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The ‘rotten apples’ theory



BY TONY BOUZA

Throughout my involvement in policing—since 1953—I’ve been periodically reminded that every police department harbors a few rotten apples and, if we can only excise them, the entire barrel can be rescued.

An attractive notion, but flawed.

Those apples are the alpha males that set the tone and create the dominant culture. They are the thumpers. Bemadalled and protected by police unions who’ve bought legislative and political support.

Study any ugly incident and the thumpers surface—albeit that they’ve managed to cloak their records of complaints and judgments (paid by you) in secrecy.

Some bad apples, huh?

The thumpers are in charge. The others graze and stand by and look vaguely distracted. The hope that they’ll intervene is hopelessly naïve.

The role of police

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(photo/Minneapolis Sanctuary Movement)

Sanctuary denied

BY DAVE TILSEN

Dateline: Monday, July 20, Powderhorn Sanctuary, 14th Ave.

Front loaders are removing the tents of the homeless campers. Police are forming a line. This is being streamed live by Unicorn Riot, and hundreds of supporters arrive. People are angry. They say the arrestees are Indigenous people on their own land.

Let me break down how we got there.

There have been encampments in Powderhorn park for over a month. The park officials first said the campers had 24 hours to leave, then 72 hours, then that was rescinded and they could stay. The neighborhood association, ad hoc, and ongoing organizations stepped forward to support the unsheltered (which has become the preferred term to homeless) folks. Many more came, a second camp start-

ed and they were dubbed the east camp (on 14th) and the west camp (on 10th). Camps also spread to other parks, including one in front of the park superintendent’s residence in Lyndale Homestead.

The Park Board voted down a resolution to limit the camps to a small number of tents. Tension was rising as people had no way of knowing if they were going to be allowed to stay, and the on-again off-again Park Board was really destabilizing.

The counts of the people in Powderhorn were varied. The Park Board published a count of number of tents at Powderhorn updated daily. It peaked at about 570. Some people said there were 1.5 to 1.75 people per tent, so we had over 800 people. Others said that people had multiple tents and the count was closer to 250.

It was a village, and there were all kinds of

people. There were sexual assaults, some of minors. People were concerned; some women and children moved to another camp at a “secret” location for safety. Fox News aired a report on predation there and outed the location. The east camp began to get seriously dangerous. There were gunshots regularly heard, people were taken to the hospital, and then the volunteers at the east camp said they no longer felt safe and were leaving. They said a criminal element had taken over. A self-proclaimed leader told people they couldn’t come in, or leave.

The Park Board met and set up a silly permit system, and gave the superintendent the power to do what he thought he needed to do. He said the east camp people needed to move by July 20, and the west camp had two weeks to get down to 25 tents. That’s not going to go well.

The Dream Deferred

BY ED FELIEN

The dream is over. The East Powderhorn Sanctuary has been cleared. The campers evacuated. Protesters were arrested and then released.

It ended the way it always ends, according to longtime homeless advocates. Some criminal elements start to get violent. The camp becomes unsafe. And the authorities have to break it up.

People in the Powderhorn community volunteered long hours to feed and nurture their new neighbors, but, in the end, it wasn’t enough. The problems were just too big for the neighborhood.

Who were these homeless people?

They were the unemployed and the unemployable. Alcoholic and drug dependent, some of them were looking to find a good time



Park Board Commissioner Londer French (photo/Bruce Silcox)

without having to do hard time. Some were mentally ill. Some were refugees from abuse. Some were Natives down here from the Rez. They all had one thing in common—they were unable to function in as complex and expensive a city as Minneapolis. They weren’t able to put a roof over their heads. They needed help.

And lots of people stepped in to help. NECHAMA, a Jewish disaster relief organization, provided a portable shower. Londer French, a Park Board commissioner, was down there almost every day. Angela Conley, the Hennepin County commissioner for the area, spoke at a Sanctuary meeting. But it wasn’t enough. It wasn’t nearly enough.

The people who live in Powderhorn gave up their park willingly, and they fought the

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Say their names

BY ED FELIEN

**Terrance Franklin
Jamar Clark
Thurman Blevins
Travis Jordan**

Terrance Franklin:

The city just agreed to pay \$795,000 to the surviving family of Terrance Franklin rather than contest the wrongful death suit against MPD Officer Lucas Peterson. Peterson claimed in his police report that Terrance Franklin had taken control of Officer Durand's MP5 automatic and was firing it, and he wounded Officers Muro and Meath, and, in order to save his fellow officers, Peterson ran into the line of fire wearing his bullet-proof vest and shot him. There are so many lies and improbabilities in this fairy tale, that the city thought better of trying to defend it in open court.

So, what did happen in that

basement on 27th and Bryant on May 10, 2013?

It seems more likely that when Meath pulled Franklin out from the cubbyhole under the stairs and threw him into the room, Durand opened fire, killing Franklin and wounding the two officers.

But, we don't know. There has never been a full public inquiry into the killing of Terrance Franklin.

Shouldn't this be a matter for the City Council Public Safety Committee to investigate?

R. T. Rybak is volunteering the Minneapolis Foundation to help heal police-community relations. He was mayor and in charge of the police in 2013 when Franklin was killed. He could start the healing by reading the 200-page police report and then reading the medical examiner's report, and then he could tell us what he thinks his MPD did to Terrance Franklin

and whether his officers observed proper MPD protocol and were truthful in their reports.

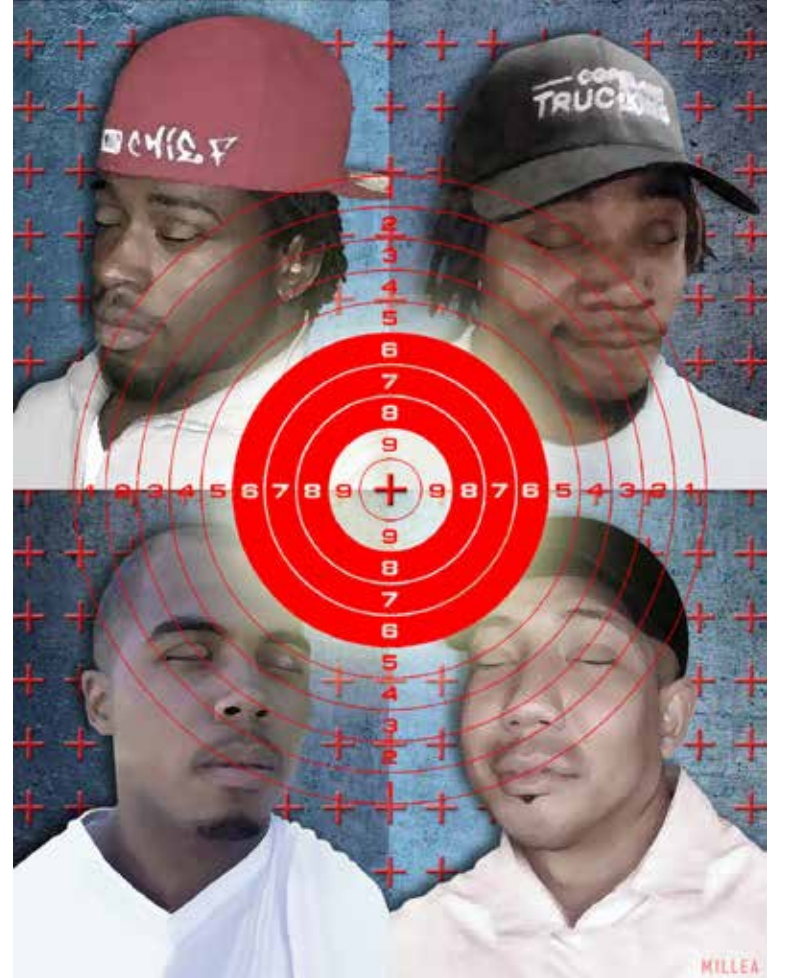
And then we could begin to have accountability.

And then we could begin to have justice for Terrance Franklin.

Jamar Clark:

He went to a rowdy birthday party Sunday night, Nov. 15, 2015. Two women got into a fight. Somehow Jamar Clark and his girlfriend, RayAnn, got into that fight, and RayAnn ended up with a busted lip and a bruised ankle. Someone called 911. RayAnn told the paramedics that Clark was the one who hit her. The paramedics told the EMS supervisor, and the supervisor told Officers Schwarze and Ringgenberg. Clark had been tapping on the back door of the ambulance to try to talk to RayAnn. He was walking away with his hands at his sides when Ringgenberg came up from behind, put a hammerlock on him and dragged him to the ground. They fought on the ground. Ringgenberg says they continued to struggle and that Clark somehow got control of his gun. He then told Schwarze to open fire. Schwarze did. He shot Clark and Clark died. Some eyewitnesses said Clark was not resisting arrest, and some said he was in handcuffs. But there is no clear videotape of the incident.

Did Officers Schwarze and Ringgenberg follow protocol in confronting Clark? Did Offi-



cer Ringgenberg make sure his weapon was secure at all times? Was there an internal review of the officers' actions? Shouldn't that internal review become public, and shouldn't the Public Safety Committee of the City Council hold a public hearing to receive that review?

The people of Minneapolis deserve closure on the killing of Jamar Clark.

Jamar Clark deserves justice.

Thurman Blevins:

He was drunk and disorderly, drinking Amsterdam Vodka straight from the bottle and

flashing a gun, walking with his girlfriend while she was pushing their baby in a buggy. He sat down on a curb in North Minneapolis on June 23, 2018, and started talking to a dog. A neighbor had heard shots earlier and complained to 911. Officers Schmidt and Kelly pulled up in front of Blevins, jumped out of the car with guns drawn. Schmidt yelled, "Put your hands up. I will f—kin' shoot you." Blevins started running away, trying to get as much distance as possible between the police and

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July new neighbors

BY KAY SCHROVEN

Shopping carts, clotheslines, outdoor cooking grills, mattresses, blankets, coolers, lawn chairs, backpacks, boxes of diapers, baby strollers piled high with supplies, wheelchairs, bikes, tikes on trikes, people in swimsuits lining up to shower in the facility provided by NECHAMA (the Jewish disaster response organization) and tents of every size, shape and color. Should you stroll through Powderhorn Park, you will see these, along with upward of 300 homeless individuals in about 400 tents inhabiting the park. That's about 100 more than last month. The numbers have been increasing, with no definitive short- or long-term solution in sight.

If there were a soundtrack to the Powderhorn encampment, it would be the Rolling Stone's "Gimme Shelter." Like the rock and roll classic, the growing Powderhorn encampment is raw and needy. Obviously, there is a need for housing, but that is just the beginning. There is also an ongoing need for health care services including mental health, addiction recovery services, skills development, job getting and keeping skills, child care and so on. It's difficult to approach any of these service needs without a foundation to work from, that is, without shelter.

Londel French, Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board commissioner at-large, is a familiar face in the park on a daily basis—an ally and resource to the homeless. Mr. French is very concerned about safety, and in lieu of real housing would like to offer the women and their children a camp of their own, where it is quieter and safer, with less competition for resources. He would also like to make sure that the guards are paid.

There are many angels in the park; they are volunteers, some associated with the Minneapolis Sanctuary Movement. Junail, Fartun, Michelle and Elisa (to name a few) are coordinators who wear many hats. They spend numerous hours in the park, recently working in sweltering weather conditions, fielding a variety of matters, such as coordinating donations, for

example. Today they are developing an inventory system for food donations. In addition, they train and work with volunteers in the outdoor, tented kitchen, the medic/health care tent, charging station, library and child care center. They de-escalate conflicts, often domestic in nature, and respond to the many individuals who come to them with needs: "Do you have any bungee cords?" "Who can help my daughter, she's sick," "Can you carry this box to my tent for me, I have a dislocated shoulder." They are peacekeepers with the residential neighbors living near the park and coordinators with the press coming into the park to report, such as Southside Pride. And this is the short list of their involvements.

In spite of the far less than ideal conditions, there is a sense of community in the park. People help one another; they discuss issues and possible solutions, avoiding hierarchy as much as possible. When one of the homeless individuals who uses a wheelchair could not maneuver the entering and exiting of his tent, neighbors and volunteers worked together to rig up a new tent that made it easier for him.

According to the resident campers and volunteers, there are many meetings and rumors: the group will be dispersed to other parks; the empty Kmart on Lake St. will be their next home; they will be transported to an empty hotel in rural Minnesota. It is difficult to know what is real until it materializes.

Wednesday, the evening of July 8, there is an open meeting in the park. A group gathers in a circle. A volunteer takes the floor and circulates a letter received from a law firm. It seems that the firm is looking to cap-

ture funds related to the damages that took place at the local Sheraton Hotel while providing temporary housing in June. The volunteer explains that the GoFundMe monies collected for the encampment are frozen until the matter can be resolved. She also makes it clear that staying in Powderhorn Park is not sustainable and that the plan is to move some people to other parks. She explains that the large number of people living in the park is causing too many issues related to safety and health. She points out that smaller camps would be safer and more livable. A discussion takes place about where to go from here; frustrations are aired as attendees fan themselves and drink water and Gatorade in the 90+ degree heat.

Jacy (not his real name), a 41-year-old Native American man who has been homeless intermittently for 10 years, is pleased to make a move and says, "I'm taking some of my people with me. I'm not saying where we go, but it is near the river. I like water and there are trails I can walk where I see eagles. They lift my spirit. I am used to sleeping without a tent so having a tent will be nice."

Ron (not his real name), who has been guarding the camp for a month, especially the children, says he needs a shower and a day off. He reports that recently there is a steady line of "tourist cars." That is, people in cars rolling by the edge of the park and leaning out of their car windows and taking pictures. He continues, "People get very upset knowing they might be photographed in their bathing suit, asleep, maybe nursing a baby." Ron further reports that one "tourist" pointed out to him (when he asked them to refrain from taking photos) "I am a tax-

payer and have a right to photograph anything I want in this park."

Many resident neighbors have been supportive since the encampment began a month ago, volunteering and donating needed items. However, as conditions develop, some are growing weary, as are the homeless resident campers themselves. In addition to the heat of the summer, there is foot and car traffic, noise,

drug dealing, soliciting (of girls and young women for sex), parking issues and, sadly, crimes including vandalism, theft and rape. Unfortunately, there are predators who will take advantage of the vulnerable. For some predators, Powderhorn Park has become a target.

According to quotation sleuth Ralph Keyes: at the Hubert

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David Wiester for Minnesota House of Representatives District 63A



- Re-legalize marijuana
- Black Lives Matter
- Prosecute rogue cops
- Keep abortion legal
- Protect GLBT+ rights
- Support labor unions
- I believe Dr. Fauci
- Protect gun rights
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Local businesses: open, closed, restricted ... ?

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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 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 with restrictions. Online and phone orders. No delivery. Curbside, counter pickup, patio

dining. New hours.

Dragon Wok* (38th & Chicago). Open with restrictions. Delivery by Bite Squad, GrubHub. Hours may fluctuate.

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

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

Heather's. Open with restrictions. 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.

Mama Sheila's*. Open with restrictions. NEW- patio. Takeout available. Delivery by Uber Eats. 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 with restrictions. Phone orders. Delivery by Uber Eats. Grab and go. Usual hours. Brand new restaurant!!

Modern Times Cafe. Temporarily closed.

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 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. Pay-it-forward, \$2.50 per meal to homeless sanctuary.

Sandcastle. Open for takeout only. Restricted hours. Wee website for details.

Smoke in the Pit*. Open 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 with restrictions. No delivery. Patio. Restricted hours.

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

Tiny Diner. Open with restrictions. Curbside takeout or patio dining with reservations only. No alcohol for takeout. Delivery by DoorDash, Uber Eats. Restricted hours.

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

Bakery/Coffee/Deli

A Baker's Wife. Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Patio. Restricted hours.

Butter Bakery. Open 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 with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Cat lounge experience by reservation. Still fostering cats—visit cats by video.

Duck Duck Coffee. Closed to public. New walk-up to-go window open. Online ordering of some merch with delivery by USPS. Restricted hours.

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

Geek Love Café (in Moon Palace). Ordering window and pickup north side of building. Restricted hours plus during Midtown Farmers Market.

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

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

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 with restrictions. No online and phone orders. No delivery. No curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Grab and go.

Groceries

Cub Foods (mobile site at Minnehaha Mall). Open with restrictions. Restricted hours.

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. 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 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 with restrictions. No phone orders. No delivery. Check website for online ordering with curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

Wedge & Linden Hills Co-op. Open 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 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

Shipt. CVS, Fresh Thyme, Kowalski's, Office Max, Petco

Uber. A Baker's Wife, Lunds&Byerlys Deli, Vegan East

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.

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The Hiawatha Golf Course Master Plan Survey

BY KATHRYN KELLY

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board published the results of their survey for the Hiawatha Golf Course preferred plan. The responses have been compiled to try and quantify the results. This as-

postponed due to COVID and economic problems
11 people say the proposed financials are suspect
10 people like paths around the lake
10 people ask to explore other ways to mitigate the water coming into the lake

ed that they could not do this without providing compensatory storage. No compensatory storage is defined in the new plan. SaveHiawatha18 has submitted a list of questions and concerns to the DNR regarding this issue and other homeowner concerns.

Twenty-five people questioned why this project duplicates amenities that already exist nearby.
There was considerable concern expressed about the proposed financing of the project, especially in this time frame of COVID and economic distress. Many people felt this project should be postponed. Other people thought the \$42 million price tag was unrealistically low. Also, in the current fiscal climate, people wondered where the Park Board would find the money.
Some people liked the path

around the lake on the berm, but others were concerned that the berm would not be stable enough to support this path with water on both sides. And, some people want more research into alternative ways of handling the water on the property.
Is it finally time for the Park Board to bow to the majority of the survey respondents and quit wasting money on this plan? Instead, maintain the 18-hole golf course while incorporating many of the desired amenities and fixes into the current property?



essment is a best effort considering the vast variety of responses. The top 11 responses were:
157 people want to retain the 18-hole golf course
85 people like or are OK with the new plan
25 people worry that the homes will not be protected from flooding
25 people like proposed winter activities
16 people say that the proposal duplicates amenities that are nearby
16 people like the snow-making proposal
14 people want to get rid of the golf course
13 people want the project

It became very clear that a large majority of the respondents who stated a preference want the Park Board to retain the 18-hole golf course (61%). On the other hand, about half as many are accepting of the compromise (33%), and 14 people (6%) wanted to get rid of the golf course.
There was much concern that the Park Board has not adequately proven that the plan will protect the neighborhood homes from flooding. In particular, concerns were expressed that the new plan will reduce the floodplain storage by filling part of the floodplain to elevate the new golf course. The Park Board earlier stat-

Improved and new winter activities were well received, including a proposal for snow-making. But, people need to be aware that snow-making will not necessarily reduce the DNR pumping permit volumes, especially if the water comes from the private well on the property, as is done at Theodore Wirth. In fact, the allowed permit volumes may need to be increased. Also, under the new plan, the cross-country ski space will be cut in half, with half of the current golf course converted to water. These winter activities can be accommodated on the 18-hole golf course, which would provide more acreage.

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unions is to protect the meat eaters. They did it so slickly in the Damond case you're not even aware of it—but you will shell out.
And you're in—in my myopic view—for another treat in the Floyd case. Can the fired officers stay fired? Will they be convicted? Will there be a settlement? How come the mayor and police chief in the Damond case are no longer around? And, while I'm at it, where is Giuliani? The Witness Protection Program? Searching for a vaccine Trump can claim inventing?
The rotten apples theory posits the comfort that—were we to identify and remove these few malefactors—the body would be cleansed and all would be well.
Dream on.
Crises force democracies into

painful solutions. The Serpico scandal pressed the NYC Mayor Lindsay to appoint a reformer, Pat Murphy, my hero. He lasted 30 months. He's widely considered a pariah. Let me assure you, he performed miracles of reform and left an agency that coasted on his achievements for a decade.
Were the City Council to reduce the police budget 25 percent and insist on all one-person patrols: 8-hour days, 40-hour week rotating charts—the creation of decoys—the use of stings and some stakeouts; the elimination of horse patrols, press information officers and other boondoggles, it would be a much more smoothly functioning entity. In fact, reducing any P. D.'s budget by 25 percent would deliver miracles of efficiency across the land.
The MPD has about 150 more cops than in 1985 when there

was a lot more crime and violence. It now has four deputy chiefs (three in the '80s) and a heap of waste. No need to defund, just reduce the duplication, featherbedding and waste.
During my tenure, the MPD went through nine years of no promotions and emerged stronger for it. Overtime was cut sharply. Morale was never lower. Yet no one quit.
The responsibility rests squarely on the shoulders of the mayor—but he's not interested.
Inside the MPD, control could be asserted through an internal affairs unit reporting directly to the chief, guided by openness of records and led by an executive who can be demoted by the stroke of a pen.
Don't hold your breath.
Cider, anyone?

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Low Teacher Turnover Rates in All Schools

The Minneapolis school district keeps retention rates low for teachers who have yet to complete their three-year, post-hire probationary period. This results in high exposure of some students to newly hired teachers, watered down curriculum, harsh discipline & increased segregation of special Ed students. This cheats students out of an education & teachers out of a career, especially marginalized people of color. Although justified as a way to cut operating costs, it likely has the opposite effect, because it costs more to recruit and train teachers, and more students fall behind academically and are assigned to Special Education programs.

Oppose the Neoliberal K-12 School Reform Agenda

Teacher tenure and seniority rights are under assault. Doug Mann unconditionally supports tenure & seniority rights. Reverse the privatization / charter-ization of the public school system. No to a narrow, test prep curriculum. Close the school to prison pipeline. Don't settle for less than a quality public, K-12 education for all on an equal basis!

Government enforcement of Civil Rights in Employment, Housing, Banking, Insurance

Detect and prosecute covert as well as overt, illegal discrimination, whether intentional or not, in order to end an era of token enforcement & minimum compliance.

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*Remove all loopholes in the Summers-Ashurst Act (1940) which allow the sale of goods made by convict labor for private use. The Percy Amendment (1979) set the stage for the return of a massive convict labor leasing system.
*Repeal 1994 criminal justice reforms (U.S. Congress)
*End the war on drugs, including marijuana legalization

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Eliminate the police?

BY DAVID TILSEN

In response to the groundswell of action, grief and political pressure, the Minneapolis City Council has finally decided that it must do something about the Minneapolis Police.

The City Council has proposed two things.

First, the council has committed to do a deep community engagement on what public safety should look like in the future. What role should licensed police officers play? What roles can be played by other professionals? What kind of oversight and supervision is needed? Minneapolis' public safety budget is almost \$200 million a year, and that does not include grants, settlements and court awards. If the whole city can be engaged for the next year, from youth to elders, from immigrants to non-English speakers, homeowners to renters, and all of the racial and ethnic communities, this could be an exciting historic achievement.

Second, the council has proposed that the City Charter be changed to eliminate the requirement that the city have a police force and at a specific strength based on the population. The elimination of this requirement does not eliminate the police. It gives the council and the mayor the power to eliminate the police department or to reduce its size, but the

change would be permissive, not proscriptive.

And the Charter Amendment would create a new Department of Community Safety and Violence Prevention. This department will have a director and will "have responsibility for public safety services, prioritizing a holistic and public health-oriented approach."

There are no other details in the charter change. The stated council position is that the details of how many police to have, what else to have, etc., will be worked out by the deep community engagement process.

There is no agreement in the city on this. There is no agreement on the City Council. There is no agreement among the many organizations that have been working for police accountability, nor among the many civic organizations.

Both the Communities United Against Police Brutality (CUAPB) and Justice for Jamar Clark, some of the organizations that have been working on this for a long time, argue, "We have no reason to trust the City Council." They say they have been proposing changes and reforms for decades and the council has done very little. Further, this charter change gives the council a blank check and commits them to nothing. The CUAPB and Justice for Jamar Clark say it is not acceptable.

The Urban League and oth-

er more established civil rights organizations and leaders criticize the elimination of the current structure. They believe that Chief Arradondo has not been given a chance to lead, and he should not have the rug pulled out from under him.

The mayor complains that putting this new agency under the oversight of the entire City Council, instead of just the mayor, as the police are now, would weaken oversight and make the process too political.

Others worry that public safety will suffer, and that "holistic," "public-health" and other granola-crunching ideas are just too crazy and all they want is safe-

ty—911 answered and criminals apprehended. Do some reforms, but don't overreact, don't fix what ain't broke.

Cam Gordon strongly advocates the charter change, as he says it will give the council the flexibility to respond to the consensus coming out of the year-long process.

I venture to say that there are about 200,000 distinct opinions about what is needed.

I believe we should do the process.

It is not assured that the charter change will make it to the ballot by November. The Charter Commission is going to have public hearings before it votes,

and the timeline is short. I believe we should pass it. It makes no immediate change, and I am persuaded by Council Member Gordon's statement.

I also agree, we should not blindly trust the City Council. The more of us who get involved in this process, the larger the constituency will be for the change we want, and the more likely it is that the council will respond. If not, we have the ballot box, or the threat of the ballot box, every four years.

We have a chance to make history here. Let's start by talking and listening to each other.

Sanctuary, from page 1

Alondra Cano called a meeting in the park but then canceled it due to safety concerns. The DFL planned to do voter registration on Saturday, June 19, but canceled after council members said they had information that the park was not safe.

So, on Monday the 20th, most all of the east camp moved. They were given help locating to other parks or shelters to move to. Two tents, about 10 people, refused to move. They talked to social workers, volunteers and police. They were given every opportunity to move. They refused. They were arrested along with four or five supporters with no violence on either side. Some people are outraged, some relieved.

It was clear to everyone at

the camp that the all-volunteer effort to provide safety was not working and could not work. We called, and yelled at, and begged for the city to recognize that these were citizens and deserved the same level of services as other citizens. The camps were like the neighborhood in "The Wire," lawless.

From the Minnesota Sanctuary Movement:

"Powderhorn Sanctuary residents and volunteers have been at risk of violence not because of a failure of volunteers, but because of the lack of any coordinated response by our representatives and electeds (sic), a buildup of decades of absolute neglect in the area of dignified housing, and centuries of structural violence...We will not accept racist displacement at the hands of the police as the only

government response to decades of neglect. Sanctuary volunteers are helping residents move as best as they are able, but the park's new permitting system is not workable, the incompetent city has no solutions, and the county and state have not accepted responsibility.

"We cannot accept the exhausted refrain that 'government moves slow.' There are vacant public housing units now. The county could act to purchase hotels, transition rooms to single-room-occupancy units and approve more harm reduction beds now. And the state, which has demonstrated an astonishing lack of leadership, could use CARES dollars to fund long-term solutions now.

"Displacement is a disease, and housing is the cure."

Dream, from page 1

Park Board to allow the homeless to stay. They opened their arms, they volunteered, they baked food in their kitchens and they tried to be neighborly. But they wanted help in solving this problem.

Lily Lamb organized a camp in at the governor's mansion to demand action solving homelessness. Earlier, she had sent this to city officials: "The Powderhorn Park residents demand to know our elected officials' response to the current emergency humanitarian situation in Powderhorn Park and seek a solution immediately with dignified, culturally informed permanent housing. We, the community, stand in support and solidarity with our new residents at the Powderhorn Sanctuaries and collectively call for change with and for them. Housing is a human right, and in our community, homes should be for all."

But there was no response from the city and no response from the governor. The county was accessible, and Londel was doing what he could, but Mayor Frey and Council Member Cano were AWOL. When they were needed most, they were nowhere to be seen.

Lily Lamb is right. This is a humanitarian crisis. There are people who are lost and cannot find a way to a home. Two years

ago, when homelessness was overwhelming the Hiawatha overpass and Cedar Avenue, Hennepin County set up a Navigation Center to help people find an apartment, a job, chemical dependency counseling, educational opportunities. Why wasn't the city organizing that in Powderhorn?

When it began last month, Commissioner Conley said she'd been trying to reach Cano but hadn't gotten a response. Cano told the press she was hoping to connect with Conley sometime that week. Clearly the crisis in Powderhorn wasn't a priority for Cano.

Lily Lamb told City Pages: "We're the richest country in the world—we're the best-rated state to live in across the United States—and we have essentially a refugee camp directly outside my house, and no one seems to care besides neighbors. It feels like we're screaming into the void."

What happens to a dream deferred?

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SUMMER 2020: CROSS OVER THE BRIDGE

Highland Park and St. Paul in COVID times

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

As we have been doing since March, this week's focus on St. Paul's Highland Park will be a geographical guide to services available and businesses open (or not) due to COVID-19.

In addition, we will talk a bit about libraries, and a bit about homelessness in the Cities during the COVID pandemic, and then wrap up with a free nature walk suggestion.

But before we get into that, just briefly, Highland Park's

big story remains the same as before—the Ford Plant project, on which construction is now well and truly underway. Ryan Companies, the chosen developer for the site, along with its public and private developer partners, is apparently in the zoning/permitting stage for individual buildings. The Villager newspaper carried two articles recently about zoning variance decisions on the project, one for an income limited senior residence, and one for a mostly market rate complex with a large grocery store at street level. Both hearings approved some variances but denied others.

Announced at a recent “virtual groundbreaking”—the site also now has an official name—Highland Bridge. Learn more at highlandbridge.com.

Turning to the existing built environment, and attendant commerce and other activities, I visited the Ford Parkway commercial hub a few times recently, including trips to Lunds & Byerlys.

Highland Park, unlike St. Paul's University Avenue, was relatively untouched by rioting and looting following the George Floyd police murder protests. Lunds & Byerlys is back to normal hours, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Face covering is required. It's pretty well-stocked with only occasional empty shelf spots.

Along the same strip, some businesses have reopened with hygiene measures—Massage Envy and Cost Cutters have regular hours but now require appointments (and masks). Also, here you'll find a GNC nutritional supplements shop, a PostNet print shop, open as normal, a Potbelly Sandwich Shop and a Caribou Coffee, open for takeout or delivery only. An adjacent strip mall includes more of the same—a large Chuck and Don's Pet Supply, Panera Bread, Noodles & Company, Starbucks, a Target Express, another hair-cutter, a nail bar and the Highland Bakery and Café.

Pieology Pizza, another franchise, and also owned by a former pro athlete, Matt Kalil of the Vikings.

Other notable (and open) businesses on the north side of Ford Parkway include Bakers Square, Haskell's Deli, ERIK'S Bike-Board-Ski, Patina gift shop (curbside pickup available), R.F. Moeller Jeweler, a fairly large Walgreens, Half Price Books and a Dairy Queen.

Off of the Ford Parkway strip are some other nice spots in Highland Park, spots where you used to be able to hang out and chill, but now you have to settle for to-go, and maybe re-



Rendering of Highland Bridge showing the water feature



CRISP & GREEN

Across the road is CRISP & GREEN, fairly recently opened by franchise partner Kris Humphreys, a former NBA player. This healthy fast-food restaurant (takeout or patio dining) replaced, in the fall of 2019,

duced hours. One just around the corner on Cleveland Avenue is Quixotic Coffee, which I used to favor for small meetings. They have excellent coffee drinks including nitro cold brew and also good things to eat. Use their website for online ordering. A little outside the boundaries of Highland Park, but not that far to go for such good stuff, is Hot Hands Pie and Biscuits at Snelling Avenue just south of St. Clair Avenue. They continue to offer “Pay It Forward,” where you can buy a discounted meal for a stranger in need, and now also offer patio dining. They have both walk-up and online ordering at hothandspie.com/.

Two great amenities that grace Highland Park include




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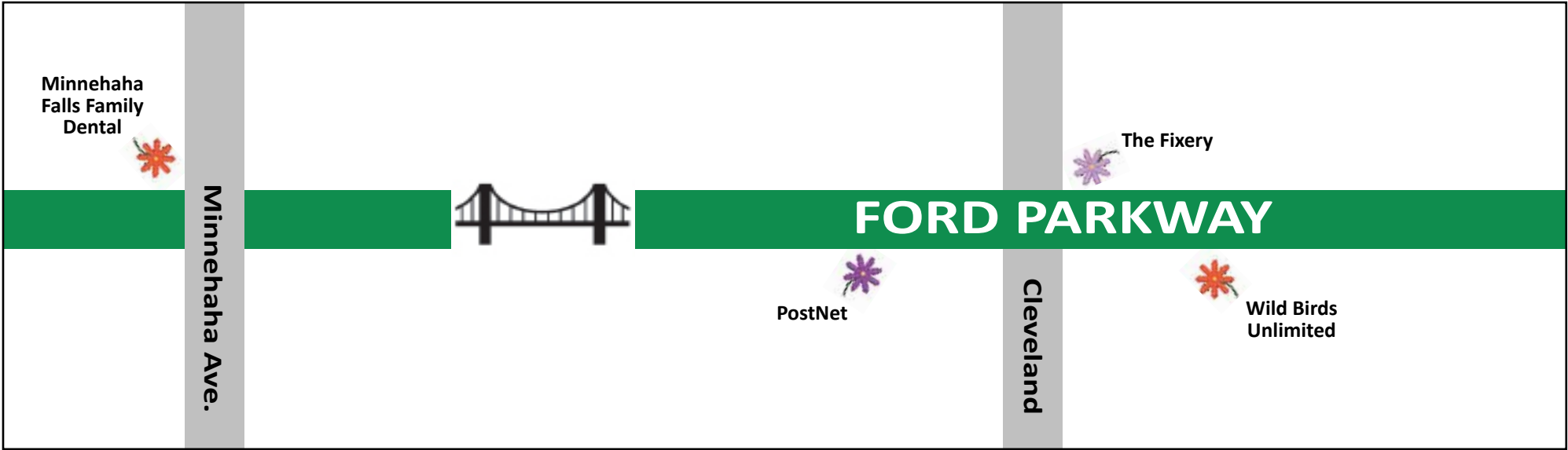
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its branch of the St. Paul Library system, and its eponymous park. One is closed to the public, but with tons of contactless services (the library), and the other is open to the public, but with many of its services shuttered (the park.)

Libraries have been at the center of discussions about



Highland Park Library

COVID-19 and community needs. As Deborah and James Fallows noted in Our Towns (Reporter’s Notebook feature in Atlantic Monthly, March 2020 - bit.ly/30JeQAz):

“Throughout all these events [hurricanes, floods, fires, etc.], libraries have stayed open, filling in for the kids when their schools closed; offering therapeutic sessions in art or conversation or writing after losses of life; bringing in nurses or social workers when services were unavailable to people; and hiring life-counselors for the homeless, whom they offer shelter and safety during the day... Today, interventions like those have a ring of simpler days.”

Although library system responses are not uniform across the country, they follow a general pattern of limiting contact while trying to make it possible for digitally disadvantaged



Circus Juventas

populations, as well as others, to access virtual services. In St. Paul, library buildings are still closed to the public, but unlike Hennepin County, drop-boxes are now open for returning materials. St. Paul libraries were already fine-free, and the grace period for returning materials is extended through August

2020. Highland Park is one of the libraries offering curbside pickup. Expiring library cards are extended through 2021. See the system’s website for more.

Highland Park, like most St. Paul parks, is open to the public, although the recreation center is closed as are public restrooms, replaced by portable facilities. Sadly, the wonderful St. Paul Aquatic Center, which we have covered previously, is closed. (In St. Paul, the beach at Lake Phalen and splash pads located in parks are open. Lake Como is also closed for swimming.) Many parks are offering virtual exercise classes you can do at home—for free.

A non-governmental cultural amenity that Highland Park is known for is Circus Juventas, a youth performance nonprofit that provides education in various “circus arts” including acrobatics and aerial performance.

They managed to continue their 2020 Summer Camp using a combination of online or very small in-person instruction and enhanced hygiene. However, their Summer Show, which normally tops off the Summer Camp was to be “Galaxium,” opening July 24. Sadly, this has been postponed indefinitely.

So, we need to talk about homelessness. I confess, I have been riveted in my attention to our own backyard here in South Minneapolis, mainly the Powderhorn Park Sanctuary. But as I turned my attention to Highland Park, I discovered that very similar scenarios are occurring there, with one or two exceptions. In terms of encampments, there are nearly as many people camping, but in a much larger number of sites, so all quite small in size. According to a July 17 piece in the Star Tribune there were at that time “84 homeless campsites with an estimated 270 residents, a tenfold increase from last summer.”

The one exception was actually not in St. Paul, but in Maplewood, where a large en-



Hidden Falls Park

campment was closed down after a drowning and a machete attack culminated a trend of rising chaos and danger.

There has been a statewide executive order preventing officials from simply closing encampments. Alternative accommodation must be found for all residents before the camp can be cleared. The same Star Tribune article quoted David Katzenmeyer, director of People, Inc., a nonprofit contracted by Ramsey County to work with homeless populations. “He said the governor’s order halting the dismantling of camps has made it easier to establish and main-

tain connections with homeless individuals. Generally, Katzenmeyer said, his team sees better outcomes persuading homeless people to seek services when camps are not dismantled.”

To end on a positive and soothing note, Southside Pride recommends for your summer nature appreciation a stroll through Hidden Falls State Park. This is accessed from Mississippi River Boulevard, just south of the eastern end of the Ford Parkway bridge. The area of natural beauty is open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. most days, permits dogs on leashes, and has ample parking for both cars and bikes.

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What’s Open, from page 4

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Pharmacy

CVS (Target - Richfield). Open to public. Usual hours.

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.

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

Walgreens (E Lake and 31st Ave).
Mobile pharmacy open in parking lot.

Walgreens (Hiawatha & 46th). Mo-

bile pharmacy open in parking lot.
Walgreens (Hub - Richfield). Open to public. Usual hours.

Retail

Dreamhaven Books. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by USPS. Restricted hours. Not buying books.

Eastlake Craft Brewery at MGM.
Open to public. Online and phone orders. Call about delivery. Curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

Electric Fetus. Open with restrictions. Online orders, delivery USPS available. Restricted hours.

Elevated Beer Wine & Spirits. Open with restrictions. Call about ordering and delivery. Restricted hours.

Groovy’s. Open with restrictions. Usual hours.

Habitat for Humanity--ReStore.
Open with restrictions. Both donating and shopping. Usual hours. Read safety rules on website.

Irreverent Bookworm. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by USPS. Check website for curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

BUYING BOOKS now--see website.
Mother Earth Gardens. Open with restrictions. Online ordering. Curbside pickup. Usual hours.

McDonald’s Liquor and Wine. Open with restrictions. Call about ordering, delivery and curbside pickup. Usual hours.

Moon Palace Books. Closed to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by USPS. Call about curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Not buying books.

Nokomis Shoe Shop. Open to public. Online orders. Delivery by USPS--free for orders over \$100. Slightly restricted hours.

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

Service

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

Clyde’s Service Auto Repair. Open with restrictions. Usual hours. Call before visit.

K9 & Kitty Kutters (Bloomington

Ave). Open by appointment. Waiting list. Slightly restricted hours.

Laundromat (37th & Chicago). Open to public. Usual hours.

Massage Envy (Highland Park near Lund’s). Open with restrictions, by appointment. Restricted hours.

Nailish. Open with restrictions, by appointment. Usual hours.

Pedego. Open with restrictions. Phone orders. Delivery available. Call for curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Open for all services but call first.

Riverstone Salon and Wellness Center. Open with restrictions, by appointment. Usual hours.

The Beauty Room. Open with restrictions by appointment. Usual hours.

Health Care

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 with restrictions. Wellness Hub closed. Online appointment requests available. Telehealth available.

People’s Center Dental Clinic (Minnehaha). Open with restrictions. Usual hours.

Pet Doctor (Franklin Ave). By appointment. Usual hours.

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

Gyms, Wellness Centers, Training Facilities

Blaisdell YMCA. Open by reservation with restrictions. See website for rules and reservation process. Online fitness classes still available.

Midtown YWCA. Open by reservation with restrictions. See website for rules and reservation process. Online fitness classes and personal training still available.

The Fix Studio and Café. Open for outdoor workouts, running, and biking. Call about other services. Restricted hours.

Nonprofit

Ani-meals - Meals on Wheels for Pets. New service at Community Emergency Services! Contact CES if you need pet food delivered to your home. Weekly.

Boys and Girls Clubs of TC. Open with restrictions. Restricted hours. Only open for food distribution.

Briva Health. Open with restrictions. Health care navigation by phone or appointment. Usual hours.

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

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

Sabathani Food Shelf. Open with restrictions. Usual hours. Only open for food distribution.

Simpson Food Pantry. Open to public. Restricted hours. Outdoors, weather permitting.

Soup for You Café at Bethany Lutheran Church (Franklin). Closed to public. Distributing bag lunches at the side door Monday thru Friday, 11 a.m. until gone.

Walker Church. Open with restrictions. Hot meals, bagged groceries. Email office@walkerchurch.org or message Facebook page for information. Tuesdays only. Only open for food distribution.

Walk-in Counseling. Closed to public. Call for Phone or Zoom counseling. Usual hours.

Pop-up Mutual Aid Sites / Pay-as-u-can / Pay-it-forward

See https://twin-cities-mutual-aid.org/ for complete list, or for updates on needs of most of the sites listed below.

612 MASH (Medics at Chicago & 38th). Use link above to find current needs.

Augustana Senior Homes (Elliot Park). Use link above to find current needs.

House of Charity (Elliot Park). Use link above to find current needs.

Mercado El Colegio. Use link above to find current needs.

Minnehaha Falls Sanctuary. Use link above to find current needs.

Modern Times Cafe. For July: temporarily closed. Need money donations.

Peavey Park Sanctuary. Use link above to find current needs.

Powderhorn Park West Sanctuary. Use link above to find current needs.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Park Sanctuary. Use link above to find current needs.

Sanctuary Movement Supply Depot (Park Ave UMC). Use link above to find current needs.

Seward Café. Drop-off 10-5 daily. Donate via Venmo or volunteer- see Facebook. Distributions: Fri. (Food); Sat. (Hygiene); Sun. (Baby stuff) noon- 2 p.m.

YWCA Midtown. Use link above to find current needs. Moving to reservation system for distributions, see link above.



LETTER TO HEALTH DEPARTMENT

July 15, 2020

Attn: Health Department Representative
Public Service Center
250 South 4th St. Room 510
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Dear Health Department Representative:

This letter is to notify you that Partnership Academy will sponsor the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). This program is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and is administered in Minnesota by the Minnesota Department of Education, Food and Nutrition Service. SFSP regulations require that the health department be notified of our intention in this regard.

Meals will be prepared by *CKC Good Food at 1185 Concord Street N #124, South St. Paul, MN, 55075* and will be served at the following sites:

Partnership Academy
6500 Nicollet Ave South
Richfield, MN 55423

Meals will be served beginning June 01, 2020 through August 31, 2020.
Meal Types Served: Breakfast & Lunch
Meal Times (start/end): 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM Distribution style (grab and go)

Please advise regarding concerns or disapproval of any of these sites for meal service.
If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Sincerely,
Katie Bening

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• COMMUNITY CALENDAR •

Southside Pride / RIVERSIDE EDITION

Virtual Artist in Residence (AiR) For Youth and Teens

FREE week-long sessions begin

July 27, August 3 and August 16

Calling all youth and teens! Get creative with hands-on art projects: join our Virtual Artist in Residence (AiR) classes. Youth and teens ages 8 to 18 are invited to join in a week of kit-based artmaking from home, connecting with a Virtual Artist in Residence (AiR) and other young creatives. Participants will explore themes related to water and various art mediums as part of the AiR program, a partnership between the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) and the Minneapolis Institute of Art (Mia). AiR participants receive new, safely packaged art supply kits to use and keep. Artworks from Mia's collection serve as inspiration as participants connect virtually with local artists-in-residence, share artwork and ask questions.

At the end of each AiR week, creations are featured on Mia's social media platforms and an AiR Tour at artsmia.org. Space is limited, so sign up today.

South Minneapolis, July 27-31, Ages 13 to 18

Art kit pick-up: Phillips Community Center, 2323 11th Ave S.

Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/minneapolis/parks/Activity_Search/virtual-artist-in-residence-air/107656

NE/SE Minneapolis, August 3-7, Ages 11 to 14

Art kit pick-up: Beltrami Park, 1111 Summer St NE

Register at https://apm.activecommunities.com/minneapolis/parks/Activity_Search/virtual-artist-in-residence-air/107659

Southwest Minneapolis, August 17-21, Ages 8 to 14

Art kit pick-up: Whittier Park, 425 W. 26th St.

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New! Through Museums for All, \$2 admission tickets are available for visitors who present an EBT card upon check-in.

New procedures and guidelines are in place to ensure your visit is as seamless and contactless as possible: timed ticketing maintains limited building capacities, all visitors must wear masks, and groups should stay physically distant. We are also reserving Thursday and Friday mornings (11 a.m.-noon) for those who are vulnerable or at risk.

Now on View: Tour six decades of Jasper Johns's work in printmaking in *An Art of Changes*, discover the expressive potential of the human body in *The Expressionist Figure*, and explore traditional, new, and even surprising artworks from the Walker's collection in *Five Ways In*. See walkerart.org for more information.

Tell Me Your Names and I Will Testify: Essays, by Carolyn Holbrook Virtual Book Launch

Wednesday, August 12, 4 p.m.

Carolyn Holbrook will host a virtual event on Wednesday, August 12 at 4 p.m. for the launch of her new book, "Tell Me Your Names and I Will Testify: Essays." Her granddaughters, Tess Montgomery, Nia Davis, and Najah Davis will read sections from the book, and there will be a Q&A with Carolyn moderated by Pamela Fletcher Bush and Artika Tyner. Please register via Eventbrite to receive the Zoom meeting information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/941606502954301/>.

Once a pregnant sixteen-year-old incarcerated in the Minnesota juvenile justice system, now a celebrated writer, arts activist, and teacher, Carolyn Holbrook has heeded the call to tell the story of her life. In a memoir woven of moments of reckoning, she summons stories born of silence, stories held inside, untold stories stifled by pain or prejudice or ignorance. Read more about the

book here: <https://www.upress.umn.edu/book-division/books/tell-me-your-names-and-i-will-testify>. Hosted by Carolyn Holbrook and University of Minnesota Press. Free and open to the public.

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Transition Longfellow

Planning Meeting (via Zoom)

Wednesday, August 19, 6 p.m.

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At this meeting, we will actually be playing a fun game, designed to inspire new ways of thinking of our futures. Be ready to meet others, to laugh, have fun and be inspired by what the future could bring! We hope to see you there! Please drop an email to oururbanfarmmn@yahoo.com if you plan to attend.

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1) STAR Training - Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience - STAR Training is an evidence-based trauma awareness, resilience, and restorative justice training with a national and international reputation of success.

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and communities for application in daily life. Restorative justice practices empower those who have been harmed, the community surrounding those harmed, and positively impacts the behavior of those who cause harm.

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Minnesota Peacebuilding Leadership Institute office is located at 5200 47th Ave. S., Ste. 101, Mpls. 55417. Their contact information is 612-345-4310; info@mnpeace.org; www.mnpeace.org.

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EVENTS AND
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Little Free Pantry at Bethel Lutheran Church
4120 17th Ave. S., Mpls.
Thank you for all your donations to our Little Free Pantry at Bethel Lutheran Church. Together we have helped feed our surrounding community for five months. However, we are almost out of food. We could really use things that go quickly in our neighborhood. For instance: pasta and spaghetti sauce, ramen noodles, boxed meals; breakfast cereal, bars, and peanut butter; bags of white rice and dry beans; tortillas, chips, and crackers; mac and cheese, Spaghetti O's, ravioli, etc.; cans of tuna fish or chicken, jerky, and snack sticks; canned fruits, snack fruits and pudding; toilet paper, paper towels, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and soap. Of course, all NON-PERISHABLE items will be accepted, but these items are what seem to be most wanted. THANK YOU!

Community Table Open!
Friday, 5 to 8 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 7 p.m.
Calvary Lutheran Church
3901 Chicago Ave., Mpls.
Calvary Lutheran provides a welcoming community to the many people who are coming to pay their respects at the George Floyd memorial on 38th and Chicago. Our Community Table is right on the corner of 39th and Chicago Ave. S. in Minneapolis. We offer free water, Gatorade, snacks and masks. People also have an opportunity to make signs and use chalk for sidewalk statements. Calvary's volunteer hosts wear masks and practice safe distancing while being socially engaged with the community. Please visit our website at www.clchurch.org for more information.

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 our outreach work to educate and 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. Thank you

for caring for your neighbors during these days!

Five short courses on Racial Reconciliation
The Episcopal Church in Minnesota's School for Formation invites you to dive into five self-paced online short courses aimed at helping you go deeper into this year's mission opportunity of Racial Reconciliation. These courses are led by nationally recognized teachers, professors and priests. Each course consists of short readings, videos and online quizzes and discussions—you can get through everything in about 45 minutes. You can learn online individually or gather a group to watch and discuss together. 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 www.churchnext.tv/library/by/category/social-justice/.

Bahá'i Center of Minneapolis
3644 Chicago Ave., Mpls.
Socially distanced devotions, Sundays, 10 to 11 a.m. Please visit the Bahá'i community of Minneapolis website at www.minneapolisbahai.org/. Here you will find information about upcoming and past Holy Day celebrations, as well as news, announcements and information.

Catholic Church of the Holy Name
3637 11th Ave. S., Mpls.
Please check our website for updates on Mass times. Visit www.churchoftheholyname.org/ for Archdiocesan links to Mass online, on TV, and other Mass/prayer resources.

Catholic Church of St. Albert the Great
E. 29th St. & 32nd Ave. S., Mpls.
In-person Masses with limited seating on Saturdays at 5 p.m. and Sundays at 9:30 a.m. and noon. Please see our website at www.saintalbertthegreat.org/ for more details. Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass also streamed on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/StAlbert-TheGreatMpls/.

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
3430 E. 51st St., Mpls.
www.faithlutheranmpls.org
Sunday Worship (with safety measures in place) at 9 a.m. Those who are over 65, have pre-existing conditions, or live in proximity to at-risk demographics are encouraged to remain home. We will continue to post videos online for Sunday morning for those who can't join us yet on YouTube and Facebook www.facebook.com/felcmpls/. Sunday morning Bible class 10 a.m.; midweek

Bible class Wednesdays 10 a.m.; masks and social spacing required for worship and Bible class. NA groups Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. and Fridays 7 p.m.

First Free Church
5150 Chicago Ave. S., Mpls.
We're not closed. We're online. Sunday services will be posted at 9 a.m. to our Facebook and YouTube pages. www.firstfreechurch.org

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, LCMS
1720 E. Minnehaha Pkwy., Mpls.
Drive-In Services now available on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the parking lot on the 1620 AM channel. Sunday Worship recordings online at www.holycrossmpls.org. Scroll to mid-page on the homepage to see recordings and bulletins to follow along. Bible Study via Zoom at 10:30 a.m. (see calendar for info). Lessons on the Lawn, Wednesdays at 7 p.m. on the front lawn of the church.

Hope Lutheran Church
5728 Cedar Ave. S., Mpls.
In a desire to do our part, Hope Lutheran Church has moved worship 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

Living Spirit United Methodist Church
4501 Bloomington Ave., Mpls.
Worship with us from home! Worship is currently being streamed on Facebook Live at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings at 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

Messiah Lutheran Church
2400 Park Ave., Mpls.
All services now online at www.messiahlutheranmpls.org. Each week we video services, viewable anytime, please join us! Visit our website for online devotions and bulletins.

Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church
4101 37th Ave. S., Mpls.
9:45 a.m. online Sunday Worship. All Services and programs are temporarily online. Please check the church website for any changes: <https://minnehahacommunion.org/>.

Minnehaha United Methodist Church
3701 E. 50th St., Mpls.
Our building is closed, so we moved online. Join us! Visit our website at www.minnehaha.org/ for links to on-line Sunday worship and Taizé services, bulletins and newsletters, and weekly songs and stories for kids. Subscribe to our YouTube channel, where services are close-captioned.

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
5645 Chicago Ave. S., Mpls.
Please see our website for the latest information on Mt. Zion's plans to re-open for worship. Until that time, feel free to visit our outdoor lending library! Stay well. May God bless and keep you! www.mtzioninmpls.org/

New Creation Baptist Church
1414 E. 48th St., Mpls.
Watch and interact with our livestream prerecorded services on Sunday mornings at 10:45 a.m. on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/New-CreationBaptistChurch/ and visit our website at <https://newcreationbaptist-churchmn.org/>.

Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church
5300 10th Ave. S., Mpls.
www.nokomisheights.org
All in-person worship and activities suspended. We may be separated, 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 10 a.m., and all are archived, so you can view the ones you missed. 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 www.plymouth.org/ or our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/PlymouthCongregationalChurch/ to access our virtual offerings of Sunday services, contemplative prayer, daily meditations, musical moments, and more.

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Community
4537 3rd Ave. S., Mpls.
For video masses, musical performances, church bulletins, and other news, please see our website www.saintjoanofarc.org/ or Facebook page 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 livestream Sunday morning worship online at 10:30 a.m. Visit our website at <https://ourcathedral.org/> for links to Daily Practices and past livestreams and video archives.

Temple of Aaron
616 Mississippi River Blvd. S., St. Paul
Please visit our Facebook page for updates on the synagogue's programs, schools, and services. www.facebook.com/Temple-of-Aaron-202015025137/

Trinity Lutheran Congregation
Augsburg College, Hovrsten Chapel
Riverside & 22nd Aves., Mpls.
www.trinitylutherancongregation.org
Online worship available anytime on

our YouTube channel: Trinity Lutheran Congregation

Walker Community United Methodist Church
3104 16th Ave. S., Mpls.
Until further notice, Walker Church will be closed for all non-essential operations. Services will continue online via Zoom and Facebook Live at 11 a.m. to noon on Sundays. Visit our website at www.walkerchurch.org/ or Facebook page at www.facebook.com/walker-umc/ for more information.

SHARING FOOD -
UPDATED

Bethany Lutheran Church
2511 E. Franklin Ave., Mpls.
612-332-2397
Soup for You! UPDATE: We are still spreading the love! The Soup for You! Café will be closed to normal dining, but we plan to distribute bag lunches at the regular entrance to the Café, to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. 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 Saturdays from 9 a.m. to noon. We will hand out pre-packaged bags of food with a Walk-Up table on 39th 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, click on the "Food Shelf" link in the "Outreach" 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://groveland-foodshelf.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, periodically 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. www.facebook.com/Minnehaha-FoodShelf/

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! www.facebook.com/NCBCfoodshelf/
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(Brown door on the corner of 48th St. and 15th Ave.)

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3637 11th Ave. S., 612-724-5465
Please check our website for updates on Mass times
www.churchoftheholyname.org
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MINNEHAHA COMMUNION LUTHERAN CHURCH
4101 37th Ave. S., 612-722-9527
Interim Pastor Lee Hallstrom
All Services and programs temporarily online
Check church website for any changes
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612-333-2561
www.trinitylutherancongregation.org
Online worship available anytime on our YouTube channel: Trinity Lutheran Congregation
Pastors: Jane Buckley-Farlee & Alem Asmelash
Office: 2001 Riverside Ave.
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Cry

BY AMY BLUMENSHINE

Cry, the Beloved Community. It's really different watching breaking news when it's your own neighborhood and your own heart that's breaking. The Southside and my neighborhood, Powderhorn Park, in particular, have been full of heartbreak in recent weeks. We feel in the center of an erupting maelstrom of societal ills.

The callous, terrorizing police killing of George Floyd on Memorial Day set in motion a cascade of protests. Tens of thousands of locals—many trying to keep pandemic protocol—marched in outrage and peaceful solidarity the night after Floyd was killed. Yet another virus—violence—spread quickly and suspiciously under the skirts of rage. Acrid smoke and embers plagued our homes as major fires consumed buildings. Hundreds of enterprises, large and small, that employ and serve our community were damaged or destroyed. Over the next five days, we were all terrorized by serious threats to safety, but we'd also gotten organized. At Powderhorn Park the Saturday

and Sunday after the murder, organizing rallies were held, each with nearly a thousand observing pandemic protocol. We recognized that we were under attack by forces multiple and serious. We needed to organize to protect ourselves since we could not count on uniformed professionals to respond to our needs. Block residents quickly planned to support the protests while protecting each other nonviolently with various strategies, including posting vigils through the nights of curfew for the next week. We even put out twinkle lights and signs to welcome protesters. And every morning, neighbors showed up with brooms and buckets to clean up the mess.

After a week of curfew and vigils, Powderhorn Park was then the site for the remarkable and historic declaration of a majority of the City Council that the police force would be re-designed into a community safety system in which all in the community could trust.

Then, after hardly three nights of non-vigil sleep, a new emergency arrived in Powderhorn Park. People evicted from the sanctuary hotel debacle (formerly known as Sheraton) began tenting in the park. A very sad set of perpetually traumatized people were in need of every basic service in our backyard. Neighbors responded with

compassion, but we were divided about the wisdom of the encampment in the park. Soon a multitude came to tent in the park for a variety of reasons and the number of tents grows every day.

It's fitting that a disaster relief group set up their equipment in the park since this is a disaster unfolding. It's comparable to a refugee camp but below international standards. Here are folks who have fallen out of being able to "make it" on the very demanding terms we've established in our "winner take all" system. The long-festering ills of our society—housing and health care as financial commodities, family breakdown and anomie, widespread distrust of social institutions, untreated mental illness, alcohol and drug addictions, dispossessed communities exploited in illicit trafficking instead of cooperating in community safety—are on display in our backyard. Some have learned to deal with life by being cons, some by being provocateurs. Anger tends to spill out not at its cause but undifferentiated, at whomever is nearby. Much is painful, triggering and threatening to witness.

Also called to the park are an incredible set of "volunteers" leaning into best outcomes for the poor, or at least for getting through this day without harm. Most of them identify with those in need and use radical love and empathy to de-esca-

late emotions and help people live in community. They attempt to have a community meeting every evening for self-governance. (Look up the Minneapolis Sanctuary Movement for how to help.) All of our best practices, however, for treating mental illness and addiction require trust and hope and are helped by a sense of community—conditions that would be served better by boundaries and limits on the encampment.



Of course, all of this is unfolding during a pandemic that threatens both sudden death and widespread economic upheaval. For the first time in history, the whole world is experiencing the same thing and is able to communicate about it. And all of this while time is running out to make radical changes to prevent climate catastrophe. It's all very breath-taking.

Meanwhile, in the aftermath

of the callous breath-taking of George Floyd, some religious people are claiming that an outpouring of holiness is occurring in the area. George Washington Carver himself, years ago, declared that Minneapolis would be the site of a grand spiritual revival. Some claim it's happening now.

On the national level, the Poor Peoples Campaign for a New Moral Revival is calling for a "revolution of values to save the soul and heart of our democracy." In their words: "The political and economic systems in the U.S. are plagued by the interlocking injustices of systemic racism, poverty, militarism and a war economy, ecological devastation and a distorted moral narrative of religious nationalism. Somebody's hurting our people. It's gone on far too long, and we won't be silent anymore."

How do people get so callous to the needs of others? Some of it is the mindset that violence is necessary. As George Floyd begged for breath, the officers mocked him. The domination system requires violence and humiliation—which leaves a wake of trauma. And it tends to corrupt the character of all concerned. Now the Southside—and our nation—must make a grand evolutionary leap. May we move from trauma to transformation, from uprising to up-wising, moving from a culture of killing to a culture of caring.



Michelle Obama's school nutrition standards upheld

It's a rather fantastic idea, but then there is much fantasy about what the government does. It seems our president has rolled back legislation having to do with school nutrition. A federal court has struck down a 2018 Department of Agriculture rule that reversed nutrition standards in school meal programs once championed by Michelle Obama. The school lunch and breakfast program is only the latest in a series of Trump administration regulations that have been struck down for violating the legal procedures that Congress set out for approving new legislation.

The court concluded that the legislation was not inconsistent with federal law. It does not reflect unexplained and arbitrary decision-making. It does not represent an unacknowledged change in position and the U.S. Department of Agriculture appropriately responded to public comments, ruled U.S. District Judge George J. Hazel.

Notes from the desk of peace activist Polly Mann (b. Nov. 19, 1919)

The food items in question are sodium and whole grains. Karianne Jones, one of the lead legislators for Democracy Forward, a liberal legal group that represents the Center for Science in the Public Interest and Healthy School Fund Maryland, explained, "What the Trump administration has done time and again is to roll back federal policies that are designed to ensure that American children can access food."

However, it appears that Mr. Trump's actions to weaken legislation ensuring school children sufficient food, including fruits and vegetables, have been to no avail and existing standards for such will remain in place. Hurrah hurrah!!

Weapons are big business

Year after year, American arms have been used against the Yemeni in their war with Saudi Arabia. Three times attempts were made to cut off the necessary funding of \$3 billion to the Raytheon corporation for arms sales.

But lobbyists with the support of President Trump finally succeeded in pushing the legislation through the Congress.

Lawmakers from both parties have condemned the con-

tinued arms sales, expressing both humanitarian and security concerns. Sen. Mike Lee, Republican from Utah, has publicly criticized the administration's approach to the conflict, saying, "We don't even know how these arms are being used ... This war was never authorized by Congress."

Tom Malinofsky, a New Jersey Democrat and former head of the State Department's Human Rights Bureau, commented about President Trump:

"He seems to see foreign policy in the way he viewed the real estate business. Every country is like a company and our job is to make money."

The rich get richer

Since 1989 the ultra-rich have gotten \$21 trillion richer while the bottom 90% have gotten \$900 billion poorer.

The gap between productivity and a typical worker's compensation has increased dramatically since 1979.

If you're a member of that ultra-rich group, you are probably dubious about the source of this information. It follows.

INFORMATION SOURCE

—EPI analysis of unpublished Total Economic Productivity data from Bureau of Labor Sta-

tistics (BLS) Labor Productivity and Costs program

—Wage data from the BLS Current Employment Statistics
—BLS Employment Cost Trend
—BLS Consumer Price Index
—Bureau of Economic Analysis National Income and Product Accounts

Interesting statistics??

1) The billionaire class has added \$308 billion to its wealth even as a record 26 million people lost their jobs.

2) Between March 18 and April 22, the wealthiest Americans' incomes grew 10.5%.

3) Three coal companies have received \$28 billion.

AT THE SAME TIME

U.S. companies like Caterpillar, Levi Strauss, Stanley Black & Decker and World Wrestling Entertainment are still rewarding shareholders while thousands of their laid-off workers are filing for unemployment benefits.

As American families are struggling, war profiteers are requesting their own bailout. The National Defense Association, a trade group for the arms industry, asked the Pentagon to speed up contracts and awards for \$160 billion in unobligated funds. Nationally, more than 70 percent of jobless Americans did

not receive unemployment benefits in March.

U.S. supports ongoing war against Yemen

The following information is from The Progressive magazine of June-July 2020.

The U.N. reports a death toll of 100,000 in Yemen's ongoing war, plus 131,000 dying from hunger, disease and a lack of medical care. At least 85,000 children have died from extreme hunger since the war began in 2015. Also involved were the rebels, the Houthis, who constitute 70 percent of Yemen's population. Of course, the United States is involved. In 2019, it was reported that 11 states and the District of Columbia have each exported more than \$100 million worth of weapons to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. On a monthly basis, Saudi Arabia's state-owned shipping company, Bahri, sends cargo ships to U.S. ports to collect bombs, grenade, cartridges and defense-related aircraft.

I am sure Americans would prefer that their tax dollars be spent on causes that benefit people, be they Yemenis, Houthis, or Saudi Arabians, rather than those that destroy life.

Things are different now, at 38th and Chicago Avenue

BY STEPHANIE FOX

A little more than two months ago, the corner of Chicago Avenue and 38th Street was a small business hub for many who lived in the Powderhorn neighborhood of South Minneapolis. But when a member of the Minneapolis Police Department kept his knee on the neck of George Floyd for 8 minutes and 46 seconds, executing him in front of a crowd of people, the corner and much of the world changed forever.

Some of the longtime businesses on the corner—Cup Foods and the local Speedway Gas station, as well as many others, remain boarded up and dark. The corner church, Worldwide Outreach for Christ, continues to

hold services—outside and using social distancing. Chicago Avenue has been closed to through traffic, and rerouted traffic speeding through the nearby neighborhood streets is now slowed by city traffic bumps.

The intersection remains a shrine to the memory of George Floyd and what he now represents. A 15-foot-tall raised fist rises out of a garden of flowers at the center of the intersection. Here, people leave offerings to remember not only George Floyd, but the attitude of racial injustice that caused his death. Even on a Sunday morning, people come to see and to pay their respects. Some see it as their sacred duty to maintain the area.

Neighbors come to maintain the shrine. A medical tent,

where nurse Cary Wong and others are there to help, is ready to treat minor to major medical situations. During the heat wave, most come in with heat exhaustion and other heat-related problems, Wong said. He volunteers to support his city. “I’m a nurse. Minneapolis is my city. It would be weird if I didn’t help out where I could.”

Janille Austin, who lives in the area, comes each day to help maintain the memorial. On this morning, she is helping to take some of the dying flowers to compost. “This memorial is sacred space,” she said. “George Floyd was killed here and it is important to tend it.” She keeps a photo journal so she will always remember. “This is an historic time. I have the time and



I put my camera away to help clean,” she said.

“I would like this to again just be a corner, but a man has died unjustly. Once there is justice, we can talk about the space,” she said. “There are different layers to justice. There is the systemic racism that put him in this situation. Police culture came out of the slave patrols. We’re talking about a culture, not about individual police officers. Our tax dollars are going to fund the police and they get sent on calls they don’t know how to handle. We need to reimagine the police so people can live and thrive as a community. It’s the community that needs to help keep us safe.”

There are still frequent demonstrations, but at this crossroad, they are peaceful. On July 5, the 10K Foundation’s New American March from the Mall of America ended at Chicago and 38th with signs and songs, despite temperatures in the 90° range and a brief thunderstorm.

For now, there are no plans about the long-term fate of the area. Discussions on local social media talk about closing the intersection permanently. Others are suggesting making it a roundabout. But for now, there are no plans to make changes and people continue to come, to visit, to reflect and remember.

Names, from page 2

his girlfriend and his baby. [Interesting parallels in the three cases: Franklin ditches the car so he doesn’t endanger his girlfriend and her two small children in a car chase, and Clark walks away from the ambulance to avoid involving his girlfriend in the confrontation with the police.] The officers chase Blevins down a block and into an alley. He’s shouting, “I didn’t do nothing bro. Please don’t shoot. Leave me alone.” The officers fire 14 times and hit Blevins four times and kill him.

Did the officers observe protocol? Shouldn’t there be a public review of the officers’ actions by the Public Safety Committee? Isn’t there a better way to de-escalate this kind of confrontation?

There’s a group of young Black men in North Minneapolis who call themselves the Minnesota Freedom Riders. They protected barber shops and small businesses during the riots, and they acted as security for June-teenth celebrations. Wouldn’t it be a lot better for everyone if, when the 911 operator gets a call, they called neighborhood people as the first responders? Yes, if guns are involved then you have to call the police, but shouldn’t we try to get people

from the community to try to talk down the trouble before it gets out of hand?

The City Council says it wants to do away with the police. This is a great opportunity for them to put their money where their mouth is. Council Members El-lison and Cunningham should find the money to support the Minnesota Freedom Riders as one of many strategies to protect and serve our beloved communities, and the money and consequent supervision should come from the City of Minneapolis Department of Public Health, not from the MPD. Block clubs are an essential part of a community awareness, safety and security. Block club organizers should be paid by the city to talk to their neighbors about food and housing, education and vocational opportunities. They should be nosy aunts and uncles, worrying if the kids are being fed. And these block club organizers, these Welcome Wagon Comforters, would bring all sorts of information about social programs, educational opportunities and jobs. And they must be supervised and paid by the Department of Health, not by the MPD.

Travis Jordan:

On Nov. 9, 2018, at 1:58 p.m., his girlfriend called 911 to report Travis Jordan was de-

pressed and threatening suicide. Officers Keyes and Walsh went to the house, banged on all the doors, and tried to confront him. He came out of the house with a kitchen knife. He was suicidal. He charged the officers and they shot and killed him.

He didn’t have to end like that. Travis Jordan didn’t have to die, even though he may have thought that was his only alternative that day. When 911 got the call, they should have sent out someone qualified to deal with suicidal depression. If there was a need for armed backup, then that should be immediately available, but the control agent of the situation must be the person trained to deal with depression and mental illness.

Terrance Franklin, Jamar Clark, Thurman Blevins, Travis Jordan: young Black men killed by our Minneapolis Police Department.

Justice demands a full accounting of how they died.

Justice demands those officers be disciplined if their actions violated protocol.

Justice must be blind, but she cannot be deaf.

Say their names:

Terrance Franklin

Jamar Clark

Thurman Blevins

Travis Jordan

the handicapped.” If we believe this, we must also believe that the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County and the State of Minnesota have failed the moral test.

Should our city leaders need inspiration and guidance to further tackle the problem of homelessness, perhaps they should look to some successes. Some cities are reducing and even ending homelessness. Amongst them are Trieste, Italy; Helsinki, Finland; and our own Rockford, Illinois. Rockford is the first in the U.S. to reach functional

zero for homeless veterans and the second to do so for chronic homelessness (John Henley, The Guardian). Rather than start from scratch or reinvent the wheel, we can learn from these successful cities. We start by studying and participating in Community Solutions/Built for Zero, an organization and methodology that seems to be working. It requires moral courage, data-driven thinking and a systemwide approach. Of the 85 cities that have implemented Built for Zero, 47 have achieved reduction results. There is hope.

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Humphrey Building dedication (11/1/77) in Washington, D.C., former Vice President Hubert Humphrey (1965-69) spoke about the treatment of the weakest members of society as a reflection of a government. As quoted in The Columbian, he said, “The moral test of government is how that government treats those who are in the dawn of life, children; those who are in the twilight of life, the elderly; those who are in the shadows of life, the sick, the needy and



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Generative chaos

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I have never appreciated having a garden more than I have this year. In 2020 my garden is a sort of destination in our new socially distant reality, therapy in turbulent times, and supplements groceries from the store, allowing me to stretch out shopping trips a little more. I am still a novice. I'm still learning how to properly space out plants

and the differences between cold weather and warm weather crops. My garden is a bit of a mess, just like me. I tend to be pretty sloppy about my weeding. The upshot of this is that I have unwittingly ended up with patches of milkweed and sunflowers in my vegetable patch. The sunflowers by some magical happenstance are growing in the patch that I planted my lettuces in, providing shade and hopefully some cooling. I think I will attempt the combination again in

the future. Many people probably look at my garden and think it's a chaotic mess, but I find it beautiful.

There is a kind of beauty that only arises out of chaos. An organic, messy beauty that was not the result of a master plan, one mind, one voice. This is the beauty seen at the site of the George Floyd Memorial at 38th and Chicago. This chaotic beauty is part of what makes the space resonate as sacred, it is a coming together of many voices, many

hearts, connected and yearning for a common goal. I am glad that there is discussion of preserving this space somehow, but I am concerned with what the result will be in our city, which is so entrenched in top-down approaches.

Look at the city's response to the protests, organizing, uprising after George Floyd's murder. The city has turned police reform and accountability over to the Minneapolis Foundation, headed by former Mayor R.T. Rybak. Not only did Rybak have the chance to enact police reform as mayor and failed, the idea that one organization or one individual can adequately tackle the issues with policing in Minneapolis is fantasy. Solving the problems with how we police, what and who we police will take many perspectives. Many voices. We have those voices. Established activists like Nekima Levy

Armstrong, Michelle Gross and Jaylani Hussein. We also have amazing young activists who have shone in the recent protests through organizations like Reclaim the Block and Black Visions Collective. Not only should these voices be at the table, they should be leading the conversation about how to best move forward toward a future that truly ensures liberty and justice for all.

I understand why the city is wary of this path. It invites chaos, it eliminates top-down control, it allows for outcomes we can't even fathom at this moment. But anything less is bowing in complicity to business as usual. Many prefer the mediocrity of the knowable. It's comfortable and feels safe. But this moment calls for chaos. Only the chaos of a truly democratic process will build the beautiful future we all deserve.

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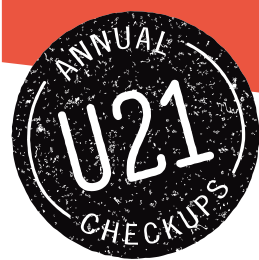
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