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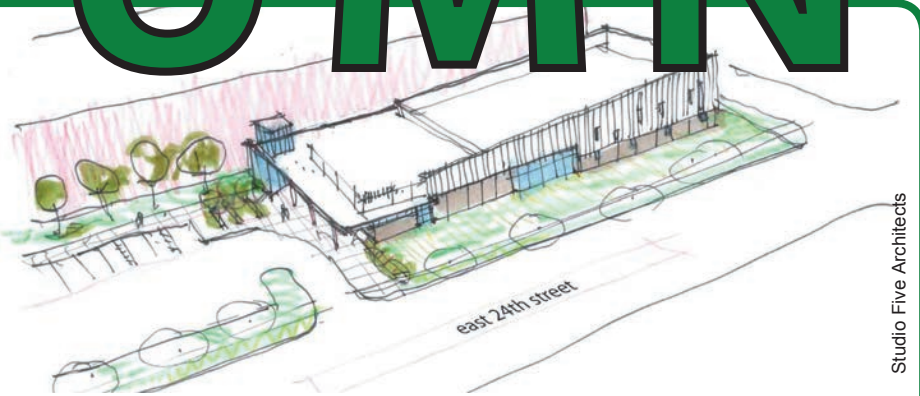


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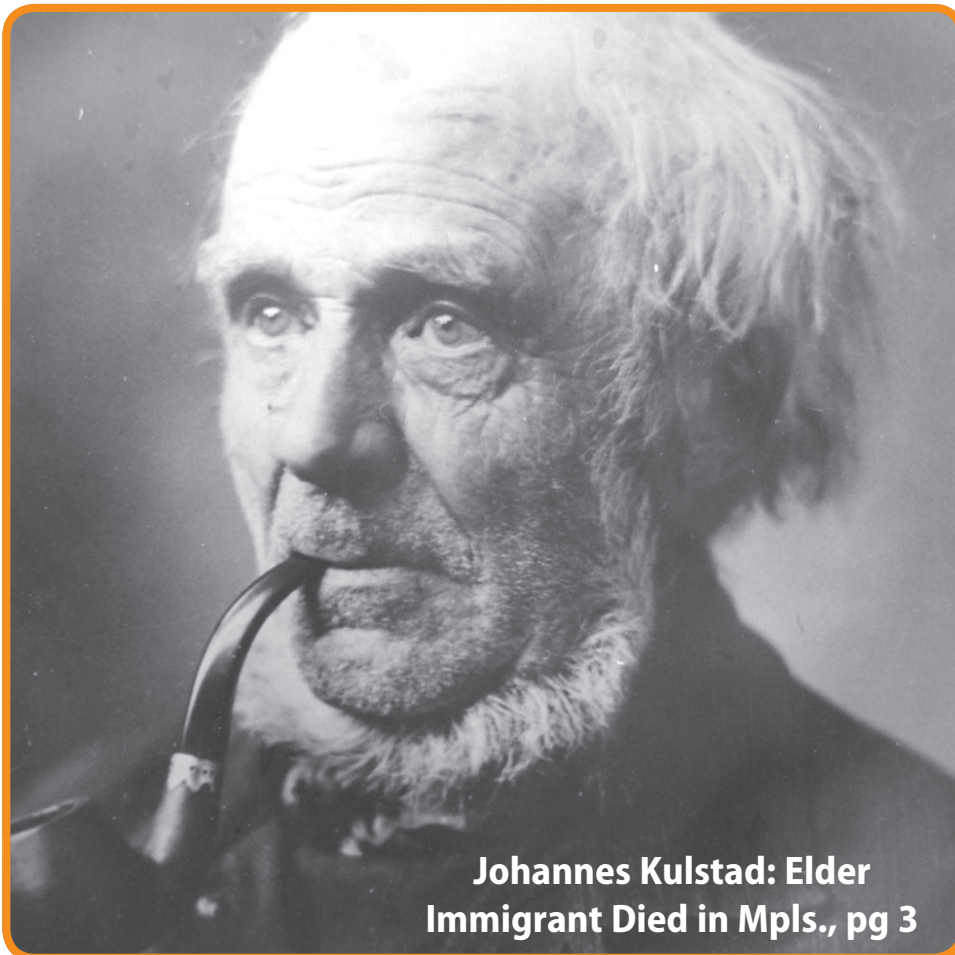


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**November Issue
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October 15**

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

BY ERIN THOMASSON
Children & Family Programs
Paint it Green: Space Engineer
Wed, Oct. 14, 2-3:30 pm.

K-grade 6, registration required. Imagine you have been given the task to design a spaceship to transport 25 people to the Andromeda Galaxy, 2.5 million light-years from Earth. First make a scale model of your space vehicle, then join an artist and use tubes, cones, plastic containers and more to make your vision a reality! Materials provided.

Family Storytime

Fri's at 10:30 am. All ages and their parent or caregiver. Talk, sing, read, write and play together.

Franklin Teen Center Programs **Urban 4-H Club**

Tues' 5-7 pm. Urban gardening to digital photo/video to theater.

Teen Tech Workshop

Wed's 4:30-6 pm. Get creative and make music, videos, animation and other projects using both high- and low-tech tools, everything from iPads and 3D printers to synthesizers and sewing machines.

Make This: Bookmaking Basics

Wed, Oct. 14, 4:30-6:30 pm.

Grades 7-12, registration required. Explore how to assemble a book from cover to cover. Experiment with some of the tools commonly used in a bookmaker's tool box – awls, bone folders and a variety of papers. Materials provided.

Young Achievers

Thurs' 4:30-6 pm. Community involvement wanted? Bring

Phillips West Neighborhood Upcoming Events

www.phillipswest.info

October 2nd (Thursday) 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. – Phillips West Community Meeting!

Join your neighbors and other Community Partners for updates from Local City Government, Business Partners, Residents, and Minneapolis Police. This meeting will take place at the Center for Changing Lives in the Centrum

Programs at the Franklin Library

1314 E. Franklin Avenue
Complete program list or info

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9am-8pm
Sun: 12-5pm

your friends and come for poetry, arts, and games!

Adult Programs

Education Alternatives

Mon. Oct. 12, 1:00 pm

Join a monthly discussion of persistent problems in education and possible solutions, based on the writings in Knowles Dougherty's blog: educationspersistentproblems@wordpress.com.

Memoir Writing Group

Thurs Oct. 15, 1:00 pm

Want to keep personal history? Help here getting started or continuing.

Franklin Learning Center:

612-534-6934

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.



Room (2400 Park Avenue). Free parking is available in the rear of building off Oakland Avenue. 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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Safety Issues East 26th St & 11th Ave So. Intersection

BY CONCERNED RESIDENTS

Many residents have expressed safety concerns when crossing at the intersection of East 26th Street & 11th Avenue South north of Stewart Park Soccer Field.

We have seen some major changes to East 26th Street. There is now a Bike Lane and a "buffer zone" that separates the Bike Lane from the two lanes of traffic.

However, we still question whether these measures have

actually reduced the risk of crossing at this intersection. We still do not see adequate signage to alert drivers approaching on East 26th Street, that there is a School Crossing Ahead, Playground Ahead, or Pedestrian Crossing Ahead.

Some of us have also observed that by separating the Bike Lane from the Traffic Lanes, that cars can now actually travel faster.



Should there be signage on E. 26th St. to alert Drivers that there is a School Ahead?



Should there be signage on E. 26th St. to alert Drivers that there is a Pedestrian Crossing Ahead?



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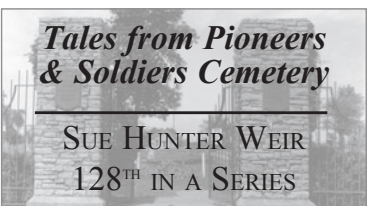
“...when every leaf is a flower.”

The leaves have started to turn. The geese are making their annual rest stop on their way to warmer places. By the time that you read this Friends of the Cemetery will have shown our last movie of five for the season and will have only one tour left to give.

This year, the 162nd that the Cemetery has been in existence, was a busy one. We showed five

“Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.” – Albert Camus

movies, one in Spanish and two with live orchestras. We hosted two Eagle Scout projects and an Earth Day Cemetery clean up by members of the St. Olaf Alumni Association that was organized by St. Paul’s Church. This year marked the 147th Memorial Day observance. The Cemetery participated in the first Open Streets event on Lake Street. We met and corresponded with dozens of

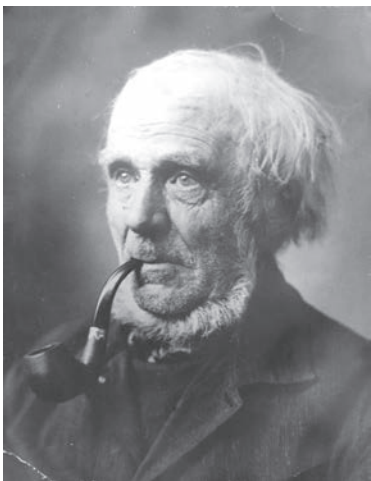


people who have family members buried in the Cemetery. We developed a second smartphone history hunt and a new Face-to-Face his-

tory hunt for those who prefer to leave technology behind for an hour or so.

Between now and April 15th, we’ll be spending time reading, researching and collecting photographs. We will start planning events for 2016 in January, and, weather permitting, tap the maple trees and make some Cemetery syrup in early spring.

You still have a few days to



Johannes Kulstad. Mr. Kulstad was born in Norway in 1820 and died in Minneapolis on July 11, 1908. He lived at 3435 Cedar Avenue. Photo courtesy of his family.

stop in and take in the Fall colors before they’re gone. And, thank you; to all of you who have supported the Cemetery in so many ways over the years.

This intriguing photograph capturing the very essence of most Norwegian stereotypes is of Johannes Kulstad who was born in Norway in 1820. He came to the U.S. in 1883 to live with his son, Ole Kulstad, in Red Wing. He was 63 at the time and none of the censuses give an occupation so he may have been retired. Or...he might have helped Ole, who was a tailor. One of Ole’s daughters was listed as a “tailoress” so it was probably a family business. The family moved to Minneapolis sometime between 1905 and 1908 (when Johannes died). He was living at 3425 Cedar Avenue when he died on July 11, 1908 at 88 years of age. He was always listed as a widower so a guesstimate is that he emigrated after his wife died back in Norway. So far from home, he died in his new country.



Photos by Tim McCall



Children, families, community members, Board members, and Staff “broke ground” hallmarking start to build.

Catherine Essenburg

Breaking New Ground

BY SUE RIESGRAF

On a beautiful fall afternoon many gathered on the site of our NEW HOME to participate in a meaningful and vibrant ceremony. Banyan made history when we broke NEW ground on September 15th! Over 500 people - community members, donors, supporters, and partners – shared in the celebration of this milestone in Banyan’s journey. “The ground-breaking represented many dreams coming true. The community celebration was a reflection of all the joy that we feel in anticipation of this new home for our youth and families to grow and learn together”, says Joani Essenburg, Co-Founder and Executive Director.

It was a day of many, many smiles and lots of laughter. Blessings for our children, giving thanks for God’s provision for this great gift, and blessing the neighborhood that we are so much a part of. The kids said their favorite part was the food trucks, the bounce house, playing soccer, the dancing, the shovels, and the dirt. “This was a historic moment in Banyan’s story: a permanent home that will allow us to double the youth and families we work with in the Phillips neighborhood” says Essenburg.



Jill Krance, insite architect

Architect’s rendering of the Banyan Community facility. Construction begins this Fall and to open in 2016 doubling the number of families and students.

“For me it was a bit surreal—a day that we have been talking about and planning for many years had finally arrived.”

I think Maricruz Arocho, Banyan Family Advocate and neighborhood resident, said it well with her closing thought:

Having a place to go is: HOME
Having a community is: FAMILY

Having both is: A BLESSING

Banyan purchased this parcel of land (2529 13th Ave S) from the Minneapolis Park Board in early 2013 and has been running a capital campaign (Growing Responsibly) to raise the funds to build the permanent home – debt free. To date, Banyan has raised more than \$4.8 million dollars from generous donors and anticipate \$1 million dollars of New Market Tax Credit revenue.

Construction will begin this fall and the Banyan Center will open early summer of 2016, just in time for summer programs. The final design is a 32,000 square foot Community Center complete with preschool space, gymnasium, community rooms, youth development rooms, study rooms,



NEIGHBORHOOD ROOTS
TRANSFORMED LIVES

commercial kitchen, laundry, and computer lab.

Banyan is a Christian Community Development organization, founded in 1998, and rooted in the Phillips neighborhood of South Minneapolis to develop youth, strengthen families, and create community.

There is neighborhood success at Banyan - youth, family and community are synchronized to achieve the greatest impact. Youth engage in year round out of school time programs to succeed in school, build life skills, and cultivate healthy relationships (100% of Banyan youth graduate from high school). Family is strengthened with Banyan staff building on assets and bringing together parents and children (Banyan annual retention rate is 94%). Community is strongest when



One of several St. Olaf College Alumni volunteers delicately cleaning a grave marker at Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery.



Mike Barth, Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery Caretaker assisting a volunteer in grave marker improvements.



Consummate Historian and Tour Guide, Sue Hunter Weir enthralling listeners with fascinating anecdotes during a famous, captivating “Annual Murder and Mayhem Thriller Tour for Preserve Minneapolis” at Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery and underscoring the imperative importance of individual stories being documented, retold, contextualized within larger histories, appreciated, and enjoyed.

neighbors know each other and begin to care for each other (99% of Banyan families participate in Banyan events). The Lighthouse Network is Banyan’s brand of

community building through the 22 block clubs currently in action in the Phillips Neighborhood.

Sue Riesgraf is Development Director of Banyan Community

The East Phillips Community 17th Ave. Gardeners Welcome you to the Annual *FALL HARVEST PARTY*

WHEN: October 17th
TIME: 4:30 PM to
WHERE: 2428 17th Ave. S.
BRING: Food or drink to share
BRING: Musical instruments

ENJOY; The Grilled and Pot Luck Feast,
 The Warmth of a Crackling Camp Fire,
 The annual Pumpkin Carving Contest,
 Hot Spiced Apple Cider
 Smores and more by the Fire
 Music by your Neighbors.
 The comradery of this outdoor fall event
AND Sign up for a Garden Plot for 2016
 (Plots will be available for East Phillips Residents)



For your Calendar: *

The EPIC Board of Directors meets on the FIRST Saturday of the month – Next Meetings; Saturday, 10/3/2015 and 11/7/2015 At 10:00 AM.

The EPIC General Membership meets on the SECOND Thursday – Next Meetings; Thursday, 10/8/15 and 11/12/2015 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; 10/27/15 and 11/24/15 At 11:30 AM. Lunch is served.
 Updates on Free Financial & Computer Literacy Classes, and 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, 4/9/2016 & 5/14/2016 at 9:00 AM in the Community Center at 2307 17th Ave. S. Subsequent meetings will be held in the Garden. NOTE: The October Garden meeting is replaced with the Garden Fall Harvest Party on October 17th. See below.

SAVE THESE DATES:

Phillips Community Clean Sweep: October 10th 2015 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Garden Fall Harvest Party: October 17th 2015 from 4:30 PM until the fire goes out.

* Watch this space for additional or changed meetings

Designed and Paid for by East Phillips Improvement Coalition



MIDTOWN PHILLIPS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INC.

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY OCTOBER 13, 6:30-8 PM

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

- Approve September Board Meeting Minutes (5 min)
- Identify community goals and develop plan for allocation of the rest of MPNAl's NPP funds. (50 min)
- Discussion of revised work plan for MPNAl staff
- Financial Update (5 min)
- MOTION to the October Board agenda to roll this \$2,645 back into the revolving housing rehab loan fund.
- Housing Updates (20 min)
- MOTION that MPNAl general membership meeting supports the development of the 5 lots listed with the stipulation that the developers reach out to the block clubs for input and support: 2432 14th Ave S; 2446 15th Ave S; 2523 14th Ave S; 2527 14th Ave S; 2528 14th Ave S
- Clean Sweep October 10th announcement and call for volunteers (5 min)
- Volunteers meet between 9am-10am October 10th. Enjoy a Free Breakfast and Pick-Up Free Supplies at either Welna Ace Hardware Parking Lot, 2438 Bloomington Ave S OR Lutheran Social Services, 2400 Park Ave S (enter on 24th St).
- Bring our your trash! The Phillips neighborhoods have arranged with the City for pick up of extra trash, old furniture, carpet, household construction and tires (no hazardous waste; make sure your trash is out no later than 9am Oct. 10th).
- Ongoing business/Public comments (5 min)

COMMUNITY MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY OCTOBER 27, 6:30-8 PM

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

- Approve September Community Meeting Minutes (5 min)
- Discussion on Medina Market Rezoning, 2833 13th Ave S. (50 min)
- Housing Updates (20 min)
- Development of 2432 14th Ave S; 2446 15th Ave S; 2523 14th Ave S; 2527 14th Ave S; 2528 14th Ave S
- Homeowners of 2440 and 2442 13th Ave S seek neighborhood support of the purchase of two narrow lots at 2436 & 2438 13th Ave S to enlarge their properties to full-size lots.
- Ongoing business/announcements (15 min)
- Update on art utility boxes project
- MPNAl has positions open for an At Large Rep and a District 4 Rep (26th to 28th and 12th Ave to Bloomington Ave.)



PHILLIPS CLEAN SWEEP SATURDAY OCTOBER 10, 2015

9am-10am

Enjoy a Free Breakfast and Pick-Up Free Supplies
Plus, get a FREE 2015 Clean Sweep T-Shirt

CHECK IN AT EITHER OF THESE LOCATIONS:

- Welna Ace Hardware Parking Lot – 2438 Bloomington Ave S
- Lutheran Social Services – 2400 Park Ave S (enter on 24th St)

9am-12pm

Phillips Clean Sweep!

Meet your neighbors, help pick up litter, and clean up your neighborhood! Organize your neighbors!

12pm-2pm

Free Lunch and Entertainment

Plus Neighborhood Information & Fun at Stewart Park (2700 12th Ave S)

Bring out your trash!

The Phillips neighborhoods have raised funds to provide free pick up for residents during Clean Sweep. They will pick up extra household trash, old furniture, carpet, household construction and tires.

Materials should be out the night before and no later than 9am October 10th.

(No hazardous wastes are picked up and any appliance or recyclables are picked up on the next city recycling pick up day.)

FFI: call 952-996-6490

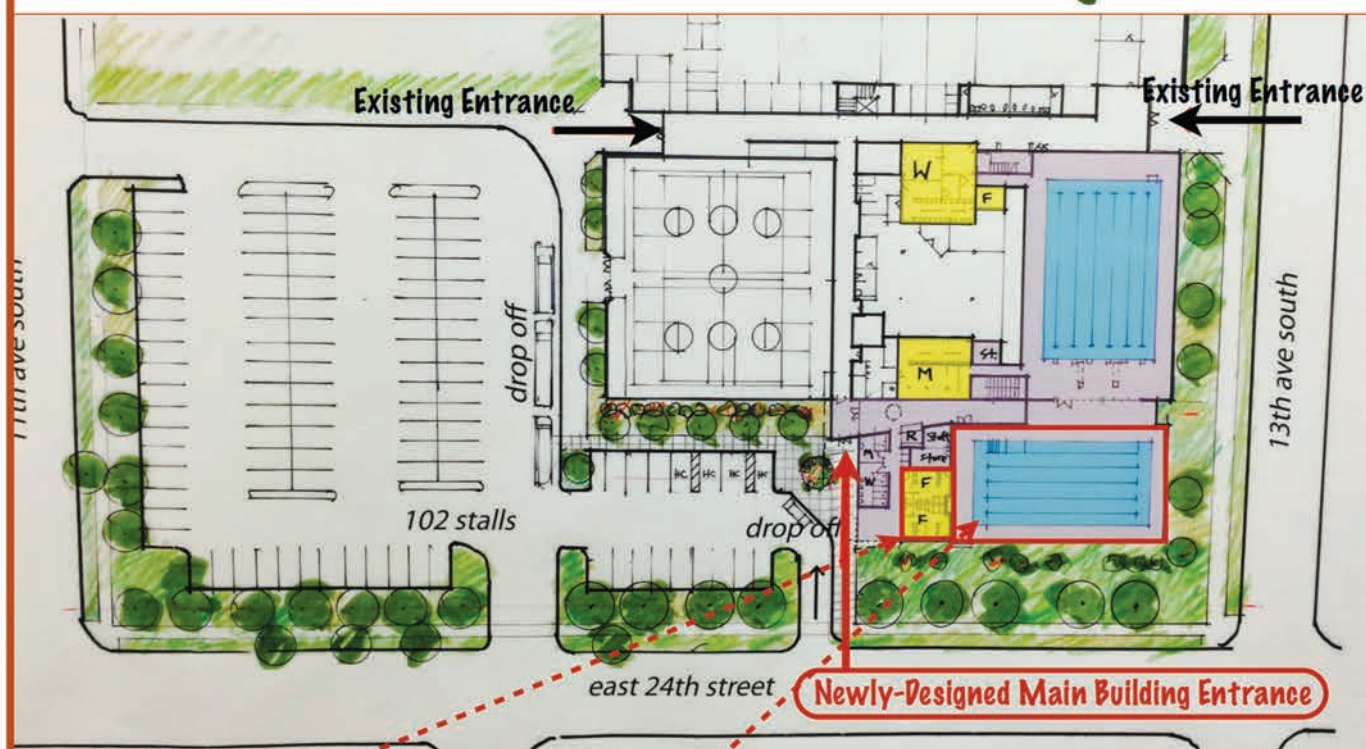


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VENTURA VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

OCTOBER 14TH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING @ 7:00 PM in PCC DINING ROOM

Perseverance Produces Preferable Pool Design Results

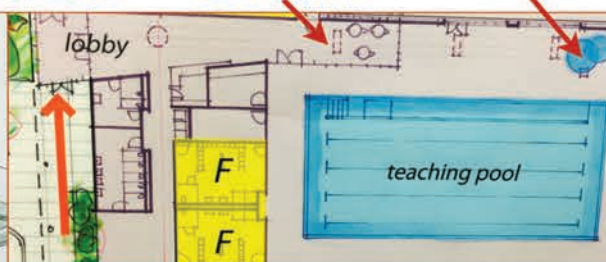


Family Dressing Room next to Teaching Pool

Teaching Pool flipped to East/West

Observation Area

Hot Tub Area



The following recommendations were made by those attending the final Community Engagement pool meeting held at the PCC on September 14th:

- Reclaim Existing Mechanical Room for additional Meeting Rooms, 2nd Floor Rest Rooms & Storage.
- Provide hot water therapy pool (Hot Tub) space.
- Solar-ready roof design & covered walkway for decks built into new sidewalks/walkways.
- Move play equipment to outside (front) of pool area.

Phillips Community Center Backyard Project Receives City Funding Support

A few months back, we reported on a \$30,000 application submitted to the City's Neighborhood & Community Relations Department, to enable Ventura Village to provide a "backyard" activity space available to the community just behind the Phillips Community Center. Funding for \$25,000 *was approved*, pending a budget revision and permission from the Minneapolis Park Board to proceed. It is hoped that together with \$10,000 from Ventura Village's 2015 annual budget, the project can transform the unused space on the building's north side into a multi-use asset for public events and eventual hourly rentals for semi-private events available to neighborhood residents and stakeholders. It is expected that this space will be completed by the summer of 2016 in conjunction with the development of the swimming pool on the opposite side of the building.

Three views of "Backyard"



SATURDAY, OCT. 10th



VENTURA VILLAGE MONTHLY MEETINGS WILL BE HELD IN OCTOBER AS FOLLOWS:

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| 2nd Wednesdays: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: 6:00 PM | 2nd Wednesdays: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 7:00 PM |
| 1st Wednesdays: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE: 6:00 PM | Last Thursdays: CRIME & SAFETY COMMITTEE: 6:30 PM |
| 1st Tuesdays: WELLNESS, GARDENING & GREENING: 6:30 PM | PARKS COMMITTEE: Call 612-871-7973 for next meeting time |
| Last Thursdays: HOUSING & LAND COMMITTEE: 5:30 PM | EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: Call 612-599-1066 for next meeting time |

Ventura Village is located upstairs in the Phillips Community Center at 2323 - 11th Avenue South • Minneapolis • 612-874-9070

Phillips: THE Place for Arts

BY PATRICK CABELLO HANSEL

What neighborhood has more murals than any other in Minneapolis? What neighborhood has a world-class puppet and mask theater? What neighborhood has its own literary magazine? If you guessed Phillips, you would be right. Our community has an abundance of artists and arts, and there are so many opportunities to exercise and develop your artistic skills.

The 8th Annual Art Festival "A Taste of Phillips" will take place on October 24th, but the art presented there will last for a long time. The "main event" will take place at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, at 2742 15th Ave. S., from 4-8 pm. The church's galleries will feature artists from Phillips and surrounding communities, the 2015 Youth Photography Show, hands-on arts activities for chil-

dren and adults, local musicians, a silent auction, open mica and delicious food. Painters, sculptors, weavers, photographers or other artists who would like to exhibit their work should e-mail stpaulscreate@gmail.com or call 612-724-3862.

The Phoenix of Phillips is now receiving submissions for its 2nd edition, due to be published at the end of the year. Writers of any level are welcome to submit poems, short stories or essays on the theme of "My Beautiful Community". Deadline for submission is November 10. E-mail stpaulscreate@gmail.com or mail to: The Phoenix of Phillips, 2742 15th Ave. S. Minneapolis, MN 55407.

Patrick Cabello Hansel is Co-Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church on 15th Ave.



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Public hearing October 7 for Phillips Community Center aquatics facility schematic plan

Board of Commissioners to vote on schematic plan after hearing at 6:30 pm

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) is holding a public hearing on the proposed schematic plan for the Phillips Community Center aquatics facility project on Wednesday, October 7, 6:30 pm at MPRB

Headquarters, 2117 West River Road N in Minneapolis.

Construction is scheduled to begin May 2016 for an anticipated opening in early summer 2017.

Please call 612-230-6472 or email planning@minneapolis.org at least two business days in advance of the meeting if you require reasonable modifica-

ARTS @ SEMILLA CENTER! St. Paul's Lutheran Church 2742 15th Ave S. Minneapolis

Taste of Phillips!
October 24, 4-8 pm.

Local Artists and Musicians, Youth Photography, Hands on Arts Activities, Silent Auction, Open Mic.



Free Open Mosaic Studio!
Every Weds., 6:30-8:30 pm

Classes in Photography and Creative Writing!

The **Phoenix of Phillips** literary magazine is taking submissions for its 2nd issue.

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Theme: My Beautiful Community. Submit via email at bottom by Nov. 1.

The Semilla Center for Healing and the Arts is a program of St. Paul's Lutheran Church,
stpaulscreate@gmail.com 612-724-3862
Face Book: Semilla Project

This activity is made possible by the voters of MN



15th Annual Green Tomato Cook-Off!!

Thu., Oct. 22, 2015
St. Paul's Lutheran Church

2742 - 15th Ave South
6:00-8:00 pm

Doors open 6:00PM

Contest food entries must be received by 6:15PM Cash prizes for best of 3 categories and overall.

Join us for a gathering of gardeners from the Twin Cities Metro and beyond. Come celebrate the end of the community gardening season.

Ways to participate:

Free event with good will donations accepted at the door. Help out at the event. Make a green tomato dish.

Compete for 3 category prizes: Savory, Sweets & Sauces/Condiments

Just show up and eat
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INFO CONTACT:

cpslovac@msn.com
or 612-871-0910

New Community Partnership to Raise Funds for Open Eye!

Open Eye is happy to partner with Uptown Plumbing, Heating & Cooling to keep you warm this winter while you support our 16th season!

Make a \$69 (or larger) donation to Open Eye and get your furnace tuned up. (\$210 value).

Hats off to Uptown Plumbing,

Heating & Cooling for giving back to the community! And a big thank you from all of us at Open Eye.

See Mpls. StarTribune Sept 21st, 2015 Sec.D Pg.1 by Neal St Anthony; "Josh and Sheree Savage go uptown with plmg./htg. business"



tion or language translation.

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Please visit the Phillips Community Center aquatics facility project page to learn more and subscribe to receive future email updates on this project.

Saturday Shows for Kids

Volunteer at the Saturday Puppet Shows for Kids!

2015-2016 Season: 1500 East Lake Street Avalon Theater 612-721-2535

All shows at 10 am & noon in HOBT's Avalon Theatre lobby

Details

- \$5 suggested donation or pay what you can
- Show times: 10 AM & Noon
- Season runs October – March



Nalah y el Tigre Rosa, Anne Sawyer-Aitch, October 3



Nalah y el Tigre Rosa, Anne Sawyer-Aitch, October 3



Elaine and Janelli, Gustavo and Julie Boada, October 17

Shows listed below Please note: Some shows are performed in Spanish, others are performed in English. You'll find children love puppets regardless of language!

No reservations are necessary but seating for the shows and workshops is limited.



Feathers and Strings, Hunter Marionettes, October 24



Spooky Pumpkin Party! Tobias Ochtrup-Polnau, October 31

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Clean Power?

Tucked in the south-west corner of the Phillips Neighborhood is an impressive facility dubbed the Colin Powell Youth Leadership Center. The Center saw our Congressman Keith Ellison play host to a "celebration of the Clean Power Plan." Yes, the aggrandizements were well distributed, to be sure. However, my inner voice rudely screamed, over and over: "What's the plan for the plan, man, what's the plan for the plan?"

Let's assume, as some people do, that vast wind and solar farms might sustain a modern economy and prevent social disaster. Then, by what source of energy would we arrive at this happy conclusion? Answer: a heavy draw from coal fired plants. (Note: I worked 35 years at Smith Foundry.) Meanwhile, glaciers and icecaps disappear.

True, existing coal fired plants might achieve a 30% emissions reduction by switching to natural gas. But, wait. Synfuel, derived from natural gas, was to have been the replacement for petroleum derived gasoline...synfuel being engine ready, less expensive, and much cleaner burning. Oops...can't go there now, not under the "plan."

What's a rational nation to do?

Knowing that, in the transition period, we must rely on coal reserves, it follows: the technolo-



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gy to sequester CO2 emissions (in the form of algae) must be developed and mandated for existing coal fired plants. The goal should be an 80% reduction in emissions (not 30%). Okay?

Forgive me, please...

The separate power plants do not have the where-with-all to develop the required technology, and this is why the "Clean Power Plan" is nothing but a formula for disaster.

Hey, the Manhattan project produced the A-bomb, and yes, we did put a man on the moon. Must we make revolution to preserve the planet for precious living things?

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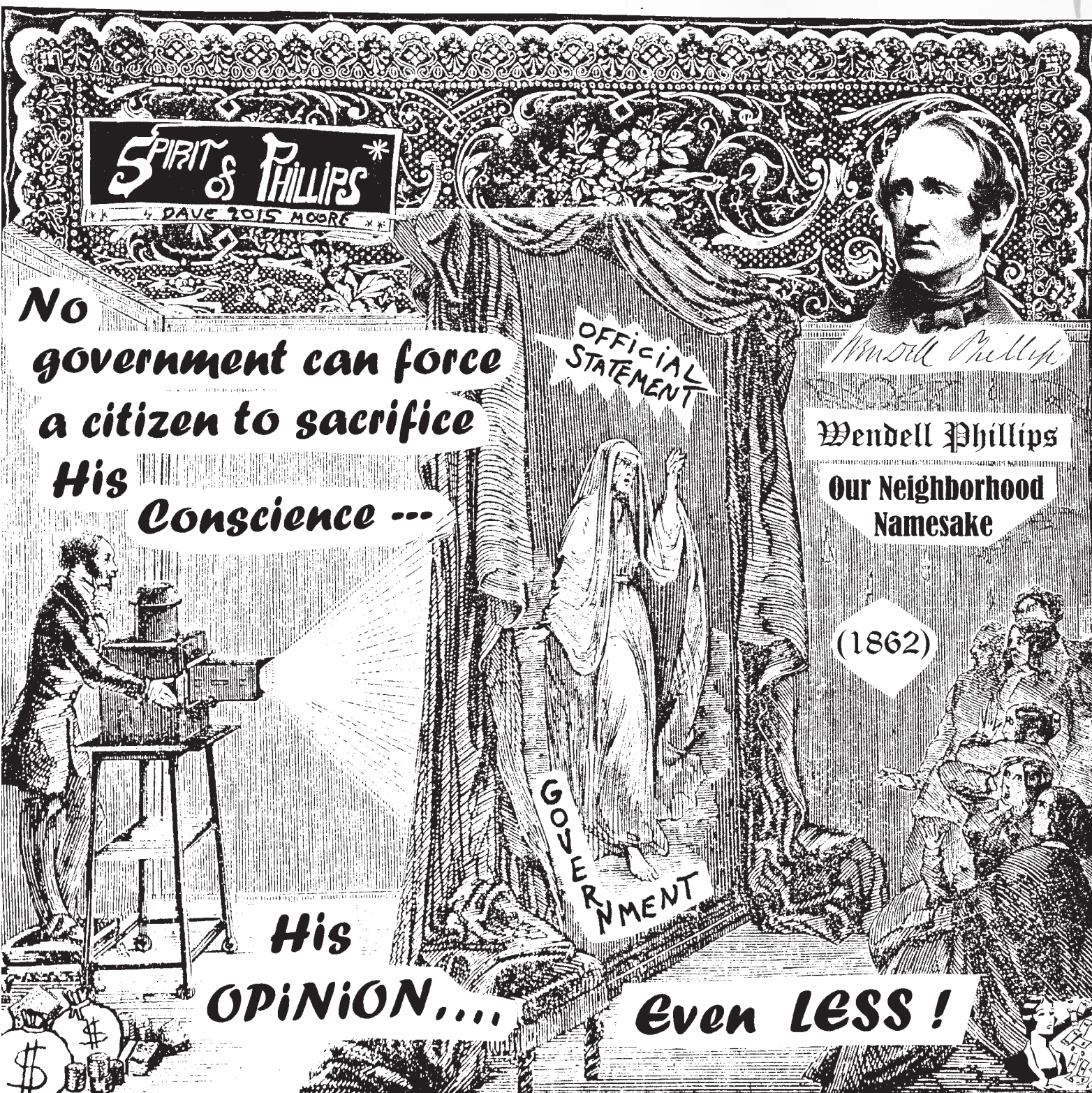
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BYI AREA

ReThink Your Drink, Every Sip Counts!

Backyard Initiative and the Minneapolis Health Department Partnership

BY ANDRE GRAHAM, BYI TEENS PROJECT

The Minneapolis Health Department (MHD) launched the ReThink Your Drink, Every Sip Counts! campaign to encourage people and places to choose healthier beverages over sugary drinks. MHD partnered with several community organizations to help raise awareness about the link between frequent sugary drink consumption and negative health effects to help to promote healthier beverage options. One of these partners was the Backyard Initiative (BYI).

During the summer, MHD worked with ten organizations that serve youth with the goal of empowering youth to become sugary drink experts and healthier beverage ambassadors. As a result, they worked directly with the BYI Teens Entering Existing Networking Systems (TEENS) Project. The BYI TEENS Project specializes in youth engagement

and sharing resources with community youth so the partnership was a perfect fit.

Because this was the first formal partnership between the BYI and MHD, it was somewhat of an experimental testing ground. We are proud and thrilled to report that the partnership turned out to be a huge success. The BYI TEENS Project delivered a phenomenal performance in executing their responsibilities and deliverables.

The partnership consisted of the BYI TEENS Project leaders first completing a training with MHD to learn about sugary drinks and the campaign before planning, organizing, and implementing two events. The first event was at Phelps Park where ten kids, ages 10 to 15, participated in an hour of activities and dialog. ReThink Your Drink information and materials assisted the BYI TEENS Project leaders in engaging the kids and educating them about

the truths of sugary drinks and their “not-so-sweet” effects on the body. It was impressive how the kids stayed engaged and focused. You could tell by their responses and comments they were internalizing the information.

The second event was at the Midtown Global Market (MGM). It consisted of the BYI TEENS Project setting up a table in front of the BYI Resource Center and again, using ReThink Your Drink information and materials to engage and educate community members about sugar-sweetened beverages. This event was also an impressive success. That afternoon, MGM was very busy and full of diversity, so it was really easy for the BYI TEENS Project to engage over 100 community members of all ages and cultures. MGM proved to be the perfect venue for the community education and exposure which the ReThink Your Drink campaign is



Water bottles were distributed to encourage people to choose tap water over sugary drinks.

aiming.

Overall, the partnership was a wonderful success and learning experience. It demonstrated that: (1) The BYI is a valuable resource for community engagement and partnership; (2) The BYI TEENS Project is well versed in youth engagement and planning, organizing, and implementing events; and (3) MGM is a valuable asset for community health and a per-

fect venue for health education. Because of the effectiveness and success of this partnership, the BYI hopes, in the future, there will be opportunities for more and bigger partnership with the MHD and other organizations to assist them in engaging the residents of our community in health education with the goal 0to improve community health.



BYI TEENS Project members, Andre Graham and Fathi Abdullahi, discuss the campaign with BYI member Rose Lobley



BYI TEENS Project member, Andre Graham, gives sample of fruit-infused water to a family visiting the Midtown Global Market

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BYI Resource Center EVENTS

at the
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TEA TASTING...Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 4 pm, Growing the Backyard CHAT

Farmers' Market...Friday, Oct, 9 from 11 am-5:30 pm, Growing the Backyard CHAT

Self-Study on the topic of “Exploring Honesty”

Facilitated by Brother Minkara Tezet
Wed., October 7 from 5:30-7:30 pm
Wed., October 14, from 1-3 pm
Wed., October 21, from 5:30-7:30 pm

***Session 2, “Realizing Doubt”, begins on Wed., Oct. 28, 1-3 pm

For more info about self-study contact: minkara.tezet@ppcwc.org

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