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Shaping a Vision for Owámniyomni, St. Anthony Falls

By AMANDA WIGEN, FRIENDS OF THE FALLS

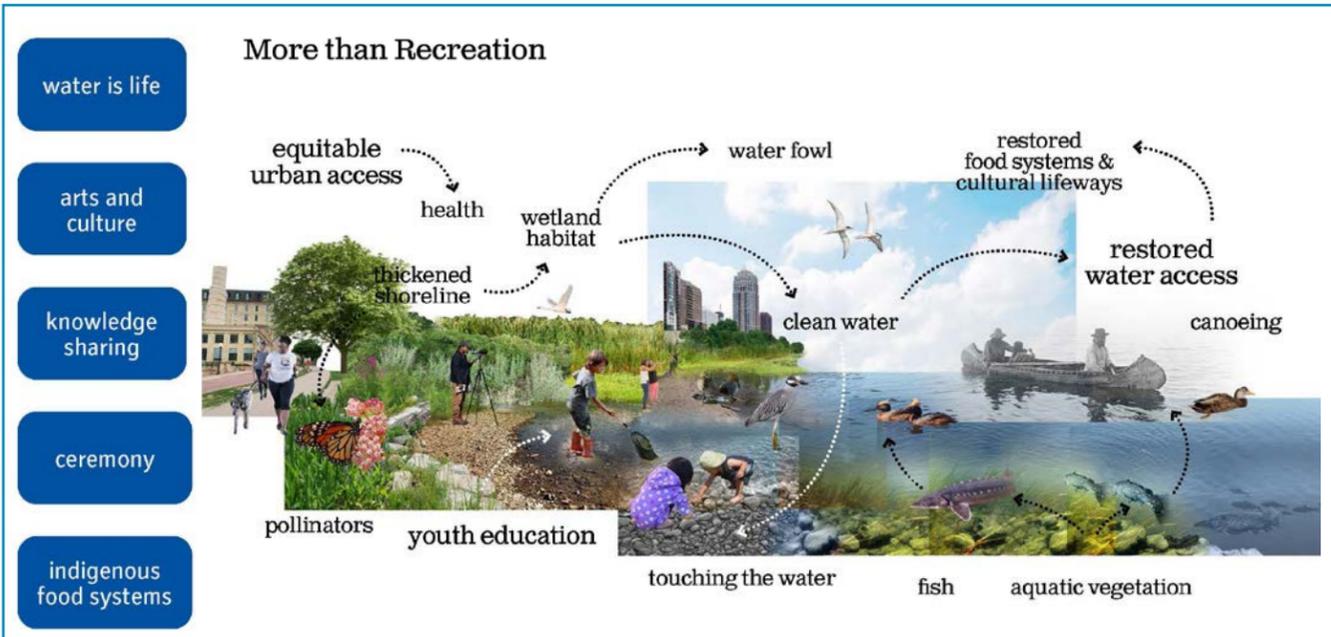
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Will Allen will teach vermiculture (using red wiggler worms) as part of WEI's composting class at Farmer Training Weekend, Sept 24-25, 2022.

Puppet Lab showcases new work at Open Eye Theatre, August 12-21



Collage by GGN for Friends of the Falls and NACDI

Long before they were claimed as “St. Anthony’s,” the Falls were the beating heart of Indigenous societies. Called Owámniyomni, or “turbulent waters,” by the Dakota, the Falls cascaded over a 50-foot limestone drop on Haha Wakpa (the Mississippi River) and roiled through now-submerged islands at their base. Dakota and other Indigenous people came to Owámniyomni for ceremony and to Spirit Island, a sacred place destroyed by industrializa-

tion, to give birth.

When the Upper Lock on Minneapolis’ Central Riverfront closed to commercial navigation in 2015, an opportunity emerged to reimagine this historic and culturally significant landscape. What could we do with this massive structure - which in many ways is a symbol of the desecration of this place - that sits adjacent to the Falls?

A non-profit organization called Friends of the Falls was

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Beware First Care

By MONICA BICKING

First Care, with a new location soon to open on Chicago Ave and 21st St. is not a clinic, but rather an anti-abortion counseling center. It is an organization owned by Evangelical Christians with an agenda to shame and intimidate pregnant people to maintain their pregnancy and not have an abortion. It is part of a complex and multifaceted strategy to control female bodies and prevent abortions that has made great strides with the recent overturn of Roe vs Wade. While abortion remains legal in Minnesota, anti-abortion activists continue to be hard at work to make sure access to abortion is limited in Minnesota and throughout the

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OFFICE OF THE MINNESOTA SECRETARY OF STATE STEVE SIMON

Calling Youth Artists and Their Fans!

By THE EDITORIAL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

Have you been enjoying the interviews with young artists in our community? So have we. And we know there are many more cool and talented young folks to highlight in *the alley* pages.

The artists featured were super excited to be in the paper. Their families, too. Here are a few quotes:

Thank you for everything! It has been a wonderful experience to do the interview and just that you took your time to do this. I love the paper! It's amazing!
- Sha’Vontie, Dancer, Singer, Musician, Actor

That looks really good! Thanks so much for everything. I can't wait to get a copy!
- Orren Fen, Puppeteer

This looks great, Mary Ellen! I'll be hitting up neighbors for their copies for the grandparents.
- Orren's Mother

Noelle became an instant hit with some of my extended family. They didn't know she loved painting and now they are requesting (and offering to pay!) for her art. It's built up her confidence.
- Noelle's Mother

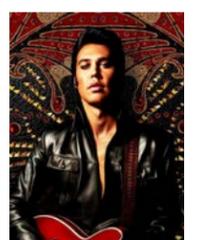
The week Andrew's article was printed, we got a ton of texts and comments from friends who read it. He got so much positive feedback.
- Andrew's Parents

Send an email to copydesk@alleynews.org with a few sentences about the artist in your life. We can't wait to introduce more exceptional young people to *alley* readers!

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East Phillips is not a Sacrificial Zone

EPNI continues to Negotiate with Minneapolis

By EPNI BOARD



On June 30th the City Council of Minneapolis approved 13-0 to move forward with its negotiations with East Phillips Neighborhood Institute (EPNI) on Mayor Frey’s proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) offer regarding the City’s “Hiawatha Expansion Project” proposal from the City Council to the Minneapolis City Attorney’s Office. We are aware of the confusing messaging that has been released by the City that conveys a “finalized deal” and we affirm EPNI’s ongoing commitment to transparency and to health and safety for our low-income, majority BIPOC neighborhood. In pursuance of the City’s proposed Hiawatha Expansion Project, which they would locate in East Phillips across the street from Little Earth of United Tribes Housing, a day-care and numerous family residences, the city has offered EPNI: 3 acres of land and 24 months of exclusive

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.....Wendell Phillips 1811-1884



Library News

By CARZ NELSON

All information listed here is accurate as of July 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

TEEN TECH WORKSHOPS

Teens can get creative with their friends. This is an opportunity to make cool things to bring home. Activities are led by the Teen Tech Squad.

Teen Tech at Franklin -
August 3, 10, 17, 24
1:30 to 3 PM

Teen Tech at Hosmer -
Aug 1, 8, 16, 22, 29
3:30 to 5 PM

CAREER AND JOB ASSISTANCE

Meet with a CareerForce employment specialist at Franklin Library for job and career help. Stop by for individual assistance with job searches, resume writing, and more!

August 3 at 1 PM to 3 PM

WOMEN OF COLOR AFFINITY GROUP

Looking for a space where women of color can come together and share their experiences? Then join the Women of Color Affinity Group at Hosmer Library.

August 7 and 21, 3 PM to 4 PM

RESOURCES AND SUPPORT

The Bridge for Youth visits Franklin Library on 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.

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.

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

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Metro Transit

Safer and Smaller Trains?

By JOHN CHARLES WILSON

Metro Transit is in the midst of an experiment with running two-car, instead of three-car, trains on both the Blue and Green Lines. This experiment continues through 20 August. The purpose of the test is to see if two-car trains reduce the amount of cleaning necessary and increase the amount of "interaction" between the Metro Transit police and train riders. Three-car trains will still run on busy days, such as Twins game days.

Personally, though it may not do much for the cleaning issue, I believe the best way to make train travel safer is to order "open gangway" light rail vehicles, as are used in Toronto. Instead of separate cars with no inside connection between them, open gangway trains fit together

with an open corridor between cars, creating an effect similar to articulated buses. This means people in back don't have the full separation from the front, which seems to embolden troublemakers, and it also means that if someone in one part of the train feels bothered or scared, they can move to the other part without waiting for the train to stop.

In other news, Metro Transit has quietly released information concerning the coming D Line, a Bus Rapid Transit line slated for Chicago Avenue. The D Line is scheduled to begin running in December 2022. One interesting tidbit that has been kept low-key is the fact that the 5 bus route will no longer run all the way to either Brooklyn Center or the Mall of America.



The D Line, with its limited stops, will go the full route of the current 5, but the 5, which stops every block, will only run between Osseo Road and 47th Avenue North to 56th Street and Chicago Avenue South. And while the D will run every 10 minutes, the 5 will only show up once every half hour. (The change on the north end of the 5 won't go into effect until the 47th Avenue Station is completed in Spring 2023).

I sincerely hope that the D Line will make bus riding on the Chicago Avenue corridor a little less hectic. Following that, we will be getting a B Line on Lake Street (long story why they're out of order like that), and an E Line along Hennepin and France Avenues to the Southdale Shopping Center.

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Approved submissions due the 15th day of the previous month.

Identity Theft: Where to Start

By MARY ELLEN KALZUA

Identity theft is one of the most frequent complaints filed with the Federal Trade Commission. If you haven't been a victim, you likely know someone who has.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) was created in 1914 to protect the public against unfair commerce practices, and was later charged with much broader consumer protection duties. Side note: It is important for the public to file consumer complaints with the FTC. Not only do they publish an annual report of consumer issues, the more complaint data the FTC has, the more resources Congress allocates for them to address problems.

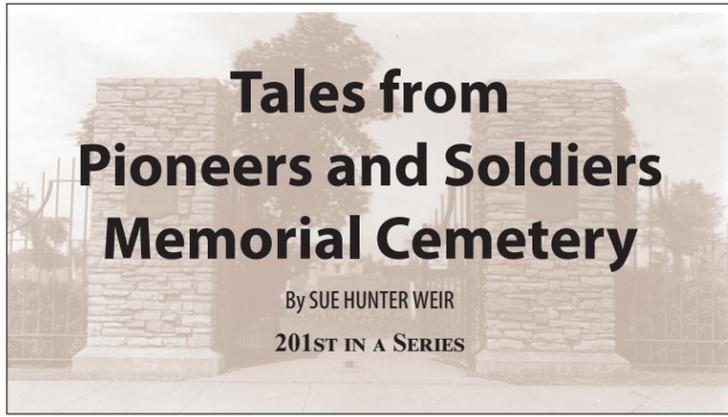
Here's how you can protect yourself from identity theft.

IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION

Preventing identity theft is, of course, Step #1. Some tips:

- Don't carry every credit card or medical card with you. (Medical ID theft is a real thing.)
- Leave your social security card at home in a secure location.
- Do you use the same password for everything? Well, stop.
- Long passwords that include capital letters, special characters, and numbers are best.
- Set up alerts for transactions with your financial institution and credit cards.
- If available, use two-step verification with your online accounts. (You get a text, phone call, or email with a code you must enter after your password to get into the account.)
- Be hyper leary of unsolicited emails with attachments - scrutinize email addresses for misspellings or other oddities (.com when it should be a .org, for example).
- Shop online only at known businesses.
- File your taxes early, especially if you expect a refund.

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Tales from Pioneers and Soldiers Memorial Cemetery

By SUE HUNTER WEIR
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John Cheatham: More of the Story

When a street in South Minneapolis was renamed to honor John Cheatham, Minneapolis' first Black firefighter, it was a big news story. It was picked up by all of the local television stations, by Minneapolis Public Radio and by the Atlanta Black Star and the Grio, a national news outlet that focuses on stories of interest to African-Americans.

The fact that he was Minneapolis' first Black firefighter is an important story but it isn't the whole story. His is also a story about character and community. One of the questions that wasn't addressed is why John Cheatham was the first. Clearly, he was smart and hardworking. But he was much more than that. There were more than 50 newspaper stories about him that appeared during his lifetime. The answer to the question of what made him stand out—what made him special—is reflected in those stories.

One of the words that was often used to describe him was "respected." He was an important member of the City's early African-American community, a person who would be described as a pillar of the community. He had close ties to several families who have members buried in the ceme-

tery.

His name first appears in Minnesota census records in 1875 when he was living with Morgan and Harriet Jones, and their daughter Katie. Harriet Jones was the daughter of Chloe Aidans, whose death in 1863 was the first recorded burial of an African-American in the cemetery's records. Katie Jones was the mother of Lafayette Mason, one of the firefighters who worked with Cheatham at Fire Station #24. (See earlier Alley stories about Morgan Jones and Lafayette Mason at <https://alleynews.org/2017/12/the-cemeterys-oldest-morgan-jones> and <https://alleynews.org/2020/07tales-from-pioneers-and-soldiers-memorial-cemetery>).

In 1886, Cheatham was appointed legal guardian of Albert Butler who was described as "insane." The connection between the two men is not clear but may have been through church. Cheatham served as pallbearer for several friends, at least one of whom is buried in Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers. He was a Mason and served as chaplain for the Anchor Hilliard Lodge.

In 1894, the Minneapolis Daily Times listed the names of firefighters who had rescued

"several persons...from a fiery grave." John Cheatham was one of the men mentioned.

In 1902, a tragic event occurred in Birmingham, Alabama where 2,000 people attended a lecture by Booker T. Washington during the national Baptist convention. An altercation between two men in attendance triggered a stampede in which 110 people, mostly women, died. One of those in attendance was Reverend Matthew W. Withers, pastor of Bethesda Baptist Church, the church that the Cheathams attended. When Reverend Withers returned home, members of his congregation turned out to console him. They gathered outside of his home and sang the church song, "No, Never Alone," John Cheatham and his two daughters were there. (Note: Lena Potts, Reverend Withers' sister, is buried in Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery).

Cheatham's two great loves were his church, Bethesda Baptist, and his family. He had four children with his first wife Susie. We've long known that Susie, who died in 1911, was buried near her father but only recently discovered that Bertha, the younger of his two daughters, is also buried near her parents. She died in 1916 and her record is under her married name, Bertha Stephens.

In 1907, when the controversy arose about the City's building a fire station to house Black firefighters, Cheatham told a reporter that what he wanted was for his children to have an education. Both Susie and Bertha graduated from South High. Both girls' studies focused on literature.

Cheatham's tenure in the fire department was not without problems. In 1899, he was demoted from captain to pipeman. The details have been lost to history but he was supposedly insubordinate to a superior officer. Cheatham's defense was that there was a higher ranking man on the scene and

that's whose orders he believed he should follow. Cheatham allegedly used profane language but there is no record of what either of the men said or the tone in which they said it. His cause was taken up by the Afro-American League and other organizations but the demotion stood. But his career quickly recovered and in a few short years, he was a captain once again and placed in charge of Firestation #24. When help was

needed John Cheatham was there, and when he needed help, the community rallied.

There is even more to say about John Cheatham and his family but that will have to wait. All told there are nine members of his family buried in the cemetery, his first wife Susie, his second wife Elizabeth and her second husband, two daughters, one sister, a brother-in-law, and a niece.

The good news and the bad news...

The bad news: Several large tree branches have come down in recent storms and either have been or will be removed by the Park Board. On the Fourth of July, a stolen van loaded with fireworks crashed into the fence near the Cedar-Lake bus stop.



GRETCHEN PEDERSON, CEMETERY CARETAKER



GRETCHEN PEDERSON, CEMETERY CARETAKER

The good news: The trim on the caretaker's cottage has a fresh coat of paint, and the 50-foot-tall flagpole has also been repainted. Elizabeth Avenue, the cemetery's only road has been seal coated. On July 8th, three new markers, all for infants, were placed. Architects from Miller-Dunwiddie have been surveying the limestone pillars and restoration will begin soon.

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Identity, cont.

- Know that the government or your bank will never call you asking for personal information or threaten you.
- Switch to online banking - mailboxes are easy targets for thieves.
- Review financial statements regularly for unknown activity. You have limited time to report unauthorized transactions to minimize your losses.
- Review medical bills and insurance Explanation of Benefits. (See April 2022 issue of the alley to learn about EOBs.)

- Review credit reports regularly. Consider putting a freeze on your credit report to prevent credit accounts from being opened in your name. Learn more about freezing your credit reports from our friends at the FTC: <https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/what-know-about-credit-freezes-fraud-alerts>.

▶ CONCERNED YOU ARE A VICTIM OF ID THEFT?

The Federal Trade Commission is your go-to online resource for dealing with identity theft. They have created a comprehensive and user-friendly website for reporting ID theft and steps to

take to recover: www.identitytheft.gov. Easy to remember!

Identity Theft Resource Center is another trusted organization dedicated to helping identity theft victims navigate the complicated process of recovery. And you can call them! Call 888-400-5530 or live chat at their website for free assistance: <https://www.idtheft-center.org/recover>.

Identity theft can have devastating consequences. Prevention is your best defense.

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



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First Care, cont.

country.

As the name implies, the strategy behind First Care is to get to people before they see a medical professional, to be the first “care” a pregnant person receives. Their marketing thickly cloaks their true agenda. Their website suggests that they have the resources needed to help someone prepare for an abortion. It states that if a person wants an abortion, they must first have a pregnancy test, dating

ultrasound, abortion education, and STD testing, all services which First Care will provide for someone wanting an abortion for free. And while it also says that First Care does not refer people to abortions in the fine print, it does not mention that the organization is morally and religiously opposed to abortions and provides “care” to pregnant people so that such “care” will dissuade pregnant people from electing abortions.

First Care’s agenda is to attract people considering abortion to confirm the pregnancy, provide an ultrasound (personifying the embryo), and educate about the dangers of having an

abortion in order to change the pregnant person’s mind. Their supposed unbiased abortion education spreads misinformation about abortion, such as implying that elective abortion frequently effects future fertility and mental health challenges. According to the Mayo Clinic website, there is no evidence that medical abortions (the abortion pill) or a single surgical abortion effects future fertility, however, there is some evidence that multiple surgical abortions can effect fertility. While First Care presents as caring about pregnant people it is actually only interested in controlling their bodies, no matter the outcome to the pregnant person.

Part of the strategy of First Care and other “crisis pregnancy

centers” is to stall pregnant people who are considering abortion by enticing them to come into the anti-abortion counseling center instead of a true medical clinic and telling them to take their time to think about their decision, while actively shaming them, in an effort to slow their decision making process. Medical abortions, the safer option, are most effective and often only legal in the first 10-11 weeks of pregnancy. By misdirecting pregnant people and stalling their care, First Care is making them more likely to need a surgical abortion, which while still relatively safe, is more likely to have complications than medical abortions. The longer a pregnancy goes on before an abortion, the less safe it becomes.

First Care’s misinformation and stall tactics directly put pregnant people’s health at risk.

While anti-abortion activists are attacking the ability for pregnant people to have access to abortion from a multitude of angles, abortion is still legal in Minnesota. For Phillips Neighborhood residents, there is full spectrum of healthcare available at Planned Parenthood through virtual appointments or in person in nearby Uptown, including, but not limited to birth control, transgender hormone therapy, STD/STI testing and prevention, and abortion referrals. Skip the lies and deception at First Care and find true medical care somewhere else.

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Falls, cont.

formed to create a place of healing and celebration at Owámmiyomni. Friends of the Falls partnered with the Native American Community Development Institute (NACDI) to advise on engagement efforts with Indigenous communities and to ensure that *The Falls Initiative* would be centered on Native voices.

The entities consulted with Dakota tribal leadership and convened the Native Partnership Council to steer the process. The Partnership Council is a group of elders, culture keepers, artists, and water protectors that meet regularly, setting guiding principles and next steps for the project.

Rather than aspiring to build a visitors center or a major monument on the site, there is consensus that what needs to



Community Conversation #5: A Powerful Place for Partnerships. Image by Drew Arrieta for Friends of the Falls & NACDI.

be acknowledged and honored through *The Falls Initiative* is the suppressed Indigenous history of this place and the River herself.

In early 2022, Friends of the Falls and NACDI launched a series of Community Conversations to advance these discussions, connect Native and non-Native communities, and promote deeper understanding of the many different relationships people have to this place.

Native leaders including Robert Lilligren (NACDI), Carrie Day Aspwinall (Facilitator, Native Partnership Council), Karen Diver (University of Minnesota), and Sharon Day (Indigenous Peoples Task Force) led thoughtful conversations, often helping the public to meaningfully discuss difficult topics like genocide, identity, and truth and reconciliation.

The final Community Conversation was held on June 28 at Open Book. Early design concepts were shown focused on environmental and ecological restoration, restoring disrupted connections to the Falls, restoring physical access to the River, hearing and teaching Dakota language, and supporting Indigenous food systems.

Shaping a vision for Owámmiyomni will take time, and we move now into the next season, or cycle of planning, of this work. In the coming months, we’ll have focused discussions with Native-led organizations to explore possible partnerships and programs, and we’ll consider ownership and operations models for the site.

MIDTOWN GLOBAL MARKET

THERE'S A LOT GOING ON AT THE MARKET INSIDE & OUT!

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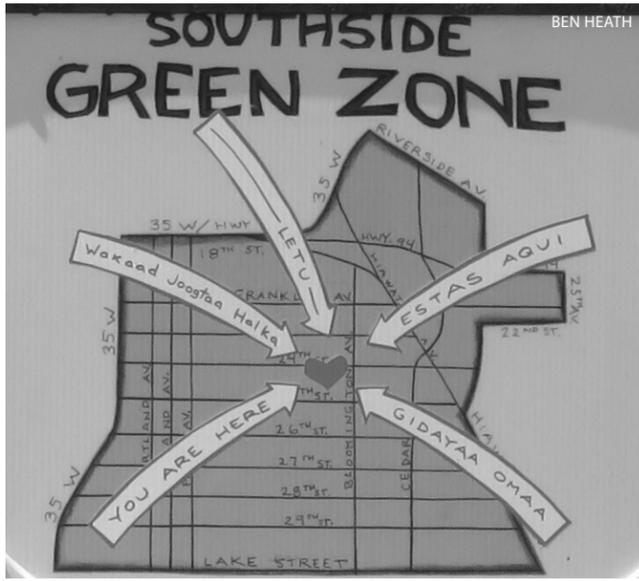
Random alley News

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► MN State Senator Omar Fateh's Ethics Hearing Continued Through July:

Sen. Fateh represents Senate District 62, which includes all of Phillips. The ethics investigation, led by the Republican-controlled Senate Subcommittee on Ethical Conduct, has raised questions about whether Fateh sought \$500,000 in state funding for Somali TV of Minnesota after Somali TV ran campaign ads for Fateh for free. As a non-profit, Somali TV cannot endorse candidates. The other ethics concern involves Fateh's connection to Muse Mohamed Mohamed. Mohamed, who is Fateh's brother-in-law and volunteered with Fateh's campaign and was convicted of lying to a grand jury during an investigation of voter fraud in the 2020 DFL primary race between Fateh and longtime incumbent Jeff Hayden. Fateh is now facing a DFL primary challenge in the August 9 Primary election from Shaun Laden, a Minneapolis Public Schools Education Support Specialist and union leader.

According to reporting by Deena Winter in the MN Reformer,



Map of the Southside Green Zone marking Welna Hardware and Center School

two witnesses called to a July 7 hearing didn't show up. They are expected to be subpoenaed for a hearing scheduled for July 27, after the alley goes to press. Check the MN Reformer <https://minnesotareformer.com/> for updated coverage.

► Little Earth Urban Farm Proposes Greenhouse on Empty Lot:

The Little Earth Residents Association (LERA), which runs the Little Earth Urban Farm, is proposing to build a 20,000 square foot greenhouse on the vacant lot LERA owns at the northwest of Hiawatha Avenue and E 26th Street. According to LERA, the greenhouse "will host indoor vertical farming using nutrient-rich water circulated from a yellow perch aquaculture system." The

greenhouse project will expand existing gardening and farming programming and food accessibility.

► Southside Green Zone Signs Going Up:

The 120 signs, designed by Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre founder Sandy Spieler, are intended to raise awareness about the Southside Green Zone. Each sign has a map of the Green Zone boundary with the location of the sign marked by a heart. The signs are translated into Dakota, English, Ojibwe, Somali, and Spanish.

The project was funded through a Green Zones grant awarded to the East Phillips Neighborhood Institute, with additional funding from the Women's Environmental Institute.



Green Zone signs on the fence outside Center School on Bloomington Avenue



m MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY

Abbot Northwestern Hospital

ABBOTT NORTHWESTERN HOSPITAL SEEKS NEW AIR PERMIT Opportunities available in the coming weeks for public input.

Abbott Northwestern Hospital, located at 800 East 28th Street in Minneapolis, has an aging utility plant that needs to be updated. As part of this update, Abbott is proposing to remove multiple heat and power generating units, and replace them with newer equipment. This change requires updating the facility's air emissions permit, issued by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

An air permit is a legal document that sets requirements on how a facility must operate to meet federal and state pollution and air quality regulations. The MPCA is drafting a new air permit for the Abbott Northwestern Hospital that limits air emissions from hospital's equipment. Abbott Northwestern Hospital will show that their facility is meeting these limits by monitoring and tracking fuel usage, hourly operation, and concurrent operation of their equipment. The draft permit will also require a third party to perform stack emission tests on behalf of Abbott Northwestern Hospital.

Members of the community will have the opportunity to review and comment on the draft air permit. The MPCA plans to announce the public notice period in the coming weeks, likely in August. After the public comment period closes, MPCA staff will review any comments received and make any necessary changes to the draft permit. The MPCA will then decide whether to issue the permit. A permit can only be issued if the facility is able to meet all applicable requirements and the CLE analysis shows it can proceed.

Contact Jeffrey Hedman at jeffrey.hedman@state.mn.us with any questions.

Look for updates on this project in future month's editions of *the alley*.

You can find additional information about the project at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/air/abbott-northwestern-hospital-central-utility-plant-project>. Other public notices: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/public-notice>

Peace House Community - A Place to Belong

Working Instead of Staying Busy

By MARTI MALTBY



Marti Maltby

workers found that they could accomplish just as much by staying home as they could by going to work. And all that time was saved before they even started working. Once they added on the time saved by avoiding interruptions by coworkers and other workplace inconveniences, they had to come to terms with how much of their lives had been wasted with activity that produced nothing.

The article went on to examine how this realization may have influenced many people to resign their jobs to find something more fulfilling. At least, I think that's what it might have said. I stopped reading because

my mind had wandered off in a different direction. I had begun thinking about my past jobs at agencies that "served" the homeless, and how many times our clients told my co-workers and I that we were "only in it for the money". Since none of us expected to make millions working in social services, we often got offended (or at least amused) by these comments.

But our clients had a point. We were getting paid a reasonable wage (complete with health insurance, PTO, and other benefits) to fill out forms, attend meetings, make phone calls, and anything else that would get our clients into housing. But they were still homeless. They understood that we were benefiting from them being homeless much more than they were benefiting from cooperating with us. In other words, we were staying busy, but we weren't working, and we were part of a system that wasn't working.

This scenario gets repeated in other industries every day. I've seen many people in all kinds of jobs who know what they are supposed to do,

but they seem clueless about why they are supposed to do it. They run lawnmowers over the grass thinking their job is to cut grass, not to make the lawn look good. They conduct employee satisfaction surveys because management books say that's what successful companies do, not because they want a happy and engaged workforce that will want the company to succeed.

I doubt the pandemic is going to grant great insights to individual workers who don't put a lot of thought into their jobs, but I think there is a lot of hope for those who do think about what they want to accomplish, whether in their jobs or in their personal lives. For all those who are doing more than just keeping themselves busy, there will be a sense of pride and of purpose in their efforts. For all the frustrations we've endured, we can at least hope that we experience the joy of meeting some people who truly enjoy and excel at what they do.

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Abortion resources, cont.

Additional resources and answers:

- **Planned Parenthood**
1200 Lagoon Ave, Minneapolis (612) 823-6300
671 Vandalia St, Saint Paul (651) 698 2406
 - **Whole Woman's Health Clinic, Bloomington, MN**
Virtual and in-person services
8053 E Bloomington Fwy, Suite #450, Bloomington (612) 376-7708
1 (877) 835-1090
1 (877) 835-8631 (Virtual Services)
<https://www.wholewomanshealth.com/>
 - **Robbinsdale Clinic**
(763) 533-2534
<https://robbinsdaleclinic.com/>
- Medical abortion services and information:
- **Just the Pill**
(entire website offered in multiple languages)
<https://www.justthepill.com>

See Minnesota Monthly's article on "Safe and Legal Abortion Options in Minnesota" article from June 28, 2022, for more resources on financial aid, etc (at minnesotamonthly.com)

Upcoming Events!

Compiled by LINDSEY FENNER and JESSIE MERRIAM

Free Classes for the Phillips Community

- ▶ **Women's Environmental Institute**
Amador Hill Farm,
Cambridge, MN
w-e-i.org

Through the classes available in August from Women's Environmental Institute (at no cost if you live, work, play or pray in the Phillips Neighborhood of South Minneapolis) you can learn to grow peaches in cold climates, take a monthly herb walk in the woods with Heather Mashuga, learn methods of canning tomatoes and making salsa, or discover how to make elderberry syrup. This year there will also be several other classes offered in Phillips Neighborhood itself. Check w-e-i.org for more information.

Women's Environmental Institute also offers an annual special event September 24-25: The Will Allen Farmer Training Weekend. Urban farmer, educator, and food-justice activist Will Allen returns to Women's Environmental Institute for his 12th Annual Farmer Training Workshop. Over the years these workshops have covered such topics as creating healthy soil, building affordable hoop houses, mushroom growing, aquaponics, and growing microgreens. Each year Will convenes a supportive community of farmers, from experienced veterans to farming-curious dreamers. Will welcomes everyone. The experience includes healthy food, good conversations, question/answer sessions, hands-on farming projects, a little sweat, a little dirt, a Saturday night fireside chat with Will, and the blossoming of new friendships. Those who live, work, play or pray in the Phillips Neighborhood can be a part of this unique experience without charge and with mileage reimbursement.

"I find the classes offered at The Women's Environmental Institute to be useful because they are taught by people who are knowledgeable in their fields and are eager to share that knowledge. The farm itself is a good site for those classes because it is a work-in-progress, it has all the challenges, problems, and opportunities that those seeking answers have." -- Steve Dreyer, Ventura Village

Powderhorn Art Fair

- ▶ **August 6 & 7**
▶ **10 AM to 5 PM**

The Fair will feature over 150 artists representing 20 art medi-

ums. Exciting new attractions include an opening ceremony, immersive art installations, and a beer garden produced in partnership with Reverie Cafe + Bar and KRSM Radio.

Noojimo (She Heals) All My Relations Arts

- ▶ **Curator's Talk with Hillary Kempenich**
August 11, 6:30 pm
- ▶ **Exhibit on display through September 17**
- ▶ **1414 East Franklin Avenue**

Noojimo (She Heals) celebrates the importance of Aunties in Indigenous spaces. In many Indigenous communities, the Auntie serves as an extra-parental role – one who provides mental, physical, and spiritual support to younger relatives. Though faced with discrimination and patriarchy, women continue to be protectors of family, culture, and Aki (earth), taking on roles as caretakers, leaders, cultivators, mentors, mediators, and innovators.

Puppet Lab Festival

- ▶ **Open Eye Theatre**
506 East 24th Street
- **Friday, August 12, 7:30pm**
- **Saturday, August 13, 7:30pm**
- **Sunday, August 14, 2:00pm**
- **Friday, August 19, 7:30pm**
- **Saturday, August 20, 7:30pm**
- **Sunday, August 21, 2:00pm**

Puppet Lab is a 6-month developmental laboratory program for emerging artists who are exploring the field of puppetry, culminating in a two-week festival. Four different shows will be presented. To learn more and get tickets, visit the Open Eye Theatre website: openeyetheatre.org/puppet-lab-performances.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

- ▶ **Friday August 12 and Saturday August 13**
▶ **9AM-3PM**
▶ **South High School**
(enter off 21st Ave. S)
3131 19th Ave. S
Minneapolis, MN 55407

Accepted from Households:
• Aerosols • Batteries – tape both terminals • CFLs and fluorescent lamps, and HID lamps (limit 25) • Drain, oven and other corrosive cleaners • Gas cylinders – specialty gases (oxygen, helium, etc.) less than 59 lbs.** • Liquid cosmetics • Mercury thermostats and thermometers • Paint, stain, varnish, solvents (limit three 5-gallon pails) • Pesticides • Petroleum



Gizigos-Dakise (Ojibwe, your aunt is cool), Ne-Dah-Ness Rose Greene, All My Relations Arts

adhesives • Pool chemical • Propane gas cylinders – less than 40 lbs** • Antifreeze • Auto paints • Gas, fluids (except oil), fuels (containers will not be returned) • Vehicle lead-acid batteries
Website: hennepin.us/collection-events

Open Streets East Lake

- ▶ **Saturday August 13th**
11AM - 4:30PM
- ▶ **2nd Ave S to 22nd Ave S**

The alley will be sharing a booth with the cemetery this year! Readers of all ages are welcome to come by and draw an alley cat friend for our old cat! We hope to include a new cat friend each month. We'd also love to talk about youth artist interviews, joining us as a copyeditor or events volunteer, and more!

Pioneers and Soldiers Memorial Cemetery: Stop by and play old-fashioned games (prizes for all of the kids), take a self-guided Smartphone tour, and talk with volunteers.

Wish Work Puppet Series: Puss in Boots

- ▶ **Saturday, August 13**
▶ **1PM-2PM**
▶ **St. Paul's Lutheran Church**
2742 15th Ave S

Adapted from the classic fairy tale, *Puss-in-Boots* is about a trickster cat who uses her wits to outsmart a simple king and a wicked ogre. This puppet production of *Puss-in-Boots* is performed in a charming miniature proscenium toy theatre with 12" marionette puppets. Appropriate for the entire family, but best suited for ages 4-9.

Wish Work, a program of Hinterhands Puppet Company, is puppet theatre for young audiences focused on telling stories working toward making the world the way we wish it to be. Performances will be held



Puss in Boots, Wish Work Puppet Series at St. Paul's Lutheran Church



Quilt squares from the July 6th Power Tree Quilting at Tamales y Bicicletas

monthly on Saturday afternoons from 1PM-2PM. Each month will have a new show with a suggested donation of \$5-\$10 per person. No one will be turned away for lack of funds. We wish to do the work of hammering the stardust of our world into the shape that is best for the young audiences our work is intended for, giving them the chance to shape the stardust they are given into their wishes in the future.

Tamales y Bicicletas Volunteer/Meet the gardeners

- ▶ **Wednesdays 6-8pm**
August 10, 17, 24, 31
8/31: **Bring your own craft night 5:30-7:30
- ▶ **2820 15th Ave S**

Connect with gardeners and TyB volunteers on Wednesday evenings this summer.

On August 31, Fireweed Community Woodshop will host a (free) Bring Your Own Craft night in the garden. Bring your tools and a chair (there are some picnic tables, and printmaking tools and inks will be available, plus spoon blanks and blocks for sale). Email community@tamalesybicicletas.org for more information.

Community Safety Conversations: Contribute to the chalkboard and join quilt square making events!

- ▶ **August 12, 15**
- ▶ **Million Artist Movement (MAM) with Native Youth Arts Council (NYAC)**
- ▶ **Little Earth Garden and Tamales y Bicicletas Jardin Urbano**

Have you seen the chalkboard? Contribute to the conversation if you walk by! MAM holds

conversations around community safety and facilitates quilt square design to make collaborative expressions of radical imagination. This will help inform a youth-led mural at Tamales y Bicicletas. All community voices are welcome! Snacks provided.

(Follow [millionartistmovement](https://millionartistmovement.com) on facebook/instagram/email community@tamalesybicicletas.org for final locations and times).
This project was made possible by the Minneapolis Public Safety Transformation Fund of the Minneapolis Foundation.

Edible Boulevards Cooking Classes coming up around Minneapolis:

- ▶ **August 13: Cooking Class with Kelly Shay** hosted by Urban Ag. Initiative at 2526 W. Broadway Ave.,
- ▶ **September 10: Cooking Class with Natalia Mendez** hosted by Tamales y Bicicletas at 2820 15th Ave. S
- ▶ **More this fall!**

Follow Edible Boulevards on facebook for updates, and contact Michelle at MinneapolisEdibleBoulevards@gmail.com with any questions.



Natalie Mendez taught participants how to make spring rolls at the Celestial Garden in North. Her next cooking class will be at Tamales y Bicicletas in September.

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VENTURA VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD

AUGUST '22 NEWS

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The “Why” Behind our Medical Respite Shelter

By: La’Quadra Neal and Robin Stramp, Our Saviour’s Community Services

This year the Our Saviour’s Emergency Shelter has been piloting a medical respite model. While we continue to offer our traditional shelter services to 11 individuals experiencing homelessness each day, we are also doing something new: providing 24/7 shelter for 10 patients who are being discharged from the hospital, who need monitoring, and who would otherwise be exiting to the streets or to a shelter that may not have 24/7 operations. Our staff has a direct connection to a hospital system to improve care coordination, and we are planning to build out additional supports and services in the months ahead.

A question we often hear is, why medical respite? The pandemic, and the way our community responded to it, showed us there was a need for a specialized, medical respite shelter and our space could accommodate it. At the beginning of the pandemic, Hennepin County moved the oldest and most medically vulnerable folks experiencing homelessness into a hotel setting in an effort to provide protection from COVID-19. Eventually, our shelter residents all relocated to a hotel setting, too. When our shelter operations transitioned back to our Chicago Avenue location in the spring of 2021, we felt a spark of inspiration. We didn’t want to see the same people back on the streets with COVID-19 because they had lost access to those protective spaces. Plus, we feel that specialty shelters provide a better experience for our residents because our case managers can hone in as experts in more specific types of resources.

Now, why should the medical respite model matter to you? There are so many reasons! First of all, it’s a matter of medical and racial justice. Healthcare and housing stability form a vicious cycle, and that cycle disproportionately affects Black and Indigenous members of our community. In the United States, the average life expectancy of a person experiencing homelessness is about 50 years. In Minnesota, about 80% of folks experiencing homelessness report one or more chronic medical conditions. Experiencing homelessness produces barriers to medical care, and experiencing medical barriers makes it more difficult to maintain stable housing. Medical respite programs like ours give people a chance to rest, break that cycle, and focus on their physical recovery.

As another point, one of the goals of medical respite is to reduce hospital readmissions and to free up hospital beds for people with the most acute needs – homeless or housed. By supporting medical respite, you might be ensuring that someone else is healthy enough to not need a hospital bed when a more critical case comes in. Our model prevents log jams in the emergency room, and in beds for admitted patients. This allows the hospital to take care of their most vulnerable patients, for Our Saviour’s to take care of their vulnerable clients, and for everyone to get the level of care they need when they need it.

We just completed the pilot phase of our medical respite program, and our funding has been extended for twelve months. After just a few months of this initiative, we can’t tell you whether we are helping our residents live longer lives. We can tell you, though, that this initiative is helping people stabilize, physically and holistically, and meet their medical needs that have not been met in a traditional shelter model. We are seeing young people in their 30s, 40s, and 50s in these medical respite beds. They have a lot left to do, to live, and to contribute to our community.

We hope you will learn more about our shelter and ways to contribute at oscs-mn.org.

Minneapolis American Indian Center Capital Project Update

By: Mary LaGarde, Executive Director of Minneapolis American Indian Center

The Minneapolis American Indian Center (MAIC) is getting ready for groundbreaking for the renovation and expansion of the existing building, expected to start this fall. The organization has been raising funds for this 30M project since 2017, and is nearing its fundraising goal. Opened in its current location



on the intersection of Bloomington and Franklin Avenues in 1975, the MAIC has provided a variety of services to the urban American Indian community including health and wellness, education and workforce development, arts and culture, support and resources, and has often been the site for large community gatherings. In recent years, the Gatherings Café was opened by the MAIC and offers healthy Indigenous foods.

The renovation and expansion of the MAIC will enact a shared stakeholder vision for the Center, as a place to gather, participate in cultural activities and build community. We plan to add space for new social enterprise programs, including an enhanced cafe, a fitness center, and rental, meeting, and co-working space. We will expand and better utilize our existing office, programming, and meeting spaces. We are incorporating sustainable design and energy efficiency, including solar, and will be updating the 1970’s era electrical, communications, and accessibility infrastructure. Construction will be completed in the spring of 2024.

Ventura Village Neighborhood News

- There will be no membership meeting in August. Our next meeting will be September 14th.
- National Night Out will be Tuesday, August 2nd.
- The Four Sisters Market will be open every Thursday 11 AM to 3 PM.
- ICCM is having their 'Hip Hop Jam on the Ave Street Party' in August
 - 7pm Aug 18th @ 18th and Park across from the Life Center
 - 7pm Aug 19th @ Peavey Park

KRSM Youth Media Summer Program

By: Emmet Bostic, KRSM Intern

KRSM Youth Media Internship is back with a new and much bigger group of youth ready to learn about radio. We also have three new mentors, Yonci, Joseph, and Toby who are excited to be working with us this year as well as KJ who is returning as a youth mentor this year. In the first week, students explored what radio is, what it means to them, and what they want to do in radio. Later, students got to look at the radio booth and think about what role they want to have within a show. At the end of the first week, the cohort got to visit KFAI radio as well as Public Functionary art studios to get some inspiration and learn about these awesome local creative spaces.

We are very excited to be working with this new group of students and mentors, we cannot wait to see what this cohort brings to the table this summer! The KRSM Youth Internship show will be back on the air this summer showcasing student shows. Feel free to come to the Pillsbury United Communities youth showcase to see what KRSM did as well as other internships projects! The event will be held at Brian Coyle on August 4th.

Timely Reminder

By: Kali Pliego, Crime Prevention Specialist

I am a Crime Prevention Specialist for the City of Minneapolis. I work closely with the Police Department, and City residents to address suspicious and criminal activity at the neighborhood level. I am working in collaboration with Council Members, MPD 3rd Precinct leadership and officers, block clubs and other residents, and City staff from other departments.

If you witness crimes or other emergencies occurring, please call 911 to report it. If you need assistance from an interpreter, you can ask for one by the language that you need. When reporting a crime, it is helpful to say what behaviors you notice that are suspicious. If you see a weapon, or any kind of violence, report it. Then, describe the suspect(s) and any vehicles involved in the activity. A good suspect description includes their physical characteristics (race, gender, height, hair color and style, tattoos, etc) and clothing (color, distinctive designs, hat, shoes); vehicle descriptions include the color, make, model, how many doors, and how many occupants—and the license plate if possible.

You can be anonymous. If you want to report a crime, but don’t want to interact with police, you have several options. You can refuse to give your name to the 911 operator. You can also give your name and number but tell the operator you do not want to speak with an officer. No one will know you called.

My contact information is:

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Keeping a Busy Food Shelf Staffed

By: Ethan Neal, Director of Waite House Food Shelf

A headline to a recent Star Tribune article was "TOO MANY JOBS, TOO FEW WORKERS". We asked Ethan Neal, the director of Waite House’s busy food shelf how they have handled this situation. He replied, the Waite House food shelf and community cafe located in the Phillips Community Center has been serving the Phillips community and beyond for more than decade. Providing free groceries and a free lunch Monday-Thursday. To help provide those services Pillsbury United Communities has been able to collaborate with other organizations, schools, neighbors, and interns to help cook meals, stock food, and distribute food. We have been able to partner with the WEX program, a Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe worker experience program that is focused on providing paid work training for Minnesota tribal members. This program has been a great success is helping find staffing solutions in both programs.

We also do internships with the WIOA youth program within Pillsbury United Communities. This program is focused on teaching and developing young people aged 18-24 who are not currently enrolled in school. Outside of paid internships, we also rely a lot on volunteers who are looking to help support their local communities. If you are interested in volunteering with our food shelf or community meals program, please contact LuzF@pillsburyunited.org or call 612-721-1681.

WE'VE CAST OUR BALLOTS, THEN WHAT?

ARTICLE #4 IN A SERIES OF ARTICLES ABOUT THE 2022 MIDTERM ELECTIONS, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS MINNEAPOLIS.

We've thought hard about the candidates and slipped our ballots into the voting machine on election day. We've done our part. Now it's up to others to make sure our votes are safe.

The first persons we encounter at the polls are the election judges, there to help us through the voting process – from registering and verifying eligibility to actually depositing the ballots. They are usually citizens from the neighborhood, chosen based on their experience and sometimes language skills. Judges are affiliated with a variety of major parties, or they may be unaffiliated. Certain tasks at the polls need to be performed by two people of different parties. All judges receive specific training to do their jobs and are sworn in to be impartial.

When voting at the polls ends at 8 pm on election night, the election judges at each of Minneapolis' 137 precincts bring materials to the city clerk staff at two receiving sites. It's a meticulous process, as election judges there

check and re-check that the precinct judges have signed off on every item returned, such as envelopes containing election day registrations, number of spoiled ballots, and ballots themselves. Also included are tapes containing numerical results and a memory stick, a kind of thumb drive, which registers the number of votes in each category. Absentee ballots are entered into a high-speed tabulator starting seven days before election day.

Memory sticks from all the machines are sent to Hennepin County where certified staff handle the ballot information on them and submit unofficial vote totals to the Secretary of State's office. These unofficial results are posted on election night or shortly thereafter by the State and also on the Minneapolis elections website. Results are official only after they are approved by a canvassing board, made up of officials who review and approve results. This usually occurs in the weeks following an election.

So, what happens to our ballots while this process is going on? They, along with other materials collected from the precincts, are organized by ward and precinct and

locked safely in a vault at Minneapolis elections headquarters. Should there be a question about voting results, or if a vote is so close that Minnesota law demands a recount, the paper ballots provide a necessary backup. The memory sticks are securely stored at Hennepin County Elections offices.

Much work goes into the election before actual voting day. Ballots for early voting must be prepared and sent to verified recipients. Ballots and voting machines must be tested and sent to the precincts. State law demands a public test of voting machines 14 days prior to election. At least two election judges from different parties certify the accuracy of the tabulators.

After every state general election, the county performs a post-election review of results returned by the optical scan ballot counters. The review is a hand count of the ballots in randomly selected precincts compared with the results from the voting system used. For local elections, city officials perform a similar random audit.

Everyone's vote matters. Our election officials are dedicated to ensuring every vote is safe, secure, and counted.

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Events, cont.



Honoring Pillsbury House + Theatre's 30th Anniversary as a professional theatre company and KRSM Radio's 5th Anniversary.

▶ August 20, 1-6pm

▶ Chicago Ave between & 35th St. and 36th St.

Lorraine Hansberry Initiative's "To Sit Awhile" statue by Alison Saar, and the surrounding exhibit, celebrating the renowned American playwright and civil rights activist Lorraine Hansberry, are on view from August 16 through September 15. They will be activated by artistic collaborations and events featuring the work of renowned Black artists, local community

groups, and a collection of young artists throughout the months of August and September. The August 20th block party will kick things off.

Poetry In Holy Ground
Poetry reading, with live music, at the historic **Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery.**

▶ Saturday, September 17, 4 pm.

Free! Come and listen to local poets read about loss, remembrance and connection to ancestors. Live jazz music. Bring a chair or a blanket. Rain date September 24. For more information, contact Patrick Cabello Hansel at phcreate@gmail.com



East Phillips Improvement Coalition (EPIC)

EPIC's August Community Meeting
Thursday, August 11 6:30pm-7:30pm
Cedar Field Park
rain location is East Phillips Community Center

Midtown Greenway will be sharing about the Phillips Traffic Safety Improvement Project. Come learn more!

Join at Cedar Field Park (rain location is East Phillips Community Center)

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

EPIC is the neighborhood organization
For the East Phillips neighborhood
Visit eastphillips.org to learn more

Follow us on Facebook for neighborhood updates and resources:
[facebook.com/eastphillipsepic](https://www.facebook.com/eastphillipsepic)

Save the date!

September 8 at 6pm
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!

8 de septiembre 6pm
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.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND WAYS TO CONNECT

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4: PWNO COMMUNITY MEETING

6:00 - 7:30 PM, 2400 PARK AVENUE
MASKS RECOMMENDED

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7: COMMUNITY GARDEN WORK DAY

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM, EAST 28TH STREET AND PORTLAND AVENUE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9 : SAFETY COMMITTEE

6:30 - 7:30 PM, VIRTUAL (SEE ONLINE CALENDAR FOR MEETING ACCESS)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21: COMMUNITY GARDEN WORK DAY

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM, EAST 28TH STREET AND PORTLAND AVENUE

MONDAY, AUGUST 22TH: PWNO BOARD MEETING

6:00 - 7:30 PM, 2400 PARK AVENUE
MASKS RECOMMENDED

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1: PWNO COMMUNITY MEETING

6:00 - 7:30 PM, 2400 PARK AVENUE
MASKS RECOMMENDED

WELCOME KELLY MUELLMAN TO THE BOARD!

We are excited to welcome Kelly Muellman to the PWNO Board of Directors! Kelly is a resident of Phillips West and has been an active member of PWNO. She has an extensive background in community organizing and previously served on the Board for our friends in Loring Park! If you see Kelly in the neighborhood, stop for a chat!



**PHILLIPS WEST
NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION**

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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INC.**
www.midtownphillips.org

AUGUST 2022 MPNAI BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, August 9, 5:30-7pm

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

AUGUST 2022 COMMUNITY MEETING
Tuesday, August 23, 6:30-8pm

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

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Community meetings every 4th Tuesday
EXCEPT IN JULY AND DECEMBER

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**MIDTOWN PHILLIPS
FESTIVAL!**

Saturday, August 13th • 11am-4:30pm

Visit us on Lake Street between 12th & 15th Avenues during **OPEN STREETS MPLS**

- Live Music @ 15th & Lake
- Youth Soccer Exhibition
- Learn about the Midtown Greenway
- 3 blocks of Info & Activities!



Movie Corner

Elvis

Warner Bros. Pictures 2022

By HOWARD MCQUITTER II



Elvis died tragically at the age of 42 on August 16, 1977. But when he died, the rock star had recorded about 700 songs and sold more than one billion records worldwide, which was more than anyone in the record industry.

Australian director Baz Luhrmann's (William Shakespeare's *Romeo + Juliet* [1996], *Moulin Rouge!* [2001], *The Great Gatsby* [2013]) new film project is *Elvis*, starring Austin Butler who plays the character Elvis in exceptional fashion. Austin's performance is worthy of an Oscar nomination in a leading role.

The film starts with Elvis (Chaydon Jay) as a boy in Tupelo, Mississippi, who is exposed to Black music - both profane and

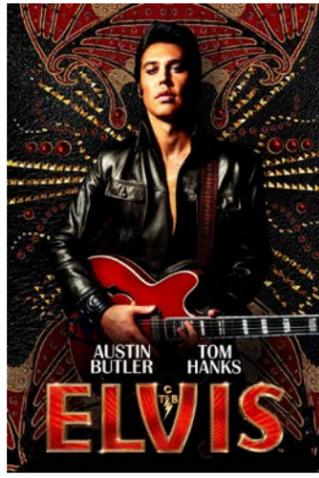


Howard McQuitter II

gospel - living in a mostly Black neighborhood. Those were the days: 1940s, the pre-Civil Rights era when de jure segregation was solidly in place.

Fast forward to Elvis' teen years on Beale Street in Memphis, Tennessee, where he mingles among the Black people going to and fro from the clubs. In one of the clubs he meets B.B. King (Kelvin Harrison Jr.) and in another club, Sister Rosetta Tharpe (Yola Quartey). As the night goes on, he runs into Little Richard (Alton Mason) energizing the crowd in yet another bar.

A Colonel Tom Parker (Tom Hanks), promoter for country and western music, happens to hear Elvis singing "That's All Right" on the radio thinking he's Black on what is known in the 1950s as race records. When Parker finds out that Elvis is a white kid from Tupelo he immediately wants to be his promoter. Parker sees how the young Elvis can sing and gyrate causing the crowds to go into a frenzy, especially the



Warner Bros

females in the crowds. Parker and Presley now act as promoter and singer/guitar artist. A team that over time will become salty. Meanwhile, Elvis is soaring on the charts with songs such as "Heartbreak Hotel", "Hound Dog", "If I Can Dream", and many, many more will come down the pipe.

While some see Elvis as an idol, others see him as corrupting good morals by his gyrations and his lyrics. White segregationists, such as Senator Eastland (Nicholas Bell) deemed him a deviant who plays too much like "a niggra". In the first few years,

television stations refused to show Elvis below the waist.

Parker encourages Elvis to join the Army just to get him away for a while from the controversies surrounding his acts on stage. When he comes back from the Army he decides to make Hollywood movies, e.g. *Girls! Girls! Girls!*, *Viva Las Vegas*, which did very well at the box office for the most part. Elvis marries Priscilla Beaulieu on May 1, 1967, but he first meets her in Germany in 1959 when she's only 14 and he's 24. Luhrmann stays away from this fact in the film.

Though there are many electrifying scenes with Elvis on stage, the story is, it seems, more about the relationship between Tom Parker and Elvis Presley. The former is unscrupulous, but to what degree? He appears to have his client's best interests at heart; other times not.

Elvis' life in his last years is bad. He starts to take pills daily and his behavior becomes erratic, chaotic, even violent. Priscilla (Olivia DeJonge) has left him. They have one daughter, Lisa Marie (Riley Keough). By the fewer offers to perform, he must

have felt The Beatles, The Who, James Brown, The Temptations, Three Dog Night have surpassed him.

On August 16, 1977: Elvis has left the building!

Cast: Austin Butler (Elvis Presley), Tom Hanks (Tom Parker), Olivia DeJonge (Priscilla Presley), Dacre Montgomery (Steve Binder), Kodi Smit-McPhee (Jimmy Rodgers), Luke Bracey (Jerry Schilling), Natasha Bassett (Dixie Locke), Alton Mason (Little Richard), Yola Quartey (Sister Rosetta Tharpe), David Wenham (Hank Snow), Richard Roxburgh (Vernon Presley), Helen Thomson (Gladys Presley), Gary Clark Jr. (Arthur "Big Boy" Crudup), Nicholas Bell (Nicholas Bell (Senator Eastland), Kelvin Harrison Jr. (B.B. King), Anthony LaPaglia (Bernard Lansky), Christopher Sommers (Horace Logan), Josh McConville (Sam Phillips).

Director: Baz Luhrmann.

Screenwriters: Baz Luhrmann and Sam Bromell.

Running time: 159 minutes. (PG-13)

RETURNING

By PATRICK CABELLO HANSEL

Agnes Makes a Faithful Decision

The name Agnes means "pure, holy," from the Greek hagne. Going further back, the Indo-European root may be hyag, meaning "to sacrifice." Those two meanings are about to collide in our elder Agnes, as she makes a fateful, nay, a faithful, decision to defy Brian Fleming and his ilk.

Of course, no human is perfectly pure or holy, at least not in terms of the perfection we set as a standard. But here's another linguistic lesson, sports fans, "to perfect" doesn't just mean to do a job perfectly. It also means to complete a task or calling in the way it was meant to be.

Agnes loved her granddaughter Amethyst, the only family member she had left. She had stood by her when she fell into addiction and sex trafficking. She had practiced tough love with her, grandmother love, mother love. Ingrid, Agnes' only daughter had been killed in a police shooting when Amethyst was 12, and Agnes took the sad and angry girl in. Ingrid had been a single mother, working as a waitress, first at the old Denny's on Lake Street, and then at Maria's on Franklin. Ingrid had not been wanted by the police; they had not been shooting at her, but at a young black man as a "person of interest." The man survived; paralyzed. Ingrid, who was waiting for the #5 bus, did not. The settlement from the city had paid for Amethyst's rehab stays. Over and over and over.

Agnes had grown up speaking Swedish on a farm outside of Lindstrom. She had picked up quite a bit of Spanish when she worked in one of the earliest pre-schools in the city. And her Somali neighbors at the senior building had taught her how to say "Salaam Alaykum" and "Eid Mubarak." But most of all, her nearly 90 years living in Phillips had taught her the hard language of love and the even harder language of reality.

Agnes could not imagine sacrificing her granddaughter, her only family member left. She knew it would break her own heart. But she could not imagine little two and a half year old Guadalupe becoming a casualty of the war that continued to rage in her beloved neighborhood. A war where human beings were

treated as objects, or worse, as trash. Treated that way by neighbors, by strangers, by the city, by a deep evil that lodged in the people and the powers of this place.

She did not want to sacrifice Amethyst, but she could not possibly allow little Lupita to be destroyed. That would break Agnes' heart and her spirit. And the wind in her heart and the wind in the world she was in both told her that sacrificing Guadalupe could rip the community apart even deeper than whatever ghost or spirit had tried to do in the past.

She knew she had to act, and fast. But to whom could she go for advice? Not the police; she hadn't trusted them since her daughter was killed. Not the city government; they saw Phillips as a containment zone for all the grief and sorrow other neighborhoods did not want to intrude on their happiness. She couldn't even talk to her pastor or beloved church members; she had kept her pain and the pain of her family from them for so long, she wouldn't know how to tell them.

The only one that can help is Mother Light, she thought. But where was she? Or rather, who was she? The Mother Light who had brought deep healing to Angel years ago (see "Searching" chapters 5-7) was no longer in town. There had been several hints of others carrying the fire, but no clear vision had appeared. Maybe it was because of all the darkness that had befallen Phillips these past years: the ICE raids, the opioid epidemic, the unsolved murders, the girls and

boys sold right in front of the market, the gas station, even the church.

No, Agnes did not know who Mother Light was on that fateful day, but she knew that she had to search for her, despite the cold, the dark and the early morning hours. She bundled up Guadalupe in her snowsuit, boots, mittens and hat. She picked her up, and went toward the door.

But as she was about to step out into the night, she remembered the Prayer of Good Courage that she had prayed so many times in her life. She looked at little Lupe in her arms and said to her:

"Pray with me, little one, even if you don't know the words."

Then they stepped out into a fearsome wind.

To be continued...

Primary Election Day is Tuesday, August 9!

INFORMATION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MN SECRETARY OF STATE

Find out where you vote and what's on your ballot by visiting mnvotes.org

Remember, your polling place may have changed because of redistricting.

ABOUT PRIMARY ELECTIONS

▶ WHAT IS A PRIMARY ELECTION?

A primary election determines which candidates will be on the ballot in the November general election. For example, five candidates from one political party might run for governor. Only one candidate can be on the ballot in November. The winner of the August primary election will represent their party on the November election ballot. There may be two kinds of offices on your primary ballot: partisan offices

and nonpartisan offices.

▶ PARTISAN OFFICES

Partisan offices will list a political party next to a candidate's name on the ballot. All state and federal offices—such as U.S. representatives or Minnesota senators—are partisan offices. Partisan candidates will be listed in four columns on the front side of the primary ballot.

The columns list candidates from Minnesota's major political parties: the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party, the Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis Party, the Legal Marijuana Now party, and the Republican Party. You can only vote for candidates from one political party. If you vote for candidates from both political parties, your votes will not count. You decide which one of the two parties you will vote for—Minnesota does not have polit-

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ical party registration.

▶ NONPARTISAN OFFICES

Nonpartisan offices will not list a political party next to a candidate's name on the ballot. For example, county, city, township and school board offices are nonpartisan. Nonpartisan offices will be listed on the back side of the primary ballot. You can vote for any candidate. The candidates who get the most votes will be on the November general election ballot.

▶ TIME OFF WORK TO VOTE

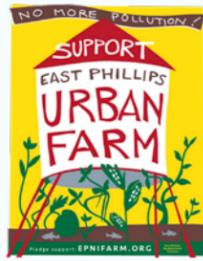
You have a right to time off work to vote, without losing your pay, personal leave, or vacation time.



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East Phillips, cont.

development rights along with vague commitments of financial assistance and social programming. This offer comes at a serious legal and health cost to the neighborhood and to all taxpayers. EPNI would need to end its current environmental justice lawsuits against the City of Minneapolis and to forgo any legal action against the city in the future. Their current proposed MOU offer would also allow the city to go forward to build its project by demolishing the huge 230,000 sq. foot former Roof Depot warehouse – thereby releasing toxic arsenic now safely encapsulated in the soil underneath. It would also bring on-site an additional 400 vehicles, including diesel trucks – further polluting East Phillips residents' already overburdened exposure to toxic air pollution



from existing traffic congestion. **It is important to note that EPNI has not approved or signed any deal with Minneapolis.** We will continue to meet with our neighbors and work in good faith with the City to find a path forward that benefits Minneapolis without sacrificing the health and safety of East Phillips residents.

The East Phillips Urban Farm project is a community-led project that seeks to promote food security, create affordable-low income housing, create green living wage jobs and support small culturally based businesses in the East Phillips community. Please email Epnifarm@gmail.com with any questions or ideas for the project.

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Raise Your Voice

The End Stage

BY PETER MOLENAAR

In last month's column the question was posed: after socialization of the production of energy, what sector of the economy should be socialized next? Patience, please. Hold your revolutionary horses.

For now, you will be served another dose of foreshadowing. It was at the Franklin Avenue Open Streets event that I became acquainted with Cecelia. Cecelia is an Ojibwe elder whose story of fortitude will be revealed in the September issue of this paper.

The end stage?

Bags of money won't save the souls of "patriotic" militias who bow before billionaires. The belief that we are experiencing the "end stage of capitalism" is spreading like wildfire among the nation's youth. We are told that public ownership of the main means of production is the inevitable consequence. However, at the age of almost 72 years, I might not live to see it. Indeed, one must have "revolutionary patience!"

Yet we continue to hear youthful speeches which denounce even a degree of unity with Democrats, though the definition of fascism is as follows: open terroristic dictatorship of the most racist, chauvinistic,



Peter Molenaar

imperialistic section of finance capital. So, dear neighbors, we must continue to deploy the "Popular Front", even as we speak openly about the necessity of a fundamental transformation.

Workers and Oppressed Peoples Unite...

Responding to the call of CAIR Minnesota, I recently returned from a board meeting of Castle Rock Township (!) in Dakota County. After many years of struggle, the vision for the largest Muslim cemetery in Minnesota has been approved. Several White Christians among us held signs which read: WE SUPPORT AL MAGFIRAH CEMETARY and HATE HAS NO PLACE IN OUR COMMUNITY. Solidarity has repaired the property damage done by vandals.

Struggle, study, struggle, study...

Three of us from the hood here recently returned from the Poor People's March in Washington D.C. The Red Banner shown bright upon the Sea of Liberation Theology. The 'divine right of kings' is long gone. The 'prosperity gospel' espoused by capitalists is bound to follow.

So, the answer to the quiz question is what?

Actually, banking and healthcare are high on the list, but Minnesota's eye is on Cargill and General Mills. Why is this so? Well, stabilization of the price of agricultural commodities will speed the transition to regenerative agriculture. Sadly, our nation's top soil is dead and largely gone, and chemicals are finite and continue to wash away. So, let's work together to save our country, okay?

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THE RICH WHITE MAN WHO NEVER VOTED

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Exercise your right to VOTE!

Vote in Primary August 9

Great practice for November 8!

Vote! Vote! Vote! Vote!

POETRY

TODAY MY HEART IS HEAVY

A Poem By BARB TILSEN

May 25, 2022

Today my heart is heavy
 Whenever the news arrives
 of children dying
 The six year old found in the
 trunk of a car
 Shot by his mother
 While that story is still freshly
 told
 the News brings yet more details
 of the shooting yesterday
 with the horror of deja vu
 Nineteen children in Texas
 2nd graders
 3rd graders
 4th graders
 Beautiful and precious
 Murdered
 By an 18 year old
 With an assault rifle he bought
 On his birthday
 Leaving his childhood behind
 In bloody footprints
 Bringing haunting memory
 Of another school shooting
 of our young children
 Carried in Sandy Hook's river
 of tears
 Bringing the stark truth
 that lies at the center
 of our country's stalemated
 inaction
 We are a nation that allows our
 children
 To be murdered
 It is our legacy
 It is our history
 The heartbreaking picture comes
 to the fore
 Large numbers of beloved Native
 children
 Stolen away to boarding school
 Portrait of the stolen lives
 In that sea of young faces
 The stolen promise
 The stolen land
 Building the wealth of our
 country
 We are a nation that murders its
 children
 With the facade of personal
 freedom
 When we allow laws
 Protecting the violence of the
 gun
 With more violence of the gun
 That make it easy, possible for
 the sick, the wounded
 the disturbed to arm themselves
 With weapons of war
 To use in the halls of learning
 Sacrificing
 The sacred promise of the child
 When will we ever learn
 When will we ever change
 And meet this reckoning
 with the courage and the will
 This moment requires
 Our wounded world requires
 Today my heart is heavy

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CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Listening to the Neighborhood at Phillips Summer Events

COMPILED BY THE ALLEY WITH INPUT FROM COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTORS

East Phillips Carnival

the alley was proud to be involved in the East Phillips* Carnival on Saturday, June 25th as a sponsor and participant. Over 400 people came to Cedar Field Park to enjoy music, food, and fun activities, including a Driveway Tour puppet show produced by Open Eye Theater (located in Phillips). Alley Communications volunteers and board members enjoyed camaraderie with other neighborhood groups and hosted an educational display on the paper's **40+ year history of covering environmental justice issues**. From helping fight the garbage transfer station (1980's) to covering childhood lead poisoning and arsenic issues (1990's), to campaigning against the woodburner (2008), and covering the current fight for the indoor urban farm at the Roof Depot site, *the alley* has been dedicated to persistent and educational coverage of environmental issues facing the Phillips Community and its four neighborhoods, and advocating for positive change.



PHOTOS BY LALISA DABALA

Many people came together for the East Phillips Carnival, meeting and or reacquainting with organizations, and engaging in discussions with friends and neighbors about *the alley*.



Little Earth Residents Association booth

TIMELINE
 FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ISSUES OF PHILLIPS
 over the last 40+ years!

1982 - 1994	1993 - 2003	2005 - 2010	2008	NOW!!!!!!
GARBAGE TRANSFER STATION STRUGGLE <small>at 28th and Hiawatha</small>	REDUCING CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING <small>lead paint from absentee owned homes, soil contamination</small>	ARSENIC AND THE ARSENIC SUPERFUND SITE!	STOP THE MIDTOWN BURNER! <small>a wood biomass burner for energy production proposed at South transfer station (dump) site</small>	EAST PHILLIPS INDOOR URBAN FARM

LEAD POISONING ARSENIC

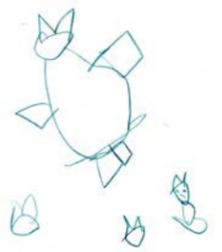
Close-up of the timeline of environmental justice issues covered in the alley over the years, on display at our summer events this year.

Open Streets Franklin Avenue

the alley also loved connecting with folks at Open Streets Franklin, where we shared a booth with Ventura Village* and invited neighbors to suggest topics they would like to see covered in *the alley*, draw their own version of our alley cat, engage with the environmental justice exhibit, and more. All in all we handed out close to 150 issues of *the alley*, some to regular readers, and others to neighbors who had never heard of us before! Five people signed up to learn more about volunteering with *the alley*.

If you missed Franklin Open Streets, catch us at East Lake Open Streets on Saturday, August 13th, where we will be partnering with Friends of the Pioneer and Soldiers Cemetery near Cedar and Lake Street! We'd love to connect, answer your questions, hear your ideas, and learn about how you'd like to be involved in your local community-governed news source, *the alley*.

Sponsor a page!!



alley cat drawing by Darrouch Harlem.

Contribute your cat drawing to the alley! Find us at East Lake Open Streets by the cemetery on August 13, 11-4:30.

We will feature new cats BY YOU each month!

I would like to see less pollution and see less cops.



Read what your neighbors had to say in our poll:

In YOUR opinion, what are the most important issues concerning the physical environment that impact the Phillips Community?

More informational resources around recovery support/Little Earth Recovery support
 —Little Earth

We do not need to release arsenic into the air, or a have a ridiculous ramp for travelers. The folks unhoused in this neighborhood need low barrier housing with resources for them instead of being displaced and having to camp in people's yards.
 —East Phillips



Our primary concern is needles and unhoused folks needing shelter/places to sleep that safe and healthy for everyone.
 —East Phillips

Affordable housing for renters means that our neighbors can stay in their homes. And an overdose prevention site in the future would provide support to our neighbors harmed by the overdose epidemic.

If more people can pick up the paraphernalia laying around. I have grandchildren!
 —Phillips

A young artist (anonymous) drew what makes them feel good about being outside.

"Dear Alley Folks: As a new resident here, so grateful to hear your voices advocating for the urban farm and protecting our community and earth from the City's pollution. Keep doing what you are doing!"

—Phillips Community Member

What our neighbors would like to see in *the alley*:

- I would like to see more events coming up.
- More Native American community history/businesses.
- "Knowledge doesn't become wisdom until it is passed on."

Responses from our comments jar



Conversations with visitors at Open Streets.

*Alley Communications appreciates its Engagement Partners, Ventura Village Neighborhood Organization and East Phillips Improvement Coalition (EPIC). These organizations support *the alley* by sponsoring pages that lift up the news of their neighborhood or organization. We also appreciate similar relationships with Midtown Phillips Neighborhood Association (MPNAI), Phillips West Neighborhood Organization (PWNO) and the Cultural Wellness Center/Community Health Hub. If you would like to find out more about this possibility for your organization, please contact Cathy Strobel-Ayres at 612-387-7679.