

CONGRADULATIONS Phillips' Class(es) of 2022!!!

To all our 2022 high school students and GED candidates earning a certificate or diploma, congratulations on your achievement! Schools in and around Phillips offer diverse routes to educational advancement, including in-person experiences, remote study, traditional high school pathways, and specialized programs.



Interview With Sha'Vontie Rose Juneau Jackson Hosfield

By MARY ELLEN KALUZA



Youth Performance Company production of *Ruby: The Ruby Bridges Story* in February/March 2020. Cast is performing the song *When the Saints Go Marching In*. Sha'Vontie in front with plaid dress

Sha'Vontie lives a few blocks away and she often walks by with her dad to visit her cousins near me. She always has a cheerful greeting when she passes. Makes me smile. Last summer I was invited to the cousins' backyard for a concert the kids were putting on. That's where I first

saw Sha'Vontie sing and play piano. I was very impressed with her poise and confidence on the stage, on top of her lovely voice. I had no idea I only saw a fraction of her many talents and interests until we met for this interview.

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Neighbors and Harm Reduction Groups Explore Overdose Prevention Site in Phillips

By GRACIE HALLBERG-CAIN, LEX HORAN, and KOR PACE

As summer settles in, more neighbors are out and about in the neighborhood - gardening, teaching kids to ride bikes, walking dogs. Along with the relief of the warm weather, it's also a time when some of the issues that we have in the Phillips neighborhood become more visible. Syringes are uncovered when the snow melts. Sometimes, we see folks using drugs in public areas - situations that are often unsafe for the people using drugs, as well as those around them. This year, a group of neighbors has been exploring an approach that we haven't tried before: an overdose prevention site (OPS). Overdose prevention sites are proven to save lives and reduce syringe litter, and have not been shown to increase drug use in the sur-

rounding neighborhood.

These issues in Phillips are part of a bigger picture. According to the Minnesota Department of Health, overdose deaths rose by 30% between 2019 and 2020 and continue to rise. In 2019, Black Minnesotans were twice as likely to die from a drug overdose as white Minnesotans, and Native Minnesotans were seven times as likely to die of a drug overdose as white Minnesotans. We need solutions that center racial and health equity.

Overdose prevention sites are part of a broader approach called harm reduction, which is a set of proven strategies for addressing the negative impacts of drug use. OPS are spaces where people bring their pre-obtained drugs and consume them in the presence of trained staff who monitor for overdose. Two of these sites were opened in New York *Continued on page 5*

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.....Wendell Phillips 1811-1884

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Library News

BY CARZ NELSON

All information listed here is accurate as of May 15, 2022. For the most recent information, check out the library website at www.hclib.org.

FRANKLIN LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	9 AM to 5 PM
Tuesday	12 PM to 8 PM
Wednesday	12 PM to 8 PM
Thursday	12 PM to 8 PM
Friday	9 AM to 5 PM
Saturday	9 AM to 5 PM
Sunday	12 PM to 5 PM

ADVICE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

The City of Minneapolis Small Business Team is holding public office hours at Franklin Library. This is a great opportunity for people with questions about starting, maintaining, or expanding their businesses. Please feel free to drop in – no appointment needed.

Tuesdays, June 14 and June 28, 12 - 2 PM

SOMALI CULTURAL FESTIVAL AT FRANKLIN LIBRARY

Celebrate the Somali Cultural Festival at Franklin Library on June 30! The library will have activities and refreshments available.

Thursday, June 30, 12 - 5 PM

COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS

Join us at Franklin Library for Coffee & Conversations!

Friday, June 10, 10 AM - 12 PM

FAIR FINANCIAL VISITS FRANKLIN LIBRARY

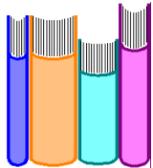
Community Ambassadors for FAIR, a program through Prepare & Prosper, will answer questions and sign people up for this financial service.

Friday, June 27, 1 - 4 PM

RESOURCES AND SUPPORT

Bridge for Youth visits Franklin Library the fourth Wednesday of each month, from 2 to 5 PM. They connect people with resources and provide hygiene items and other supplies. Look for them in their outreach van on the corner of 14th and Franklin Avenues.

FREE FOOD



Franklin and Hosmer Libraries are collaborating with Every Meal to distribute free meal bags. Bags are free for anyone to take, while supplies last.

HOMEWORK HELP

Homework Help is back to its normal schedule. Both Franklin

and Hosmer Libraries offer free one-on-one tutoring for K-12 students.

Franklin: Wednesdays and Thursdays 3:30 - 7:30 PM

Hosmer: Mondays 4 - 7:30 PM, Saturdays 1 - 4 PM

FAMILY STORYTIME/ RIMAS Y CUENTOS AT HOSMER LIBRARY

For children of all ages and their caregivers. Share books, stories, rhymes, music and movement in English and Spanish.

Sunday, June 5, 1 - 1:30 PM

READING SUGGESTIONS

Looking for a good book to read? You could ask a librarian. At hclib.org, towards the bottom of the page, you'll find the link, *Ask us for reading suggestions*. This leads to a form you fill out about what sorts of books you like, and what sorts you don't like. Fill in the form and you will get an email with reading recommendations. If you don't want to fill out a form, you can always ask librarians for recommendations in person, over the phone, or via chat.

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 at 612-543-8850.

ASK THE LIBRARY

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

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

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

Save Money - Eat Your Weeds

BY MARY ELLEN KALUZA

Eating well is expensive even without high inflation. Save money by foraging around your backyard, neighbor's yard, or other overgrown areas. A small pile of free greens can easily save you \$5. Here are a few common weeds that are delicious and nutritious. (Always look up the plant to safely identify and prepare. Harvest in areas you know are not treated with chemicals. Get permission, if necessary. Rinse thoroughly.)

Lamb's Quarter: My neighbor turned me on to lamb's quarters years ago with quesadillas stuffed with them. Yum! They are also quite tasty on their own, lightly steamed with a little salt and pepper. Lamb's quarters contain oxal-

ic acid and you don't want to eat too much of them raw. (Cooking removes the acid.)

Purslane (verdolagas in Spanish): Purslane can be a pesky weed in the garden. Or in your sidewalk cracks. I get particular pleasure eating this weed because its stubborn tap roots and bazillion seeds make it hard to control. The plant is delicious raw or cooked with a light lemony flavor, eaten around the world. I recently had a green chili stew with purslane and it was the BEST green chili stew ever!



Purslane



Lamb's quarter

Nettle: Last month Nikki Fleck shared a fabulous nettle recipe, and included the myriad of nutritional benefits the plant provides. Find it May's *alley* online: <https://alleynews.org/>. Nettles are at home in fancy dishes or simply sauteed in butter. (Note: Handle nettles

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Letter to the Editor



I am writing in response to Peter Molenaar's May op-ed, "Peace Be With You."

In this piece, Mr. Molenaar repeats a number of Russian talking points about Ukraine, all of which are refutable by listening to Ukrainian both here at home in Minneapolis or on the ground in Ukraine. But more importantly, as someone with a long academic background studying fascism and the far right, I want to speak to his accusations of Ukrainian "fascistic gangs."

Put simply: to believe that, prior to February 24th, there were roving bands of fascists roaming the streets of Kharkiv or Mariupol is false. Fascist groups in Ukraine were and are tiny. They had no meaningful representation in the parliament, nor did the Azov Battalion--about which so much has been said--ever grow beyond about 1000 members. Putin's brutal leveling of their home city of Mariupol has likely killed most of them. Good riddance, but let us also keep their size in perspective.

Russian (and Soviet) uses of the word 'fascist' are grounded in their World War II experience. After World War II, the word

came to mean "anyone who is opposed to the USSR (or East Germany, etc.)." In this use, it means that the United States, Britain, and France, who supplied so much of the weapons and supplies that kept the USSR from collapsing in the German onslaught, were referred to as "fascists" themselves once the war was over. How could this be? Put simply: it was a rhetorical trick and nothing more.

As someone who considers themselves an antifascist, it is and always will be my duty to stand up against fascism wherever it is. At the same time, I have far too many Ukrainian friends from my time living in Central Europe who now find themselves fighting against Putin's unprovoked and plainly genocidal war. They are fighting to preserve their freedom from Putin's authoritarian system.

Sincerely yours,

sam harrison
Powderhorn Park

Note: Peter Molenaar, our regular columnist, has promised a rebuttal to Sam Harrison's letter. Look for it in the July issue of the Alley.

Tales from Pioneers and Soldiers Memorial Cemetery

By SUE HUNTER WEIR
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A Sister Remembered

Maude Wiggin is the forgotten sister in the Wiggin family tree even though she isn't really all that hard to find. She was named in the 1870 census and when she died on December 12, 1877, her obituary appeared in the Minneapolis Tribune and it is easily accessed online. Maude died from something called "spinal disease," most likely spinal meningitis. She was 13 years and nine months old. Her sister, Carolyne, was 12. There were also two other younger sisters, Nancy and Mae. Carolyne, Nancy and Mae appear on several family trees on ancestry.com but there is no mention of Maude. It's almost as though she never existed, yet she is buried in the Wiggin-Nudd family plot near her grandmother, Nancy Wiggin Nudd. Her cousin, Captain Charles Nudd, a Civil War veteran, is buried there, as is a woman named Mary Nudd, whose connection to the family is something of a mystery.

The Nudd-Wiggin family was typical of most of the cemetery's earliest burials. They were transplanted New Englanders, many of whom could trace their families back to the American Revolution. Carolyne and Maude's great-great-grandfather, Andrew Wiggin, "immediately responded to the call for soldiers made in 1877. James Wiggin, their great-grandfather, one of Andrew's 17 children, also enlisted. Andrew was 37 at the time, James was 17.

Andrew was described in the History of Wolfesborough, New Hampshire as a man who "had little education, but was a man

of probity and sound judgment, as evinced by the responsible positions in which his townsmen placed him. He held few offices on account of his lack of educational attainments, but no citizen was more respected, and few had greater influence in directing public affairs than he. He had much to do with the building of the town meeting house, and was one of the charter members



Carolyne's grave. Her name was most often spelled Carolyne but is spelled Caroline on her marker.

of the first Congregationalist Church..."

On their mother's side, they had a great-grandfather who served as an ensign in the Continental Navy and a great-great grandfather, who was born in 1700 so was too old to have been a soldier but signed the Association Test showing support for the Revolutionary Cause.

Their family's sense of civic responsibility and patriotism was reflected in the career of Captain Charles Nudd who died the year before Carolyne was born. (Interestingly, Carolyne was

born on the day that Lee surrendered at Appomattox). Captain Nudd served in Company A of the Third Minnesota which fought primarily in the Western Campaign. He enlisted in October 1861. He was promoted from 1st Lieutenant to Captain on August 11, 1864 but died 14 days later as he was heading home on furlough.

On August 27, 1864, The St. Paul Press reported that: "Some 40 or 50 men of the Third Minnesota on furlough arrived on the Albany yesterday evening...A number of the men were very ill and one, Lt. Nudd, died on the trip up. The sister of Lieutenant Nudd... was in [St. Paul] on Thursday en route to meet him. She was dissuaded from going down on the boat that connected with the one he was on and he died before it landed. The disap-

pointment was a great addition to the affliction." That woman was his sister, Josephine.

Carolyne was born the following spring. She married young, and in 1884, gave birth to an 11-pound daughter who she named Maude. Carolyne's husband worked primarily as a traveling salesman. By 1894, they were living apart—their marriage apparently over. Carolyne was 29 years old, with a 10-year-old daughter. She worked off and on for the rest of her life—as a demonstrator in department stores, as a seamstress and commer-

cial embroiderer, and as a matron in a University fraternity house.

Her interest in civic organizations never waned. In 1934, she was president of the Dudley Chase Post #10 Auxiliary. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. In 1943, she was mentioned in Minneapolis newspapers several times for her work and leadership with the Women's Relief Corps, especially her work in welcoming refugees. When she was well into her 70s, she traveled to the organization's national conferences.

Carolyne died on October 5, 1951. She was 86 years old. Her parents, her daughter, and her sister Nancy were all buried at Lakewood, but rather than being buried with them, Carolyne chose to be buried next to her sister Maude in Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers Memorial Cemetery. Maude may have been overlooked by modern-day



Captain Nudd

genealogists but she was never forgotten by her younger sister. They are buried side-by-side in Lot 84, Block A.

Sue Hunter Weir is chair of Friends of the Cemetery, an organization dedicated to preserving and maintaining Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery. She has lived in Phillips for almost 50 years and loves living in such a historic community.

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with gloves until cooked.)

Dandelion: Four decades ago I had newly arrived Hmong neighbors. The grandmother of the family often

visited my sister and me in our garden. We didn't speak the same language, but we learned a lot from her. In particular, she taught us to eat our dandelion greens - a powerhouse of nutrients. Dandelions are a little bitter raw but cooking cuts the bitterness.

Pigweed: A member of the



Violet

amaranth family (as is lamb's quarter), it is not the showy type of amaranth that makes you pause in awe, but it is still delicious and nutritious. Pigweed is widespread in the Americas and has been part of Native cuisine from Canada to Argentina. The seeds are high in protein, and the nutrient-rich leaves are edible raw or cooked.

Violet: Long considered a pest in lawns because they spread so easily, violets are gaining new respect as we strive to help our bees live. Both the

lovely purple flowers and the leaves can be eaten. Toss some flowers on a salad or bowl of soup for a picture-perfect meal. Thanks to their prolific growing habit, you and the bees will have plenty.

Some of you already eat your weeds, some may be apprehensive. I was quite skeptical when I first tried eating weeds. But, I mustered up my bravery, opened my mind, and am now an enthusiastic fan of edible weeds.

Mary Ellen Kaluza is a Certified Financial, Housing, and Reverse Mortgage Counselor.



Summer Events

at Pioneers and Soldiers Memorial Cemetery



Check the Friends of the Cemetery Facebook page for more events in the summer and later in the fall.

Want a tour but don't see one that works? Contact Sue Hunter Weir at s-hunt1@umn.edu to talk about setting one up.

Open Streets East Lake Street

Saturday, August 13
11 AM-4:30 PM

Stop by and play old-fashioned games (there will be prizes for the kids), take a self-guided smartphone tour, and talk with volunteers.

Murder, Mayhem and More

(sponsored by Preserve Minneapolis)

Sunday, August 21
Tours at 10 AM and 1 PM

10 AM: Tour will cover the southeast quadrant of the cemetery which includes many of the oldest graves, as well as the grave of our most notorious criminal, and those of notable territorial pioneers.

1 PM: Tour will cover the southwest quadrant of the cemetery, including the grave of William Goodridge, a pre-Civil War conductor on the Underground Railroad, and his grandson, the first African-American child born in St. Anthony. The graves of dozens of Civil War veterans and other very interesting folk are also located in this section.

Tour sign-ups will be listed at preserveminneapolis.org

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alley ARTS

We Are Still Here opens at All My Relations



Three dancers and one of two drum groups. Dancers, drummers and vendors brought hundreds of folks out on a beautiful Saturday afternoon. After being cancelled two years in a row because of Covid-19, the Little Earth community held their annual Mother's Day Traditional Pow Wow at Cedar Field on May 7th.



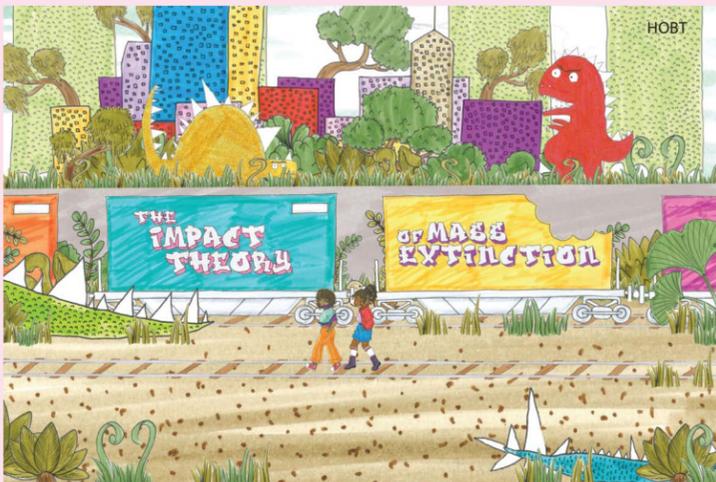
As part of the inaugural collaboration between Hennepin Theatre Trust and All My Relations Arts, *We Are Still Here* features the culmination of works completed by the artists during their eighteen month cohort. The artworks include digital designs previously featured on billboards in downtown Minneapolis, along Hennepin Avenue, and throughout the Twin Cities. These works served to uplift Native voices and highlight truth-telling by changing the narrative of Native people in Minnesota. The art highlights contemporary Native culture while dispelling stereotypes through education, humor, and bold, thought-provoking designs. By interweaving contemporary and traditional storytelling, and the allyship of Indigenous communities here in the Twin Cities, *We Are Still Here* connects the Native history of the land and continued connections to our past through the powerful visuals and current narratives of contemporary Native artists.

Featuring Ray Janis, Sheldon Starr and Missy Whiteman, with mentor artist Jonathan Thunder.

All My Relations Arts
1414 East Franklin Avenue
May 24th – July 2nd, 2022
Closing Reception: Saturday, June 25th 6-8pm
For more information visit: allmyrelationsarts.com

The Impact Theory of Mass Extinction at Heart of the Beast

By HEART OF THE BEAST



From June 16th to June 26th, Heart of the Beast will produce our first major puppet and mask performance since 2018, *The Impact Theory of Mass Extinction*, by Junauda Petrus-Nasah.

Impact Theory tells the story of two black, queer, teens who discover dinosaur bones in their South Minneapolis neigh-

borhood! Our teens get sucked through a prehistoric portal, where they explore extinction theories ranging from the scientifically accepted to the outright absurd. On their Jurassic journey, our protagonists draw comparisons to their own lives, reflecting on themes of ancestry, queerness, and non-binary identity.

Impact Theory's playwright, Junauda Petrus-Nasah, is an acclaimed poet, playwright, screenwriter, and multi-dimensional performance artist. West-Indian descended and African-sourced, she grew up in Minneapolis's own Phillips and Powderhorn neighborhoods.

This production will be born from the skills of local artists: shadow, table top, and large-scale puppet builders; mask makers; musicians; puppeteers and more. Graphics by: Erica Warren, Steve Ackerman\

All performances except ones indicated as totally free are pay-as-able.

June 16- June 26

In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre
1500 E. Lake Street
Minneapolis, MN 55407

More info and tickets: <https://hobt.org/>

Thursday, June 16th 7:30 PM

Friday, June 17th 7:30 PM

Saturday, June 18th 7:30 PM

Sunday, June 19th 2:00 PM Free!

Sunday, June 19th 7:30 PM

Thursday, June 23rd 7:30 PM Free!

Friday, June 24th 7:30 PM

Saturday, June 25th 7:30 PM

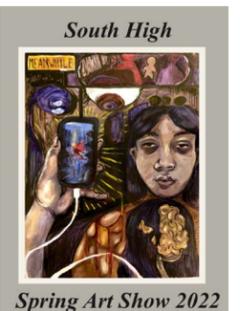
Sunday, June 26th 2:00 PM Free! ASL Sensory Touch

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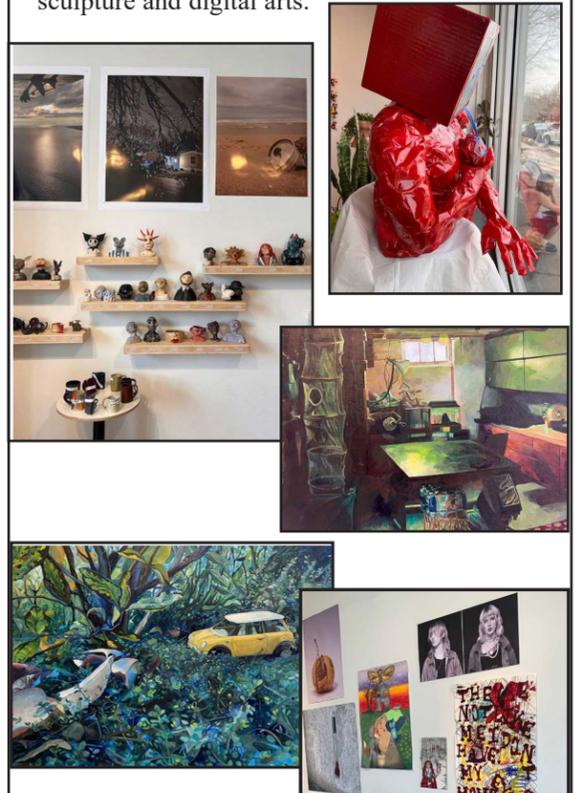
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South High Artists Work Showcased at Modus Locus Gallery

By JESSIE MERRIAM



From May 5-12, South Minneapolis art gallery Modus Locus, 3500 Bloomington Ave S, hosted these amazing works of students, showcasing talent in drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture and digital arts.



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Random *alley* News



BY LINDSEY FENNER

► Ingebretsen's Nordic Marketplace Named Minnesota's Family-Owned Small Business of the Year:

Friend of the alley newspaper and 100-year old Lake Street small business Ingebretsen's was honored by the US Small Business Association as part of National Small Business Week in May. Four generations of Ingebretsens have owned the retail business celebrating Scandinavian culture which includes a gift shop and butcher shop, as well as cultural education classes. The current co-owner, Julie Ingebretsen, has been active in mentoring new immigrant business owners along Lake Street. Congratulations Ingebretsen's!



The western side of Ingebretsen's in the 90s, including the Dala Style mural painted by Judith Kjenstad.

► East Phillips Park Basketball Court Getting Redone:

The basketball court will be repaired, resurfaced, and restriped. According to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, the work should be done by June. Eighteen courts, from basketball and tennis to bike polo, are being redone in parks throughout Minneapolis. Check minneapolisparcs.org/courtrepairs to see if your favorite court will be impacted. Funding for the project is through the 20-Year Neighborhood Park Plan, which increases capital, maintenance, and rehabilitation funding for Minneapolis Parks.

► CTUL, Construction Workers, Call on Twin Cities Developers to Join the Fight Against Labor Abuse:

Construction workers with Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en la Lucha (CTUL) and allies want the largest Twin Cities developers to join the Building Dignity and Respect Standards Council (BDR). Under the worker-driven council, developers would sign agreements to uphold standards such as safe

working conditions and fair pay, as well as workers protections from wage theft, human trafficking, and abuse. The construction industry in the Twin Cities has struggled with human rights violations. According to a 2019 report by BDR, construction workers commonly experience labor abuse such as wage theft, dangerous working conditions, discrimination, retaliation, and labor trafficking. Most recently in May, construction workers building a residential development for the family who owns the Minnesota Vikings, alleged over \$100,000 in unpaid wages.

► Apply for Mortgage or Other Housing-Related Assistance through June 17:

The State of Minnesota is offering assistance for those who have fallen behind on their mortgage or other housing-related expenses due to the pandemic. Housing-related expenses like property taxes, insurance, association fees or lot rent may also be eligible for assistance. Application Period: May 17 – June 17 at 5PM

Applications will be processed as they are submitted. In the event of high demand for funds, the funds may be fully allocated before the date the application period closes. Homeowners are encouraged to submit their applications early in the application period. A submitted application is not a guarantee of funding availability. Visit <https://homehelpmn.org/>

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Prevention, cont.



City in November 2021, and they have existed outside of the US for decades. There has never been an overdose death reported at any OPS, and people who use these sites are also shown to seek additional healthcare and drug treatment at a higher rate.

From Kor and Gracie: As outreach workers with Southside Harm Reduction Services, we spend a lot of time in East Phillips. Our organization provides safe use supplies, referrals to care, HIV testing, and overdose response training. Many of our participants partner with us for syringe clean up, kit packing, and most recently, meeting about Overdose Prevention Sites.

We see a great need for more harm reduction services such as OPS here in East Phillips, and our participants agree. Participants share stories of saving life after life by reversing overdoses, redistributing safer use supplies, and sharing harm reduction knowledge. They are doing what they can to ensure the safety of their fellow community members, all without having the proper resources to do so. Our participants “just want a place to be,” a safe space, free from judgment and stigma. As outreach workers with SHRS, we want to uplift the voices of our participants, since they are often left out of these discussions.

From Lex: Living in East Phillips, I've often felt overwhelmed by the drug use in our neighborhood. I've had the heart-pounding experience of running home to grab Narcan when someone is overdosing around the corner. Even more often, I've met a neighbor for the first time when they were using drugs on our porch or in our backyard. These interactions can be sweet, stressful, or anything in between. I know my backyard isn't the safest place for folks to be using drugs—for anyone involved—but people don't have anywhere else to go.

Recently, working with a group of other neighbors towards opening an OPS has helped me feel more purposeful and less powerless. We have started doorknocking to talk with neighbors about their concerns around drug use and the possibility of an OPS in our neighborhood. We haven't spoken with every neighbor yet, but of those we've met, many are curious – even enthusiastic – about the idea. Many people are ready to try something different. The old “drug war” approach of criminalizing people and pushing them from corner to corner isn't solving the problem.

Phillips neighbors step up to support each other all the time, but the burden shouldn't just be on individuals. An

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Peace House Community - A Place to Belong

The Trouble with Normal

By MARTI MALTBY

A friend of mine who struggles with addiction recently told me about a hiking trip he took with a group of acquaintances. He didn't know anyone in the group very well, but he knew them well enough to talk with them throughout the day, and he enjoyed his time with them. I was surprised when he told me that later on he had suffered a severe bout of depression because of the hike.

“I feel like I lied to them. I tricked them,” he explained. It turned out that as part of his recovery from addiction, he tries to be completely honest with others, not living a double life as he did when he was actively using drugs. Understandably, he hadn't used the hike as an opportunity to tell the group about his addiction, and he was worried that they thought he was “normal.” He felt like he had pretended not to have any problems, when from his perspective he was an addict who was totally messed up, despite the time he had been able to spend away from drugs.

I admire my friend's commitment to his recovery, and to

being honest, but I didn't think he did anything wrong by not revealing the worst parts of his life to the group. When I asked him what was so bad about not telling them about his addictions, he replied that everyone in the group was normal, and that they had accepted him as being the same as them. I needed a minute or two to organize my thoughts before I could give him a reasonably coherent answer, because my mind was going in two separate directions.

My first thought was that he wasn't under any obligation to tell others about his personal struggles. His struggles are his, and he can tell others if he wants to, but he shouldn't feel compelled to tell everyone he knows about everything in his past.

My second thought was that he was probably wrong about everyone in the group being normal. Or, maybe more accurately, that it's normal to have problems you hide from others. I've met many people who appear to have great lives, but in most cases, if I've gotten to know them well, I've found that their lives are just as messed up as

anyone else's. The truth doesn't come out right away though. It takes time to build the trusting relationships that make people comfortable enough to share the worst parts of themselves. The ways that their lives are messed up varies tremendously, but the fact that they are messed up remains. A friend of mine who has won awards for her work told me that only a few months earlier she had been on the verge of checking herself into the hospital to avoid a mental breakdown. Another friend was trying to come to terms with the deaths of two family members in rapid succession. One person I know was so worn down by her work schedule that she became verbally and emotionally abusive to her husband of 15 years.

I know many of us want to be “normal,” without realizing that we already are normal. We're messed up, just like most of the people around us. The key, I think, is to find the people we can talk to about our problems, then sharing ourselves openly and honestly with them.



Marti Maltby

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Interview, cont.

How old are you? What grade are you in?
I'm 11 and in 5th grade

Describe your main art form(s).

I like to sing and dance - dancing first, then singing. And sometimes I like to play piano. I practice it every day and take lessons because adults told me I would be happy I did later on, so I do.

What inspired you to dance and sing?

I think I've always done it. We have videos of me dancing at 3 and 4 years old. There are stories of me dancing at 13 months. My mom sang to me when I was little, and my mom got her voice from her mom.

Do you have a favorite place you like to sing or play music?

Everywhere! Church, school, with my friend Caleb - we sing all the time.

Is there a type of music you especially like to sing or play?

Hip Hop and Pop. I like to play hard stuff on the piano.

Is there a singer or musician that you particularly admire?

Yes! I like Dua Lipa, Demi Lovato and Flo Rida. I love music videos, especially BTS and Zendaya.

Do you have a mentor or teacher?

I have a piano teacher, Christa Lachell. And I am part of a youth choir called Known. The choir teacher is Courtland Pickens.



JANELLE HOSFIELD

Sha'Vontie recording a song with her cousins in summer of 2021.

Are there other art forms you enjoy?

I love acting! I was in a school play, *Back To The Cross*. And I played the little sister in *Ruby Bridges* with Youth Performance Company.

What other interests do you have?

Sports - I play basketball, soccer, and I do gymnastics with my friend Caleb. We have handstand contests. I love to read. I particularly like comics or graphic novels. My dad reads every night with me. We're reading *Courage to Soar* by Simone Biles. And I like to cook. My specialty is tacos. I make my own breakfast everyday.

What would you like to do as a grown up?

I would love to design clothes or be an actor who sings and dances. And, I want to be a great mom and gymnast.



Sha'Vontie is a treasure! She makes the world a better place with her many talents and her generous cheerfulness. I'm excited to see what's ahead for her!

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VENTURA VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD

JUNE '22 NEWS

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Statewide Refugee Resettlement Program includes Local Agencies

By: Steve Dreyer

Ward Westry, who is a Refugee Outreach Specialist with the YMCA of the North (all of the Metro-wide YMCA's) made a presentation at one of our neighborhood's Community Outreach Committee meetings recently. His state-wide program, called Family Assisters, helps refugees and other immigrant groups get connected to a variety of resources, including housing, employment, health care, public benefits, food, ESL courses, interpretation and more. He is currently working with new Afgan arrivals. He also told us about different agencies listed by the state called Resettlement Network Services who do similar work.

Two of these Services are located in our immediate neighborhood. **African Community Services, located on East 24th Street**, was formed in 1995 by a volunteer network of Somali refugees to help refugee families secure basic needs and resources for self-sufficiency and to acclimate to a new way of life. Today this Service does not work as much with new refugees but has developed new projects as needed. They include the Youth @ Work Program helping young adults find employment, a Parent Support Outreach Program, the Somali Autism Project, the MN Legal Kiosk Project for legal help, and other services

The second resettlement service is **African Immigrant Community Services located on Franklin Avenue** in Ventura Village. AICS was incorporated into a 501c3 non-profit in 2007 by its previous executive director, Mustafa Hassan, and other Somali refugees to meet the needs of East African refugees in the Twin Cities area. Since its inception the organization has continued to grow and develop strong working relationships with other community-based agencies, faith-based communities and government entities. AICS provides various programs to the community, including Refugee Resettlement program job readiness, Covid-19 Testing and Vaccination, Mnsure, Tobacco Awareness, Career Development, Youth Employment, and ESL courses.

The Youth Employment program at African Immigrants Community Services serves low-income and at-risk youth ages 14 to 24 who lack academic and "applied skills" considered critical for current and future workplace needs. We assist the youth with work readiness training that focuses on the basics that employers expect, such as attendance, punctuality, teamwork, communication skills, and problem-solving. Training sessions are interactive. Every year, more than 30 young adults participate in the Youth Employment program, which is a partnership with the City of Minneapolis funded through the Minneapolis Youth Works Program.

****Information on African Immigrant Community Services provided by Hayat Abdilahi**

Nonprofits aren't exempt from inflation. Here's how you can help.

By Mike Huffman and Robin Stramp

I can't name a nonprofit organization that has skated through the pandemic. For any organization – and particularly those of us delivering human services – the last several years have provided a series of ripples to navigate. Quick! We need to pivot to change the services we provide, or how we operate them. Don't forget to stay abreast of the updated public health recommendations to ensure we are doing everything we can to keep staff and participants safe, too.

While the new funding has allowed us to carry out the necessary work, there are challenges, even then. Here's a funding opportunity that will help. We need to make a plan, implement, and complete it right now! Think we've made it through the worst of it? Oh look, here comes the fiscal cliff. There is no longer funding to sustain the new or expanded services. Find new, sustainable funding quickly or ramp them back down.

All the while, our donors are in various stages of their own financial constraints.

Now, in 2022, another twist. Having made it through what are hopefully the biggest waves COVID-19, we feel the cost of inflation ever more in our world. For Our Saviour's Community Services, this means a repair project we need to complete costs more and the food we purchase for our shelter meals costs more, too. Each of these costs add up. Have you experienced sticker shock at the price of milk or eggs lately? We experience the same thing, but multiplied times three meals a day for 21 adults, except when volunteers are providing the meal. (Thank you meal groups!)

We realize this new reality means our donors have fewer dollars to share with us and in turn, fewer dollars for us to operate our programs and pay our staff. Staff who **deserve** to be paid more. And, it means our staff members' paychecks don't go as far. In "normal" times most nonprofits struggle to keep up with cost of living increases and yet, this year, any small increase will actually translate in practical terms to lost income. At OSCS we are doing everything we can to make sure this isn't the case.

I don't share this as a sob story about any one organization. Nonprofit organizations everywhere are facing this crunch. If you contribute to any nonprofit(s) and are able to consider increasing your donations, please try to do so. If you typically make a \$50 donation, that only goes as far as \$46 did in 2021. If an increase isn't an option for you right now, consider what goods or services nonprofits are asking for. Or, look for opportunities to volunteer and share them within your network. Did you know that organizations nationwide are facing a volunteer shortage? Advocate for public funding for nonprofits. And, if you are involved in a foundation or corporation, you know that nonprofits need you to step up, too. Vital programs never stopped. Together we can ensure the community services we value will continue, and flourish.

Interested to learn more? Here are some relevant articles:

Star Tribune: [Hennepin County, Minneapolis homeless shelters facing a \\$13-million-a-year fiscal cliff](#)

Nonprofit AF: [Inflation is killing nonprofits. Funders, you need to supplement your grants immediately.](#)

Star Tribune: [Twin Cities nonprofits face critical shortages of volunteers amid omicron surge](#)

Ventura Village Neighborhood News

- Our June General Membership meeting will be Wednesday June 8th at 7 PM in person at ICCM Life Center, 1812 Park Avenue, and online via Zoom. Contact our neighborhood for the link.
- Our neighborhood has tools and supplies to help with your gardens and yards, to remove graffiti and to pick up trash. Contact us by phone or email.

New Clinic to Open in July

By: Hannah Thompson

It has been nearly a year since the groundbreaking ceremony for the new building project near the intersection of Chicago Ave and Franklin Ave. What was formerly a community medical clinic over 80 years ago, and then a church, will now be home to two community focused organizations. On one side of the facility, Odam Community Clinic is a full-service non-profit medical clinic, that will offer family medical care and prenatal services. The other side of the building will house First Care and their Every Family parenting program. First Care will offer free pregnancy testing, ultrasounds and community referrals. The Every Family program offers parenting education and support, including tangible items such as diapers, formula and baby supplies. Both organizations look forward to moving into this new location and are eager to provide excellent, quality care to the Phillips community beginning mid-July 2022.



Four Sisters Market

By: Alexandra Buffalohead

Four Sisters Market will begin its 8th year serving the Ventura Village Neighborhood. The market will again be open Thursdays 11am to 3pm in the Pow Wow Grounds parking lot at 1414 E Franklin. June 2nd will be opening day and it will go through October.

Mission: The Four Sisters Farmers Market is an Indigenous focused farmers market centered on providing increased access to affordable, healthy, culturally appropriate local foods within the American Indian Cultural Corridor.

Vision: The Four Sisters Farmers Market believes in a market that simultaneously builds community health and wealth for community consumers and farmer vendors.



Southside Coalition

By: Thor Adam

Centro Cultural Chicano, Project for Pride in Living, Urban Homeworks, Norway House, Chase Bank, and Ventura Village Neighborhood Organization have worked together to form the Southside Peacekeeping Coalition. The purpose of the coalition is to help make the Franklin/Chicago and Franklin/Elliott area safer. They have contracted with Brothers EMpowered Peacekeepers to be present to help make this area safer for those using the businesses or walking through.

Their schedule is as follows: Four peacekeepers on Thursdays from 2:30pm-6:30pm, four on Fridays from 4:00pm-8:00pm and six on Saturdays from 4:00pm-8:00pm.

They will have a presence on Franklin Avenue from Chicago to 11th Avenue, north on Chicago to Centro school and south on Elliott to 22nd Street. They started their first shift with a warm meal giveaway and will continue to find ways to build community in the neighborhood.

Do you work with a local business or neighborhood organization looking for outreach?

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RETURNING

CHAPTER 21: GO BACK!

By PATRICK CABELLO HANSEL

The two men on horses did not wear cowboy hats or chaps or boots; they didn't have belts of bullets crossing their chests; they weren't drinking rotgut or chewing on a blade of grass or smoking the butt ends of cigars. In other words, they were not born out of a common psyche determined by movie moguls.

They weren't hallucinations either. Or ghosts. Or bits of undigested beef in Luz' or Angel's stomach. They were visions that each of them held, deep within them; united in their common lineage, and united in their desperate search for their dear daughter.

So, what did our beloveds see in these two figures?

There is a saying in Spanish, taken originally from a poem by 17th century Mexican poet Sor Juana Inez de la Cruz: "Todo es de acuerdo al color del cristal con que se mira." That is: "Everything you see depends on the color of your lenses."

What were the lenses our loving couple had on? Rose colored glasses? They had lost

those a long time ago. Mirrored sunglasses to project an image of invulnerability while hiding fear? Nope.

What they saw was the beginning of the blessed, twisted lineage they shared. Without speaking a word to each other, they knew the two men were Marcos and Mateo Kelly Hidalgo, their broken ancestors. Distant in terms of the century and a half since the twins were born in 1868. Not at all distant in terms of their shared inheritance: one born not of blood or the will of any flesh but of spirit, of a fierce and holy struggle.

For the whole of their life together, Luz and Angel had wrestled with an inheritance of joy and trauma that had been passed down. They had talked many times about how their lives were linked in a history, and how their future depended on not being chained to that complicated past.

Both of them had so many things to ask Marcos and Mateo, especially Mateo. Was his death a violent one? Did he still haunt the swale as a ghost? Could he help them? But when they tried to open their mouths, they could not.

Their ears, however, were opened wider than ever, and they both heard this simple command, coming from both brothers: "Go

back to where you started."

Angel and Luz looked at each other, and simultaneously said: "Go back to where we started? What does that mean?" When they turned their gaze back on the two horsemen, they had vanished in the fog.

"Does that mean we should go back to our apartment?" Luz asked. "I couldn't stand to be there without Lupe!"

"Or maybe it means to go back to where we had first met years ago," Angel said. "You know, the bakery that your uncle worked at?"

"That isn't even a bakery anymore, but a cell phone place," Luz said.

A thousand thoughts raced through their heads. Not only did they not know *where* to go, they had no idea how to get back to the *time* they had left. They both sighed, from the heart space deeper than words.

And then, as they had so often during this journey, when they had found no answer in their hearts, their first born, little Angelito, surprised them with wisdom beyond his years.

"Mami?" he said "Papi? We know there is a train here, and we know that there's a train

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Prevention, cont.

OPS is one way to bring more resources into our neighborhood to address some of the biggest crises we face. We're calling on the City, County and State to join us in taking this problem seriously and investing in real solutions like an overdose prevention site.

We're just getting started. There are many steps ahead of us before an OPS becomes a reality, and we would love to have more neighbors involved in the process.

If you want to join us, email

EastPhillipsOPS@gmail.com, or call/text (612) 424-9676.

For more information about Southside Harm Reduction Services, visit our website at southsideharmreduction.org

back where we live. So maybe we should follow the tracks and find our way that way.

Luz and Angel were stunned by what their son had said. But having no other idea about where to go, they each grabbed a hand of his, and started walking down the tracks.

To be continued...



East Phillips Improvement Coalition (EPIC)

EPIC's June Community Meeting Thursday, June 9 6:30pm-7:30pm

Michelle Howard from Solid Waste and Recycling will join us to talk about disposal options and costs for illegally dumped materials, as well as graffiti and litter

Join at Cedar Field Park (rain location is East Phillips Community Center), view online via Zoom (link is at eastphillips.org)

If you would like to request interpretation, contact Sarah at (612) 354-6802 or sarah@eastphillips.org

EPIC is the neighborhood organization for East Phillips neighborhood

Visit eastphillips.org to learn more

Follow us on Facebook for neighborhood updates and resources:

facebook.com/eastphillipsepic

Save the date!

July 14 6:30pm

Location To Be Determined

Share food, listen to music and receive healing services.

We have gone through a lot over the past few years, let's come together as community to grieve, heal and celebrate

¡Reserva la fecha!

14 de Julio 6:30

Lugar ser determinado

Comparta comida, escuche música y reciba servicios de sanación.

Hemos pasado por muchas cosas en los últimos años, vamos juntos como comunidad para llorar, sanar y celebrar.

Meet Our New Staff!



Morgan Stemberger
Organizational
Development Director



Hadiya Bakar
Neighborhood
Outreach Coordinator



J Randolph
Communications
Coordinator

Upcoming Events and Ways to Connect

Thursday, June 2nd: PWNO Community Meeting

6:00- 7:30 PM, 2400 Park Avenue
Masks recommended

Tuesday, June 14th: Safety Committee

6:30 - 7:30 PM, virtual (see online calendar for meeting access)

Thursday, June 27th: PWNO Board Meeting

6:00- 7:30 PM, 2400 Park Avenue
Masks recommended

Not sure where to start? We'd love to talk to you about it!
Reach out to us via any of these contact channels.

website: phillipswest.org
email: info@phillipswest.org
call/text (English): 612-642-1487
call/text (Spanish): 612-208-6250
social media: @PWNOmpls

Thank you to everyone who came out to support our May 14th Spring Celebration

We had an incredible turn out for our Spring Celebration and all of us at PWNO had a wonderful time! A special thanks to all of our volunteers and staff members who made the event possible and to all of you, our neighbors, who came to enjoy an afternoon together!

Additional thanks to the **American Swedish Institute** and the **Hope Academy Choir** for your incredible activities and performances and for making our event something special!

During our Celebration and the week after, PWNO elected two new Board members! Head over to phillipswest.org to learn more about them and stay tuned for an introduction here next month!

Never miss a PWNO event by following us on social media, subscribe to our newsletter, and check our public calendar at phillipswest.org

Introducing two new committees!

At our May 14th Spring Celebration, PWNO announced two new committees: the Housing Committee and the Garden Committee!

1. **The Housing Committee** will be dedicated to working on establishing affordable housing in the Phillips West Neighborhood and continuing our community conversations between our housed and unhoused neighbors
2. **The Garden Committee** will be working in our Community Carden and addressing food security in our neighborhood including cultivating food and creating a foraging map

To get involved reach out to hadiya@phillipswest.org



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JUNE 2022 MPNAI BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, June 14
5:30-7pm

Board meetings have been moved to **5:30pm** going forward.
(Community meetings remain at 6:30pm.)

For agenda and link to join via Zoom, visit www.midtownphillips.org

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The Fire Department is launching a pilot project called 'Safe Stations'. Three stations in the City were selected. One of these stations is ours, on 27th St and Bloomington Avenue.



'Safe Stations' where people who are looking for treatment for opioid related addictions can come to one of these fire stations and be connected with counselors who will come to the station to do the intake and get the patient into a recovery program.

The program is being done in partnership with Twin Cities Recovery Project and others.

Movie Corner

The Crossing (Original title: La Traversée)



Howard McQuitter II

MAUR film 2021



By HOWARD MCQUITTER

Minneapolis St. Paul International Film Festival is back in person! A special gem of the festival is *The Crossing*.

This animated film follows two children, Kyona (Emilie Lan Dürr) and Adriel (Maxime Gemin), siblings who return from playing in the forest to their village and witness an unspecified group of hooded soldiers who have come to massacre the Yelzid people. Immediately Kyona, Adriel, their parents and two younger siblings pack their belongings and flee. They manage to catch a train packed with

others who have also fled the village. However, the ride on the train is thwarted by soldiers for Control detaining the family by force on the platform. Kyona and Adriel decide to proceed alone across the border, hoping for safety.

But it is the opening scene that gives a blueprint for this colorful animation painted in oil paint on glass. Kyona has a sketchbook, a gift from her father which she will take through her perilous journey. There will be a time when she's temporarily separated from Adriel during a blizzard when she stays with a kindly old woman. Later, the two siblings reunite and reside in Stemetssvar where they get involved with a young gang of street thieves, the Ravens, led by Iskender (Arthur Pereira). Her bag with the precious sketchbook is snatched. Thankfully, she gets her bag and sketchbook back.

Later they join a traveling circus under the headship of Madame (Aline Afanoukoe). During the short duration with the circus, a young man Erdewan (Axel Auriant) has romantic interests in Kyona. By this time the two siblings have nearly grown up.

When Kyona and Adriel leave the circus they are captured and thrown into a detention camp. Determined to free themselves from tyranny they, along with a few others in the camp, escape with hope to reach the border.

The Crossing is an extraordinarily beautiful expressionist form of animation. Never before, to my knowledge, has animation been oil paintings on glass. A great tribute to the director Florence Mialhe and screenwriter Marie Desplechin.

Cast: Emilie Lan Dürr (Kyona), Maxime Gemin (Adriel), Serge Avedikian (Jon), Axel Auriant (Erdewan), Marc Brunet (Maxime della Chiusa), Jocelyne Desverchère (Florabelle della Chiusa), Aline Afanoukoe (Madame), Polina Borisova (Shaké), Mehdi Guerbas

(Issawa), Samuel Debure (Le pere), Anne Cart (La mere), Hélène Vauquois (Marie), Jenny Bellay (Babayaga).

Director: Florence Mialhe.

Screenwriters: Marie Desplechin and Florence

Mialhe.

Cinematography: Guillaume Hoenig.

Running time: 84 minutes.

Country: France.

Language: French.



MAUR film

Last Call to Apply for 2022 Edible Boulevards!

BY MICHELLE SHAW

Do you live in Cedar Riverside, Ventura Village, Midtown Phillips, Phillips West or East Phillips? If so, you are a resident of the Southside Green Zone and you're eligible to apply for participation in the Minneapolis Edible Boulevards initiative. We have funding to go towards teaching people how to transform the space between the sidewalk and curb into an edible boulevard, as well as for soil testing, seeds, organic soil, and compost. An application is posted on our Minneapolis Edible Boulevards Facebook page, which we invite you to join. If you live in another neighborhood and want to participate, contact your neighborhood association to let them know you'd like them to partner with us.

If you're willing and able to volunteer in any way, we would greatly appreciate your help. Possibilities include co-administering our Facebook page, pick-up and delivery of compost and organic soil to garden build sites, help with gardening, photographing garden creations and tabling at events. Just contact Michelle if you're interested!

Upcoming Events (see our Facebook page for details)

- **June 4: Foraging webinar with elder Hope Flanagan of Dream of Wild Health**
- July 9: Cooking from the Garden with Natalia Mendez, (location TBD)
- August 13: Kelly Shay (location TBD)
- September 10: Natalia Mendez (location TBD)

Contact Michelle at MinneapolisEdibleBoulevards@gmail.com with any questions.



MICHELLE SHAW



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Women's Environmental Institute Again Offers Its Classes FREE to The Phillips Community!

BY THE WOMEN'S ENVIRONMENTAL INSTITUTE

Live, work, play, or pray in Minneapolis Phillips Neighborhood? Interested in organic farming, aquaponics, beer making? Foraging for food? These classes and more, are available from Women's Environmental Institute (WEI) to folks in the Phillips Neighborhood completely FREE of charge.

1. Visit w-e-i.org to see all classes.
2. Click on "2022 Upcoming Classes," which appears over the changing images.
3. Make a note of classes you would like to take and meeting dates
4. Click GREEN "Jobs Openings, Scholarships and Applications" label at the top of the page.
5. Click on the link, "Registration for Residents of Phillips Neighborhood".
6. Fill in the application on this page using your note of classes you want to take.
7. Click the submit button at the bottom of the page.

PLEASE WAIT for a response that will say "We have received your application and will get back to you shortly." This statement verifies that your application has been received.

For help, call 612-987-6563.



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Above:
WEI's Pickle canning class at Little Earth with instructor Diane

Right:
WEI foraging class prepared findings to eat



When You Vote in the Primary on August 9, Stay in Your Lane!

ARTICLE #2 IN A SERIES OF ARTICLES ABOUT THE 2022 MIDTERM ELECTIONS, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTER OF MINNEAPOLIS

The Primary Election on August 9 will determine the candidates for the General Election. The top vote-getter in each Primary race will appear on the ballot in November. In Minnesota, any registered voter can participate in the Primary, but there's a catch. You must stay in your lane.

In some states, voters must "declare" their party affiliation in order to receive the corresponding Primary ballot. But,



in Minnesota, voters are not required to declare their party. Instead, candidates for all major parties appear on every ballot. But note: If you cross political party lines by voting, for example, for a Democrat in one race and a Republican in another, your ballot is "spoiled" and will not be counted!

Candidates in the same party will be listed in the same column, so stay in your lane as you vote down the ballot. You don't have to vote in every race, but you may not cross columns on the ballot.

Some candidates will be designated as "endorsed" by their party. Endorsement is a stamp of approval or sign of preference from the party's delegates who were selected at precinct caucuses (back in February – remember those?)

But, there's more. Nonpartisan offices like School Board,

County Attorney and Sheriff will be listed on the back of the ballot. In these races, the two top vote-getters move on to the General Election.

Preregistration for the Primary ends JULY 19. However, you can also register at an early-voting site or on election day at your polling place. Early voting begins on JUNE 24 and continues through AUGUST 8. Or you can submit your ballot by mail.

Your vote is powerful, especially in the Primary Election, because compared to the General Election, many fewer people turn out for the Primary. Be sure you're someone who does.

To request an absentee ballot, register to vote or for more information, visit vote411.org.

Right to Life

Raise Your Voice

BY PETER MOLENAAR



Peter Molenaar

In the space of this paper, many years ago, a "marine sergeant" opposed me with the declaration: "I will fight to the death in defense of the U.S. constitution." My goodness... Given all the varied and contentious interpretations, should we commend the man for his commitment? Would he consider the words of John Locke, the philosopher precursor to the founding fathers? Locke spoke of the right to make revolution, i.e., the right of a revolutionary people to write their own constitution as needed.

A side note:

"Life, liberty, and the pursuit of property" became "Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" as per Thomas Jefferson. But hey, Locke said "pursuit of property" as long as it is earned, whereas, most property in the modern U.S.A. is unearned!

Now, regarding Roe v Wade, we must consider the establishment clause of the First Amendment...

It was Jefferson who declared: "when the American people adopted the 'establishment clause' they built a wall of separation between church and state." As no reference to a specific church was made, logic dictates: "to be constitutional, a statute must have a secular legislative purpose, it must have principle effects that neither advance nor inhibit religion, and it must not fodder an

excessive government entanglement with religion." In other words, "separation of church and state" means: 'separation of religion and state'.

Do you believe a soul is imparted at the moment of conception? Well then, spread the good word... that's freedom of religion. However, in the United States of America, you can not impose your religious belief via the state apparatus.

Well then, what about the "right to life"? Hey, what in religious terms is the definition of life... hmm? Okay then, what is the definition of life in terms of biological science?

The scientific definition of life is as follows: a material formation which responds to external stimuli in order to sustain and replicate its existence.

Clearly the zygote (i.e., the original union of sperm and egg) is utterly dependent upon the mother's body (i.e., it is absorbent, not reactive). Ponder then the human fetus, even as it appears at the end of the second trimester. Consider in comparison, the life of a squirrel as it scampers among the branches of trees. The squirrel is very much alive, whereas the human fetus is like a larval grub curled beneath the soil... Lord knows, it remains an appendage of the mother's body.

Upon her first intimacy at the age of 15 years, my daughter was impregnated by a boy who dumped her the next day. "When a baby is actually born to life, then, then, it is sacred." These words initiated the successful trajectory of her life.

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From a young age, Robert Taylor learned to be in the kitchen and to prepare food even though his mother prepared good food for him and his brothers. Since she was a single, working mother, he had to learn to cook some of the basics at an early age. He also learned that the kitchen is where people gathered and food was central to bringing people together.

While pursuing a Masters Degree in Education, he was running a catering business on the side to afford his schooling. He catered an event that was attended by his academic advisor at the time that said to him, “This is the work you should be doing and are meant to do.” It was shortly after that Robert did decide to pursue a career in preparing and presenting food. He worked with some other very good cooks in other parts of the country like Baltimore, where he also learned some of the cultural connections to food. Now as part of the Community Health Hub, the connection between culture and wellness is inherent in Robert Taylor’s preparation and presentation of food.

—From *the alley*, December 2019-January 2020



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