saturday. They were characters on the street near Holiday gas station. One was green and the other one was pink. The green one reminded me of John Deere. I want to leave class and go watch the puppets.

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### Park Board from page 1



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to operate, maintain and replace. To sustain the current level of physical assets the MPRB needs \$14.3 million plus inflation each year. The MPRB currently has \$4-5 million per year for these assets. The annual capital gap is \$9.3 million plus inflation. The neighborhood parks also require annual investments for mowing, building maintenance, tree pruning, roof repairs, and path repairs. The gap is \$3M min. plus inflation per year.

Info: at [www.minneapolis-parks.org/closingthegap](http://www.minneapolis-parks.org/closingthegap)



## The Big Bang and Bernie

A shop called Mayday Café exists not far from the center of the universe. Various political types are found there, including some radicals.

All are welcome.

December 17, 2015...

A friend was anxious over a forthcoming exam on the subject of the Big Bang Theory, hence an invite to a pastry with coffee. I offered that the totality of matter had not been, for the first half of eternity (!) confined to one small spherical spec, after which, having changed its mind (?) it went BOOM.

Indeed, the theory in question presents a splendid example of the 'narrow empiricism' associated with bourgeois science. Ask them what went on before the bang. Their answer: "Duh...we don't know." Yet, based on their observations of the "known universe," they have propagated a wildly irresponsible conclusion with cosmic ramifications.

So, what actually is going on here?

Let us concede that some 13.8 billion years ago, a very big explosion did occur. However, not even for God's sake did this event originate from a 'static singularity.' No...and lucky for us the 'eternally expanding universe' is not happening either. True, our black holes might be leaking a bit, but trust me, those matter suckers will



PETER MOLENAAR  
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soon enough convene themselves to commence the next contraction phase...moving inexorably to that nanosecond of maximum compression, and then again BANG, *ad infinitum*.

Friends and neighbors, the universe oscillates within the cosmos. As we come to recognize change as the eternal constant, we become consistent with 'dialectical-materialism,' i.e., the philosophy elaborated by Marx, Engels, and Lenin.

"There can be no straight and pure path to socialism," said Lenin. So, all things considered, at this time, I suggest we walk with Bernie Sanders. Frankly, the next Big Bang will take a while to develop.

## Frank Reflections

### Disparities between White Supremacists, Somali-Americans today, and Dakota people 153 years ago

BY FRANK ERICKSON

How can White Supremacists who actually tried to kill people, who actually put bullets into five Black men of Black Lives Matter, not be charged with attempted murder...yet five Somali-American men are fighting charges of attempted murder and they never shot anyone; they tried to plan a terrorist attack where they would try to kill people—they only tried to go to Syria to fight for ISIL.

How can White Supremacists who were part of the group who tried to kill people, get to go home after being questioned by the police, because they were not "at the scene of the crime" yet the five Somali-American men were not at any scene of a terrorist act, but they do not get to go home. They may face decades in prison.

How can Whites who tried to kill people get lesser charges than Blacks who didn't try to kill anyone, but only tried to join a terrorist group?

How can Whites who are actually in a terrorist group and doing terrorist things, like trying to murder people, be in less trouble than blacks who only tried to join a terrorist group?

And for those being critical of Syrian men fleeing Syria and not

fighting ISIL, how would they have defined Dakota men fleeing this area and not fighting the invading Whites? Would they see them the

same as they see the fleeing Syrian men—that they did not stand up and fight the invading evil, doing what is best for the world?

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—Wendell Phillips + Dave Moore (2016)

## Vine Church, Good Templar, Winget Mfg., Burma-Shave, Furniture Barn

BY STEVE SANDBERG, FOR THE COMMITTEE

The building at 2019 East Lake Street is like a "cat with nine lives;" that is, flexible, resilient, and able to land on its feet regardless of fall height.

Thanks to all of you who have shown interest in the history of the Burma Shave building. Since the December issue of The Alley Newspaper's first Burma-Shave Building article, we have registered with the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota, and they will help us do a historic survey. We have learned through older neighborhood residents including memories of a resident who passed away last year at age 102, that the building was originally the historic Vine Congregational Church. It was after that, among other things, a meeting place for a Norwegian chapter of the International Order of Good Templar, and Winget Manufacturing, which made bonnets and ladies furnishings.

On December 10th the Board of Corcoran Neighborhood Organization voted to request of the MPS that a historic survey be done, but as of yet we have no confirmation as to whether that has been communicated. We are creating a Burma Shave History/Historic Vine Church FaceBook page which we encourage you to check out and contribute any historical information that you may have. Thanks! For the Committee.



