



Updates on Clyde Bellecourt Urban Indigenous Legacy Funding

By CIRIEN SAADEH, The UpTake

The information included in this article was accurate at the time that this issue went to print. Things at the Minnesota State Legislature are moving quite quickly, as they usually do around this time, and they may have changed by the time the alley hits the streets.

The bill, if passed in its current form, would provide \$136.4 million to those organizations for urgent repairs and renovations to the buildings housing these organizations.

“Services provided are education, healthcare, jobs, training, housing, childcare, nutrition, and the arts and other forms of enrichment,” said Senator



A drum group opened the rally at the Minnesota State Capitol on March 21 to advocate for passage of the Clyde Bellecourt Urban Indigenous Legacy Initiative.

An Urban Indigenous Legacy funding bill has been “laid over” to be possibly included in a senate capital investment omnibus bill. The bill, formally known in the Senate as Senate File 2009 was introduced on March 30 by co-author Senator Scott Dibble (DFL - District 61) at a meeting of the Senate Capital Investment Committee responsible for putting together that specific omnibus bill. According to Senator Dibble’s introductory comments, the Urban Indigenous Legacy Funding Initiative encapsulates 16 organizations across the Twin Cities focused on using community-centered approaches to respond to disparities and inequities in Indigenous communities.

Dibble. “Closets have been made into exam rooms. Buckets catch the rain coming in. Some are so old they don’t meet all the fire codes but have been grandfathered.”

Senate File 2009’s chief author is Senator Mary Kunesh (DFL - District 39), but she was not able to present the bill in committee.

Senator Dibble was joined by several testifiers speaking in support of the bill, including Marisa Miakonda Cummings, President and CEO of the Minnesota Indian Women’s Resource Center (MIWRC), located in the Phillips community. Cummings overviewed the bill and the 16 organizations that would be funded by the bill.

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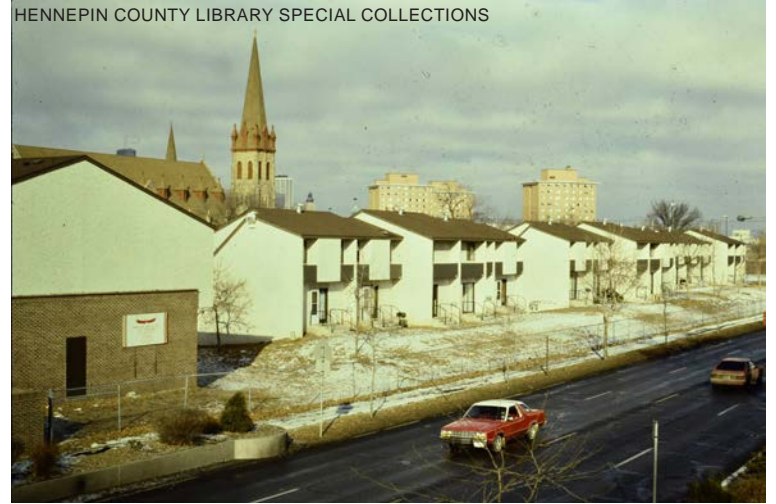
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Little Earth Celebrates Fifty Years

By BEN HEATH

The residents of Little Earth are marking fifty years since the opening in 1973 of what is now the only Native-preference, Native-owned public housing development in the country. Covering over two square miles, Little Earth is a cornerstone of the Phillips neighborhood and an anchor of the Native community, with residents hailing from dozens of tribal nations. Its history is one of struggle, survival, and accomplishment in the face of many challenges over the last half-century.

Once the site of the old South High School, the project began after the establishment of



A view of Little Earth in the early 1980s, looking northwest across Cedar Avenue. A sign for the American Indian OIC is visible in the lower right corner.

the Minneapolis Housing and Redevelopment Authority in 1958 and was funded in part by the Federal Model Cities program in 1966. Construction of 212 living units (apartments and townhouses) began in 1971. When the development opened

in 1973, residents were plagued by issues caused by the original poor construction and the rubble left as infill around the site. Subsequent financial problems and tensions between residents

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What’s Happening with MayDay?

By the Board of In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre



The Medicine Woman Mojiganga puppet, crafted and designed by Gustavo Boada with youth from Kalpulli KetzalCoatlucue, looms over the MayDay Festival crowd in 2022, surrounded by Kalpulli KetzalCoatlucue dancers.

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In February 2023, the Board of In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre (HOBT) decided to release MayDay Celebrations to the community. Following our announcement on March 15,

2023, future MayDay events or actions will be independently produced by community groups, and not part of official HOBT programming.

A BOARD DECISION

After years of evaluations and consultation with artists, staff, MayDay Council (MDC), and community members, the HOBT Board of Directors voted unani-

mously to release MayDay, as part of our responsibility to the long-term financial health of the organization and alignment with our shared values. This means MayDay will no longer be hosted by HOBT. This was a difficult decision to make.

ABOUT MAYDAY COUNCIL AND RE-IMAGINING MAYDAY:

In 2019, HOBT announced this would be the last MayDay-as-it-was, and that the organization would be taking time off from producing MayDay to reimagine ways this celebration could be more decentralized, inclusive, accessible, and sustainable. The 2019 MayDay received record donations. These funds enabled HOBT to engage with Free Black Dirt to select and facilitate a MayDay Council, through

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Roof Depot Site Lack of Transparency and Call to Attend May 9 Online Hearing

By H. LYNN ADELSMAN

It is easy to get lost in the details of the city’s long history of working against a healthy future for East Phillips. This is a history of the city disregarding racism as a public health threat, and ignoring its own prioritization of East Phillips as a green zone. And

this comes at a cost that is often unseen but is funded by taxpayers through revenues from the University of Minnesota, the airport, and some Minneapolis suburbs who buy their water from Minneapolis. Which leads to many questions unanswered, including:

▷ What is the detailed plan for the Hiawatha

Expansion site? How many cars and trucks will be allowed to travel daily in and out of East Phillips? When will the city present its plan to the community? Until now it has only been presented to the park board.

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Board meetings: 6:30 PM 2nd Tuesday by Zoom. Editorial Leadership Team 2nd Monday 8:30 -10:00am, 4th Thursday 6:30-8pm by Zoom.

Submissions due the 15th day of the previous month



Library News

By CARZ NELSON

All information listed here is accurate as of April 15, 2023. 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

MOVIE MATINEE

Watch popular films biweekly with your Franklin Library friends and neighbors!

The 355 (PG-13)
Franklin Library
Thursday, May 4 at 1 to 3:30 PM

King Richard (PG-13)
Franklin Library
Thursday, May 18 at 1 to 3:30 PM

Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings (PG-13)
Franklin Library
Thursday, June 1 at 1 to 3:30 PM

TECHNOLOGY HOUR

One-on-one help with computers, smartphones, tablets, and e-readers. Library staff are available to assist you on your own

Applications Are Open for Minneapolis Edible Boulevards!

By MICHELLE SHAW, Minneapolis Edible Boulevards

The big news this month in the world of Minneapolis Edible Boulevards is that applications for this season's resources are now out and due May 15. Once approved, you'll go through a process of doing a one-on-one meeting, completing a soil test, and discussing your needs of available resources: seeds or seedlings (depending on availability), a few bags of new soil to go on top of your current, mushroom compost, a trowel,

devices and library computers.

Franklin Library
Sundays and Tuesdays at 1 to 2 PM

URBAN 4-H

A youth leadership club that's driven by curiosity. For adolescents.

Franklin Library
Tuesdays at 4-5:30 PM

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Join us for Coffee & Conversations.

Franklin Library
Second Friday of the month 10 AM to 12 Noon

WAY TO GROW

Way to Grow connects parents of kids ages 0-8 to a culture-to-culture family educator to help with resources and provide support and education.

Franklin Library
Tuesdays at 3 to 5 PM

STEAM WORKSHOP

The Franklin Library's Teen Tech Squad leads education and entertainment for kids 8-plus on topics in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math.

Franklin Library
Wednesdays at 5-6 PM

EMERGE

A Workforce Coach from EMERGE will be available to work with people aged 16-21.

Franklin Library
Tuesdays at 4 to 5:30 PM

ANIME CLUB

Anime Club for adolescents.

Franklin Library
Wednesdays 6:30 - 8 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 searching, resume writing, and more!

Franklin Library
Second Monday of the month at 1 - 5 PM

a pair of gloves, and education on how to create a garden. Resources are free for approved applicants in our participating neighborhoods, and we'd love to have you participate!

At this time, these are the participating neighborhoods: Cedar Riverside, East Phillips, Midtown Phillips, Phillips West, Ventura Village, Longfellow, and Powderhorn Park on the

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HOMEWORK HELP

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

Franklin: Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3:30-7:30 PM, Saturdays at 1-5 PM
Hosmer: Mondays and Wednesdays at 4-7:30, Saturdays at 1-4 PM

SMALL BUSINESS INFORMATION

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.

Franklin Library
Second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 12 to 2 PM

VETERAN RESOURCES

Senior Outreach Coordinator of MACV (Ending Veteran Homelessness), will be available to talk to veterans and connect to resources.

Franklin Library
Thursdays at 12 to 1 PM

RESOURCES AND SUPPORT

The Bridge for Youth visits Franklin Library the fourth Wednesday of each month, 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.

Franklin Library
Fourth Thursday of the month at 2 - 5 PM

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 kind of books you like, and what kind 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

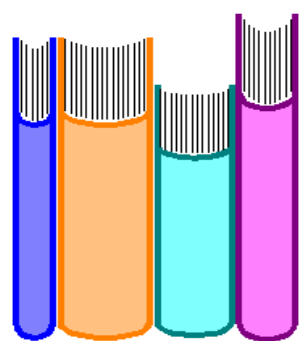
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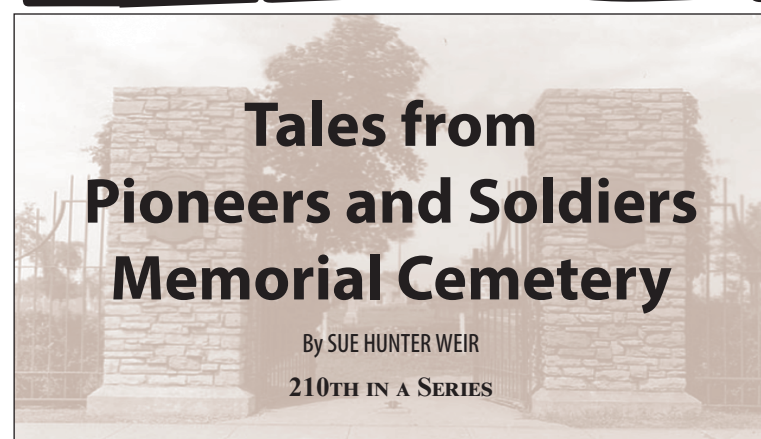
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Carz is a Phillips resident and an enthusiastic patron of Hennepin County Library.



Summer Step-Up Youth work with Growing North Minneapolis to create an Edible Boulevard at Oak Park Center in 2022.



Remembering the Fallen: Memorial Day 2023

Thousands of people gathered at the intersection of Minnetonka and Washington Avenues on May 30, 1870. They formed a parade that stretched for two miles as they marched to what became known as Layman's Cemetery. Flags were flown at half-mast and business throughout the city came to a standstill since "there were none in the stores to sell nor to buy." The Civil War might have been over but the trauma remained. Disease and disability continued to claim lives. The war and its aftermath left unimaginable numbers of widows, orphans, and bereaved parents in its wake.

The first division of the parade was led by the Fort Snelling Twentieth Infantry Band followed by members of the Grand Army of the Republic, a benevolent organization that advocated for veterans. Their motto was "Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty." They were followed by other former soldiers and their families.

The Minneapolis Tribune listed 28 known soldiers believed to be buried in Layman's Cemetery. Even though every effort was made to identify all of the veterans, their list mistaken-

ly identified some men as veterans who weren't and overlooked a handful of men whose service has since been verified. Several of the veterans on their list were moved to other cemeteries in the 1920s when the future of the cemetery was in doubt.



Private Edgar B. Comstock served in Company D of the First Minnesota. He is pictured with his wife, Emily, and their two children. He died on February 27, 1865. The cause of his death was not recorded.

Six of the remaining veterans died before April 15, 1865, the day that Robert E. Lee surrendered to Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox. Private Edgar B. Comstock, born in Canada, died on February 27, 1865, leaving a wife and two young children; the cause of his death was not recorded.

Open Letter to Walz and Ellison: The Takeover of McKeever Case is Just Plain Wrong

By COMMUNITIES UNITED AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY (CUAPB)

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Dear Governor Walz and Attorney General Ellison:

Our organization protests, in the strongest possible terms, the Attorney General's takeover of the prosecution of the McKeever case. This case involves the manipulation of two teens, ages 15 and 17, by an adult into committing a heinous crime. According to media accounts, the reason given for this takeover was that the decision to offer the teens plea deals for their testimony against the adult, was "so far outside the normal course for the prosecution of such a heinous crime, and so far outside of community expectations." It is routine for prosecu-

tors to offer plea agreements to defendants who are deemed less culpable by age, mental capacity or role in the crime in exchange for their testimony. These kinds of plea deals are not "far outside the normal course for the prosecution" but are standard practice for prosecutors.

The decision to offer plea arrangements to the two teens is also not "outside of community expectations." Hennepin County residents elected Ms. Moriarty by an overwhelming margin specifically because she would correct the harms of the past under Mike Freeman and Amy Klobuchar. During their tenures, the numbers of Black men and boys placed in the prison system from Hennepin County increased by 300%.



The Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery Lot at Pioneers and Soldiers Memorial Cemetery.

Please join us for the 153rd Memorial Day observance at Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers Memorial Cemetery on Monday, May 29. The program begins at 10 AM. Music by the Seward Community Concert Band. Readings by students from the Minnesota Transitions Charter School. Rifle team from American Legion Post One. Everyone is welcome. Seating is somewhat limited so please bring a lawn chair if you can.

There will be a one-hour, seated talk about the cemetery's history at 1 p.m. Free and open to everyone. We will have plenty of seating.

ed. Private Samuel Costello, aged 44, died from consumption in Memphis, Tennessee. Private Joseph Hankerson, aged 19, died on September 19, 1863, only two and a-half months after he enlisted; the cause of his death is not known. Martin Luther Nicks, aged 26, served in the Missouri Light Artillery, was given a medical discharge and came to Minnesota hoping to recover from tuberculosis; he was originally buried in the cemetery's paupers' section but the Grand Army had him moved to a block of graves which they purchased specifically to prevent veterans from being buried as paupers. Captain Charles W. A. Nudd, aged 29, the son of a veteran of the War of 1812, was on his way home but died on board a boat before he reached St. Paul. Private James Towner, aged 20, died in LaCrosse, Wisconsin,

while on his way home after he had been released from a Southern Prison camp.

Twelve others died between the time that Lee surrendered and the 1870 Decoration Day parade, several of them from diseases and disabilities most likely related to their military service. Private John Barton, aged 57, was a Scottish immigrant, who was taken prisoner at the Second Battle of Bull Run, was paroled and returned to service. Captain William A. Clark, aged 31, who served in Company B of the 9th Minnesota Infantry died from congestion of the lungs. Private James Crowder, aged 29, born in England, who suffered the loss of his left eye died from an enlarged liver. Private Edward C. Dwight, aged 28, who was discharged for disabil-



Sergeant John Van Pelt served in Company H of the 8th Indiana Cavalry. He died on April 5, 1868, most likely from consumption.

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Handy, Isak Aden, Dolal Idd, Anthony Legato and many others and you have shown no interest in those cases in which prosecutors have failed to prosecute fully culpable individuals who killed members of our community.

Finally, as you undoubtedly know, prosecutors enjoy near-total immunity for their decisions. The goal of this immunity is to shield prosecutors from the political pressures inherent in their position. By interceding in this case, you have undermined this principle based on your perception of what certain political forces desire rather than any proper legal basis for doing so. In other words, you are politicizing prosecutorial discretion for your own purposes.

We demand that you step away from this prosecution and issue an apology to Ms. Moriarty and to the voters of Hennepin County for your actions.



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We invite you to our first in-person outdoor meeting since 2020! We will be meeting in **Stewart Park from 1-3PM on Sunday June 4** to get to know our neighbors, talk about the issues facing us as a community, and hold a

Are you interested in serving your community, getting to know your neighbors, and gaining skills in nonprofit and community work? Run for the MPNAI board! If you are interested in learning more or want to declare your candidacy, please reach out to us at info@midtownphillips.org.

Community Meeting
Kulankii Xaafada
Reunión de comunidad

Stewart Park, 1-3pm Sunday June 4
Meet your neighbors and run or vote for the neighborhood board

Wuxuu dhacayaa bisha June 4 teeda sacadu
Waa 1 duhurnimo ilaa 3 Galabnimo
Waa kulankii Bulshada. Waxaana lagu dooranayaa madaxda xafada mamusha

Stewart Park, 1-3pm el domingo 4 de junio
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City Council Candidates Are On The Ballot —What Has Changed Since 2021?

By THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS MINNEAPOLIS

Because of the redistricting process completed in 2022, every Minneapolis City Council member will be up for reelection this year to serve a two-year term; only in 2025 will Council candidates be back on the ballot for the traditional four-year term. Also, this will be the first election for the thirteen City Council members following major changes to the City Charter (the city's constitution). Charter Amendment No. 184, passed in the municipal election of 2021, has redefined our city structure. Before this process, the Government Structure Work Group described the city "as a complex patchwork of existing laws that has been in place since 1920." Known for years as a "weak mayor-strong council" system, Minneapolis has been transformed into an "executive mayor-legislative council" form of government. But what does that mean? What role will the City Council play now?

In the 1980s Mayor Don Fraser failed to pass a strong mayor charter amendment after multiple attempts had been made in previous decades. As a compromise, he devised a proposal which passed: an executive Committee made up of the Mayor, the City Council president, and up to three City Council members. Together they had a say in hiring or firing department heads. But this was described over the years as an unruly "governance by committee." In 2004, Steve Berg, writing in the Star Tribune, called the city's structure "one that makes no one accountable and puts no one in charge." He called it inefficient and costly. Close to twenty years after that article appeared the situation has changed.

The 2021 Charter Amendment No. 184 has consolidated all administrative authority under the office of the Mayor - the city's chief executive officer - in a single chain of command. The Executive Committee has been eliminated. All department heads are chosen and supervised by the Mayor alone. The City Council confirms all of these appointments. Previously the Mayor had appointed only the Chief of Police.

Removed from the day-to-day operations of the city's administration, the City Council, our city's legislative and primary policy-making body, is charged with enacting local laws and public policies. Additionally,

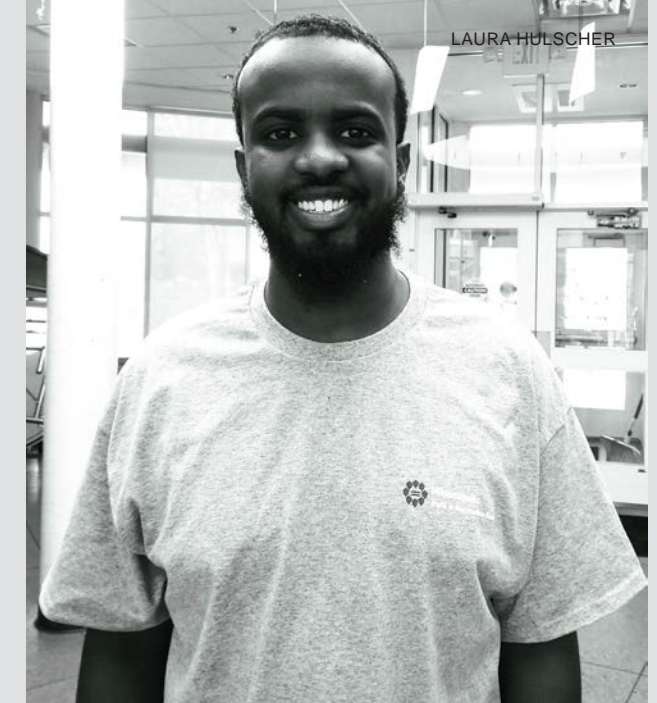
individual Council members serve ward constituents as advocates and ombudsmen, and the City Council appoints the City Clerk, establishes an independent Audit Committee, and has general oversight authority, holding the city's administration to account. Under the Charter "neither the City Council nor any Council committee or member may usurp, invade, or interfere with the Mayor's direction or supervision of the administration." Clear lines of authority and responsibility have been drawn.

While the Mayor represents the entire city, each Council member serves a ward of about 34,000 people. Your Council person is your public advocate - a link to your community and its specific issues. Who you elect can determine the outcome of policies you care about; policies that are not only heard, but ultimately incorporated into decision making. Vote local! Your vote matters!

This is the first in a series of articles about the 2023 Minneapolis City Election brought to you by League of Women Voters Minneapolis

Meet Ismail Said, New Recreation Supervisor at East Phillips Park

By MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD



Ismail Said, new recreation supervisor at East Phillips Park Cultural and Community Center

Hello! In case you've not yet met him, East Phillips Park Cultural and Community Center's new Recreation Supervisor is Ismail Said. Ismail takes over from Jeanne Whitehill, who is now at Lynnhurst Park. Ismail grew up in the Twin Cities with his five siblings and parents, who immigrated from Somalia in the 1990s. He started at Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board as a Youth Program Specialist. Ismail is excited to be working for the Minneapolis Park Board to support and work with youth and families from a range of different backgrounds. He also looks forward to being a part of sports recreation and community building. Next time you're in the building, stop by and say hello. Or drop Ismail an email at isaid@minneapolisparcs.org.

Peace House Community - A Place to Belong

Wisdom in Unexpected Places

By MARTI MALTYB



Marti Maltby

Occasionally, you come across wisdom in such an unexpected place that you don't notice it until later. It's like driving past something quickly and then thinking "Did I just see ...?" I had this experience recently when I ran across one of the best commentaries I've ever heard about what matters in a relationship.

Some of you will remember the television series MythBusters, where Adam Savage and his colleagues would test famous but questionable stories to see if they were scientifically possible. Since MythBusters went off the air,

Adam has started a live podcast (complete with video feed) where he answers fans' questions, many of which involve his time on MythBusters. The setup is pretty simple: Adam sits at a workbench and reads questions on his computer monitor as they come in, looks directly into the camera, and speaks to whoever asked the question. In one podcast, someone asked him if he imagines an actual person behind the camera when he gives his answer, or does he just speak to a camera lens. Adam replied that he pictures his wife sitting there, and that this helps him stay focused on the reason behind the question.

Adam explained that most of the questions are about why he and his colleagues had tested certain myths instead of others, rather than the mechanics of the test. He added that he realized early on in his relationship that his wife did not share his interest in blowing things up or creating balloons out of lead. She wanted to know how the experiments affected him, or how he had grown as a person. She was more concerned about how his work affected him than how some strange legend affected his

work. "I talk way too fast, and I am guilty of over-explaining things," he concluded, "so imagining that I am speaking with my wife slows me down and makes me think about why the things we did on that show were important to me."

(He then moved onto another question and described blowing up a cement mixer, but he did mention how bad he felt for the cameraman who missed the explosion).

It took a few minutes before the importance of Adam's words about relationships sank in. Often, when I get home after work, my wife and kids have already talked about their days, so when I ask how things went at school or work, all I get is, "It was good." I'm happy that my family wasn't miserable that day, but that wasn't really the point of the question. Whether their day was good or bad is just the starting point. If they had a bad day, I want to know if they were angry, disappointed, sad, scared, or something else. Then I want to know how they dealt with the situation. Did they resolve anything? Will they face the same problem tomorrow? What do they need or want from me? What happened doesn't matter to me as much as how it


affected them.

Long ago I decided not to sugarcoat things for my kids, so I am truthful with them when I have a bad day at work. I want them to know about the challenges they will face as they grow, but I don't want them to be scared of those challenges. It was only sometime after I heard Adam's explanation of speaking to his wife that I realized I am trying to do the same thing with my kids. I want them to know how things affect me, partly so that they will know me better, but also so that they will have more strategies for dealing with life when it comes at them. I am thankful that Adam's words helped me grasp what I have always wanted to do and gives me a way of understanding it that makes sense to me.

Marti Maltby is an avid cyclist, Director at Peace House Community, and an obnoxiously proud Canadian.



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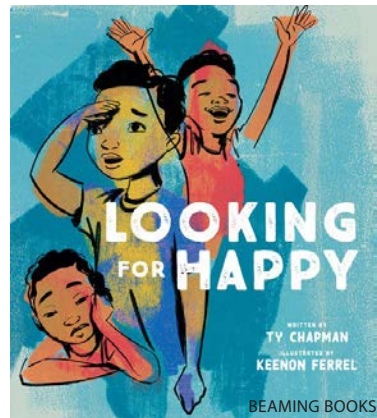
MAY EVENTS

Bring Her Home
Friday May 5
4:30 – 8:30 PM
East Phillips Park
Cultural and Community Center
2307 17th Avenue S
Free

Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center is hosting a showing of *Bring Her Home*, a 2022 documentary following three Indigenous women as they fight to vindicate and honor their missing and murdered relatives who have fallen victims to a growing epidemic across Indian country. Despite the lasting effects of historical trauma, each woman must search for healing while navigating racist systems that brought about this very crisis. The event will include guest speakers, a feast, and a tobacco ceremony. Free and open to the community.

Piitwewetam: Making Is Medicine
Through June 10
All My Relations Arts
1414 E Franklin Avenue
Free

Piitwewetam: Making Is Medicine is a commemorative exhibition that presents work by the Gustafson family honoring their son and brother, Piitwewetam (Rolling Thunder), also known as the late Jesse Gustafson, who traveled to the spirit world in 2015. With Anishnaabe tradition, a part of the grief ceremony is gifting. This beautiful exhibition acknowledges all of the good life that Jesse experienced when he was here on Earth. These gifts come from kindness, from a deep love that honors Piitwewetam. More information at allmyrelationsarts.com.



Celebrate the release of Ty Chapman's new book on May 8th at Moon Palace Books.

Thursday Evenings at ASI
Thursdays, 3 PM – 8 PM
American Swedish Institute
2600 Park Avenue
Free

Explore the ASI with free museum admission from 3 to 8pm! There will be live music on select Thursdays. More information at asimn.org.

Blue Thumb Resilient Yards Workshops
May 4, 9, 11, 18, 23, 25
6 PM
Online
\$15 (scholarships available)

Learn how to beautify your landscape while planting for clean water and pollinator habitat at a Blue Thumb Resilient Yards Workshop this spring.

Blue Thumb's Resilient Yards workshops give participants the skills to create their own rain gardens, native plantings, pollinator habitat, and more. Use our free online learning series, register for a live virtual workshop, or do both! Your yard can BEE the change.

Scholarships are available upon request, no questions asked. All workshop registrants

can choose to be automatically registered for a \$350 Lawns to Legumes grant, supported by the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources. For more information and to register, visit bluethumb.org/events.

In the Spirit of May Day
Sunday May 7
2 – 9 PM
1517 E 35th St
Free

Revere Cafe + Modus Locus are throwing a Mayday block party and YOU are invited! Come down, get your boogie on and welcome spring with us.

We will have live music from 4 to 9 pm, good vibes all day, the cafe will be open for food and drinks. Puppets, stilters, painters, art cars welcome!

Celebrating Ty Chapman's Looking for Happy
Monday May 8
7 – 8 PM
Moon Palace Books
3022 Minnehaha Avenue
Free

Please join Moon Palace Books for a conversation with local author, poet, puppeteer, and playwright Ty Chapman to celebrate the release of his new picture book, *Looking for Happy*.

Every day is different. Some days everything goes right--you're in the groove and feeling like yourself. But some days, it's a lot harder to find happy because everything is just blah. Sometimes everything that should be fun just feels . . . flat. This picture book gently reminds readers that it's normal to have happy and sad days and normalizes speaking about emotions and seeking help. Poet and storyteller Ari Tison will



lead the conversation. Masks are required in the bookstore, and social distancing is encouraged.

Little Earth Mother's Day Pow Wow Grand Entry
Saturday May 13, 1 PM and 7 PM
Sunday May 14, 1 PM
Cedar Field
2500 Cedar Avenue S
Free

In celebration of Little Earth's 50th Anniversary, our annual Mother's Day Pow Wow will be a two day event. Grand entry begins on Saturday, May 13 at 1pm and 7pm, and on Sunday, May 14 at 1pm. Bring a chair or blanket and come celebrate the community!

Walter Griffin: Photographs
May 19 – July 21
Raymond Avenue Gallery
761 Raymond Avenue,
St Paul
Free

Join the Raymond Avenue Gallery for an exhibit of photographs by Phillips' resident and former *alley* photographer Walter Griffin. Griffin is a widely recognized photographer and educator whose work has been exhibited and published throughout America, Africa and Europe. His life-long focus has been preserving visual history by capturing personal interactions in the community. The exhibit includes photographs spanning a 52 year period. Reception on May 19 from 6 to 8 PM.



Walter Griffin's Girls in Phillips, 1992.

Speculative Catalogues: A Poetry Reading
Saturday May 20
3 – 5 PM
Quatrefoil Library
1220 E Lake Street
Free

Listen to Allison Blevins and Amie Whittmore share poems from each of their respectively acclaimed works *Cataloguing Pain* and *Star-Tent: A Triptych*. The poets are longtime friends but will be reading together in person for the first time! A reception with light refreshments will follow the reading, along with the sale of Allison and Amie's most recent books and a book signing. The reading is a part of the Quatrefoil Spring Poetry Series.

Rockin' Robins Kids Music & Movement for Kids
Saturday, May 20
11 – 11:45 AM
Midtown Global Market
920 E Lake Street
Free

Created for preschoolers ages 3 to 5, we make music, move to the beat, sing, dance together! In this 45-minute class, we help your preschooler learn listening and motor skills, rhythms, and sing-along songs in a fun atmosphere with new friends! Caregivers stay for the entire class to make music as a community. Led by Blue Tree Music Education.

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- ▷ What is the total cost for the project and how will it be funded? \$75–100,000,000, or more?
- ▷ How many lobbyists and lawyers are working on the city's plan, and who or what fund is paying their income?
- ▷ Why has the plan to renovate the existing East Hennepin Water Yard been suppressed and not presented to the public? Why hasn't the public been able to see that study?
- ▷ Has the 2008 Karen Clark/Linda Berglin Environmental Justice

Law been applied to the city's Plan in East Phillips?

- ▷ Is there any limit to the city's use of the water fund to pay for the Hiawatha Expansion? Already over \$14 million has been used to purchase the site, to abate asbestos in the roof depot building, and to contract the architectural firm RSP.
- ▷ Was it ever considered unethical, or a conflict of interest, that the city's project manager Bob Friddle's former employer RSP Architects is now the architectural firm contracted for the Hiawatha expansion?

▷ Who will gain when the East Hennepin Water Yard is sold? The city has a website that talks about an updated fire station, private developers and housing. Why does the city prioritize the Ward 3 neighborhood for new housing and repurposed historic buildings at the expense of East Phillips, which is already overburdened with traffic?

Note: As of April 17th a temporary injunction has stopped roof depot demolition until EPNI's appeal has been heard at the Minnesota Court of Appeals. But consider attending the May 9th court hearing online to determine if the injunction to pre-

vent demolition will continue or demolition will be allowed. For further information, please see the EPNI website: linktr.ee/epnifarm.

And all Minneapolis residents should contact their own legislators and strongly urge them to support SF 1853, a bill to allocate funding to the East Phillips Indoor Urban Farm. This would provide EPNI with enough funding to buy back the 7.6 acres of the Roof Depot site (\$20 million) to create our community-owned urban farm and community center, and stop the city's plan to bring East Phillips more life-threatening toxic pollution. If enough people call their legislators from around the city, it could out-

weigh the city's paid lobbyists working to stop real opportunity for Environmental Justice in East Phillips. To learn more, visit linktr.ee/epnifarm.

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Pathways to Connection and Support

By: Kala Hotakainen, Our Saviour's Community Services

Have you ever wondered how community members can access the programs at Our Saviour's Community Services? The answer is ... it depends!

The English Learning Center receives referrals from Minneapolis Adult Education and local social service agencies, but many students find us through informal connections, too. To get started, interested adults can stop by 2315 Chicago Avenue Monday - Thursday between 9:30AM - 12:30PM or 5:30PM - 8:30PM, register directly on our website, or call 612-874-9963. After registering, students take a test to be placed into a class that fits their current English language level. Our classes are free, are offered in the morning and evening, online and in person, and are open to adult English language learners aged 18 and up.

We cannot accommodate walk-in participation, however, for Our Saviour's Housing. There are currently two ways to access the Emergency Shelter. The first way is through Adult Shelter Connect. If you are a Hennepin County resident experiencing a housing

emergency, please call the new Hennepin Shelter Hotline (612-204-8200) as a first step toward Adult Shelter Connect. Providers at some M Health Fairview locations can also refer patients experiencing homelessness and in need of follow-up care to the medical respite program at the Emergency Shelter.

Residents in our Permanent Supportive Housing program are referred to us through Hennepin County's Coordinated Entry System.

We also operate a small food shelf at 2301 Chicago Avenue. This food shelf is designed as a resource for our Permanent Supportive Housing residents. It is also open to the public by appointment only on Wednesdays from 10AM - 3PM. Please call 612-872-4021 ext 1 to make an appointment.

Seeking your input - tell us what you'd like to hear about for future Our Saviour's Community Services articles in this space! Contact us at communications@oscs-mn.org.

20th Annual Open House

Join NACC as we celebrate our 20th annual Open House! This year, we will focus on the grandfather teaching "Wisdom" as we reflect on the last 20 years of being in the community.

Community meal, swag bags, vendors, raffles and more!

Friday, May 19th
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Native American Community Clinic
1213 E. Franklin Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55404



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Little Earth, cont.

and the management saw operations taken over by AIM (American Indian Movement) in 1975.

Organizing the Little Earth Residents Association was started in 1983 by resident and food-shelf volunteer, Elaine Stately. Going door-to-door, Stately and others like Peggy Bellecourt brought the community together to stand against the expansion of the Hiawatha Corridor. The community demanded and won the huge concrete sound barrier along Little Earth's eastern boundary when construction commenced in the late 1980s.

When the US Department

of Housing and Urban Development threatened to foreclose on the Little Earth property, lengthy lawsuits ultimately led to the founding of the Little Earth United Tribes Housing Corporation, and the formal establishment of Native-preference in 1994. The community celebrated the 30th anniversary in 2003 with the renaming of 25th 1/2 Street to E. M. Stately Street.

There have always been various services available to residents, children to adults, operated by outside organizations and those within; from food shelf to training and employment services, from daycare to urban farm. In 1994, Little Earth purchased the Holy Rosary school building in the middle of the 2400 block of 18th Avenue

and opened the Little Earth Neighborhood Early Learning Center. A home ownership program was launched in 2012. As a part of the The Urban Indigenous Legacy Initiative, Little Earth has plans for more good developments in the near future. Here's to fifty more years (at least!) of empowerment and accomplishment.

The anniversary will be celebrated at the annual Mother's Day Pow Wow at Cedar Field. Grand entry begins on Saturday, May 13 at 1pm and 7pm, and on Sunday, May 14 at 1pm. The Pow Wow is one of the best regular events in the Phillips neighborhood. Come out and show your love for the community. Congratulations and respect to the people of Little Earth!

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MayDay, cont.

a process of community-nominations. In its first year, the MDC discussed the dynamics and patterns of the MayDay Parade and Festival creation process. They developed a set of Values and Affirmations to guide future MayDay creation-processes. These Values include: Reparations, Intergenerational Experiences, Decolonizing, Accountability, and Abolition.

A MATTER OF FINANCES AND VALUES

After evaluations and discussions with the MayDay Council, updating our Mission, Vision, and Values, and completing a 3-year Strategic Plan, the board unanimously decided it was wisest to focus our resources and attention on helping HOBT thrive as a puppet and mask theater and educational institution. We agreed that HOBT doesn't have the energy or financial capacity to sustain itself as a community-based theater and produce MayDay.

FUTURE MAYDAYS: DECENTRALIZED AND FOR ALL

One of the MayDay Council's Affirmations is "Decentralize, and remember that MayDay is bigger than any one organization or neighborhood." The Board of HOBT hopes that all those co-creating future celebrations for MayDay will work together, and that the MDC's Values and Affirmations are read, shared, and taken to heart.

ATTITUDES TOWARDS TOBACCO STUDY

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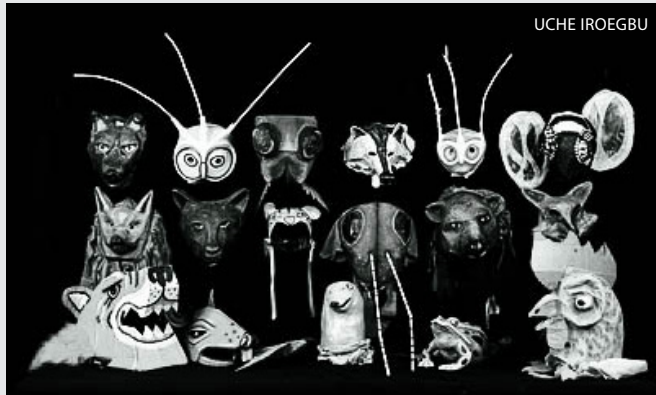
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This study is funded by a grant from the National Cancer Institute (R01CA251478).

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Invitation to Community Groups!



From the HOB T Puppet Library: The masks pictured were crafted by the many hands of HOB T artists and its loving community over years and years of operation.

It is always sad to see a beloved community event end, but we are excited about new possibilities with the decentralized MayDay Celebrations! Remember *the alley* as you are planning a future MayDay event (or any community event) - to publicize in *the alley*, email information to copydesk@alleynews.org.

Of special note for your future events: In the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre is hosting a new Puppet Library that will lend puppets and masks to the public for FREE! Learn more at hobt.org/puppet-library.

Resiliency

POETRY

By DANETTE BILLUPS

Healing the broken
Rising from the ashes, like a phoenix arising from the flames
Flames of hatred and prejudice destroyed our beautiful city
Looting and pillaging not only hurt family businesses, but also dishonored our elders and ancestors
Yet, here we are, doing what we do best:
Supporting our neighbors in times of need
Providing a meal or encouraging word
We may not all look alike or sound alike
We may have different customs and traditions
Some have blue eyes
Some have hazel eyes
Others may have brown eyes
Some may have kinky hair
While others have straight, wavy, or curly hair
But one thing we all share is that we are here
We are Minnesota on the best days and the worse days
We love
We hate
We fight
We embrace
We cry
We fall down, and,
We get back up
We are the doctors and lawyers that heal the land and provide guidance
We are the teachers and students who shape the future
We are the mothers and fathers, the sisters and brothers, who are the keepers of the community
We are from Laos
We are from Cuba
We are from Egypt
We are from Somalia
Some wear a hijab
Some wear a kilt
Some honor the Kente cloth
We are old, and
We are young
We are everything in-between
We are Phillips neighborhood, full of diversity and thriving with gifts and talents found therein

MDHR Settlement Response: OP-ED

Consent decree falls short and keeps power out of community hands; we need an all-elected Civilian Police Accountability Commission to permanently reign in the abuses of MPD

By Twin Cities Coalition for Justice for Jamar and Minneapolis for Community Control of Police

On March 31st, the City of Minneapolis and the Minnesota Department of Human Rights (MDHR) signed a consent decree to address human rights violations by the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD). While the agreement lays out some much-needed policy changes, ultimately the power dynamics of the city are left unchanged.

This plan hinges on the Police Chief having the will to carry out meaningful changes; however, at the end of the day, the Chief reports directly to the Community Safety Commissioner, an unelected bureaucrat, and the Mayor, who misleadingly campaigned on a no-knock warrant ban just months before Amir Locke was murdered during a no-knock warrant raid. Now they are asking for blind trust from a community that has borne the brunt of racist and violent policing for decades.

MDHR's investigation highlights what we already know: that left to its own devices, the MPD will avoid accountability and reparative action at all costs. How can the communities who lost Jamar Clark, Terrance Franklin, Justine Damond, Travis Jordan, George Floyd, Amir Locke and many others trust the very institution that has inflicted decades of brutality to carry out reforms?

The consent decree outlines policy changes, culture changes, and accountability measures that must be implemented. It offers two forms of oversight: the problematic Community Commission on Police Oversight (CCPO) and

an Independent Evaluator team. The CCPO is made up of City Council and mayoral appointees, and the Independent Evaluator will be selected by MDHR and the City and approved by the Court. These mechanisms of oversight are fundamentally undemocratic: appointees are not accountable to the public.

Another fatal flaw of the process is it assumes that the same people who have ignored Minneapolis's police brutality crisis for decades will suddenly have the discernment to designate appointees that will listen to and implement feedback from the community.

Without empowering community members, especially those most impacted by racist police violence, to lead accountability efforts, we cannot break free from the endless cycle of police abuse and inaction.

There can be no accountability without analysis and punishment of past crimes perpetrated by the MPD. The settlement makes no provisions for firing or disciplining officers based on past records of conduct, and does not offer any plan to investigate alleged abuse or cover ups. It is critical to the safety of the community that officers with documented records of abuse are removed.

This consent decree does not make the police permanent-accountable - it only puts them on probation. Someday, the consent decree will be terminated. Then, aside from the advisory-only CCPO, there will be no permanent oversight. A court-appointed Independent Evaluator will monitor the Police Department, but oversight should be permanent, inde-

pendent, and elected. For true accountability, the people of Minneapolis need to be steering the process from start to finish, through community control of police.

The Minneapolis Civilian Police Accountability Commission (CPAC) is an all-elected, all-civilian body directly accountable to the people. The CPAC would be enshrined in the Minneapolis Charter, making it difficult to remove or undermine. Civilians, including those who have experienced police violence, will determine MPD policies and enforce disciplinary measures against officers. They will have the power to hire and fire the Chief of Police, set the MPD budget, and remove officers it finds unfit for duty.

Minneapolis for Community Control of Police and Twin Cities Coalition for Justice for Jamar are collecting signatures to get CPAC on this year's ballot. Though no system can transform police into a force for public good, we can create a system in which they are held accountable for the ways they have harmed our communities and prevent further racism and violence.

If you're interested in enacting permanent, concrete oversight of the MPD, and are registered to vote in Minneapolis, look on our website for the community sites hosting the petition - mpls4ccp.square.site. If you've already signed the petition, you can support this critical work by joining our volunteers to collect signatures.

CHANGING SEASON POETRY

By SHELIA BLAND

Goodbye Snow
Cold frigid windy winter
Goodbye
No more bitter biting and burning
Time now for winds to kiss and caress.
Snows melt with emotion
Discarding winter coats to go skinning-dipping
As gentle raining drops
Cascading water slides of wonder
Babbling as brooks
Riding the sloping curves and dips of earth.
Beaming sunbeams, once frosty
Now snuggle closer spreading warmth.
Hibernation takes a hiatus
Joints loosen, flex
The sky sings
Spring has sprung

Shelia Bland lives in Midtown Phillips. She has been writing most of her life to help herself understand the experiences and people in her shared world.

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Tales, cont.

ity, died from consumption. Private Thomas Fingland, aged 55, served in Colorado, guarding gold mines to prevent them from falling into Confederate hands; he died from pneumonia. Private William Holtz, age 43, a Prussian immigrant, was discharged for disability after the Battle of Corinth in 1862; he died from dropsy. Private William James, aged 29, whose occupation at the time of his enlistment was "gentleman", was discharged for disability and died from consumption. Sergeant David J. Lewis, aged 29, was born in New York; the cause of his death was described simply as an "accident." Private Lawrence (Lorenzo) Prescott, aged 30, was a Native American veteran who served with the 1st Minnesota Sharpshooters; he was discharged for disability after he contracted malaria. Private Julian Putnam aged 35, a bootmaker, died from pneumo-

nia in Chicago, Illinois. Sergeant John Van Pelt, born in Indiana; the cause of his death was not recorded but three months after he died, his wife Mary died from consumption. Captain David S. Yardley, aged 24, drowned in Lake Harriet; he had received a medical discharge for wounds that he received at Antietam.

An estimated 650,000 to 750,000 men died during the Civil War. It is not possible to say whether these 18 veterans were among those counted. Please join us in remembering

them on Monday, May 29th, at 10 AM.

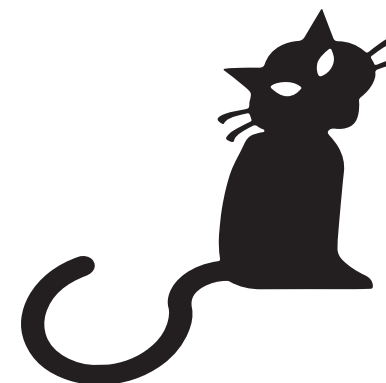
Sue Hunter Weir is chair of Friends of the Cemetery, an organization dedicated to preserving and maintaining Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery. She has lived in Phillips for almost 50 years and loves living in such a historic community.



Cool Off Days

Free five-week summer program for youth completing K-7th grade and within our service area. Program runs Monday-Thursday from 12:00-5:00pm.

Contact Banyan Community for more information. 612.722.8512 mail@banyancommunity.org



PHILLIPS SPRING WELCOMING & FOOD SOVEREIGNTY CELEBRATION

May 13th, 11 AM - 3 PM
2800 Block of 18th Ave and Four Sisters Farm
Help us celebrate the coming of Spring with the EPIC annual meeting and the season-opening of the Four Sisters Urban Farm!

Event includes:

- Food • Seedling
- Informational Giveaway
- Tables • Lots of fun!

EPIC vote starting at 11, Four Sisters opening prayer at noon



EPIC Board Elections will be held Saturday May 13th Vote in person at the Phillips Spring Welcome & Food Sovereignty Celebration at Four Sisters Farm, or online at eastphillips.org Ballot will be live online May 7th-20th at 12pm. Find out more at the EPIC Community Meeting: May 11th 6-7pm. Zoom link at eastphillips.org

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Movie Corner

Confessions of a Nazi Spy



Warner Bros. 1939 Black & White

By HOWARD MCQUITTER II



Howard McQuitter II

Often forgotten but influential in world history, especially in America, before and during World War II, is the movement of Nazi sympathizers. To shed some light on Nazi spies here and abroad at the time, Hollywood studio moguls like Jack Warner (Warner Bros.) and Louis B. Mayer (MGM Studios) produced films to let their audiences see in theaters stories of Nazi sympathizers and Nazi opponents played by actors. However, Nazi sympathizers did live in real time and not just on screen. One of the motion pictures at the time is director Anatole Litvak's Confessions of a Nazi Spy (1939) that gets entangled in who are spies, who squeals on the other (intentional or unintentional), who gets away, and who catches the culprits through artful tactics.

In Litvak's movie FBI agent Edward Renard (Edward G. Robinson) is determined to out the Nazi sympathizers in America and elsewhere, if possible. He knows the German American Bund is, for the most part, a series of clandestine

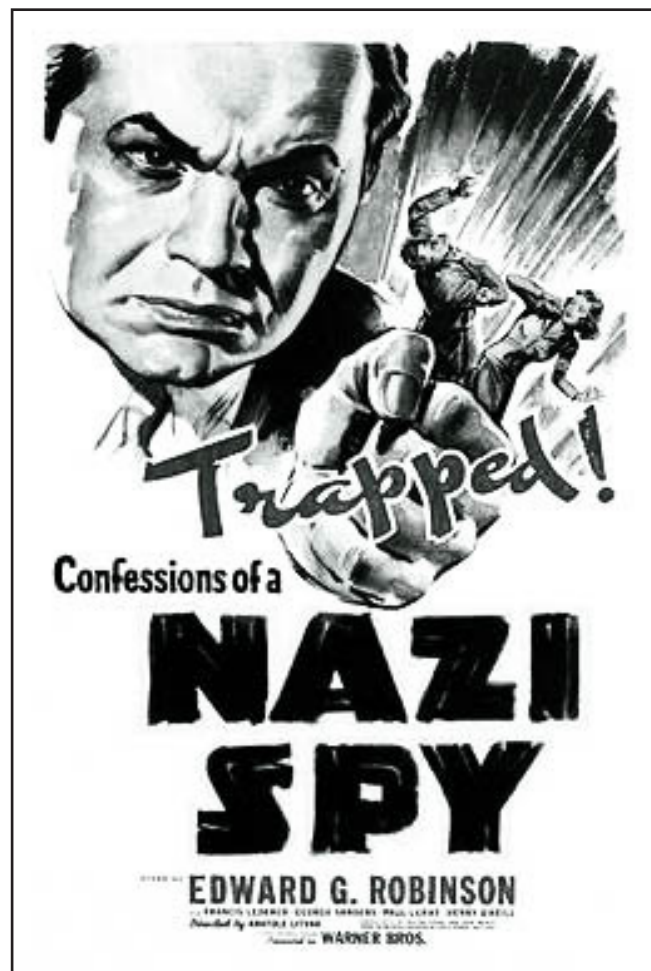
Nazi movements. (The German American Bund actually operated in Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Chicago, New York City, etc.) A Mrs. Mary McLaughlin (Eily Malyon) runs a clandestine international post office out of her home in a bucolic village in Scotland. She thinks no one will discover her deeds in such a "hidden" place. Her little operation is under the cloak of the German Bund, a secret society hellbent on the "purification" of the German "race". Back in New York, the German American Bund is headed by Kurt Schneider (Francis Lederer), a Nazi spy, who has orders from Germany to report to the Nazis how many American troops are assigned in the New York area.

Franz Schlager (George Sanders) is told to make contact with Schneider and give him a new task. But when Schneider sends a letter to the Nazi Party in Germany it is intercepted in Scotland leading to the arrest of Mrs. MacLaughlin. But guess what? Edward Renard, the relentless F.B.I. agent, and his fellow agents investigate her home find-

ing damning evidence. The evidence points to Nazi espionage activities in the United States. Shortly, federal agents discover one of Schneider's assignments and arrest the Nazi operative just when least expected. The agents bring Schneider to Renard for questioning. Schneider is at first reluctant to reveal his connections.

Renard's savviness is able to get a complete confession from him. Hilda Keinhauer (Dorothy Tree) is implicated as a Nazi spy by Schneider leading to her arrest by federal agents. She in turns unintentionally implicates D. Karl F. Kassell (Paul Lukas). There again, Renard is successful at getting Kassell to crack. Dr. Julius Gustav Krogman (Sig Ruman), a German government official, makes a desperate appeal before Renard to insist Keinhauer had lied because she is coerced into signing a false confession. Of course, Renard doesn't buy Krogmann's plea and kicks him out of his office. Renard concludes the German government is complicit in the espionage crimes. Renard tries to protect Kassell from Hintze (Lionel Royce) and Wildebrandt (Henry Victor), but the two men kidnap Kassell forcing him on the German liner S.S. Bismarck for Germany. Renard tries to stop the ship but fails. When Kassell arrives in Germany he's forced to charge the U.S. government with harassment and intimidation against the F.B.I.

Cast: Edward G. Robinson (Edward Renard), Paul Lukas



Warner Bros.

(Dr. Karl Kassell), Francis Lederer (Kurt Schneider), Henry O'Neill (Attorney Kellogg), Mrs. Mary McLaughlin (Eily Malyon), Grace Stafford (Mrs. Schneider), Joe Sawyer (Werner Renz), Celia Sibelius (Mrs. Liza Kassell), Lionel Royce (Hintz), John Voigt (Johaaa Westphal), Henry Victor (Wildebrandt), Frederick Vogeding (Captain Richter), William Vaughn (Captain von Eicher), George Sanders (Franz Schlager), Dorothy Tree (Hilda Keinhauer), James Stephenson (British military intelligence

agent), Sig Ruman (Dr. Julius Gustav Krogmann), Hans von Twardowski (Max Helldorf). Director: Anatole Litvak. Screenwriters: John Wexley and Milton Krims. Music Director: Leo F. Forbstein. Cinematography: Ernest Haller and Sol Polito. Running time: 110 minutes.

Howard McQuitter II is a long-time movie critic. He has been reviewing movies for the alley since 2002.

RETURNING

CHAPTER 31: The Wind Changes

By PATRICK CABELLO HANSEL



Patrick Cabello Hansel

The visitor who came bearing the truth was not perfect. Most heroes or heroines are not. And to be honest, most heroines and heroes are not welcomed with open arms by those who they come to help.

Such was the case with Agnes; dear old Agnes, who showed up at Attafe, AKA Mother Light's door. She had been forced to do the dirty work of Brian Fleming, who threatened to kill or sell overseas Amethyst*, Agnes' granddaughter and only living relative. Torn by guilt over her culpability, she vowed to save Guadalupe, the kidnapped daughter of Angel and Luz. She knew the possible cost for doing so was terrible. But the damage to her spirit if she did not try to save the little child was greater.

Mother Light brought Agnes into the living room and stood between her and our little family. That was a wise and necessary thing, because as soon as they saw her, Luz and Angel were up on their feet, shouting and moving toward Agnes.

"Where is our girl?" "What have you done with Lupe?" "We trusted you and you betrayed us!" "How could you do that?" "TELL US WHERE SHE IS!" Mother Light let the wounded parents yell for a time, then raised her hand in such a way that everyone knew it was time to be quiet. "We will not secure the child by hatred or fear," she said

softly. Luz, who a few moments earlier was ready to physically attack Agnes even though she was elderly, sat down, put her face in her hands and wept. "Where is my baby?" she cried. "What have you done to our little Lupita?" There are cries which feel as if they could tear the fabric of the universe in two. Cries so deep and ancient, no human balm can soothe them. This was one of them. Mother Light sat next to Luz, put her arm around her, and said, "Your suffering will break as with the dawn," she said simply. "Agnes is here to lead you to your child." "Agnes!" Angel cried out. "How can we trust her after she led us right to that evil man?" Mother Light breathed deeply, and as she exhaled, the first barely blue was born in the eastern sky. A single bird sang outside the window. A breeze, unique to each person, rose from each heart and mingled in the air above them. Mother Light shot up into the

mingled wind. "We must go!" she said. "Now! If you don't trust Agnes and the great sacrifice she is making, trust me. Trust what the wind in your heart is saying." Angel and Luz rose, not knowing what to do, not even knowing if they believed what was happening around them. They rose because their bodies made them. They rose because their son, Angelito was already out the door, holding onto Mother Light's hand. It looked as if they were flying. * Author's note: Previous installments incorrectly named the threatened young woman as Ingrid, who was Agnes' daughter and Amethyst's mother. Even in magical realism, one ought to keep better track of these things! Patrick Cabello Hansel is a retired pastor, having served with his wife for 15 years at St. Paul's Lutheran in Phillips. He spends his days writing poetry and fiction, gardening and yelling at the TV.

Is there something going on in Phillips that should be noted in the alley? Let us know all about it by sending your sentences and/or photographs to: copydesk@alleynews.org CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

Boulevards, cont.

Continued from page 2... Another exciting piece of news is that in March, we were alerted to the fact that in 2014, the boulevard food growing ordinance was changed. We knew it'd been in committee, but we hadn't seen proof of passage until now. So we've actually been allowed to grow food on our Minneapolis boulevards this whole time. This 2014 ordinance change also eliminated height restrictions. Of course, we still want to be smart about what and how we grow food. Also, remember this doesn't include fruit trees, which are under the Park Board's jurisdiction. Finally, we have a few things in the works with the South High Garden Club. Won't you join

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us at the annual open house on May 18? There'll be food trucks, community organizations, and a chance to learn about all the amazing work several South High groups are doing on campus with urban agriculture, pollinators and native plants. Come from 3:30-6:30 at the 31st Ave. gate; all are welcome! Drop by our table to say hello and pick up a few seeds if you need them. We hope to see you there!

As a Northeaster, Michelle Shaw joined the City's Community Environmental Advisory Commission in 2017 and became a fierce advocate for the Roof Depot and for the Northside community to be included in creating Upper Harbor Terminal. After spend-

ing time with community members in both Green Zones, the area she knew she could best partner with community (and you can find her subbing at a Southside school!) was food injustice; Minneapolis Edible Boulevards was born in 2019.



Bellecourt, cont.

buildings will allow us to increase the number of clients served, generate more jobs, and reverse the negative disparities that exist, all positively impacting the State of Minnesota," said Cummings. "We are here because we are interested in upstream solutions. We are a collaboration of educated, innovative leaders who have data to support the incredible work of our organizations and the positive impact we have on community." Cummings also discussed the work of the MIWRC and how it would benefit from the bill if passed. "We serve over 6000 clients a year with a building that lacks functionality, comfort, safety, sustainability, and efficiency," said Cummings. A House version of the bill, House File 2207, authored by Representative Hodan Hassan (DFL - District 62B) was heard in the House Capital Investment Committee on March 20 on an informational basis, meaning that no vote on the legislation was taken. Next steps for the House legislation are unknown. Additionally, on March 21, the day after the House information hearing, community members organized by the American Indian OIC held a press conference and rally at the Capitol aimed at drawing attention to the proposed legislation. As of the time this issue went to print, it is unknown whether or not Senate File 2009 will be included in the Senate's Capital Investment omnibus bill.

Raise Your Voice The Whirlwind

By PETER MOLENAAR



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It was a dustbowl tornado which elevated Dorothy. She would then reveal the wizard who pulls the strings behind the curtain. Indeed, democracy under the capitalist system is always circumscribed. Truthfully, Dorothy would not have prevailed had she not allied herself with the brains, the brawn, and the spirit of the laboring masses. April 13, 2023... I attended a revival of LSP's annual Breakfast and Lobby Day at the state capital, as did several others who reside in District 62B. Note: offices are

located across 35th Street from Powderhorn Park. LSP stands for: Land Stewardship Project. As it happened, Minnesota's commissioner of agriculture sat down for breakfast right next to me. Naturally, our friend is aware that our top soil is washing away to Lake Winnipeg and the Gulf of Mexico, and he is also aware that our sources of fertilizer are finite (i.e., our present mode of agriculture is unsustainable.) Yes, he was open for proposals:

- 1.) To facilitate a rapid transition to a sustainable agriculture, the state should contract for the production of cover crop seeds and then distribute said seed free of charge. 2.) The science related to sustainable/regenerative agriculture must be completed. 3.) The hardware for mechanical implementation must be developed. 4.) The genetics of nitrogen fixation should be transferred, in the first instance, to grain crops. Regarding point 4, the commissioner mentioned that he would soon meet with the C.E.O. of Cargill Inc. (He also noted my objection to the fact that Cargill sustains several billion-dollar owners who don't do

much.) After Breakfast, some few hundred farmers and friends light-railed to Christ Lutheran Church, which is just across the street from the capital. Eventually, the mike was opened there, and the opportunity for agitation on behalf of this neighborhood arose. The audience was stunned to learn that our city had failed to launch our Urban Farm vision by implementing the farm to school market. Actually, "farm to school" direct marketing is a growing movement all over the countryside. Why then must our children suffer the concentration of diesel fumes in this already polluted neighborhood?

Dave Moore & Linnea Hadaway have lived here since the Reagan 80s and became life partners while originating the cartoon series "Spirit of Phillips."

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[For example, Midtown Farmers Market opens on Saturday, May 6, 2023.]

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Backyard and community gardeners begin to get busy, too!



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