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“Peace if possible, Justice at any rate!” – Wendell Phillips 1811-1884

OPEN LETTER TO
COMMUNITY

We must safeguard precious human lives

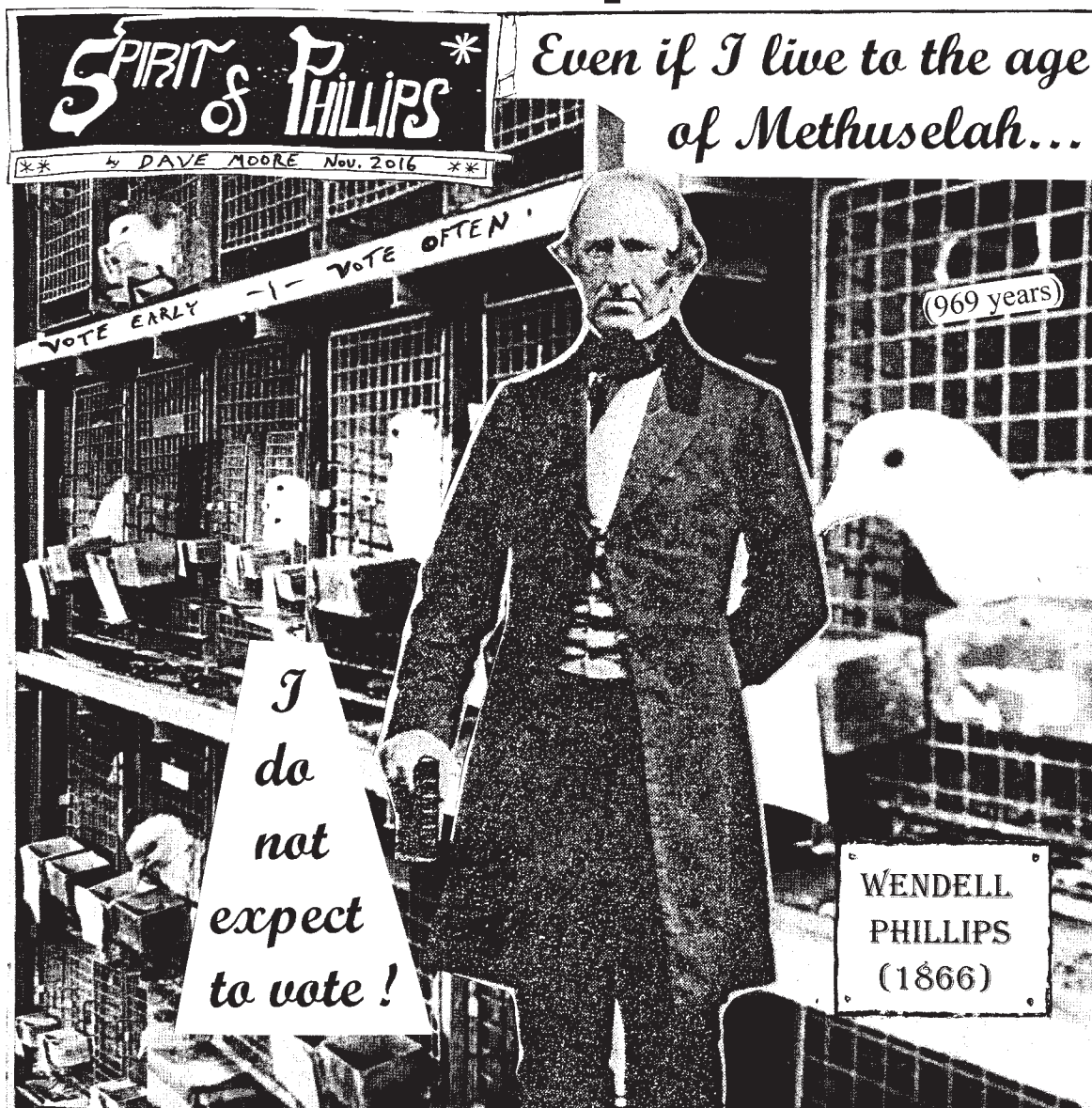
BY MOHAMED FARAH

Dear friends, fellow neighbors,
and community members,

I write to you today with a heavy heart to first send condolences to the families who have lost their loved ones in the recent tragic shooting in our neighborhood. It was only 24 hours prior to this incident when I was with residents at Stewart Park having lunch after a day of cleaning the neighborhood.

It is vital that we have a real conversation about violence in our neighborhood and ways to keep our children and loved ones safe. This past week I have been reflecting on how we can make our community safe and enriching.

Precious Human Lives
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Roger Buffalohead
May 30, 1939 –
September 6, 2016

A Great Life Remembered

BY LAURA WATERMAN WITTSTOCK

Roger and Priscilla Buffalohead came to Minneapolis with their young son in 1970. A Department of American Indian Studies was being created and the talent seekers wanted the young and gifted man from the Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma to take the position of chair. It was a moment of pride for all of Indian Country and students came from several nations to study at the University of Minnesota.

Roger and Priscilla met at the University of Wisconsin where they were both graduate students and Roger and Priscilla's brother were taking a class from Dr. David A. Baerreis, a professor known for his environmentally oriented research of human behavior. Priscilla's brother introduced them and they were astonished to discover that they were next-door neighbors! They married in 1965 and the Wisconsin Alumnae noted the wedding. Their son Eric was born later

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Hand in Hand - A Protest Song for Today

BY JAYANTHI KYLE AND WES BURDINE

A song for and about the people in the struggle for justice and liberation for Black people. Be the Power, Be the Change, Join the Movement.

CHORUS

The day's gonna come when I won't march no more
The day's gonna come when I won't march no more
But while my sister ain't equal & my brother can't breathe

Hand and hand with my family,
we will fill these streets

VERSE 1

There's my sister
Marching with me
There's my brother
Marching with me
There's my father
Marching with me
There's my mother marching on
til the people are free

VERSE 2

Mr Policeman
I can't breathe
Mr. Policeman
I can't breathe
Mr. Policeman
I can't breathe
Lay down your weapons and your
badges and listen to me

VERSE 3

Well President Obama
Are you marching with me?

Well Mayor Hodges
Are you marching with me?
Is that my senator
Marching with me?
Come join my family marching
on toward equality

Maybe tomorrow
When the people are free
Maybe tomorrow
We'll have equality
Maybe tomorrow
I can truly breathe.

Til then my voice will fill the
streets Let the people be free
credits

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Burdine
Recorded by Afrokeys
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Machine) Sarah White (Shiro
Dame) and Signe Harriday

PHOENIX NUMBER III

BY PATRICK CABELLO HANSEL

In this issue, you will find the 3rd edition of The Phoenix of Phillips: writings by your neighbors who tell their story

and the story of our community. You will meet writers as young as 11 and writers who are well into their seventies. All of them have a hope for a loving and beautiful com-

munity. Here are some youth poems that didn't make this edition, around the theme of "Stop!"

Stop the violence in the community
Stop hurting kids in the world
Stop killing black people, police!
And you can trust some white
And black police officers
Stop racism towards African-
American males
Frank

Stop the killing
Stop the racism
Stop the violence
Stop the hate
Keep the peace with everyone
Let the people live their lives
Stop taking all of our beautiful
young black people
James

Stop
Stop the police killing
Stop the drug selling in our community
Stop the littering in our community
Stop stealing bicycles
Stop all the shooting
Stop fighting
If we stop all the things I said
We can have a better community
Chris



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"When the great newspapers don't say much, see what the little independent ones say." – Wendell Phillips

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BY ERIN THOMASSON

Children & Family Programs

Family Storytime: Fri's 10:30 am.

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K-12 Homework Help: Tues, Wed & Thurs, 3:30-7:30 pm.

Free in-person tutoring for K-12 students. No advance sign-up needed. Info: www.hclib.org/homework.

Library Lab for Kids: Chemists in the Library: Wed. Nov. 2, 5-7 pm

Learn about the wonders and excitement of chemistry with easy-to-do activities led by this volunteer group of chemistry students, teachers, and professionals. Minnesota section of the American Chemical Society.

Franklin Teen Center Programs

Urban 4-H Club: Tues's 5-7 pm.

Urban gardening to digital photo/video to theater.

Young Achievers: Thurs's 4:30-6 pm.

Want community involvement? Bring friends for poetry, arts, games and more!

Teen Tech Workshop: Mon. Nov. 21, 5-6:30 pm.

Make music, videos, animation and other projects using both high- and low-tech tools, everything from iPads and 3D printers to synthesizers and sewing machines. Led by the library's Teen Tech Squad.

Adult Programs

Memoir Writing Group

Thursday, Nov. 17, 1-2:30 pm.

Programs at the Franklin Library

1314 E. Franklin Avenue
Complete program list or info

612- 543-6925
www.hclib.org
Mon, Fri & Sat: 9am-5pm
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Sun: 12-5pm

Want to create a record of your personal history? Bring what you have written for helpful comments and suggestions.

Presented in collaboration with Osher Lifelong Learning Institute.

Haweenka Aduunka Women of the World: Sat. Nov. 26, 2-4 pm.

Share sisterhood and talk about leadership, jobs, family, health and more. We are women empowering women! Women and their children are welcome to attend.

Franklin Learning Center: 612-543-6934

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

Phillips West Neighborhood Upcoming Events

www.phillipswest.info

November 3rd (Thursday) 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. – Phillips West Monthly Community Meeting!

Join your neighbors and other Community Partners for updates from Local City Government & Minneapolis Police. We will also have Dan from the Minneapolis Park & Rec. Board present to discuss the Peavey Park Master Plan Implementation. The meeting will take place at the Center for Changing Lives



Building in the Centrum Room (2400 Park Avenue). Free parking is available in the rear of building off of Oakland Avenue. Free Jakeeno's Pizza Dinner will be provided! If you would like more information or would like to get involved in the neighborhood please contact Crystal at 612-879-5383 or email her at pwno2005@yahoo.com

Please call again!

The Alley Newspaper seeks a caller

A woman left a message on The Alley Newspaper voice mail last month raving about The Alley Newspaper and how much she enjoyed having it to read. So much so that she said she doesn't want to risk always getting it safely so inquired about the possibility of a subscription for having it mailed. We are disappointed that her message and contact information disappeared before we wrote it down. If you called and are reading this plea, PLEASE CALL AGAIN. We don't want to ignore you. And, yes, a mailed subscription is possible.



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14th Annual Phillips Clean Sweep A Huge Success!



BY JANA METGE AND BRAD PASS

On Saturday October 8th over 800 Phillips residents gathered to clean up their neighborhoods. Phillips Clean Sweep is a Partnership of the East Phillips Improvement Coalition, Phillips West Neighborhood Organization, Little Earth of United Tribes, Ventura Village, and City of Minneapolis Solid Waste & Recycling. Picking up Litter is second to the Community Building!

Folks met for breakfast, picked up supplies, and met their neighbors at LSS 2400 Park Ave. or Welna Hardware on Bloomington Ave. 400 T-Shirts were given to volunteers which list the year's donors and a new design by T-Shirt Contest Winner Jennifer Gomez, East Phillips resident, De LaSalle student and Banyan Member.

Trash Pick-Up Teams were assigned to every block. 6 Drivers and Garbage Trucks are hired to cover each neighborhood plus Specialty pick-ups. This is a service to the neighborhood, all free of charge.

2016 Trash Total Results:

Ventura Village – 8,260 lbs.

Phillips West – 2,560 lbs.

Midtown Phillips – 11,340 lbs.

East Phillips – 10,700 lbs.

2 Specialty Trucks (tires, old furniture, household construction, electronics, appliances, and metal):

West Side Phillips

4,600 lbs. metal, 10 TV's, 3 Appliances, 20 Tires.

East Side Phillips

4,000 lbs. metal, 16 TV's, 9 Appliances, 57 Tire.

That's a total of 41,460 lbs. of trash plus TV's, appliances, and tires. 20 lbs of compost was collected three food services from feeding 800 people twice!

At noon the volunteers gathered at Stewart Park for lunch. VJ Smith and Mad Dads broadcasted music and BB-Que-d, Bethlehem Baptist provided sandwiches, chips, & bars and Banyan students served the lunch. Solid Waste & Recycling and Compost Initiative had Info Tables. Clean City Coordinator Michelle Howard and City Compost Champion Kellie Kish were there to answer all questions! The New American Youth Soccer Club was on hand to explain their activities.

The Phillips Clean Sweep Planning Team meets weekly from mid-August thru Clean Sweep. We are always looking for more planning team members, organizations to participate, and folks to come out for the morning litter pick up!

The Team sought and managed \$7,400. of cash donations totaling and In-Kind donations estimated at another \$7,000 from our many generous sponsors.

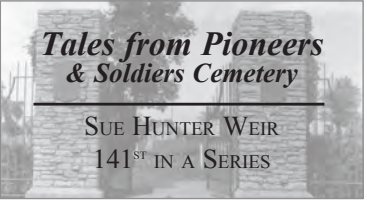
This GREAT event could not occur but for our generous Sponsors who provide both cash and In-Kind Contributions – AND – all of you, our Neighborhood Volunteers! Thank you All!!

See you all next year 2nd Sat., October 14th, 2017!



Ornate tree trunk tombstone Recalls All Saints Day death and symbolism

Nels H. Nelson Russell died on November 2, 1898. His marker, a six-foot tall tree carved from



sandstone, is one of the most distinctive in the cemetery. Stone ferns grow at the base of the tree and ivy is twined around its trunk. Concentric rings are etched at the ends of the tree's sawn-off branches. There is a cross made of interlocking branches near the top of the tree, and beneath it, suspended by a stone rope, is a scroll that is carved with the birth and death dates of Mr. Russell and his wife Christina.

Mr. Russell died on All Saints Day, a fact that is inscribed on his marker. It is a holy day that is observed in many forms by a variety of religious denominations throughout the world. Regardless of where or when the observation takes place the intention is the same—to acknowledge the goodness and love of those who have gone before. It is about more than merely remembering, it is about renewing the connection between the living and the dead.

The reference to All Saints Day on this marker also tells us something about the nature of Nels and Christina Russell and the family members who wanted others to remember them. The words “His Son Erected this Memorial” are carved near the base of the tree. That son, Nels J. Russell,

was Nels H. and Christina’s only surviving son. He worked as an insurance salesman but more importantly, was one of the founding members of Minneapolis’ St. Ansgarius Swedish Episcopal Church in Minneapolis.

The Russell family came to the United States from Sweden in 1879. Nels H., the father, was born in 1818 and was 61 years old when they came to the United States. His wife, Christina, was 48. They came with three of their children: Mathilda (born in 1859), Maria Nitilia (born in 1863) and Nels J. (born in 1864). Census records indicate that the family had many more children but that only those three survived. Apparently, the children who did not survive died before the family left Sweden.

It is difficult to trace the family through their early years in the United States. The family seems to have changed their last name from Nelson to Russell at some point, most likely because Nelson was such a common last name (there were 95 Nels Nelsons in Minneapolis in 1898). Christina’s legal name appears to have been Johanna, a name that is engraved on the marker and listed in cemetery records, but in all other records she is known as Christina.

The family was living in Illinois as early as 1890 and possibly earlier. Maria Nitilia, the youngest daughter, married Reverend Olof Toffteen in Illinois on August 25, 1891. Within two or three years of their marriage the family, including Nels and Christina, moved to Minneapolis where Reverend

Tofftteen became the first rector of St. Ansgarius Church, the church that his brother-in-law helped to establish. The church was founded in 1893 with 30 members but on Christmas Day 1894, more than 2,000 people attended services there. By June 1, 1895, the church had more than 700 registered members, not including children.

Nels and Christina Russell lived with their daughter and son-in-law, and it was in their home that Nels died on All Saints Day in 1898. His death was attributed to old age; he was 81 years old.

Five years later Reverend Toffteen left St. Ansgarius. He was credited with the church’s remarkable success but the work had been arduous and had compromised his health. He and his wife returned to Chicago where he accepted a position as a professor of linguistics at Western Theological Seminary. Christina Russell returned to Chicago with them. She died at their home from pneumonia on January 3, 1913; she was 91 years old. Her remains were sent to Minneapolis to be buried next to her husband.

Tree-shaped markers, with their sawn off branches, are thought by some to symbolize life cut short. That was clearly not the case



A six-foot tree of sandstone with ferns and ivy has concentric rings etched at sawn-off branches. There is a cross near the top and a scroll carved with the birth and death dates.

with Nels and Christina Russell who lived very long lives. Others believe that the tree represents the family and its sawn-off limbs symbolize the loss of a family member. We have no way of knowing what meaning the tree held for the Russell’s children and, it may simply have been the case that they loved the look of these unusual, intricately carved markers. The reference to All

Saints Day suggests that they were hoping to create a memorial that would lead others to pause and reflect on the lives of those who have died and this marker serves that purpose well.

Nels and Christina Russell are buried in Lot 14, Block M of Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery.

The Burma Shave Historic Vine Church Legacy

BY STEVE SANDBERG

The City of Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission voted 7-2 Tuesday to approve the Minneapolis Public Schools application for demolition of the historic Vine Church/Hugnad Hall/Winget Manufacturing/Burma Vita building at 2019 East Lake Street in Minneapolis. Commissioners Hunter Weir and Olson voted no. Save the Shave is considering an appeal.

Save the Shave reps Steve Sandberg, Shari Albers, Erin Berg and David West all presented various, historical, environmental, educational and cultural reasons for saving the building and other neighbors spoke up and showed up as well but in the end the politics of money and convenience prevailed over history and imagination.

Many of the Commissioners voiced respect for the rich history of the building and were not aware that the Winget Manufacturing started there with its owner Nell Walter Winget who patented several hat, clothing and undergarment designs and built a predominantly women employed company into a growing and successful concern. At the same time as women got the right to vote Nell Winget

was running a nationally recognized business and later developed the Kickernick Building in downtown Minneapolis. The Commissioners seemed to agonize over how to preserve tangible history or possible artifacts from the demolition site even as they voted to destroy it.

Ironically, the staff report to the Commission did finally acknowledge that the building met one of its criteria for historical importance on the same day as the Commission voted to demolish it. Several commissioners thought that it was just too late to save the building at 2019 East Lake.

The history of the building is all about adaptation and change, the changes on Lake Street and the changes in our culture. The building has been a place of worship, a gathering place, a factory, a retail outlet and an office building. One wonders why it can’t be repurposed again as an Adult Education Site since it appears that’s what the Minneapolis Public Schools wants to put there. Strip away the ugliness and preserve the frame and perhaps use it for classes or leave it as a monument to the tremendous innovation on that corner. We should at least give it a good look as Commissioner

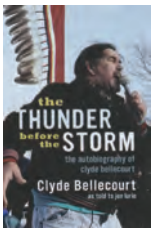
Olson was saying and not assume we know the structure’s integrity based on a few photographs. Educators now own the building. The word educate comes from the Latin educere to draw forth and the English educe means to make something latent develop or appear.


The building has much to teach us about changing demographics, religion, immigration, commerce, advertising, poetry, fashion, design and of course history. Since the building was moved there in an era when wood frame buildings were something that you didn’t just destroy out of convenience, it might also educate us about reuse.

If only the owners were as interested in education as they are in new construction


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Council Members Warsame & Frey are hosting a Town Hall on Islamophobia on Wednesday November 2nd, 2016 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Our Savior’s Lutheran Church located at 2315 Chicago Avenue in South Minneapolis (intersection of 24th Street & Chicago Avenue). Islamophobia is increasingly rising to the forefront of National attention. Establishing trust and building relationships among people of different faiths and cultures is a priority for Minneapolis Council Members Warsame & Frey. In a time when Islam is the subject of much discussion and controversy, Warsame and Frey hope to enable an ongoing dialogue, in a safe environment for debate, and promote a more informed understanding of the Muslim culture. They want to extend this invite to all Community Members!

The 2016 Phillips Clean Sweep

Was the Biggest & Best YET!

Over eight hundred neighborhood folks walked all four Phillips' neighborhoods and collected a record 41,460 pounds of trash and metal, 26 TVs, 12 appliances and 77 tires on the second Saturday of Oct. These totals are even more than last year's which were then the Biggest Yet.

So, a Big **THANKS** to All!

The reward for this herculean effort is a free breakfast, free cleaning stuff, a free T-Shirt, free lunch & entertainment, neighborhood information tables AND walking the 'hood with friends and neighbors while making a better place for us all.

Phillips Clean Sweep is an annual all volunteer effort of all four Phillips Neighborhoods and Little Earth. The budget is close to \$10,000 and is raised by small & large contributions from donors like you, all of whom are recognized on the back of the 400 Clean Sweep T-shirts given away each year.

[\[See the article in this issue\]](#)

Save October 14th, 2017 for next year's Phillips Clean Sweep Watch for the upcoming youth T-shirt Design Competition



The East Phillips Community 17th Ave. Garden Fall Harvest Party

The Annual Pumpkin Carving Competition was a big hit. Once again the two teams tied. Neighbors, Gardeners and friends enjoyed the Pot-luck & Barbeque and visited by the fire. We learned from a 13 year old why toasted marshmallows, chocolate and Graham Crackers are called "Smores" – We all want Some-more!

For your Calendar: *

To get involved in EPIC and East Phillips, Join us at any or all of the meetings below.

The EPIC Board of Directors meet on the FIRST Saturday of the month – Next Meetings; Saturday, 11/5/2016 and 12/3/2016 at 10:00 AM.

The EPIC General Membership meets on the SECOND Thursday – Next Meetings; Thursday, 11/10/16 and 12/8/2016 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; 11/29/16 and 1/31/17 at 11:30 AM. Lunch is served. There is no December meeting. Updates on Partner Programming, Park Events & News.

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

The East Phillips Community 17th Ave. Gardeners meet on the second Saturday of Each Month during the gardening season, normally from April through September. Next meetings are Next Year Saturday, 4/8/2017 & 5/13/2017 at 9:00 AM in the Community Center at 2307 17th Ave. S. Subsequent meetings will be held in the Garden.

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

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

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BOARD MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8, 6:30-8PM.

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

- Review/Approve Sept. and Oct. Board Meeting Minutes (10 min)
- Move to make Beth Hart a District 4 Rep and take nominations for an At Large Rep (15 min)
- Report on staff search (30 min)
- Update on Utility box wraps project & Neighborhood Signage; Plan Modification to fund Neighborhood Signage on Utility Poles (25 min)
- Public comments (10 min)

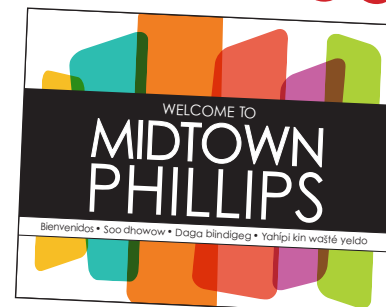
COMMUNITY MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY NOVEMBER 22, 6:30-8PM.

**Stewart Park (Multi-purpose Room)
2700 12th Ave S, Minneapolis**

- Review/Approve October Community Meeting Minutes (5 min)
- **Discussion on traffic study of 26th St./28th St. and Andersen School area (30 min)**
- **Report on Lake Street service district TBD (30 min)**
- Review of Community Participation Program grant application (10 min)
- Ongoing business (10 min)

This Monthly Alley Newspaper Half Page was paid for by Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association, Inc.

COMING SOON!



MPNAI is working to design and install 10 neighborhood signs in 2017 welcoming visitors and neighbors to Midtown Phillips. The signs will highlight "welcome" in English, Spanish, Somali, Ojibwa and Dakota languages, representing the diversity of our community. These 20"x15" signs will be located around the perimeter of the Midtown Phillips neighborhood.

Share your voice for a comprehensive plan for the year 2040

Minneapolis 2040 is the 20-year vision for the city's natural, built and economic environment. The Minneapolis Comprehensive Plan provides guidance for: Designing policies and programs, Reviewing site plans and land use applications, Reviewing and approving public land sales and purchases, Planning capital improvement projects, Determining priorities for public financing, and Developing and adopting other plans.

While the plan covers a wide range of topics, it is primarily focused on the physical, natural and economic development of the city and the infrastructure, systems and programs that support it.

The planning process for Minneapolis 2040 will take place over three years starting in 2016 and ending in 2018 when the final plan will be approved by the City Council. During this time, City staff will conduct an extensive, inclusive civic engagement process by combining traditional engagement methods with informal in-person interactions and technological tools.

The interactive Minneapolis 2040 website provides additional background information on the comprehensive plan and the three-year engagement process, notice of upcoming events and activities, ways to participate, interactive engagement tools, and ways to contact City staff with questions, suggestions and feedback. You can also follow @Mpls2040 on Twitter or share your ideas for the natural, built and economic environment of Minneapolis in the year 2040 at #MplsBigIdeas.

www.minneapolis2040.com



VENTURA VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS



Anishinabe
Bii Gii Wiin
**AICDC Welcomes
Workforce Housing
to Ventura Village**



**“Sooda-Woo!” - Welcome
to the Soomali Language!**

Meet Moto, Mohamed, Caron and Cody!
They were the ones who signed up to learn some *Greet on the Street* words and phrases of the Somali language that conveys a neighborly welcome. Spoken by non-Somalis is especially appreciated by many Somali elders who become delighted that other people are friendly and want to be engaging. This pilot program was funded by Ventura Village to help residents and friends reach out in more creative ways that celebrate all of the diversity that is widely cherished as a reflection of a neighborhood that cares! Each “class” consists of three 90 minute sessions with the final a deeper look into the culture itself. Participants enjoyed it so much that most who were in Mohamed’s class also joined Gloria’s Spanish group! These and some others will be developed and repeated if residents make a request to join up! For more information, call Robert Albee at 612.812.2429




Anishinabe Bii Gii Wiin recently celebrated its grand opening on October 8th as its most recent phase of housing targeted to Native people living in the Twin Cities. More than fifty residents and officials celebrated *American Indian Community Development Corporation’s* \$11.4 million project, which provides 77 additional housing units directed toward those who’ve achieved sobriety and are now re-entering the work force. Connected to Anishinabe Wakiagun, a permanent residence for chronically homeless alcoholic men and women, the complex provides a better continuum of care and support at a former homeless camp site. These new residential units are the first facility to welcome westbound visitors to the Native American Cultural Corridor and gateway to Ventura Village. —Robert Albee

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VENTURA BOARD ELECTIONS ARE COMING!

As 2016 begins drawing to a close and we begin focusing on family, friends and holiday celebrations, Ventura Village’s elected board members must decide to run again if their terms are completed, or help recruit new faces and new blood to our beloved neighborhood. Looking at the *NextDoor Ventura Village* web site, many new residents have now made Ventura Village their new home. Few have shown up to attend our monthly General Membership meetings always held on the second Wednesday of each month. Now is the time!

Last month the loss of Knowles Dougherty was reported in the *Alley News* and his wife André moved into a more accessible apartment elsewhere in Minneapolis. Others whose strong minds and spirit are needed as more of us move on in our lives as we age. Being part of Ventura Village’s Board of Directors does not take extraordinary time commitments, but turning ideas into actions does take a greater commitment. Those who remember the days of bars and liquor stores turning into crack havens making our neighborhood into “...troubled Phillips...” know how much work it took to create new visions that put more than \$150 million in investment along East Franklin alone. Now we have more buildings to welcome to our community with fresh plans to keep making this area one of the most exciting places in Minneapolis to live. Elections will be held in December with selection of the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary & Treasurer in January, 2017.

Reach out and recruit new friends and neighbors to Ventura Village and bring ‘em aboard to make more exciting change happen! — Robert Albee

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UN Permanent Forum Rebukes U.S. for Ignoring Standing Rock and Other Tribal Nations

BY INDIAN COUNTRY TODAY MEDIA NETWORK

The United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues has agreed with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and the nearly 200 other tribes that say the Dakota Access oil pipeline's route was mapped out without adequate consultation.

"The project was proposed and planned without any consultation with the Standing Rock Sioux or others that will be affected by this major project," said Chairman Alvaro Pop Ac, in a joint statement with Forum members Dalee Dorrough and Chief Edward John.

The U.N. body went on to outline the \$3.8 billion project's parameters and the threat to security and drinking-water access for not only the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe but also for millions of people living downstream from the Missouri River, which the pipeline would cross.

"Given these circumstances, we call on the government of the United States to comply with the provisions recognized in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and ensure the right of the Sioux to participate in decision-making, considering that the construction of this pipeline will affect their rights, lives and territory," the statement said, quoting Article 19 of the

U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. "States shall consult and cooperate in good faith with the indigenous peoples concerned in order to obtain their free, prior and informed consent before adopting and implementing legislative or administrative measures that may affect them."

Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Chairman David Archambault II and the International Indian Treaty Council issued an urgent appeal to the United Nations on August 18 asking for intervention on the grounds that their right to consultation as specified in the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples had not been adhered to.

The tribe's request coincided with a declaration of emergency across several counties by North Dakota Gov. Jack Dalrymple, as well as unsubstantiated claims by a local sheriff that pipe bombs, molotov cocktails and other potentially dangerous implements had been spotted. The Forum's statement did not outright reference local authorities' unfounded allegations of potential violence in the three prayer camps that have attracted a few thousand people over the past two weeks. But it did add another perspective to potential public perception about the camps.

"Actions such as these tend to

occur in different parts of the world and are often misunderstood and described as rebellious, backward thinking and unilateral opposition to development," the three said in their statement. "Therefore, we call on the United States government to establish and implement, in conjunction with indigenous peoples concerned, a fair, independent, impartial, open and transparent process to resolve this serious issue and to avoid escalation into violence and further human rights abuses."

Pop Ac, Dorrough and John described the spiritual connection as well.

"For Indigenous Peoples, the environment is a living entity that contains our life sources as well as our sacred sites and heritage," the statement said. "The environment is an important part of our lives and any threats to it impacts our families, ancestors and future generations. It is therefore imperative that the United States respects and recognizes the intrinsic, inter-related rights of Sioux and their spiritual traditions, history, philosophy, and especially their rights to their lands and territories. The



world is watching what is happening in North Dakota."

Read more at <http://indian-countrytodaymedianetwork.com/print/2016/09/02/un-permanent-forum-rebukes-us-ignoring-standing-rock-and-other-tribal-nations-165657>

Peaceful Indigenous peoples at Standing Rock protecting their rights are attacked

Instead of Complying as admonished by the U.N. Permanent Forum, the local authorities, other law enforcement from across the United States (including our own Hennepin County Sheriff Deputies) are using military tactics with armored vehicles, riot gear and techniques of war to combat the peaceful Indigenous people protecting their rights at Standing Rock.

Major media is not covering this major, tragic development. Apparently, corporate, political and monetary forces prevent them from fulfilling the moral imperative of their profession and commitment.

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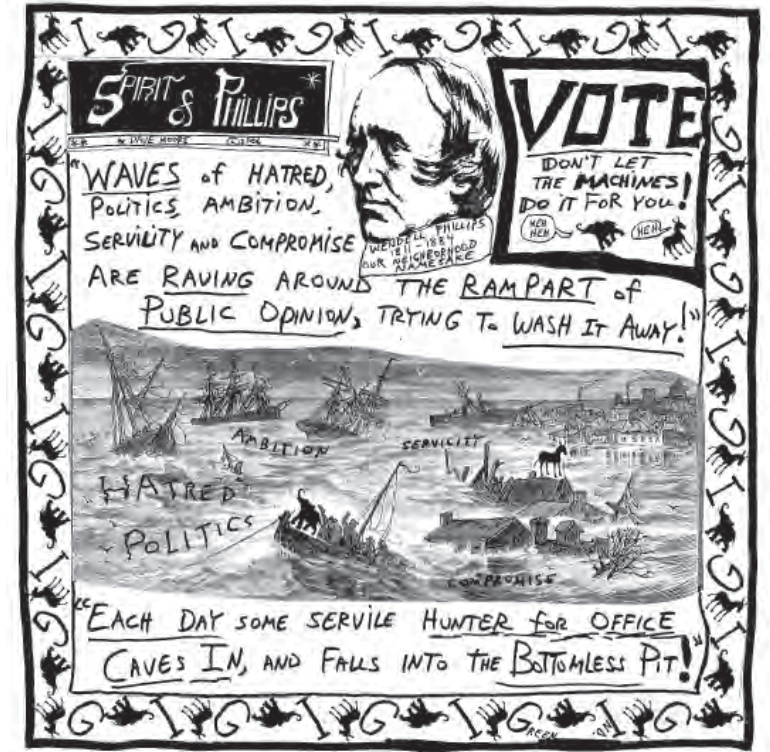
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Our devoted Editor/Outreach Coordinator is getting very, very tired as you can see. In fact, so tired, he will RETIRE in September 2017!!!



Harvey Winje has been the volunteer/stipend-receiving Editor of The Alley Newspaper for the last 14 years. The Alley Newspaper is published by Alley Communications, a 41 year old nonprofit, community governed organization.

Oh, my!!! What will happen to The Alley Newspaper? Will it be retired, too? Or, will it continue and take on new faces, new ideas, new formats?

**The answer to that question rests in
YOUR hands!**

You can help a small group of stakeholders who are examining this dilemma by answering these questions. Answer ONE or ALL of the following:

1. **YES or NO** - Do YOU read The Alley Newspaper? [The number of responses to this simple question will help Alley Communication stakeholders know whether it is time to end The Alley with a tremendous party or to work diligently to help launch it into its next stage.....We could still have a party!!!]
2. **WHY** do YOU read The Alley Newspaper?
3. **WHAT** should be kept the same? What should change?
4. **WILL you** join a conversation with a core group of Alley stakeholders to discuss how to keep The Alley going after September of 2017?

YOU can answer **ANY** or **ALL** of these questions by:

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Mail: Alley Communications, PO Box 7006, Mpls., MN 55407

Facebook: Send a message on FB to The Alley Newspaper

Attend and "vote": at the Neighborhood Night at the American Swedish Institute, **Tuesday, Dec.13**

"Peace to all who enter here."

What is this large, old house at 25th Street & 18TH Avenue?



BY PATTI LAZARUS

This large, old building may seem a bit out of place in our community or even a bit unfriendly. However, if you listen closely when you walk by you might hear children giggling, or making music, or running around on those very old, sturdy wooden floors. You might see parents and grandparents walking inside for a meeting or a family night – it happens all the time.

This is Southside Family

Nurturing Center, and for over forty years, teachers have been helping Phillips Community's children get ready to be successful in kindergarten and beyond. Children from the age of 16 months to five years arrive at Southside in the morning to learn what they need to know to move on to kindergarten – how to trust themselves and others, how to share, how to disagree with someone and not yell or hit, how to become part of a noisy, happy,

healthy group of children. And their parents come to learn too.

Southside believes in the strength of families and community, in nurturing children, and in helping each family to work toward goals they set for themselves. No parent sets out to be angry or impatient, but sometimes the stress of life gets to be too much. That's why this building is also where parents can come for support and help building the skills they need to be the best parents they can be. Through home visiting, families get an extra boost of help and support!

Sometimes it feels like all of life's problems are being thrown at you, on top of trying to a good parent. That can be overwhelming, making you feel alone and isolated. That's why Southside has Education and Support Groups for parents three times each month, as well as individual therapy for parents and children. Children at Southside grow strong and filled with confidence, and so are their parents. That's what Southside is.

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Precious Human Lives from page 1

As a parent of two little

ones, this recent shooting gave me nightmares and I have been reevaluating how safe my family is in our community. I have

real concern for the safety of my children, other children, and my fellow community members in Ward 9.

As we all know human life is precious and we should do everything in our power to safeguard the lives of our neighbors and fellow community members.

I have no doubt that you are as concerned as I am about recent violent incidents. That is why I feel that we must set a new direction as a Ward when it comes to the safety of our community.

Safety has to be a top priority moving forward and we must stand up and take ownership of

our issues. As a community we can do much and reach far if our voices are united.

For starters, I suggest we have an ongoing presence of police patrol, which will help deter crime, promote positive relationship between community members and police, and lastly it will help ease residents' minds about safety. However, this should be just the beginning.

We need to find opportunities for our young people in order to deter them from joining negative activities, such as gangs. We have been facing gang violence for centuries as a nation. This is

not something new.

We should be able to find and implement programs that can enhance the quality of life of our young people and provide them with enriching opportunities. As a community, we should have town hall meetings to analyze ways to come up with more preventive measures of safety on our streets and neighborhoods.

If any of you are interested in discussing this matter in person, I encourage you to start the conversation with family, friends, and fellow community members.

As president Obama said, "It is up to us, as parents and as neighbors and as teachers and as mentors, to make sure our young people don't have that void inside them. It's up to us to spend more time with them, to pay more attention to them, to show them more love so that they learn to love themselves, so that they learn to love one another, so that they grow up knowing what it is to walk a mile in somebody else's shoes and to view the world through somebody else's eyes."

All of us matter and our voices, opinions, and ideas should matter. Let's demand change and let's not allow fear to keep us confined.

Sincerely,
Mohamed Farah

MOHAMED Farah is a resident of Minneapolis and "a proud member of the Ward 9 community currently serving as the Executive Director of Ka Joog, one of the leading nonprofit organizations tailored towards enriching the lives of young people by utilizing positive elements of education, mentoring, employment, and the arts." www.kajoog.org



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continued from page 1 **A Great Life Remembered**
Roger Buffalohead May 30, 1939 – September 6, 2016

that year. His English name came from his mother and his Ponca name came from his great grandfather. Both Priscilla and Roger were graduate students, working on their PhDs, and taking turns caring for baby Eric. Roger fashioned a cardboard box into a rocker so he could place the baby in the box and rock him while he studied.

The University of Cincinnati recruited both of them so with unfinished academic study, they moved to Ohio. Then UCLA in California wanted Roger for a one-year special chair and from there it was on to Minnesota. Daughter Julie was born in Minneapolis: named again by Mom in English and for a great aunt of the Ponca Tribe.

Roger was never far from his family in Oklahoma, although. He had been at home with his family until he graduated from high school and went on to Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, a distance of only 40 miles by car, it was also seemingly a world apart. Like many young men of the times, he worked to earn his board and to pay for what scholarships would not cover. Then he got a scholarship to the University of Wisconsin and he was truly far away from his family. They never stopped asking him to come home. The pursuit of higher education was not as important as the bonds of family, in their eyes, although they all felt great pride in their learned son.

For the rest of his professional career, when he could not take his family and visit his home in Oklahoma, he carried the stories of his youth into lessons and conversations with his students and friends. His Ponca identity became an asset and example of how to navigate the foreign worlds of academe or just life far away from one's home reservation.

After six years at the University of Minnesota, Roger took a one-year assignment at Washington State in Pullman, Washington and was then recruited to Duluth, back

at the U of M. From there he went to Santa Fe, New Mexico to the Institute of American Indian Arts to build a new art school from its skeletal beginnings. Then he came back to Minnesota and took a big chance by taking on a new program that promised to help younger Native students succeed in school by learning the tools of communication and having success with the very earliest computers available in 1983. Roger's magic touch with students worked with high school students as well. They wanted to learn but so much was getting in the way. Roger found ways to move some of those obstacles and to be there as a promise that there was someone to lean on.

From MIGIZI and high school students, he held a few short-term posts before moving to the two-year college the Minneapolis Community Technical College.

Everywhere Roger went, he plunged himself into the lives of his students. During his time at the University of Minnesota, he would join students in the local bars to argue points of history and prod one or more individual students to press harder, always moving forward. There were graduate students who came back to him for advice and encouragement, which they got, and he and Priscilla would cook endless meals for these hungry and often homesick students. It must be said that Roger, along with Priscilla, were unusual academics, who truly enjoyed the company of their Native students, giving them the best lesson of all: we are more than schools; we are a great people.

Here is just one question Roger posed to his students:

There are several things we might consider as we look for guidelines for future policy. Tribes cannot have political self-determination without economic self-determination, and the federal government must realize that for most tribes the idea of self-sufficiency has not been achieved and will not be achieved without massive sup-



"My English name is Roger Buffalohead. My Ponca name is Insta dupa, which means Four Eyes. It refers to a very ancient Ponca dog. It had yellow markings above its eyes. At a distance it looked like it had four eyes. It was a very honorific name. In the Ponca clans you inherit a clan name. When you pass on your name goes back into the clan pool. The next born would get your name . We don't really know how old those names are but they go back many, many, many generations. Buffalohead is an English translation of Te Nugah pah, which means people at the head of the buffalo ceremony. Some lazy BIA clerk decided that that was too long of a name to put on a form. He shortened it to Buffalohead and that became our name and has remained our name in modern times."

port from the federal government. Another problem that exists today is the so-called government-to-government relationship between the United States and all the different tribes. How is that to be carried out? How is the government to accept advice and recommendation from all of these tribes? Should we not be looking at some kind of forums, some kind of congresses, some way in which tribal views or advice that is bona fide and comes from those tribal communities, that reflects the needs of Indian people within those communities, can reach that vast bureaucracy in Washington, D.C.?

There was no better way of helping his students to think than to give them a real dilemma to work on as they made the discovery that the passage to understanding Indian history was never certain.

Roger and Priscilla's own children, Eric and Julie went on to their own careers. Eric is an Associate

Professor and Chair of American Indian Studies at Augsburg College in Minneapolis and Julie's national reputation as an artist continues to grow.

The grandchildren include Alexandra, Cassandra, Ira, Ely, and Madeline. From time to time, when awards were bestowed, Roger was always embarrassed by praise, but he was absolutely proud of his grandchildren. Whatever might come to him was less important than holding his grandchildren close to him and giving them all the love he could. As time went by, both Priscilla and Roger would face major health issues and eventually, Roger's death came suddenly, but it was at the end of many episodes that threatened his health. Even so, he continued to read, study parts of Indian history, and argue points with Priscilla or visiting friends. There are thousands of former students out there who mourn the loss

of their teacher. Because that is what he was at his core: a teacher to those who would learn.

Laura Waterman Wittstock is a writer and education consultant. She is currently working on a book on the migration of Minnesota Native people from their home territories to the cities in the state. She is the author of "Ininatinig's Gift of Sugar: Traditional Sugarmaking," and "We Are Still Here: A Photographic History of the American Indian Movement."

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CRIME AND SAFETY BULLETIN

A REPORT FROM COUNCIL MEMBER ALONDRA CANO

BY ALONDRA CANO

On Sunday October 16th our community was impacted by a horrific shooting. No words can describe the painful loss of two lives, seven month old baby Jayden Redden and 20 year old Gustav Christianson. Our Minneapolis Police Officers worked around the clock on this investigation and they have arrested two suspects, a 17 year old and a 20 year old who are in custody awaiting charges. I am thankful for the quick and diligent work of the Minneapolis Police Department in finding the persons responsible for this painful act. I am also grateful for the community members who stepped up to provide witnesses accounts, helping our officers to find the shooter.

I was able to join you for the community vigil that MADDADS and and Banyan Community along with many others were able to put

together in order to honor the lives lost and raise awareness about the need to stop gun violence in our city. We were joined by the victims' family, our neighbors, and many concerned residents. Thank you for coming together, I appreciated the opportunity for all of us to come together during this difficult time. In the meantime, as we gather more details of the circumstances of this incident, I ask that you keep the families and friends of the victims in your thoughts. My deep condolences go out to all those who have been touched by this tragedy.

Even though the shooter has been caught, I am saddened by how deeply our young people are being impacted by such violence. I know that these acts are not isolated from the acts of institutional violence that many of our community members are exposed to on a daily basis - whether it be

deportations, the school to prison pipeline, or poverty wages. It is within that frame that I continue to work hard with you and for you to address the root causes of crime in our community.

For all the young people in our community, please never hesitate to reach out to me for help or support. We need your ideas, your brilliance, your hearts and energy to lift up our families, friends and neighbors. Help us protect our little ones, call us to action, hold me and others accountable.

I am committed to do much more to help reduce the gun violence in our community and to keep convening leaders across all levels of our government to ensure we're making progress together.

Alondra Cano represents the Ninth Ward on the Minneapolis City Council.



Betty Bryant

“The Accountant” & “Moonlight”



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“Accountant,” “R” Rating

Ben Affleck’s character Christian Wolf in “The Accountant” lives in an Airstream trailer in the hinterland where he stocks weapons, money, paintings by Renoir and Jackson Pollack (bought on the black market). He’s involved with some nefarious organizations and some of assignments are completed by his expertise as an assassin.

Christian’s activities draw Treasury Department Director Ray King (J.K. Simmons) to track him down using unethical means by forcing a department analyst, Marybeth Medina (Cynthia Addal-Robinson) to find The Accountant in one month or be exposed for serious crimes in her past.

A hit man from Chris’ past Brax (Jon Bernthal) appears to be a thorn in his side. But Christian goes to Living Robotics where he meets a kindly inventor Lamar Black (John Lithgow) and his sister Jean Smart (Rita Blackburn) before Mr. Wolf starts to investigate millions of dollars somehow disappear from the books. There he meets one Living Robotics feisty worker Dana Cummings (Anna Kendrick) who willing helps him get to the bottom of the missing cash. And in the process of finding the bad guys, stoic Chris has to come to the aid of the damsel in distress.

Ben Affleck here as the assassin can be Ben Affleck out of his Batman suit with him as an assassin would have been better if Jason Statham had the role not that the movie would be much better, but he would have been more convincing as an assassin. “The Accountant” suffers from a poor script by Bill Dubuque.



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Instead of seeing full Elm trees in one’s backyard there’s only tumbleweeds blowing about.

What could have been a better movie is chocked off by too many plot points (many make no sense) making the base of the movie extremely flat. Why does Christian Wolf live in an Airstream trailer?

What did the movie reveal about autism? Little to nothing. Well, Chris’ autism as a boy and his dad’s forcing him to be a fighter to make him “normal” just one of those plot points that’s lost in a bad script? It’s good Affleck and Kendrick have a passion for accounting; I have a dispassion about “The Accountant”.

Cast: Ben Affleck (Christian Wolf), Anna Kendrick (Dana Kendrick), J.K. Simmons (Ray King), Jon Bernthal (Brax), Jeffery Tambor (Francis Silverberg), Cynthia Addai-Robinson (Marybeth Medina), John Lithgow (Lamar Black), Jean Smart (Rita Blackburn), Andy Umberger (Ed Chilton), Robert C. Treveiler (Young Chris’ Dad), Mary Kraft (Young Chris’ Mother), Jack Presley (Little Brother). Running

time:128 minutes. Director: Gavin O’Connor.

★★★★★

“Moonlight” “NR” Rating

“Moonlight” is a must see film about a young African American man’s difficulties within himself as well as those kids going out of their way to hurt him. Juan (Mahershala Ali) is growing up in one of the poorest neighborhoods in 1980s Miami.

Juan has a heavy load to deal with such as an absent father, a crack-head mother, school bullies taunt and beat him up because he’s different.

Juan goes through three nicknames: known as “Little” as a skinny boy; known as “Black” as a teenager; known as “Chiron” as a grown man with a muscular build.

Juan knows he’s different and struggles with his sexuality which is the principal reason director Barry Jenkins’ Moonlight” shines large in cinema in general, African American cinema in particular. The subject of black homosexuality is usually shunned and seldom explored in black cinema. “Pariah” (2011) by Dee Rees focuses on a young black lesbian in a dysfunctional family.

The story of “Moonlight” does the gamut of pain, agony, anger, joy, love, and settles in reconciliation and redemption. Heartwarming is an under-statement for terrific indie gem.

Cast: Mahershala Ali (Juan), Aston Sanders (Chiron, Chrion), Naomie Harris (Mother), Janelle Monae Teresa), Shariff Earp (Terence), Allen Hibbert (Little) Duan “Sandy” Sanderson (Azu). Running time:110 minutes. Director: Barry Jenkins.

Mogadishu, MN HBO virtual reality disrupts normal reality for days at 26th St. and Bloomington Ave.

BY HARVEY WINJE

Film crews busied themselves around 26th St. & Bloomington Avenue from Oct 17th thru 20th as HBO continued to shoot “Mogadishu, Minnesota.”

The HBO drama follows a Somali-American family based in Minneapolis.

The crew was set up, with large screens, lighting, props, Hi-tech equipment and many trucks and trailers including a fauz car collision that, ironically, happens in reality at that intersection far too often on normal days.

Reportedly, 90 percent of the crew being used for the project are local people although a food catering truck was from California (with one staff from Powderhorn Neighborhood and one from Brainerd, MN). Similar scenes of film production are also occurring in other locations across

the Twin Cities to be featured in the show; many in the Cedar-Riverside neighborhood where there is opposition to the production as influencing discriminatory stereotypes.

Kathryn Bigelow is one of the producers behind the project. She is best known for “Zero Dark Thirty,” and “The Hurt Locker,” which won the Oscar for best picture in 2009.



Harvey Winje

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“Moonlight”

Yes, Hillary, And Then...?

Our Hillary has accused the Donald of “taking hate mainstream.” Oh, quite right. It seems the little boy-man suffers all the symptoms of affluenza, the nauseating narcissism of every known chauvinism. Sadly, a serious mass seeks salvation in worship of the false idol.

However, the Great Barrier Reef of Australia, 25 million years old, is now dying before our eyes. So, cast your vote appropriately, please.

The size of Hillary’s victory will determine the kind of president she can be. Right? Will she tax the rich in order to rebuild our nation’s infrastructure? If so, every working person would benefit.

But, what?

Hillary’s propensity to use nasty weapons is known. Indeed, over the past 15 years, US conflicts have cost perhaps a million



PETER MOLENAAR
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lives, have resulted in many more millions of refugees, and have run up some \$13 trillion in financial costs. So, prepare to resist another unjust war...please.

Even so, the “lesser of two evils” is for now a necessity, lest the “proto-fascist” prevail. Cast your vote appropriately. Please.



Stone’s Throw Urban Farm produce stand on a Saturday at the Midtown Farmer’s Market

Angela Schuster and Caroline Devaney displaying and selling beautiful vegetables at Stone’s Throw Urban Farm produce stand on a Saturday at the Midtown Farmer’s Market with. Stone’s Throw Urban Farm is a 3-acre certified organic vegetable farm based on 16 formerly vacant lots in the Twin Cities (including on 15th Av and 28th St in Phillips).

Our mission is to develop as a farm that is an agent of economic and social change, empowering its owners, workers, and neighbors to grow nutritious food, employ and develop ecological farming methods, and work collectively to establish equitable and just systems of food and land access in the city. Our farm is structured as a limited liability partnership and for profit business, aligning with our belief that growing food should be a viable livelihood and that workplace decision-making power should be situated in people involved in the farm’s day-to-day operations. As a member of Shared Ground Farmer’s Cooperative, a beginning and immigrant producers’ cooperative, our food is sold through a 200 member CSA, several dozen wholesale accounts, as well as two farmers markets we attend each Saturday At Midtown Farmer’s Market in Corcoran Neighborhood next to Midtown LRT Station in the SW quadrant and Mill City Farmer’s Market located between the Mill City Museum and the Guthrie Theater:

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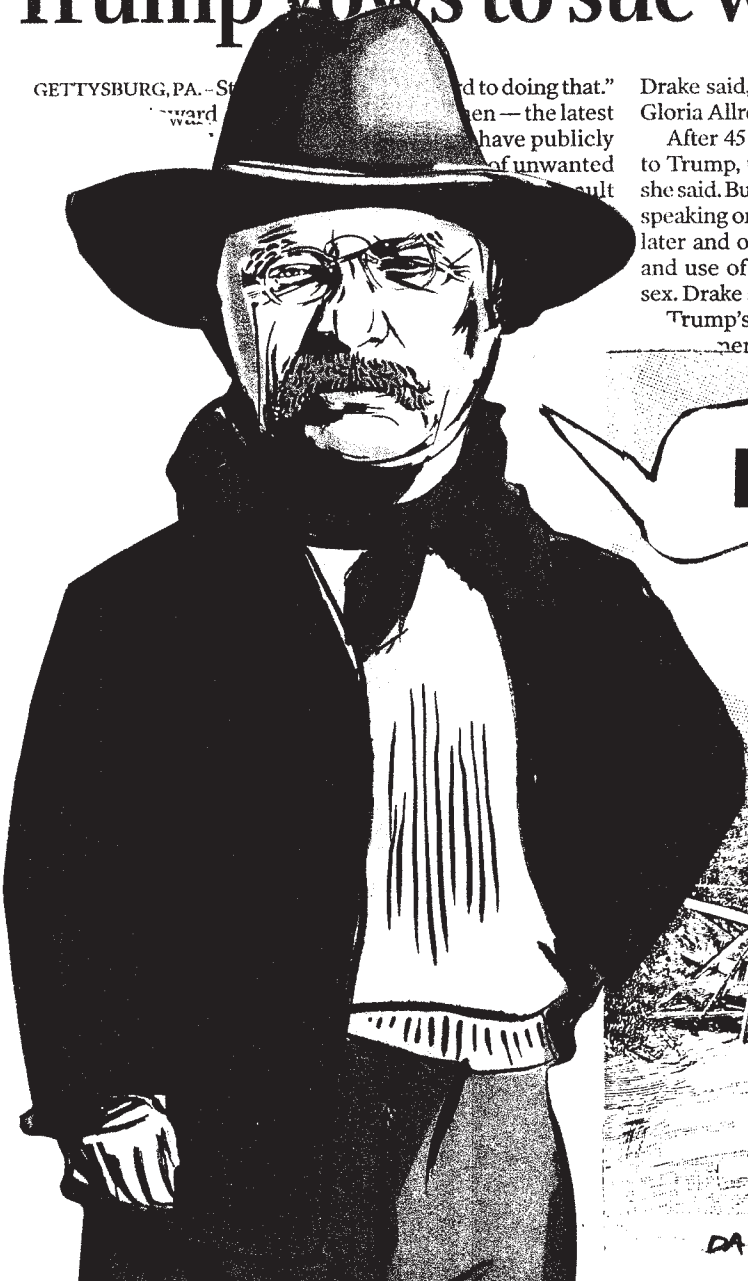
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Trump vows to sue women accusing him of assault



Drake said, with her attorney Gloria Allred at her side. After 45 minutes of talking to Trump, they left his room, she said. But Trump or a “male speaking on his behalf” called later and offered her \$10,000 and use of his private jet for sex. Drake said she declined. Trump’s campaign issued a statement calling Drake’s claims “completely false and

Clinton’s campaign said it was a troubling insight into a Trump presidency. Trump’s broadside against the women came at the start of an otherwise substantive speech that sought to weave the policy ideas he has proposed into a cohesive agenda. The Republican nominee vowed to lift restrictions on domestic energy production, to deal with China as a currency manipulator and renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement. “This is my pledge to you, if we follow these steps, we will once again have a government that works for the people, by and for the people.”



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HARVEST TIME FOR GROWING THE BACKYARD

BY CANDIS MCKELVY, MEMBER OF GROWING THE BACKYARD COMMUNITY HEALTH ACTION TEAM

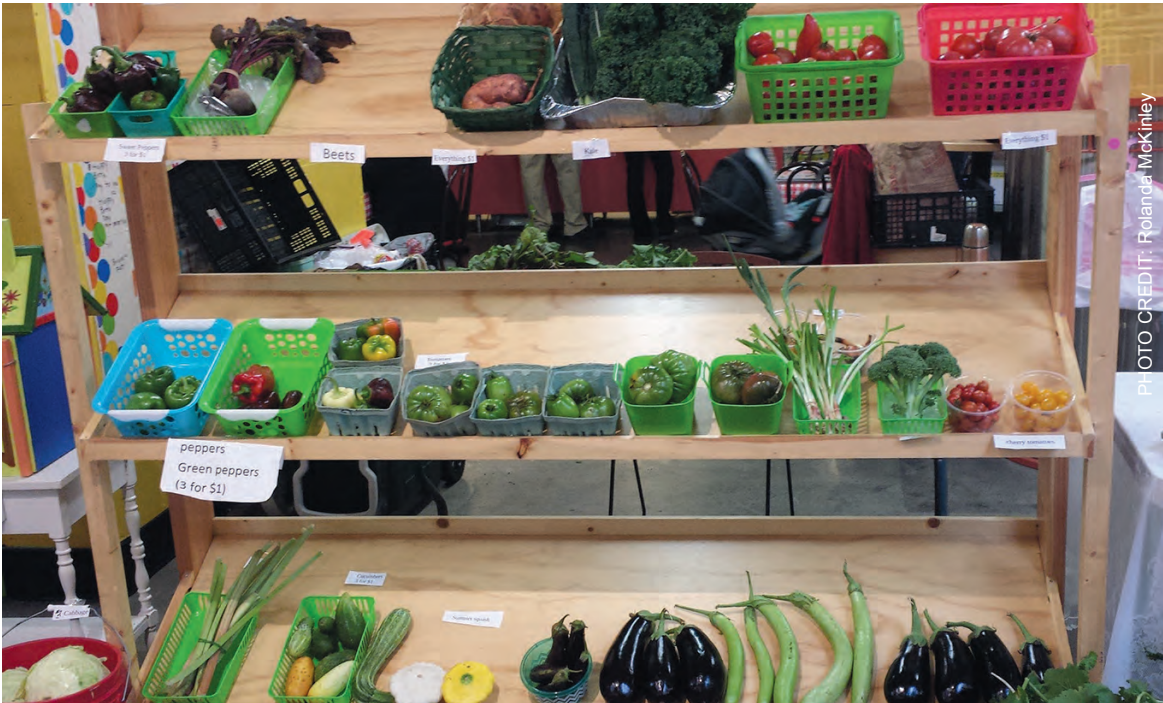
The original plan in 2010 for Growing the Backyard, a Community Healthy Action Team or CHAT involved since the early days of the Backyard Initiative, was to support local residents who wanted to grow their own produce and assist by helping them with the work. Farming is hard work. The original CHAT leaders of this team set out to work with families in the Powderhorn Park Neighborhood and provide them with fresh produce. There was also support for other neighborhoods to receive fresh produce.

The focus of this CHAT has continued to work to achieve this original goal though some of the activities have changed. Our activities for this year included reaching out to additional BYI community residents to grow food and join the farm stand at the Midtown Global Market. We also wanted to have youth sell produce they had grown and produce grown by Community Farmers.

Working with families in the Backyard includes communicating with local residents about the benefits of gardening and growing your own produce. These benefits include: increasing nutritional health, cutting down on the ingestion of pesticides, and helping to provide cost-effective items.



Janet Court, Growing the Backyard CHAT leader tabling at the MGM.



Growing the Backyard's Farm Stand at the Midtown Global Market

PLANS FOR THE 2017 GROWING SEASON

Growing the Backyard CHAT leaders plan to reach out to the other BYI Community Health Action Teams about growing foods they can use to for cleaning and to increase the health of their CHAT members. For example: Some of the Anchor Family CHAT team members live in apartments. It might be possible to establish a garden on the land surrounding an apartment building where Anchor Family members live. However, Anchor Family members who live in the Midtown Exchange do not have access to land on which to garden. Our goal would be to help them find land for them to farm and promote farming, helping them to have access to fresh produce.

In the 2016 growing season, Growing the Backyard began a Farm Stand in the Midtown Global Market. This is a way to bring produce grown by community residents to those living in the MGM. We hope to be able to promote the Farm Stand more in 2017 and look forward to additional participation from the other BYI CHATS.

We also are planning strategies to increase our outreach to youth about the connection between food and health. We want the youth of our community to be the best at what they want to be.

WHY IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOUTH TO PARTICIPATE

Youth are the future. They are also the future farmers, food producers, distributors and processors. We would like to improve the employment process of youth for our CHAT.

The youth are an asset to Growing The Backyard. Likewise, the adults involved in our CHAT can help them to grow their knowledge of gardening and farming. Without youth to help with the work during this gardening year, our CHAT would not be as vibrant and we would not have had as much produce.

One of the important goals for next year is for the Growing The Backyard CHAT to secure land for us to consistently use. This is also essential for us to have a place to teach and employ the youth. This year, we used several scattered plots: one at 12th Ave. & 26th Street across from Anderson school; one on 40th & 4th Ave. S.; and one on E. 34th St. & Chicago. This requires a lot of transportation of youth, equipment and materials between sites. Having one larger site would help us spend more efficient time producing food and working with the youth.



Season's end celebration of the Step-Up youth involved in Growing the Backyard CHAT and in leadership training through the Backyard Initiative.

Candis Mckelvy, Growing the Backyard one of the CHAT leaders: "The most important thing for me in my work with Growing the Backyard is help to increase the knowledge about food for our community's youth. It is difficult to change an adult's eating habit so I choose to concentrate my attention on youth. When they have the information they can start their change. It's easier at a younger age. Healthy food can help them concentrate in school or at home to complete their homework. We talk about sugar and we need to talk about carbohydrates, fatty acids, and the lack of protein, iron and essential vitamins. I want to give them information about things that promote brain growth and function."



Youth participants in Growing the Backyard with CHAT co-leader Candis Mckelvy.

The CHAT leaders for Growing the Backyard are: **Janet Court, Collie Graddick, and Candis Mckelvy.** For more information about the Growing the Backyard CHAT or the Backyard Initiative, please visit the BYI Resource Center in the MGM or call 612-353-6211.