



On May 28, MIGIZI held a “walk with MIGIZI” to remember the life of George Floyd and memorialize their space at 3017 27th Ave S that was lost to fire in May 2020. The walk along Lake Street connected their old space to their new location at 1845 W Lake St. MIGIZI, which means “bald eagle” in Ojibwe, supports the educational, social, economic, and cultural development of American Indian youth.

## VOTE, Then Take a Hike



PART 3 IN A SERIES OF ARTICLES  
ABOUT THE 2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS  
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When did you last enjoy a  
park? Did you have a picnic?



Did you watch a little league  
game or take a knitting class?  
Minneapolis parks offer any  
activities a creative mind can  
imagine. The many facets of  
the park system are overseen  
by nine commissioners elected  
by YOU. One position for  
each of six park districts and  
three at-large positions are up  
for election this fall.

Meeting monthly, these  
commissioners are responsible  
for maintaining park prop-  
erties, developing new sites  
to equitably serve residents’  
needs, and proposing policies  
that govern the use and safety  
of the 180 park properties, 55  
miles of parkways, 12 formal  
gardens, seven golf courses,  
and 49 recreation centers in  
our city. They also appoint the

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## Free Meals and Snacks for Kids

For more free meals for kids,  
download the “Free Meals for  
Kids” app on your smartphone!

**East Phillips Park Cultural  
and Community Center**  
2307 17th Ave S

- Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 15-August 12
- Meal Bags will be provided from 5:00 PM- 6:00 PM

**Little Earth Residents  
Association (LERA)**  
2495 18th Avenue South

- Tuesdays and Fridays, July 2-August 13
- Meal bags will be provided from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

**Stewart Park**  
2700 12th Ave S

This summer food services program provides children nutritious meals during summer vacation (Monday through Friday) on behalf of the Minneapolis School District. It is free to all children aged 18 and younger.

- Monday – Friday, 1-2PM: snack; 5-6PM: dinner

**Weekly Meal Boxes**  
**Minneapolis Public Schools**  
**South High**  
3131 S 19th Ave, 55407

- Door 20, Off of 21st Ave South
- Food boxes will contain 7 breakfasts and 7 lunches.
- Monday- Friday, 10am - 3pm

**Street Eats Food Truck,**  
**Minneapolis Public Schools**

- **Hope Academy, 2300 Chicago Ave S:** Wednesdays, 12PM-12:30PM
- **Waite House, 2323 11th Ave:** Fridays, 11:40AM-12:10PM

**Franklin Library**  
1314 E Franklin Ave

- Youth snacks: Thursdays 2:30-3:30 p.m.

**Hosmer Library**  
347 E 36th St

- Snacks for kids always available during open hours
- **Cold Boxed Lunch:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 10:50-11:10AM
- **Hot Lunch:** Wednesday 1:20-1:40



**FREE MEALS FOR KIDS**  
**aplicación móvil/mobile app**

**Free Nutritious Meals  
For Kids 18 And Under**

Only a click away, the Free Meals for Kids mobile app will help families and kids find free meals at schools and other sites across Minnesota during COVID-19.

**En la escuela y en otros sitios**  
**Comidas escolares nutritivas gratuitas**

Para niños de 18 años y menores  
Con solo un clic entrara a la aplicación móvil Free Meals for Kids. La cual ayuda a las familias y a los niños a encontrar comidas gratuitas en las escuelas y otros sitios en todo Minnesota durante el COVID-19.

**CÓMO FUNCIONA:**

1. Descargue la aplicación Free Meals for Kids en su teléfono celular.
2. Use la aplicación para encontrar el sitio más cercano que proporciona comidas y paquetes

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## Reflections From a Former COVID-19 Case Investigator

By LINDSEY FENNER

After over a year working in public health as a pandemic responder, I am back doing my pre-pandemic work. And although this doesn’t mean the pandemic is over, it does mean this column is at an end. I started writing it because I wanted people to have something to hold onto within the swirl of pandemic uncertainty and anxiety. I realized very quickly that no matter what my job description was on paper, what I was really doing was struggling with people through uncertainty. My job was to listen, to talk through complicated realities that didn’t fit neatly into a box, to help people who were sick make decisions when there wasn’t a clear correct choice. And now, after my job is over, what is there to say about what we have all been through together?

We are all connected. Which is nothing new, but doing this work meant relearning that every single day. In my role doing case investigation/epidemiology we called people one by one,

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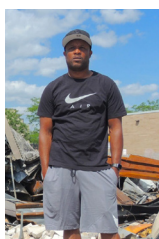
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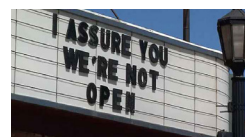


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... Wendell Phillips  
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# Library News

By CARZ NELSON

All information listed here is accurate as of June 15, 2021. For the most recent information, check out the library website at [www.hclib.org](http://www.hclib.org).

## LIBRARY EXPANDS SERVICE

Franklin Library is now open for regular service, including book check out, holds pick up, and walk-in computer use. There is no longer a limit on the time people can spend inside the library. Visitors and employees who are fully vaccinated are no longer required to wear face coverings.

## LIBRARY UPDATES:

### NEW HOURS AT FRANKLIN LIBRARY

|           |                 |
|-----------|-----------------|
| Monday    | Closed          |
| Tuesday   | 9 AM to 5 PM    |
| Wednesday | 9 AM to 5 PM    |
| Thursday  | 12 Noon to 8 PM |
| Friday    | 9 AM to 5 PM    |
| Saturday  | 9 AM to 5 PM    |
| Sunday    | 12 Noon to 5 PM |

## EXHIBIT: CROSSROADS

Franklin Library presents an exhibit featuring select poems, essays, and art from Crossroads, an anthology by young Somali Minnesotans. On display on the lower level of Franklin Library between July 1 and 31.

## FREE BOOKS

The library will give away free books at the Four Sisters Farmers Market at 1414 E Franklin Avenue. Four Sisters Farmers Market is held every Thursday, 11am-3pm but the library will be there only on the **FIRST Thursday of each month.**

## STATE PARK PASS

You can borrow a Minnesota State Park pass from Franklin Library! The pass grants entry into any of the 75 state parks, and is valid for 7 days after check out.



## FUN FOR KIDS

This summer, Franklin Library will host snacks and outdoor games for youth on **Thursdays at 2:30 PM.**

## CHILL ON THE LAWN

Franklin Library has free Wi-Fi outside the building from **7 AM to 10 PM.** They also have chairs on the front lawn when the library is open. It's a convenient spot to hang out and log on.

## DUE DATES RETURN

HCLib suspended due dates for the past year because of COVID. This policy ended on April 26. Check your online account or paper receipts for due dates. Renewal policies remain the same; items can be renewed up to three times. Returns are accepted at all library locations. Book drops accept returns 24/7.

## NO MORE FINES

Hennepin County Library has gone fine free. Patrons are no longer charged for overdue material, but they continue to be responsible for the replacement cost of unreturned or lost items. *An item is considered unreturned 41 days after its due date.*

## AT-HOME SERVICE

At Home service is provided free of charge to Hennepin County residents who can't 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 612-543-8850

**Monday through Friday, 10 AM to 5 PM.**

## LIBRARY SOCIAL WORKERS

A social worker is available outside the library at **Franklin Library** Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 AM – 5 PM, **East Lake Library** Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 AM-5 PM.

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

## E-BOOKS AND AUDIOBOOKS

Libby: Available for iOS and Android devices; use the app to access downloadable ebooks and audiobooks.

## CLOUD LIBRARY

Downloadable ebooks for readers of all ages. A reader app is 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](http://www.hclib.org):

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

*the alley* invites you to **CONSIDER** writing a note or letter to the paper, for feedback or to publish!

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## ASK THE LIBRARY

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

[www.hclib.org/contact](http://www.hclib.org/contact)

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

**Mon to Thurs – 9 AM to 9 PM  
Friday & Sat – 9 AM to 5 PM  
Sunday – Noon to 5 PM**

ESPAÑOL/SPANISH: Llame o envíe un texto al 651-503-8013 para recibir ayuda en español.

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

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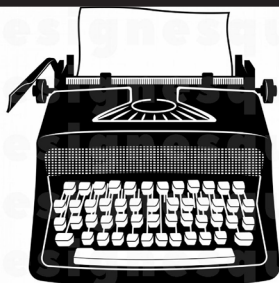


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## METRO TRANSIT

# Transit Waves of the Future

By JOHN CHARLES WILSON

With the COVID emergency drawing to a close, and all the new transit coming to the Twin Cities in the near future, I decided it's time to write about exciting new concepts in transit that may benefit you someday.

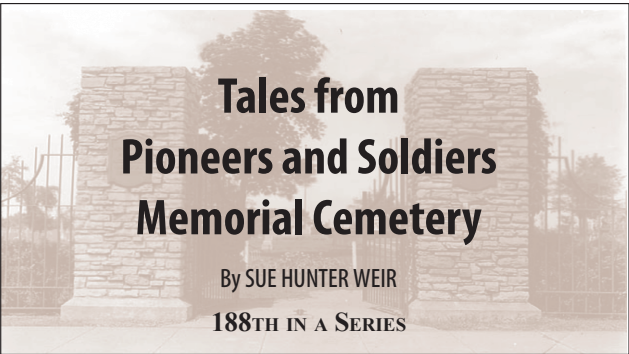
Bus Rapid Transit is making headway (pun intended for you transit insiders\*) in South Minneapolis and the southern suburbs. The Orange Line

is almost ready to start rolling down I-35W, the D Line is coming to Chicago Avenue next year, and the B Line is supposed to come to Lake Street in 2024, and may even have a dedicated bus lane.

Another exciting new development for outer suburbs and small towns is called "microtransit". Microtransit is a modernized version of dial-a-ride service; however, instead of having to call a day in advance, you now only need to use a smartphone app to order your custom ride, often only minutes before you need it. This will make the concept appealing to more people. In the Twin Cities, the Minnesota Valley Transit Authority has a service called MVTA Connect;

Southwest Transit operates SW Prime; Plymouth Metrolink has the Dial-a-Ride service that was recently converted to a smartphone app; and Maple Grove Transit operates a microtransit system called My Ride. Only the Met Council's Transit Link, which serves parts of the seven counties that are not near fixed-route transit, still requires a phone call at least two hours in advance. However, the march of technology will probably soon put this into an app as well.

\*In the transit industry, a "headway" is the time between vehicles on a route. For example, a 10 minute headway means the bus or train comes every 10 minutes.

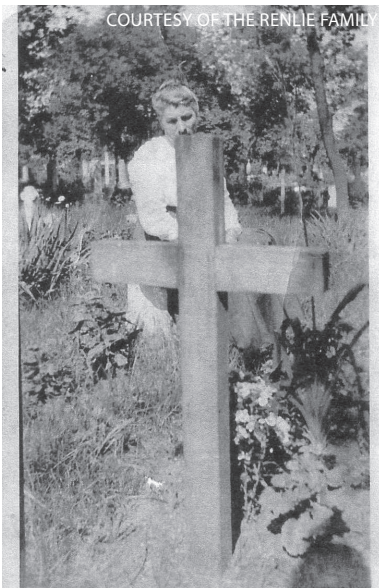


# Thanks to Vaccines, the Golden Age for Childrens' Health is Now

The Washington Post recently ran the following headline: "Coronavirus infections dropping where people are vaccinated and rising where they are not." The story was news only because it specifically referred to the novel coronavirus. We have known for a long time that the numbers of illnesses and deaths decrease when people, especially children, are vaccinated. There are several diseases that were once among the leading killers of young children, which have been either nearly or entirely eradicated in the United States. Since the arrival of vaccines, we no longer have to worry about measles, mumps, rubella, polio, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, or smallpox. We have much to be thankful for, but the World Health Organization and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have issued some alarming warnings about the current state of those diseases.

According to The Washington Post, in 2019, the number of people who died from measles was at a 23-year-high, having increased 50 percent in only three years. There has been a 60 percent decrease in the number of two- to six-year-olds who receive the DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis) vaccine, and a decrease of 63 percent in the number of two- to eight-year-olds who receive the MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine.

How alarmed should we be? Looking back at the number of



A grandmother tends the graves of two of her grandchildren. Two-year old Freda Aubele died on December 2, 1915. Her six-year-old sister, Annie, died the following day. Their wooden cross is gone but family members placed a new marker on their grave in 2009.

deaths caused by just one of the diseases mentioned above, in only one of the city's cemeteries, the answer is: very. Among the people buried in Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery between 1862 and 1918, 812 of them died of diphtheria. Twenty-six of them were adults; the other 786 were children. It's a staggering number.

Thirty-nine families lost more than one child to diphtheria within a few days or a week of each other; five families lost two children on the same day. Five families lost three of their members within a matter of



Four of Martin and Martina Renlie's five children. From left to right, they are Harlaug, Fredricka, Frank Olaf, and Mollie. Fredricka died from diphtheria on July 21, 1914. She was ten years old.

days or weeks. These families' heartache is unimaginable.

Within a period of 24 hours, Joseph and Madeline Aubele lost two children to diphtheria. Frida Aubele died on December 2, 1915; she was not quite two-and-a-half years old. Her sister, Annie, died the following day, aged six. Martin and Martina Renlie lost their second oldest daughter, Fredricka, on July 21, 1914. Peter and Anna Hatlestad lost their 23-month-old son, Theodore, and their five-year-old daughter, Eliza, on February 10, 1888. Less than a month later, on March 6th, they lost two-year-old, Tina. The list goes on and on, a grim reminder that when it comes to children's health, there were no "good old days."

The COVID-19 pandemic is slowing down, but by no means over. More people, including children, are eligible to be vaccinated. Coronavirus vaccines are compatible with DTaP and MMR vaccines, so depending on availability at a particular location, it may be possible to protect your child from a long list of vaccine-preventable diseases and deaths in one visit. Despite the challenges of the past year and half, it is a good time for children's health. Let's be grateful for that, and take the opportunity to carry it forward.

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## Take a Hike cont.

superintendent who implements the board policies, overseeing the budget and staff of more than 600 employees.

Perhaps you'll want to know about the improvements planned for your neighborhood park, or maybe you want to learn about plans for the Upper Harbor Terminal on the Mississippi, or how the golf courses are operated. Information is available at MinneapolisParks.org. There you can learn about your park commissioners who are hoping to have your vote. Make your voice heard by contacting them and making your plan to vote in November.

### ANOTHER CHOICE YOU HAVE

This fall you will also be able to vote for two members of the Board of Estimate and Taxation. Board members set maximum tax levies for a variety of city and park and recreation funds. The board also reviews some department budgets and participates in the city's debt management policy, concerned with interest rates and prudent debt levels.

As a citizen, you vote for your representatives on this important oversight board. Your attention and your vote matter.

## Community Woodshop Seeks Physical Space, and Neighborhood Input

By JESSIE MERRIAM

Fireweed Community Woodshop (FCW), formerly known as the Women's Woodshop, had to close its South Minneapolis physical location in April of 2020 due to COVID. The shop was started by Jess Hirsch in 2016 as a safe studio and classroom space for women and nonbinary folks to practice and learn woodcraft. During the lock-down, she and a group of dedicated instructors, volunteers, and students used the down time to learn and transition the shop to a cooperative nonprofit, renamed Fireweed.

Fireweed's mission is to facilitate creative and vocational experiences in the art of woodcraft for genders traditionally marginalized in the field. Throughout



The old Women's Woodshop space in South Minneapolis on 38th St and 23rd Ave S

the past year, the woodshop has offered virtual hand tool classes such as spoon carving, chip carving, woodblock printmaking, and Dala horse carving as well as demos such as dovetails and bowl carving. The virtual space created new opportunities to gather folks outside of the metro area as well as large groupstogether in panel discussions such as "Getting into the Trades," "Getting into Furniture," and "Building Codes and Construction Standards."

While virtual programming will continue, FCW is seeking a new physical space to facilitate more varied classes, fabrication projects, support local makers

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### Arts, No Chaser

## Unconventional Stories from a Firebrand

By DWIGHT HOBBS

Quintessential firebrand David Daniels is that rarity, a performance artist who, instead of self-righteously blowing hot air, actually utilizes spoken word to send messages of consequence.

An auspicious debut was his play Malcolm X Meet Peter Tosh, premiering at South Minneapolis'



Dwight Hobbes

Cedar Cultural Center (1993), moving to a 2-year stint in Denver (Mercury Cafe), its popularity there and at other venues starting his career off with considerable traction. He made his home here and recalls, "I feel fortunate to have been part of a rich counter-cultural history...in

Minneapolis. My time living on the West Bank and working at the New Riverside Cafe brought me into it. The West Bank was Haight-Asbury long after the Haight was just a memory for the counter-culture. Its blend of artists activists and musicians was instrumental in the development of my work." A partial listing of that work includes the Talkin' Roots and 4:20 Report CDs, I, Edgar Hoover; Black Hippie Chronicles and Kolorada...A Western Tale, and a week-long hit at the 1997 New York International Fringe Festival. Daniels has performed in Holland, Germany, and

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### the alley NEEDS YOUR HELP!

DEAR FRIENDS OF THE ALLEY:

For many of us, the world seems to be in a time of great change, some might even say chaos as we emerge from the greatest pandemic of the last 100 years. And, yet, every day, people in the Phillips Community greet the day, put a life and family together, work hard to make ends meet and do so using their many diverse, cultural ways of knowing to try to make it happen. For over 45 years, The Alley, a community governed media source, has also been doing its best to reflect many of those stories and keep on putting one foot in front of the other to keep publishing month after month. Published on a shoestring budget and largely volunteer run, The Alley informs, engages, and facilitates communication and promotes the exchange of information, opinion, culture and creativity among thousands. The resilience of the Phillips Community is resounding, and it inspires The Alley Newspaper to try to do its very best to reflect this resiliency within the pages each month.

The Alley remains committed to maintaining its original free print format because we know many of our readers do not have the same level of access to computers or the Internet as readers in other communities. The paper is not really "free" to produce, however. It is more expensive to print and distribute than it is to only publish an online paper. Nearly all our

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# East Phillips Improvement Coalition (EPIC)

**Board Meetings are the first Saturday of every month at 10am**  
The next EPIC Board Meeting is Saturday, July 3 10am-12pm

**Community Meetings are the second Thursday of every month at 6:30pm**

The next EPIC Community Meeting is Thursday, July 8 6:30pm-8:50pm

**EPIC Garden Meetings are the second Saturday of every month at 9am**

The next EPIC Garden Meeting is Saturday, July 10 9am-10am

**Join the folx on your block in picking up trash every Saturday, anytime between 9-11am.** Join the whole neighborhood the last Saturday of every month - meet at 27<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Ave at 10am!

NOTE: All meetings are virtual for the time being (except trash clean ups). Get the link to join at [eastphillips.org](http://eastphillips.org)

**EPIC's July Community Meeting**  
**Thursday, July 8 at 6:30pm**

We will discuss changing our Neighborhood Priorities.

**Reunión de la comunidad de julio a las 6:30**

Discutiremos el cambio de las prioridades de nuestro vecindario.

Vaya al [eastphillips.org](http://eastphillips.org) para obtener el enlace para unirse.

**Shirka Bulshada ee EPIC ee Juun Khamiista, Luulyo 8 markay tahay 6:30**

Waxaan ka wada hadli doonaa bedelida Ahmiyadeena Xaafadaha.

Tag barta [eastphillips.org](http://eastphillips.org) si aad ugu soo biirto xiriiriyaha.

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## Eat Your Leafy Greens!



By MARY ELLEN KALUZA

Summer is in full swing, and our local farmers markets are bursting with the first produce of the season. For several weeks now, enterprising farmers with hoop houses have been supplying us with breathtaking spinach, stunning kale, lovely arugula, and delicious Hakurei turnips, with their yummy greens (a great twofor vegetable!).

Fresh vegetables at the local farmers markets are almost always less expensive than in grocery stores, not to mention far more nutritious, as they haven't languished in a far-off warehouse for weeks before reaching our

refrigerators. Most vegetables start to lose nutrients the minute they are picked, and can lose 50 percent or more in less than a week. So, buying directly from the farmer who was up pre-dawn picking those leafy greens gets you the maximum goodness for your dollar.

### WHY EAT GREENS?

Greens are probably the most nutrient packed food group. They are a great source of important minerals (iron, calcium, potassium, magnesium) and vitamins C, B, E, and K. Plus, greens have phytonutrients like beta-carotene and lutein. Lutein, for example, is shown to promote long term eye health, lowering the risk of cataracts. So, just like saving now in your 401K for retirement, eat your greens today to save your eyesight for those golden years.

All of our body functions, not just our eyesight, depend on

those essential nutrients. Eating greens is a smart investment in your future health. And buying at your local farmers market is a smart investment in your community.

### NEARBY MARKETS

- Four Sisters Farmers Market  
1414 E Franklin Ave  
**Thu 11-3**
- Midtown Farmers Market  
3032 Minnehaha Ave S  
**Sat 8 - 1, Tue 3 - 7**
- Mill City Farmers Market  
750 2nd St S  
**Sat 8 - 1**
- Kingfield Farmers Market  
4005 Nicollet Avenue  
**Sun 8:30 - 1**
- Farmers Market Annex  
200 E Lyndale Ave N  
**Sat - Sun 7 - 1**
- Nokomis Farmers' Market,  
52nd & Chicago Ave S  
**Wed 4 - 8**

### BONUS for WIC PARTICIPANTS

WIC participants get \$30 per summer to buy local produce at approved farmers markets! Learn more at: <https://www.mda.state.mn.us/food-feed/information-wic-participants>. Contact Hennepin County WIC office: **612-348-6100**.



Harvesting in the field and the hoop house, Foxtail Farm

### OF NOTE FOR SNAP RECIPIENTS: Market Bucks

You may have heard of (and used) Market Bucks. Market Bucks was a program that benefitted SNAP participants by matching \$10 of farmers market produce purchases with an additional \$10.

This popular program was funded by the State, with matching Federal funds. As I was drafting this article, the program was cut from the budget by Republicans, effective July 1. There are continued efforts to retain the program through other avenues, so stay tuned. Let your elected representatives know how much you value Market Bucks, a win-win program for the SNAP participants and our local farmers.



## May Day Café

**Open for business**  
**four days a week, FRIDAYS**  
**THRU MONDAYS**  
**from 9am to 1pm**  
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# GUEST EDITORIAL



## In this time of need, Minnesotans have stepped up; it's government's turn

By ALLISON SHARKEY, FELICIA PERRY, AND CHAD KULAS

*This guest commentary first appeared in the Minnesota Reformer*

The civil unrest that unfolded in the wake of George Floyd's murder has had a deep and lasting impact on the Twin Cities. Buildings burned, family-run shops were robbed, and local health care clinics and nonprofits were broken into and damaged. The places where people lived, worked and relied on for essential services were destroyed and entire communities were left reeling.

In this moment of pain, Minnesotans did what they do best: They lent a hand and got to work. Volunteers swept the streets and sidewalks. People organized pop-up food shelves. Donations — of \$5, \$20 \$50 — came in from across our state and the country to help small businesses.

This generosity has accomplished a lot. Thanks to these donations, local nonprofits like the Lake Street Council, the West Broadway Business and Area Coalition, and the Midway Chamber of Commerce have been able to provide more than \$10 million in grants to

more than 400 small businesses. We have seen firsthand how these grants have helped repair building damage and replace lost inventory and equipment. These donations have supported local business owners' abilities to reopen their doors and hire back employees.

But rebuilding our cities cannot be done through philanthropy alone. Together, Minneapolis and St. Paul sustained more than \$500 million in damages. As the Star Tribune previously noted, this makes the Twin Cities riots the second most costly civil disturbance in our country's history, behind the Los Angeles riots in 1992.

Entire buildings were destroyed. Many affected local business owners don't have the income or equity needed to develop new property. Even as buildings are rebuilt, the cost of new construction does not allow for affordable rent rates without government support. We have heard loud and clear that people want to see Twin Cities neighborhoods continue to be a home for small businesses — but the need for greater resources to maintain this vision is simply too great for local nonprofits

and Minnesotans to bear it alone.

The stakes are also too high. Small business owners invest in and sustain many of the Twin Cities' thriving commercial corridors like Lake Street, West Broadway and University Avenue. They provide jobs, create economic growth and encourage innovation. The Twin Cities metro area is also the largest contributor to our

color families. As we seek to address income inequality, investing in the rebuilding along Lake Street, West Broadway and Midway can make a substantial difference.

We understand there is a lot of demand for funding right now. But we urgently need government support to recognize the huge impact this civil unrest has had on our communities, protect small busi-



**During the summer of 2020, KB Balla stands near what remains of Scores Sports Bar at 2713 E. Lake St. in Minneapolis**

state tax base — the success of its cities and business community benefits the entire state.

Small business owners are committed to staying and rebuilding once more. These family-run establishments need support in property acquisition, building preservation and new development. Without this support we risk losing these small businesses, which means losing local ownership, entrepreneurship and control.

We also risk widening the already pervasive wealth gap here in our cities and state. Many of the businesses impacted are owned by immigrants, low-income entrepreneurs and Black, Indigenous, people of

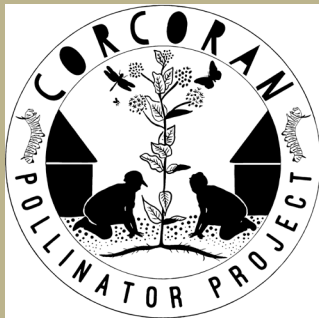
ness owners, and preserve these vibrant economic and cultural corridors. State, county and city governments currently have a huge influx of federal relief funds to distribute; paired with Minnesota's present budget surplus, small business recovery should be a top priority to lawmakers.

Real people who have worked tirelessly over the past year to support themselves, their families, and their employees amid the pandemic and civil unrest are being affected. They provide incredible benefits to our metro area and the entire state — and they deserve our unflinching support.

*Allison Sharkey is the executive director of the Lake Street Council.*

*Felicia Perry is the executive director of the West Broadway Business and Area Coalition.*

*Chad Kulas is the executive director of the Midway Chamber of Commerce.*



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## Free Food for Kids Cont.

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## Peace House Community - A Place to Belong

## Pleased to Almost Meet You

By MARTI MALTBY



Marti Maltby

I stole the title for this column from Colin Hay, the lead singer from Men Without Hats. His song "Pleased to Almost Meet You" is a tongue in cheek commentary on how people these days tend to talk a lot about getting together without ever actually meeting. The song opens with the lines:

*I'm pleased to almost meet you  
The pleasure's almost mine  
I can see that you're busy  
Perhaps another time  
I'm pleased to almost meet you  
Here let me get that door  
No need for conversation  
They do say less is more*

Before covid hit, I heard many people talk about being too busy to spend time with friends or family. After covid hit and everyone started interacting through video chats, the discussion focused on how much people missed face to face interaction. Now I've heard debates about whether workers will want to come back to the office or stay at home, whether we will keep connecting with far-flung friends through our phones or just go back to meeting at coffee shops, and whether we will gather in places of worship or

simply watch online videos of the services from the comfort of our pajamas and living room couches.

As the discussions have evolved, I've been interested more in the reasons someone would choose one alternative over another. Some argue that returning to the office will spark greater creativity as workers share ideas and experiences, while others proclaim the benefits of being able to focus on a project without being distracted by coworkers. Creativity versus efficiency — which will win? Will we value personal comfort over communal health?

I have no idea what our future socializing will look like, or which values will dominate our future interactions, but I have come to a few conclusions. First, I think many people have realized how much they really need to be connected to others. For all the binge watching of television shows and all the online shopping, many of us realized that personal interaction means more

to our emotional wellbeing than we had realized. Computers can only do so much for us. We still need to play, to connect, to be heard, and to contribute to something beyond ourselves to feel whole.

Second, as a society we've learned a lot about the opportunities and limitations of technology. Hopefully we'll use this lesson to find the balance between interpersonal interactions and impersonal transactions. Computers can do some things for us that would be time consuming and agonizing if we did them ourselves, but we've also learned that some things, like conversations with the people around us, shouldn't be moderated by a computer screen. At least, I hope we learned that. As I said, I don't know what the future will look like.

The optimistic part of me believes that I have learned from this time and that I will have a richer life because of it. I hope the same for all of you.

# Random alley News



By LINDSEY FENNER

## ► No Open Streets this year on Franklin and East Lake:

The tentatively scheduled Open Streets along Franklin Avenue and East Lake Street have been cancelled again this year because of the pandemic. Open Streets is a partnership between Our Streets Minneapolis and the City of Minneapolis that temporarily closes major streets to car traffic, and opens them up for biking, walking, and rolling.

## ► Holy Rosary/Santo Rosario Church will remain open, possible merger with the Church of St. Stephens:

The future of Holy Rosary Catholic Church at 2424 18th Avenue South had been in question when the founding Dominican Order left in 2020. Declining donations, plus an ageing historic building in need of maintenance means a parish merger with the Church of St. Stephens is likely for ongoing financial stability. The parish was founded in 1878, with the current church building built in 1888.



Holy Rosary Church/ Iglesia del Santo Rosario at 2424 18th Avenue S has been a vital force in the neighborhood since 1878

## ► Minneapolis Deciding How to Spend Federal recovery funding:

The City of Minneapolis has been allocated \$271 million from the American Rescue Plan (ARP), broken up into two phases. In early June, Mayor Jacob Frey submitted a proposal for spending the first phase of \$89 million. The mayor’s proposal included: \$28 million for housing and homelessness, \$37 million economic rebuilding, \$12 million public safety, \$5 million climate and public health, \$7 million City Capacity and Performance. The City Council held public hearings and made amendments throughout June, with an expected final vote in early July.

## ► Somali Museum, Cultural Wellness Center Receive Sizable New Grants:

The Somali Museum of MN at 1516 East Lake St recieved a \$500,000 unrestricted grant from the McKnight and Ford Foundations, as part of the “Regional Cultural Treasures” program. Founded in 2011, the Somali Museum of MN is North America’s only museum of Somali culture. The Cultural Wellness Center at 2025 Portland Ave. S was the first recipient of ten \$100,000 unsolicited grants from the McKnight Foundation made in honor of George Floyd on the one-year anniversary of his murder. The mission of the Cultural Wellness Center is “to unleash the power of people to heal themselves and to build community.” They are an ongoing partner and friend of the alley

## ► Minneapolis Slips in Park Ranking Because of Disparities:

In the annual ParkScore rankings index by the Trust for Public Lands, Minneapolis fell to third after being ranked first for six years in a row. The Trust for Public Lands added new measures looking at park equity. According to the Trust for Public Lands, residents of Minneapolis neighborhoods where most people identify as people of color have access to 58 percent less park space than residents in predominantly white. The national average disparity gap is 44 percent. Residents of low-income neighborhoods have access to 65 percent less park space than residents in high-income neighborhoods. Historically in Phillips, neighbors have had to fight for park development, investment and maintenance.

# Loss of Two Landmark Theatres a Tragedy

BY HOWARD MCQUITTER II



Edina Cinema, from the Edina Historical Society archives

In 2003, Loews Cineplex gave way to Landmark Theatres as the new owners of the Edina Cinema at 50th and France in Edina. Altogether the Edina Cinema had been in operation for 87 years, but then came COVID-19 to force the prize of Edina closed for “good”. What a loss for us cinephiles and all other regular moviegoers who just wanted to see perhaps an art-house film or even a dashing big budget movie. I think of the countless screenings I saw there or decided to take a 6B or 6C bus to view a film of my liking (always with a pen and notebook in the dark to write my reviews). The Edina (four screens and 1300 seats) had been remodeled some time ago - beautiful, yet not gaudy.

There may be hope, all may not be lost for Edina. Suzanne Haugland, the building owner, told FOX 9 she’s optimistic about finding a new private partner to restart showing movies there again.



Uptown Theatre's deadpan marquees

Another Landmark theatre, Uptown Theatre, in Uptown Minneapolis was evicted from their space in May by the building’s landlord Lagoon Partners, LLC. According to the complaint, Landmark Theatres allegedly owes \$340,000 in back rent and fees. If this is true, what caused Landmark Theatres to be so remiss?

Uptown (then called Lagoon Theatre) opened on June 3, 1916, one of the oldest theaters in the Twin Cities, surviving the Great Depression of the 1930s, World War II, the Vietnam War, and the

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## Mashkiikii Gitigan Partnership for 2021 by Maia Jacobson

This summer, we at North American Traditional Indigenous Food Systems (NATIFS) are working in partnership with the Indian Health Board of Minneapolis to cultivate a medicine garden, which is Mashkiikii Gitigan in Anishinaabe. We started clearing out the garden - located across the street from the IHB medical and dental center on East 24th Street - in late April. It's been a lot of work, but it's really coming along well.

The design we have for the garden is the traditional medicine wheel found in most North American Indigenous cultures. The team from the Indigenous Food Lab (IFL) and NATIFS have been working the garden for the past month, pulling weeds and invasive plants, clearing debris and trash, as well as tilling the soil for planting.

We started some Indigenous seedlings at IFL this spring and after clearing out the garden, we've begun seeding some of the empty beds. In doing so, we have discovered that there are a lot of perennial plants flourishing from previous years as well. We have found raspberries, strawberries, wild grapes, sage, nettle, sunchokes, burdock, and more. We have put in seeds for sunflowers, an array of beans and corn as well as hardening off the starters we planted at the kitchen this spring.

At the end of the season, The Indian Health Board will harvest and preserve many of the plants to use and distribute as herbal medicine. The goal that we at NATIFS have is to largely propagate Indigenous seeds, as everything we are planting are Native to North America. Another goal of ours is the educational component - our staff and our volunteers are learning and becoming familiar with growing and cultivating these native plants.

Our mission at NATIFS is to promote Indigenous foodways education and facilitate Indigenous food access. Our kitchen at the Midtown Global Market - Indigenous Food Lab - is at the heart of our mission, providing a place for education and training establishing a new Indigenous food system that reintegrates Native Foods and Indigenous focussed education into tribal communities across North America.

If you are interested in volunteering at Mashkiikii Gitigan, reach out to Maia Jacobson, program coordinator, at maia.j@natifs.org or Louis Stein, garden manager, at louis.s@natifs.org for more information on volunteer opportunities and availability.

## Our Saviour's Emergency Shelter Reopens June 1st by La'Quadra Neal

Our Saviour's emergency shelter relocated to a hotel in Bloomington during the start of the pandemic. We partnered with St. Stephen's emergency shelter to make this particular project work and we were funded by the State of Minnesota.

Overall, we are excited to be back on the Southside. We are ecstatic that we are able to still provide dignity in our shelter space from the hotel. With the hotel project, we served a maximum of 160 clients on any given day which is a big jump from our norm of 44. We learned a lot over the last 13 months about our shelter residents, operating in a different city, racial equity, etc. We plan to bring that knowledge back to the community. We feel at home and welcomed by the Ventura Village Community.

Now, we have 21 rooms for shelter residents and 26 beds. As an organization, we are going to stay at 21 shelter beds to see how COVID manifests with the new mandates, vaccination rates within the homeless community, and COVID-19 rates. If more clients

become vaccinated and the risk of catching COVID-19 reduces then we will expand to 26. The case managers' caseloads are dramatically smaller which we are hoping will lead to more housing outcomes.

Since we are back, Our Saviour's emergency shelter is in a new planning phase because we want to make the shelter financially stable. In 2020, OSH received various grants that were time-limited and attached to COVID funding and that is having an impact on our fiscal year. We are strategizing a plan to figure out the best solution for creating a shelter that is financially stable but yet serves our shelter residents and community.

With that being said, we welcome you to Our Saviour's and want to invite you to volunteer, serve a meal or prepare a meal for our shelter residents. If you are interested in volunteering please reach out to Wateen, the Volunteer Coordinator, at Wateen@oshousing. If you would like to ask the Shelter Manager La'Quadra any questions you can contact me at Laquadra@oshousing.org.



## Native American Community Clinic (NACC) Has Been Busy In 2021 by Ashlee Jallen

2021 has been an exciting year for the Native American Community Clinic (NACC)! In February, we celebrated our 18th year as a clinic. In March, we completed renovations to the garage space and transformed it into our new Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT) program area. During that same month, we finalized the purchase of our building including the Dollar Tree space! The purchase of the building creates an even greater opportunity for NACC to serve the community and expand programming. We are beyond excited to start the remodeling process. Check out our website at <https://nacc-healthcare.org/acceleration-campaign> to find out more information on our capital campaign to fund the renovations.

NACC has also been busy with programming and vaccinations. We are currently helping to vaccinate the community through outreach and on-site visits. We have hosted various community vaccination events and will continue to do so throughout the summer. NACC currently uses the Moderna Vaccine and we are accepting any adults (18+). The vaccine is free and we offer the vaccine every Wednesday from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm. Please visit our website or Facebook for the most up-to-date information on what age we are vaccinating. If you would like to sign up for the Moderna vaccine, call our COVID Vaccine Coordinator at (612) 847-5947. Please visit our website or Facebook for the most up-to-date information.

Most of our programming transitioned to telehealth during the pandemic. During the winter months, the traditional healing committee hosted storytelling and beadwork workshops via Zoom. Our community health department has been hosting diabetes workshops that include grocery shopping guides, cooking demonstrations with traditional foods and stress management. More recently, we hosted two in-person workshops for a very small group of individuals to create jingle dresses!

As the weather gets nicer, we hope to offer more programming in person. Our community health team will be hosting a healthy lifestyles class for youth that will primarily be convening at our community garden plot. We hope to share skills with our youth about gardening and sharing knowledge about traditional foods. We have also started to plant traditional medicines around the clinic! Our sage is growing beautifully in our wolf garden and we have planted more cedar plants in front of the clinic. Other medicines include sweet grass, echinacea, bee balm, lungwort and more. We hope to host a small ceremony for our sage harvesting season to provide teachings about sage.

For more information on our upcoming events, visit our Facebook page or visit [www.nacc-healthcare.org](http://www.nacc-healthcare.org)

## Home Security Habits Checklist by Kali Pliego

### Do you lock up?

1. Are your doors locked whether you are in the house or not?
2. Is your front door locked while you are in the backyard (and vice versa)?
3. Do you lock your doors when you leave the house, even for a few minutes?
4. Do you pin your windows? Are they locked when closed?
5. Are basement windows locked or permanently secured with screws or bars?
6. Do you keep your garage doors closed and locked at all times?

### Does your home look occupied?

1. When you are gone for the evening, do you leave an outdoor and an indoor light on?
2. Do you leave the radio or television on when the home is not occupied?
3. When you go on vacation, do you have someone:
  - a. Watch your house?
  - b. Move curtains and blinds?
  - c. Mow the lawn / shovel snow?
  - d. Collect mail and newspapers?

### Do you practice yard safety?

1. Do you keep valuables such as bicycles and lawn equipment locked up and out of sight?
2. Do you lock up tools and ladders after you use them?
3. Do you keep shrubbery and bushes well-trimmed?
4. If you have a fence, can your neighbors see through it or over it?
5. If you have exterior lights, do they prevent shadows where burglars could hide at night?
6. Do you have lights on dusk to dawn at entrances?

### Do you practice overall security?

1. Do you have a block contact list with neighbors' names, phone numbers, and addresses next to your phone?
2. Do you know how to report suspicious activities or crimes to the police? Do your children know how to do report?
3. Do you ask strangers at your door for proper identification before talking to them?
4. Do your children tell strangers that you are "busy" rather than you are "not home"?
5. If someone came to the door needing help, would you make a phone call to the police (or other necessary calls) instead of letting the person come in?



Wolf Surrounded by Sage at NACC

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# Firebrand, cont.

France, recalling “German immigrants from Ghana, Senegal and South Africa felt I [presented] an authentic Rasta message while never denying I’m an American. Previously, they felt American reggae artists were primarily imitating Jamaicans.” Most recently, he recorded Annie Jones (featuring Charlie Parr) at Minnehaha Studios.

June 5, in the third installment of Adventures in Music and Storytelling, David Daniels, backed by Dog Circle (Marshall Obert guitar-banjo, Aug Nubis guitar, Dhanny Boldt tabla, Matty Dennison Didgeridoo, Dennis Maddix bass), performed at hand-craft gift emporium Twisted Groove, something of a super head-shop. “For years”, he says, the Twisted Groove has been a center of the Twin Cities’ counterculture.” Among area notables in the full house were poet Chris Shillock, Uzza vocalist-lyricist Tabatha Pedtrovich and Libertarian mayoral hopeful Nate Atkins. Daniels, in fact, returns this fall, performing at a benefit for Atkins. “We’ve witnessed the failure of Jacob Frey and his administration. [Atkins’] positions on marijuana legalization and on dealing with the police alone make him worth consider-

ation by voters.” Daniels is in fact, a politically minded sort who was Eugene McCarthy’s Consumer Party vice presidential candidate (1988), Grassroots Party candidate for US Senate (2000) and their candidate for Minnesota Lt. Governor (2014). The spoken word piece, 4/20/21, an account of the Derek Chauvin verdict from Denver, is fairly representative of his artistry. Instead



David Daniels

of hopping on a soapbox, he has an off the cuff take on issues of considerable significance. An excerpt goes, “[The] bar happens to be just a few blocks from Colorado’s State Capitol. Should Chauvin get off, any action in protest would likely take place there and the journalist in me would be there to report it. Besides, my bus stop home is across the street from the Capitol.”

“My life hasn’t followed convention,” says Daniels. He was educated at the Watkinson School in Hartford, a prep school where he was “one out of ten [blacks] in the entire school... and two were my brothers!” He chose afterward to attend Alaska Methodist University (now Alaska Pacific University) and he lived in Alaskan communes. “My writing was bound to be unconventional. [Folk] write what they know, [and] my influences were people who defied the mainstream, mainly Bob Marley and Richard Brautigan.” He sums up, “I never set out to be a creative writer or performer. The fact that nearly 30 years after the premier of Malcolm X Meet Peter Tosh I’m still at it and that people are still drawn to the work is immensely satisfying.” Next on his drawing board, “I will be reading in Denver my story of landing in Minneapolis on the day after George Floyd was murdered. I have several creative irons in the fire including a memoir and a storytelling/music EP.”

In 2017, Daniels defected to Denver, where he’s closer to his married daughter and gets to dutifully dote on his grandchildren. It’s not really a case of our loss being that city’s gain as he has solid roots in both places. For which his followers are immensely grateful.

## Random *alley* Labor News

By LINDSEY FENNER

► **Minimum wage goes up in Minneapolis:**  
On July 1, 2021, the minimum wage in Minneapolis is going up to \$12.50 at small businesses and \$14.25 at large businesses. The Minneapolis minimum wage ordinance defines small businesses as 100 or fewer employees and large businesses as more than 100 employees. Tips and gratuities do not count toward payment of a minimum wage. The City’s Department of Civil Rights oversees enforcement of the municipal minimum wage, and workers are encouraged to report violations online at <http://minimumwage.minneapolismn.gov/> or by calling 311.

► **Transit Workers Reject Metro Transit Contract Offer:**  
Members of Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 1005 voted overwhelmingly to reject Metro Transit’s “best and final” contract offer. ATU Local 1005 represents public transportation bus drivers, rail operators, mechanics, and many other support personnel. Metro Transit workers have been fighting for pandemic hazard pay and safety improvements.

► **Nurses Picket at Children’s Hospital:**  
Pediatric nurses represented by the Minnesota Nurses Association (MNA) held informational pickets at the



Children’s Hospital in the Phillips neighborhood in June. Restructuring at the Children’s campuses in Minneapolis and St. Paul has led to downsizing of staff, which the nurses say has led to shortstaffing and fewer available hospital beds.

► **Unions Say New Pandemic OSHA Rules Don’t Go Far Enough:**  
After six months of waiting, unions representing frontline workers are disappointed in the new mandatory workplace safety rule put in place by the Biden Administration’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) in June. Although unions had been pushing for new protections for all frontline workers, the new rules only apply to healthcare workers. The United Food and Commercial Workers Union (UFCW), which represents meatpacking, food processing, and grocery store workers called the new rules “a slap in the face to the millions of American frontline workers and their families who have been infected and killed by this deadly virus.” Meatpacking and food processing facilities have seen significant COVID outbreaks throughout the pandemic.

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CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

### Returning Chapter 10

## An Unexpected Blessing

By PATRICK CABELLO HANSEL

Agnes led them down the alley to 29th Street, then scampered over to Bloomington, and down the steps to the Greenway. Luz followed quickly, with little Angel in her arms. Big Angel slipped on the leftover ice on one of the steps, and slid on his butt most of the way down. His adrenalin was pumping so hard, he didn’t notice the pain, or the wetness in his pants.

When he got to the bottom of the stairs, he couldn’t see anyone. He thought he had lost the rest of his family, and fear gripped his entire body. Oh god, no! he thought, I can’t do this. There was icy fog along the Greenway, and try as he might, he couldn’t see anyone in any direction.

Then Agnes called his name. “Angel,” she shouted. “We have to hurry!”

She was under the 15th Avenue Bridge, and moving fast. Luz was struggling to keep up with her.

“How can that old lady move so fast?” Angel said, out loud, and started running. He slipped again and fell in a slush pile. Now he could really feel the pain and the wet.

He caught up to them just as they were heading up the 13th Avenue ramp. They all made it to the top without falling. Only Agnes was not out of breath.

“Is it ok if we take a shortcut?” she asked. She didn’t wait, but cut behind the fence that had signs posted saying, “No Trespassing—Property of Hennepin County Railroad Authority.”

Luz passed little Angel to Angel and the three of them followed. Fortunately, Agnes had slowed down a little, to step around the tree roots and other junk that was there. An old matress, two-thirds of a bicycle, bottles, a bag of wet clothes, the remnants of a blue tarp.

They followed the fence line for what seemed a long time. Neither Luz nor Angel could see where they were going, but they didn’t know what else to do but follow Agnes.

Agnes stopped at a place where a tree had grown into the fence. Its main trunk surrounded the chain link, and little branches entwined in the top.

“Here’s where you go through,” she said.

“Aren’t you coming with us?” Luz asked.

“Don’t worry, litet ljus,” she said. “I will meet you where you are going.”

“But where are we going?” Angel asked.

“Go up this alley one block, cross the street by the Grease Pit. There’s a brick building halfway up the next. Go to the back door and ring three times and wait. Three times. No more, no less.”

Then, as if she were some kind of animal acquainted with the night, she slipped away down the ravine.

“Angel, what are we going to do?” Luz asked.

“Do you trust her?” he answered.

“I do. I don’t know why. We just met her, and we don’t know anything about her. But she said she knows Mother Light.”

“Right,” Angel said. “But how do we get through this fence?”

Both of them looked and touched and prodded the chain link to look for any opening. They were about to give up when Angelito said “Mami, papi, look—steps!”

Sure enough, there were little pieces of wood hammered into the tree trunk. How hadn’t we seen them before? Angel wondered.

They were going to help Angelito climb up, but when they went to grab him, they didn’t see him.

“C’mon guys,” he said. He was already on the other side of the fence.

The two weary parents scrambled up the tree over the fence. Luz scooped up Angel and started to walk down the alley. Angel turned to look back at the tree, but somehow it didn’t seem to be there. He was baffled how that could be, but Luz was calling him to follow quickly.

As they got to 28th, they could see a warm, golden glow coming from the alley across the street. The glow grew slightly as they approached the building. Following Agnes’ instructions, they rang three times, and waited for what seemed to be an eternity.

Angel was about to ring again, but Luz’ hand stopped him.

“She said ‘ring only three time’, remember?” she said.

Just then, the door opened and the warm glow they had seen was now accompanied by the smell of freshly baked bread and cinnamon. And who was standing there, but Agnes, in a bright white dress, with a neckline trimmed in light blue and gold.

To be continued...

# MIDTOWN PHILLIPS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## COMMUNITY MEETING AUGUST 2, 2021

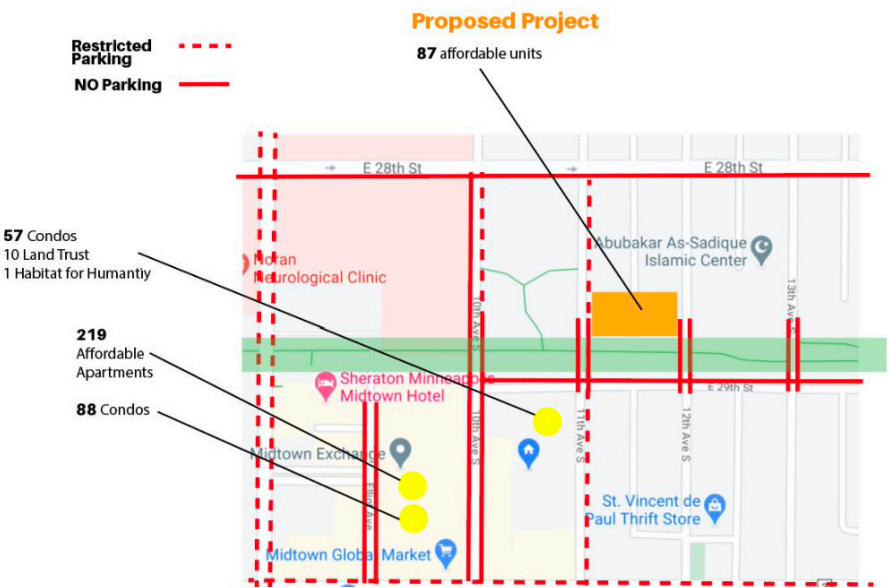
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### Affordable Housing Presentation Proposed for 29th St & 12th Ave So

Reuter Walton, developer will present on this proposal which includes:

- Affordable Housing at 30-50% area median income (\$30,000-\$50,000 approx)
  - 1, 2, & 3 bedroom units
  - 5 stories • 86 units, 62 parking spots
  - Access to the Midtown Greenway
- Adjacent to CEPRO Park • Outside Children's playground

Zoom link will be posted on [www.midtownphillips.org](http://www.midtownphillips.org)



## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT AUGUST 3, 2021

National Night Out (NNO) takes place every year on the first Tuesday in August. Neighbors come together to meet each other, share food, play games, and generally have tons of fun! Events are held in neighborhoods across the city.

### Our city leads the nation for NNO participation!

Every year, thousands of residents take part in the festivities.



### Holding an NNO gathering gives you and your neighbors:

- A reason to have a social gathering with your neighbors
- Time to build important relationships that keep your neighborhood safe
- A chance to get to know each other and local police officers

### Each neighborhood plans its own event. Examples include:

- Block parties • Festivals • Parades
  - Cookouts • Youth activities • Public information events
- COVID-safe protocols are encouraged.

To see if your block is registered and to sign up for a street closure permit, email NNO coordinator Luther Krueger: [luther.krueger@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:luther.krueger@minneapolismn.gov)



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## Phillips West

In 2019 following a spike of violent incidents, PWNO came together with the other Phillips neighborhoods to organize a forum on community safety featuring testimony from many Phillips residents. Following that forum, PWNO was allocated \$40,000 in community safety funds through then-Ward 6 councilmember Abdi Warsame. That money has still not been spent. With a grant extension from the City, PWNO has until the end of 2021 to do so.

The process for deciding how to spend this grant is being stewarded through the Phillips West Community Safety Committee, a group of dedicated neighbors that meet every other Tuesday. Community safety approaches are varied – and sometimes contentious; by implementing a clear decision-making process and timeline, our intention is to ensure we are operating with transparency, inclusivity, community-accountability, and efficiency.

We invite any and all Phillips West neighbors to join us, either as part of our Community Safety Committee, or through one of several upcoming engagement opportunities. See our website for event details and virtual meeting access information:  
[phillipswest.wordpress.com/events/](http://phillipswest.wordpress.com/events/)

## July Community Safety Events

### July 1st, 6:00pm:

Community Meeting (virtual) featuring results from our community survey, including responses about community safety

### July 6th & 20th, 6:30pm:

Community Safety Committee Meetings (virtual)

### Late July, date + time TBD:

Community Conversation about Community Safety (in-person!). Keep an eye out on our website, newsletter, and social media for details.

Movie Corner

A Quiet Place II  
(2021 Paramount)  
★★★★★

By HOWARD MCQUITTER II



*A Quiet Place II* is the real deal judging from the stellar original *A Quiet Place* (2018) which puts us on edge often and with oompah such not to be easily forgotten. Not long ago, my faith in the horror genre stood near nadir, well, at least since the days of John Carpenter’s *Halloween* (1978) and Sean S. Cunningham’s *Friday* the 13th (1980), both palatable horror films. But my confidence slowly returns with horror pictures such as the Spanish film *The Orphanage* (2007), *It Follows* (2015) and *Get Out* (2017), all



Howard McQuitter II

intelligent films. The second installment of *Quiet Place* starts off on Day 1, with Lee Abbott (John Krasinski) living, cars going to and fro, electricity is on, American flags rippling in the wind, and boys playing baseball, townspeople drawn out on a sunny summer day. Strange occurrences in the skies interrupt the scene. Creatures attack the town as people run for safety. Fast forward to Day 474 where the original left off to find the Abbotts - Evelyn (Emily Blunt), Regan (Millicent Simmonds), and Marcus (Noah Jupe) with a newborn baby - leave their farm to wander into the hinterland without creating any sound because that’s what alerts the creatures to their whereabouts. But Regan, being deaf (the actress is deaf in real-life), uses sign language which Evelyn and Marcus are adept at, and the creatures can’t hear. The Abbotts find an abandoned mill where they see a family friend named Emmett (Cillian Murphy, *28 Days Later* [2002], *Inception* [2010], *The Dark Knight* [2010]) who is not exactly keen on seeing the Abbotts. Emmett sees they have

a newborn baby and changes his mind about them staying with him. Emmett realizes they have to try to find other survivors, especially with the help of Regan who insists they can’t turn back with all the danger around them. Emmett and Regan venture to find other people while Evelyn stays behind with the infant and her injured son. There’s nothing in the movie to give a hint where these ferocious creatures are from. Wherever these beasts are from, they’re bringing havoc on the earthlings. Similar to the fright Steven Spielberg’s *Jaws* (1975) provides and Byron Haskin’s *The War of the Worlds* (1953) surprises, suggests that John Krasinski must have studied them. Life is at stake in this dystopian state of the world as the predators from out of nowhere seem to be in control. Millicent Simmonds, as Regan, steals the show, a witty and methodical thinker who taps into a little technology, which is one of at least two or more Achilles’ heels for the creatures. She’s on to something that will have to wait for the third installment. The third installment, coming in 2023, will not have John Krasinski as director, but will go to Jeff Nichols (*Take Shelter* [2011], *Mud* [2012], *Loving* [2016], *Shotgun Stories* [2007], *Midnight Special* [2016].) *Quiet Place II* is a very enjoyable feature and in all likelihood will get an Oscar nomination for sound next year. (Not uncommon the Black characters don’t survive in the film.) I thought *It* (2017) to be an excellent horror film. I add both *Quiet Place*

movies to the list of what horror films should be like. Cast: Emily Blunt (Evelyn Abbott), John Krasinski (Lee Abbott), Millicent Simmonds (Regan Abbott), Cillian Murphy (Emmett), Djimon Hounsou (Man on Island), Zachary Golerger (Emmett’s Son), Okieriete Onaodowan (Police Officer). Director: John Krasinski. Running time: 97 minutes. Writer: John Krasinski. Cinematography: Polly Morgan. Music: Marco Beltrami.

intact albeit still operating on a month-to-month shoestring budget. That said, we face a new challenge with the retirement of long time volunteers who handle the day-to-day operational tasks of banking, mail, phone and email inquiries, invoicing, accounts receivable, etc.

I am writing today to ask for your help to fund a new part-time business manager to take over this work and to assist us in expanding and deepening our community engagement efforts. This will allow us to grow The Alley’s content to include regular participation from youth and young adults, the arts, non-English speakers, and to promote our small businesses with an emphasis on those that are immigrant, Black and Indigenous owned. We expect a business manager to devote 10-15 hours each month as we establish and develop this position. In addition to asking for your help through financial contributions, the Board decided to increase our ad and sponsorship rates, something we have not done in well over 25 years. This increase begins in 2022 and will also assist us in supporting this position. However, we need your help to support this position for the remainder of this year.

We are asking you for a tax-deductible donation to help us fund this new position at a cost of \$4,000. Last year, you our readers and supporters, contributed over \$3,000! This was critical in keeping The Alley In business while other community newspapers were forced to close down. We hope you can support us again this year and help us reach this larger goal.

You can donate online:  
<https://www.givemn.org/organization/Alleynewspaper>  
or mail a check to  
**The Alley, PO Box 7006, Mpls, MN 55407**

With your support, The Alley will continue to land on doorsteps and newsstands throughout our community.

**Cathy Strobel-Ayres, President**  
Board of Directors  
Alley Communications

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COVID cont.

asking them questions about their individual actions. But in every individual conversation, we were really teasing out all of these threads of connection. How one thing led to another, led to this particular person I was talking to on the phone being infected. This is after all how infectious diseases work, and why this work is done by “public” health and not your personal healthcare provider. And each individual conversation was so important, especially at the beginning when there was so much we didn’t know. Each person had a story. And these stories, as lived experiences, all matter. And parts of that story became data points on a graph. This shouldn’t be seen as something purely reductive or dehumanizing. These data points, made up of stories, collectively helped tell the policy makers what to do next. We could have done better. Sometimes the wrong decision was made by people in power. Sometimes there was no good choice: no clear scientific evidence to help make a decision, or a choice where no matter what was decided, someone would be harmed. We could have done better. Too many people got sick

and died through routes that were preventable. And yes, sometimes that was because of personal choices. They took a chance. They didn’t believe COVID was real. But sometimes they just didn’t know how to make a safer choice. We could have done better. Too many people didn’t have access to paid sick leave or safe workplaces or adequate protective equipment or support for isolation or quarantine or caregiving. We could have done better, in so many ways. In order for public health to work, we need people to trust us. But many people had no reason to trust us. Because we were part of a government that didn’t seem to care, because of historical and present-day white supremacy and oppression. Because of political ideologies where government is always the bad guy. This pandemic isn’t over yet, but we need to start learning from it and figuring out how we respond better. How do we build this trust? How do we create better safety nets that people don’t fall through? How can we communicate more clearly about science and uncertainty and risk? How do we center communities over individuals when making policy? And how do we never ever forget how each of us are connected?

MINNESOTA COVID-19 PUBLIC HOTLINE:  
For questions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, call  
**1-833-431-2053**  
Mon.-Fri.: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Sat.: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Hennepin County Navigator Line: Call the COVID-19 navigator line with questions or for help registering for a vaccine appointment  
We want to ensure that everyone, including people with language or technology barriers, can get their COVID-19 vaccine questions answered and sign up for a vaccine appointment. Call the Hennepin County COVID-19 navigator line at 612-348-8900. Help is available in English, Spanish, Somali, and Hmong.  
**Español:** Queremos asegurarnos de que todos, incluyendo las personas que la barrera es el idioma o la tecnología, puedan obtener respuestas a sus preguntas sobre la vacuna COVID-19 y puedan inscribirse para una cita para recibir la vacuna. Llame al 612-348-8900 para obtener ayuda en inglés, español, somalí y hmong.  
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*Lindsey lives in East Phillips and worked a COVID response reassignment in local public health from May 2020-May 2021. She would like to remind everyone that the pandemic isn’t over until it is over for everyone.*

TRAVEL GUIDELINES

By MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Masks are required on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations. For more information, visit CDC: Requirement for Face Masks on Public Transportation Conveyances and at Transportations Hubs.

If you have a condition or are taking medication that weakens your immune system, you may NOT be fully protected even if you are fully vaccinated. Talk to your healthcare provider. Even after vaccination, you may need to continue taking all precautions.



| Domestic Travel<br>RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS   | Not Vaccinated |  | Fully Vaccinated |
|---|----------------|--|------------------|
|   |                |  |                  |
| Get tested 1-3 days before travel   | ✓              |  |                  |
| Get tested 3-5 days after travel and self-quarantine for 7 days. Self-quarantine for 10 days if you don’t get tested. | ✓              |  |                  |
| Self-monitor for symptoms   | ✓              |  | ✓                |
| Wear a mask and take other precautions during travel  | ✓              |  | ✓                |

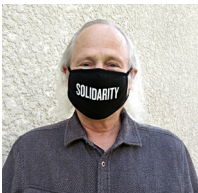
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Raise Your Voice

Scratch Your Head

By PETER MOLENAAR



Peter Molenaar

“The Rich Really Do Pay Lower Taxes Than You!” Such was a recent caption in the New York Times. For the first time, thanks to Trump’s tax cut, the 400 wealthiest Americans now pay a lower overall tax rate than any other income group... and some folks had the gaul to steal the election by casting their votes!

Actually, wages have always been taxed at a higher rate than stock dividends, etc. Naturally then, for generations the ruling class has spawned progeny who

inherit the lot without lifting a finger. Never mind that the value of a commodity is determined by the socially necessary labor time embodied in it, i.e., labor is the source of all wealth.

What’s this got to do with our neighborhood? Think “build back better” jobs, and note: the East Phillips Urban Farm has received something of a green light... but what? The Republican Party is working overtime to blunt Biden’s infrastructure vision in favor of “no new taxes”. How then will a marketing professional and technical staff be paid if and when the farm is launched?

The idea that capital gains taxes should be raised to the level of taxes on wages is a modest one. Even so, Republicans are keen to smash it and thereby blunt the rebuilding of our nation.

Standing to the left of Biden are senators Elizabeth Warren and Bernie Sanders who, with

the support of progressive congress persons (note: Ilhan Omar is once again functioning under death threats) have proposed a special tax bracket for “ultra-millionaires”. The measure would provide some \$3 trillion over 10 years for our people... but no, not a chance with Republicans sucking up air.

Obviously, were we in a revolutionary situation, the call for outright expropriation would be the patriot’s demand. However, for the time being, two suggestions: 1.) elected representatives who retain a modicum of integrity should be hosting town halls for the elaboration of the present situation and 2.) our left/progressive forces should be holding regular street corner rallies featuring the slogan: TAX THE RICH.

A billionaire named Buffet has described what’s at stake: “There’s been class warfare going on... my class has won.” Oh no, Brother, the struggle has just begun.

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Woodshop, cont.

through retail, and to gather as a community again.

FCW is also hoping to reach new communities post-lock-down and is interested in hearing from community members about what they would like to see offered at a femme-centered woodworking space, and will be launching a “Get Involved” page with inquiry forms for volunteers, apprentices, instructors and board members in the coming weeks.



Some of the in-person classes offered pre-pandemic



BIPOC spoon carving class, June 2021, taught by Fireweed instructor Vanessa Walton in coordination with St Paul Parks and Recreation

Community inquiries and feedback can be directed to [fireweedwoodshop@gmail.com](mailto:fireweedwoodshop@gmail.com). Check out [www.fireweedwoodshop.org](http://www.fireweedwoodshop.org) and [@fireweedwoodshop](https://twitter.com/fireweedwoodshop) for updates on free summer carving hangouts and other events and offerings.

Any leads on affordable spaces that can support the electrical needs of power tools and classroom gathering can also be directed to [fireweedwoodshop@gmail.com](mailto:fireweedwoodshop@gmail.com).

Jessie Merriam is an instructor, Education Committee member, and free carving hangout coordinator with Fireweed Community Woodshop.

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Theatres closing, cont.

1970s and 1980s. The name changed to Uptown Theatre on April 11, 1929 at the same time sound came to motion pictures. A fire broke out on April 25, 1939, but the theatre was soon rebuilt. When the Uptown closed in 1975, Landmark Theatres chain took it over.

Upgrades of the Uptown Theatre began on January 31, 2012, leading to renovations from a 900-seat theater to about a 358-seat theater. To my delight it always had one screen. I saw countless films there, again with pen and pad in hand. The management and the employees were superb. The staff was as keen as I was on films, past and present. I walk by the theater weekly and lament its loss.

Both the Edina and Uptown theaters closed because of

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Uptown/Lagoon Theatre, December 1978

COVID-19. I had many a wonderful time at each, only to see the day when the lights went dark permanently.

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## Kids Summer Stuff:

**Fun Activities for Youth at Parks and Libraries in and around Phillips**

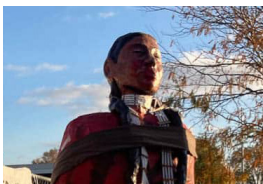
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Minneapolis Parks (to register and find even more activities go to <https://apm.activecommunities.com/minneapolisparcs/>). Contact the park for schedule changes and availability.

► **East Phillips Park, 2399 17th Avenue South. 612-370-4888**

**Jr. Naturalists:** Drop-In Discovery, Tuesday 5-7PM, through August

Join us for no-touch or easily sanitizable nature exploring — such as meeting live animals, dissecting an owl pellet, playing water quality mini-golf, planting seeds, and much more! No need to register, just stop on by for free family fun! Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.



**Land Back Mask Making:** July 26-30, 2PM-5PM

Free, ages 10-14, register online. The Artist in Residence (AiR) program will focus on Land Back Face Mask Making: An activity designed to educate and to gain the knowledge to care for Grandmother Earth.

**Sculpture by Dakota artist Graci Horne, who will be leading the mask making activities**



► **Phillips Park, 2324 11th Avenue South. 612-370-4946**

**Film Festival:** Mondays through August 30, 6PM-8PM

Each week Phillips Community Center will bring films to youth. We will showcase the creativity of film makers and facilitate discussion on cinematography. Youth will be a part of this program process and collaborate to pick films and topics to discuss! This activity is an ActivePass Program and a pass is required to participate. Please go to your neighborhood recreation center during business hours to sign up for a free ActivePass.

**Youth Adventures:** Monday through Friday 1PM-6PM

Free, ages 10-16, Youth Adventures at Phillips is the place to be! You can come get homework help, use the computer lab with our super fast WiFi from Comcast's LiftZone, play video/table games or join in on daily art/stem activities! This activity is an ActivePass Program and a pass is required to participate. Please go to your neighborhood recreation center during business hours to sign up for a free ActivePass. Register online

► **Stewart Park, 2700 S 12th Ave. 612-370-4932**

**Board Game Fun:** Tuesday/Thursdays 3PM-4:30PM through September 2

Get out of the house and enjoy friendly competition at this drop-in activity. Play Scrabble, Apples To Apples, Trivial Pursuit, Uno and many other games to choose from. Borrow a game or bring a game of your own to play. Fun for everyone! An ActivePass is required to play, you can sign up for the free pass at any recreation center to perfect your play.

**Youth Garden Club:** Wednesdays in July, 5-7PM

Come join us to create a community garden. Our goal is to educate youth and to nurture a sense of world stewardship in the next generation of gardeners. We will learn about germinating seeds, picking which fruits, vegetables and flowers to grow, and build a garden infrastructure together.

► **Franklin Library, 1314 E Franklin Avenue.**

**Drop-in outdoor summer activities for kids:** Thursdays 2:30-4:30 p.m.

**Franklin Teen Tech Squad** will have activities for youth at Waite House, 2323 11th Ave S, 10 AM- noon on Wednesday June 23, July 14 and 28, and August 11 and 25.

► **Hosmer Library, 347 E 36th Street.**

**Drop-in outdoor summer activities for kids:** 3PM-close daily.

**Hosmer Teen Tech Squad** will have activities for youth Mondays, 4:30-6PM



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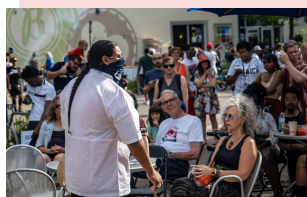
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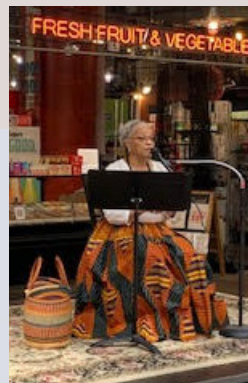


sous chef Austin Bartold



## CELEBRATIONS

JUNETEENTH WAS MADE MINNEAPOLIS' 12TH PAID HOLIDAY ON MAY 14, 2021; ON JUNE 17, 2021 PRESIDENT BIDEN SIGNED THE JUNETEENTH NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY ACT. HERE ARE SOME IMAGES FROM CELEBRATIONS AROUND SOUTH MINNEAPOLIS ON THE FIRST "OFFICIAL" JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY.

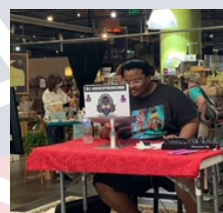


"Auntie Beverly" performed at the Midtown Global Market's Juneteenth celebration. Beverly Cottman is an interdisciplinary artist creating at the intersections of literary, visual, and performance art. As storyteller, Auntie Beverly, she delivers wisdom of the ages by telling stories, folktales, and fables rooted in African and African-American traditions as well as cultural tales from around the world.

MIDTOWN GLOBAL MARKET  
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Dancing!



DJ Ariesfirebomb



Dancing Divas  
hiphop routine



The Command Steppers per-  
formed Chicago stepping



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## FREE & FUN PROGRAMMING FOR CHILDREN IMPACTED BY INCARCERATION

Camp Icaghowan  
with YMCA of the North  
August 15th-20th, Ages 8-14

Loppet Bike & Adventure Camp  
at Theodore Wirth Park  
July 19th-23rd, Ages 9-13



Contact Tricia Alexander to register:  
[outreach@cicmn.org](mailto:outreach@cicmn.org). (612) 677-1715



Children of Incarcerated  
Caregivers



The Cultural Wellness  
Center will be back in  
August! They are busy  
organizing community vac-  
cination events and excited  
to share updates soon!

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