

THIS MONTH IN EAST PHILLIPS & MIDTOWN...

SEEDLING GIVEAWAY

FOUR SISTERS SPRING WELCOMING EVENT

May 18th, 11-3 pm at the Four Sisters Urban Farm
2839 17th Ave S, Minneapolis, MN

Join us for our second annual spring welcoming and seedling giveaway event at the Four Sisters Urban Farm. Connect with neighbors, engage in local community, vote for EPIC board members and get seedlings to start your garden!

- 11 am: EPIC annual meeting
- 12 pm: opening ceremony
- 12:30-3 pm: plant giveaway, food and music

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RUN FOR THE EPIC BOARD:



The East Phillips Improvement Coalition (EPIC) unites Phillips neighbors through celebratory community events and informative meetings about local projects and initiatives. We aim to connect neighbors with essential resources. Our board offers guidance and support for various neighborhood projects, including funding, communication, and outreach efforts.

If you're interested in getting more involved in your community, scan the QR code and tell us about yourself or come to our annual meeting and get free seedlings!

SCAN ME



SMITH FOUNDRY MAKES NEIGHBORS & EMPLOYEES SICK



In March, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) fined Smith Foundry, located in East Phillips, for exposing employees to toxic levels of chemicals including carbon monoxide and respirable crystalline silica. The foundry failed to provide employees with a respiratory protection plan, baseline medical exams, and mitigation training. OSHA fined Smith Foundry \$15,300.

Smith appealed all of the OSHA violations and said in a statement that they are “fully committed to maintaining clean air standards for our neighbors and ensuring a safe workplace for our union employees.” Clearly, this is not true. Despite flagrantly harmful findings by both the Environmental Protection Agency and now OSHA, Smith continues to operate, unscathed. Meanwhile, neighbors continue to breathe in polluted air and employees continue to work in toxic environments.

Residents and allies continue to take matters into our own hands. In April, the Climate Justice Committee held a rally and press conference at Gov. Walz’s residence demanding he shut down Smith Foundry. The people who represent us, including Gov. Walz, are not using their power to protect us. East Phillips residents and allies will continue to stand up and fight for the human right of clean air, clean water, and clean land.

If you’re interested in pushing Smith out of the neighborhood email info@eastphillips.org

EAST PHILLIPS COMMUNITY GARDEN IS LOOKING FOR MEMBERS!

Garden Members enjoy their own plots and work together to tend the garden, steward the space for the benefit of the community and care for the earth.

-or- to sign up as a volunteer and receive invites for communal garden tending times, skill shares, classes and events!

Email garden@eastphillips.org to request an application!

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