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# STILL-BE-TRAILED CALMING TRAFFIC



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*Commentary*

**Trails shaped our lives  
Betrayed trails harm livability  
Betrayal has shaped our lives  
We can shape it anew!**

BY HARVEY WINJE

**Be-trail can be turned upside down! Help Wanted! Will you help?**

Phillips Community has been betrayed in many ways over the years. This observation is as we begin to discuss the effect of traffic on livability and how it may be calmed.

Should we blame others and risk waste of energy and a chance to unite our community or should we admit that we all need to take responsibility so we can move beyond finger pointing to solving the difficulties together? Will you help? Will you slow down? Will you take part in a discussion of what will work better?

During Black History Month we were reminded of the African concept of Ubuntu by a recent visit of Naomi Tutu. It is helpful in this regard. According to Michael Onyebuchi Eze, the core of ubuntu can best be summarized as follows: *"A person is a person through other people strikes an affirmation of one's humanity through recognition of an 'other' in his or her uniqueness and difference. It is a demand for a creative intersubjective formation in which the 'other' becomes a mirror (but only a mirror) for my subjectivity. This idealism suggests to us that humanity is not embedded in my person solely as an individual; my humanity is co-substantively bestowed upon the other and me. Humanity is a quality we owe to each other. We create each other and need to sustain this otherness creation. And if we belong to each other, we participate in our creations: we are because you are, and since you are, definitely I am. The 'I am' is not a rigid subject, but a dynamic self-constitution dependent on this otherness creation of relation and distance".*<sup>[1]</sup>

Yes, that definition reaches a profound depth to understand. Yet it is also profoundly simple. The complexities of urban life are many. The best chance of improving that life together is together.

As we discuss "calming the traffic" in this issue of The Alley, we will not shy away from naming the problems and attitudes that have poisoned our lives, our reputation, and our self-esteem. Having them named, we will then suggest we agree that the enemy is us but that the solution is also in us; together. **"Ubuntu...If we belong to each other, we participate in our creations: we are because you are, and since you are, definitely I am."**

A devil's advocate would challenge that assertion reminding of the many betrayals there have been for decades in the Phillips Community; but, it is the accumulation of many successes and the lessons learned from

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Congregation's Golden Jubilee of March to  
New Site in Minneapolis*



BY ROLAND WELLS

Marching from their old building to their new site on March 22, 1964, St. Paul's Church committed themselves to the Phillips Neighborhood. Seven years before, St. Paul's Church had faced its biggest decision. They learned that the projected I-94 freeway was going to take their building. The congregation had been located at 18<sup>th</sup> Street and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. A decision had to be made. Would they, like hundreds of congregations in Minneapolis' core city, move to the suburbs, or would they stay in the city? Already they had members living in Bloomington, Richfield, St. Louis Park and Plymouth. Moving to the outskirts of the city might make sense. In a crucial meeting, one sentence was uttered that would determine the future of the congregation: *"Where is a church more needed than here?"*

From their decision in 1957, they began to look for a location nearby. At that time, the majestic former First Presbyterian lay derelict. The denomination had closed the amazing granite church about 1950. Pigeons were flying through its broken-out stained glass windows. Wiring and heating were desperately outdated. St. Paul's congregation saw tremendous possibility, so they bought it for \$75,000. They added a quarter of a million more, plus thousands of hours of volunteer labor, ending up with a very useful, modern building. An entire new level was added inside the former atrium. On Palm Sunday of 1964, the congregation marched three-quarters of a mile from the old location to its new site at 1901 Portland. Today it's recognized as the most outstanding Richardsonian Romanesque church building in the upper Midwest. Replacement cost in brick is now over \$10 million; in granite, it simply can't be done.

That commitment to the city will be renewed in the next few months as the congregation celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Golden Jubilee of its move to its current location in the Ventura Village/Phillips Neighborhood. There will be concerts, celebrations and a re-enactment of its march. Its ministry has thrived at its current location, with a strong emphasis on cross-cultural ministry training, as well as service and faith forma-

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**Ann Greene Phillips (18\_\_ -1885)  
Wendell Phillips (1811-1884)**

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**Children & Family Programs  
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## Phillips West Neighborhood Upcoming Events

[www.phillipswest.info](http://www.phillipswest.info)

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

**Phillips West Monthly Community Meeting!** Join your neighbors and other Community Partners for updates from City Council Member Abdi Warsame, Minneapolis Police & Midtown Safety Center, Midtown Greenway, Business Partners, and Residents. This meeting will take place at the Center for Changing Lives in the Centrum Room (2400 Park



Avenue). Free parking is available in the rear of building off Oakland Avenue & 24th Street. Free Pizza & Beverages will be provided! If you would like more information or would like to get involved with the neighborhood please contact Crystal at 612-879-5383 or email her at pwno2005@yahoo.com



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# Inquest, tatoo, trunk and British Archives are only clues to Wm. Rattery

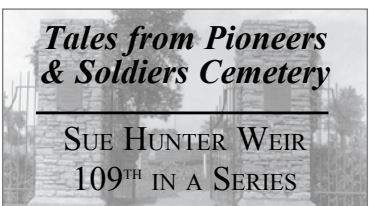
One of the tricky parts about writing these columns is trying to find a picture or graphic to go along with the story, something that draws you in and makes you want to know more. There are 22,000 people buried in the cemetery, only about 10% have markers. We have photos of some of those people but not nearly enough. The problem is that some of the really interesting, mysterious or poignant stories don't have pictures to go along with them. Even if they did, most of the stories would still have significant gaps.

William F. Rattery's is one of those stories. Mr. Rattery committed suicide on September 27, 1875. He doesn't have a marker, most likely he never did. Everything that we know about him comes from a seven-paragraph story that ran in the Minneapolis Tribune the day after he died. It probably ran no longer than five or six column inches, and even then they got his name wrong (Rattray).

The story recounted the testimony given by a handful of witnesses during the coroner's inquest. A six-member jury was told that Rattery, a "seedy Scotchman," had checked into the St. James Hotel

on September 23rd. He had just come into town after working as a laborer for one of the railroads. He spent the next four days drinking heavily and was "very low spirited," telling several people that he intended to kill himself. On September 27th he took an overdose of laudanum and corrosive sublimate. He somehow managed to tell P. H. Robinson, a local merchant, what he had done; Robinson tried to save him but was unsuccessful. The jury concluded that Rattery "came to his death from causes unknown to the jury; but from the evidence, we are of the opinion that he came to his death by poison administered by himself."

Rattery seems to have had a number of reasons for being low-spirited. His wife, two children and father lived in Michigan. He was separated from his family over "domestic troubles." He obviously drank too much. Although it's impossible to say whether or not he had syphilis, corrosive sublimate, one of the poisons that Rattery took, was widely used for treating it. The last sentence in the Tribune's story was the most intriguing: "The shoulder of the deceased was branded with a "D,"



the mark for a deserter from the English army." There were no further details and there was no explanation about what must have been one of the defining moments in his life.

From those seven paragraphs it's probably safe to conclude that Rattery's life was a series of disappointments, both to himself and to his family. His room at the St. James Hotel was littered with whisky bottles, but it also contained a trunk filled with "old clothes, a pocketbook containing 75 cents in currency, some postage stamps, some letters, and a photograph album." The photographs were of his father, wife and two children. The coroner believed that Rattery had friends in the area and said that he would try to find them and let them know what had happened. In the end neither friends nor family stepped forward to claim Rattery's remains and he was buried at the expense of the county. Whether the con-



Sometimes as much can be learned from "reading between the lines" as reading the lines. Sue Hunter Weir explains that this can also be true at a cemetery where between the markers lie fascinating Tales. "Where there are gaps, there are stories."

tents of his trunk went back to his family, were claimed by friends or were thrown away is another thing that we don't, and can't, know.

One of the surprising items found in Rattery's trunk was his naturalization papers. It was surprising because deserters from the British Army usually were sent to Australia, one of England's "criminal colonies." Instead, he wound up in the United States. An answer, if there is one, might be found in his military records; if they still exist, they are located at the British National Archives located in a suburb of London. For the time being, we don't know.

Meanwhile, William Rattery's remains are in Minneapolis. He is buried Lot 65, Block H, in the 35th grave from the south, in the cemetery's paupers' section. That we know.

## Dr. Arne Anderson's "Mission": SERVE!

BY HARVEY WINJE

Joining two men with insatiable appetites for knowledge and with variant but unique connections to Phillips Community for a cordial visit over coffee and banana bread was an honor and an education.

Arnold "Arne" Anderson, was the founder, first Medical Director and CEO of Children's Hospital from 1967, before it opened in 1973 and until 1987 and the founder of the Teenage Medical Center. The Dr. Arnold S. Anderson and Rusk P. Anderson Education Center at Children's-Mpls is named for him and his

wife. Arne Anderson, 96, is a voracious reader so we had loaned a copy of "Wendell Phillips Liberty's Hero" by Professor James B. Stewart to Arne. He appreciated learning about Wendell and was surprised to learn Phillips' own goals and hard work were similar to that for which he had worked all his life.



The next best thing was to have Arne and Jim meet and talk. The discussion spanned several topics including healthcare. Arne commented that the major players of healthcare need to be guided by a common mission. When asked to state that mission in one paragraph or one sentence, Arne responded without hesitation, in one word: SERVE!

Neighbors old enough will remember that he served as administrator while insisting that 50% of his time was serving as a pediatrician in neighbor schools and churches.



## Midtown Phillips Honors Therese Rau

BY JANA METGE

Neighbors and Midtown Phillips Improvement Association paid tribute at its recent Annual Meeting to Therese Rau for over 16 years of extensive crime prevention work serving in HN. Cty. Drug Court, Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Probation, the city's first Safety Center on Franklin Ave., as an instrumental partner in the Phillips Weed & Seed Federal crime reduction Initiative (2003-2008)--- implementing a 'Safety at School Bus Stops' Initiative, and at the Midtown Safety Center since 2005.

Midtown Phillips Neighborhood extended this heartfelt Thank You to Therese Rau for dedicated, invaluable service and wished her continued good fortune in a new assignment.

## Donna Neste retires as Mount Olive Neighborhood Ministries Coordinator

Donna Neste is retiring from her many years of service as the Coordinator of Neighborhood Ministries at Mount Olive Church 31st and Chicago Av. Donna has served Mount Olive and the neighborhood admirably for many decades.

Mount Olive is honoring and celebrating Donna's ministry on Sunday March 16th at the closing of the 10:45 AM Worship Service. Friends and neighbors are welcome.

The Alley Newspaper also thanks Donna for years of support of the paper with writing and most especially with coordinating delivery of the paper to many blocks each issue neighborhood youth.

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tion by its missionaries around the globe. It currently is the home of the MissionShift Institute and the Urban Cross-Cultural College Consortium (U4C). The U4C urban studies program is a partnership of Concordia University, the University of Northwestern and St. Paul’s Church. Over 600 hundred students have invested a year in Ventura Village by attending its internationally-recognized programs in urban cross-cultural outreach. St. Paul’s members are spread out around the Twin Cities: one-third live within three miles of the church, one-third within six miles, and the other third are spread out across a 60-mile circle, including Eagan, Shakopee, and Maple Plain!

“Staying in the city was a gutsy move; sometimes it seemed like a foolish idea to remain in the neighborhood,” says Pastor Roland Wells, who has served the congregation for 25 years. “But St. Paul’s stayed, dreamed and built, making it through the crack wars of the nineties. Now being a part of the redeveloping neighborhood, we are glad for our decision to remain in solidarity with the city.” Until recently, St. Paul’s was the only local congregation to relocate and remain in the core city. “We see it as answering God’s call to remain. Even though the congregation is much smaller than it was in 1964, it continues to do outstanding ministry.”

To celebrate its Golden Jubilee Year, several events are planned:

On Sunday night, March 23, 7 PM, they’ll host a concert by Dan and Sandy Adler along with the Heart of the City Band. This outstanding multi-cultural group will lead an evening of fantastic music and worship. A freewill offering will be received.

On Palm Sunday, April 13, St. Paul’s and its three partner congregations, (Iglesia Centro Cristiano



Threat by interstate  
35W 25 years later!

de Minneapolis, Ebenezer Oromo Evangelical Church, and Every Tribe and Tongue Church) will re-enact the historic march from St. Paul’s old location to its present site. Marchers will meet at 18<sup>th</sup> Street and 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue South at 9:30 AM. (A shuttle bus from St. Paul’s to the old site will start at 9 AM and again after the service.) Rev. Mark Vander Tuig, Service Coordinator of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ will be the speaker at a festive joint worship service at 10:30. All are welcome. A huge multi-cultural potluck dinner will follow.

Finally, on Sunday, May 4 at 4 PM, St. Paul’s will host Global Worship 7, a festival worship experience of many cultures and languages. The past several of these moving events have filled St. Paul’s to capacity, so come early! Overflow seating is available. Many different cultures will help lead the worship. Color, movement, world music, costumes and exotic instruments all will lend a festive touch to this very special day. A freewill offering will be received. This year’s Community BridgeBuilder Award will be given to Rev. Cher Moua, noted Hmong leader in the Twin Cities. All are welcome!

For St. Paul’s, it’s a year of rejoicing and remembering. It’s a year of being strongly reminded of God’s amazing faithfulness. It’s a year to welcome its neighbors. It’s a year celebrating the great things God is doing in the city!

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St. Paul’s Lutheran on Portland  
challenged by freeway expansion

by Carolyn Hamilton

St. Paul’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, at the corner of 19th St. and Portland Av. is a persevering church that has chosen, as evidenced in the 1956 freeway construction, to stay in the community to have ministry here among the people. This commitment has recently been challenged again with some of the Interstate 35W expansion proposals made by the Minnesota Department of Transportation in which St. Paul’s buildings would be completely eliminated. Members are hopeful and prayerful this will not happen again.

St. Paul’s was organized on July 6, 1872. Church property at 4th St. and 15th Av. was bought in 1874. A new church was built, on the same site, to accommodate St. Paul’s expansion in 1883-85. In 1925 church property was purchased on the northwest corner of 18th St. and 14th Av. In the early 1940s, two neighborhood missionaries, a full-time evangelist and a secretary were hired; also a radio ministry began on WDG and WMIN.

With the expansion of the freeways in 1956, St. Paul’s was forced to move to its present location. For their first worship service, the members of St. Paul’s congregation proceeded through the streets of Phillips on March 22, 1964 to their renovated church, purchased from the First Presbyterian Church, the first Protestant church in the northwest. “The bell in the tower is historic, as it was used in the early days of Minneapolis to call together the village meetings.” (The quote and above information are taken from the Dedication Booklet, April 26, 1964.)

Pastor Roland Wells, pastor at St. Paul’s since May 1, finds the people very warm, friendly and genuine with big hearts and big hugs. Challenging times have given the members the opportunity to become a closer congrega-

tion. For over 20 years, Philip Hanson has been active in the visitation ministry, especially to the elderly. Stan Kylo, who has been at St. Paul’s for almost three years, directs the Christian education programs for children and youth. Deb Svensk, secretary, keeps the “wheels turning” smoothly in the office.

Evangelism, concern about both local and world missions, is emphasized at St. Paul’s. It is an inner-city church that cares about its members and neighbors. In being open to responding and understanding the neighborhood, St. Paul’s members are realizing their love for the inner-city. There is a strong stance on scripture and deeds with Bible study dating back to the Lutheran Bible Institute held at St. Paul’s.

Programs at St. Paul’s include something for everyone. Senior Citizens Ministry, English/Second Language, retreats for youth/adults, family camping. Wednesday evening activities include: King’s Daughters Klub, Boys’ Club, Pre-Teen Club, “Spy” St. Paul’s Youth, Men/Women Bible Study, adult choir.

One of two new programs in the works are a daycare center for infants, toddlers and/or preschoolers. The other is the Stephen Ministry, a training program for peer ministry of people helping people.

Being a friendly church, St. Paul’s members make everyone feel welcome. Their worship is of a “low church” style, which means no emphasis on fancy dress or furnishings, just people gathered to pray, hear God’s word and worship together. Sunday worship services are at 10:30 am with Sunday school 9:15 am in the morning and an evening service at 6:00 pm.



“Restore form,  
convenience and dignity.”

By Winston Churchill “On the night of May 10, 1941, with one of the last bombs of the last serious raid, our House of Commons was destroyed by the violence of the enemy, and we have now to consider whether we should build it up again, and how, and when.

“We shape our buildings, and afterwards our buildings shape us. Having dwelt and served for more than forty years in the late Chamber, and having derived very great pleasure and advantage therefrom, I, naturally, should like to see it restored in all essentials to its old form, convenience and dignity.”

From a speech of the House of Commons meeting in the House of Lords, October 28, 1943.

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Put it in The Alley . . . .  
by Fanueil Hall

“Officer Down!” brought 40 plus police cars and officers to Lake Street and Bloomington Avenue in minutes on a recent Friday evening. We need the same response procedures and quickness when one of our children are “down.” City officials have said this type of sandblasting incident hasn’t happened before, so a response was being designed as they went along. First of all, that’s not true. It has happened before. Secondly, it’s irrelevant if it’s happened before. That’s why we hire people to work on particular affairs, so they have studied, been trained, and are experts who can predict the possibilities and have procedures in place ahead of time.

“An ounce of protection is worth a pound of care” Speaking of planning ahead and averting emergencies, St. Paul has experienced a terrible tragedy, ending in the death of a child and his pregnant mother on a street far too busy and far too fast. Here, at home, we’ve had deaths as well and still nothing changes.

The irony that 26th Street was widened into four lanes (tearing out beautiful trees that arched over the street) to move traffic to and from Abbott Northwestern Hospital (and Honeywell), as well as across town, creating a hazard to get people in and out of a health care facility.

Other neighborhoods are using many creative techniques to block, slow-down, and divert traffic to make their neighborhoods safer. Here, we have 26th Street, 28th Street, Park Avenue, and Portland Avenue as four lane freeways. When it is extended behind Target and connected with Seward and Longfellow neighborhoods, 26th Street will even become faster and more crowded. When City officials are asked the anticipated traffic count once this happens, they’ve said they don’t know. Yet, they have projected traffic figures for Hiawatha Avenue and memorized them for many years into the future.

“Child down! Child down!” Every police car, every fire engine, a couple of politicians, a few bureaucrats, and the media should be there in minutes. We’ll be there! Will they?

October, 1997

The Great Be-Tracks (26th and 28th streets!) Two months ago, we mentioned here the speed and danger on 26th Street. Within 36 hours of the printing of that August edition, there were two broadside collisions at 26th Street and Bloomington Avenue that each required a stretcher and made the vehicles a total loss; and one which required cutting and sawing to get the passenger out. We plead again for techniques to slow down the traffic. Where are the politicians and bureaucrats to address this problem on every one of our streets? or isn’t this problem catchy enough for the front page? You’d think the hospitals that get the results on their operating tables would put two and two together and get this problem solved, even if it means slowing down their own doctors and patients to and from their hospitals.

The old House of Commons was rebuilt in 1950 in its old form, remaining insufficient to seat all its members. Churchill was against “giving each member a desk to sit at and a lid to bang” because, he explained, the House would be mostly empty most of the time; whereas, at critical votes and moments, it would fill beyond capacity, with members spilling out into the aisles, in his view a suitable “sense of crowd and urgency.”

Trails shaped our lives  
from page 1

the betrayals that can inspire hope and enhance expertise to address again the traffic across our community. [See below for list of some betrayals and some successes]

Trails were narrow; like the path from St. Anthony Falls to Cold Spring, Minnehaha Falls, and the confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers. Some trails became roads. Some trails became streets. Some roads and streets became highways. Some highways became interstate freeways. And some freeways had no street to expand so houses and buildings were demolished. (See St. Paul’s pg 1 & above.)

“We shape our buildings, and afterwards our buildings shape us.” This remark by Winston Churchill may be applied to trails, streets and freeways because they do shape us as do our vehicles. Just those words suggest forethought in designing because it will greatly affect your life.

His entire remark and the subject he was addressing [see page 5] gives an additional meaning warning that change may destroy the culture of people’s lives.

Phillips Community has been betrayed by politicians, bureaucrats and executives scores of times over the decades in many ways. Betrayal through decisions of trails, streets and freeways has been rampant with disregard of quality of life and subjectively practiced with bias in Phillips.

There have been many times when Phillips Community has betrayed itself by acquiescing to those from outside the community and allowing changes detrimental to Phillips with no regard for the culture of the community.

There have also been times when we betrayed ourselves because we succumbed to the enticement of speed even with its risk of our own wellbeing.

Consider 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> streets today with multiple accidents and several deaths over the last two decades. Read the above commentaries from 1997 that described the same situation and tragedies we have endured in the last year.

We are victims of unintended consequences because we, too, wanted to be able to drive faster.

Who of us, at one time or another, hasn’t driven along 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> streets faster than is legal and safe?

Yes, there are thousands of cars going to the 2 hospitals along Chicago Avenue—doctors, nurses, administrators, janitors, patients, and visitors; and 6 clinics. Yes, there are thousands of cars going to Wells Fargo offices next to 35-W. Yes, there are approximately 14,000 employees at the 3 largest institutions—Abbott Northwestern, Children’s MN and Wells Fargo.

Yes, there are hundreds of cars going to the other 440 businesses, 5 schools, 12 churches, and many offices in Phillips.

Yes, there are thousands of cars that pass through Phillips to get to adjacent parts of the metropolitan area.

It is all of those and the cars of the 20,000 residents who live here.

The Chief Executive Officer of Children’s MN Hospitals and Co-Chair of the Phillips Partnership has said publicly, while lauding the hospitals great life-saving work and justifying the demolition of 24 homes for a 700+ car parking ramp and Specialty Center, that “Phillips is an unlivable neighborhood!” Many agree with him, but disagree with him on what forces have made it unlivable..

“With friends like these you don’t need enemies.”

Cars speeding three and four abreast tight against the curbs jockeying for position, anticipating the next stop lights, gambling with their chance to cross, and risking their lives and those of pedestrians are large factors making it less livable in Phillips. Speed seems to be inherent with multiple lanes. Speed limit enforcement should be inherent with speed limits, but is not.

“We have the met the enemy; and he is us!” ...Pogo

We can do better than this. We must do better than this.

Solutions are known. The City of Mpls. has changed other thoroughfares using techniques that make the streets and sidewalks safer while accomplishing more efficient movement of traffic. Every scenario presents different concerns and must therefore employ different solutions. Some downtown Mpls. one way streets were changed to two-way. South Lyndale Ave. has divided the street with a tree-lined boulevard. An assortment of solutions are readily available.

Choosing what will work best for specific locations requires a

wide assortment of people representing different needs and having varying opinions to be involved in the process of assessment and design. Planning professionals are an important resource. Drivers, pedestrians, bikers and residents must be included in the resolution to make our neighborhood safe, sane and more livable.

Coalesced action is forming to consider changes that would reverse this betrayal of our trails, streets and freeways. See the article on page four by Midtown Phillips Improvement Association as a way you can join this concerted effort for change in Phillips.

Betrays

- Senseless demolition of the old South High School of a small Hogwart’s style castle, sub-standard demolition of debris removal leaving that threatened the subsequent building of Little Earth for decades. Building of a new South High in a style that further insults the whole community with its ugly, monolithic bulk, and unwelcoming presence.
- Senseless demolition of Phillips



# The Intra-Neighborhood Freeways

## How about Traffic Calming Initiatives?

BY MIDTOWN PHILLIPS NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

26th & 28th Street have increasingly multiplied their traffic count over the past 10 years.

Cars speed through so fast, no one in the neighborhood can get across these streets anymore by car, by bike, or by foot. There are periods during the day where those streets are impassible going north to south. Additionally, the amount of pollution stirred up is unbearable. Dirt collects on the siding of houses within 1/2 block of 26th & 28th, blackening siding and causing it to be frequently washed. So, with that amount of collection visible on the siding of houses.....what is happening to our lungs??

As Wells Fargo, Childrens’ Hospital, and Allina have continued to grow, the amount of traffic going thru our neighborhood has also continued to grow.

We need the traffic calmed, we need public realm improvements to enhance the pedestrian and biking experience, and most importantly, we need to encourage workers coming into our community to think about transit and car sharing, to think about our health, to think about our community safety.

Recently, Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association, Inc. wrote a grant to the City of Minneapolis with Traffic Calming as its #1 priority.

Here is the language, in part, from that grant:

Neighborhood Priority Plans will develop through grass-root outreach and organizing and partnership projects. We hope that our 1st Neighborhood Priority Plan will be around Traffic Calming on 26th and 28th Streets.

Midtown Phillips will continue to explore Traffic Calming Initiatives

Jr. High School in spite of neighborhood protest because of less population and freeway limiting school’s boundaries; contradicted by the purchase and remodeling of Mt. Sinai Hospital 4 years later and 4 blocks away at a much higher total cost than to renovate Phillips; depriving Phillips of a building that could have become a unifying community center similar to Sabathani.

- Senseless loss of the Green Institute and the ReUse Center from the self interest greed of academic and political outsiders wrestling control from neighborhood residents.

### Victories

- Garbage Transfer Station 12 year battle and subsequent victory over a return to Incinerator use; after having lost the battle for construction of the original incinerator in the late 1930’s.
- Saving of the Phillips Pool and Gym, and again.
- Victory over an above ground High Voltage powerline down the Midtown Greenway.
- Scores of housing and two community center projects by persistent, creative volunteer planning, lobbying, and management.

on 26th St. and 28th Street which may include, but not be limited to a planning team membership of Minneapolis Bike & Pedestrian planner Shaun Murphy (confirmed), Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association, adjacent block clubs (confirmed), Minneapolis Park & Recreation Department(confirmed), Phillips Partnerships, Allina/Abbott Foundation, Organizations and Faith-Based partners (recruiting), and Hennepin County.

The 11th Ave. Block Club has been concerned about the speed of cars on east 26th by Stewart Park. Block clubs along 28th Street have expressed the same concern both with students from St. Paul’s Lutheran (on 15th Ave.)and Seniors from St. Paul’s Housing needing to cross east 28th street. We would like to work with the City and other partners to create Traffic Calming initiatives which may include a crosswalk by Stewart Park across 26th street, lower speed limit, “pedestrians crossing” flashing light with arm & signing across 26th, and a change in the timing of existing stop lights. We need to have signage indicating that there is a School and Playground Area ahead. Maybe even a bike lane along 11th or 12th Avenues complete with the safety and signage issues that come with this.

These neighborhoods concerns

# Greenway Heights affordable rental apartments

EPIC’s 12 years of work: Shovels in the ground!

BY CAROL PASS

Greenway Heights, the only affordable family rental apartments on the Midtown Greenway, is under construction at 2845 Bloomington Avenue and extending across the north crest of the Greenway to 16th Avenue.

East Phillips Improvement Coalition worked for 12 years to get as close to what the neighborhood residents wanted: affordability, low density, family housing.

When asked, if these kinds of projects are usually so hard and long; or do some just slide through? Kathy Wetzels of partner PRG said, “they are usually hard and long like this one.” We are glad we didn’t know that at the outset.

The history of this project is long and convoluted with many characters that drifted in and out. The initial effort to purchase the land occurred when the East Phillips Commons redevelopment project began in 2002. The redevelopment area laid out by the City encompassed the whole Bloomington and Lake Street intersection on both sides over to and including 16th Avenue and north to halfway down the 2800 block. The initial plan was for town homes on the Greenway. Home ownership family housing was the mantra for neighborhood stability.

EPIC’s housing task force was at work on the 2909 Bloomington

Midtown Corridor Study Area



# Midtown Corridor Study

## How about Traffic Calming Initiatives?

A Midtown Corridor transit alternatives study recommends rail in the Midtown Greenway and enhanced bus service (EBS) on Lake St. as the best long-term transit solution as funding is available.

This Locally Preferred Alternative is by the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC); community and business representatives & Metro.Council, HN County and City of Mpls. appointed officials.

4.4-mile transitway between the METRO Blue Line’s Lake St./Midtown Station and the proposed

West Lake Station on the METRO Green Line Extension (Southwest LRT).

Improved stations would be built every .5 mile on Lake St. Buses would continue operating in mixed traffic with less stops, off-board fare payment and signal priority. The improvements would extend into StP on Marshall Ave. connecting with the METRO Green Line’s Snelling Ave. Station on University Ave.

Midtown Greenway rail would run south of the bike trail with single-car trains.

EBS is better traveling shorter

distances; Rail is better as a cross-town connection of light-rail lines & bus lines.

- Travel Times: West Lake St.-METRO Blue Line’s Lake St. Station = 42 minutes. EBS = 30 minutes Rail =13 minutes.
- Ridership: 14,600 customers ea.weekday. EBS bus &rail, projection =32,000 riders/day by 2030.
- Cost: EBS and rail are estimated at \$235 million to \$270 million to build and \$15 million a year to operate.  
Info: <http://www.midtowntransitway.org/>.

Young pledged her support. City of Minneapolis Biking/Pedestrian planner, Shaun Murphy was also in attendance and pledged his support. Hennepin County Commissioner Peter McLaughlin will also partner on our efforts. Community residents have expressed their desire to unite as a community and create, as a tribute to the Rodriguez family, traffic calming improvements, in memory of their little 4-year old boy, Jose Manuel.

Pedestrian Safety has risen as a community concern to date and we hope to explore a Pedestrian Crosswalk with green striping and flashing lights. Also suggested was to install an overhang green flashing light which would extend into the middle of the street, similar to the overhanging light mounted at the intersection of 27th and Chicago. Will you help? Will you drive slower? Will you talk with neighbors to solve our problem?



We had drawings and beautiful examples of town homes, when the housing market collapse happened. Everything sat and EPIC moved onto other concerns for some years.

As the loan was slowly coming due, EPIC members and board began frantically searching for a developer, but no one could manage the dollar gap of the project with town homes or even an apartment building. Finally, again, an old neighborhood friend, Loren Brueggemann of Phoenix Development agreed to be EPIC’s builder. EPIC members met in several big meetings to help design the building. Most residents had never participated in such a thing. It was very exciting

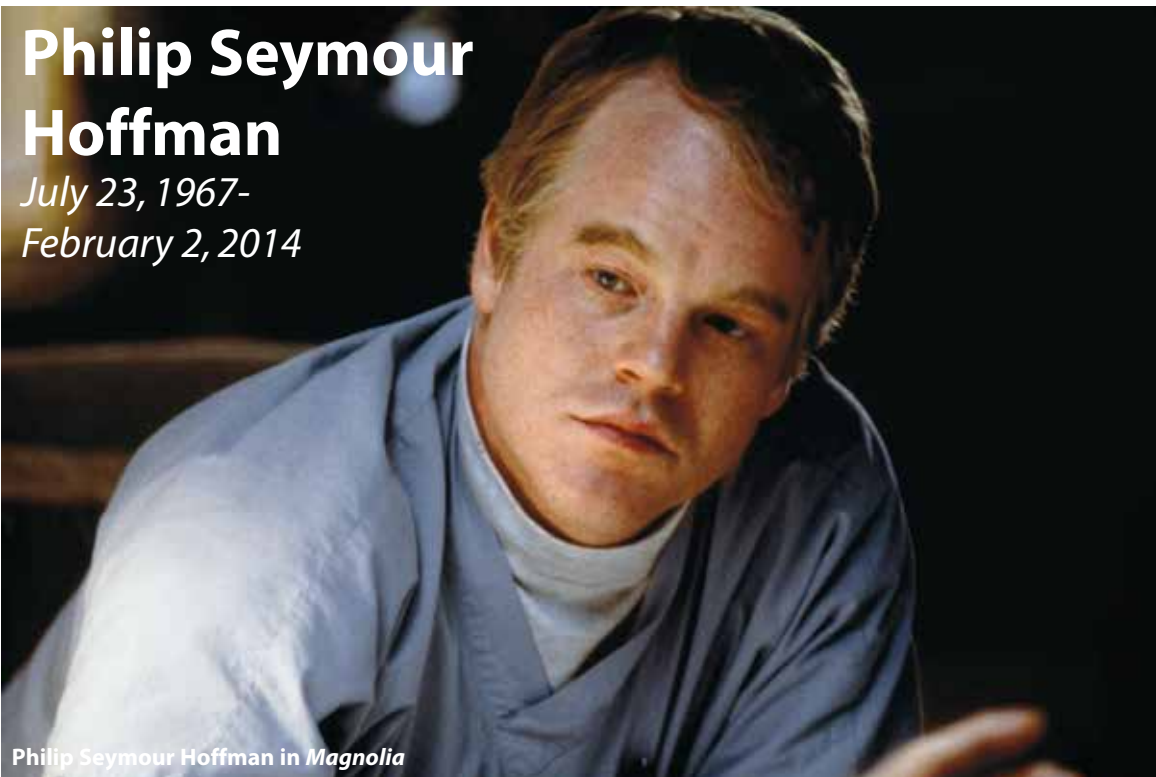
and fun. We were getting close to what we originally wanted: family affordable housing. After much research, we realized we had to drop the home owner part in favor of having a project at all. The City also was pressing for density, so we requested the developer build as low density as possible and still make things work.

The building, designed partly by the community, is now rising on the north crest of the Midtown Greenway. EPIC members and board are proud and are confident new residents and others seeing it will also appreciate this new addition to the neighborhood.



## Philip Seymour Hoffman

July 23, 1967–  
February 2, 2014



Philip Seymour Hoffman in *Magnolia*



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One of Hollywood's most gifted actors and reaching today's rare status of an actor's actor, Mr. Philip Seymour Hoffman, died of an overdose of heroin in his Manhattan apartment on Sunday, February 2, 2014, the same day as

*Dinner & Dialogue with*

## Waziyatawin and Oyate Nipi Kte

March 16, 5pm  
3100 Elliot Ave S, Mpls  
\$10 - \$100 suggested donation  
(no one will be turned away)  
RSVP by Mar. 10 to (651) 233-4949

This event is a fundraiser for Oyate Nipi Kte, an organization dedicated to the recovery of Dakota traditional knowledge & sustainable living, resisting colonization, and empowering people

to strengthen Dakota nationhood. This will also be a conversation about decolonization and solidarity work. What can we do to unravel the active systems of oppression that began when white settlers first came to Minnesota? Join us for good food and conversation.

Waziyatawin is a Dakota writer, teacher, and activist from the Pezihutazizi Otunwe (Yellow Medicine Village) in southwest-ern Minnesota. She is commit-

"Happiness" (1998)  
**Anthony Minghella**  
"Cold Mountain" (2003); "The Talented Mr. Riley" (1999)  
**Brett Rafter**  
"The Red Dragon" (2002)  
**Cameron Crowe**  
"Almost Famous" (2002)  
**Todd Louiso**  
"Love Lizza" (2002)  
**Tom Shadynac**  
"Patch Adams" (1998)  
**Brad Anderson**  
"Next Stop Wonderland" (1998)  
**Roger Donaldson**  
"The Getaway" (1994)  
**Adek Drabinski**  
"Szulcr" (1994)  
**George Clooney**  
"The Ides of March" (2011)  
**Richard Pearce**  
"Leap of Faith" (1992)  
**John Patrick Shanley**  
"Doubt" (2008)



ted to the pursuit of Indigenous liberation and the protection and reclamation of Indigenous homelands and ways of being. She earned her PhD in American history from Cornell University and has held tenured positions at Arizona State University and the University of Victoria where she also held the Indigenous Peoples Research Chair in the Indigenous Governance Program. Waziyatawin is the author or co-editor of six volumes, including the recently co-edited volume with Michael Yellow Bird entitled *For Indigenous Minds Only: A Decolonization Handbook* (SAR Press, 2012). She lives in her home community in the beautiful Minnesota River Valley.



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### MayDay Community Meeting March 25

In other news, our second MayDay community meeting will be March 25th, from 7-9pm, at the Avalon Theatre, 1500 E. Lake St.

### Saturday Matinees for Kids

*Saturday Puppet Shows for Kids run from October through March*

All Shows at 10 am & noon in HOBT's Avalon Theater lobby

Come for the show and stay for the "Make-n-Take" workshop based on that day's puppet show theme. Workshops are a family activity offered in our classroom at 11:00 a.m. each Saturday morning. Admission is \$5/person.

#### Details

- \$2 suggested donation for youth who live or go to school in the Central, Corcoran, Phillips or Powderhorn neighborhoods, and their families.

• If you live elsewhere, a \$4 donation is requested.

• Show times: 10 AM & Noon  
• Make-n-Take workshops: 11 am – Admission is \$5 for children and \$3 for accompanying adults  
**March 1** *The Trolls of Heddal Forest.* Erickson Cousin Puppeteers

**March 8** *Are You Thirsty.* Laurie Witzkowski and Esther Ouray

**March 15** *Science!* Steve Ackerman and Maren Ward

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Turn, Turn, Turn



PETER MOLENAAR  
*Raise Your Voice*

It was a pleasant surprise to find not one, but two of my comrades on the front page of last month's Alley Newspaper. Pete Seeger and Meridel Le Sueur were both amazing human beings. Truth to tell, however, Pete's Party status has been somewhat hazy. He was "close", they said. As for Meridel, thirty some years ago I gave her rides to and from meetings – so I've known all along that she was a Communist.

Pete Seeger passed away January 27, 2014, at the age of 94.

In point of fact, in the period of rising fascism, at age 17, Pete did join the Young Communist League in opposition to the pacifism and left-isolationism he encountered at Harvard University. He believed the whole world should unite to defeat Hitler.

THIS MACHINE SURROUNDS HATE AND FORCES IT TO SURRENDER rang the words of his banjo. In the prime years of his life, so it followed, the "authorities" did their best to hound and to blacklist him.

But there was no way they could stop Pete. No. His rendering of "We Shall Overcome" was to become the anthem of the Freedom Movement. Then later, in the period of the Vietnam War, his "Waist Deep in the Big Muddy" would break through on national television. For members of my generation, there remains the awesome memory of the church camp songs of our youth. They were Pete Seeger's gift to our spiritual development.

Imagine Pete descending a concert stage, walking up to a would-be assassin, and singing "Where Have All the Flowers Gone." The soldier began to weep... "Pete Seeger is one of the best Americans and patriots I know" -- Johnny Cash. "Some artists make music history, Pete made history with his music". -- President Bill Clinton.

In my own words: Through the



eyes of Christ he saw there two rebellious slaves, crucified upon the same hill.

Final words he sings:  
To my old brown Earth  
and to my own blue sky  
I now give back to you  
the last few molecules  
of I.

Pete left the Communist Party in the early 1950s. Nonetheless, he never wavered from his beliefs. I have every right to claim him as my comrade – and so do you.

Note: a documentary of Pete Seeger's life can be found by searching "TPT The Power of Song"

Frank Reflections

Racist stereotyping and profiling detract apprehension of real perpetrators

BY FRANK ERICKSON

Imagine if the FBI was spying on, or as our media calls it "monitoring," young white college and high school age students as potential future terrorists. Think of the outrage white parents would have if the FBI was viewing their children or potential violent terrorists...and this was being done based only on ethnicity. Yet this is exactly what is being done to local young people in the Somali community.

The January 20th Star Tribune has two articles about our Somali community in it. A front page article about "Visa backlog keeps Somali families separated" and a Los Angeles Times article reprinted, titled "Al-Qaida is again active in the U.S. Somalis from Minnesota are among potential recruits the FBI monitors.

As I run around South Minneapolis, I see young people of many different ethnic backgrounds, yet I see one common bond, they are all the same! They all have their phone things, they all like hanging out with friends, they all like junk food, Cheetos seems to be a staple... and all of them do not dress properly for the winter weather. Yet the Somali young people are viewed as possible terrorists; even though most of the terrorist acts of mass-

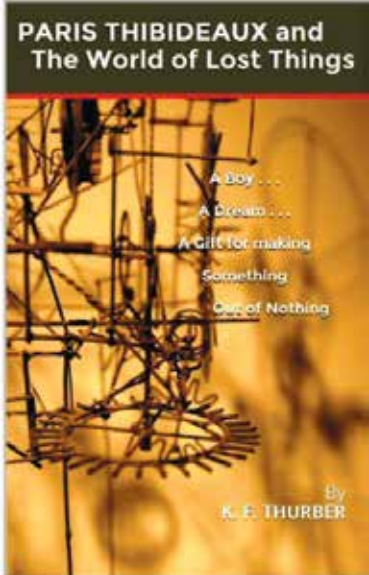
murder on American soil over the past 10 years have been done by white males.

People in Los Angeles are now viewing our Somali community in what way...in a positive way, no, of course not. As far as I can see, it is not our local Somali community that continues to blow up children with missile strikes in Afganistan--- how long can you blow up children and still claim to be fighting terrorism and practicing it?

How long can you blame the Taliban for your own reckless use of lethal violence? The reality is the freedom to kill, the lazy convenient excuse is "war."

All Somalis are seen as linked to Al-Qaeda until they prove to the U.S. government otherwise. People coming from Norway and wanting to get a visa, was there a backlog of visa applications, after the white male from Norway killed over 100 people in a terrorist act. Were people from Norway having to work extra hard to prove to our government that they were not connected to this white male terrorist because of their ethnicity?

As usual, whites do not trust blacks, and their freedom and movement is restricted. Those in charge in Norway, have admitted that they were "monitoring" that small ethnic Muslim population in Norway, as they white guy built up an arsenal. He lived in the city, but was buying large amounts of fertilizer, but this never raised a red flag, they were too busy profiling.



Kathy Thurber, Former City Council & Park Bd. Member, publishes book based on Powderhorn Park & MayDay

Paris Thibideaux and the World of Lost Things  
"My book is a middle-school/young adult (ageless, really) novel set in Powderhorn Park Neighborhood, The characters are fictional, but the heart of the neighborhood is the focus of the narrative with a parade based on the May Day Parade as a central metaphor. It is available only on Kindle at the moment.





# BACKYARD INITIATIVE BACK PAGE



BYI AREA

## BYI Community Health Survey

### WHY is the BYI Doing Research?

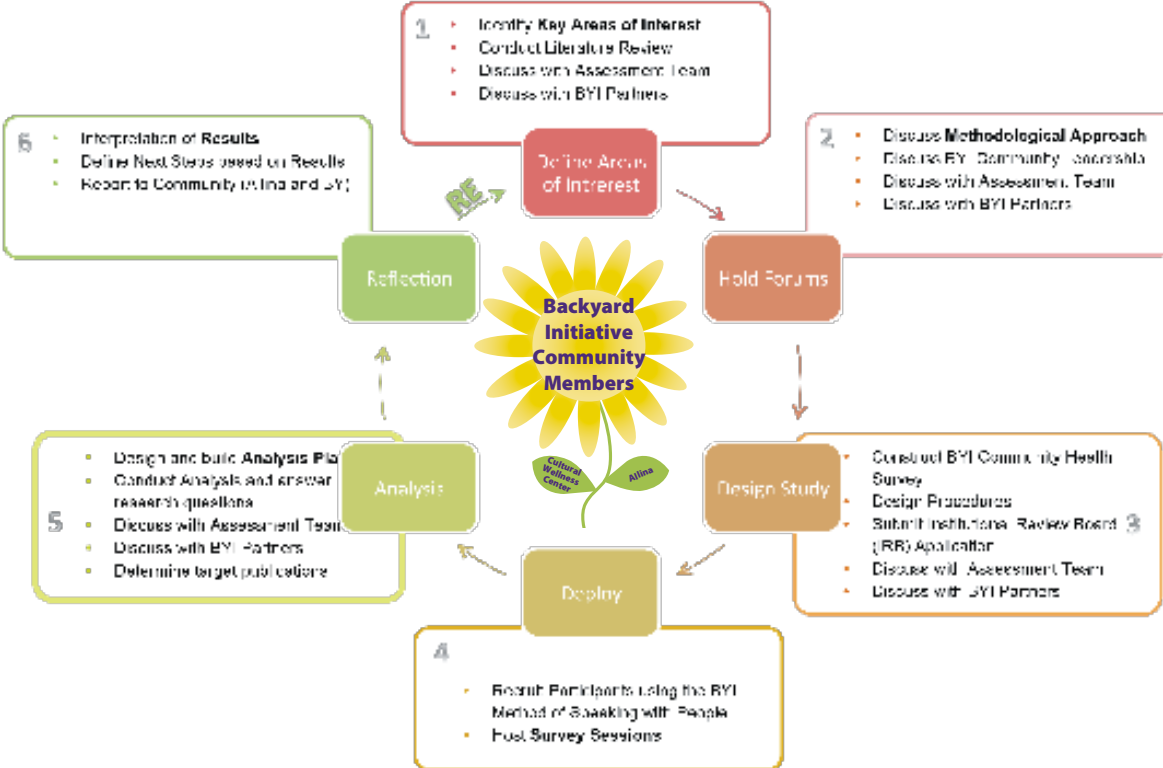
In 2009, the Backyard Initiative completed a Community Health Needs Assessment. An assessment team was formed to create a picture of the current state of health and well-being of residents in the Backyard, engage a broad network of resident in the process, and inform and plan the next steps for the BYI. The assessment team included community residents, staff from Allina Health, the Cultural Wellness Center and Wilder Research.

Based on the BYI Definition of Health and the Community Assessment, the following **Priority Areas** were identified:

- **Perceived stress:** the degree to which situations in one’s life are appraised as stressful.
- **Social support:** the emotional, instrumental, and financial aid that is obtained from one's social network. Support is generally considered as an exchange or transaction between people
- **Social cohesion:** a feeling that members of a group have of belonging, a feeling that members matter to one another and to the group, and a shared faith that members’ needs will be met through their commitment to be together
- **Healthy literacy:** people’s knowledge, motivation, and competencies to access, understand, appraise and apply health information in order to make judgments and make decisions concerning healthcare
- **Patient activation:** the concept that patients have important roles to play in self-managing care, collaborating with providers, and maintaining their health

The **BYI RESEARCH PLAN** is designed to collect, analyze, and interpret health-related data identified as being important to the Backyard Community, and to disseminate the findings back to the Community, to stakeholders, and to those in other communities who could learn and benefit from our work. Collecting and analyzing this information will add to our understanding of these health-related areas in Backyard Community and may be used to inform ongoing and future BYI activities and research.

### 2013 BYI Research Plan



### Recommendations Stemming from the Community Health Survey

Recommendations for further study and activity were developed based on the BYI Analysis Team’s discussion and interpretation of the results from the BYI Community Health Survey. The BYI Community Commission on Health will review the findings and consider these recommendations in 2014 as it continues to pay attention to the community’s health, build the community’s capacity for taking responsibility for its own health, and supporting solutions for maintaining and improving health.

### THE WHAT-Sample Findings: Table 2. Social Cohesion - Sense of Community

Participant responses to the “Social Cohesion” questions of the BYI Community Health Survey.		
	True	False
I think my neighborhood is a good place for me to live.	79%	21%
I can recognize most of the people who live in my neighborhood.	57%	43%
I care about what my neighbors think of my actions.	70%	30%
If there is a problem in this neighborhood; people who live here can get it solved.	68%	32%
It is very important to me to live in this particular neighborhood.	64%	36%
I expect to live in this neighborhood for a long time.	62%	38%

\*Questions in Table 3A came from the Sense of Community Index developed by Chavis (1986).  
\*\*Percents reported do not reflect “Choose Not to Answer” or missing responses. For the Social Cohesion questions, the number of “Choose Not to Answer” responses ranged from 8-32 per question and missing responses ranged from 32-45 per question.

### WHERE: Survey Locations

- **Cultural Wellness Center:** BYI Survey Host Orientation Session
- **Midtown Global Market:** BYI All Community Health Action Team meeting
- **Cultural Wellness Center:** Dakota and African-American participants rd
- **Phillips Community Center:** A Partnership Of Diabetics (A-POD) Diabetes Breakfast- English and Spanish speaking sessions
- **Safari Restaurant:** Project S.E.L.F (Save. Educate. Liberate. Free.) Somali and East African residents
- **Powderhorn Park Center:** Out in the Backyard: Zumba class- English and Spanish speaking session
- Hope Community Residents

### Attendance

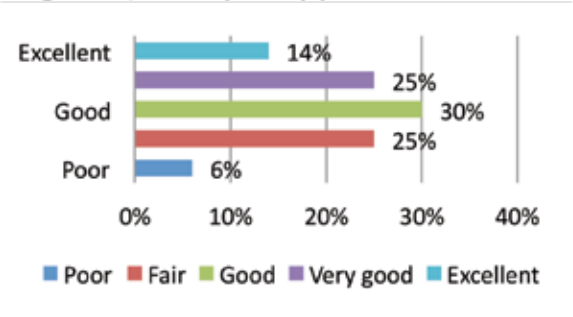
- 260 people attended the BYI Survey Sessions
- 239 people took the BYI Community Health Survey
- 206 people completed the BYI Community Health Survey

### WHO Conducted and Interpreted the Community Health Survey?



Figure 1. General Health: Participant responses to the “demographic information & general health” questions of the BYI Community Health Survey

“In general, would you say your health is. . .?”



\*Question adapted from the Hennepin County Survey of Health of the Population and the Environment (SHAPE)  
\*\*Percents reported do not reflect “Choose Not to Answer” or missing responses. For the general health question there was 1 “Choose Not to Answer” response and 30 missing responses.  
\*\*\*Complete data available upon request

Come to the **March 20th BYI All CHAT** to learn more

BYI All CHAT Meeting  
Thursday, March 20  
5:00 to 7:30 pm  
Midtown Global Market  
920 E. Lake Street  
Minneapolis, MN 55407

Complete Community Health Survey reports are available upon request at:

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