VENTURA VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD

SEPTEMBER'21 NEWS

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- The Franklin Park Lofts Apartment Building is now open and renters are moving in.
- The City Council has approved the sale of 628 E. Franklin to Hope Community and the City of Lakes Land Trust.
- The construction happening at 21st and Chicago is the Community Care Clinic and First Care Pregnancy Center.
- Norway House is planning a groundbreaking ceremony sometime in September. Watch for more information.
- 4 Sisters Market will be open every Thursday in September from 11 AM to 3 PM at the Pow Wow Grounds Coffee Shop parking lot.
- Our next Neighborhood Association meeting will be Wednesday, September 8th at 7 PM via Zoom
- The Food, Land and Community Program at Hope Community hosts a free farm stand every Friday at 1900 Portland Avenue between 10 am - 1:00 pm. All are welcome.
- Our Neighborhood Association has partnerships with several organizations to help us reach and engage everyone in our community. These 2 local radio stations are partners with us.

KRSM YOUTH MEDIA INTERNSHIP

Article by: Michel.Be

The KRSM Youth Media Internship is a youth lead radio and broadcast journalism program where high school students explore their voices through audio storytelling, music and journalism.

KRSM Interns were introduced to various areas of broadcasting and professional positions such as Content Creator, On-Air Host, and DJ. After choosing a position, they explored thier own ideas and perspectives through radio shows and podcasts, compiling music playlists and writing articles.

This year consisted of new interns and returning interns from last summer. The second year interns worked on advancing their skills, working on special segments with other youth groups, leading workshops for MPR Radio & ThreeSixty Journalism Radio Broadcast Camp, and curating an original Zine.

Here are a few work statements from KRSM Interns this summer:

Shane (On-Air Host) - "My series "Finding Balance" is a form of self help and self care. It's about self-awareness and introspection of yourself and others. Understanding your thoughts and emotions, and how to balance them through discipline and moderation. My work is made from the agglomeration of experiences in my life. What works for me might not work for you. And that's okay. I am simply a guide that gives suggestions. You choose your path in life."

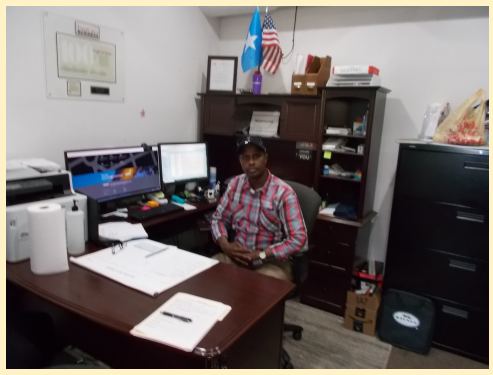
Daeliyah (DJ) -" Introducing some of the most underrated and most talented musicians I've ever heard. "Before the Decade" brings light and new sounds to your surroundings, while also showing you what 2020 never missed. They brought singles, Eps and albums. During the time sharing struggles through love, self-love and even hate. Listening to 2020, the year that'll eventually become yet another decade...Here you are."

Ruweyda (Content Creator) - "One of the topics I've explored is Palestine and what is happening there. I have also covered Police Brutality and Affordable housing. Some other topics I am interested in writing about in the future js law and the criminal justice system, specifically regarding people that have been wrongly accused."

Check out the Summer 2021 cohort and their work at www.krsmradio.org/youth

KRSM interns at Showcase Event Photo Credit: David Pierini

KALY RADIO



Mahamed Caly, president of KALY radio

Along with other South Minneapolis neighborhoods Ventura Village has a partnership with KALY Radio. KALY is operated by the nonprofit Somali American Community (SAC), and has been on the air since December 2015. Its purpose is to advance and uplift the Somali and East African communities in Minnesota. Its programming covers issues related to health, housing, citizenship, employment, culture and civic engagement.

KALY is a non-profit, non-commercial station and is available on other media platforms. It seeks to serve as a bridge for young and old alike to the community it now calls home.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT A SUCCESS!

Article by: Kali Pliego, Crime Prevention Specialist

South Minneapolis (3rd Precinct) had over 600 registered National Night Out (NNO) parties for August 3rd. With Summer 2020 having been in the height of the Coronavirus pandemic, the 2021 NNO parties had a kind of "relieved" feeling to them (but we're not out of the COVID-19 woods, yet!). From talking with many residents in my sector (the greater Phillips area), I know how happy people were to have the opportunity to celebrate this great annual community event.

It was wonderful to see so many kids playing outside with bubbles, art tables, and games of garden tag! Equally wonderful were the smells of charcoal grills cooking up BBQ, burgers, and hot dogs. Add to it all the meaningful conversations between and among neighbors that deepen relationships and build community. I have to say, National Night Out is one of my favorite events of the year!

I had my plans all laid out on paper, including assigning myself time limits on each party I would attend. According to my plan, I had enough time to visit nine parties between 5pm and 9pm. Poet Robert Burns particularly had me in mind when he wrote, "the best-laid plans of mice and men often go awry". After arriving at the first party on my list, I forgot all about my self-imposed time limits, and just went with the flow of the evening. I didn't miss my mark too badly—I made it to six of nine parties—but I was very sad to have missed the Semilla Center for Healing and the Arts' art party and lantern making!

Due to my Crime Prevention Specialist role, people naturally ask me many crime related questions. It's important for me to step into the opportunity to speak with community members, and even if I don't have all the answers, I greatly appreciate the connections we're able to create together. This all helps to lay a foundation of mutual respect and trust in these ongoing conversations and problem solving.

To that end, I always welcome messages from the community. Email is the best way to find me: ***kali.pliego@minneapolismn.gov***. Please especially be in touch to invite me to a future block event (wink)! I look forward to meeting even more Phillips neighbors in the years to come.