

Tips from a COVID- 19 Case Investigator

By LINDSEY FENNER

Be Prepared

As I write this in mid-November, Minnesota has seen the deadliest week of the pandemic so far. Confirmed case numbers continue to exponentially explode, so by December when this is published, we know that things will have become much, much worse. I want to be honest. We have reached the point of uncontrollable spread of this virus in Minnesota. This disease is going to start hitting closer and closer home. And it is so important that you and your family are prepared for what to do if and when someone in your household contracts or

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Peace House Community—A Place to Belong

Let Us Do Something

By MARTI MALTBY

Samuel Beckett's two-act play *Waiting for Godot* has been called "the only theatrical masterpiece where nothing happens. Twice." The title, after all, is also the plot summary. Two vagabonds wait in a field for Godot to arrive, passing the time in various discussions. Although a few other people pass through the scene, Godot himself never shows up.

During the first scene, a man named Pozzo stops to talk with the pair before going on his way. In the second scene, which takes place in the same field the following night, Pozzo returns, but he has been struck blind and falls helpless in the field. He calls desperately for help, and the vagabonds discuss whether to intervene. One of them finally cries out:

Let us not waste our time in idle discourse! Let us do something, while we have the chance! It is not every day that we are needed. Not indeed that we personally are needed. Others would meet the case equally well, if not better. To all mankind they were addressed, those cries for help still ringing in our ears! But at this place, at this moment of time, all mankind is us, whether we like it or not. Let us make the most of it, before it is too late!

This has always struck me as one of the most stirring calls to actions in literature, not because it calls us to grand

and world-changing actions, but because it calls us to immediate action in whatever situation we find ourselves. No matter how horrible our situation, we have the chance to make someone else's day better, to reach through their confusion and despair and provide at least a little reassurance that they are not alone in what they face.

I find I need reminders like this more these days. We are headed into the coldest and darkest part of the year. Covid is making a comeback and, despite the recent encouraging news about covid vaccine development, it will dominate our lives until at least the spring. The economy is still in tatters, and the number of evictions has started to rise as the eviction moratoriums have ended. We are weary of not meeting with friends and family, of not being able to grieve together for our losses, of not being able to just go outside or go to work without fearing for our safety or the safety of those around us.

In the midst of all this, Beckett's writing reminds me that amidst all the needs, I have a chance to help, even if it is simply helping someone who has fallen to get back up. I have benefited from countless small acts of kindness from others to me. I hope I may overcome any weariness I may feel this winter long enough to share similar acts with others when the chance arises.

BareBones Puppets Launches the Online Retrospective Collection of OFFERINGS:

Artists Respond to the Mourning, Grieving and Fires on Lake St.

By KAYVA YANG, Barebones Puppets communications director



Artist: Niziah Osheen Burnett (on right), with Lelis Brito (on left). *Beautiful Chaos*, sewn dress responding to protests in the aftermath of George Floyd's murder.



Artist: Theresa Linnihan
We Grieve Together, over 30 figures of mourners for the many fallen to racial prejudice, gun violence, abuse of the planet and the pandemic.

BareBones Puppets launches the online collection of OFFERINGS: Artists Respond to the Mourning, Grieving and Fires on Lake St. On view are thirty-five plus art works that had activated Lake Street during this past Halloween for the live pop-up series of OFFERINGS. Now, through photos, videos and reflections, artists share their works online for the public.

Come view OFFERINGS Online starting December 2nd at the following link.

URL: <https://barebonespuppets.org/offeringsh>

#barebonespuppets
Among the artist contributors are Niziah Osheen Burnett whose sewn dress responds to the protests in the aftermath of George Floyd's murder is an online only feature; and Laura Korynta whose chrysalis sculpture reflects on oppressive systems and change from within is still standing in the Tamales y Bicycletas Garden.



Artist: Laura Korynta
Chrysal-us, sculpture reflecting on oppressive systems and change from within.



New porch heaters at Peace House Community, 1816 Portland Ave. S.

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Library News

By CARZ NELSON

For updated information on Hennepin County Library services during the Coronavirus Pandemic, visit www.hclib.org. All information is accurate as of November 15, 2020

Franklin Library at 1413 E Franklin Avenue is open for computer use. Call (612) 543-6925 to make an appointment. The building will remain locked, but staff will let you in at your appointment time. Masks are required and will be provided if you do not bring one. Because of social distancing, staff will be unable to offer computer assistance. You will have access to a desktop computer, Internet, and printing. You will need to bring your own headphones. At this time, Franklin Library is open for computer use ONLY. Other areas and services, including book/DVD checkout, are not available. They will be accepting returns during staffed service hours.

Franklin Library

Computer Hours

Tuesday & Wednesday – 9 AM to 5 PM
Thursday – Noon to 8 PM
Friday & Saturday – 9 AM to 5 PM
Sunday & Monday – Closed
Franklin Library meal pick-up for youth, Thursdays Noon - 2 PM

Connect with the library social worker outside Franklin Library, Wednesdays 9am- 5pm:

- Basic needs (clothing, food, meals, shelter)
- Chemical Health
- Disability Services
- Education & Employment
- Hennepin County Benefits
- Housing
- A listening ear
- Mental Health Resources
- Transportation

Grab and Go Library

Service at Hosmer Library: Hosmer Library, 347 E 36th St., is open for retrieving holds, limited browsing of materials, checking out items, returning library materials, quick reference support, computer appointments and printing. Meeting rooms, study rooms, children's play areas, and lounges will not be available for use at this time. Masks are required and will be provided if you don't bring one. Check the library website for up-to-date service information and hours.

Due Dates Extended

Due dates for physical materials continue to be automatically extended. You are not required to return materials at this time. Libraries are accepting returns during staffed service hours only. Items will be removed from your account after a three-day quarantine.

Homework Help

Live, virtual tutors are available through Help Now www.hclib.org/programs/home-work-help.

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CLOUD LIBRARY: Find downloadable eBooks for readers of all ages. A reader app is also available for Apple, Android and other devices.

Online Services

Go to the library without leaving home. Here are just a few of the services available at www.hclib.org:

- Tools for job searches
- Ancestry Library Edition and other resources to research family history
- Local music on MNspin

HCLIB on YouTube

Subscribe to Hennepin County Library's YouTube

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At Home Service

At Home service is provided free of charge to Hennepin County residents who cannot get to a library due to illness, disability, or visual impairment. To apply for At Home service, submit an online application or apply by phone at 612-543-8850. Staff are available Monday through Friday, 10 AM to 5 PM, except holidays.

Ask the Library: Have a reference or library account question? Call, text, chat with, or email a library worker.

<https://www.hclib.org/contact>

Call **612-543-KNOW (5669)** to reach library staff by phone.

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Carz is a Phillips resident and an enthusiastic patron of Hennepin County Library.

METRO TRANSIT

One-Seat Ride to Saint Paul

By JOHN CHARLES WILSON

There is a Metro Transit service adjustment going into effect 5 December 2020. This one is extremely minor as regards the Phillips neighborhood, however it may be significant to some people:

- Route 67 will be extended to 14th Ave. S. and Franklin, as opposed to ending at the Franklin Ave. Light Rail station. This means that riders

from east of 26th Ave. S. will be able to go directly to and from the Bloomington/Franklin area on one bus.

The turn-around point is by the Native American Community Development Institute, and is directly behind ALDI, which will be a boon to grocery access.

- Route 5 will have minor schedule adjustments to better reflect actual travel times.

Other than that, not much is happening on the transit front. There will be minor route changes in Downtown Saint Paul, at Theodore Wirth Park, and there will be a detour in Downtown Minneapolis where buses will use the Hennepin Ave. bridge instead of the

Central Ave. bridge. Route 68 in Saint Paul will get extra buses to meet social distancing requirements.

Speaking of social distancing, there is good news on the COVID-19 front. It looks like a vaccine will be publicly available starting next April. Whether or not you choose to take it (I hope you do), it will be a major step on getting society back to normal. If society gets back to normal, transit will get back to normal. This would clearly be a good thing. Then the only reason you will have to wear a mask on the bus will be if you're too ugly to show your face in public. I should probably wear one all the time so as not to scare people, LOL!



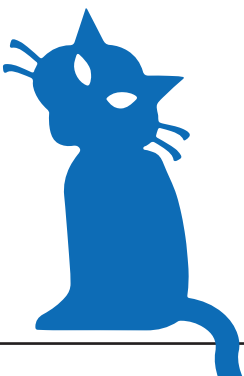
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Artist: Niziah Osheen Burnett .
Beautiful Chaos, sewn dress responding to protests in the aftermath of George Floyd's murder. (artwork detail)

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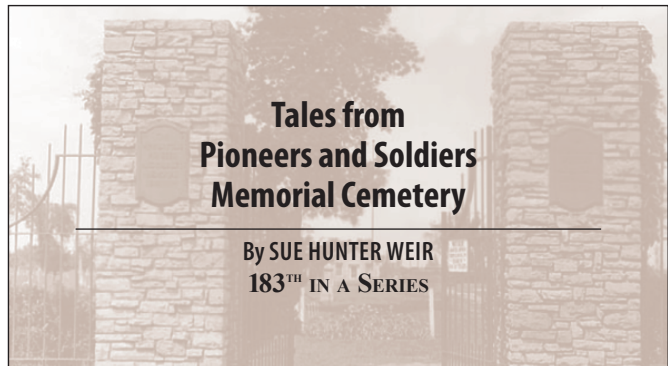
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The Largest Unsolved Mass Murder in Minneapolis History

On the evening of March 28, 1906, Henry Magnuson noticed that things had been very quiet at the boarding house that he owned at 245 8th Avenue South. Too quiet. So he asked Patrolman Peter Peterson to check up on the property. Peterson entered the house, which was little more than a shanty, and found the bodies of six men who had been murdered. They were the victims of the largest unsolved mass murder in Minneapolis history.

Five of the men had been stabbed, and a sixth was killed by a blow from an axe. Two of the men were lying on the floor of a first floor room, two others were nearby, lying in the cots where they had been sleeping, and two others were found in the cellar. Five identical hunting knives were recovered at the scene.

The victims were immigrants, unskilled laborers who had just returned from working for a railroad about 40 miles northwest of Duluth. They had just been paid for the entire winter’s work and had hidden their money, estimated to be between \$500 and \$1,000 each, in their belts. When the police searched the house they only found one money belt; it had been stitched into a blanket. It contained \$506.

The names and the nationalities of the victims were the object of considerable speculation in the press. The men’s names changed with each story and occasionally in the same edition of the paper. The men were thought to be Macedonian but there was some speculation that they were Greek, Bulgarian or possibly Italian. Wherever they



Crowd gathers at the site of the deadliest unsolved murder scene in Minneapolis’ history. Source: Minneapolis Tribune, March 29, 1906

were from, they were said to be, as one reporter put it, from the “wrong side of Europe.” A Greek priest viewed the bodies and was certain that five of the men were Greek, the other he said was a Turk; that opened up the possibility that the motive for the murder was ethnic or religious rivalry. But a prominent member of the Greek community insisted that the men were not Greek but were Bulgarian since, he claimed, Bulgarians had less respect for the law than Greeks. Even though geographic boundaries probably had little meaning for these men, no immigrant group wanted to claim them fearing that it might reflect badly on their fellow countrymen.

Petros Stoyanoff, who recruited young men to come to America and work, knew the men and was able to give names to them. One of the murdered men, the youngest, was Stoyanoff’s cousin. Four of the six men were brothers.

The public’s interest in the case was overwhelming. In the days following

the murders, hundreds of people gathered outside of the morgue, many insisting that as “taxpayers” they had the right to view the bodies. On Friday, the morgue keeper opened the doors to the public. Men, women, and children, some as young as five or six years old, came to gawk at the mutilated bodies. One enterprising gentleman asked the police whether it would be possible for him to buy the house where the murders occurred so that he could turn it into a museum and charge admission.

Police detectives followed up on leads and traveled to Duluth, Chicago and Indianapolis but came up empty handed. Newspapers lost interest in the story after a few days. There was nothing new to add. The motive seemed fairly straightforward, and these were not famous men. Without any arrests, there was not going to be a trial.

Students from the University’s medical school asked to have the bodies for medical research. Their request

was denied. The \$506 that was found at the crime scene was used to purchase, though not mark, the graves of the six men who were buried side by side in Block F of the cemetery. Their names were recorded in the cemetery’s records as Kire Dimitre, Andri Kaleff, Athehanas Kaleff, Gale Kaleff, Nicolas Kaleff, and Kristin Tobika.

Reverend G. L. Morrill, one of the city’s more eccentric characters, presided at the funeral.* Hundreds of gawkers showed up, although according to the newspapers, none of them were friends or family of the victims.

* <http://alleynews.org/2020/01/rev-g-l-morrill-populist-preacher-wherever-two-or-three-are-gathered/>

Minneapolis 2021 Budget Public Hearings

This month the City Council’s Budget Committee is reviewing departments’ proposed 2021 budgets, with the City Council scheduled to vote on budget adoption December 9. Throughout the next two weeks there are three opportunities to weigh in on the Mayor’s proposed budget. These allocations drive city priorities, departments and programs, and we welcome your input.

Public hearings on the proposed 2021 City budget:

Wednesday, December 2
6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 9
6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Visit the City’s website to learn more about the mayor’s recommended budget, key dates in the approval process, FAQs and more. You can also watch a series of videos on the City’s budget process.

Random *alley* News

- ▶ In October, the Minnesota Legislature finally passed the public works bill, also known as “the bonding bill.” Phillips neighborhood recipients included: \$2.6 million for renovation and expansion of the Minneapolis American Indian Center; \$2 million for the construction of the Indigenous People’s Taskforce’s Mikwanedun Audisookon Center for Art and Wellness; \$250,000 for the Cultural Wellness Center’s Dreamland on 38th project; \$3.8 million for the Native American Community Clinic to purchase the building the clinic is currently in.
- ▶ The East Phillips Neighborhood Institute had their first day in court on October 26 for their lawsuit against the City of Minneapolis to halt the Public Works Hiawatha Campus Expansion Project. The

- City Council approved nearly \$2 million dollars of CARES Act funding to help build 100 tiny homes for unsheltered residents by December 31st, 2020 in a partnership with HN County, the State of MN, Avivo, Simpson Housing Services, and Special Treatment Services.
- ▶ The Red Lake Nation’s Mino-Bimaadiziwin 110-unit affordable housing complex at Franklin and Cedar will soon be ready to welcome residents, just over a year after breaking ground.
 - ▶ In the Heart of the Beast Theatre has announced all Staff being furloughed for three months (beginning October 12th) due to a significant and unexpected loss in funding in addition to the impacts of Covid-19 as it still pursues “building a new path forward.”
 - ▶ For the first time, Norway

- House’s Gingerbread Wonderland will be available online for the world to see! Starting December 6, 2020, the entire exhibit will be recorded and on display for public viewing, free of charge. Visit their website for more information and to donate: <https://www.norwayhouse.org/>
- ### Local Election News
- ▶ Omar Fateh is the new State Senator-elect for MN Senate District 62, which includes almost all of Phillips. Fateh beat longtime Senator Jeff Hayden in the August DFL primary, and easily won in the November general election.
 - ▶ State Representative (62A) Hodan Hassan was reelected to her second term in the MN House.
 - ▶ Incumbent Kim Ellison won re-election as an at-large member of the Minneapolis School Board.

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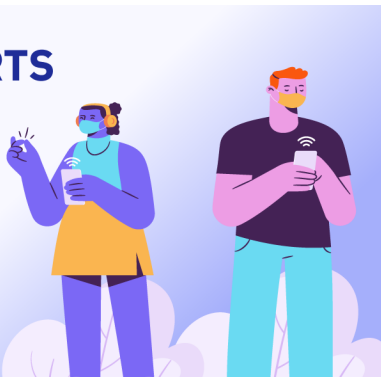
is exposed to COVID-19 and needs to isolate or quarantine.

Isolation and quarantine basics: People with COVID symptoms or a confirmed case of COVID-19 should **isolate** for a minimum of **10 days** from when their symptoms started. People who are close contacts of someone with COVID-19, usually household members or close friends or family, should **quarantine for 14 days** from their last close contact with the person who has COVID-19. During both isolation and quarantine, you should limit leaving home. If you are in isolation, only leave your home if you need medical care. Even going for a solo drive runs the risk of having a car accident, potentially exposing emergency responders. People in quarantine can make limited trips for emergency essential needs or COVID testing, but should use services like contactless curbside pick-up.

During isolation, you should stay in a separate room, away from the other people in your household, and use a separate bathroom if possible. Time spent in communal areas should be brief (like walking down the hallway to the bathroom) and everyone should be wearing a mask. What will this look like

EXPOSURE ALERTS

Receive an alert if you've been near someone with COVID-19. The app is free and anonymous.



in your home?

Stock up on essentials. Think about what supplies you would need to get through 14 days of staying home. Don't forget about pet supplies and prescriptions. Do you know what grocery services deliver to your home? Do you have friends or family who can help you out?

Stock up on COVID supplies. Although most people who get COVID do not need to be hospitalized, people do experience a range of symptoms like severe sore throat, headache, cough, fever, body aches, loss of taste and smell, and gastrointestinal issues. What are your favorite remedies? You should also have a thermometer, and a supply of masks and cleaning/disinfecting products.

Workplace and financial support. Your job is legally protected if you need to miss work for isolation or quarantine. Many workplaces are required to provide paid leave. Double-check what your employer is doing. You might also be eligible for unemployment. There is emergency assistance available through Hennepin County, including

emergency rental and financial assistance. Call 612-348-3000, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Preparations for Caregivers. If you are the primary caregiver of children, vulnerable adults, or elders, you will want to come up with a plan for their care if you become sick. Do you have a back-up caregiver?

Take care of your mental health. Even if you or your loved ones don't become severely ill, isolation and quarantine can be emotionally difficult and even just downright boring. What do you need to keep yourself mentally stimulated, physically active and socially connected in isolation?

Don't forget the basics: We don't get to take a holiday from wearing a mask, social distancing (this means no hugs!), handwashing, and staying home if sick or at high risk of serious illness.

Lindsey lives in East Phillips and has been working a reassignment as a COVID-19 Case Investigator for local public health since May.

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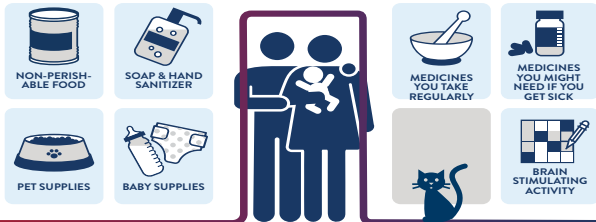
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Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association is looking for local partners to assist with 2021 outreach within the Midtown Phillips neighborhood.

You must be a registered non-profit to apply. Applications are due by January 15, 2021.

If interested or for more information, email info@midtownphillips.org

To see a list of our 2020 partners, visit www.midtownphillips.org/our-partners



MPNAI ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 23, 2021

VIA ZOOM (time tbd)

- Hear from speakers & neighbors
- Celebrate Midtown Phillips pride with fellow community members
- Get the annual report of MPNAI activities & projects during 2020
 - Learn about our partner organizations & upcoming initiatives
 - Join the Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Assoc. board!

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MPNAI BOARD MEETING: DECEMBER 8, 6:30 - 8 pm

Please watch our website www.midtownphillips.org for agenda and links to join our zoom meeting!



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A Message from Council Vice President Andrea Jenkins

Dear Neighbors:
“You don’t choose the time;
the time chooses you.” Sen.
Ted Kennedy (as said to
Barack Obama)

Friends we are living
through extraordinary times,
times that no one could have
predicted this moment, of a
global public health pandemic,
racial reckoning that Rev. Dr.
William Barber III, calls the
3rd Reconstruction. Climate
change wreaking havoc on the
environment, and crime rates
that have skyrocketed out of
control.

- To be clear I absolutely
recognize the system of
policing was and contin-
ues to be based on the
foundation of slavery.
- I know that every day an
average of 3 Americans
are killed by police
- I know that there is an
over reliance on the police
to keep our communities
safe and other communi-
ties are deeply over crimi-
nalized, including my own
communities.

I also know that we must
create a new continuum of
public safety, a 21st century
model of policing that is com-
munity controlled, well trained,
and highly accountable. I have
supported many measures and

initiatives to get us on that
path, yes, including being a
part of the “Powderhorn 9”. I
stand by that commitment to
re- fund our communities to
develop and expand a mental
health response that doesn’t
include sworn officers, a
homelessness response that
does not rely on an officer
with a gun. We are implement-
ing these new approaches and
investing in community-based
solutions, but the reality is
that we have not achieved
that yet. We have to, to quote
my colleague Councilmem-
ber Cunningham, “do both/
and.” Our communities are
in so much trauma right now,
concerned about our physical
health, challenged by the eco-
nomic downturn that is deeply
distressful and impacting our
collective mental health.

The reality is that there are
no simple solutions, there is
no one way. We must employ
all options to restore a level
of safety that we all deserve. I
have received a lot of corre-
spondence related to this issue,
as you might imagine some
people are very upset and others
are happy to learn that we
will get some assistance from
Hennepin County Sheriff’s
office and Metro Transit to
reduce 911 response times to

relieve the beleaguered and
understaffed department. To
be clear the city is invest-
ing in schools, we increased
funding to the “Stable homes,
Stable schools” program for
2021, this program subsidizes
rent for families with children
attending Minneapolis Public
Schools and might be experi-
encing or facing homeless-
ness to support young people
staying in their schools. We’ve
invested \$2 million dollars to
develop the Little Village “tiny
homes” project that will house
over 100 people, and partner-
ing with Hennepin County to
develop shelters, including a
women’s specific shelter in
south Minneapolis. We are
investing in Narcan and treat-
ment programs to help folks
struggling with addiction.

We know that Chief Ar-
radondo is woefully under-
staffed, for a variety of reasons
the department is down 174
officers. I am under no illusion
that this temporary measure
will resolve all of our crime
problems, but neither will “A
Mother’s Love” or the “Mad
Dads”. All of these entities
must work to together, we
must take care of each other
and build a new world where
we all can be safe.

- Andrea Jenkins

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Although Council Member
Andrea Jenkins doesn’t
directly represent any
part of the Phillips Com-
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her statement to continue
the city-wide conversation
about peace-keeping in our
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The EPIC Report – Dec. 2020

www.eastphillips-epic.com



EPIC Wishes you a Wonderful Holiday and a Happy New Year

We are East Phillips!

Despite its adversities, the East Phillips Neighborhood is
an extremely diverse, lively and committed community.
At Little Earth, we have the only urban Native-preference
housing in the country, with 38 different tribes represent-
ed. We’re home to community-built gardens, probably the
only community designed and funded Cultural & Com-
munity Center in the City at East Phillips Park, numerous
cultural institutions, and BIPOC-owned businesses.

And, to reclaim our environmental future, we created a
new development plan for the neighborhood—the

East Phillips Indoor Urban Farm a project that won’t kill us.

We aim to transform the Roof Depot site into a space that
houses an indoor urban farm producing;

- Year-round Organic food in this food desert,
- Affordable low-income family housing,
- Local businesses re-location,
- Job training facilities and meeting areas,
- Green jobs and second chance opportunities.

We have found strength in our diversity and are working
together to build a healthy, sustainable neighborhood that
we and the City can be proud of.

But first, we need to stop the City of Minneapolis
from demolishing the newly renovated former Sears ware-
house and tuning the site into a polluting storage yard for
city trucks, many diesel, hundreds of employee vehicles,
man-hole covers fire-hydrants and sewer pipes.

What can you do?

WE NEED YOUR HELP to raise funds for legal expenses: to post bond to stop the
City’s proposed demolition of the Roof Depot, to have our case heard, and to continue
the fight for our environmental and economic rights in court.

Please Donate to EPNI, the East Phillips Neighborhood Institute, to help us pay for
legal expenses to protect our community from the CITY and more pollution.

DONATE;

Follow this Link ----- GoFundMe ----- <https://gf.me/u/y8ks9h>

Or go to EPNI Web-Site ----- EPNIfarm.org ----- Hit the DONATE button

& Sign the Petition at ----- <http://chng.it/z5cG6TvcjN>

Inform your friends and Wealthy acquaintances of our Financial Need!
Also, **Get active in EPIC**, the East Phillips Improvement Coalition, **Support EPNI**,
And **Write letters to our “City Leaders”**. **Set them straight!**

For Your Calendar: * Have a Great Holiday!

EPIC Board of Directors meets temporarily on the FIRST Thursdays Via Zoom.
12/3/2020 & 1/7/2021 at 7:00 PM. Watch your E-Mail for your ZOOM Invitation.

EPIC General Membership are on the SECOND Thursday of each month. – Via ZOOM
12/10/2020 & 1/14/2021 at 6:30 PM. Watch your E-Mail for your ZOOM Invitation.

East Phillips Community 17th Ave. Gardeners are not meeting at this time.

* **East Phillips Residents wanting a 2021 Garden Plot, contact Brad Pass at 612-916-8478**

To join EPIC and/or receive ZOOM Invitations, contact Sarah at epic.ssantiago@gmail.com

* **To get involved in EPIC & help move the East Phillips Neighborhood in a positive direction, join us at any EPIC General Membership meeting (see dates above). All are welcome.**

Alley Communications Annual Report 2020 It belongs to YOU!!!!



Attention--- Artists, Authors, Activists and Alley Advocates!!

Alley Communications, the nonprofit organization that governs and guides this independent news source with a community heart, is actively looking for Millennials and Generation X-ers (and maybe a couple more Boomers?) to join our Board of Directors and consistently attend our monthly Board Meetings.

Joining the Board of the Alley may sound like a “really, why would I want to do that” question but think about this:

In addition to supporting community-driven media, *the alley* is one of only a few remaining neighborhood newspapers still alive and publishing. No one speaks for our neighborhood like our community writers and you can help us build on our success and help you build your volunteer resume. We are looking for individuals with the skills and desires to assist us to guide the following important pieces of growth of the organization:

- Upgrade our website to a fully interactive space where we can add content between print publications and to be able to collect online donations
- Increase our social media presence on Facebook, Twitter and other platforms to reach new audiences
- Outreach to cultural communities to be able to tell more stories of the many voices of Phillips and to develop partnerships with students from our local high schools to more directly engage with our up and coming leaders



• Develop a marketing plan to promote and build upon our partnership model for organizations, businesses, and initiatives in the community

• Build our advertising presence to reach more community businesses with affordable ads, including developing an advertising presence for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) businesses and organizations as well as small entrepreneurs and trades persons to advertise their services

If you would like to find out more information or discuss, please email Cathy Strobel-Ayres at cstrobel11@gmail.com or call her on her cell: 612-387-7679

Yipppppeeee and with gratitude!!!!

During the Autumn of 2018, regular readers of *the alley* may remember several announcements and postings of a possible “transition” of this 43 year old community newspaper. Some of those posts appeared seemingly full of pleas of participation. Most of those announcements were asking for any evidence at all from our readers that would assist a small handful people decide if we should keep pushing to publish this monthly paper? That small

group of people knew they would also need to grow their numbers and, open up to new ideas and ways of doing things, and, more importantly, work diligently to grow more fully into the what it means to be conducting community journalism.

The verdict came in-----the paper should continue. More people are participating. The transition from a singular voice of “Editor” is being embraced by an Editorial Leadership Committee or team. The Board membership has grown, has shaped and hired folks for key functions in keeping the paper going and will be planning for making Alley Communications, the nonprofit publisher of *the alley*, a

stronger organization. This year, we were able to successfully fundraise one month of expenses with over one-half of the donors being from the Phillips Community!

We invite you to peruse these two pages to see key pieces of the development of *the alley* and Alley Communications since the Autumn of 2018. There is still a long way to go to lift the many voices and cultures within the Phillips Community using the values and tools of community journalism. Find a place where **YOU** might fit and be able to contribute to this vital and vibrant effort!

Alley Communications is...

Advocating on Issues
Agitating for Change
Building Healthy Community
Connecting Neighbors
Documenting History
Facilitating Deliberation
Giving Truth and Democracy a Jog Forward
Lifting Every Voice
Promoting Art and Culture

ELC Reflections

LINDSEY:

The Editorial Leadership Committee will be one year old this December. Although the ELC was first mentioned in Alley Communication official documents years ago, it never became reality until Harvey Winje began to transition into retirement. He gathered together a group of willing neighbors to see what would happen if instead of one person, there was a group of Phillips neighbors making the decisions about what to put in *the alley* every month. And this has been quite the year for this experiment. From cozy meetings around Harvey's dining room table eating his homemade banana bread or gathering in the warmth and hospitality of the Cultural Wellness Center, we now meet through Zoom, write too many emails, and struggle, like the rest of our neighbors, with the difficult realities of 2020.

And so, we have been learning as we go, struggling both with new technologies and letting go of old ways of doing things. We have had difficult conversations about content and have worked through what the right decisions are for *the alley* each month. How do the decisions I contribute to the ELC consider and grow the existing relationships between *the alley* and the writers who put together the words we print, the community organizations that support us financially, and the people of Phillips, who, after all, this is all about?

As the ELC turns one year old, we are still discovering who we are together and what we do. As part of that process, we have started thinking about how we grow our group. Who is missing from our decision-making conversations? What roles and skills are yet to be utilized or developed? How do we continue to grow in our relationships with each other and with the many contributors and volunteers

who make *the alley* happen each month, when we are still, by necessity, at a physical distance?

MARY ELLEN:

I was a late-comer to the ELC, but was still winter when I joined, pre-pandemic. I loved the early morning winter walks through Peavy Park to the Cultural Wellness Center for meetings, admiring perhaps the best view of downtown from any neighborhood.

The walk wasn't my motivation for volunteering, though. It was my love of *the alley* and what it gives us – the people of the Phillips Community – unity. There was a time when the four neighborhoods (East Phillips, Midtown Phillips, West Phillips, and Venture Village) were a single neighborhood, simply Phillips. I was never in favor of dividing up our community into smaller units 18 years ago. What happens on one side of 24th Street affects residents on the opposite side. The industrial pollution plaguing East Phillips didn't stop at Bloomington Avenue. For profit and not-for-profit corporations merge to gain strength, splintering only weakens enterprises.

The alley is the single unifying force that has remained since the dissolution of what once was the largest neighborhood in Minneapolis. It is through *the alley* that we learn of issues our neighbors across the street are talking about and taking action on. All four neighborhoods still identify as being part of the Phillips Community. Our strength as a community is through unity. *the alley's* Editorial Leadership Committee seeks to preserve and build our collective power.

Current ELC members are-
Lindsey Fenner
Mary Ellen Keluza
Cassandra Nelson
Brother Minkara Tezet
Harvey Winje

Program and Engagement Coordinator-
Meena Mangalvedhekar

In the last quarter of 2020, the Board of Alley Communications set a goal of raising one month of current expenses or \$3000.

We are profoundly pleased to report that we achieved a goal, raising \$3,170 to date!

Over one-half our 37 contributors were residents of the Phillips Community, helping the Board and the Editorial Leadership Committee (a standing Committee of the Board) to know the Alley truly does matter to the Community!

THANK YOU!

HERE ARE SOME OF THE NOTES WE RECEIVED WITH THESE FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS:

"the Alley and all these like it deserve a life and strength in each neighborhood, in par of these States."

"Dear Alley Staff and Board---A small contribution---I appreciate all the work you all do. I never miss an issue."

"I don't regularly read or access *the alley*. Southside Pride and Longfellow Messenger all the locals I frequent because of where I live. Yet, I am an enthusiastic supporter of local news

and wat to support the Alley during these challenging financial times. Keep on reporting and connecting community!"

".....and we want the Alley to survive."

"Really enjoy your paper---especially articles regarding the Cemetery and local news. Keep up the good work!"

"To the Staff and Contributors of the Alley, I appreciate your work! Thank you! Enclosed is a small check; I don't have much, but like *the alley* suggests, let's all help each other."

"I have read *the alley* since I moved the area in 1983. Always have enjoyed reading history about Soldiers and Pioneers Memorial Cemetery. One day, I met Sue Hunter Weir-that was special. There are interesting articles about the neighborhood each month. Thanks, everyone, for all their efforts to put out a free newspaper. "

IF ANY OF THESE WORDS INSPIRE YOU TO GIVE OR IF YOU SIMPLY WANT THE ALLEY TO KEEP COMING OUT EACH MONTH, PLEASE CONTRIBUTE BY VISITING GIVEMN OR SEND A CHECK TO: ALLEY COMMUNICATIONS, P.O. BOX 7006, MPLS., MN 55407

Want to see your name in print? Opportunities abound at *the alley*

- Write for *the alley* – cover events, critical issues, controversies, local personalities, feel-good news, ...
- Stretch your creative wings with poetry, humor, recipes,...
- Take photographs of special events, breaking news, unusual sights, interesting people, happy puppies, ...
- Build relationships with area businesses, schools, and institutions for content, ads, other media, donations,...
- Put your love of social media to philanthropic use helping the Alley move into the 3rd decade of the 21st century on FaceBook, Twitter, Instagram, Myspace (jk), ...
- Like hanging with people? *The alley* Board of Directors and Editorial Leadership Committee are swell groups with regular meetups.

Just imagine – your name could be in the paper! Your mother would be so proud.

RETURNING CHAPTER 5

Missing

By PATRICK CABELLO HANSEL

We hope that when two pAngel had fallen into a deep sleep after a terrible nightmare. Luz had experienced an incredible dream, wide awake in the strange little room in the Quatrefoil Library. Neither one had answered their cell phones. Little Lupita, all of 3 ½ years old, had been left at the day care. Her teacher and the director had made multiple

calls and left multiple messages to both of her parents’ phones. It was approaching 7 pm, and the director needed to close up, in order to get to a parents’ meeting for her own children. The emergency contacts—Angel’s parents—weren’t answering their phones either.

Meanwhile, Angel and little Angelito slept on, oblivious to what was transpiring. Luz stepped out of the bookstore still swaddled in the magical feeling of what she had encountered. She felt more alive than she ever had before. Her eyes, and the eyes of her heart,

saw everything as beauty. The wispy flakes of snow seemed to her as if tiny angels dancing. The bare skinny trees along Lake Street appeared as brave sentinels, guarding the future. Even the noisy traffic seemed charged with a new life-giving energy. She couldn’t wait to get home to tell Angel about it. She abandoned the idea of buying chicken at the gas station, and walked briskly home.

As she climbed the stairs to their second floor apartment, she felt—just for a second—a coldness rush past her. It was a chilling reminder of her past, the past she thought

she had worked through. The chill came and it went quickly, and though she noticed it, it did not diminish the warmth she brought from the vision she just had. She opened the apartment door still beaming.

“Angel! Angel, mi amor! You won’t believe what just happened to me!” she shouted.

Her words went out from her; what came back was nothing but silence. Silence and darkness. No lights were on the apartment.

At first, she thought Angel and little Angelito were playing a trick on her. They loved to hide behind the couch or

in the little closet and jump out to try and scare her. She always pretended that she was, even though the two of them were pretty bad at hiding.

“Angel! Angelito! Lupita!” she said, in a mock whisper. “Where are you? I can smell you, and I’m going to come and eat you!”

Still nothing. No sound. Luz started to get worried. She looked at her phone and saw it was after 7 pm. She also saw all the messages from the day care she’d missed.

“Angel! C’mon!” she yelled. “Quit fooling around!”

Her voice was met with a blur; more like a rush of a train. Angel came barreling out of the bedroom, bumping into the furniture and yelling, “What do you want? Why are you in my house? Who are you?”

He would have run right into Luz, had she not instinctively picked up a cushion to shield herself. She pushed him away, and reached for the light switch.

“What is wrong with you, Angel?” she shouted.

Angel stopped in his tracks, and looked at Luz with what she had come to know as “the look”. She realized he had had the nightmare again.

“Baby, it’s OK,” she said, coming close to him. “It’s just me. You’re safe. No one is here but you and I and the kids.”

They hugged each other and both of them breathed deeply. As they separated, Luz asked him

“Where are the kids?”

“Angelito is sleeping on our bed, and Lupita...”

He stopped and looked around. He shook his head as if trying to slap his brain awake.

“Where is she, Luz?” he asked. “Didn’t you pick her up at the day care?”

“Me?” Luz asked. “No, you were supposed to!”

“I thought it was your day to pick her up,” Angel said, his voice getting louder.

And then that moment came to both of them at the exact same time. That moment when you realize you don’t know where your child is. That moment when, try as you might, you can’t stop imagining the very worst that could happen.

“Angel!” Luz yelled.

“Didn’t you pick her up? What were you doing?”

“I fell asleep!” Angel shouted. “Angelito and I did his homework and watched a little TV, and we just both fell asleep.”

“No!” Luz shouted. “No, how could you?”

“I thought you were getting her!” Angel yelled.

This is where we have to leave them, dear reader. That terrible place where you blame the person you love the most, the person whom you need the most right then. You blame them to stave off the terrible fear that you are guilty, you have put your child in terrible danger. You begin to pray, with your shaking body as much as with your mind. You start to take action, all the while feeling completely powerless and lost.

To be continued...

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There is greater need as individuals and families face increased isolation and uncertainty due to the pandemic. This opportunity removes many barriers to care and is available to residents of Hennepin County.

Appointments are available while funds last through the end of December 2020.

Free, same-day counseling appointments are available

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Services are delivered by phone or virtually via Telehealth. LSS is able to offer counseling sessions at no cost through a grant from Hennepin County.

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VENTURA VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD

D E C E M B E R ' 2 0 N E W S

Our website, venturavillage.org has been redesigned and updated. Please take a look and give us feedback on how we can improve.



Our neighborhood formed a new supporting partnership with Hope Community. The article and pictures on this page tell about their project.



Our annual end of the year membership meeting will be Wednesday, December 9th at 7:00 PM. Because the Phillips Community Center is still closed we will meet in person at ICCM Church, 1812 Park Avenue. We will have board elections and will preview issues for 2021. Because of Covid -19 restrictions we will not be serving refreshments this year. You can access us via Zoom by calling 612-548-1598 or contact us at venturavillage.org.



Leanne Jackson and Katrina Harrison’s block club on 15th Avenue in Ventura Village organized a fun event at Pow Wow Grounds parking lot in October. Fifteen neighbors or so gathered to connect, share brainstorm on safety improvements for the neighborhood, learn Krav Maga techniques for personal safety, and enjoy cookies and Pow Wow’s drinks. It was great to meet with neighbors and to see the Krav Maga presentation! Big thanks to Bob Rice at Pow Wow Grounds! Kudos to the organizers! This is an example of how block clubs can work successfully. Contact Kali at kali.pliego@minneapolismn.gov for more information on block clubs.

The Food, Land and Community Team at Hope Community went through big shifts in 2020 and we are excited to lean into our community of gardeners, seed savers and youth leaders as we begin to shape the 2021 growing season. After establishing COVID-19 safety we were able to connect distantly in the Gardens--in addition to virtually--and grow in all three of our growing spaces.

Here are a few highlights from the 2020 growing season and youth programming.

Six (6) young folks, four of whom live close by in the Phillips neighborhood, participated in our annual Food and Photography program, held virtually. We spent time exploring storytelling in our food systems, the importance of who tells our stories and how our stories are told, and how sustainable agriculture supports food sovereignty. The storytelling was supported by learning skills in videography and photo editing with professional photographer and film maker Ryan Stopera. To close the program, we gathered safely in the Gardens to make stir fry rice. The youth learned the basics of cooking rice and explored culturally relevant stories of rice making in our diverse communities.

After experiencing sensory stress during the uprisings in June, we began Womxn of Color healing gatherings in the quiet of our green spaces let by our farm lead, Maryan Abdinur. She invited those who gathered to work on projects around the Gardens with her. Our farm lead along with community leaders created a safe weekly produce distribution in the Rose Garden. The distribution spanned a three-month period and included harvesting and packaging produce and fruits such as native corn, huitlacoche, tomatoes, herbs, greens, squashes, garlic, berries, plums, apples, medicinal plants, and flowers. In our Hope Block Garden, six community gardeners grew independently.

We are looking forward to garden planning this winter, connecting in virtual gathering spaces and over the phone, continuing to take care of our indoor vermicomposting bins, seed saving and soon, indoor seed starting. We hope you are entering this new year with a bounty of love, light, and energy.

If you are interested learning more about our programs or Hope Community Inc., please contact our team at FLC@Hope-community.org or 612-435-1683.

Solidarity
with you and the Land,
The Food, Land and
Community Team at Hope Community, Inc.



Photos provided by the Food, Land, and Community Team

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) from Crime Prevention Specialist, Kali Pliego

As the neighborhood’s Crime Prevention Specialist, I have fielded many calls and requests from residents, property owners, and businesses for advice on preventing property crimes. Property crimes consist of damage to property, burglary, and/or theft of property. The following tips are a summary of the common principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, or CPTED (“septed”) for short.

Light

Consider whether the amount of light is adequate on all sides of the property. These considerations should include private lighting, such as lights attached to the property or on private light posts (like in a parking lot), as well as the public lighting infrastructure. Residents of Minneapolis can request a Public Works light study by contacting Minneapolis 311.

Define Property Lines

This is most commonly achieved through fencing. There are more creative ways to mark off boundaries of private property, as well, depending on the space. A caution: while retaining walls may seem like a nice option, they also tend to offer a natural “bench”, which could conflict with the goals of crime prevention.

Surveillance

Surveillance can be “natural”, “formal” and “informal”. Natural surveillance is about sightlines and visibility of all parts of the property. Fall is a good time to cut back vegetation. Research the plants you have and how to properly prune them to ensure they come back the next season. Formal surveillance encompasses hardware like cameras. There is a wide variety of security cameras on the market—covering all price points and service options. Finally, Informal surveillance is what your block club or Neighborhood Watch can offer. The principle of informal surveillance is that of neighbors keeping an eye out for each other. If you need help organizing a block club, reach out to me at kali.pliego@minneapolismn.gov. I would be happy to work with you!

For more information (much more!), including opportunities to attend classes on all topics under the Crime Prevention umbrella, visit the National Crime Prevention Council website: <https://www.ncpc.org/>

Light-Emitting Sculpture Proposed for Midtown Greenway

By TIM SPRINGER

I invite you to a Zoom happy hour to discuss a proposed sculpture to be located at the top of the Midtown Greenway's 18th Avenue entrance ramp. This is the location where purple Christmas lights were strung up in 2017. The idea is to create exciting artwork that makes you say "WOW!", light up a dark area, and serve as a wayfinding beacon. Normally we would have an outdoor meeting, but that would be a prohibited social gathering.

Happy Hour details:
Friday, January 8, 2020
5:30 pm BYOB at:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81328451267>
(or email thegreenwayguy@gmail.com for a link)
If you can't Zoom or dislike Zooming, feel free to email comments or questions to the address above and copy EPIC Secretary, Sarah Santiago, at epic.ssantiago@gmail.com, or call me at 612-355-9600.
In late 2019, the Midtown Greenway Coalition (MGC)

submitted a proposal to the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council to fund this sculpture, but funding was not awarded. Discussions are underway regarding the best scenario for who will own, maintain,

the Midtown Greenway, I am excited to help develop this sculpture as a team member with EPIC, MGC, and my neighbors.
An advisory committee that I volunteered to lead, along



with adjacent residents, has been brainstorming on sculpture design. The idea of a UFO has received positive responses. Suggested themes include peace, love, and unity. Suggested characteristics include durability and a calming sensibility. Maybe that's exactly what we need right now, a UFO from outer space bringing messages of peace and unity to help us chill out. We're thinking the sculpture would be about 12 feet wide, several feet tall, and suspended about 13 feet high. The sculpture would be illuminated from

inside, and provide power to the sculpture. As the adjacent property owner and someone whose life is wrapped up in

within or be lit so as to appear that way. A cone of light out of the bottom would light up the Greenway ramp and 18th Avenue sidewalk. Bicyclists traveling on the 17th Avenue bicycle boulevard would see it as a Greenway entrance marker. Hopefully this project will inspire similar projects elsewhere on the Greenway.
The Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority (Midtown Greenway owner), and the City of Minneapolis will need to approve the sculpture. Discussions with them have been initiated. In response to the urgent need for more light, the City of Minneapolis has installed a temporary light that would be replaced by the sculpture.
Residents on the 2800 and 2900 blocks of 18th Avenue adjacent to where the sculpture will be located have been working with one another and the City of Minneapolis to reclaim our blocks from excessive drug dealing, drug use, littering, speeding, and death threats to residents. When meetings with the City shifted to Zoom, the list of participants became mostly white people. To overcome this problem, we are taking advantage of the relation-

ships we have built to connect one-to-one regarding sculpture planning.
In addition to shifting communication patterns, the pandemic has also exacerbated homelessness. Many people who are homeless now sleep in the Midtown Greenway. In response, Hennepin County installed barricades at Greenway entrances, including at the proposed sculpture location at 18th Avenue, to preclude vehicles from entering. Also, a Biff's porta potty was recently located here to serve the homeless. The character of the proposed sculpture location is now defined by a concrete jersey barrier, orange traffic barrels, the porta potty, and a daily crop of litter. On one late November morning I picked up litter around the porta potty, including a condom, two needles, clothing, and lots of food and beverage packaging.
The proposed sculpture at this little nexus of bicycle and pedestrian travel will help reclaim and sustain the space as welcoming and safe. We will try to complete concept development, design drawings, fundraising, and permitting in 2021 so the sculpture can be constructed in 2022.

PRESENTA

COVID-19
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¿Está:

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3) queriendo más información de COVID?

Nuestras especialistas proveen información en inglés y español sobre recursos disponibles, generada por el Departamento de Salud de Minnesota y el CDC

Need help paying rent?
Emergency rental assistance is available to low-income Hennepin County residents.

The governor's latest extension of the peacetime emergency means that the suspension of evictions and landlord-initiated lease terminations remains in place until Dec. 14.

This suspension will allow households to remain sheltered during the peacetime emergency. The executive order does not relieve a tenant's obligation to pay rent.

Emergency rental assistance Hennepin County offers

emergency rental assistance for residents with low incomes who have been financially harmed by COVID-19. Residents can learn more and apply at www.hennepin.us/rent-help and find more information in different languages:

English.
Spanish.
Somali.
Hmong.
Oromo.
Russian.

Dial back to save lives
Restrictions begin Friday, November 20 at 11:59 p.m.

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 Stay home when you're able. Only gather with your immediate household.	 Any social gatherings outside of your household

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Letter to the alley”

Senate Seat

By LEE LEICHENTRITT

Should President Biden appoint one of Minnesota’s Senators to his cabinet, thus allowing Governor Walz to appoint an interim US Senator, I urge Governor Walz to appoint Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan to fill Minne-

sota’s Senate vacancy, should a vacancy occur.

Peggy Flanagan would be a powerful voice for Indigenous people, for people of color, and for newly arrived and working class Americans. Her background, leadership, and integrity make her the perfect choice to fill a US Senate seat.

Note: Lee Leichentritt is a member of the alley’s Board of Directors. His views do not necessarily represent the Board or Editorial Leadership Committee.

Movie Corner

Sean Connery

By HOWARD MCQUITTER II

Sean Connery was born in the Fountainbridge neighborhood in Edinburgh, Scotland. He was known for being the first actor to play James Bond in the ripe era of the Cold War between the U.S. and U.S.S.R., after the Cuba Missile crisis and Khrushchev’s, “We will bury you!” statement at the United Nations, and threats of nuclear war. He played James Bond in *Dr. No*, (1962); *From Russia With Love*, (1963); *Goldfinger*, (1964); *Thunderball*, (1965); and *You Only Live Twice*, (1967). By the time he did the fifth Bond movie, Mr. Connery was tired of playing the urbane, cankerous secret agent man in spite of the Bond movies’ box office success, which made him a star in Great Britain and the United States.

He did act as James Bond in *Diamonds Are Forever*, (1971); and *Never Say Never Again*, (1981). Before he became famous as the original James Bond, Mr. Connery acted in *Time Lock*, (1957); *No Road Back*, (1957); *Another Time, Another Place*; (1958), *The Frightened City*, (1961); and with an ensemble cast in *The Longest Day*, (1962). His film career covered seven decades. After he left the Bond franchise seven other actors would take the James Bond, aka 007, role: David Niven, George Lazenby, Roger Moore, Timothy Dalton, Pierce Brosnan and the latest man, Daniel Craig.

Memorable Sean Connery roles for me are when he played a Franciscan friar from England as a Medieval Sherlock Holmes going to investigate a murder in a Benedictine abbey in Italy in the adventurous film *The Name of the Rose*, (1986). In *The Hunt for Red October*, (1990), Connery commands a Soviet submarine- deliberately taking it into U.S. waters- causing both the U.S.

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Beyond the End of It All

By PETER MOLENAAR

Earth is 4.5 billion years old. Sun will die in another 4.5 billion. The ‘force of life’ emerged 3.5 billion years ago, but will remain for merely a “few hundred million years”, at which time, Sun will flare up to render Earth too hot. Hopefully by then, the memory of Donald Trump will have vanished.

Who lit the match? A small fire charred one corner of the church, creating the pretense for tear gas and rubber bullets... he held the Bible upside down. Brave “losers” from

too many wars have promised to depose him, if necessary. Hey, I know a child who was expelled from Sunday school for having resisted the story of Noah’s Ark. Allow me to revisit that one!

The “hoax” was a hoax.

Now “Uncle Joe” has embarked upon an uphill sprint. Social Security? Medicare? Medicaid? Tax the rich? Organized labor? Smash the virus? Serve the “force of life”?

Contradictions: 1.) labor and capital 2.) oppression and liberation 3.) capitalism and sustainability.

Truth of the matter: Joe and Kamala will do their best to mitigate these contradictions in our favor, but they will do so without initiating fundamental systemic change. For the time being,

dear neighbors, this all we can hope for.

But what?

An oligarchy of 1% owns 50% of our nation’s wealth, while a 10% owns 80%. Largely, this constitutes an unearned inheritance which reflects the whole history of ‘racial-capitalism’. Unfortunately, this imbalance can not be sustained much longer, probably not for 100 years (definitely not for a few 100 million years, should we be so lucky!).

Attention patriots: Real socialism involves the revolutionary transfer of finance and means of production to public ownership. This transfer will take place when the democratic masses recognize the necessity. Sun willing...

and the U.S.S.R. to attempt to stop the rogue sub from being in both waters.

Then, I think to myself, in his fine role in Brian De Palma’s *Untouchables*, (1987), he won an Oscar for a supporting role. I also think back to the *Untouchables* on TV, in black and white, starring Robert Stack. My dad and I loved to watch it on weekends.

Sean Connery did at least 67 movies--that I alluded to earlier-- beyond his unforgettable Bond movies, which movie goers could seek out.. But the manly man in the company of beautiful women at odds with all kinds of villains out to get him nonetheless is undoubtedly more than worth the ride.

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COVID-19 Community Coordinators

COVID Community Coordinators (CCCs) are a partnership between the Minnesota Department of Health and community-based organizations, such as the Cultural Wellness Center and others that connect Minnesota's diverse communities to COVID testing and resources. It is essential to draw on community strengths and trusted community networks to respond effectively to COVID-19 and to longstanding health inequities made worse by the pandemic.

Coordinators contract with the State to serve communities hit hardest by COVID-19, including communities of color, American Indian communities, LGBTQ communities, and Minnesotans with disabilities.

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COVID-19 has a wide-ranging and devastating impact on our community.

Contact the Cultural Wellness Center's Ground Navigators if you have been adversely affected by the devastating effects of **COVID-19**. We are here with you to help navigate complex systems, food, employment, housing, childcare, legal rights, medical / mental health, and others to receive the help you need.



What COVID Community Coordinators provide

COVID Community Coordinators support Minnesotans who need COVID-19 information specific to their communities, including in their languages. Coordinators help community members find and get critical resources to deal with health concerns, as well as employment, food access, housing, childcare, and legal rights.

COVID Community Coordinators can answer questions about:

- Where to get tested for COVID-19
- Food support
- Medical care and mental health resources
- Housing and rental assistance
- COVID-19 case investigation and contact tracing
- Employment resources



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Hotline and resource support are made possible through the Minnesota Department of Health.

COVID COMMUNITY COORDINATOR HOTLINE

Hotline staff can provide callers with resources related to:

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