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**Hard truths**



BY TONY BOUZA

The writer has a unique series of responsibilities. The first is to truth. Relevance and humility follow. Gratitude and respect for the reader, and I'm sure there are more.

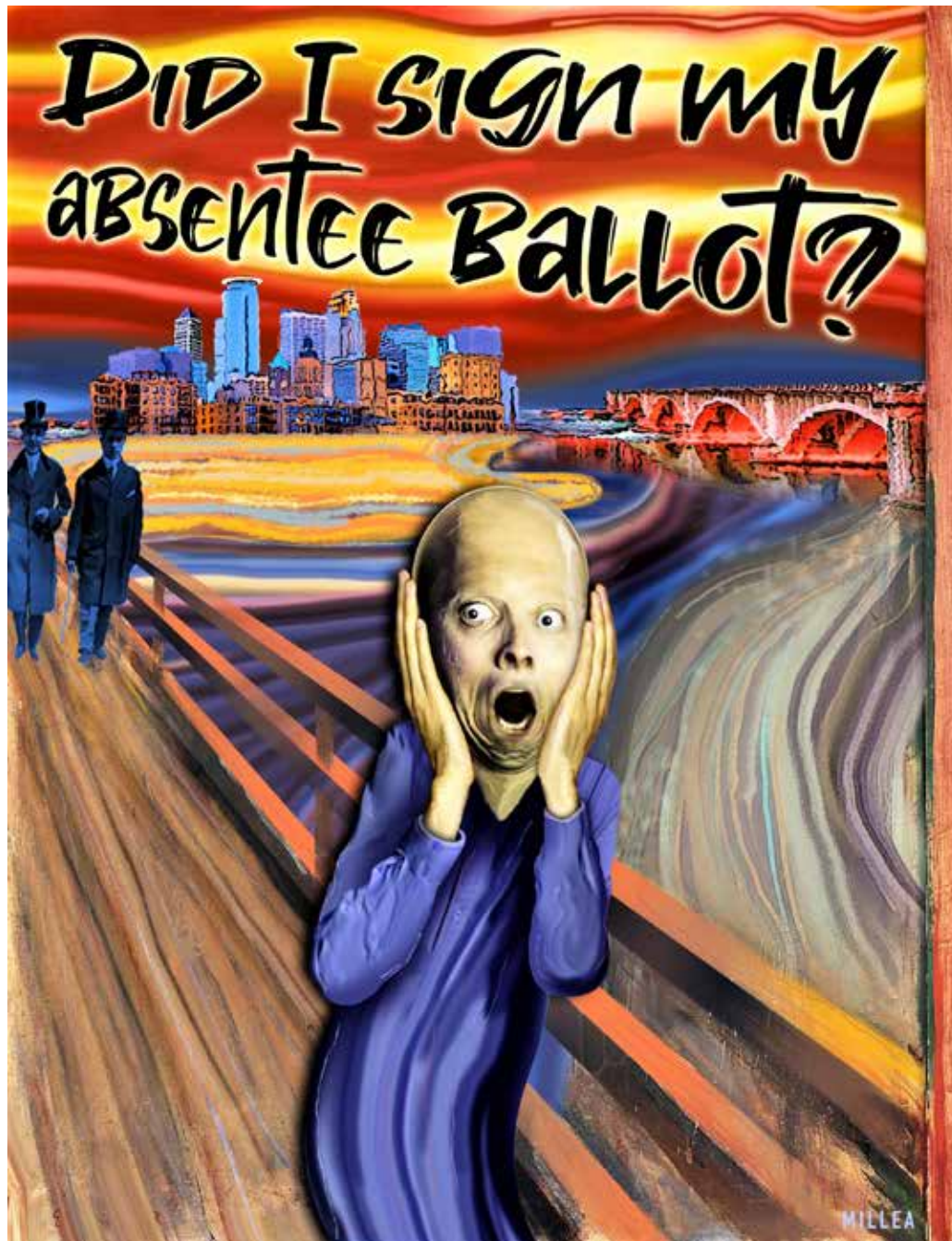
Facile, no? No. If our President has reminded us of nothing else, he has reminded us of the worth of such abstractions as truth, integrity, brotherhood, patriotism and other qualities he scorns.

Our society is racist—but not as bad as it was—slavery, Jim Crow, segregation, incarceration and so on. We have made progress and, I hope, more comes in the wake of George Floyd. How ironic is that?

My responsibility is to try and help by sharing the perspectives a great country enabled me to acquire. They easily could be grotesquely off. Fallibility is my strong suit.

It's great to see so many Blacks on TV and waxing so eloquently to boot. I think we have the Ivy League to thank for that. They're doing such a great job that they've had to defend themselves

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**VOTE**

BY CONNIE SULLIVAN  
MPLS ISSUES FORUM

There is absolutely no proof at all that the only "safe" way to vote is in person at a polling place on the day of Nov. 3.

In Minneapolis, as in Minnesota as a whole, our voting system is intact

and carefully monitored. Ballots do not get discarded. Mail in your vote early, check its status online as the state provides, and fix any problem with it way before Nov. 3!

The biggest problem nationally appears to be voters not paying attention to the proper procedure for

voting by mail: First you have to fill out the ballot, then put it in the ballot envelope, then SIGN the ballot envelope—sometimes with a required witness—and put it in the mailing envelope. Then you find a post box or a ballot box downtown to place that mail envelope in. So-called "naked" bal-

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**Meeting at George Floyd Square**

BY ELAINE KLAASSEN

At 38th and Chicago, where George Floyd was killed on May 25, the streets are blocked off so traffic can't go through the intersection. Inside this space are many flowers, murals, a medic tent, daily community meals, a library, food giveaways and a group called Agape (unconditional love). People from the neighborhood are holding/occupying the space pretty much 24/7. These people are not a terrorist organization, lest there be any questions about that. They aren't even an organization. It's a loose group of people whose lives/souls have been deeply wounded by George Floyd's death on May 25. They call themselves a "leaderless movement." They are people who want



to see life, love and flowers everywhere for people of all colors.

The people holding the space have given their demands to the city—what it will take for them to consent to opening the streets. There are 24 demands. At first, the city was willing to meet some of them, but on the evening I went to GFS for one of their two daily meetings (called "Meet on the Street"), they announced that the city had just sent a letter that didn't address the issues.

And now, the city was offering jobs to some of the people most active at George Floyd Square. If people took those jobs, it would be like establishing "sides" and it would be sad to have "sides." If the people of the square worked for the city, then they would be on the "right" side and their feelings and opinions would count. (Well, maybe.) Now, they're considered some kind of outlaws, I guess. They seem like anything but outlaws to me. They seem brave and heroic, willing to put their lives on the line to protect their neighborhood. To create peace and safety. To pursue justice and equality.

The ideal is for 38th and Chicago to be a place of safety, but the person most vocal in

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# Midtown Global Market changing with the times

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

Midtown Global Market's vendors are having a tough 2020 for the most part. Like most food

halls, food courts and dine-in restaurants, the whole market shut down in March. But that was just the beginning.

By the start of April, a few eating and drinking establishments, many of which had not had delivery services before, signed on to one. Additionally, the market worked with vendors—a couple of retail vendors and the food providers who were up for it—to provide a curbside delivery option. This went on right through May, with more and more vendors joining in. On the last week of Ramadan, just before Eid, then Memorial Day and the impending doom that was just around the corner, curbside pickup topped out at 13 vendors.

Also, in April, the market's nonprofit "landlord," Neighborhood Development Center (NDC), launched Meals for Medics. Supported by grants and a GoFundMe, they paid Market food vendors to prepare meals in bulk and then used volunteers to deliver them.

Then there was a complete shutdown for over a week due to the Justice for George Floyd uprising. The market was saved from serious arson or looting by a brave band of volunteers who guarded it during the worst of

this time around the end of May and the first week of June.

June 1 had been a target for reopening the Market for walk-up ordering of take-out foods and drink, and giving the non-food vendors a chance for some customers. This was delayed for a week or so, but gradually in June the Market opened up. Vendors' schedules were erratic, and they joined the pivot to live customers cautiously, in twos and threes at a time. Almost all dropped the curbside delivery as soon as they were able to have customers come in to eat or browse, but a lot of the eateries continued doing a lot of their business using delivery services, and of course Taco Cat (which is gone now) was always based on a unique bicycle delivery model of their own.

Another thing the Market was so loved for, besides the eating and shopping, was exciting public events—puppet theater, live concerts, ethnic festivals. All these were off the calendar. Since these were free and used as a means to pull in crowds, there was no reason to try to move them to virtual mode. But various clever workarounds allowed some events to still occur, with social distancing. For instance, on June 10, a free legal



Salsa a La Salsa

clinic for area businesses damaged by rioting was held, with masks and distancing. Then on June 16, NDC, along with state and local agencies, hosted a full-fledged small-business information session for those impacted by civil unrest.

Very soon after the looting and destruction of Lake Street, the NDC started another GoFundMe campaign called Market Mend. This campaign raised nearly \$160,000 and was then allotted to the vendors as one-time grants to help rebuild. The Meals for Medics campaign tem-

porarily pivoted to providing meals for anyone in need, and there were grocery giveaway pop-ups off and on from May 30 through June, as vendors gradually began to work toward reopening. By June 22, the Market was able to announce that 21 vendors, including indoor dining at Salsa a La Salsa with reservations, patio dining at the Brewery, several retail vendors and services (you could get your brows done at Leila's Brow Art while wearing a mask!) and over a dozen takeaway food vendors, were open for business.

An official Grand Reopening was held July 18. The main difference here was that the food court type seating was now opened, with half the tables, and well-spaced out. And that many vendors were back to their usual hours. Volunteers from Backyard Community Health Hub, one of the nonprofit tenants, staffed greeter stations at the doors from the very first openings of the market, enforcing the mask rule, handing out free masks. Originally, they were doing temperature checks, but they dropped this before the grand opening.

For one of the big vendors that was gone by the time of reopening, it wasn't due to COVID-created financial woes, but due to a PR disaster. When racist postings and tweets by a family member of the owner came to light, Holy Land deli remained in business, but was evicted from Midtown Global Market and their products were dropped by a number of retailers around the Cities. This occurred on July 5, right in the thick of the Justice for George Floyd upheaval.

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### Classic Fair fare spread by Andy's Garage

closed before COVID, the Market was down to only one dine-in restaurant—Salsa a La Salsa—unless you count the Eastlake Craft Brewery where you used to be able to drink inside and bring in market food. Now the restrictions mean only two customers at the Brewery's bar to order at a time, and it looks like people are choosing the more open food court or the patio outside when that's available. With full table service and a full cocktail menu, Salsa a La Salsa is operating just like before, except with 50% capacity of course, supplemented one supposes by takeout.

Sadly, one business that made it all the way through the Grand Reopening and for the rest of that month, but ultimately decided to close down, was Cafe Finspang, the wonderful purveyor of foods and crafts from Scandinavian countries. Also, Taco Cat announced it is closing down. This was mainly due to competition from burgeoning meal delivery services. But a business that had only opened in late January of 2020 is still going strong to all appearances—Infused Life Plant-based. They offer healthful juices and smoothies, salads and soups, and iced and hot teas, and are a welcome addition.

A completely new spot at the Grand Reopening was the Indigenous Food Lab, a project of Sean Sherman (the Sioux Chef) and Dana Thompson's nonprofit NATIFS (North American Traditional Indigenous Food Systems). Currently they are only

open to volunteers to help them prepare free meals based on indigenous, pre-colonial ingredients, but they soon hope to be offering classes in foraging, Indigenous foodways and cooking with Native American ingredients. Check out this video they made recently: [www.facebook.com/AmericanIndianFoods/posts/360226292001142](https://www.facebook.com/AmericanIndianFoods/posts/360226292001142).

The biggest post-COVID event the Market has been able to pull off happened in August and was called the Great Global Get Together. It ran from Aug. 27 to Sept. 6, featuring State Fair-inspired food and outdoor events. Another event was the Rebuild Lake Street Fundraising Concert (collecting tips for the musicians) sponsored by Pham's Deli.

Currently there is an almost equally big deal event. Nationally known as Hispanic Heritage Month, Minneapolis celebrates Latinx Heritage Month Sept. 15 through Oct. 15, and the Midtown Global Market is a big part of it. Check out the events, businesses and restaurants where you can celebrate and support the Latinx community and enrichment of Minneapolis culture at [www.minneapolis.org/calendar/holidays/hispanic-heritage-month/](http://www.minneapolis.org/calendar/holidays/hispanic-heritage-month/).

Here's a quick rundown (not quite complete, hours may fluctuate) of food vendors, retail, services and nonprofits open at the Midtown Global Market:

- Andy's Garage - American diner food, opens at 7 a.m. for big breakfast
- Hot Indian Foods - just what

it says

- Infused Life Plant-based Eatery - vegan yums
- Intown Sushi - handmade sushi
- Jakeeno's Trattoria - pizza by the slice and much more
- Manny's Tortas - just try it, it's a different kind of Mexican food
- Mapp's Coffee - fine coffee and snacks
- Moroccan Flavors - elegant foods from Morocco and other adjacent cuisines
- Pham's Deli and Rice Bowl - Asian fusion food
- Sabbai Cuisine - more Asian fusion, and bubble teas
- Safari Express - camel burgers! and other pan-African delights
- Salsa a La Salsa - indoor dining with cocktails, great lemonade, full Mexican dinner, not fast food
- Taqueria Los Ocampo - the best in Mexican classics of food and drink
- Eastlake Craft Brewery - fine beers and ales, patio dining in season
- Grass Roots Gourmet - local artisanal foods and ingredients
- The Produce Exchange - small but complete grocery, organics and basics. For delivery, order through Mercato
- The Art Shoppe - collective of local artists and crafters
- Dar Medina - artisanal items from Moroccan markets
- The Greenery - house plants and more
- Herbal Alchemy - nature-based advanced skin care
- Mulki Shop - African clothing, fabrics, rugs, jewelry



### Nonalcoholic Pina Colada at Manny's Tortas for Great Global Get Together

- Tibetan Arts and Gifts - again, the name says it all
- Backyard Initiative Resource Center - health resources from neighborhood-based nonprofit
- Concept Media - all things wireless, plus device repair
- Leila's Brow Art - threading (hair removal and brow shaping)
- Midtown Custom Souvenirs - personalized gifts.

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Ethan "Mr. Music" Horace

# 'The Power Hour' on KFAI

BY NATHAN HOUSE

From KFAI studios in Minneapolis, Ethan "Mr. Music" Horace produces his independent music show "The Power Hour" 2.0 on Minnesota Twin Cities Radio. Recently, iHeartRadio syndicated the program, significantly increasing its listenership around the country.

Currently, the show features musicians from around the world, but Mr. Music is insistent on showcasing more independent Minnesota musicians, specifically people of color and folks identifying as LGBTQ.

With about 10,000 downloads per show, Mr. Music puts in every effort for the program to sound professional and fun. "For about every 15 minutes of music, that's about one hour I put into making the show

sound fluid," he said.

"I love the show because it's so diverse," says Breann, a devoted listener of the program. "I love the fact that all the artists are independent. It's a beautiful platform for unknown artists."

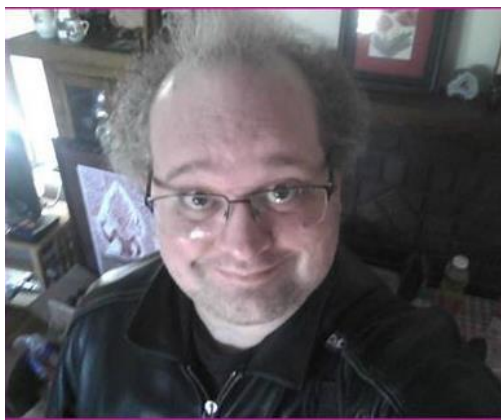
Mr. Music has been recognized for his work in journalism and marketing. In 2019, a previous version of "The Power Hour" was awarded Best Podcast on Suicide Prevention by the Suicide Awareness Voices of Education. When asked about the podcast, Mr. Music wanted to offer community discussion about suicide, specifically among Black people. "Growing up, it was a stigma that Blacks didn't commit suicide and it was something we never talked about. I wanted to do my best to change the narrative."

Currently, Mr. Music's focus is broadcasting indie music. "The Power Hour" primarily features hip-hop and pop artists, but Mr. Music dedicates a portion of his show to country, rock and jazz musicians. "Right now, my goal is to feature 60 percent of content from Minnesota artists," says Mr. Music.

MNTC Radio streams on iHeartRadio, and new shows are released every Friday. Listeners can access the show by visiting iHeartRadio.com and searching "Power Hour on MNTC Radio."

If you want to add your music to the show's rotation, submit your work to [Submissions@mntcradio.com](mailto:Submissions@mntcradio.com).

## David Wiester for Minnesota House of Representatives District 63A



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Paid for by David Wiester

**Instead of asking why a burger flipper is worth \$15 per hour, we should be asking why a 2-bedroom apartment is worth \$1,500 per month.**

Although a \$15 minimum wage is now needed due to the increased cost of living, there are additional measures that we need to take to properly implement this.

Large businesses like Amazon, Target, and Wal-Mart may be able to afford a large increase in the minimum wage. However, small mom & pop businesses (many of which have narrow profit margins) are more likely to have trouble. To keep small businesses viable, the state should provide a wage subsidy to businesses that make less than \$1 million in gross receipts per year. 3 years later, and after COVID settles down, a study would be commissioned to determine whether this subsidy could be reduced or eliminated. Robert Reich says that increasing income for the lowest earners would increase consumer spending and, thus, benefit small businesses. If he's correct, then the increased business resulting from poor people having more money to spend would make the subsidy less necessary after a few years.

One of the reasons for a \$15 minimum wage is the rising cost of housing. The construction of new affordable housing has not kept pace with demand. If this problem is not fixed, then it won't be long, after getting a \$15 minimum wage, that people will need a \$20 minimum wage. Let's try to delay that by allowing an adequate housing supply to be built. Local zoning restrictions on the construction of multi-unit buildings have been a big culprit. Virginia recently became the third state in the nation to prohibit local regulations that zone out multi-unit housing. Let's make Minnesota the fourth state so that we can have enough affordable housing and get rent costs under control.

For more information on my positions, check out:  
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# Keep it closed

BY ELINA KOLSTAD

The city has tried and failed to reopen the intersection at 38th Street and Chicago Avenue off and on since it was closed down by protestors after George Floyd was killed in May. These efforts have been unsuccessful and I, for one, am grateful to those protecting this sacred site.

The protestors have made it clear that they will maintain the closure until the verdict is delivered in the cases against the four officers depicted in the video. This is completely reasonable when one considers the travesty of justice that was the verdict against the officer involved in the shooting of Philando Castile, a rare case

out of countless other instances of police misconduct in that it even went to trial. We need the city and state to be aware that eyes remain on this case. One method of doing that is to keep the street closed.

The protestors have accomplished so much out of this tragedy. We have seen a sanctuary movement spring up to support the homeless. We have seen people come together to gather flowers and free face masks for those visiting the site. We have seen community and mutual aid efforts grow out of the protests, and keeping the street closed has been an integral part of that. Recently, the City Council voted to officially add the commemorative name of George Perry

Floyd Jr. Place to this section of Chicago Avenue. I doubt this would have happened if protestors had cleared out earlier this summer.

While I commend the protestors' occupation of the site for the duration of the trial, any discussion of the future of the intersection needs to consider leaving it closed in perpetuity. My husband and I visited the memorial a few weeks after the killing and were struck by how incredibly moving it was. The sacred nature of the space was palpable. People travel here from within the city, the greater metro area, and the country. Hundreds, if not thousands, have already made pilgrimage here, all in the middle of a worldwide pandemic that has largely shut down travel. It already feels like the pedestrian zones found in Europe.

This may seem macabre, but as hinted at before, many tourist attractions in Europe are rooted in martyred saints or tragedy. There is also the important fact that maintaining this memorial pushes back against those who want to minimize or contradict the need for real change in how we police our communities. In the wake of World War II, a deliberate decision was made to preserve Nazi concentration camps and open them to the public. The idea behind this was that it would provide a

way for people to bear witness to the horrors perpetrated in the name of white supremacy and xenophobia in the hopes of preventing future tragedies. These are incredibly moving and compelling experiences. Millions of people visit the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum every year <http://auschwitz.org/en/visiting/attendance/>.

Keeping the street closed also offers a community resource. Again, I look to Europe this time to their pedestrian zones. These often occupy town or city centers and commonly contain a cathedral. These spaces combine somber, sacred functions with joyful, vibrant interactions. Think of the unprecedented opportunity to foster a community space, a space that could include a farmer's market, performance space, large outdoor seating areas for restaurants, gardens, trees, and public art just to name a few options. The exciting thing is that there is already a community that has a vested interest and is currently building up infrastructure within this zone. A large impact could be achieved with a fairly small investment from the city. Organizers have already formed a variety of amenities on George Floyd Square (as the protestors call it), from art, to community resources, and even a garden!

Those who have built the memorial should be recognized and organized into a council or committee to direct the future of the site. The city should then take its cue from European pedestrian zones and construct parking lots at the periphery, for example in the streets that dead-end at the intersection. When doing this, engineers and designers can build in access for emergency vehicles as necessary for safety. Once that is done, the planning and implementation of the stretch of asphalt should be turned over to the community. The city should provide resources such as designers and engineers, any large construction help needed, but otherwise stay out of the way.

I understand that shutting down the streets and rerouting traffic are difficult for many to fathom. It could cause some inconvenience. But the space that would replace the thoroughfare would be a community asset rarely achieved in our state, let alone our country. We have the opportunity to replace cars and traffic with community, green space, and a true destination. The opportunity to recognize the tragedy and injustice of our society while fostering positive change for the future. We should seriously consider the option.

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in court in a suit brought by Asians who complained they were being deprived of places.

The Central Park bird-er—Christian Cooper—who behaved brilliantly—is probably a beneficiary. The Ivy League's secret sauce is knowing that, if you devise a system that collects the country's very brightest, they will educate each other. The professors facilitate the process.

Looking at the string of tragedies involving blue cops and mostly Black males, we can sort what I think are recurring themes.

The victims frequently played minor, but not insignificant, roles in their plight. Poor choices (bad or dangerous relationships); life styles (petty crimes, drugs, etc.); mental issues unaddressed (bizarre behaviors, weapons use); escape into addictions, and such.

It is nothing short of craven to blame victims, but the sad truth is that these egregious incidents are not taking place—mostly—while the victim is engaged in responsible pursuits.

Mayors appoint chiefs, who are the only ones who have any real hope of controlling the thumpers, who are protected and enabled by police unions. But who chooses mayors?

The incidents attract rapacious hustler-lawyers and photo-op-ready "leaders." Families squabble and fracture over the windfalls. I often pine for the return of M. L. King, in whatever form.

Police departments have no strategy to cope with riot-

ers. A riot is a disorderly mob wreaking havoc, but, within that mob, there is a variety of disparate elements.

Mostly the protestors are genuine reformers and seekers of justice; swimming among them are the predators and arsonists. The latter are profoundly alienated guys (yes) who hate a society that has bruised them badly.

The result?

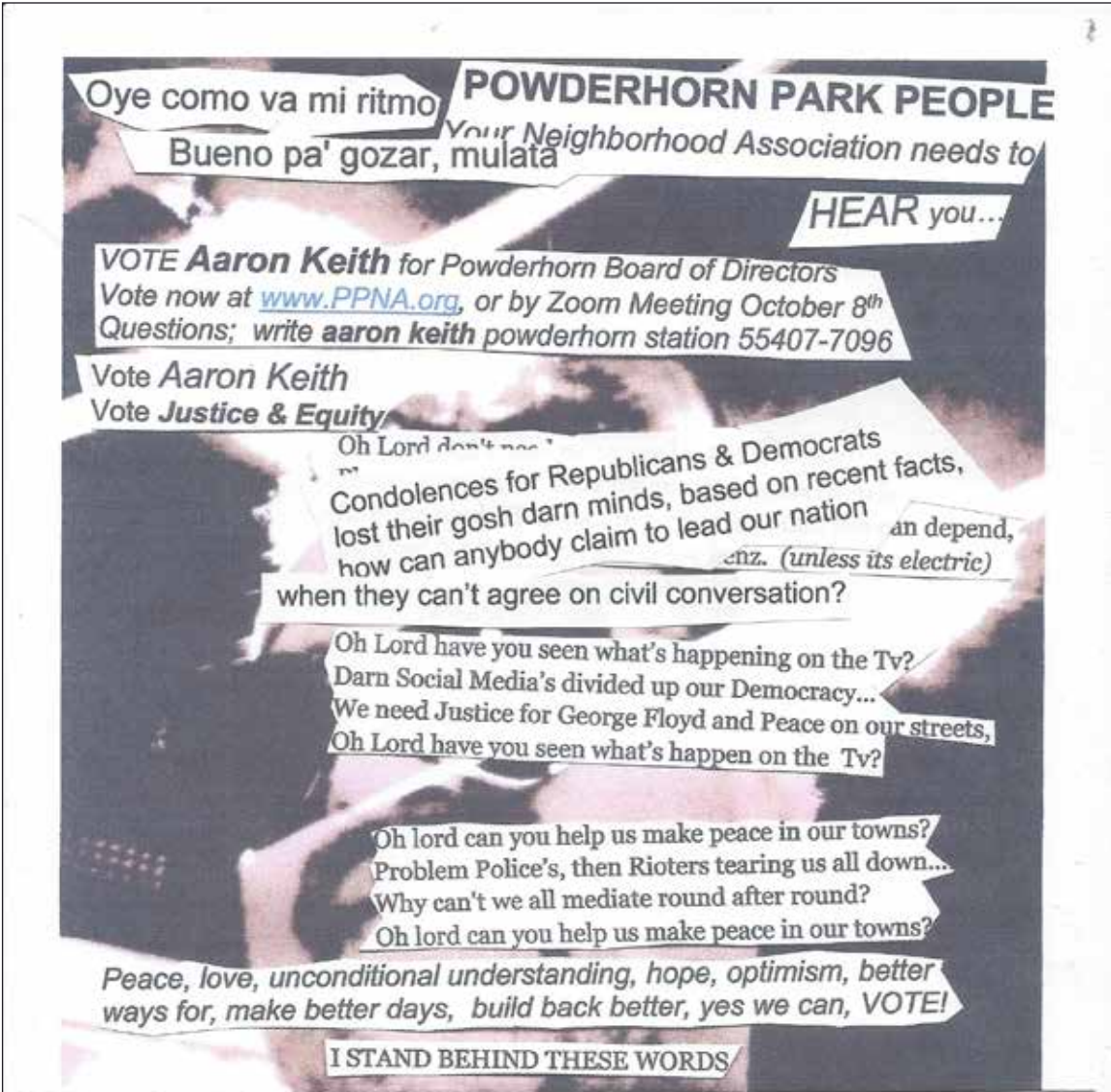
Abandoned groceries. Shuttered drug stores. Empty liquor stores. And now you have to trek extra blocks just to find life's necessities.

Convenience no more. What is to be done?

The ancient verities apply. Do justice. Love mercy. Tell the truth. Reject racism. Deal honestly. Enroll in the Ivy League. It ain't either nuclear science or brain surgery. The New Englanders got it right.

*Editor's Note:*

*I disagree that the ultimate aspiration of every parent should be to send their child to an elite Ivy League college. More importantly, my wife, Carol Hogard, who taught for 41 years at Minneapolis Community College, and began with others the first Women's Studies program in the state of Minnesota there, believes that genuine progressive leadership can only come from educating the general public. And that can be done best through a statewide community college system. It was the Finnish Communist moms on the Iron Range who insisted that a community college system be developed so that higher education would be convenient to everyone, everywhere. As Paul Wellstone said, "We all do better when we all do better."*



# What is Medicare?

Medicare isn't just a single health plan. There are various parts, some of which you get from the government and others that you can purchase from private insurance companies. Parts A and B make up what's known as original Medicare, which comes directly from the government.

**Part A.** You can think of Part A as hospital insurance. It helps pay a portion of the costs for any inpatient health care services you receive while in a hospital, a skilled nursing facility, or hospice care. It also offers coverage for some home health services. Part A is funded through a payroll tax. So, if you or your spouse worked for at least 10 years, you've probably already paid for it and won't need to pay a premium.

**Part B.** This part of Medicare helps pay for basic outpatient health care services, medical supplies, and preventive care you get at the doctor's office. You do pay a premium for Part B. The amount varies depending on factors such as your income.

While it may seem as if original Medicare covers a lot,

there are plenty of gaps. Parts A and B don't include any coverage for prescription drugs, for example, nor do they cover vision, dental, or hearing care. Original Medicare also doesn't provide coverage for long term care. It's also important to understand that coverage isn't 100 percent for even the things parts A and B do cover, so you may still pay out of pocket when you seek care in the form of copays, coinsurance, and deductibles.

Medicare supplement plans, sometimes called Medigap plans, were developed to help cover the gaps. Medicare supplement plans are available from private insurance companies and can complement your original Medicare. These plans may help pay some out-of-pocket expenses, as well as add coverage for dental or other types of care.

Part D plans are a specific type of supplemental coverage for prescription drugs. They add coverage to help you pay for medications.

**Medicare Advantage plans**

Medicare Advantage plans, also known as Part C, offer an

"all-in-one" alternative to purchasing original Medicare plus supplemental coverage. Medicare Advantage plans cover all of the same benefits as original Medicare, plus a lot of the benefits you might get from Medicare supplement plans, including prescription drug coverage. Only instead of having separate plans, you get it all from a single plan you purchase from a private insurance company.

Medicare Advantage plans frequently offer a lot of perks as well, such as health and wellness programs, member discounts, and more.

Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D prescription drug plans are subject to change every year. Updated plan information for 2021 should become available on Oct. 1, in advance of Medicare's Annual Election Period beginning Oct. 15. Healthline.com will provide updated 2021 plan information once it is announced by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

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lots (those not inside a signed ballot envelope that is inside the mailer) or those that lack a voter's signature are the most frequent reasons a ballot doesn't get counted as valid. You can fix a problem with your mail-in ballot, if you vote in time and then check on it. DO THAT.

No ballots get tossed out without reason, except where Republicans rule the process and are determined to suppress the vote totals, even at the last minute after ballots have been cast. As Trump has recently said, all he has to do to win is "get rid of the ballots" and—just this week!—have the Supreme Court decide the winner, "not the ballots."

Trump's campaign wants us all to doubt the security of our ballots. Don't let them do that to us. Not in Minneapolis, at least.

## What are those two questions on my ballot, and why can't I understand them?

BY DAVE TILSEN

Someone said that these are the most poorly written charter amendments ever, but I don't agree. I have read others. There has been no attempt here to allow a citizen to understand them from the text, and no public explanation from the city. It's like they were written by the same people that gave us the Charter "cleanup" a few years ago. Oh wait, it was the same people. Our Charter Commission.

### QUESTION 1 Redistricting of Wards and Park Districts

Shall the Minneapolis City Charter be amended to allow ward and park district boundaries to be reestablished in a year ending in 1 and to allow the use of those new boundaries for elections in that same year; to allow ward and park district boundaries to be modified after the legislature has been redistricted to establish City precinct boundaries; to provide that an election for a Council Member office required by Minnesota law in a year ending in 2 or 3 after a redistricting shall be for a single 2-year term; and to clarify

that a regular election means a regular general election?

What? Basically, the current state law conflicts with our charter when we have to redraw boundaries after a census. The amendment says that we can redraw the ward (and other) boundaries the next year (2021, a year ending in 1, see?) even if the legislature and congressional district battle is not done. Then we can have the City Council elected (along with the mayor) in 2021 with the new boundaries. But only for a two-year term, because the state law will require the City Council to be reelected in 2023 after the rest of the redistricting is done (which might change the ward boundaries again). Now, If we left it alone, that would make the City Council and the mayor out of sync, and require elections every year (we have state elections in even numbered years). Elections are expensive, so we are told, and people don't like to hold their officials accountable, says the City Council, which doesn't want to return to two-year terms). To solve this, the 2023 election is also for only two-year terms, so everything is fixed. Yay! Well, only for seven years 'cause we have to do it all over again after the 2030 Census.

### CITY QUESTION 2 (Minneapolis) Special Municipal Elections

Shall the Minneapolis City Charter be amended to comply with Minnesota election law related to uniform dates for special municipal elections and to provide that a special election be held on a legal election day under Minnesota law that is more than 90 days from a vacancy in the office of Mayor or Council Member?

Another conflict between the charter and state law. This came up when Council Member Warsame resigned last winter to take another job with the city.

The charter says we needed a special election in 90 days, but the state law says there are only certain days that it is legal to hold an election. What to do? Change the charter, of course: eliminate the 90-day requirement.

Hope this is clear.

What happens if they don't pass? I don't know, but someone will certainly sue because no matter what the city does, it will violate either state law or the charter. So, unless your income is reliant on there being a lot of work for lawyers, vote yes on both.

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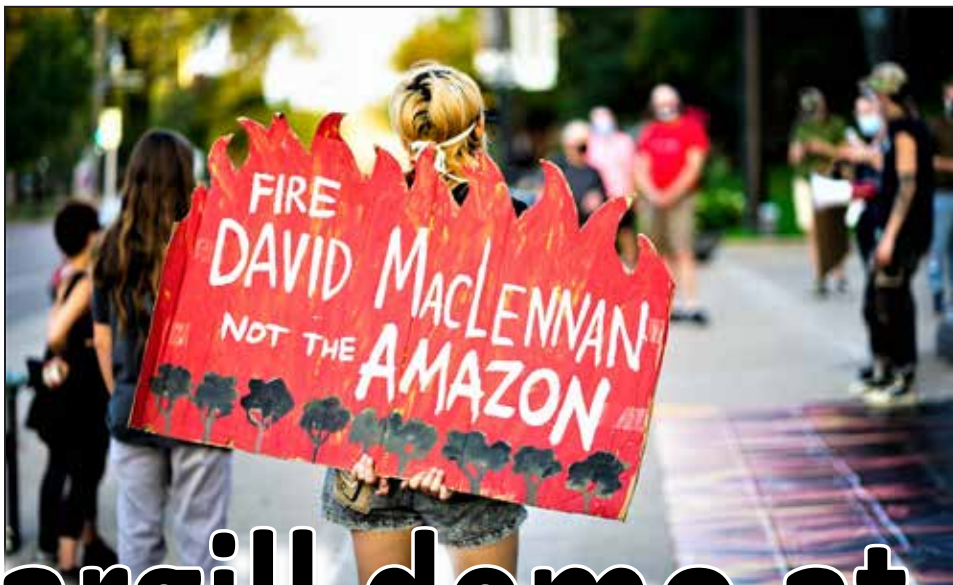
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# Cargill demo at MIA

On the eve of the six-year anniversary of Cargill's pledging to stop clearing forests, 30 Mighty Earth activists gathered at the Minneapolis Institute of Art, which houses a Cargill gallery, to commemorate the commitment and sign an oversized renewal-of-vows

contract. The document contained an empty line at the bottom for the signature of Cargill CEO David MacLennan.

In 2014, MacLennan shared the stage with U.N. Secretary General Ban-Ki Moon, declaring he would stop destroying forests by 2020. With the deadline approaching, Cargill announced last year it was not on pace to achieve the commitment—and went as far as to encourage farmers in its supply chain to continue clearing. In the Amazon,

Cargill has adopted a nominal no-deforestation policy, but has gutted it with several loopholes. Meanwhile in the Brazilian Cerrado forest, Cargill openly engages in forest clearing. The activists called on Cargill to not source grains from lands that have been cleared at any point during or after 2020.

The anniversary action comes on the heels of a march in July for forests and climate that culminated at MacLennan's house in Edina. Cargill followed up on that march by announcing a plan to adopt regenerative practices on 10 million acres. Though the plan was a step in the right direction, Mighty Earth responded by noting the lack of specifics and the plan's failure to protect forests.



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# 2020 Education

## Minneapolis Schools' other issues

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

It's a complex landscape. You have the institutions—district public schools, public-private charter schools, alternative, private and parochial schools, as well as the districts themselves and some contractors that fill in essential services, like food preparation or bus transportation. Then you have the stakeholders—students, families, teachers, other staff, both direct and contracted, and their various unions. “Other staff” is a huge collection of people: teaching assistants, substitute teachers, counselors, administrators, social workers, cleaning staff, bus drivers, nutritionists, coaches, librarians, language specialists, safety specialists and food service. The two “new” learning modes—hybrid and remote—can increase the needs for some staff while decreasing the needs for others. (More on that later.)

What's it like being a district su-

perintendent or school board member, a charter school principal or private school administrator, or the parent or guardian of a student in these fraught



Staff greeting in-person learning students.

Get a PDF of the guidelines here: [tinyurl.com/yyr4wbl8](https://tinyurl.com/yyr4wbl8)

In terms of school districts, the three largest in the state are all here in the Twin Cities. Anoka-Hennepin (ISD 11) with 50 schools and 38,802 students, St. Paul (SPPS) with 99 schools and 36,888 students, and Minneapolis (MPS) with 100 schools and 36,370 students. ISD 11 originally opted for the hybrid learning model, but delayed opening a week. They also kept grades 7 through 12 in full-time distance learning the first two weeks. Both MPS and SPPS went with full distance learning, although COVID rates before Labor Day (i.e., before the post-holiday uptick) would have qualified them for hybrid. In the Twin Cities, Bloomington and Roseville districts also chose full distance.

Only one metro area district—Dassel-Cokato (ISD 455) with four schools, fewer than 2,300 students, and spanning the rural counties of Wright and Meeker—is going full in-person learning. The rest, and the majority of charters, either chose hybrid across all grades, or in-person for grades pre-K through 6 and hybrid for the rest. However, by state guidelines, even if a school is full in-person, any student who requests it must be provided a full distance program as nearly equivalent as possible.

Teachers largely prefer full distance learning programs, and it's easy to see why. For one thing, they must provide distance learning in any case, and the thing most teachers worry and complain about—and in many cases, organize against—is the uncharted stress of having to provide two or three separate lesson plans with very different material needs and challenges. Many teachers have seen their already long days greatly expanded. They have seen their unmet lists of materials needed also expand, and often end up paying for them themselves. Teaching in person during a pandemic is putting them in a frontline position similar to some health care workers, but without PPE, training or hazard pay.

Many support staff, on the other hand, have hourly jobs that cannot be done remotely, and may not be required in the case of distance learning. Others are required but often even more than usual, and also with high health risks. These workers have even more tough choices—change jobs, go work for a more suburban or rural district that's having in-person classes, or try to subsist on unemployment and food shelves until the pandemic is over. With so little safety net, either choice is a fearful gamble. What if in-person learning leads to such a rise in school-based COVID cases that all

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times? It feels like the expression “moving target” falls short. Imagine, if you will, an archery course where the targets move around, but also which target you're aiming for changes at random intervals, and the width of the rings and the size of the bull's eye constantly changes on each target. And also, you are wearing independently powered skates that move you around in a random manner, and some of your arrows are actually disguised boomerangs. That's what making learning-model decisions for students is like right now. And it's not only a potentially life or death decision, it's also a quality of life (for the rest of their lives) decision.

Gov. Walz and his Education Department declined to make that decision for the whole state. Instead they issued these guidelines. School districts and charter schools (each of which is treated as its own district within the meaning of the act) are required to follow the guidelines. If they opt for only distance learning, they are fine, but if they want in-person or hybrid, they need to justify it with epidemiology data, reasons for exceptions, and their own detailed safety plan. Private and parochial schools are “encouraged” to follow the guidelines but don't have to report to the state.



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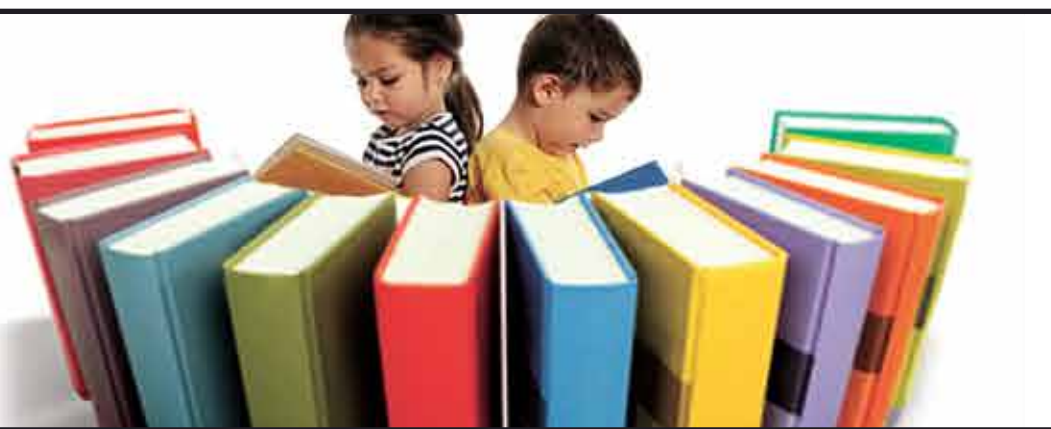
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# Section



## on the back burner, but not CDD!

in-person learning shuts down? What if the support staff person themselves gets sick? What if they bring the virus home to their family?

Families and students face a similar gauntlet of scary options. Many schools are missing students they had last year and expected back. Did they move to another district? Opt for

previous nine years have been with two consecutive charter schools. She just recently quit the second charter school to take a similar job with MPS because she could not handle the workload and risks required for hybrid teaching. She described to me the incredible amount of work involved in a complex model of hybrid

layer of stress for families who need them). SPPS and suburban systems all have similar programs, and charities also step in to help. In a recent story for MPR, [mprnews.org/story/2020/09/23/as-classrooms-go-online-theres-more-to-the-digital-divide-than-who-gets-a-hotspot](https://mprnews.org/story/2020/09/23/as-classrooms-go-online-theres-more-to-the-digital-divide-than-who-gets-a-hotspot), Riham Feshir detailed the gaps in both metro and outstate students' families, and highlighted the additional equity work of Ini Augustine, a Minneapolis network engineer and business owner who has been helping families with limited access to online learning. Her volunteer work includes parents who have experienced homelessness, and whose children need not just electronic devices, but desks, school supplies, food, and even hotel rooms. "You're not going to set a child up for internet for school in a home that has no electricity," Augustine remarked.

KH has been driving school buses for First Student since he retired. Many school bus drivers are retirees or on part-time employment due to disabilities, so the work-or-don't-work dilemma is particularly pointed for them. Also, as KH pointed out, hourly-paid support staff such as cleaners, bus drivers, food service workers and teaching assistants are more likely to be POC than teachers, who are still a majority white even in districts with a majority of students of color. And who is most at risk for COVID-19? Elderly people, those with certain disabilities and some communities of color.

KH normally drives a route for SPPS, where First Student contractors are represented by Teamsters Local 120, while a fleet of direct district employed drivers is represented by Local 320 of the same union. Since KH wanted to continue driving, despite his risk status, he opted to take a route in White Bear Lake, where the learning model is hybrid. By state guidelines, buses are operating at 50 percent capacity, riders and staff are masked, and the buses are deep-cleaned between each pickup. KH is very cognizant that his needs to keep working are at odds with his comrades in the teaching profession and teachers' unions. (First Student, by the way, is still desperate for bus drivers. Check their website for current openings.)

Parents are ambivalent, and span the full spectrum from all in-person to all distance in preference, with home-schooling also in the mix and on the rise. Well-known Minneapolis school activist and parent Sarah Lamm posted this on Facebook:

"I'd love to know more about what online/hybrid teaching is like here in MPS. I know my 6th grader's MPS specialist class has 150+ students in it. I also know a 6th grade teacher quit a few days before school started, and that another teacher who already has 153 students of her own is picking up the slack—apparently because MPS will not hire any short-term subs during distance learning. That means there is a 3-hour gap each week, thus far, for 6th graders at \*\*\*\*, because the teacher who is providing content already has other classes to teach...

"Is this approach sustainable? And why isn't MPS dropping everything (including CDD planning/modeling/PPT presentations) to focus on provid-



Protest against CDD in May

a charter school because they want some in-person learning but the district is all distance? Go to a parochial school because they want full in-person learning? Decide to homeschool if they're going to have the kids at home anyway? Or is it just part of the normal American mobility schools cope with every year?

In Minneapolis, this uncertainty is further compounded by the fact that the district is forging ahead with the unpopular Comprehensive District Design or CDD. This program is doing away with or greatly reducing combined elementary-middle schools, open schools, and magnets and the free bus transportation that supports them. Only English language learners can now be bused across boundaries of the district's subsections. (However, with full distance learning, the only thing being bused at all right now is school meals.)

I interviewed two workers in the center of this upheaval—a teacher and a part-time school bus driver. The teacher is currently in MPS, and the bus driver works for First Student, the large contracted school transportation company which is international in scope.

Beth is now in her tenth year of teaching at middle school level. Her

learning. One thing that stood out for me—teachers themselves were required to deep clean their workspaces in the small amount of downtime (ha ha) between classes. I thought of all the out-of-work cleaners in the area, and could not fathom why the school wouldn't contract that out, and I wondered how many teachers they lost when this was the final straw. Penny wise and pound foolish, perhaps, as the Brits say?

For Beth and other teachers in MPS and SPPS, there is still a greatly increased workload involved in providing distance learning. They are cognizant, too, of the huge inequities in access to not only technology, but also basic school supplies and even a space at home conducive to learning. (Even before the economic catastrophe of COVID shutdowns, MPS and SPPS had alarmingly high rates of students who were unhoused, housing insecure, and food insecure.) Beth said the social workers in the system are "run ragged" delivering supplies and making home visits.

The school systems are not ignoring these inequities. Every student in MPS is entitled to a Chromebook, and either a hotspot or greatly decreased rates for "internet essentials" (which are metered, adding another



White Bear Lake educators demo for distance



St. Paul Federation of Teachers, Lake Street Bridge, Sept. 30

ing more support to families, teachers and kids?"

As this complex story unfolds, teachers, administrators and support staff are all confronting the money-driven contradictions and paradoxes they face. Education Minnesota, the state's largest teachers union, said "schools should consider pumping the brakes on planned in-person instruction" just a week before the first school openings. And on Sept. 30, ed-

ucators from Minneapolis (MFT Local 59) and St. Paul (SPFE Local 28), along with many supporters from the community, met in the middle of the Lake Street-Marshall Avenue Bridge at rush hour to demand no hybrid learning until safety precautions can be made for all members of the school community, free and reliable internet for all families, hazard pay for frontline staff providing child care, and other key requirements for equity and safety.

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**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 restric-tions. Online and phone orders. No delivery. Curbside, counter pickup, patio dining. New hours.

**Café Racer**. Open for takeout only, Tues. – Sun., restricted hours. Delivered free meals one Monday/month. See <http://www.caferacermn.com/> for details.

**Dragon Wok\* (George Floyd Square)**. Open with restrictions. Delivery by Bite Squad, GrubHub. Hours may fluctuate depending on location status.

**French Meadow**. Open with restrictions. Phone for reserva-tions. Delivery by Bite Squad, DoorDash, GrubHub, Uber Eats. Indoor or patio. Usual hours.

**Galactic Pizza**. Open with restrictions. Takeout or patio dining. Delivery from restaurant, DoorDash or Postmates. Online ordering [galacticpizza.com](http://galacticpizza.com).

**Gandhi Mahal – Curry in a Hurry\***. Opening soon on Franklin Ave. Temporary location while rebuilding.

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

**Heather’s**. Open with restric-tions. Phone for reservations. Delivery by Bite Squad. Usual hours.

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**Hot Indian Foods at MGM\***. Open to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad, Chow Now, DoorDash.

**Infused Life Plant-based Eatery at MGM\***. Open to public. New restaurant!

**Jakeeno’s at MGM**. Open to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad, Door-Dash, GrubHub.

**Mama Sheila’s\***. Open with restrictions. NEW - patio. Takeout available. Delivery by Uber Eats. Restricted hours.

**Manny’s Tortas at MGM\***. Open to public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad & GrubHub.

**Maria’s Café**. Open with restric-tions. No online ordering. No delivery. Patio. Usual hours.

**Merlins Rest**. Open with restrictions. Call for reserva-tions. 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.

**Modern Times Cafe**. Open to the public for takeout only. See their website or email [modern-times3200@gmail.com](mailto:modern-times3200@gmail.com) with questions.

**Northbound Smokehouse Brewpub**. Open with restric-tions. 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.

**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, Door-Dash. 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. See 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 restric-tions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Bite Squad & Door-Dash. Call for curbside pickup. Restricted hours. Pre-order grab and go.

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

**Tiny Diner**. Open with restric-tions. Curbside takeout or patio dining with reservations recom-mended. No alcohol for takeout. Delivery by DoorDash, Uber Eats. Restricted hours.

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

**Wendy’s House of Soul, Inc.** Newish restaurant in new location. Takeout only. See Facebook page for more details.

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. Pay it forward for sanctuary meals.

**Café Meow**. Open with restric-tions. Online and phone orders. Cat lounge experience by reservation. Still fostering cats—visit cats by video.

**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.

**May Day Café**. Open alternate Saturdays from 9 a.m. for fundraisers—baked treats, burritos, quiche for donations for community organizations. See Facebook for details.

**Mel-O-Glaze**. Open with restric-tions. 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. Restricted hours. Grab and go.

Groceries

**Aldi (Lyndale & 26th)**. Open to public. Usual hours.

**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. Usual 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 (Minneapo-lis)**. 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. Check

website for online ordering with curbside pickup. Restricted hours.

**Wedge & Linden Hills Co-op**. Open with restrictions. No phone orders. Online order for curbside pickup or order thru Instacart for delivery. 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**. Open to the public. Online and phone orders. Delivery by Mercato.

**Tom Thumb (38th Street)**. Open to public. Usual hours.

**United Noodles**. Open with restrictions. No online orders. Delivery order thru Instacart. Usual hours.

**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

**Four Sisters Farmers Market**. Thursdays through October, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. First hour for elders and first responders.

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

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

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

Pharmacy

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

**Present Moment\***. Open to public. Usual hours.

**Ritual Aromatherapy at MGM**. Open to public. Usual hours.

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

**Walgreens (Hiawatha & 46th)**. Mobile pharmacy open in parking lot.

**Walgreens (Hub - Richfield)**. Open to public. Usual hours.

Retail

**Boneshaker Books\***. Reopening soon under new management. Frequent weekend curbside pop-ups. See Facebook page.

**Dreamhaven Books**. Open with restrictions. Online and phone orders. Delivery by USPS. Restricted hours.

**Eastlake Craft Brewery at MGM**. Open to public. Usual hours.

**Electric Fetus**. Open with restrictions. Online orders, delivery USPS available. Restrict-ed 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.

**Mother Earth Gardens**. Open with restrictions. Online order-ing. Curbside pickup. Usual hours.

**Moon Palace Books**. Closed to public. Online orders only for now. Delivery by USPS or curbside pickup Mon. - Fri., 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. (They call when ready, unable to answer phone calls at this time.) Restricted hours.

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**Repair Lair**. Open with restric-tions. Slightly restricted hours. Also does repairs.

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See Businesses, page 14

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### EVENTS

#### Help clean up your street during Litter Be Gone

Oct. 1-10

Residents of Minneapolis are invited to take part in Litter Be Gone, an annual litter cleanup event happening Oct. 1–10. Volunteers will pick up litter from their neighborhood streets and sidewalks before it becomes covered by leaves and snow and prevent it from ending up in storm drains and waterways.

Volunteers can join in this citywide effort while staying safe and socially distanced. Litter Be Gone encourages individuals, families, and small groups of neighbors to clean up their own blocks anytime during this 10-day event.

It's easy to participate. Volunteers need only a pair of gloves and some plastic bags for collecting littered trash and recyclables. Volunteers can use their own supplies or pick up free gloves and bags at a Litter Be Gone supply hub on Saturday, Oct. 3, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. A limited number of litter grabbers and free drink coupons from local sponsors will also be available at the supply hubs. Visit [www.LitterBeGone.org/supply-hubs](http://www.LitterBeGone.org/supply-hubs) for locations and details.

See the community-wide impact. Volunteers are asked to share their results (the number of volunteers, bags, and blocks cleaned) at [LitterBeGone.org](http://LitterBeGone.org). Volunteers can also post results and share photos on social media to inspire others. Use the tags @LitterBeGoneMN #cleanMpls.

Help promote Litter Be Gone and earn a free Chinook Book app subscription. Block leaders, neighborhood organizations, local businesses, and other groups can help promote Litter Be Gone to their neighbors and earn a free Chinook Book app subscription. Email [litterbegonempls@gmail.com](mailto:litterbegonempls@gmail.com) for details.

For more information, visit [www.LitterBeGone.org](http://www.LitterBeGone.org) and follow @LitterBeGoneMN on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Litter Be Gone is coordinated by the Alliance for Sustainability in partnership with the City of Minneapolis and its Clean City program. Additional citywide support comes from Xcel Energy, Chinook Book, Adopt-a-Drain, Wings Financial Credit Union, and AlphaGraphics.

#### UMN English Writers Series

##### Online via Zoom

The UMN English Writers Series' three October events are must-sees! All are free and open to the public, and will be presented online via Zoom. Selected events will be recorded and available for later viewing. Please register to attend.

##### Alison Bechdel

Wednesday, Oct. 7, 7:30 p.m.

Alison Bechdel is the bestselling author of the graphic memoirs "Fun Home," adapted into a Broadway musical that won five Tony Awards, and "Are You My Mother?" For 25 years Bechdel created and self-syndicated the comic strip "Dykes to Watch Out For," in part while living in Minnesota. Register here for this free Zoom event: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdgPKNaAj8wIIXC-mrc3lnJic-rPOHEG2uz\\_X8NRyTeXvYxQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdgPKNaAj8wIIXC-mrc3lnJic-rPOHEG2uz_X8NRyTeXvYxQ/viewform)

##### Ada Limón

Thursday, Oct. 15, 7 p.m.

A reading and conversation with Prof. Ray Gonzalez. Limón is the author of five books of poetry, most recently "The Carrying," which won the 2018 National Book Critics Circle Award for Poetry. Her fourth book, "Bright Dead Things," was named a finalist for the National Book Award, the Kingsley Tufts Poetry Award, and the National Book Critics Circle Award. Register here for this free Zoom event: <https://umn.zoom.us/j/94124124124>

##### Hanif Abdurraqib

Thursday, Oct. 29, 7 p.m.

A reading and conversation with Prof. Douglas Kearney. Abdurraqib is a poet, essayist and cultural critic from Columbus, Ohio. He is the author of The New York Times bestseller "Go Ahead in the Rain," and a collection of poems "A Fortune for Your Disaster." His forthcoming book is a history of Black performance in the United States, titled "They Don't Dance

No Mo'." Register for this free Zoom event here: <https://umn.zoom.us/j/94124124124>

#### Talk of the Stacks with Julia Alvarez

Thursday, Oct. 8, 7 p.m.

FREE virtual event

International bestselling author Julia Alvarez ("In the Time of the Butterflies" visits Talk of the Stacks to discuss her latest novel, "Afterlife," with local author Anika Fajardo ("Magical Realism for Non-Believers"). The talk will be followed by a live Q&A session with webinar participants. The New York Times Book Review said: "[Alvarez] reaps the fruits of her earlier literary efforts. ... 'Afterlife' is anchored not just in easy humor and sharp observation, but in her fine-tuned sense for the intimacies of immigrant sisterhood." Please join us for this free event by securing your virtual seat here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/94124124124>

#### Welcome Back to WAM!

Thursday—Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

Weisman Art Museum  
333 E. River Parkway, Mpls.  
The museum has reopened to the public, with recommended safeguards in place, as of Oct. 1. As always, admission is free and open to the public. There are no advance ticket reservations or timed entry required, however museum capacity will be limited to 25% or less at all times. While we are taking all precautions to ensure a safe, comfortable visit, mitigating and assessing the risk of infection from the coronavirus remains a factor anywhere people gather indoors. We will rely on our visitors to do their part, by properly wearing face-coverings at all times, keeping a safe distance apart, and staying home when they're feeling unwell. We understand that not everyone in our community feels quite ready to visit the museum in person just yet. Given that, most of WAM's student and community programming and art educational resources will be online for now. Please visit our website for more information on some new policies and protocols to help keep all of our visitors and staff safe. Welcome back to the galleries! <https://wam.umn.edu/>

#### 2020 Virtual Twin Cities Jewish Film Festival

Oct. 15—Nov. 1

Free virtual event

The Sabes JCC and the St. Paul JCC are thrilled to announce the film lineup of the 2020 Twin Cities Jewish Film Festival (TCJFF)—a first-ever virtual festival featuring eight outstanding film events, including feature length and short films, post-film conversations and more—all from the comfort of your home! The Festival will feature Jewish-themed narrative, documentary, and short films from around the world. Some of the films highlighted in the festival include "TransKids," "Lost in Berlin," "Stranger/Sister," "The Tattooed Torah," and many more.

To enjoy the Festival, simply register for an ALL FESTIVAL PASS, which offers access to all films from Oct. 15 through Nov. 1. In addition to the films, links will be available to watch engaging post-film conversations with filmmakers and aficionados on the TCJFF website. The Festival is FREE to the community, thanks to the generosity of the Mary and Julius Pertzik Jewish Cultural Arts fund. For more info or to register, visit: [www.tcjffilmfest.org](http://www.tcjffilmfest.org).

#### Help Provide Diverse Books

##### For Local Schools

Magers & Quinn has organized a fundraiser to provide diverse books to local schools, in partnership with Reading Partners Twin Cities. Reading is critical to student success both in school and beyond. But right now, many students are learning from home with limited access to classroom or public libraries. To help get books into the hands of more kids and support at-home reading, we're hosting a digital book drive for Minneapolis schools! All of the funds raised will be used to purchase books, and these books will be distributed to students at the following schools: Ascension Catholic School, Bethune Com-

munity School, Lyndale Elementary, and Hiawatha Leadership Academy. Donations are welcome at this link: [www.gofundme.com/f/help-us-provide-diverse-books-for-local-schools?utm\\_source=cus-tomer&utm\\_campaign=p\\_cp+share-sheet&utm\\_medium=copy\\_link\\_all](http://www.gofundme.com/f/help-us-provide-diverse-books-for-local-schools?utm_source=cus-tomer&utm_campaign=p_cp+share-sheet&utm_medium=copy_link_all)

#### Blue Thumb Lawns to Legumes Resilient Yards Workshops for Fall

Many of us are spending more time in our yards, grateful to have this natural place of solace in these uncertain times. More and more, though, Minnesota and its inhabitants are feeling the impacts of a changing climate on our landscapes, including unseasonable heat and torrential rainfalls. Take control of the situation. Attend a Blue Thumb Lawns to Legumes workshop, offered as a webinar, to learn strategies for mitigating the effects of climate change in your outdoors, and to help protect pollinators, clean water and the local ecosystem.

The Resilient Yards workshop presents strategies for site planning, native plantings, stormwater management practices including raingardens and pollinator habitat, among other things. Participants also meet one-on-one with landscape designers and master gardeners. The Turf Alternatives workshop provides other options to conventional turf lawns, among them lawns that require less water and fewer inputs, and that better support pollinators. Metro Blooms staff with expertise in landscape design and pollinator habitat will present. Webinars cost \$15 unless otherwise noted. Scholarships are available. These workshops are offered with the support of the City of Minneapolis. More information: <https://bluethumb.org/events/>, or call 651-699-2426.

#### We Are the Story – Exhibition #1

Gone but Never Forgotten: Remembering Those Lost to Police Brutality Through Dec. 24

Open by appointment

Tuesday—Friday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Textile Center, Joan Mondale Gallery  
300 University Ave. SE, Mpls.  
"Gone but Never Forgotten: Remembering Those Lost to Police Brutality" is a national juried exhibition showcasing 28 quilts that honor those whose lives were violently ended due to police negligence and brutality and critiques the targeting and criminalization of Black bodies throughout history. Book your appointment to see the exhibition in person at <https://textilecentermn.org/product/textile-center-by-appointment/>. The exhibition is also presented virtually on the websites of Textile Center and Women of Color Quilters Network (WCQN). Free and open to the public.

#### We Who Believe in Freedom

Through Nov. 1

Open by appointment

Thursday—Sunday

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

American Swedish Institute  
2600 Park Ave., Mpls.  
As part of "We Are the Story," the American Swedish Institute will present the Minnesota premiere of WCQN's "We Who Believe in Freedom" Sept. 10 through Nov. 1. Assembled in 2016 to honor the 55th anniversary of the Freedom Riders, "We Who Believe in Freedom" represents works by members of WCQN that tell the story of the African American Experience. Advanced admission/registration required. For more information see <https://www.asimn.org/>.

#### Art Classes at Minneapolis Community Education Most classes begin the week of Sept. 28

Browse through all our class listings on our website: [mplscommunityed.com](http://mplscommunityed.com). Registration is now OPEN, and most classes begin the week of September 28, 2020.

##### • Knitting 1

Learn to knit while making two dishcloths, fingerless gloves with pom-poms and a scarf! Skills learned: cast on, bind off, knit, purl, increase, decrease, save dropped stitches, pick up stitches and reading a pattern.

##### • Crochet

Learn basic crochet stitches and

pattern reading. Bring your pictures, patterns, ideas and thinking caps for a larger project goal. We will need cotton or other yarn (size 4) with an H, I, or J hook to make a washcloth or scarf. Bring your pictures, patterns, ideas and thinking caps for a larger project goal.

• Modern Sculpture: From Impressionism to Mid-20th Century  
Learn about the most influential and famous sculptors from Impressionism to mid-20th century such as Auguste Rodin, Umberto Boccioni, Henry Moore, Man Ray and Alexander Calder. Explore the major art movements associated with unique styles and sculptures of these artists.

• Icons of Contemporary Art: 20 Works by 20 Artists

Explore the contemporary art practices starting in the 1960s and continuing today by studying the iconic works of artists such as Andy Warhol, Cindy Sherman, Jeff Koons and Damien Hirst. Major art movements for review will include Pop, Minimal, Environmental, Conceptual, Performance, Appropriation and Video Art.

• Contemporary Sculpture: From Mid-

20th Century to the Present Day  
Explore the innovative and experimental contemporary sculpture practices starting in the 1950s and continuing today by studying the works of artists such as Claes Oldenburg, Jasper Johns, Eva Hesse, Maurizio Cattelan, Ron Mueck and Katharina Fritsch. Learn about the contemporary art styles associated with unique styles and approaches of these artists.

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EVENTS AND  
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**LeaderWise Conversations on Race Mondays, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.**

**Online**  
LeaderWise will host a free series of Conversations on Race this fall. On Oct. 5, Jim Bear Jacobs will share his story of his own personal work on assumptions and beliefs about race. Kelly Chatman will talk with us on Nov. 2 about the impact of engaging with changing community. On Dec. 7, Alicia Forde will help open our eyes to systemic obstacles that stand in the way of racial justice. Each event is free; registration is required. For more info and to register, go to <https://leaderwise.org/>.

**Blood Drive Tuesday, Oct. 6 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church 3430 E. 51<sup>st</sup> St., Mpls.  
Faith Lutheran is hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, Oct. 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the lower level of the church. If you would like to donate blood, contact The American Red Cross at 1-800 RED-CROSS or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) for eligibility or to register. Please wear a mask.

**St. Albert's Donuts Saturday, Oct. 10, 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 11, 10:30 a.m. to noon**  
St. Albert the Great Church E. 29th St. & 32nd Ave. S., Mpls.  
St. Albert's Donut Team will carefully produce and package donuts on the weekend of Oct. 10-11, and we invite you to drive by and pick some up. Simply drive east to west on E. 29<sup>th</sup> St. in front of the church, tell the masked, gloved volunteer what you'd like, pay CASH ONLY, and take some donuts—and a St. Albert's ceramic coffee mug—home to enjoy. The planned options: One dozen boxed assorted frosted donuts and mug, \$10; One dozen bagged donuts—plain, powdered sugar, or cinnamon sugar—and mug, \$10; One dozen donuts—frosted, plain, sugared (no mug) \$5; Just a mug (no donuts) \$5. Walk-ups are also welcome but the donuts will still be boxed and bagged in advance for low-touch delivery.

**Braver Angels Skills Workshop**

**Tuesday, Oct. 13, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**  
St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral 519 Oak Grove St., Mpls.  
A virtual free Braver Angels skills workshop will provide participants with the knowledge of what it takes to have constructive, non-polarizing conversations between people who disagree politically, give them the chance to practice the skills to have these conversations, and motivate participants to have these conversations with people in their social network. Free, but registration is required. [www.eventbrite.com/e/skills-for-bridging-the-political-divide-workshop-registration-119698123309](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/skills-for-bridging-the-political-divide-workshop-registration-119698123309)

**Child Face Masks Needed for Refugee Families**  
Thanks to generous donors, our need for adult face masks has been consistently met. Our case managers have just let us know that families who arrived with refugee status are in need of child-sized masks for day-to-day needs and so they can be prepared if children return to school in person. If you are able to help sew and donate child-masks, please contact us at [rsvolunteers@mnchurches.org](mailto:rsvolunteers@mnchurches.org) for drop off coordination. Thank you!

**Bahá'í Center of Minneapolis**  
3644 Chicago Ave., Mpls.  
Devotional gatherings, Monday-Saturday at 7:45 a.m. and Sunday at 10 a.m. Please visit the Bahá'í community of Minneapolis website at [www.minneapolisbahai.org/](http://www.minneapolisbahai.org/). Here you will find information about upcoming and past Holy Day celebrations, as well as news, announcements and information.

**Calvary Lutheran Church**  
3901 Chicago Ave. S.  
Sunday Worship at 10 a.m., via Facebook Live and Zoom. See our website at [www.clchurch.org](http://www.clchurch.org) for instructions.

**Catholic Church of the Holy Name**  
3637 11th Ave. S., Mpls.  
Sunday Mass at 9 a.m.  
Limited seating, reserve online, and masks required. You may also watch Mass on our YouTube channel. [www.churchoftheholynome.org/](http://www.churchoftheholynome.org/)

**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. Masks and social distancing required. Enter through church front center doors only. Please see our website at [www.saintalbertthegreat.org/](http://www.saintalbertthegreat.org/) for more details. Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass also streamed on our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/StAlbert-TheGreatMpls/](http://www.facebook.com/StAlbert-TheGreatMpls/).

**Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
3430 E. 51st St., Mpls.  
[www.faithlutheranmpls.org](http://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/](http://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.  
Sunday services 9 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. (in person and online). Children and youth programs also. Visit our website at [www.first-freechurch.org](http://www.first-freechurch.org) for more information.

**Holy Cross Lutheran Church, LCMS**  
1720 E. Minnehaha Pkwy., Mpls.  
Sunday Worship Drive-In Services at 9:30 a.m. in the parking lot on the 1620 AM channel. Wednesday Lessons on the Lawn, 7 p.m. Gather on the lawn in front of the church for a simplified order of worship. Bring a chair or blanket, and a mask. Bible Study via Zoom at 10:30 a.m. (see calendar for info). Sunday Worship recordings online at [www.holycrossmpls.org](http://www.holycrossmpls.org). Scroll to mid-page on the homepage to see recordings and bulletins to follow along.

**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/](http://www.facebook.com/LivingSpiritMN/). The weekly bulletin, children's faith formation packet, and

more will be posted to our website; that's also where you can find resources and worship recordings from previous weeks. [www.livingspiritumc.org/online](http://www.livingspiritumc.org/online)

**Messiah Lutheran Church**  
2400 Park Ave., Mpls.  
All services now online at [www.messiahlutheranmpls.org](http://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.  
Sunday Worship online at 9:45 a.m. 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.  
Online Sunday worship available, either livestreamed at 9 a.m. or afterward on-demand. And our online Taizé service is back! Join us on our YouTube channel for a service of music, prayer and meditation. Next one is Friday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. Visit our website at [www.minnehaha.org/](http://www.minnehaha.org/) for more information.

**Mt. Zion Lutheran Church**  
5645 Chicago Ave. S., Mpls.  
Sunday worship at 9 a.m. Please see our website for more information. [www.mtzioninmpls.org/](http://www.mtzioninmpls.org/)

**New Creation Baptist Church**  
1414 E. 48th St., Mpls.  
Sunday Devotion 10:45 a.m.  
Masks and social distancing required. [www.facebook.com/NewCreation-BaptistChurch/](http://www.facebook.com/NewCreation-BaptistChurch/) <https://newcreationbaptistchurchmn.org/>

**Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church**  
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[www.nokomisheights.org](http://www.nokomisheights.org)  
Physically distant but faithfully together. Connect with our online community on Facebook and YouTube. 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/](http://www.facebook.com/NokomisHeights/)

**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/](http://www.saintjoanofarc.org/) or Facebook page [www.facebook.com/StJoanMpls/](http://www.facebook.com/StJoanMpls/).

**Trinity Lutheran Congregation**  
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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/](http://www.walkerchurch.org/) or Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/walkermc/](http://www.facebook.com/walkermc/) for more information.

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**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](http://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.

**New Creation Baptist Church**  
1414 E. 48<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://www.facebook.com/NCBCfoodshelf/) Food Shelf Saturdays (except 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays) 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Brown door on the corner of 48<sup>th</sup> St. and 15<sup>th</sup> Ave.)

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

**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/](http://www.bethanyinseward.org/)

**Minnehaha United Methodist Church**  
3701 E. 50<sup>th</sup> St., Mpls.  
**612-721-6231**  
Yes, the food shelf is still open! In order to fight food insecurity in our neighborhood, the Minnehaha Food Shelf is 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/](http://www.facebook.com/Minnehaha-FoodShelf/)

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*So powerful is the light of unity that it can illuminate the whole earth.*  
-Baha'u'llah

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# About smiling

BY ELAINE KLAASSEN

During the 1990s, my friend Marie was the director of a shelter for homeless women and children sponsored by a small Christian denomination.

I visited her once at the shelter and I could see that she gave her whole heart to her work. She smiled at residents as they went out and came home. She smiled at them consulting with them about their plans. She smiled at strangers in need or at kids walking down the street. Her smile revealed her deep awareness of the vulnerability of another person. Her smile was completely reassuring and affirming, full of compassion and devoid of pity.

I had already seen this quality of hers when we were not even 20 years old and I went with her to visit the children who spent weeks alone in the ward at the hospital where she worked. She smiled with such unselfish kindness it seemed to me. She took seriously the isolation of these children with inconclusive diagnoses, and she knew how those scared, lonely children would feel when someone smiled at them. It was one of the gifts she gave them.

In Marie's office at the shelter, she handed me the heart-shaped pin given to supporters. "You should wear this," she smiled. It said, "A loving heart sees the need." That's when it registered with me that Marie smiled a lot. I suddenly under-

stood Thich Nhat Hanh's statement: "Sometimes, your joy is the source of your smile, but sometimes your smile can be the source of your joy."

I knew Marie had many reasons not to be filled with joy, from an abusive childhood to a disastrous marriage to chronic health conditions, but she nevertheless embodied joy and generated happiness for herself and for others in her sphere, smiling.

On a bright, windless afternoon in March of 2008, I walked to a coffee shop in Minneapolis to meet my friend Mary. It was a day when smiles came out of me naturally. I don't know if I was smiling because I felt full of joy or felt joyful because I was smiling, as Thich Nhat Hanh suggests.

I passed a scruffy, shabby, bulky young man who looked like he wasn't doing very well. I smiled and said, "Good afternoon," an old-fashioned greeting that lets people know you may be from another country or another generation. It makes you more dignified. The young man grunted a faint but friendly reply, as though confirming my sense that things were not going well for him.

I passed a young mother pushing her baby in a stroller. I admired the baby, smiled and said, "Good afternoon." Endearing pride shone from her face and she smiled back effusively, glad for the human contact, it seemed. (I remembered my own days at home with my

baby daughter.)

I passed a young boy of maybe 8 or 10 sitting on the steps in front of his house. He was swinging a switch from his willow tree back and forth in a lazy arc. I smiled and said, "Good afternoon," and he answered with a full-throated, drawn out "Haiee ...." His smile said, "Look at me. I'm alive. Ain't it great?"

Fear of smiling often overcomes me and I lower my eyes to avoid human contact. Sometimes I feel like if I smile at people, they will think I'm weak. Or I doubt my smile will be returned and I don't want to take that chance.

When my children were growing up, I realized I rarely smiled. I realized that my mother had rarely smiled at home either. When I became aware of that fact I was stunned. It was something I wanted to change. It seemed imperative to change that. Once, in an experiential workshop in a prison, in a small group exercise, I said, in response to one of the exercises, that I wanted to smile at my children more often. I wanted to become a smiling mother. The inmates in my group were strangely affected by the sadness of an unsmiling mother and they strongly encouraged me. They were shocked at the idea of an unsmiling mother. I still smile when I think of their encouragement.

In the fall of 2007, my friend Barbara in Spain practical-



ly forced me (she begged me many times and arranged to pay some of my expenses) to come to New York City for a weekend Hindu healing workshop led by Dr. S. Mohanambal, Barbara's physician, who practices both Western and Ayurvedic medicine. The workshop was sponsored by the One Spirit seminary (a theological seminary that studies all religions—dear to my heart) on 38th Street in Manhattan. The coordinator from the seminary told me I had a beautiful smile when I met her. I didn't take the compliment as manipulative flattery; therefore, I was able to receive it. This woman affirmed my smile as a source of power, not an obsequiousness, or vulnerability.

Then I started thinking of my smile as a gift I could give, one that people would like to receive. It helped me continue smiling at my family.

And it helped me later that year when I went to Kansas to visit my mother, who had been diagnosed with Parkinson's. She was comfortable but lonely in the care home where she sat all day long doing nothing. She couldn't communicate with words any more. If you asked her a question and she heard the intonation, the end of the sentence rising as questions do, you could feel the little ping of dread that went to her heart because she knew she wouldn't be able to answer. She would try to talk, but it was hard. Once in a while everything came together. But usually nobody had the time to wait around for that to happen.

On the first day I smiled all the time and hugged her and held her hands. I tried to talk with her but felt cruel every time. So, I kept smiling. I

thought it was probably the best thing I could give her. Maybe I was passing along some healing from the Hindu healing seminar.

When I was leaving, my mother stated, "You're doing really well, aren't you." It wasn't a question. It made her very happy, I could tell, to think that I was doing very well. I know, as a mother, that for mothers (whether or not they can talk, no matter how lonely they may be, whether or not they remember anything), the most important thing is the well-being of their children.

Considering that I've had to learn to smile, I always have to smile to myself when I see someone just smiling for no reason, not at anyone, just smiling away, maybe from natural happiness.

When I went to visit Marie at the shelter, we went out to eat one afternoon and a young server, about 15 or 16 years old, smiled the whole time she refilled our water glasses (maybe she was stoned and enjoying every minute of it). I used to have a young piano student who always smiled broadly as he played. It's amazing how much joy a smile can generate.

Thich Nhat Hanh also said, "Today, give a stranger one of your smiles. It might be the only sunshine he sees all day." Of course, now, with COVID masks, people can't always tell when you smile—although the crinkling eyes are a good clue.

Whenever I can safely remove my mask, I try to take the opportunity to spread some smiles, some human-to-human affirmation, so we can confront the great challenges ahead at this time—our dying planet, our pandemic, our racism.

## Floyd Square, from page 1

the group warned us at the beginning of the meeting that, we should assume that anyone in attendance could have COVID. We should assume that anyone could be armed. We should assume that what we say in the circle could be recorded. We should assume that not everyone in the square or even in the circle "has your liberation in mind."

It's a dangerous thing they are doing. They are standing up for themselves. This could have serious repercussions from the city, the county, the state, the country.

And, they are committed, like many people in Minneapolis right now, to not calling the police if there is a situation of common criminality to deal with. So, it's dangerous in that way, too. (Even if they did want to call the police, at this point it's unlikely they would come.)

Before attending this meeting, I had not grasped the extent to which the entire neighborhood has been harmed. There is a palpable sense that these people have been assaulted, and the place where they live has been wounded, trampled, seriously

damaged. They feel a deep need for recompense, restitution. Terrible harm has been done—of course to George Floyd, but also to everyone who calls 38th and Chicago home.

Seeking compensation for the harm is a huge part of creating the space at George Floyd Square. But finding a new way to live for everyone, in which racial equality is paramount, tops the list of intentions.

The person effectively leading the meeting, who is Black and is a high school English teacher, described in gripping terms what it has been like for her throughout her life knowing that if she were ever killed, it wouldn't matter. Since childhood she has known she is expendable in this society. I had never heard it said in quite the way she said it and it made me understand the desperation in a new way. I have never had the experience of being Black in this culture so I only have my imagination and my willingness to listen to help me understand. In the '60s and since then, I have read Malcolm X, Eldridge Cleaver, Ralph Ellison, James Baldwin, Richard Wright, Toni Morrison, the story of Medgar Evers and more. Recently I read Ibram

X Kendi.

When I went out to look at the burned-out buildings in my neighborhood after the destruction following George Floyd's death, I felt guilt. I thought, "We've known about redlining forever, we know what happened after Reconstruction, we know that Black G.I.s after WWII were not given the same benefits as returning white soldiers, we know about the racism of the police department—we know all of it, and yet we just keep thinking, well, maybe it will work itself out in a natural way, etc." How could we just let it go? Have we been throwing our hands in the air, believing there's nothing that can be done?

At the very end of the meeting, various people couldn't emphasize enough the importance of voting. And they stressed the extreme importance of voting at the most local level you can. Personally get to know the people running for Park Board, School Board, community organizations, district judges, etc., so you know what kind of person you are voting for. The main changes we can make are at the local level—as demonstrated by George Floyd Square.



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# The loopy Loppety plan for Hiawatha

BY KATHRYN KELLY

What are we getting with the new Minneapolis Park Board plan for the Hiawatha Golf Course property?

\*The Disappearing Park - The neighbors who want to keep their little park at 19th Avenue South and East 43rd Street will have to take up golf, because it will now become part of the new 9-hole golf course with an open storm sewer running through it.

\*Whirring neighbors to wakefulness - The plan will put noisy pumps and snow-making equipment directly across the street from homes at 44th and Longfellow. That should help people stay awake through the night with the constant high-pitched whir!

\*Trucking down Longfellow Avenue - The cross-country skiing premier locations will be at 47th and Longfellow, so we guess that the snow made at 44th and Longfellow will be trucked

down Longfellow Avenue to the joy of the residents.

\*The Tunnel of Nets - The plan will put a pedestrian walkway through the golf course to the lake, but for safety's sake, the Park Board may need to install a tunnel of nets to protect the pedestrians from golf balls. Sounds like a walk through nature to me!

\*Kayak Dodgeball - The latest sport will be for kayakers who will rent their kayaks at the new event center and then paddle through the golf ball gauntlet until they get through the golf course to Lake Hiawatha.

\*More exercise for golfers - Not only is the Park Board stating that riding carts will not be promoted, but the golfers will get to walk up to half a mile between some golf holes.

\*The "Wetland Habitat" - The MPRB calls the delta at the inlet of Lake Hiawatha a "Wetland Habitat." Hmmm! I never knew that a delta created from

the sand, dirt, tree limbs, garbage and pollution coming down Minnehaha Creek could be called a "Wetland Habitat." I thought that it would be something that needed to be "Properly Disposed Of."

\*Building into the Hill - The new restaurant/event center will be built into the hill. I guess state-mandated set-backs for buildings on shorelines do not apply to the Park Board?

\*The Plaque - The Park Board assures the Black community that they will honor Black golfers in some unknown way, while the Black golfers ask for the 18-hole golf course to be maintained (in other words, "Don't give us a plaque")!

Where is the Park Board getting \$42 million to pay for this wonderland? The cross-country skiing portion will not come from the Loppet because they are broke. The Park Board says the money for the 9-hole golf course



will come from the Minneapolis Golf Courses, but the Park Board also says that their golf courses don't ever make a profit, so how is that happening? And, the money for the restaurant/event center is to come from restaurateurs who are all struggling or going out of business. I guess the \$42 million will have to come from a money tree!

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**Businesses, from page 10**

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

**Hennepin County Libraries (various locations).** Some libraries now open for grab-and-go, short computer use sessions, or only computer use by appointment. See <https://www.hclib.org/about/locations> for branch statuses.

**Hub Bicycle Cooperative.** Open for repairs without appointment. Online shop with curbside pickup or delivery. See website or call for more.

**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/Downtown Minneapolis).** 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 Grease Pit Bike Shop.** Open for outdoor DIY bike repair. 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**

**Big River Yoga.** Zoom classes. Outdoor classes in Brackett Park thru fall. See website for details.

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

**Five Elements Martial Arts.** Limited size classes with restrictions. Zoom classes are also continuing. See website for details.

**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.** 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.

**Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.** Use link above to find needs. Uses Signup Genius App for volunteers. Distribution Tue, Thu, 2nd & 4th Sat.

**House of Charity (Elliot Park).** Open with restrictions. Restricted hours.

**Macedonia Baptist Church.** Open with restrictions. Restrict-

ed 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@walker-church.org](mailto:office@walker-church.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.

**Annie Young Meadows Sanctuary.** Use link above to find current needs.

**Acupuncturists without Borders (Calvary Lutheran Church).** Free community acupuncture outdoors Sundays 2-3 p.m.

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

**Brian Coyle Center.** Free COVID-19 tests and free flu shots. Fridays. See link above for details.

**Food Not Bombs - Wed. dinner (Bloomington & 28th St).** Free vegan meal Wednesday 3 to 6 p.m.

**Food Not Bombs - Friday dinner (Fr. Hennepin Park near Stone Arch Bridge).** Free vegan meal Friday 5 to 7 p.m.

**Franklin-Hiawatha Encampment (Little Earth Trail).** Use link above for current needs.

**Indigenous Food Lab (Midtown Global Market).** Use link above for volunteering or donating. NO kitchen experience needed to volunteer. Use signup sheet. Feeding encampments, elders, others in need.

**Lake Nokomis Park Sanctuary.** Use link above to find current needs.

**Midtown YWCA.** Use link above to find current needs. Distribution by reservation, link in link above.

**Peace Coffee.** Distribution of food and supplies Tue and Fri. Drop-offs at Ricardo Levin Morales Studio next door. See link above for more details.

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

**Sanctuary Movement Supply Depot (PPNA Office 35th Street).** Use link above to find current needs. Or inquire at the depot for more up to date info.

**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.

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# Please, no more martyrs

BY ED FELIEN

Jojo Rosenbaum was killed trying to talk Kyle Rittenhouse out of his gun.

Anthony Huber was killed trying to knock away Rittenhouse's gun with a skateboard.

Michael Reineohl was killed by the Pacific Northwest Violent Offender Task Force, a group organized by Erik Prince for Don-

offender. That's what happened to Kyle Rittenhouse. After he killed Rosenbaum and Huber, he walked through police lines and went home to Antioch, Ill. Trump saw no reason to intervene. And the states began the legal process of extradition.

Michael Reineohl didn't expect the same kind of treatment for his killing of Aaron Danielson on Aug. 29.



Michael "Big Mike" Reineohl

ald Trump. It was made up of people from the U.S. Marshals Service, the Lakewood Police Department, the Pierce County Sheriff's Department and the Washington State Department of Corrections.

Prince had been responsible for recruiting and organizing Trump's response to the demonstrations around the Federal Building in Portland. He's the former head of Blackwater, the mercenary army responsible for civilian massacres in Baghdad. His sister is Betsy DeVos, education secretary.

Normally, when someone kills someone and flees to another state, the attorney general from the state where the incident occurred will sue the other state for extradition of the alleged

He expected federal agents would come to kill him. He gave an interview to a reporter from VICE: "You know, lots of lawyers suggest that I shouldn't even be saying anything, but I feel it's important that the world at least gets a little bit of what's really going on. I had no choice. I mean,

I, I had a choice. I could have sat there and watched them kill a friend of mine of color. But I wasn't gonna do that."

According to local news reports:

Detectives found a loaded 9mm handgun on Danielson's waistband and three magazines of 9mm red-tip ammunition in his right cargo pants pocket. Surveillance video from the nearby Third Avenue parking garage showed Danielson holding a baton in his left hand and the bear spray in his right hand before the shooting, according to police.

An hour before his fatal encounter with law enforcement, Mr. Reineohl was on the telephone with Tiffanie Wickwire, who was helping him set up a

GoFundMe page, Ms. Wickwire said in an interview.

"We were talking about his kids and what to do for them if anything happened to him," she said, referring to his 17-year-old son and 11-year-old daughter.

"Stay safe," they told each other at the end of the call, she said.

Trump thanked the U.S. Marshals Service for their "strength" and "bravery," saying that Mr. Reineohl was killed after drawing a weapon when officers attempted to take him into custody.

There is no film from body cameras, though some in the posse were wearing body cameras. There is no evidence that Reineohl drew a gun. Some witnesses said they heard 30 to 40 shots fired.

Trump and Erik Prince have organized a national secret police force to work with sympathetic local police to take care of political undesirables.

It is very similar to the Geheime Staatspolizei (abbreviated Gestapo—the Secret State Police) created by Hermann Goering in 1933 that worked with local police departments to eliminate communists, Jews and Gypsies in Nazi Germany.

On Friday, Sept. 4, Trump's attorney general Bill Barr said, "The streets of our cities are safer with this violent agitator removed, and the actions that led to his location are an unmistakable demonstration that the United States will be governed by law, not violent mobs."

KATU TV from Portland announced Sept. 4:

"Reineohl wrote on his Facebook page that he was a professional snowboarder for Deviation, a Portland ski and snowboard company, and he posted several videos of himself and his son snowboarding. But in a statement Monday, Deviation said Reineohl had never been an employee or sponsored athlete of the company.

"One friend who knows Reineohl through snowboarding said

he had been sponsored by various companies over the years and had sometimes won 'big air' competitions—to the point that his nickname became 'Big Mike.' The friend described him as 'a really nice guy, a gentle giant' who sometimes fashioned himself into 'a defender role.'"

The New York Times, Sept. 4: "Oregon State Police arrested Mr. Reineohl in June after the authorities said he raced against his 17-year-old son on Interstate 84, with the Cadillac he was driving careening down the highway at 111 miles per hour. His 11-year-old daughter was in his car, according to the police report, and the police found a Glock pistol for which Mr. Reineohl did not have a permit.

"I am 100% ANTIFA all the way!" he posted on Instagram in June, referring to a loose collection of activists who have mobilized to oppose groups they see as fascist or racist. "I am willing to fight for my brothers and sisters! Even if some of them are too ignorant to realize what antifa truly stands for. We do not want violence but we will not run from it either!"

Big Mike Reineohl had a big heart. He quite consciously and quite deliberately was willing to give his life in defense of Black lives.

Like Jojo Rosenbaum and Anthony Huber.

Like the First Infantry Regiment from Minnesota that suffered 82 percent casualties at Gettysburg.

Like my great-grandfather from County Fermanagh, wounded twice fighting for the North.

Like everyone who believes in justice for all.

But we need to think this through very carefully.

Please, we do not need more martyrs.

We need people to do the hard work of changing our government—to demand justice and accountability from our elected officials and our police.

We need people to get organized.

City elections are next year. Protests?

Yes, of course. We need to protest, to demonstrate our opposition to an injustice. But we must be disciplined. And we must not just be against something. We must be for a specific and concrete change.

But, please, stop throwing yourselves into the mouths of cannons.

There is a civil war. There are people who want to kill you if you threaten their privilege. They believe they are superior to people of color. They believe women are meant to be subservient to men. If you threaten those fundamentals they will resist with the force of arms.

And they have arms. In 2006 the FBI warned that white supremacists were taking over local police departments. The chief of police of Portland deferred to the special forces organized by Eric Prince to protect the streets surrounding the Federal Building. The chief of police in Kenosha allowed armed right-wing militia to patrol the streets. White supremacist police departments are acting under the direction of a federal gestapo and in collaboration with right-wing militia. We need to understand that.

And we need to prepare for it.

Frances Fox Piven, professor of political science and sociology at The Graduate Center, City University of New York (CUNY), was asked in a recent interview in Jacobin magazine: "Is part of what you're saying that we need not only to be honest about the facts of history, but also to train to do forms of disruptive direct action that might not be part of our current repertoire?"

"That's right. And we have to figure that out. We have to do it with caution. We have to worry about repression. We have to worry about the cops beating our heads in. All that is true. We have to be careful. We have to be informed. We have to protect ourselves with bail money and lawyers. But we should not fall on this very narrow path of non-violence.

"There are no examples for us. There are no models, for the United States or for rich countries generally. Nobody has been in this situation before. So, we have to figure it out if we want to survive. There are no models."

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