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## AWE OF AUTUMN



This future leader will be able to walk through the English curtain at will and leave it all behind having learned Ojibwe and/or Dakota culture, traditions, and language; and the wholeness of the circle of life. He will understand how important autumn is...the timing of the leaves that turn to color – bronze, yellow, orange, red – signal when they choke off the flow of nutrients to their leaves whether winter will be early or late. *Photo: Jewell Arcoren*

## AUTUMN IN OUR HEARTS

BY LAURA WATERMAN WITTSTOCK

Before cars, before buildings, before the incessant consumption of natural resources, there was another population that went through the seasons, adjusted to disasters, fell in battle, and buried their dead.

In less than 100 years, European settlers managed to wipe out over 90% of the old growth forest in what is now Minnesota. Before the arrival of the French and the Ojibwe, the river along what is now St. Paul, bustled with the canoe and watercraft traffic of the Dakota people and their Hidatsa allies. The canoes, heavy with rice and other grains, headed down the river to what is now St. Louis where a huge trading center was supported by the exchange of goods and services of many tribes. They came back with medicines, new foods, and robes for the winter to add to what they already tanned.

It was labor intensive and women were at the forefront of the trading. The men hunted and defended the villages of the people. In 1834 the missionaries Samuel W. and Gideon H. Pond with Stephen R. Riggers and Thomas S. Williamson put together a Christian version of written Dakota. The resulting dictionary, still in print, has such words as pickle, picnic, pictorial, picture frame, and physics. This was far from the reality of the Dakota people, who came from the stars and understood every plant and tree, every change of season, and every animal in their territory. The printed words stunted their knowledge generation after generation until it seemed they might disappear.

But they did not disappear. The Dakota language, rich and full of meaning and nuance, moved beyond the curtain of English that was papered everywhere in writing and talk. If you know the Dakota language, you can walk through that English curtain at will and leave it all behind. You understand how important autumn is – not just a time to think about buying a sweater.

The timing of the leaves that turn to color – bronze, yellow, orange, red – signal when they choke off the flow of nutrients to their leaves whether winter will be early or late. It is interesting to look at trees, to understand one kind from another and to know the uses of the trees. Sugar maples that once filled the hardwood forests are now seen in tiny stands. The Dakota people made maple products for energy-rich food that could be consumed the whole year.

But now, the leaves tell their story. Now, little children walk from their Dakota class in the Phillips Neighborhood with their teacher to a nearby garden. He points out the various plants and trees along the

*See page 9 for the rest of Autumn in our Hearts*

**October = Autumn = Awetumn = Phillips Clean Sweep. Is it REALLY about picking-up 1.57 square miles of left-overs and recycling between 35-W & Hiawatha and E-94 & Lake Street? Or is it a Great Social Event; FREE breakfast of OJ, coffee, fruit, and pastries; and a FREE T- Shirt? Yup, it's all of the above!!**

## AWE OF LONGEVITY



Sophal and Nevy Nhep greeted scores of past customers and served "one last meal" to long time customers like these two women in front of their new Food Service truck replacing their Best Steaks and Gyros business at Chicago Crossings (Franklin Avenue/Chicago Avenue Intersection).



*Read Peter Molenaar's story on the closure of Sophal and Nevy Nhep's restaurant on page 11*



## AWE OF ART

**THE POWER OF ART • See page 8**

It seems that our community is always under assault, doesn't it sometimes? From the exploding heroin epidemic to the President's ending of DACA, there is always some threat to respond to. How do we keep our sanity in such times?

One way is through art—whether it's painting a mural, decorating a cake for a quinceañera, writing a poem or a story, making mosaics or puppets or sculpture—working together to create art can transform the neighborhood while it is transforming the lives of those who make it and those who experience it.





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BY JESSICA SHAYKETT  
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and discuss a book and enjoy  
activities.

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**Tuesdays/Wednesdays/  
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**Franklin Meal Program**  
**Tuesdays/Wednesdays/  
Thursdays, Dinner: 3:30 – 5**  
**p.m. Snack: 5 – 6 p.m.**  
Share a meal with your friends  
and family in the Franklin Teen  
Center. Available for all ages  
when accompanied by youth.  
**Family Storytime, Fridays:**  
**10:30 – 11 a.m.**  
For children of all ages and their  
parent or caregiver. Talk, sing,  
read, write and play together in a  
format appropriate for young  
children. Share books, stories,  
rhymes, music and movement.  
**The Science of Art: Nature-  
Inspired Masks, Saturday,**  
**October 28, 2 – 3:30 p.m.**  
Grades 1-6. Learn about colors  
and patterns in nature from an  
artist naturalist, then use that  
knowledge and your imagination  
to make a whimsical mask!  
Materials provided. Collaborator:  
Three Rivers Park District.

Funded by Minnesota's Arts and  
Cultural Heritage Fund.  
**Franklin Teen Center Programs**  
**Urban 4-H Club, Tuesdays:**  
**5 – 7 p.m.** We do everything  
from urban gardening to digital  
photo/video to theater. Partner:  
University of Minnesota.

**Teen Tech Workshop,**  
**Wednesdays: 5 – 6:30 p.m.**  
Get creative and make music,  
videos, animation and other proj-  
ects 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.

**Young Achievers/ Dhalinta**  
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**Thursdays: 4:30 - 6 p.m.**  
Celebrate Somali culture, make  
new friends and practice healthy  
lifestyles. Partner: WellShare  
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## Programs at the Franklin Library

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**info**  
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**Tue, Wed & Thurs:**  
**9am – 8pm**  
**Sun: 12-5pm**

**Anime Club, Saturday, October**  
**14 and 28, 3 – 4:30 p.m.**

Discuss manga and share art-  
work. Something different every  
time!

**For Adults**  
**Franklin Learning Center**  
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English Language Learning;  
including U. S. citizenship and  
GED preparation. To register  
with us, you can call or stop in –  
we are located in the lower level  
of the Franklin Library.  
**Memoir Writing Group**  
**Thursday, October 19, 1-3pm**  
Would you like to create a record  
of your personal history? Bring  
what you have written and are  
willing to read to the group  
for helpful comments and sug-  
gestions. Collaborator: Osher  
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projects: reading, math, his-  
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Franklin Learning Center  
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in a supportive and welcoming  
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opportunities online at: http://  
www.hclib.org/about/support/  
volunteer-opportunities  
*Jessica Shaykett is the Franklin  
Community Library Patron  
Experience Supervisor*

## Phillips West Neighborhood Upcoming Events www.phillipswest.info

BY CRYSTAL TRAUTNAU WINDSCHITL  
**October 5<sup>th</sup> (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. Meeting  
will take place at the Center  
for Changing Lives Building  
in the Centrum Room (2400  
Park Avenue). Free parking is

### Transit

## Fares Rise: What's Fair Fare?

BY JOHN CHARLES WILSON

**25 Cent Fare Increase Oct. 1**  
The biggest transit news in  
Phillips, indeed in the whole Twin  
Cities, this month is obviously the  
25-cent fare increase going into  
effect October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Fair Fare Future?**  
One thing that is interesting  
about it is that the Met Council  
is looking at reforming the fare  
structure to be more equitable.  
Some things being considered  
include bringing back distance-  
based fares (zones) and providing  
breaks to "reverse" commuters  
– people who live in the inner  
city and work in the suburbs.  
Additionally, a Transit Access  
Program is now being implement-  
ed for people with low incomes.  
This seems to be an admission that  
the fares have gotten too high for a  
major segment of the population.

**What's Fair? Compare to**  
**1970 Fare**

There is no cut-and-dried  
answer to the question of "What's  
a fair fare?" but if we compare the  
current fares with those in 1970,  
just before the MTC took over  
Twin City Lines, and adjust for  
inflation, we find some interesting  
facts. The base fare in 1970 was  
30 cents (equal to \$1.88 today).  
That covered local rides within the  
city limits of either Minneapolis  
or Saint Paul. A double fare was  
charged to go between the two cit-  
ies. Going to suburbs was an extra  
10 cents (equal to 63 cents today)  
per city boundary crossed. What  
few express buses existed then  
had a 5 cent (equal to 31 cents  
today) tax.

People riding within  
Minneapolis or Saint Paul, and  
those taking express buses to the



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involved in the neighborhood  
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*Crystal Trautnau Windschitl is*  
*Executive Director of Phillips*  
*West Neighborhood Organization*



first ring suburbs during rush  
hour, are paying more now than  
then. People riding between the  
two cities or to and from the  
suburbs (except the limited group  
mentioned above) are either pay-  
ing the same or less now (adjusted  
for inflation) than then. Is this fair  
to inner-city residents? Does the  
"temporary" rush-hour tax enact-  
ed in 1982 make the fares more  
or less fair?

Consider what today's fare  
structure means in 1970 dollars:  
The local fare would have been 32  
cents non-rush hour and 40 cents  
rush hour. The express fare would  
have been 40 cents non-rush hour  
and 52 cents rush hour. Distance  
wouldn't have mattered.

**Fare Opinions WANTED!**  
If you have an opinion on how  
the fare structure can be more fair,  
now is the time to get in touch  
with the Met Council. Their staff  
is developing a report on this  
subject which is to be reviewed  
by the Council in the first quarter  
of 2018. Let's hope the results are  
beneficial to all.

*John Charles Wilson is a*  
*Whittier Neighborhood resident.*

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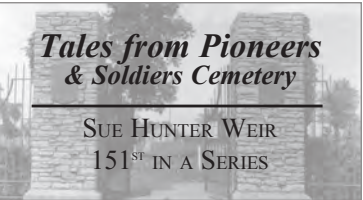
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Bastardy ends in pain, suffering death, and flight



Seduction and broken promises

The child of Martha Anderson and Andrew G. Krogstad was stillborn on January 21, 1875. Two days later, Martha Anderson (sometimes referred to as Amondson) died from puerperal fever, a complication of childbirth; she was 26 years old. Her story was in its day an all too-common one—a story of seduction and broken promises.

Suit against prominent suitor

According to the complaint that she filed in court, Martha and Krogstad had met the previous summer. She was a Norwegian immigrant described by the press as “being of a spotless character.” Krogstad, also an immigrant, was president of the Norden Society, an important cultural organization for the area’s Scandinavian community. Despite his prominence, the *Minneapolis Tribune* took a rather dim view of his character describing him as having a “reputation of being a rake.”

Krogstad had seduced Martha by promising to marry her. She pleaded with him of several occasions to make good on his promise but he refused. That left her no choice but to take him to court to try and get financial support for herself and her child. By going to court, her “ruin” became public knowledge. Krogstad was arrested and paid a bond of \$1,000 (approximately \$21,500 in 2017 dollars).

Krogstad was scheduled to



Veterans are gone but not forgotten by ongoing marker project. Some veterans never had markers. In June 2017, 13 Civil War markers were set. Tim McCall, the cemetery’s archivist, has discovered some who served but not identified as soldiers; the military unit of others remains unknown; thus no marker. Now, information on the internet makes more data available. Many people make this happen. The Daughters of Union Veterans contributed to setting cost. Brian Orth provided equipment and expertise. Mike Barth, the cemetery’s caretaker, and Mpls. St. Dept. workers helped. L. to R. Brian Orth, Tami Jo Angrimson, and Jeff Jackson. Photo by Tim McCall

appear in court on January 20<sup>th</sup>, the day before Martha gave birth to their stillborn child. His case was delayed because of Miss Anderson’s confinement. Since her doctor was concerned that “she would follow her dead infant into the grave,” he gave permission for her testimony to be taken at her home.

On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, the *Tribune* noted that Krogstad’s case had been held over until Wednesday of the following week, but noted that since the baby had died, the case against him was likely to be dismissed.

Grave covers, suffering, grief, and shame.

On the morning of January 23<sup>rd</sup> Martha died. The paper’s dramatic announcement of her death

stated that “now the grave will cover her suffering, her grief and her shame.”

Legal suit dropped and so too the “debaucher”

Krogstad’s case was dropped but he did not go unpunished. The Norden Society dropped him as their president and launched its own investigation into the matter. He was suspended from his job at McConnell’s Dry Goods Store. While the *Tribune* claimed that it had no interest in issuing a “wholesome denunciation” of Krogstad before he had had a public trial they said that his behavior could “only be explained by his being strongly impressed with a consciousness of his innocence, or by what circumstances lend to make appear a fact—that he is



L. to r. Jeff Jackson, Ron Dostal, and Brian Orth set a marble, Veteran’s marker. Tim McCall identified markers to replace or add and documented the installations. Photo by Tim McCall

totally void of feeling and morally depraved.”

Crime of “bastardy” all too common.

Martha was 26 years old when she died but the papers referred to her as a “girl” suggesting that she was unsophisticated and vulnerable. She was one of many young women who had had similar experiences: “The debauching of innocent Scandinavian servant girls by this class of spruce young men is altogether too common in this city.” Between December 1, 1875 and the end of March 1876, thirteen women filed charges against the fathers of their children, and the *Tribune* acknowledged that an even greater number of women didn’t file charges because of the shame and humiliation of having gotten pregnant when they weren’t married. The crime that the men in these cases were charged with was “bastardy.”

Few options, no social service

As a single mother who had

made her living as a domestic servant, Martha had very few, if any, options. She had no family in the United States and there were no social programs to help her. Taking her child’s father to court was likely the only way to ensure her own and her child’s survival. The *Tribune* called for making “the penalty [for bastardy] commensurate with the enormity of the crime.”

After Martha died the charges against Krogstad were dropped. Rather than waiting to hear the judgment of the Norden Society, he skipped town—it was rumored that he went to California.

Potter’s Field grave without marker

Martha Anderson and her child are buried in an unmarked grave in the paupers’ section of Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery.

Sue Hunter Weir is a Phillips resident, The Alley Newspaper and Friends of the Cemetery Board Member.

An accident raises questions



BY A TRAVELER

A traveler, passing Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery late Thursday afternoon, September 21<sup>st</sup> 2017, missed the anguish of those whose car crashed into the Fence but soon enough to see the resulting toppled stone column, two “wrinkled” sections of recently restored wrought iron fence, and a tree cut off at its base from damage; had many images and words flash come to mind:

Like the words, often taken out of context, from Robert Frost’s poem “Mending Wall”, wherein one neighbor says, ‘Good fences make good neighbors.’ To which his neighbor responds, “Spring is the mischief in me, and I wonder If I could put a notion in

his head: ‘Why do they make good neighbors? Isn’t it Where there are cows? But here there are no cows. Before I built a wall I’d ask to know What I was walling in or walling out, And to whom I was like to give offense.’”

Or the old adage: Q. Why do they build a fence around a graveyard? A. Because people are just dying to get in.

The accident is no joking matter and the toppled column will likely be the first to be rebuilt as will all of the others during a subsequent Column Restoration Program currently undergoing fundraising. Think about helping. Send you contribution to Friends of the Cemetery Post Office Box 7345 Mpls., MN 55407

# PHILLIPS CLEAN SWEEP

## SATURDAY OCTOBER 14, 2017

9am-10am  
Enjoy a Free Breakfast and Pick-Up Free Supplies  
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! Enlist your block club or church youth group! Above all, just bring yourself and help keep Phillips clean!

12pm-2pm  
Free Lunch and Entertainment

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

Bring out your trash!

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Materials should be out the night before and no later than 9am October 14th.  
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FFI: call 952-996-6490

Plus, get a  
FREE 2017  
Clean Sweep  
T-Shirt





## The East Phillips Community 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. Gardeners Welcome you to the Annual ***FALL HARVEST PARTY***

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 21st  
**TIME:** 4:30 PM to .....  
**WHERE:** 2428 17<sup>th</sup> 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  
 S'mores and more by the Fire  
 Music by your Neighbors.  
 The comradery of this outdoor fall event  
 AND Sign up for a Garden Plot for 2017  
 (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, 10/7/2017 and 11/4/2017 at 10:00 AM. Meetings are at 2433 Bloomington Ave. S.

**The EPIC General Membership** meets on the SECOND Thursday – Next Meetings; Thursday, 10/12/17 and 11/9/2017 At 6:30 PM. Meetings are at the Community Center. Agenda includes Neighborhood Industrial Pollution, Crime Initiatives, and EPIC project updates.

**The East Phillips Park Programming Partnership** meets on the LAST Tuesday – Next meetings; 10/31/17 and 11/28/17 At 11:30 AM. Lunch is served. Meetings are at the Community Center. Updates on partner activities and Park Events & News.

**Meeting Locations:** All the above meetings and events are held at the East Phillips Park Cultural & Community Center is located at 2307 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. 2433 Bloomington Ave. S is directly across the street from Welna Ace Hardware.

**The East Phillips Community 17<sup>th</sup> Ave. Gardeners** meet on the second Saturday of Each Month during the gardening season, normally from April through September. Next meetings are Next Year Saturday, 4/14/2018 & 5/12/2018 at 9:00 AM in the Community Center at 2307 17<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup>. See above.

#### **SAVE THESE DATES:**

**Phillips Community Clean Sweep:** October 14<sup>th</sup> 2017 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**Garden Fall Harvest Party:** October 21<sup>st</sup> 2017 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.

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### BOARD MEETING AGENDA:

Held every second Tuesday in Stewart Park

**Tuesday October 10, 6:30-8pm**

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

- I. Introductions
- II. Review and Approve August and September Minutes
- III. Financial Report
- IV. Presentation of Reformulated Housing Program
- V. Community Announcements and Public Comment

### COMMUNITY MEETING AGENDA:

Held every fourth Tuesday at different location each month.

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

**Tuesday October 24, 6:30-8pm**

@ Waite House, 2323 11<sup>th</sup> Ave S., Minneapolis

- I. Introductions
- II. Review and Approve September Minutes
- III. Presentation from FairVote MN on Ranked Choice Voting
- IV. Community Announcements and Public Comment



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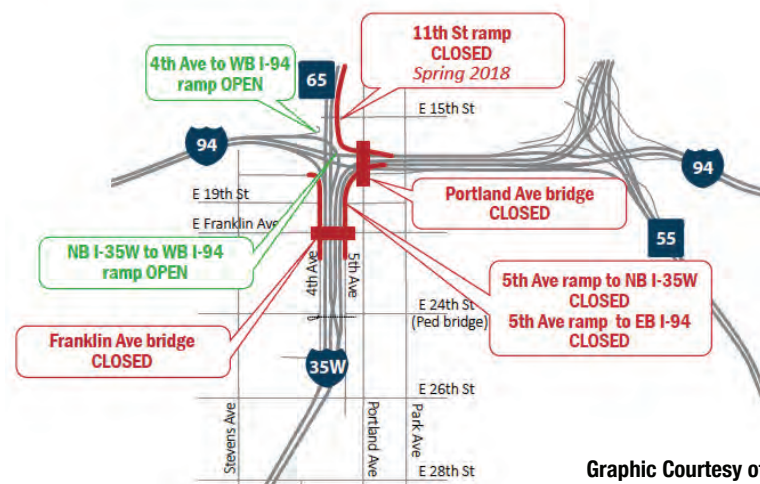




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The **STAR TRIBUNE'S** Tim Harlow declared "Traffic flowed smoothly on Day 1 of what might be an eight-month closure" of the Franklin Avenue bridge over I-35W. The closing has led to detours and traffic snarls elsewhere. Cecil Smith noted that it took him the better part of an hour to get onto I-35W southbound because of traffic volume along usual streets to an entrance ramp. Heavily impacted are the 26th and 28th Street bridges crossing the Interstate. With the Portland Avenue bridge *also* closed, one cannot easily go north to get on the downtown ramps. According to the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Franklin Avenue's bridge "will be closed Sept. 18 through summer 2018 as part of the major I-35W corridor project that will unfold over the next four years. The \$239 million project will include completely replacing 11 bridges, refurbishing four others, repaving

multiple lanes of freeway, adding MnPass lanes, and constructing a mass transit center." The detour for westbound motorists who usually use the Franklin Avenue Bridge will be Portland Avenue to 26th Street. The prescribed detour for those headed eastbound on Franklin is Nicollet Avenue to Park Avenue. Pedestrians are asked to use the 24th Street pedestrian bridge. Bicycle buffer lanes. The four-block detour route, along 26th and 28th Streets, overlaps with a much larger ongoing bicycle lane separation project in Minneapolis. The city has realigned the lanes on those thoroughfares between Hennepin and Hiawatha in an effort to more clearly delineate traffic lanes from bicycle lanes. Part of the roadway is dedicated to a small buffer lane. The Franklin Avenue bridge over I-35W will close for nearly a year. So about 15,000 vehicles will be hitting detours on 26th and 28th Streets, where they will encounter a different project - buffer zones.

### ***But will traffic disruptions on Portland and Franklin have any unintended benefits?***

Despite all of the difficulties that cars, buses and vendor trucks might have, there is a possible benefit. Much of the criminal activity centered at the intersection of Franklin/Chicago Avenues may be "disrupting" to gang activities just like that experienced by our residents and business' when East Franklin Avenue underwent an extensive rebuilding and repaving project some years ago. Although disruptions caused by traffic re-routing and changes in the busing schedules may have a short-term positive impact, they alone cannot address longer term issues of crime and safety. Recently, a homicide occurred in the early morning at the intersections of Chicago and Franklin Avenue, in plain sight of a busload of commuters on their way to work. This is a reminder that even though crime has dramatically dropped in the vicinity of Peavey Park, trouble is usually not that far away. A higher definition camera was set up at this corner and reports indicate that the shooting was captured, triggering a more rapid response by the police, who have arrested one of the persons involved. Ventura Village residents who have spent countless hours working to bring a greater level of safety to the neighborhood might get a short breath of air before engaging with our public safety officers and block club leaders. We can only hope!

— Robert Albee



Star Tribune Photo



Image from Midtown Phillips

### **Join Phillips West Neighborhood Organization, EPIC (East Phillips Improvement Coalition) Ventura Village & Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association for the 15th Annual Phillips Clean Sweep!**

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 9:00AM on October 14.

9:00AM-10:00AM: Enjoy a free breakfast and pick up free supplies! Check in at either: **Welna Ace Hardware** (2438 Bloomington Avenue South) or **The Center for Changing Lives – Lutheran Social Service of MN** (2400 Park Avenue South)

9:00AM-12:00PM: Phillips Clean Sweep! Meet your neighbors, help pick up litter, and clean up your neighborhood! Organize your neighbors! Enlist your block club or church youth group! Above all, just bring yourself and help keep Phillips clean!

12:00PM-2:00PM: Free lunch and entertainment + neighborhood information and fun at Stewart Park (2700 12th Avenue South).

### **UPCOMING VENTURA VILLAGE MONTHLY MEETINGS:**

**WEDNESDAY, OCT 11TH: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: 6:00 PM**

**WEDNESDAY, OCT 11TH: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 7:00 PM**

**TO BE ANNOUNCED: WELLNESS, GARDENING & GREENING: 6:30 PM**

**TUESDAY, OCT 24TH: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE: 6:00 PM**

**THURSDAY, OCT 26TH: HOUSING & LAND COMMITTEE: 5:30 PM**

**THURSDAY, OCT 26TH: CRIME & SAFETY COMMITTEE: 6:30 PM**

**All Residents Are Welcome to Participate: Visitors Welcome to Attend!**

**Hey Ventura Village!**



### **PHILLIPS CLEAN SWEEP**

**Saturday, October 14th**

**9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**CENTER FOR CHANGING LIVES  
(Lutheran Social Services)  
2400 Park Avenue South  
Coffee, Beverages & Snacks Provided  
Lunch Served at Stewart Park  
12th Avenue & 27th Street**



*“What goes up must come down.” ...Isaac Newton*

# BARRICADES UP, BARRICADES DOWN



**BARRICADES UP:** Barricades were set up across East Franklin Avenue on each side of the bridge over Highway 35W mid-September 2017 to safely allow the demolition of that Franklin Avenue Bridge for dramatic changes to Highway 35W below and a new Franklin Avenue Bridge. See details on Ventura Village News on Page 5 of this issue of The Alley Newspaper. Photo credit: Harvey Winje



**BARRICADES DOWN:** Barricades will be taken down on East 25th St. east of the Super America convenience store driveway placed there a decade ago as means of interrupting illicit drug and human trafficking at the intersection. The barricades will now be removed and one block made a One-Way street and a Traffic Circle technique employed at 17th Av to affect control. Photo credit: Harvey Winje

## To Barricade or not to Barricade

*We now have the answer*

BY CAROL PASS

In spite of overwhelming Neighborhood, Police and City support for removing the Barricades between Bloomington Ave. and 16th Ave. S. on E 25th St., a third community meeting on the question was called on Aug. 30. A community vote was finally taken and the outcome was nearly unanimous.

The long and the short of the decision is that in mid-September, probably before

this issue of the Alley comes out, the city will take down the barricades, ending the decade- long experiment. This will be coordinated with fall street sweeping to clean up the area. In addition, if all goes according to the community’s stated desires, E. 25th St. will be made a West bound one-way between 16th Avenue So. and Bloomington Ave. with no parking on the North side of the block and Permit Only Parking temporary Traffic Circle was decided upon for the intersection of

E. 25th St. and 17th Ave. S. to slow traf- fic. The temporary Traffice Circle was installed Sept.20th. The Super America store on Bloomington Av. at 25th St. will try to coordinate a one-way traffic flow through its station to accommodate the one way on E. 25th St.

EPIC and the community will attempt to raise the \$10,000 dollars to make the traffic circle permanent. Donations for this purpose will be sought and appreciated. Checks may be made payable to EPIC with

“Traffic Circle” in the memo line and sent to EPIC, 2536 18thAve. S., Mpls., MN 55404.

The community hopes that these changes will help alleviate the drug and prostitution scene currently ensconced there and that neighbors will once again be able to walk to and from the store safely.

*Carol Pass is a Phillips resident and President of East Phillips Improvement Coalition*



Photo credit: Harvey Winje

A Traffic Circle at East 25<sup>th</sup> St. and 17<sup>th</sup> Av. agreed upon by neighbors, City of Mpls. and Mpls. continuing efforts starting 10 years ago to affect change in illicit drug & human trafficking. A temporary version of the island and signage has been installed as l. looking eastward and r. looking westward on East 25<sup>th</sup> St.



Photo credit: Harvey Winje

## Sweet Pea Montessori School

Sweet Pea Montessori School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sexual preference, gender identity, or national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

Sweet Pea Montessori is part of the Wildflower Schools Network

**Sweetpeamontessori.org**

## Other appropo words by Isaac Newton

(25 December 1642 – 20 March 1726/27):

*“I can calculate the motion of heavenly bodies but not the madness of people.”*

*“Tact is the knack of making a point without making an enemy.”*

*“Nature is pleased with simplicity. And nature is no dummy”*

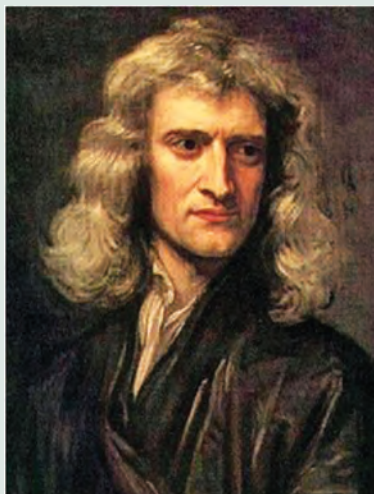
*“What we know is a drop, what we don’t know is an ocean.”*

*“You have to make the rules, not follow them”*

*“Truth is ever to be found in the simplicity, and not in the multiplicity and confusion of things.”*

*“and to every action there is always an equal and opposite or contrary, reaction”*

*“If I have seen further it is by standing on the shoulders of Giants.”*





2015 Paris Climate Accord: Carbon Neutrality by 2050

# Local congregation signs on as U.S. signs off!

BY FRANCES STEVENSON

Mount Olive Lutheran Church has been taking big steps towards carbon neutrality this fall installing a geothermal heating and cooling system under their parking lot on the corner of Chicago Avenue and E 31st street.

The church has been working towards the Paris Agreement goal of carbon neutrality by 2050 despite the United States decision to pull out of the agreement.

The installation of the geothermal system is planned to be finished by the end of October and the lot where the geothermal wells, 48 wells in total, are dug will be paved over as a parking lot as it was before the installation. The goal is to heat both buildings part of Mount Olive Lutheran church, the chapel building and administrative building, without changing either building all too much.

“We really wanted to keep the building the way it was,” Property Director Arthur Halbardier said. “It essentially has not been changed since 1929 when it was built. What we did do was move all the radiators from the old heating system and they’ll be replaced by grates in the floor.”

The geothermal system will have a large up-front cost, the church budgeting an extra \$300,000 in their 2017 budget, but system will pay for itself in approximately 20 years in reduced heating and cooling costs. Halbardier said the system is already paying for itself in environmental conscience.

“The congregation unanimously felt that it was the right thing to do,” Halbardier said. “The cheaper route [to modernizing the heating and cooling system] would have still had us using a lot of fossil fuels and a lot of electricity. The congregation is very supportive of this. I haven’t had anyone complaining about not being able to use half their building.”

To heat a building heat has to be pulled from somewhere, conventional systems taking the energy from outside air, where in the winter, there is very little heat. Because the ground stays the same temperature throughout the year approximately 55 degree fahrenheit, less energy is used to heat the building with a geothermal system. Essentially the geothermal system just moves warm air from underneath the ground throughout the building and then recycles it through the system again. During the summer, the opposite happens; the hot air from inside the building is pushed out of the system and cycled through the wells, being cooled underground, which again stays around 55 degrees fahrenheit, this cool air is then pushed back through the building.

The installation of the wells is complete and the installation of the system in the basement of the church is being completed, the city will have to inspect the system before it can be fully operational but the hope is it will be ready to go by the end of October, when the weather cools down, according to Halbardier.

The geothermal system is not the church’s only environmentally focused energy source. Mount Olive also installed solar panels on the roof of their building this past August as part of Minnesota’s Made in Minnesota Solar Incentive Program, which pays for solar panel installation over 10 years for those who apply and win the lottery system, approximately 12% of those who apply.

The solar panels will be inspected by Xcel energy and will have a meter installed that allows energy to follow both ways so excess energy produced by the panels that the church does not use will be sold back to Xcel. The system should be up and running in two weeks according to Halbardier.

*Frances Stevenson is a Phillips resident, environmental specialist, and first-time contributor writing in The Alley Newspaper.*



Mount Olive Lutheran Church at 31st and Chicago that is broadly known for its excellence in congregational life, worship spanning Lutheran tradition and innovation, liturgical richness, musical superiority by voice, instrument and specially organ masters, outstanding youth work; now bursts forth in environmental concern and commitment fulfilling the mission of their faith. Photo credit: Mt. Olive website



Banner informs passersby of their Geothermal/Solar project. Photo credit: Mt. Olive website



Machinery for drilling down to 55 degrees subterranean. Photo credit: Arthur Halbardier



Drilling 48 wells for the heating and cooling of the Mount Olive Church building. Photo credit: Arthur Halbardier



Solar panels being installed on the Mount Olive rooftop. Photo credit: Arthur Halbardier



Completed array of 40 KW Solar panels atop the Mount Olive roof. Photo credit: Arthur Halbardier

## MARIE SANDVIK CENTER

*All are welcome!*

At 11th and Franklin, Marie Sandvik Center, a Christ-centered mission, exists to meet spiritual and physical needs of anyone.

**FOR ADULTS:**  
After a chapel service, guests may receive a hot meal, clothing, hygiene products and a blanket.

**Sunday nights**  
4pm Bible study  
\*6pm Chapel  
7pm Meal, men's clothes

**Tuesday nights**  
5pm Set Free (12 Step)  
\*7pm Chapel  
8pm Meal, women's clothes

**Adult Programs**

**Friday nights**  
3pm Christian movies  
5pm Bible study  
\*7pm Chapel  
8pm Meal, men's clothes

**Thursday afternoons**  
12pm Quilt & layette sign-ups  
Christian movie  
Child care for those in attendance

\*1pm Ladies' Day Chapel  
2pm Meal, women's, infants' & Children's clothing  
(\* Guests must arrive by time noted)

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**Kids Club**

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# The Power of Art



Psalm 34:11,12,13 precedes the new mosaic verse on the south wall of St. Paul's Lutheran Church above the Peace Garden and along 28<sup>th</sup> Street.

V11 Children, come and listen to me.

I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

v12 Which one of you finds pleasure in life?

BY PATRICK HANSEL

## Challenge of sanity

It seems that our community is always under assault, doesn't it sometimes? From the exploding heroin epidemic to the President's ending of DACA, there is always some threat needing a response. How do we keep our sanity in such times?

## One Way

One way is through art—whether it's painting a mural, decorating a cake for a quinceañera, writing a poem or a story, making mosaics or puppets or sculpture—working together to create art can transform the neighborhood while it is transforming the lives of those who make it and those who experience it.

## The Taste of Phillips

The Semilla Center for Healing and the Arts @ St. Paul's Lutheran is celebrating the incredible art of the Phillips community at The Taste of Phillips on October 28, from 4 to 9 pm. Local artists will display their work, and there will be so much more. Hands on art

projects for all ages, a scavenger hunt for children, a photography show by youth of the community, silent auction and food. The musical lineup includes

- Peter VanKoughnett and others from East Phillips (part of Bolt Weevils)

- Ballet Folklorico Mexico Azteca

- Katherine Parent and Adam Gabriel Rangel—Spoken word and songs of resistance

- Los Chinelos

## StP 130 & 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary's Theses

St. Paul's will be 130 years old on October 31, 2017, which is also the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. St. Paul's, with other Lutherans around the world, has been focusing on three

Who wants time to see good (things)?

v13 Do not say anything evil, or let your lips tell anything that is false.

v14 Turn away from evil and do good (things).

Seek peace and pursue it.

Photo Credit: Talia Hansel

“theses” this year:

- Salvation is not for sale
- Human Beings are not for sale

sale

- Creation is not for sale

## Refuge Peace Garden Dedication

At the Taste of Phillips, St. Paul's will be dedicating its Peace Garden on the 28<sup>th</sup> Street side of its building. The Peace Garden includes fruit trees, grape vines, a meditation path, and art that speaks of peace. We are designing it to help reduce storm water runoff and provide habitat for birds and pollinators. Indeed, it is meant to be a refuge for all.

*Patrick Cabello Hansel is Co-Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church on 15<sup>th</sup> Av and 28<sup>th</sup> St., a writer and a poet.*

This activity is funded, in part, by an appropriation from the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the State's general fund, through the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council, and the Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association, Inc.

**St. Paul's is located at 2742 15<sup>th</sup> Ave S. For more information, call 612-724-3862, or e-mail: [stpaulscreate@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulscreate@gmail.com). St. Paul's will celebrate its 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sunday, October 29, with a bilingual service at 11 am, and a pot luck lunch afterwards.**



“Cave Dweller” forms take shape to become a new sculpture at Peace Garden. Photo Credit: Patrick Cabello Hansel



Be Joyful! ARTISTS AT WORK! Photo Credit: Talia Hansel

## Tai Chi Starting November 11 at Ebenezer Tower

Phillips Wellness 50+ invites you to participate in Tai Chi sessions with master trainer, Richard Johnson, starting November 11 at Ebenezer Tower. The sessions are geared to people of all abilities, and everyone is welcome.

Tai Chi, an ancient Chinese tradition, is a form of exercise that uses slow, deliberate movements. Rather than using muscle tension, Tai Chi focuses on coordination, relaxation and deep breathing. With its gentle stretching and low impact, it has become a sought after technique for older people to maintain good health. It can be practiced any time, anywhere and by anyone. No equipment or special space is needed.

Benefits of Tai Chi may include:

- Improved heart function
- Increased energy and stamina
- Improved stress management
- Improved muscle strength
- Mental calm and clarity
- Better balance and flexibility to prevent falls

Join us for six Tai Chi sessions: Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 PM from November 11



through December 12 at Ebenezer Tower, 2523 Portland Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55404.

These sessions are open to the public but non-Ebenezer residents please contact Donna Nordin at 612-741-5180 or [dnordin2@comcast.net](mailto:dnordin2@comcast.net) to let us know you are coming.

Our leader is Richard Johnson, a Tai Chi master with experience working with people at all levels of fitness. Richard also teaches Tai Chi in churches, health clubs and at Lifetime Fitness.

Phillips Wellness 50+ is an initiative to increase health and well-being, by and for people in the Phillips neighborhood.

*What is your Story? Tell it now!*

## PHOENIX OF PHILLIPS

*Fall 2017 Issue:*

**“Healing—of body, mind, spirit, community”**

**DEADLINE EXTENDED**

- The ability to tell one's own story is at the core of healing.
- To be able to articulate one's truth and to experience being heard by others are powerful tools to overcoming shame, isolation and fear.
- What is your story of healing?
- The Phoenix of Phillips literary magazine wants to hear from you!
- This fall's theme is “Healing”—healing of body, mind, spirit, community.
- We publish writers of all levels who live or work or volunteer in Phillips.
- We have extended the deadline for submissions to October 31.
- Send your writing to: [semillacenter@gmail.com](mailto:semillacenter@gmail.com) or mail it to: 2742 15<sup>th</sup> Ave S. Minneapolis, MN 55407



# The Alley Newspaper Editor Harvey Winje was on FIRST PERSON RADIO with Laura Waterman Wittstock on Wednesday 9.13.17

Listen to Laura Waterman Wittstock as she talked with Harvey Winje about the history of the Phillips Neighborhood, KFAI's neighbor and home to a large American Indian population. The area of the Phillips Neighborhood began as Indian land but as settlers moved in and Indian families were pushed out, Phillips became a welcoming point for newly arriving immigrant families, which in the late 20th Century meant, Hmong, Vietnamese, Somali, other Asian and African groups. Indian people never completely left Phillips. Once rail, bus, and automobile transportation became available, Indians began moving back and forth from reservations to Phillips and back. Harvey has many, many

stories to share about his newspaper, The Alley, and the history of the area. Harvey Winje is a first generation born American, albeit not until his 1940 birth in the community named in the 1960's for the abolitionist Wendell Phillips. He serves as the stipend-paid editor of The Alley Newspaper, a 42 year old monthly newspaper of the Phillips Community. He is a carpenter, small business owner, great-grandfather, and an inveterate keeper of history and building parts. He has tried, with mixed results and his own self-doubts, to bring seven years of post high school philosophy, history, and religious academic book learning back to his home community.



Harvey has taken his carpentry skills gleaned from his father and older brothers and adapted them to building design & construction management on buildings like the Bailey Building home of KFAI, the KFAI Studio itself, and the Cedar. His long love of community building has been demonstrated in helping to preserve The Alley Newspaper and advocating for the still relevant words of Wendell and Ann Phillips.



Laura Waterman Wittstock at her First Person Radio program at KFAI RADIO 90.3 FM-Mpls. 106.7 FM- St Paul interviewing The Alley Newspaper's Editor Harvey Winje on Sept 13th. available on [kfaifirstpersonradio.org](http://kfaifirstpersonradio.org) archives. Download or listen at <http://bit.ly/2xpwLNO>.

## First Person Radio

**Schedule:**  
Wednesday, 1:00pm to 2:00pm  
**DJs:**  
**Laura Waterman Wittstock**  
**Program Categories:**  
**Public Affairs**

FIRST PERSON RADIO is a weekly public affairs program of MIGIZI Communications that takes listeners to Indian Country, once a week. Listen to personalities, issues, authors, artists and occasional music - produced and hosted by Laura Waterman Wittstock and Roy Taylor. Wittstock was a 2006 Louis W. Hill, Jr. Fellow in Philanthropy under the University of Minnesota's Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs. Among leadership and professional awards are the (2011) Frank Premack Public Affairs Journalism Award:

Farr Award for an exceptional contribution to public affairs; (2006) the Distinguished IEL Service Award, (Institute for Educational Leadership national award for improvement of American education; (2005) American Indian Honored Educator. She was formerly President of MIGIZI Communications, Inc., Minneapolis, 1988 to 2004; Editor of *Colors* Magazine, Minneapolis, 1996-1998; Director of Media Curriculum, MIGIZI Communications, Inc, April, 1985 to 1988 and Executive Producer, of First Person Radio, MIGIZI, 1981 to 2004.



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way and says their names. The children learn as another season turns in their young lives. There will have to be many more seasons in their Dakota classes before they are self-assured and can easily transgress the English curtain into the Dakota language and cultural world. *Laura Waterman Wittstock is described on Page 9 of this October issue of The Alley Newspaper where it also explains how you may hear her on First Person Radio KFAI 90.3 FM – Mpls. 107.6 FM St. Paul Wednesdays 1:00-2:00 PM.*

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Leaves tell their story. Now, little children walk from their Dakota and Ojibwe classes in the Phillips Neighborhood with their teacher to a nearby garden. He points out the various plants and trees along the way and says their names. The children learn as another season turns in their young lives. There will have to be many more seasons in their Dakota and Ojibwe classes before they are self-assured and can easily transgress the English curtain into the Dakota and Ojibwe language and cultural world. Photo: Jewell Arcoren

# Making the East Phillips neighborhood safer for all to walk and bike

BY SOREN JENSEN, MIDTOWN GREENWAY COALITION  
In 2016, the Midtown Greenway Coalition helped conduct a study to identify barriers to use of the Greenway by the community. They found that many people of color do not use, feel welcome on or know about the Greenway, especially along the trench where 29<sup>th</sup> Street is located. This is a concern for a neighborhood where nearly 50% speak a language other than English at home and residents are in the bottom bracket of life expectancies (between 70 and 75 years of age). On Saturday, Sept. 23, the Coalition hosted a block party on East 29<sup>th</sup> Street between Bloomington Avenue and 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue to demonstrate how a shared street approach can make East 29<sup>th</sup> Street better and safer. With the help of funding from the Center for Prevention at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota, the Coalition has temporarily transformed 29<sup>th</sup> Street through a shared street project that prioritizes pedestrians and bicyclists while also allowing motor vehicles at slower speeds.



The demonstration will remain in place through the middle of October. In addition to talking with the Coalition about what they would like to see on East 29<sup>th</sup> Street and how it could be improved for biking and walking, the approximately 300 people who attended the party enjoyed table tennis, basketball, chess, flower plantings, chalk art and free servings of Loulou Sweet & Savory Thai-rolled ice cream. The event ended with an Eat for Equity dinner on the street, featuring food that reflected the cultures in the

Phillips neighborhood. Community engagement included making signs with attendees' wishes for the street on them, as well as surveys and voting for improvements by placing stickers on large posters. Those who missed the party but wish to weigh in may do so by calling 311 or taking the Coalition's online survey to share their thoughts about how to make the street safer for walking and biking, as well as better connected to the Midtown Greenway. The link to the survey is available on the home page of [www.midtowngreenway.org](http://www.midtowngreenway.org).

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“Rebel in the Rye”



“Rebel in the Rye”(2017)  
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Black Label Media, Biography/  
Drama

What is more joyful for a writer than to have his or her essay or novel published? Probably the reward of making a living at it or, at least, attaining some award for the efforts. In the world of J.D. Salinger (like many famous writers) success will not come easy, only great persistence pushes forward to that goal of being published. As for the young J.D.

Salinger (Nicholas Hoult, “About a Boy” [2002], “A Single Man” [2009], “X-Man: Days of Future Past” [2014], “X-Man: Apocalypse” [2016]) he almost sinks his own ambitions as a writer after being did-missed from NYU (New York University) and a few other universities before being accepted at Columbia. At Columbia, he has an extroverted professor Whit Burnett (Kevin Spacey) who sees a terrific talent below the young man’s stubbornness.

Burnett becomes Salinger’s mentor and promoter as the latter is faced with his father Sol Salinger’s (Victor Garber) objections about his son making writing a career. It’s not long before Burnett and the upcoming writer begin to have disagreements over content and more. But what emerges out of Jerry’s (J.D. Salinger) great imagination is the main character for his early writings and in his future great novel “Catcher In the Rye”, is Holden Caulfield.

Jerry goes off to fight in World War II only to come home in 1945 a completely different man. Gone are the days when he liked attending dances to swing music; gone are the days when spent time with friends. What he sees during the war such as his good friend dying before his eyes, his attack on Utah beach on D-Day and aiding survivors from a Nazi concentration camp are too much to bear. In a psychological mess, to an extent, he goes on to write his masterpiece, “Catcher In the Rye”, published in 1951. First time director Danny Strong explores Salinger’s slide into reclusion.

What I draw from this biopic is it at times unduly superficial such as wartime scenes scant and a better movie would have explored more on the portrayal of Mr. Salinger. Nicholas Hoult gives a decent performance in spite of a mediocre voiceover.

“Catcher In the Rye” has been (and still is) tens of millions of people and translated into over 30 languages. (PG-13) Running time: 106 minutes. Director: Danny Strong. Cast: Sahah Paulson



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(Dorothy Olding), Nicholas Hoult (J.D. Salinger), Kevin Spacey (Whit Burnett), Victor Garber (Sol Salinger), Eric Bogosian (Harold Ross).

“Good Time”(2017)  
★★★★★  
Rhea Films, Elara Pictures  
“Good Time” is about as ironic a title for a thriller as possible in cinema. To say “Good Time” is just another conventional thriller is an overstatement. But it’s not an overstatement to say Robert Pattinson, the principal actor (or one of two actors) has transformed himself completely from his role as “sweet” vampire in the “Twilight Trilogy” (2010), to The Lost City of Z” (2017),”Queen of the Desert”(2017) to “Good Time”.

Connie (Robert Pattinson) and his brother Nick Benny Safdie) Nikas try to rob a bank but botch it up. The police pursue the robbers and are able to catch Nick (the mentally handicapped one) while Connie escapes. Nick is sent to Rickes Island and is under the care of a psychiatrist (Peter Verby). “Good Time” remains me of Sidney Lumet’s” Dog Day Afternoon” (1975) where Al Pacino’s character becomes obsessed with achieving his goal—rightly or wrongly.

Connie attempts to yank his brother from the hospital only to grab the wrong man, Ray (Buddy Duress). The two men wander into Adventureland and other places, places they haven’t been before. Cast: Robert Pattinson (Connie Nikas), Benny Safdie (Nick Nikas), Jennifer Jason Lee (Corey Ellman), Peter Verrby (Psychiatrist), Barkhad Abdi (Dash Security Guard). Directors: Benny Safdie, Josh Safdie. Running time: 101 minutes.

Howard McQuitter II is a Loring Park Neighborhood Resident

**CORRECTION:** Robert Mitchum Tribute in The Alley Newspaper Sept 2017 Page 10 was written by Howard McQuitter II.

Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors discussed troublesome issues and places with Police Chief Arradando



BY HARVEY WINJE  
MUID—Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors discussed issues of public safety with



new Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo during a regular monthly meeting September 27<sup>th</sup> at the Minneapolis American Indian Center. Serious concern was expressed by several members concerning drug proliferation and human trafficking in specific areas. The impressive group of Native American elders and leaders conveyed unanimity of concern and dedication as they

repeatedly and respectively voiced their willingness and desire to “be a part of the solution.” Chief Arradondo acknowledged awareness of the issues and the areas by himself and the whole department, expressed appreciation for the sincere concern of the leaders and whole community, and pledged his and the department’s willingness to work together on viable solutions to restore public safety while respecting rights of victims and participants affected by these blights.

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**Two Harveys**  
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with the profit motive impeding necessary developments?

5.) How might a “just transition” be administered?

6.) Will democracy ever fully blossom beneath the “rule of capital?”

The other Harvey has endeavored, as well, to deepen the discussion. A carpenter by trade his knowledge of the “nooks and crannies” has made The Alley conversation possible. We have Harvey the builder and Harvey the destroyer. May it be said that, in a certain sense, both have had purposeful intentions.



Frank Reflections  
White Supremacy is monumental in scope and statuary

BY FRANK ERICKSON

White Supremacy is an amazing thing! Why was Robert E. Lee a free man after the Civil War?

He took up arms against the United States government and killed over 100,000 American, yet he is treated like a rock star and is emboldened with statues all over the South.

We now have eight Somali-American men from Minneapolis who tried to do the exact same thing that Confederate General

Robert E. Lee did: take up arms against the United States government on a battlefield, albeit in Syria, although they never succeeded as did he.

They never got to the battlefield! They never killed anyone! How, then, do they get decades in prison and Robert E. Lee gets monuments erected to honor him?

Imagine if Robert E. Lee was black!

*Frank Erickson is a Neighborhood resident.*

Confederate General Robert E. Lee advised no Statuary for fear of war's sores kept open

According to historian Jonathan Horn, Lee was often consulted in his lifetime about proposals to erect monuments to Confederate Gen. Stonewall Jackson and others.

In a 1866 letter to fellow Confederate Gen. Thomas L. Rosser, Lee wrote,

“As regards the erection of such a monument as is contemplated, my conviction is, that however grateful it would be to the feelings of the South, the attempt ... would have the effect of ... continuing, if not adding

to, the difficulties under which the Southern people labour.”

Three years later, Lee was invited to a meeting of Union and Confederate officers to mark the placing of a memorial honoring those who took part in the battle of Gettysburg.

“I think it wiser not to keep open the sores of war but to follow the examples of those nations who endeavored to obliterate the marks of civil strife, to commit to oblivion the feelings engendered,” he wrote in a letter declining the invitation.

Oppressive Rent Increase = 25 Year Old Business CLOSED!  
A Farewell to Sophal and Tevy Nhep



The diverse clientele of Best Steaks and Gyros for 25 years at Franklin and Chicago Avenues is evident as they lined up for a meal as a gift from Phal and Tevy Nhep before closing the doors ending the business.

BY PETER MOLENAAR

Best Steaks and Gyros, an original tenant at the Chicago Crossings mall, due to an oppressive rent increase, is now CLOSED after 25 years. That the proprietor had achieved iconic status in the neighborhood, as was evidence by the gathered farewell throng on Friday September 15<sup>th</sup>.

One wonders how Sophal and Tevy met, given the exodus from war torn Cambodia in 1975. Phal would do a stint as an engineering student at the University of Minnesota before the couple reared their three children in Burnsville, MN while Phal was working as a production manager at the Bremer Corporation.

Why the move to this “neck of the woods?” Phal’s answer: “I wanted to be my own boss!”

As for the farewell, we were numerous nationalities and every skin tone, all bound together by the presence of Sophal and Tevy.

Love was in the air.



PETER MOLENAAR  
Raise Your Voice

SPIRIT & PHILLIPS

Wendell comments about what's coming out of Russia that year...

“Nihilism is a righteous and honorable resistance of a people crushed under an iron rule.....

the last weapon of victims choked and manacled beyond all other resistance.

It is crushed humanity's only means of making the oppressor tremble.....

it redeems human nature from the suspicion of being utterly vile, made up of heartless oppressors and contented slaves.”

1811-1884  
Our Neighborhood Namesake

The next day President Garfield was assassinated.

Two Harveys Among Us

Almost everyone in the Phillips Community knows something about Hurricane Harvey and associates. Not as many are acquainted with Harvey Winje, editor of the Alley Newspaper. So sad.

Truth to tell, Harvey (the hurricane) is not a totally bad sort of being. Actually, Mother Earth deploys hurricanes to flush excess heat from her oceans into outer space. As is revealed in great beds of fossils, this was a common practice in olden times. However, it is no longer the methane of dinosaur farts which confines Sun’s rays to our atmosphere, rather it is the burning of fossil fuels.

So in the recent teaching moment, H. Harvey posed some questions:

- 1.) How much energy will it take to create the infrastructure for a post-fossil-fuel economy?
- 2.) How might we mitigate ongoing damage in the process?
- 3.) Will the pivot from coal to natural gas slow global warming?
- 4.) Are market forces combined

Two Harveys  
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# BACKYARD INITIATIVE BACK PAGE



## BYI AREA

## Making a BIG difference through small “p” policy changes...

### ReTHINK Your Drink!

Through the efforts of the Backyard Initiative (BYI), implemented by staff members of the BYI Resource Center, the second City of Minneapolis ReTHINK Your Drink campaign is coming to a successful close at the Midtown Global Market. The campaign effectively established a relationship-building model for working with small business owners from ethnically diverse backgrounds to improve their beverage environment. All three MGM vendors interviewed for this article have made practice or policy changes to their beverage offerings as a result of the ReTHINK Your Drink campaign.



BYI Resource Center staff members Rose Lobley, Carl Lobley, and Roberta Barnes

**Pol-i-cy.....definition by Merriam Webster Dictionary**  
**1a:** prudence or wisdom in the management of affairs  
**2a:** a definite course or method of action selected from among alternatives and in light of given conditions to guide and determine present and future decisions



The Backyard Initiative wanted to learn more about the experiences of some of the Midtown Global Market vendors who participated in the ReTHINK Your Drink campaign. A BYI Communications Community Health Action Team member and several staff members of the BYI Resource Center conducted the following interviews with three MGM vendors and asked the following questions:

**Your Drink Project with the Backyard Initiative?**  
2. In spite of your concerns or hesitations, why did you decide to participate?  
3. What do you think about your participation now or what changes have you made, if any?  
Following are the results of those interviews.

1. What were your hesitations of concerns about participating in the Rethink

### SAFARI EXPRESS-Interview with Sharmaarke Hashi, Manager

“We want to make money but we are also here to be part of a community and to provide healthy, good food. The relationship with Carl Lobley from the BYI Resource Center also helped us to think about the idea of providing water in addition to the other beverages we were serving. I appreciated learning about the

sugar in drinks from a young person like him. Now we buy cups at our own expense and provide to people if they would like to have a cup of water. By providing the cups, we were able to track the number of cups of water we were making available to people. Now, in addition, we also sell different brands

of bottled water. We call the cups of water we provide “Minneapolis water” (rather than tap water) so it has a name just like the bottled water does! Personally, I drink the tap water, it is just as good as the bottled water. Safari Express considers this project to be very successful. The young people involved have a



great work ethic and we have learned a lot from them about things like infused water. They are doing great things and are

growing their leadership. Safari Express will continue to provide water to our customers. Water is life. “



“In the beginning, I had a couple of concerns. First, I was worried that by the BYI Resource Center’s ReThink Your Drink folks hosting an educational table and display right next to our space and actively engaging our customers in a conversation, the idea of

drinking water might significantly cut into our beverage profits. I was also concerned about how folks (from ReThink Your Drink), not associated with Hot Indian Foods, might unintentionally represent our business differently from how we want it to be.

### HOT INDIAN F‘OODS-Interview with Janene Holig, Co-Manager & Executive Chef

On the other hand, Hot Indian Foods wants to be part of the community of vendors here within Midtown Global Market and part of the larger geographic community. We also very much appreciate the connection between food, health and community and want to be supportive of young people’s participation. Customers

might appreciate learning about the choices they have in selecting a beverage. My concerns disappeared by about the 3rd or 4th week of the project. I think the visuals of the amount of sugar in soda made quite an impact. Lots of people stopped by the display and it seemed to have no negative

impact on our business. Instead, customers felt like they had an option in selecting a beverage. We hope to switch soda machine vendors and contract with one where water is one of the options we can provide to our customers. I learned a lot!”

### THE PRODUCE EXCHANGE- Interview with Kevin Hannigan, Manager

“The Produce Exchange has been part of the MGM for 11 years and rethinking beverage options has been something we try to continually offer a good selection of healthy and/or organic foods. The Backyard Initiative’s ReThink Your Drink project came along at a good time for us because The Produce Exchange was at a time of transition in both management

and in our product inventory. We had no hesitation, it was a slam dunk all the way! People need water so we have always sold water. Creating a community education project with youth leadership was also a good fit for us. Meeting Miss Rose (Lobley), seeing her interactions with the younger leaders and meeting some of them

was also a great experience for us. We saw them staff that ReTHINK table every day and interact with MGM visitors. They were extremely dedicated. A mature, responsible young woman was hired by The Produce Exchange. People seem to be moving away from sweetened drinks. The infused water promoted by ReThink Your Drink was also



great for us. We were happy to sell lots and lots of strawberries so people could add them to their water carafes for flavoring! Our

water sales are tremendous and will continue to be a consistent part of our merchandising.

## MGM Vendors Participating In ReTHINK Your Drink–Thank You!

- Manny’s Tortas
- Andy’s Garage
- Safari Express
- The Produce Exchange
- Hot Indian Foods
- Pham’s Rice Bowl
- Fresco’s Italian Pasta Bar
- Moroccan Flavors

**VISIT the BYI Resource Center**  
at the Midtown Global Market to  
learn more about the Backyard Initiative or  
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The BYI Resource Center hours are  
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