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**America  
the  
Beautiful**



BY TONY BOUZA

America's police are out of control. This is news to you?

White America hires cops to control blacks. This is called racism.

The Minneapolis cop did not murder Floyd. It was manslaughter. The prosecutor mangled it, but did he have the police union's endorsement? Why didn't he charge the driver in the Justine Damond shooting?

The city will suffer a humiliation when the four Minneapolis cops are restored. Their firings were illegal. Due process was sacrificed on the altar of expedience.

Did they murder Floyd?

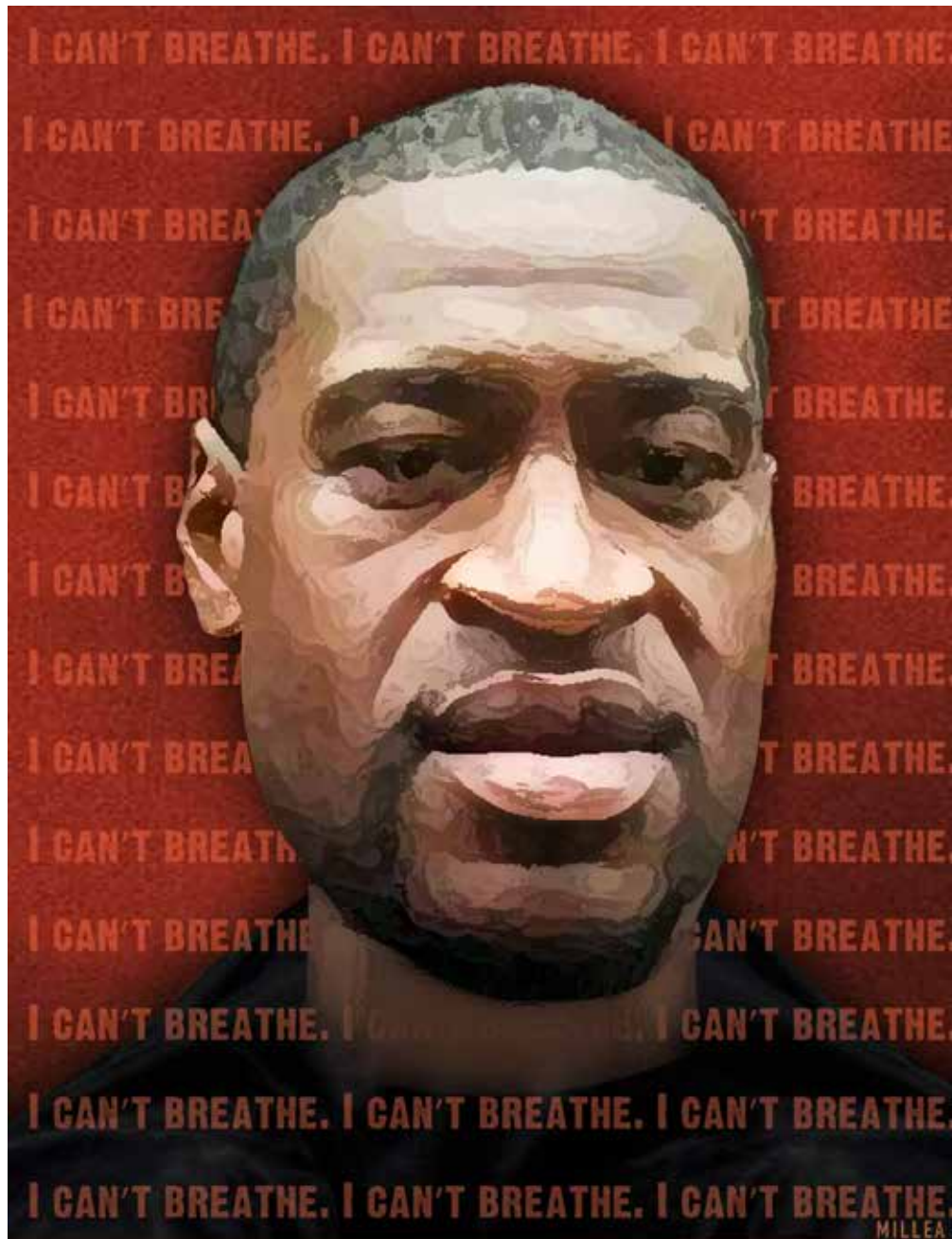
No. They were teaching Floyd a lesson.

Have there been any attempts to control the thumpers in the ranks?

Our leaders have covered themselves in glory.

The cops were fired in violation of law. The union will emerge as heroes as they get the cops restored, arrange for their defense, make bail and secure a reversal. Later—much later—the cops will be

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**His life mattered**

BY ELINA KOLSTAD

Black Lives Matter has always been about more than the murder of unarmed black people at the hands of the police. It also tackles structural racism that can be seen in everything from our educational system to the fact that our justice system does not uphold the law when it comes to police perpetrators.

This structural racism has been in full effect in

the wake of the coronavirus pandemic. People of color are dying at disproportionate rates; financial and housing insecurity has increased disproportionately for people of color; people of color are also a large proportion of the work force that is told to go back to work and risk their lives for the economy, referred to in some cases as "human capital."

On the other hand, we see images of white privi-

lege across all forms of media on a daily basis. People who found Colin Kaepernick taking a knee to be unseemly and offensive now protest not being able to get a haircut and having to wear a facemask in public. These white protesters are seen walking around with semi-automatic weapons, taking them into businesses, shutting down the Michigan state Capitol. As a white woman I am enraged by these images and

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**This has  
gotta change!**

BY ED FELIEN

The cops in Minneapolis have got to be brought under control.

They must be held to the same standards of behavior as the rest of us.

Our civil rights in Minneapolis are protected by the Minneapolis Civil Rights Commission. If some person, some business, or some institution violates our civil rights we have the right to a hearing before the Civil Rights Commission. The commission can subpoena witnesses and compel them to testify under oath, and they can award damages. Except, if our complaint is against the Minneapolis Police. The City Charter specifically exempts them. The mayor and City Council can change that immediately. They can change the charter and make the police accountable when they violate our civil rights, the same as everyone else.

If you and I were involved in a homicide, the police would immediately separate us and take a statement from each of us. We would have a right to have a lawyer present, but we would remain in custody until we gave a statement. When Officers Dustin Schwarze and Mark Ringgenberg killed Jamar Clark, they were asked to wait together in the back



seat of a squad car, and they didn't give a statement for 72 hours. Ditto the officers who killed Terrance Franklin, Thurman Blevins and Travis Jordan. This is something that can change with the directive from the chief, but it wouldn't hurt to have a resolution from the City Council signed by the mayor articulating that everyone has a right to equal treatment under the law.

There must be a full public accounting of the killings of young black men by white police officers. Did the officers follow protocol and established procedures? We needed the mayor and chief of police to publicly evaluate the actions of those officers. They have refused a public accounting. Now, the governor

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**Our 11th Annual  
Summer on Franklin Ave.  
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# Working for an end to police brutality and murder: It's a new paradigm

BY COOPER

Last Monday on June 1, me and my roommate George signed up for our shift as neighborhood watchmen— Powderhorn's response to a failed police system and several nights of fires in South Minneapolis. Our shift was 2 - 4 a.m. patrolling the blocks from 31st to 33rd on 10th and Elliot Avenues. There was a neighborhood-wide and South Minneapolis-wide panic of a white supremacist presence. Probably linked to the "outside agitator" rhetoric (which anyone who attended the demonstrations would understand to be false).

That night the neighborhood was very scared. There were many rumors being circulated, such as that the KKK was gathered in full uniform in Powderhorn park, and the Boogaloo Boys were attacking Midtown Global Market. I am unable to speak to the validity of those; we saw neither on our patrol. George and I walked our four block radius, each in our bright yellow T-shirts, mine saying "Minnesota," his saying "East Lake Liquors." I carried a fire extinguisher to put out any fire a Neo-Nazi might attempt to start. We came across no outside agitators, no white supremacists.

We only saw other concerned neighbors wondering if we were outside agitators or white supremacists. And we were thankful. I have not felt more proud of something in my life. While I am young, it is incredible to see firsthand how a community will be compelled to act against a racist police force. There were spreadsheets, Google documents, group chats and a Facebook page created very quickly. Several neighbors took charge, organizing immediately on how best to keep ourselves safe, and how not to call the police.

Now I believe comes the hard part. I fear that the neighborhood watch portion of this community involvement will be too militant. Our responsibility is not to fill the shoes of the Minneapolis Police Department. Not to photograph every suspicious vehicle and every stranger that might walk down Chicago Avenue. Our responsibility is to our neighbors. To take care of each other and foster change. We need medics, social workers, and people ready to de-escalate and help in every circumstance where any police officer would hurt.

On June 7 a meeting was held in Powderhorn Park by Southside Response in collaboration with Black Visions Collective and Reclaim the Block. Black Visions Collective and Reclaim the Block are organizations working on Black-led transformative justice and divestment of police funding into community programs. Nine of our City Council members were present and made a pledge to work toward police abolition.



Nine City Council members attended the June 7 meeting at Powderhorn Park.

I spoke to Sam Gould, who lives in Powderhorn, about his involvement and organizing with Southside Response. I asked him how Southside Response started. "It was the experience we were all having, that Friday night (May 29). The whole neighborhood was on fire, gunshots, breaking glass, explosions shaking the house. I have never experienced anything like this. For one minute I was on the phone with the mayor: 'Jacob, what the f#\$k is going on? You've got to do something.'" I can't imagine who would have handled that situation. I spoke to our council person, Alondra Cano, that night as well. I said to her if we ever thought the city or the state had our backs, it is more than obvious right now that they don't—we need to organize ourselves. So, at midnight that night we made an event. "We are the only people who can protect ourselves and we are the only people who

can care for one other. Let's figure out how to do it."

The following day, June 1, was the first meeting of Southside Response. Around 1,000 from the community showed up, and we discussed how we were going to keep ourselves and our neighbors safe.

I asked Sam what he sees for Southside Response next. He wants to make it clear it is not an organization, and it is without hierarchical positions. "I want people to realize it's theirs. It's a social tool."

Finally, I asked Sam how he felt as he left the meeting with Black Visions Collective, Reclaim the Block, and the entire community. He quoted Gramsci's "Pessimism of the intellect, optimism of the will."

I agree with Sam, the hard part is far from over. Now is when the community gets to work reimagining how to care for one another without police.



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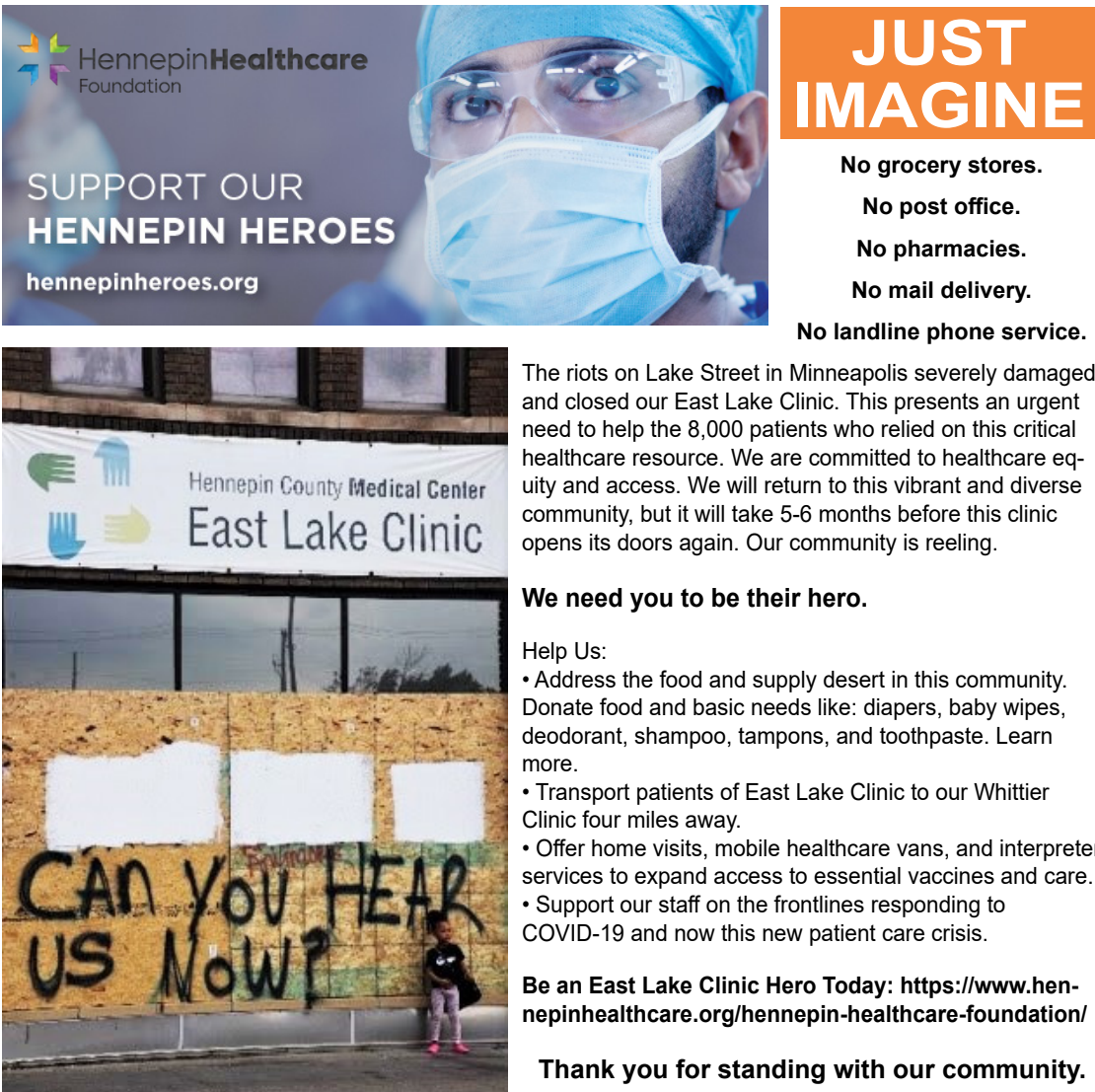
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# We don't run the country, but we make it run

BY ALLISON ANDRADE

Mindy Bergeron-Lawrence is 35 years old. She has worked for McDonald's for 17 years. Mindy is an essential worker. However, McDonald's doesn't give her sick leave. She stated in the Poor People's press conference on May 13 that "without paid sick leave and without a living wage, it doesn't feel like we have a choice. We will go to work sick because we can't afford not to. That was the reality before this pandemic." Mindy calls for sick leave and a living wage. Since she was hired, she only makes 30 cents more per hour. Mindy and other essential workers, as Rev. Dr. Barber would say, don't run the country, but they make it run.

On June 20, 2020, a Mass Poor People's Assembly will take place virtually. The co-chairs of the Poor People's Campaign, Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis and Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, call you to no longer be complacent in this country's immorality. During this unique time, glaring inequity ensues. As many states opt to reopen gradually, there is little regard for essential workers, and the profit of the few is prioritized over the needs of the majority. The Poor People's Campaign is trying to realign this country's values to serve the majority with policy recommendations and digital actions, such as the June 20 virtual march. Theoharis stated that "before the COVID-19 pandemic, almost



Fight for Fifteen March, May 2019. Photo: Bill Boyarsky

700 people were dying every day in the United States because of the crisis of poverty because this nation has a high tolerance for death. Especially when it is poor people, people of color. The national response to this pandemic has only further exposed this country's distorted morality." According to Theoharis, the four relief bills passed do not address the needs of the majority of people. The bills passed by Congress need to include health care for all, sick leave forgiveness, and a moratorium on eviction and rent. The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival has launched a new campaign: Stay in Place! Stay Alive! Organize! The campaign aims to raise the moral cry for non-cooperation with the dangerous and reckless policies that are being proposed.

The demands that the campaign covered in the press conference were:  
\*Universal guaranteed income  
\*Income protection (hazard pay) recognize that there is a

risk to return to work  
\*Health care for all  
\*Sick leave forgiveness  
\*Adequate testing and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)  
\*Care for people who need to be isolated, such as alternative housing  
\*Moratorium on eviction and rent  
The June 20 march was originally planned to take place on Pennsylvania Avenue on the National Mall. Now the campaign is planning to hold the largest digital and social media gathering of poor and low-wealth people, moral and religious leaders, advocates, and people of conscience in this nation's history.  
The Poor People's Campaign

and the Kairos Center for Religion Rights and Social Justice invite you to spread the word about June 20, 2020, with your congregations, communities, virtual campuses and social circles.  
To register for the June 20 virtual march, visit <https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/june2020/>.  
Email [minnesota@poorpeoplescampaign.org](mailto:minnesota@poorpeoplescampaign.org) to get involved in the Minnesota Poor People's Campaign to challenge the evils of systemic racism, poverty, the war economy, ecological devastation, and the nation's distorted morality of religious nationalism.

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convicted and legally fired.  
Leaders will posture and declaim.  
Lawyers, family and other members of the litigation industry will garner windfalls.  
Talleyrand once said, "It is worse than a tragedy, it is a mistake."  
The tergiversations now underway mask some simple truths:  
\*The cops have their hero in the White House.  
\*Racism is alive and well and the cops make sure it is.  
\*Black leaders ride this wave cynically.  
\*Mayors are clueless.  
\*No police chief in America could be labeled a reformer—or seek to be. One did exist in NYC, but he lasted 30 months (Murphy, 1970-73).  
So, let's get real.  
Yes, change will emerge.  
Incremental, grudgingly and

piecemeal. After all, we have abolished slavery, right.  
Ask any black you know—are we a racist society?  
I'll rest on the answer.  
And who controls and executes the unspoken instruments of racism?  
Socrates suggested questionings.  
The Bible enjoins us to get wisdom and, with all thy getting, get understanding.  
Cassandra had the gift of prophecy and the curse of not being believed.  
[Editor's note: Tony Bouza built the 3rd Precinct station house. He consolidated the six former precinct stations to four because, "Buildings eat people. When I was talking to the architect I said, 'I want a light, airy, welcoming building.' And that's what it was." But, he admitted to me, it had become "a place with swastikas on the wall."]



# Local businesses: open, closed, restricted ... ?

Look for the \* on the name of an organization that is a POC-owned or immigrant-owned business or POC- or immigrant-oriented and/or led. If we got anything wrong, please email [deborama@gmail.com](mailto:deborama@gmail.com) with your corrections.

**Restaurant/Café/Pub**

**Bagu Sushi & Thai\***. Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad, Uber Eats. Patio. Restricted hours.

**Bill’s Chinese Garden**. Open to public with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by DoorDash, GrubHub & Seamless, or pickup. Usual hours.

**Birchwood cafe**. Open with restrictions. Online or phone orders delivered by Toast with curbside pickup. Patio. Usual menu and hours.

**Bull’s Horn**. Open to public with restrictions. Online and phone orders. No delivery. Curbside, counter pickup, patio dining. New hours.

**Cafe Racer\***. Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by business. Restricted hours.

**Dragon Wok\***. Closed probably temporarily.

**El Burrito Mercado\***. Closed permanently.

**French Meadow**. Open with restrictions. Phone for reservations. Delivery by Bite Squad, DoorDash, GrubHub, Postmates. Patio. Usual hours.

**Gandhi Mahal\***. Closed probably temporarily.

**Hamburguesas El Gordo\***. Open to public with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad, Uber Eats. Usual hours.

**Heather’s**. Open with restric-

tions. Phone for reservations. Delivery by Bite Squad. Usual hours.

**Himalayan\***. Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad. Patio. Usual hours.

**Hot Indian Foods at MGM\***. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad, Chow Now, DoorDash. Curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

**Infused Life Plant-based Eatery at MGM**. Closed to public. Phone orders only. No delivery. Curbside pickup. Restricted hours. New restaurant!

**Jakeeno’s at MGM**. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad, DoorDash, GrubHub. Curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

**Manny’s Tortas at MGM\***. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad & GrubHub. Curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

**Maria’s Café**. Open with restrictions. No online ordering. No delivery. Patio. Usual hours.

**Merlins Rest**. Open with restrictions. Call for reservations. Delivery by Bite Squad. Patio. Restricted hours except for takeout.

**Mi Casa Tacos y Tamales\***. Open to public with restrictions. Phone orders. Delivery by Uber Eats. Grab and go. Usual hours. Brand new restaurant!!

**Midori’s Floating World Café\***. Closed probably permanently.

**Modern Times Cafe**. Closed to public but patio dining or pickup. Very restricted hours and menu. Pay-what-you-can for June. See Facebook page for updates.

**Northbound Smokehouse Brewpub**. Open with restrictions. Call

for reservations or pickup. Patio. Usual hours.

**Parkway Pizza**. Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by business or thru Bite Squad. Patio. Usual hours.

**Pizza Luce Seward**. Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by business. Usual hours. Full menu!

**Prieto Taqueria Bar\***. Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by business, DoorDash, Uber Eats. Restricted hours. New restaurant!

**Quang\***. Open to public with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad, DoorDash. Usual hours.

**Reverie**. Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Patio. Restricted hours. Beer and wine available.

**Smoke in the Pit\***. Open to public with restrictions. Phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad. No curbside pickup. Pre-order grab and go.

**Soberfish\***. Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad & DoorDash. Call for curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Pre-order grab and go.

**Standish Café**. Open to public with restrictions. No delivery. Patio. Restricted hours.

**The Howe**. Open with restrictions. Delivery by Bite Squad & Uber Eats. Patio. Usual hours.

**Trio Plant-based\***. Open with restrictions. Full menu. Usual hours.

**Bakery/Coffee/Deli**

**A Baker’s Wife**. Open to public with restrictions. Online and phone orders. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Patio. Restricted hours.

**A Cupcake Social**. Closed permanently.

**Butter Bakery**. Open to public with restrictions. Online order and delivery by Chow Now. No curbside pickup. Patio. Restricted hours.

**C. McGee’s**. Open to public. Call for information. Delivery by DoorDash. Usual hours.

**Café Meow**. Open to public with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Cat lounge experience by reservation. Still fostering cats—visit cats by video.

**Five Watt Coffee**. Open to public with restrictions. Call for information. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Patio. Restricted hours.

**Key West Bistro**. Open to public with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad, Door Dash, GrubHub & Uber Eats. Patio. Usual hours.

**Mel-O-Glaze**. Open to public with restrictions. Call for information about delivery or curbside pickup. Usual hours. Grab and go.

**Peace Coffee (Minnehaha Ave)**. Closed to public. Online ordering available--bagged coffee and merch only. Delivery by USPS, etc. No curbside pickup. Also available at many stores.

**Riverview Café**. Open with restrictions. No online or phone orders. No delivery, no curbside. Patio. Usual hours.

**Sisters’ Sludge**. Open with restrictions. No online or phone orders. Grab and go. Patio. Usual hours.

**Sovereign Grounds\***. Open to public with restrictions. No online and phone orders. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Grab and go.

**Groceries**

**Aldi Hi-Lake**. Closed probably temporarily.

**Cub Foods (Minnehaha Mall)**. Closed probably temporarily.

**Cub Foods (46th and Hi-awatha)**. Open with restrictions. Delivery available thru Instacart. Restricted hours.

**Kowalski’s (Chicago Ave & 55th Street)**. Open to public. No online and phone orders. Order thru Shipt (subscription only). No curbside pickup. Usual hours.

**Longfellow Market**. Open to public. No online and phone orders. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

**Oxendale’s Market (Minneapolis)**. Open to public with restrictions. No online and phone orders. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Usual hours. 7 to 8 a.m. shopping for at-risk customers.

**Seward Co-op / Friendship**. Open to public with restrictions. No phone orders. No delivery. Check website for online ordering with curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

**Target (Minnehaha Mall)**. Closed probably temporarily.

**Wedge & Linden Hills Co-op**. Open to public with restrictions. No phone orders. Order thru Instacart for delivery. New--curbside pickup available! Usual hours.

**Specialty/Convenience**

**Coastal Seafoods**. Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Mercato. Usual hours.

**Everett’s Foods**. Open to public. No online or phone orders. No delivery or curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

**La Alborada\***. Open to public. No online and phone orders. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

**Produce Exchange at MGM**. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Mercato. Call for curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

**Tare Market**. Open to public with restrictions. No online and phone orders. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Usual hours. Bring your shopping bag—zero packaging.

**Delivery Services for Groceries, etc.**

**Instacart**. Aldi, Costco, Cub Foods, CVS, Lakewinds Co-op, Lunds&Byerlys, Petco, Staples, Target, Wedge Co-op

**Mercato**. Coastal Seafoods, Eastside Food Co-op, Produce Exchange @ MGM

**Postmates**. A Baker’s Wife, Lunds&Byerlys Deli, Vegan East

**Shipt**. Subscription only. CVS, Fresh Thyme, Kowalski’s, Office Max, Petco

**Farmers Markets**

**Kingfield Farmers Market**. Sunday. Open with restrictions. Usual hours.

**Midtown Farmers Market**. Saturday and Tuesday. Open with restrictions. Online ordering available. No delivery. Possible curbside pickup. Usual hours.

**Mill City Indoor Saturday**. Open to public with restrictions. Online and phone orders. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

**Minneapolis Farmers Market Summer season**. Open to public. No online and phone orders. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

**Pharmacy**

**CVS in Target (Minnehaha Mall)**. Closed probably temporarily.

**Present Moment\***. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Call for delivery. Curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

**Ritual Aromatherapy at MGM**. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. No delivery. Curbside pickup. Usual hours. Call to order.

**Seward Pharmacy (next to Briva Health)**. Closed probably temporarily.

**Walgreens (Nicollet Mall)**. Open to public. Usual hours.

**Walgreens (31st Ave & Lake Street)**. Closed probably temporarily.

**Walgreens (Chicago Ave at 43rd Street)**. Closed probably temporarily.

**Retail**

**Dead Media**. Closed permanently. Online sales only.

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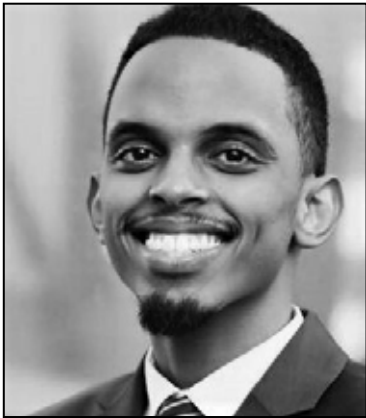
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Omar Fateh, left, and Jeff Hayden, right.

## Hayden loses challenge

BY DAVE TILSEN

After losing the DFL endorsement by a wide margin, Sen. Jeff Hayden filed a complaint with the DFL state central committee that the endorsement was tainted and should be invalidated. He argued that the leadership of the DFL in the district, the leadership of the credentials committee, and the way that he was allowed to access delegate lists were unfair and biased toward his opponent, Omar Fateh.

Sen. Hayden complained that the delegate lists from the precinct caucuses were illegible, that the data entry was incomplete, inaccurate and untimely. No one disputed this. The committee asked if this was not an issue that equally hampered both candidates, and has often been the case throughout the years.

The Hayden campaign said that several hundred of the addresses were not legitimate postal addresses according to a mailing verification service the campaign had used.

The response was that most of these were people who lived in

large apartment buildings, and did not include apartment numbers when they signed in. Since the credentials committee only needed to verify that the delegate lived in the precinct, apartment numbers were not required. They also said that most of their postcards did get delivered in spite of the lack of apartment numbers, although they only sent postcards for those whose emails had not been verified.

The DFL also noted that there was over 90 percent turnout of both delegates and alternates, which was unprecedented, and that even if all of Sen. Hayden's challenges had been granted, the result of the endorsement would have been unchanged.

The DFL committee had 10 days to decide, but in just four days voted not to sustain the complaint.

"A lot of volunteers worked very hard under difficult circumstances to pull off this vote. I would hope the senator would recognize that and support Omar Fateh," said 62nd district DFL Chair Brittany Matthews.

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the lack of consequences for these perpetrators. I can only imagine what these images must feel like to people of color.

The pandemic has knocked all of us off our feet to one degree or another, but the impact is most potent on people of color who were in many cases already struggling in our "booming" economy. In the wake of coronavirus, the economic uncertainty of large portions of our population has been amplified exponentially. People can't afford food; it is a matter of when, not if, they get evicted; many don't have access to health care; and often they or their family members are "essential" and must expose themselves to deadly threat on a daily basis.

Into this festering swell of uncertainty and terror a video emerged. In truth I haven't watched it. I can't watch these

videos, and I don't need evidence to believe black people. In it, George Floyd is murdered by the police in cold blood. From what I hear, it is horrific on a scale that surpasses videos that have come before. Part of what makes the video so horrific is the nonchalance of the officers involved. They don't care that people see them, they don't care that they are being filmed. They clearly expect to keep their jobs, they expect no consequences.

But there were consequences. The police officers involved were fired swiftly. This IS an unprecedented move, but in light of the horror of the events it was obviously not enough. People demanded charges be filed. They organized peaceful protests. Normally in these cases the police allow people to march and blow off steam with minimal antagonism because people will express themselves, get it out of their system, and be forced to return to the daily grind eventu-

ally. This time was different. This time the police were mad. How dare these protesters demand more than the firing of these officers, which in the eyes of the police was already too much. How dare these protesters, who pay the police officers' salaries, insist that the police are not above the law?

The police responded to the protests with hundreds of tear gas canisters and rubber bullets (not as cuddly as they sound). They wanted the protesters to pay for the fact that police officers faced ANY consequences to their actions. Then buildings started to burn.

There are many questions surrounding the first fire in the AutoZone on Lake and Minnehaha: images of protesters attempting to stop the individual believed to be the arsonist; a striking resemblance between him and a St. Paul police officer; and his rumored retreat to the back door of the 3rd Precinct have questions swirling. But even if

lis and Minnesota used fear mongering, hyperbole and misinformation to terrify their citizens and get them to accept the national guard and virtual martial law."

Dave did this collage of local newscasts: <https://youtu.be/yKJFKf8wUC4>

If you want more, Debra Keefer Ramage took these 15 pictures of Lake and Minneha-

cious healthy and simple. No oil, sugar or salt.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q29V-GmQ6EQ>

The Minneapolis Institute of Arts writes, "While our galleries remain dark, you can visit us virtually. Enjoy this series of short videos highlighting artworks featured in the exhibition



Photo: Nathan House

ha on May 30: <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10158596251241204&set=a.10158596250476204&type=3&theater>

And Nathan House, our new production assistant for New Media, took these photos of the May 28 demo downtown:

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And, now for something completely different.

How would you like to make a low-fat burrito bowl? Jocelyn Graef assures us it's fast, easy and vegan. Deli-

"When Home Won't Let You Stay: Art and Migration," narrated by Gabriel Ritter, Mia's head curator of contemporary art. Click here to watch them all: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/art-migration>

Does all this make you nostalgic for the '70s and anti-war demonstrations? Here is a 22-minute fragment from a documentary I produced for Experimental College in 1972:

[https://www.youtube.com/results?search\\_query=experimental+college+1972+ed+feli](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=experimental+college+1972+ed+feli)

ward. If the problem was truly a few bad apples, the police department would not have reacted the way it did. Their actions demonstrate that each and every one of them has a guilty conscience. They are violently opposed to consequences for fellow officers because they fear the consequences they may face some day. The whole damn system is guilty as hell.

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# Friendship Academy of the Arts grade school to expand

BY STEPHANIE FOX

The original plans were for a huge ceremony and celebration to mark the literal groundbreaking at the Friendship Academy of the Arts site in March. But the lockdown caused by the COVID-19 virus made large gatherings and public celebrations impossible. Instead, the groundbreaking ceremony on April 17 was virtual.

Students, parents, faculty and administrators watched live-streamed ceremonies, sharing photos of themselves in artistic hardhats and shovels. The ceremony went live on Facebook and YouTube with more than 1,100 people taking part.

The new building, at 3320 41st

new school building?

In 2016 Friendship Academy was named a national Blue Ribbon school, the only school in Minneapolis to ever receive that honor, said Russell. The National Blue Ribbon Schools Program recognizes schools based on academic excellence and success in helping close achievement gaps. Minnesota has some of the worst educational achievement gaps among low-income and minority students in the country and Friendship Academy is doing its part to change that.

Friendship Academy combines arts education with academics, and, said Russell, “we are doing it at a higher level to give the students involvement in the community and give them a

arts. “It’s not just drawing,” said Russell. The programs include integrating arts such as dance, music and creative writing incorporated into more academic subjects. Arts as diverse as yoga, African drumming and line dancing are part of the curriculum. The school had planned to create a chess club but that was interrupted, at least until next year, by the COVID-19 school shutdown.

Teachers and visiting artists plan ways to use arts to teach standard academic subjects such as reading, math, science, social studies and physical education.

The Flowers for Kids program, for example, combines learning about parts of flowers, what flowers need to grow, and how



Dr. Charvez Russell gives welcome to FAA virtual groundbreaking.

Ave. S., will be home to students in the third grade through the newly added eighth grade. Kindergarten through second graders will remain in the original building during the 2020-2021 academic year.

Right now, the school has 165 students, but next year the hope is to more than double student population. “We hope to increase the number of students to 350,” said Executive Director Charvez Russell. The school is currently taking applications for the fall.

Why all the excitement over a

chance to explore their artistic ability. Our model educates the whole child.”

Instead of separating subjects into isolated classes like math, social studies, science and English, the school’s philosophy is that while creating art, students will remember what they have learned if they have created something while learning. The idea is to generate students who are grounded in who they are as artists as well as academically.

The arts at Friendship Academy include more than just visual

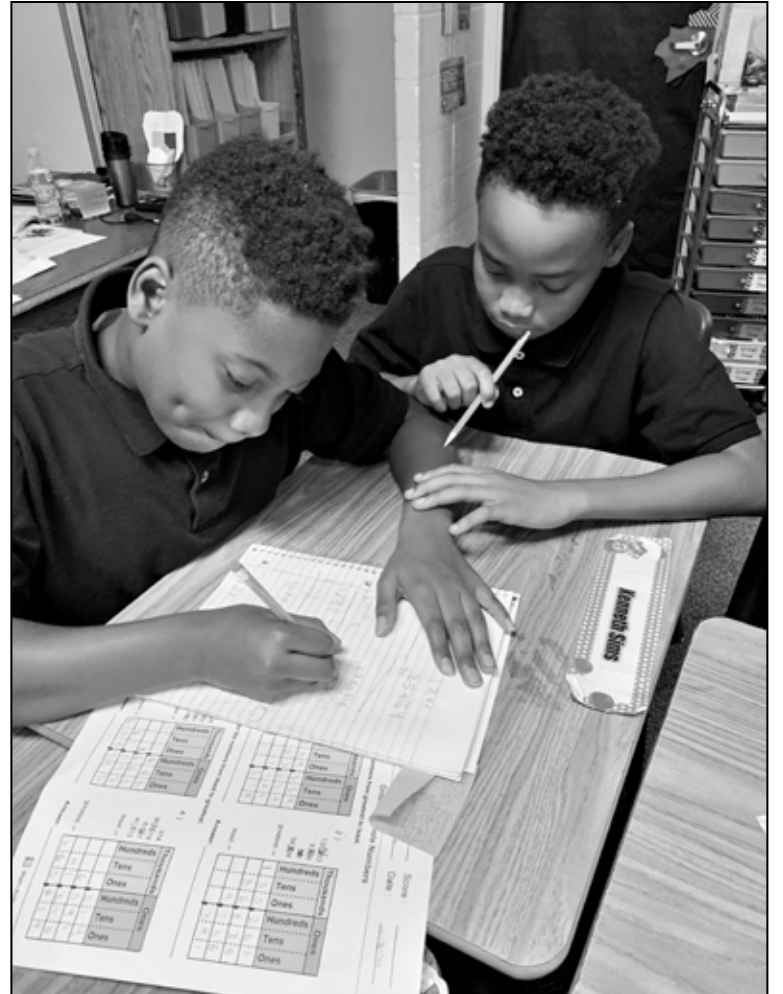
to combine flowers to create a flower arrangement, combining arts and biology.

Guest artists include not just experts in the fine arts but members of the Black Data Processing Associates to introduce students to hands-on computer technology. Students can learn safety topics from experts from the Red Cross.

“We believe every child is an artist and that art is not just drawing, it’s innovating and creating,” said Russell. “These skills will allow these students to grow into adults who can participate successfully in the economy.”

The school was not always the glowing example for academics that it is today. Only a decade ago, the school was an underachiever compared to others in Minneapolis.

In 2009, the state passed legislation to increase accountability in charter schools like Friendship, so the school’s board of directors came up with a 12-point plan. Problems persisted, but soon, with more changes, including projects to get parents more involved and requiring student time in the new computer



Teamwork: two fourth-grade boys work together at Friendship Academy of the Arts.

lab, the students began to rise above and shine.

The biggest change was to use an education strategy called differentiation. With this technique, teachers tailor instruction to meet the unique needs of specific students with the understanding that no two students learn in the same way. This method of understanding and identifying the needs and interests of each child and then paying attention to each student’s growth became the key to student success and the success of the school.

The method is popular not just with students but with teachers as well. Of the 18 teachers at the school during the 2019-2020 school year, 90 percent are staying on for next year. Members of the student body and the staff see Friendship Academy as more than just a school; it’s a tight-knit community as well. “Schools and teachers need to know what each kid needs instead of a ‘you get it or you don’t’ attitude,” Russell said.

“But,” he said, “it’s not one answer, it’s a combination of a lot of things. That includes relationships and connecting with families. It means paying attention to individual child data.”

And, with minority students, there are sometimes cultural miscommunications with how students communicate with authority figures, he said. “What we offer helps close that gap. The first thing is to instill confidence in students, teaching them

that you are who you are. I see this as one of the biggest things.”

In 2020, the student body was 96 percent African American but represented 20 countries, said Russell. Next year, the school is prepared to welcome a more diverse student population. “Every child that comes in, we want to make sure they feel great about themselves,” he said. “Our mission is to educate each student to be proud of who they are as we bring on a more diverse community.”

The school is looking to the community for volunteers as reading tutors for next school year through Reading Corp. To volunteer, apply by July 27 at [readingandmath.net](http://readingandmath.net).

The school is also currently taking student applications with a deadline at the end of August, but Russell said the school “will continue to accept applications until we don’t have room.” Last year, there were 90 to 100 names on the waiting list.

While there is no entry exam and the school accepts anyone who applies, they do an initial assessment to see where to put new scholars, Russell said. “We feel confident that next year, our 20th year, we will continue to deliver high quality education.”

Parents wanting to enroll their kindergarten through eighth grade students for the 2020-2021 school year should contact Friendship Academy for the Arts at [school@friendshipacademy.org](mailto:school@friendshipacademy.org) or 612-879-6703.

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## The American Indian Cultural Corridor in times of COVID-19, police brutality and civil violence



BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

Native American populations, whether in urban areas, or rural communities, or on rural reservations, are hit disproportionately harder by COVID-19 than their white neighbors. In Minneapolis, Native Americans experience homelessness at a much greater rate than their population percentage. And they also have a long and troubled history of experiencing police violence, harassment, and yes, murder in Minneapolis and elsewhere in Minnesota. So however bad white folks have it now with the double whammy of a COVID lockdown of two months followed by a brutal police murder of a black citizen sparking weeks

of civil unrest, know that Native Americans have it worse. Franklin Avenue from Cedar Avenue to 11th Avenue is known as the American Indian Cultural Corridor (AICC), and this is the area, along with Native institutions and businesses nearby, we are focusing on.

This is not a story about victims, though. This is a story about struggle—and resilience that wins the struggle.

The organization that defined

helped by Navajo gourmet chef Brian Yazzie, is one place still buzzing, just not with customers. MAIC has hosted weekday congregate dining for Native elders with meal delivery for shut-ins. Now that all the elders are shut-ins, Yazzie and his team plus a crew of volunteers are delivering daily meals to elders comprising mostly pre-colonial ingredients, many grown or foraged within or near the city.

Gatherings staff preparing indigenous meals for elders.  
Photo: Brian Yazzie



MIGIZI and Gandhi Mahal two days after the fire.  
Photo: D K Ramage

the AICC is the Native American Community Development Institute (NACDI). They describe it as “the traditional heart of the city’s Native American community, as a place where both Indians and tourists can enjoy Native American food, art and culture on Franklin Avenue and in the Phillips Neighborhood of Minneapolis.” This presence is visible in the various American Indian institutions clustered on and around the avenue, including urban tribal offices, the American Indian Center, All My Relations Arts Gallery, Little Earth Housing Corporation, the American Indian Industrial Opportunities Center, and the Indian Health Board.


The Minneapolis American Indian Center, or MAIC, was closed to the public during the pandemic period and still remains closed as of this writing. But it’s not quiet in there. With most staff working from home, many of its programs continue. Its very popular eating establishment, Gatherings Cafe,

One farm that Gatherings gets produce from is Dream of Wild Health. Yes! Magazine did a feature on them that explains their model and history (<https://tinyurl.com/SSP1DoWH>). Dream of Wild Health is a 10-acre nonprofit farm in Hugo, Minn., about 45 minutes north of the Twin Cities, that works to connect urban Indian people with not only healthy fresh produce, but the knowledge of how to grow and prepare this food. They have a youth program, a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program, and participate in the Four Sisters Farmers Market on the avenue. Check out the Four Sisters Farmers Market Facebook page for current information on the elders’ meal program, the market this summer, volunteer efforts following the George Floyd protests and associated destruction in Minneapolis neighborhoods, and a new online cookbook you can buy

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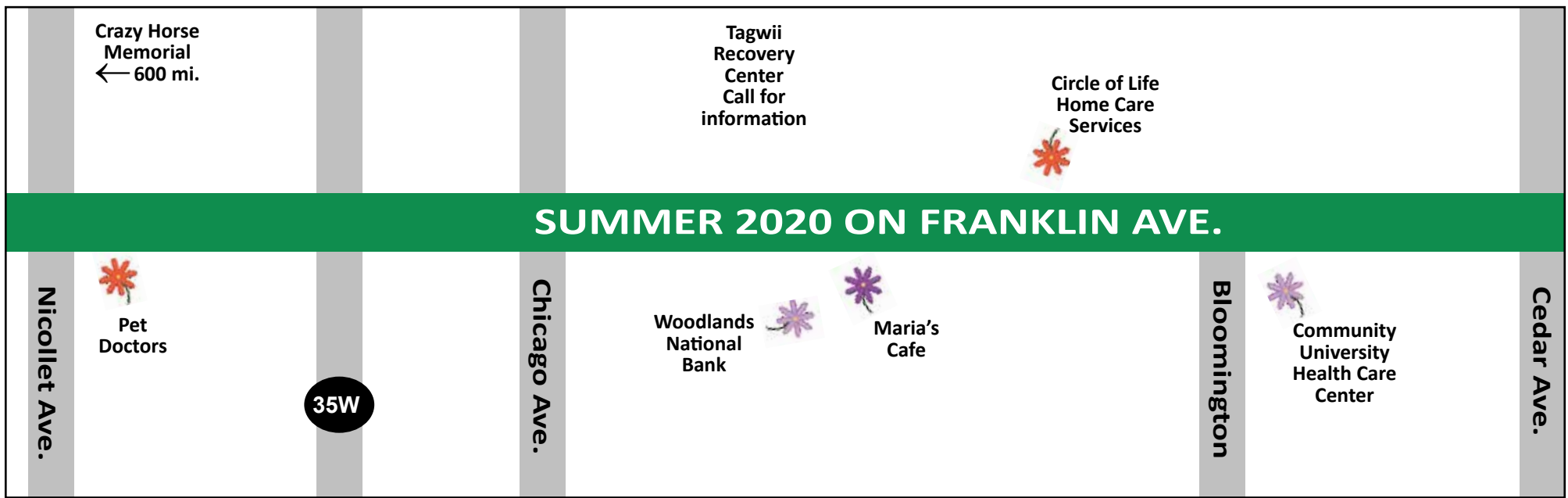
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co-authored by Native chefs including Brian Yazzie and local celebrity Sean Sherman, the Sioux Chef.

A few blocks off of Franklin Avenue on Bloomington Avenue is the All Nations Indian Church. Like most churches, they have gone online. The Circle newspaper (another great institution of the local Native community) talked to pastor Rev. Marlene Whiterabbit Helgemo, who said members of the church are finding crafty, high-tech ways to stay connected and comfort one another while the COVID-19 pandemic keeps them physically apart.

"We're getting good at 'Zooming,'" Helgemo said. "We Zoom it."

With the uprising against the police and the status quo that followed within 24 hours of the police killing of George Floyd outside of

Cup Foods on Chicago Avenue, the entire Twin Cities has experienced a wave of looting and arson. Just as bad was the sharp reaction from the state as well as some affected businesses. South Minneapolis was the epicenter of this chaos and loss. For nearly a week, there was no transit service, many essential businesses were closed, and there was a nightly curfew, with armed and dangerous MPD officers and National Guard enforcing it.

Right off the bat, the Native communities were in the thick of this struggle. George Floyd was killed on May 25 and as the sun rose on May 28, MIGIZI and the radio station housed in their offices were destroyed, a victim of the fires the night before that raged through the blocks around the 3rd Precinct Police Station. "MIGIZI Communications is gone," Rosy Simas shared



The Sheraton Midtown was temporarily a homeless shelter. Photo: Mike Ludwig, Truthout.

on Facebook. "My family and many others built this Native organization that has served the Native community for over 40 years. Archives are there. Yes, it is just a building. But to the Native community this is territory, a home we still had here. Our lands were stolen but we built this place for all people and many communities..."

Robert Pilot, the host of Native Roots Radio, a local talk show that focuses on Native American issues and news, said MIGIZI was the first radio station in Minneapolis to serve Native people and trained many of Indian Country's first radio personalities. The nonprofit's offices were filled with valuable recordings of interviews with leaders of the American Indian Movement, which was founded in Minneapolis in 1968 to curb police violence, Pilot said.

On that same day, the third since Floyd's murder, American Indian leaders of the Metropolitan Urban Indian Directors (MUID) called

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for healing, peace and harmony. “Let us start to heal ... Let us see what we can create together,” their statement said. The MUID is a consortium that includes All Nations Indian Church, American Indian Community and Development Corporation, American Indian Movement (AIM) Interpretive Center, AIOIC, The Circle Newspaper, the Division of Indian Work, Dream of Wild Health, Indian Health Board of Minneapolis, Indigenous Peoples Task Force, Little Earth of United Tribes (LERA), MIGIZI, MAIC, the Minnesota Indian Women’s Resource Center Interim, the Mni Sota Fund, the Native American Commu-

community went into action. AIM dispatched a “street patrol” in Minneapolis in solidarity with protests and to protect much-needed local businesses from looting. AIM’s president, Frank Paro, said in a video they released that police brutality is the reason for AIM’s original existence. He says in the ’60s the police would routinely beat Native Americans in Minneapolis. “They took us down to the river and left us there. If you were lucky, they took you to jail and you got medical attention. But in the 2000s they’re not beating us no more. They’re killing us. That has to stop.”

Another institution taking care

who need it. This watch group had gained permission from the city and the state to be deputized to defend the corner, but on Friday night, they were stood down by the National Guard while defending Midtown Global Market.

For over a week, most of the essential businesses —particularly grocery stores, pharmacies, fast food places—were closed, the transit system was shut down, and many streets were impassable. Even the mail stopped, as the Minnehaha Post Office was one of the buildings burned. Police were not dependable, and fire and EMT services were stretched thin. On Thursday, June 4, the curfew ended, bus and mail service were back, and the violence was nearly quelled. Some of those businesses aren’t coming back for a while; some never are.

In the wake of this, impromptu volunteer mutual aid stations have sprung up all over the city. The new normal is not really normal, but we can expect to see these for a while, perhaps the whole summer.

The radio station burned out of MIGIZI has relocated to KFAI on the West Bank. MIGIZI is rebuilding. Franklin Avenue has largely survived. Here are links to some funds if you want to help.

Rebuild MIGIZI: <https://www.givemn.org/story/Egkb8g>



Abolish the Police mural and graffiti on Moon Palace. Photo: Mike Ludwig, Truthout

[givemn.org/story/Egkb8g](https://www.givemn.org/story/Egkb8g)

Little Earth Residents’ Association: <https://www.givemn.org/organization/Littleearth>

Dream of Wild Health - 2020 CSA is closed but you can donate at: <https://dreamofwildhealth.org/get-involved-2/donate>

Midtown Global Market Mend: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/midtown-global-market/donate>

Cultural Wellness Center Mobile Outreach and Outdoor Drop-In (MOODI): <https://www.givemn.org/story/Mxmjeg>

Unicorn Riot (video news of community and protests): <https://unicornriot.ninja/donate/>

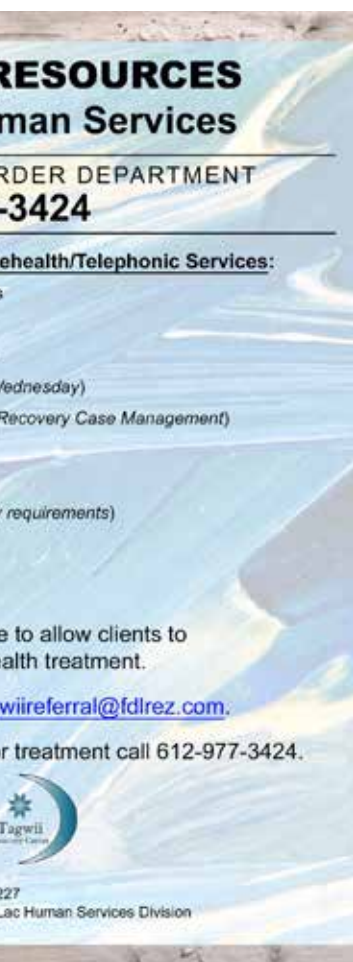
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The largely Native homeless encampment near Hiawatha is growing due to COVID-19. Officials are calling it Camp Quarantine and are testing residents. Photo: KSTP.com

nity Clinic (NACC), NACDI, and the Nawayee Center School.

On the fourth day, May 29, the



of its people was the Residents Association at Little Earth Housing, a Native-specific HUD subsidized housing association. Their watch patrol has effectively prevented any major damage in their complex, despite it being right in the heart of Phillips.

From Indianz.com, an online Native news source, on May 29: Darlene Day of the St. Paul arm of the American Indian Movement asked for Native people to take their drums and sing healing songs for protestors bent on looting and destruction. “I would ask you to work with your tobacco. I would ask you to sing your healing songs,” she said. “Everybody is feeling the actions that took place,” she said, before singing a healing song of her own with her sister, Charlene Day-Castro. [Day-Castro is the director of the Indigenous Womens’ Life Net/Bright Beginnings program at MAIC.] “Everybody understands that historical trauma hits us right here and stays with us.”

One of those local institutions that happens to sit on hard-hit Lake Street is the Division of Indian Work. An online news source, redlakenationnews.com, had this story: A group of Native American former servicemen have taken up positions outside the Division of Indian Work building on the corner of 10th Avenue and Lake Street to defend their small community and offer medical assistance to those



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**Groovy's.** Open to public with restrictions. Usual hours.

**Ingebretsen's.** Closed probably temporarily.

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**Once Upon A Crime.** Open with restrictions. Online orders, delivery by USPS available. Restricted hours. See website for more.

**Uncle Hugo's & Uncle Edgar's.** Closed probably temporarily. Online sales not available (inventory destroyed by fire).

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**Cedar Ave Repair.** Open with restrictions. Usual hours. Call before visit.

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**The Hub Bike Co-operative (Minnehaha).** Closed temporarily.

### Health Care

**HCMC E Lake St Clinic.** Closed probably temporarily.

**CUHCC & CUHCC Dental.** By appointment. Usual hours.

**East Lake Animal Clinic.** By appointment. Usual hours.

**HCMC Whittier Clinic.** By appointment. Usual hours. COVID-19 testing available.

**Minnehaha Animal Hospital.** By appointment. Usual hours.

**Nokomis Pet Clinic.** By appointment. Usual hours.

**People's Center.** Open to public with restrictions. Wellness Hub closed. Online appointment requests available. Telehealth available.

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**Spinal Frontier.** By appointment. Phone orders. Restricted hours. Chiro care and wellness products.

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**Briva Health.** Closed to the public. Health care navigation by phone. Usual hours.

**Macedonia Baptist Church.** Open to public with restrictions. Restricted hours. Call for more information. Only open for food distribution.

**People and Pets Together.** Open to public with restrictions. No delivery or curbside pickup. Usual hours. Pet food shelf—1 client at a time.

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**Ilhan Omar's Office (Franklin).** Food, diapers, hygiene supplies. Noon to 6 p.m.

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**YWCA Midtown.** Food, diapers, hygiene supplies.

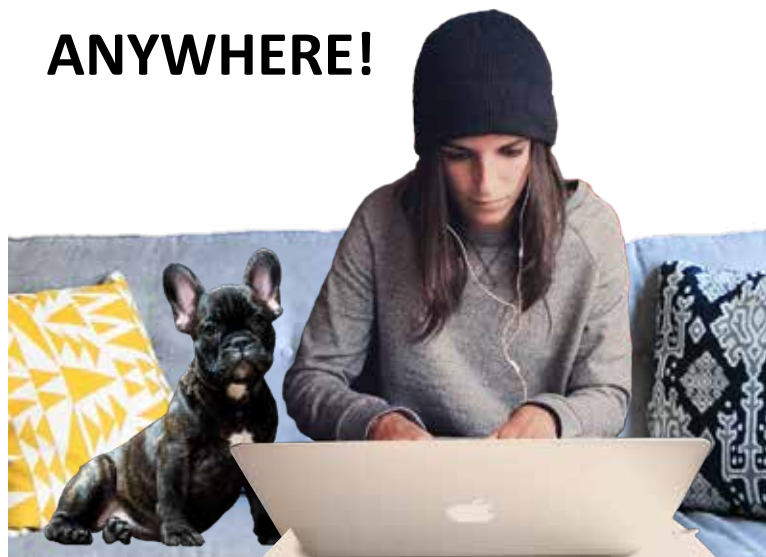
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"The inspiration of the food pantry came through a group of the local youth in Cedar Riverside who saw a purpose to address the needs of the elders and families in

the community." Samia Osman, Cedar Riverside Youth Leader

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If you are interested in supporting us during these hard times while watching great cinema, here's your chance! A few cinema distributors have created "Virtual Screenings" of some independent films we might typically show. You are able to watch these films at home, and it provides economic support for independent theaters like the Riverview. By using the links we provide, you will be supporting us. For each film you rent, a percentage of the cost will go directly to the Riverview. Some of the films we are now offering in our Virtual Cinema include: "The Hottest August," a documentary film about climate change, disguised as a portrait of collective anxiety; "Beyond the Visible"-- In her Stockholm studio, Hilma af Klint created 193 breathtaking abstract paintings long before

Kandinsky (the supposed pioneer of abstract art) ever dreamed of it; "Once Were Brothers: Robbie Robertson and The Band"-- This film is a confessional, cautionary, and occasionally humorous tale of Robertson's young life and the creation of one of the most enduring groups in the history of popular music, The Band; and many more. A complete list of films we are currently offering is available online at <http://www.riverviewtheater.com>, check back soon for more movies!

### Reading for Racial Justice

The University of Minnesota Press is committed to challenging white supremacy, police violence, and unequal access to criminal justice, education, and resources in Minnesota, the United States, and throughout the world. To promote understanding and action for change, a collection of anti-racist books, including "Hope in the Struggle," by Josie R. Johnson, "What God is Honored Here?" by Shannon Gibney and Kao Kalia Yang, "Voices of Rondo," and many more, are available to all to read online for free through August 31, 2020. You can access them here: <https://manifesto.umn.edu/projects/project-collection/racial-justice>.



## Twin Cities Plywood Rescue, a project of ReUSE Minnesota

Minneapolis - June 2020

**ReUSE Minnesota is coordinating pickup, storage and reuse of plywood used to board Twin Cities businesses in June and is looking for volunteer help.**

ReUSE Minnesota stands with our communities advocating change and pursuing justice for George Floyd.

One of the ways we are supporting our communities during this time is through the Twin Cities Plywood Rescue. As businesses remove plywood and reopen, we are leading an effort to collect and store plywood for later reuse with the goal of minimizing the amount of usable material going to the landfill or being burned. Unnecessary disposal of this plywood wastes natural resources and labor to create this material often resulting in vulnerable communities bearing the brunt of the pollution from manufacturing and disposal.

We are respecting murals and artwork and working with organizations to preserve these pieces.

<https://reusemn.org/page/TCplywoodRescueMedia>



## POWDERHORN EDITION

**Southside Pride Powderhorn Edition is a monthly community newspaper delivered on the First Monday of the month for free to convenient locations in and around the Powderhorn community. We are proud of the racial and cultural diversity of the Southside, and we oppose racism and other efforts to keep us apart as a community.**

*If you want to share some news of your church, school or organization, please write us at:*

### Southside Pride

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EVENTS AND  
ONLINE RESOURCES

Masks and gift cards will  
help refugee families

Minnesota Council of Churches  
122 W. Franklin Ave. Ste. 100  
Mpls. 55404  
As MCC Refugee Services continues  
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support refugee families during the  
coronavirus pandemic, two requests  
are surfacing over and over again:  
cloth face masks and Cub grocery  
gift cards. We have distributed  
over 60 donated masks and would  
like 50 more to share with refugee  
community members. Grocery gift  
cards can be mailed to our office and  
will be distributed directly to our  
most vulnerable clients. For more  
information, please email [rsvolunteers@mnchurches.org](mailto:rsvolunteers@mnchurches.org). Thank you  
for caring for your neighbors during  
these days!

Five short courses on  
Racial Reconciliation

The Episcopal Church in Minneso-  
ta’s School for Formation invites  
you to dive into five self-paced  
online short courses aimed at help-  
ing you go deeper into this year’s  
mission opportunity of Racial Rec-  
onciliation. These courses are led  
by nationally-recognized teachers,  
professors and priests. Each course  
consists of short readings, videos  
and online quizzes and discus-  
sions—you can get through every-  
thing in about 45 minutes. You can  
learn online individually, or gather  
a group to watch and discuss togeth-  
er. The courses are free to members  
of Episcopal Church in Minnesota  
faith communities, and available at  
low cost to the public (\$10-15). For  
more information and to register,  
see <https://www.churchnext.tv/library/by/category/social-justice/>.

Bahá’i Center of Minneapolis

3644 Chicago Ave., Mpls.  
Please visit the Bahá’i community  
of Minneapolis website at <https://www.minneapolisbahai.org/>. Here  
you will find information about  
upcoming and past Holy Day cele-  
brations, as well as news, announce-  
ments and information.

Calvary Lutheran Church

3901 Chicago Ave., Mpls.  
Sunday worship at 10 a.m. via Face-  
book Live and Zoom. Online Group  
Meetings: Calvary members are ac-  
tively leading discussion and study  
groups during this time. Please visit

our website at [www.clchurch.org](http://www.clchurch.org) for  
more information.

Catholic Church of the  
Holy Name

3637 11<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Mpls.  
Please check our website for up-  
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Archdiocesan links to Mass online,  
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Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and noon.  
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more details. Sunday 9:30 a.m.  
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book page at <https://www.facebook.com/StAlbertTheGreatMpls/>

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Lutheran Church

3430 E. 51st St., Mpls.  
[www.faithlutheranmpls.org](http://www.faithlutheranmpls.org)  
Sunday Worship (with safety mea-  
sures in place) at 9 a.m. Those who  
are over 65, have pre-existing condi-  
tions, or live in proximity to at-risk  
demographics are encouraged to  
remain home. We will continue to  
post videos online for Sunday morn-  
ing for those who can’t join us yet  
on YouTube and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/felcmpls/>

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5150 Chicago Ave. S., Mpls.  
We’re not closed. We’re online.  
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a.m. to our Facebook and YouTube  
pages. [www.firstfreechurch.org](http://www.firstfreechurch.org)

Holy Cross Lutheran  
Church, LCMS

1720 E. Minnehaha Pkwy., Mpls.  
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at [www.holycrossmpls.org](http://www.holycrossmpls.org). Scroll to  
mid-page on the homepage to see  
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along. Bible Study via Zoom at  
10:30 a.m. (see calendar for info).

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5728 Cedar Ave. S., Mpls.  
In a desire to do our part, Hope  
Lutheran Church has moved wor-  
ship from a physical gathering in  
our Sanctuary on Cedar Avenue to  
an online gathering until further  
notice. To learn how to connect to  
our worship services, please click on  
the Worship Tab on our website.  
[www.hopempls.org](http://www.hopempls.org)

Living Spirit United  
Methodist Church

4501 Bloomington Ave., Mpls.  
Worship with us from home! Wor-  
ship is currently being streamed  
on Facebook Live at 10:30 a.m. on  
Sunday mornings at <https://www.facebook.com/LivingSpiritMN/>.  
The weekly bulletin, children’s faith  
formation packet, and more will be  
posted to our website; that’s also  
where you can find resources and  
worship recordings from previous  
weeks.  
[www.livingspiritumc.org/online](http://www.livingspiritumc.org/online)

Messiah Lutheran Church

2400 Park Ave., Mpls.  
Due to COVID-19 and the recom-  
mendation of the ELCA and Gov-  
ernor Walz, Messiah has decided  
to suspend Sunday worship until  
further notice. Please visit us at  
<https://www.messiahlutheranmpls.org/>  
for online services, devotions  
and bulletins.

Minnehaha Communion  
Lutheran Church

4101 37<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Mpls.  
Please visit our website for oppor-  
tunities to connect each week at  
<https://minnehahacommunion.org/>.  
View Sunday worship services and  
download bulletins online, join us  
for a Zoom virtual coffee hour on  
Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m., or  
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1 to 3 p.m.

Minnehaha United  
Methodist Church

3701 E. 50<sup>th</sup> St., Mpls.  
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online. Join us! Visit our website  
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5645 Chicago Ave. S., Mpls.  
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concerns related to COVID-19 and  
per the recommendation of the  
Minnesota Department of Health,  
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eran Church have been canceled until  
further notice. In the meantime,  
please visit our outdoor lending  
library! Stay well. May God bless  
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New Creation Baptist Church

1414 E. 48th St., Mpls.

Watch and interact with our  
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5300 10th Ave. S., Mpls.  
[www.nokomisheights.org](http://www.nokomisheights.org)  
All in-person worship and activities  
suspended. We may be separat-  
ed, but we are still a church and a  
community, physically distant but  
faithfully together. Connect with  
our online community on Facebook  
and YouTube, and join us as we  
navigate these challenges together.  
A new worship goes up on YouTube  
every Sunday at 10am, and all are  
archived, so you can view the ones  
you missed. <https://www.facebook.com/NokomisHeights/>

Plymouth Congregational  
Church

1900 Nicollet Ave., Mpls.  
All Plymouth meetings and in-  
church Sunday services canceled  
until further notice.  
Please visit our website at <https://www.plymouth.org/> or our Face-  
book page at <https://www.facebook.com/PlymouthCongregationalChurch/> to access our virtual offer-  
ings of Sunday services, contem-  
plative prayer, daily meditations,  
musical moments, and more.

St. Joan of Arc  
Catholic Community

4537 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. S., Mpls.  
For video masses, musical per-  
formances, church bulletins, and  
other news, please see our website  
<https://www.saintjoanofarc.org/>  
or Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/StJoanMpls/>.

St. Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral

519 Oak Grove St., Mpls.  
For the sake of the common good,  
Saint Mark’s doors are closed  
until further notice—still there is so  
much you can practice from home.  
Beginning June 7, Saint Mark’s will  
live-stream Sunday morning wor-  
ship online at 10:30 a.m. Visit our  
website at <https://ourcathedral.org/>  
for links to Daily Practices and past  
livestreams and video archives.

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616 Mississippi River Blvd. S.  
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[https://www.facebook.com/Tem-  
ple-of-Aaron-202015025137/](https://www.facebook.com/Temple-of-Aaron-202015025137/)

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Congregation

Augsburg College, Hoversten Chapel  
Riverside & 22<sup>nd</sup> Aves., Mpls.  
[www.trinitylutherancongregation.org](http://www.trinitylutherancongregation.org)  
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3104 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Mpls.  
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online via Zoom and Facebook Live  
at 11 a.m. to noon on Sundays. Visit  
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[https://www.facebook.com/walker-  
umc/](https://www.facebook.com/walker-umc/) for more information.

SHARING FOOD

Bethany Lutheran Church  
2511 E. Franklin Ave., Mpls.

**612-332-2397**  
Soup for You! UPDATE: We are still  
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mitigate the spread of COVID-19.  
<http://www.bethanyinseward.org/>

Calvary Lutheran Church  
3901 Chicago Ave., Mpls.

**612-827-2504, ext. 205**  
The Calvary Emergency Food Shelf  
is available for area residents on  
Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9  
a.m. to noon through the month of  
June, then resuming on Saturdays  
only from 9 a.m. to noon. We will  
hand out pre-packaged bags of food  
with a Walk-Up table on 39<sup>th</sup> St. and  
Drive-Thru model at the parking lot  
entrance. Please stay in your car, and  
we’ll bring the food to you! Volunteers  
will be available outside to help you.  
There are eligibility requirements. On  
our website, [www.clchurch.org](http://www.clchurch.org), click  
on the “Food Shelf” link in the “Out-  
reach” tab, or call the food shelf office  
at 612-827-2504, ext. 205.

Food Hub  
Greater Friendship  
Missionary Baptist Church  
2600 E. 38th St.

Monday - Friday, 11 a. m. to 3 p.m.  
Free Food and Household Supplies.

Groveland Emergency  
Food Shelf

**1900 Nicollet Ave., Mpls.**  
**Plymouth Congregational  
Church**  
**612-871-0277**  
Monday – Friday  
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Entrance on Groveland Ave. between  
Nicollet and Lasalle.  
<http://grovelandfoodshelf.org/>

Minnehaha United  
Methodist Church

**3701 E. 50th St., Mpls.**  
**612-721-6231**  
Yes, the food shelf is still open! In  
order to fight food insecurity in our  
neighborhood, as of April 9, 2020,  
the Minnehaha Food Shelf will still be  
open on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 3  
p.m. We have moved our operations  
outdoors, meter the flow of clients to  
help ensure social distancing, periodi-  
cally clean our surfaces, and wear face  
masks. Should we have foul weather,  
we plan to move the distribution  
indoors, though still meter clients and  
encourage distancing. <https://www.facebook.com/MinnehahaFoodShelf/>

New Creation Baptist Church  
1414 E. 48th St., Mpls.

**612-825-6933**  
We’re still here to serve you on the  
first through fourth Saturdays from 10  
a.m. to 2 p.m. or until we run out of  
bags. Be safe and God bless! <https://www.facebook.com/NCBCfoodshelf/>  
Food Shelf  
Saturdays (except 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays)  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
(Brown door on the corner of 48th St.  
and 15th Ave.)

Walker Community  
United Methodist Church

**3104 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Mpls.**  
**office@walkerchurch.org**  
Tuesday Meals: Our regular Tuesday  
meals will be suspended until shel-  
ter-in-place orders end. We will still  
have groceries available for pickup  
on Tuesdays from 5 to 6 p.m. <http://www.walkerchurch.org/>

The Powderhorn  
Religious Community  
Welcomes You

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**BAHÁ’I CENTER OF  
MINNEAPOLIS**  
3644 Chicago Ave. S.  
612-823-3494  
[MinneapolisBahai@gmail.com](mailto:MinneapolisBahai@gmail.com)  
Devotional Gatherings  
Sunday 10 am  
See [www.minneapolisbahai.org](http://www.minneapolisbahai.org)  
for online options

Christian  
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Pastor: Hans Lee  
*A Reconciling in Christ Congregation*

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[www.churchoftheholyname.org](http://www.churchoftheholyname.org)  
Pastor: Fr. Leo Schneider  
*A welcoming Roman Catholic  
community*

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All services now online at  
[www.messiahlutheranmpls.org](http://www.messiahlutheranmpls.org)

Each week we video services,  
please join us!

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COMMUNITY**  
[www.stjoan.com](http://www.stjoan.com), 4537 Third Ave.  
Masses suspended until  
further notice  
Video available on our website  
and Facebook page  
*We Welcome You Wherever You Are  
On Your Journey*



*All Directory  
Churches are  
Wheelchair  
Accessible*



# Heartbreak Hotel

BY ED FELIEN

Well, since my baby left me  
Well, I found a new place to dwell  
Well, it's down at the end of  
Lonely Street  
At Heartbreak Hotel  
—Elvis

There are lots of reasons for homelessness. More than half of all working adults in America are a paycheck away from borrowing money from savings or from someone else or face living on the street. We know that people who are homeless are the most vulnerable to the COVID-19 virus, and we know that taking care of them means we are taking care of everybody, because an infection unchecked in that community will spread to the rest of us.

Hennepin County is cur-

rently spending \$2.5 million a month to rent hotel rooms for homeless people—especially for those already infected with COVID-19. At their May 13 meeting, County Administrator David Hough told the board that the county could save money by buying the hotels instead of leasing. Hough also noted the coronavirus has greatly hurt the hotel industry, making some owners eager to sell: “This isn’t ending anytime soon.”

Board Chair Marion Greene said, “I like the idea that we’ll have an asset at the end of it ... that feels more long-lasting than paying for hotel rooms night-by-night.”

Commissioner Angela Conley, whose district includes the encampments along Hiawatha Avenue, said, “As we’re seeing in congregate care settings, one instance of a positive

test could just run rampant throughout the encampment. The need for alternative spaces and to get people out of those places that are unfit for habitation is a number one priority.”

At their May 20 meeting, the board authorized Hough to negotiate the purchase of “several hundred residential/hospitality units to support alternative living spaces for homeless adults and county-dependent individuals impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.” The vote was 6 to 1. Even Jeff Johnson, two-time Republican candidate for governor, voted in favor of public ownership of a hotel. Only Jan Callison, representing Minnetonka, voted against it.

Johnson supported the measure with the hope that the purchase would be temporary—that the county would



Board Chair Marion Greene (left) and Commissioner Angela Conley

find some shelter organization to take over ownership and operations in 2021 or 2022.

The four DFLers on the seven-person board were more open to the idea of public ownership of the hotel long-term to help provide affordable housing for Hennepin County. Angela Conley said, “I think that this would be a huge asset for us. Doing something

now that can carry over into that post-Covid world really will change the landscape of how supportive housing could look.”

Mike Opat said, “If done correctly, it will add another tool to our toolbox in terms of helping folks on the lower end of the socioeconomic scale.”

## Gotta Change, from page 1

has announced that the Minnesota Department of Human Rights will look back 10 years to evaluate the conduct of the Minneapolis Police.

And we need the state legislature to overturn the law that prohibits Minneapolis from having a residency requirement for Minneapolis police officers. One way to have community policing is to have our police living in our community.

Jim Davnie, state representative for the Corcoran, Standish-Ericsson, Seward and Longfellow neighborhoods, sent out a note to all neighborhood forums on how the legislature was working on solutions for the problems with the police. I asked him:

Will you support repeal of the law that prohibits the City of Minneapolis from requiring city residency for all city employees?

He wrote back to the forums, “Of course.”

Then, a bit later, probably after some city union reps started talking to him, he wrote back to the forums:

“Ed,

“Sorry, I was moving a bit too fast last night and didn’t read your question correctly. I don’t particularly care where the nice person who sells me my annual dog license, helps run our water treatment plant, or reviews my construction project for permitting lives. I do care what the relationship is between my community and the people who police it. I think we need to focus again on trying to repeal the preemption on residency requirements for police.

“Best to email me directly so that this forum remains informative but doesn’t risk becoming an off-putting place for political debate.

“Best,  
“Representative Jim Davnie”  
I responded:

“Thank you very much for responding so quickly and so favorably. As I’m sure you know, your council member, Cam Gordon, has proposed residency for police as part of his immediate and transitional program from where we are to where we need to be.

“I am very concerned that limiting the residency to just police officers would be proved to be discriminatory against a class of employees, and the law would be ruled unconstitutional by the Minnesota Supreme Court. I think the residency requirement would have to apply to all NEW hires by the city in order to be fair and effective. But, perhaps I don’t understand the legal ramifications. Please explain.

“And I assure you and members of this forum that I will be polite, but a discussion of your perspective in this crisis should be public it seems to me. That’s the price of leadership in a representative democracy.”

City elections next year will be a referendum on how well the mayor and City Council responded to the challenge of meaningful change demanded by the protests. Will they take it seriously, or will they give us a lot of warm words and no action? We need everyone involved in the protests to stand up and demand action and accountability from our mayor and council members. The police are accountable to them, and they are accountable to us. If they refuse to hold the police accountable, then we will have to hold them accountable next November.

We could have paid community organizers and paid block club captains who look out for people on the block. We could

hire private security firms to patrol businesses at night and report any serious problems to what my Uncle John used to call “The Gun Squad.” As long as there are weapons in common use, we will need access to weapons to defend ourselves from crazies. The Gun Squad should be called only in severe emergencies and they must be trained extensively in de-escalation techniques.

We need to restructure our police department (like we need to restructure our society) from the bottom up. The authority to enforce the law must always reside with the people governed by that law. What we have now is top down. That’s authoritarian.

The mayor and City Council are playing into this authoritarian tendency by defunding neighborhood organizations and by threatening to eliminate neighborhoods of color by zoning that will allow unlimited gentrification of the inner city.

Imagine a Minneapolis without such a heavy presence of the police.

You would call 911 and tell the operator what the problem is—noisy neighbors; a couple fighting; an auto accident; shoplifting, etc.

Let’s put neighborhood people on the problem.

Isn’t it better to have a neighbor knock on your door and tell you you’re making too much noise and you are disturbing the peace?

If a couple are fighting, deliver a pizza: “Hello, pizza delivery,” and recommend counseling. Share information about the Harriet Tubman Shelter for Women and Families.

If it’s an auto accident, send a notary public to take statements, photograph the scene and leave a notarized statement with the people involved and

file one with the DMV.

If you have evidence of a kid shoplifting, share pictures with county welfare and the schools. Find the kid, get him an education and vocational training.

Each neighborhood person should get paid \$100 for each hour, or portion thereof, they are dealing with clients.

The 3-percenters are a right-wing militia. They say only 3 percent of the American people actually supported the American Revolution, so they figure 3 percent of the current population could do an armed insurrection and take over the government.

The population of Minneapolis in 2018 was 425,000. 3 percent of that is 12,762. On Monday, May 25, when people heard of George Floyd’s murder, 20,000 people marched two and a half miles from 38th and

Chicago to Lake and Minnehaha to the 3rd Precinct Station. For three days they laid nonviolent siege to the police station. The mayor decided that protecting the station was not worth a human life, so he ordered the station house abandoned. The protesters burned it to the ground. It was their building. They were not from some distant planet. They were us, the best part of us. They recognized the station house as their property, built with their tax dollars, and they recognized that it had turned against them and was being used by people outside of our community to come in here and kill us. And they burned it to the ground.

They said Basta Ya! Enough!

How can that be anything but heroic?

They were also saying, let’s start over.

**We will no longer be individually distributing the Consumer Confidence Report (water quality report).**

**Contact 612-673-3000 to receive a copy or view online at**  
**[www.minneapolismn.gov/publicworks/water/2020waterquality](http://www.minneapolismn.gov/publicworks/water/2020waterquality)**

Minneapolis  
City of Lakes



# Nurses look for solution to unsafe COVID working conditions

BY ELAINE KLAASSEN

Instead of spending their day-off on desperately needed rest and self-care, Twin Cities nurses staged an informational picket in front of United Hospital in St. Paul, demanding “nurse protections” and protesting “United’s retaliation against workers for trying to protect themselves from the COVID-19 virus.” In the early evening of May 20, they were at the hospital with picket signs, after which they marched to the Capitol for a program. This was not a strike. All of the

community and his family if he brought his scrubs home to launder.

United Hospital, part of the Allina health system, says supplies are limited and the hospital needs to hang on to the hospital-issued scrubs in case of a surge in COVID cases.

Norberg was terminated at United on May 19. She was fired for refusing to do her online education in the building. She said she didn’t want to be on the computer near the COVID unit due to increased-exposure concerns, so she went home and did it on her



participating health care workers were off duty. Representatives of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) were there too.

At the Capitol, about 15 nurses spoke about the sense of danger and vulnerability they encounter in their work during the pandemic. The specific reasons they cited: 1) They lack necessary personal protective equipment (PPE); 2) They are treated with disdain and disrespect by corporate hospital management; and 3) In some hospitals, at least at United, not all patients admitted to the hospital are tested for COVID-19. Mary C. Turner, president of the Minnesota Nurses Association (MNA), introduced the speakers, and Jean Pearsall, president of the national nurses’ union, spoke.

There has already been a lot of news coverage about the lack of PPE for health care workers. Turner has spoken on practically every TV station. The public already knows, and there should have been public and political will to find a solution. But that hasn’t happened. Hence the event at United Hospital on Wednesday.

The purpose of the picket was also to show solidarity with Cliff Willmeng, an Emergency Department nurse at United, and Monica Norberg, a neuro intensive care unit (ICU) nurse at United, for trying to protect themselves against the coronavirus. On May 8, Willmeng was fired for wearing hospital-issued scrubs meant only for certain staff because he felt it was too dangerous for the

home computer.

On Tuesday, May 19, several nurses and the Minnesota Hospital Association testified before the Minnesota House Select Committee on Minnesota’s Pandemic Response and Rebuilding to state their concerns about the allocation of personal protective equipment (PPE), and about hospital discipline and retaliation against those who speak up.

On Wednesday, May 13, Gov. Walz issued Emergency Executive Order 20-54 “protecting workers from unsafe working conditions and retaliation during the COVID-19 peacetime emergency.”

I spoke with a cardiac ICU nurse, whose unit is now all COVID patients, the majority intubated and on ventilators. In her unit they have a shortage of everything, including N95 masks. The “solution” for the shortage is this: She (and the other health care workers in ICUs) is issued three N95 masks for her next 30 12-hour shifts. ICU nurses are expected to use the first mask for one entire 12-hour shift. The next day they use their second mask for the entire shift and the third day they use their third mask for the entire shift. Then they have a day or two off to air out their masks and when they go back to work, they use the same three masks again in the same way, etc., until each one has been used for 10 shifts.

She told me, “the general principle of infection control used in hospitals throughout the country is to use one set of PPE (whether it be gown, mask, respirator,



Nurses protest for safer working environments.

shoe covers, etc.) per patient encounter, when caring for patients with infectious diseases. That way, we discard everything at the door when we leave the room and know with certainty the disease is contained within the patient’s room.”

Now, with COVID, if nurses were given enough masks to follow that protocol, they would use maybe 10 - 15 per shift per worker. But they are each given one.

Nurses working with COVID patients outside of ICUs don’t get N95s at all. They have been mocked by their managers when they’ve brought their own. These are the nurses who are getting sick.

Hospitals say they have to hold back on the Personal Protective

Equipment (PPE) so that it won’t be gone by the time the pandemic reaches its peak. My question is: If they are planning to bring out the PPE when the peak hits, will it be used the way it’s supposed to be used or will it continue to be rationed as it is now?

The young nurse I spoke with posted the following on Facebook (updated for this article):

“I am writing this to inform my social circle that we hospital workers definitely do not have enough gear to keep us, and therefore, the public, safe from spreading germs. I don’t know what to do about it other than tell everyone, including political and hospital leadership. Go ahead and share it if you think it will help solve the problems described.

“When hospital workers work with patients who have infectious diseases, we’re supposed to follow a process like this video displays: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nSoop-PC1NZE&t=206s>.

“As of this week, most of the hospitals in the Twin Cities (from what I’ve heard from friends), including my hospital (that is, I am being asked to do this), have started requiring us to reuse gowns.

“Reusing gowns is ineffective infection prevention. Clearly, if you watch this video and imagine having to take off and put back on the gown without getting the clean side contaminated with the dirty side, it is very easy to see where mistakes will and have been made.

“My hospital uses laundered

gowns (water resistant cloth that is supposed to get discarded after single use), but we are not being told WHY we have to reuse—whether it is a laundry problem, or a cost problem, etc.

“We have also been reusing masks and PAPR [Powered Air-Purifying Respirator] hoods for about a month. We are now being told that we need to share PAPR hoods amongst workers. We do not even have enough PAPR machines for us all to use one at one time. [The hoods hook up to air-filter machines worn around the waist.]

“We definitely do not have enough staff to have ‘trained observers’ watching anyone put on and take off the gear. We have not been provided with the budget for any extra staff, even though all of our patients on my floor are COVID-19 patients requiring full barrier protection for workers. It’s a very time-consuming process to put on and take off all this gear and then carefully hang it on hooks to be reused. I think that reusing defeats the purpose of having these protections.

“Personally, I feel gross and fully contaminated every time I walk out of work.

“I come home and take a full shower. I don’t use my car for a few days after working, or I consider everything that’s touched my driver’s seat ‘contaminated.’

“I feel like we health care workers, every time we leave the hospital, could be spreading this virus to the public.

“I am in contact daily with union and non-union hospital workers throughout the metro, who generally all report the same shortages and reuse policies as I see in my daily work life.”

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# Local nurses are facing unprecedented challenges during COVID-19 pandemic

BY NATHAN HOUSE

Three nurses working in the Twin Cities chatted with Southside Pride about their experiences working in hospitals during the COVID-19 pandemic. Presently, obtaining adequate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) remains a challenge for some, while for others, facing pay cuts continues to be a major stressor.

For many health care workers around the country, the chances of being fired by their employer for talking to the media are high, and the identities of two nurses are concealed in this article.

A Saint Paul nurse expressed their frustrations with their employer, Allina Health, after

they announced a plan to reduce pay raises and benefits for staff. Allina is among many health care centers in Minnesota that are struggling to sustain their revenue during the pandemic, and have placed thousands of their workers on furlough.

"We are working endlessly to fight this COVID and they are taking away our raise. You can't do that," the Allina Health nurse said, speaking over the phone. They went on to question why Allina executives aren't the ones taking a pay cut, instead of the nurses working the front lines of the pandemic.

On top of being short staffed, Allina's Intensive Care Units reserved for treating COVID-19

patients have reached capacity, and nurses are unable to obtain adequate PPE. This has been a similar experience for Sarah E, another nurse working in the Twin Cities. Sarah's hospital has run out of essential PPE for treating COVID-19 patients and has been forced to use less-safe methods.

When the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced that nurses can use surgical masks instead when treating COVID-19 patients, Sarah said it "felt like a betrayal because of what we were told. It felt like we were being abandoned."

N95 masks are made to filter at least 95 percent of airborne particles. For nurses

and doctors treating COVID-19 patients, wearing the masks significantly reduces the risk of contracting the disease. Normally, health care workers use the masks once when they treat a patient. Surgical masks on the other hand are not made with the same materials as N95s and don't protect health care workers from droplets containing the coronavirus.

Sarah recently made news after a social media post of theirs went viral, in which they expressed their concerns about the limited availability of PPE and ICUs in their hospital. Sarah's intention was to raise public awareness about the risks nurses are going

through, such as having to constantly reuse N95 masks.

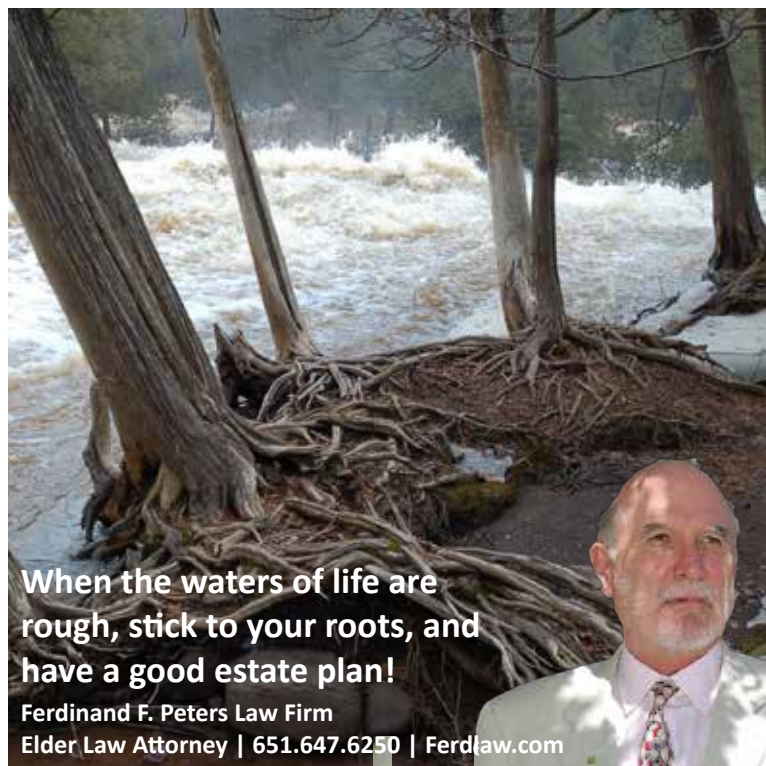
Sarah isn't sure if the post put her job at risk, but their post garnered an outpouring of support from their co-workers and their union.

"We need people to make good choices," said Sarah. "Support the staff and patients by wearing masks and [practicing] social distancing."

Utilizing sufficient PPE does not present the same challenges for Lisa Pedersen, a nurse working regular 12-hour shifts at Davita Kidney Care in Minneapolis. "The company is very good at providing PPE. I never worry about my safety. I just worry about my patients."

When it became clear that COVID-19 was widespread in Minnesota, Pedersen's biggest concern was losing many of her patients because they are considered high-risk.

"I cry a lot," said Pedersen. "I think that the only way some people will take this seriously [is] if they lose someone they love."



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