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The MPD budget



BY TONY BOUZA

The Minneapolis Police Department budget document itself is a turgid piece of bureaucratic invention intended to obfuscate and mislead you into thinking your \$200 million is being sensibly spent.

It ain't.

The pages are replete with references to how sedulously they monitor and invest your dollars, how carefully they listen to your views and how much they care for your well-being. Please tell that to the brave citizens pleading with the cop killing George Floyd. The cops sure were listening hard, no?

And please tell me what an Assistant Chief is. I never heard of one. And what wonderful secrets does "The Chief's Detail" conceal? I bet there are grotesque boondoggles behind that anodyne descriptive. For example, does it conceal the oxymoronic Public Information Officer? I bet it does. When I was chief, I had one aide and two receptionists. My door was always open, and I was the Public Information Officer.

Other atrocities stand out.

The chief should control the department through the use of a tough Internal Affairs Division reporting

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Nehemiah Martin holds up a photo of his father, Terrance Franklin, in May 2013. (Photo/MPR)

They're starting to leave the sinking ship

BY ED FELIEN

The five police officers involved in the Terrance Franklin killing have decided to get separate lawyers. That's a big sign. It probably means Officers Andy Stender, Ricardo Muro and Mark Durand might be willing to tell the truth about what happened in the basement when Officers Lucas Peterson and Michael Meath shot Franklin.

They all claimed in the police report that Franklin somehow overpowered the officers and gained control of Mark Durand's MP5 automatic pistol and shot Officers Stender and Muro; then, Lucas Peterson charged Franklin in the line of fire and shot him in the head.

For nine years Southside Pride has noted inconsis-

tencies in this police report and demanded authorities reopen the case.

In the civil suit brought by the heirs of Terrance Franklin, new evidence was uncovered. A video of the police car outside the home on Bryant Avenue South heard voices from the basement broadcast through the police radio. After the initial burst of gunfire when Stender and Muro were shot, an officer's voice is heard saying, "Come out little n --- r. Do not put your hands up now!" The jury agreed with the argument of Attorney Mike Padden that Officers Stender and Muro were probably injured by an accidental discharge of an MP5, and that Franklin was executed by Peterson and Meath as he came out from under the stairs.

This new evidence and the civil jury's verdict have placed new pressure on Hennepin County Attorney Mike Freeman. He asked the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) to re-examine the evidence, but the cop-sympathetic BCA said, "There is no role for the BCA in this case." But both Freeman and Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison have said the case needs to be reopened.

If Stender, Muro and Durand continue to go along with Peterson and Meath's fantastical tale about how Peterson heroically charged Franklin, and a criminal jury finds Peterson and Meath were lying and convicts them of second degree murder - "Whoever causes the death of a human being with intent to effect the

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The Keewaydin pool is gone?

BY KATHRYN KELLY

Residents of the Keewaydin neighborhood in South Minneapolis are totally confused as to how they ended up with a plan that would eliminate any water features in Keewaydin Park.

A master plan was created for Keewaydin Park in 2012 that would take out the current wading pool and replace it with a zero-depth entry pool with splash pad. The neighborhood approved this plan. Now, they have been given a plan that gets rid of the zero-depth pool with splash pad AND the current wading pool. So, there would not be any water features on the property.

Under Commissioner Steffanie Musich's leadership, a larger master plan was done in 2016 called the South Service Area Master Plan. This plan removed all water features from the Keewaydin master plan and replaced them with a boulder climbing wall feature. The master plan shows that the Park Board received ZERO comments about Keewaydin Park in the initial public survey. On

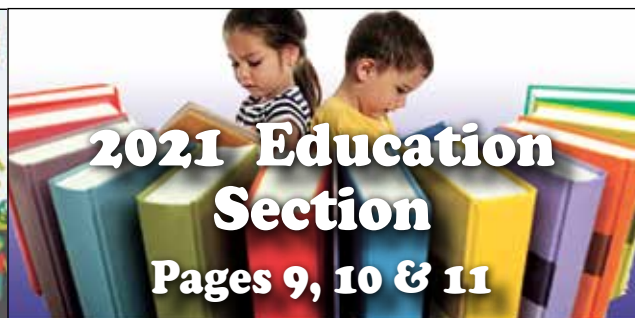


Keewaydin Pool (Photo/minneapolisiparks.org)

the second public survey it is unclear what type of comments were received about the water features; the plan just states that there would no longer be a water feature on the site. Did these public surveys really do an adequate job of soliciting input from the Keewaydin community? Apparently not.

Now members of the Keewaydin community are upset. They do not want to lose the water features for their young ones, especially after this past summer when up to 75 children used the wading pool each day. This plan needs to be redone with real community input!

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tastic steps to help people consider a Minneapolis where walking and biking are convenient and safe choices. Cars are not the only way to move,” Sheikh said.

By connecting with people throughout Minneapolis who bike, take public transport, walk, and use scooters or other methods of traveling, Sheikh hopes to share BikeMN’s new mission and vision and the goals and strategies related to implementation.

“We are able to provide things like training for teachers to use our bike/walk safety curriculum, updat-

board. I’m now knee-deep in the organization. It’s the best thing I’ve ever done.”

“One of the things we will be doing at Open Streets Minnehaha is handing out information on a new initiative created by Veterans for Peace, Gamers for Peace,” he said. Gamers for Peace carries on the legacy of veterans speaking about their military service to young people, combining the efforts of anti-war veterans with the world of gaming.

“The military is investing millions of dollars to recruit young people with violent video games.

Gamers for Peace is an alternative to military games. Younger vets are running it and it’s exciting. A lot of Iraq and Afghanistan vets are avid gamers,” said Logsdon. He hopes they will stop by the bus and become involved in the movement.

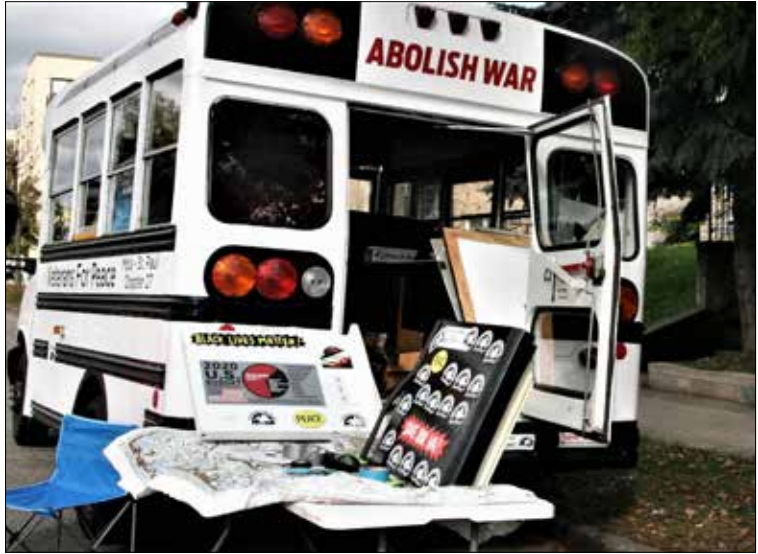
Meet Minneapolis

Meet Minneapolis is not just for visitors anymore. This city department focuses on tourists, but at Open Streets Minnehaha the plan is to introduce Twin Cities residents to everything the city has to offer.

And while they serve a lot of Canadians and folks from Des Moines or Duluth or Chicago, at Open Streets events they operate as a mobile visitor center, said Michael Hernandez, Director of Visitor Services. “A lot of locals are visitors outside their own neighborhoods,” he explained.

And, while he usually meets convention planners or visitors in town only for a few days, he’s available to give hometown Minneapolitans information about various attractions, from art festivals, theaters and museums, to parks and sporting events.

“We have a brick-and-mortar location, too. If you have a friend coming in from out of town, we’re here for you to let you know things you can do and places you can go and can answer any questions about the city.”



Veterans for Peace

ing the entire K-8 program for distance learning,” Sheikh said.

The organization also offers adult learn-to-ride programs and assists communities and businesses in finding ways to plan and implement programs. They also advocate for bicycle-friendly changes like bike lanes, bike parking and local policy initiatives like education and promotion.

Veterans for Peace

You can’t miss the Veterans for Peace bus parked at Open Streets events, with its sign “Abolish War” painted on the back. The group advocates for peace instead of war, handing out literature, buttons with multi-colored peace signs and stickers that say “Veterans for Peace Chapter 27.”

“We attend because it’s an opportunity to talk to people. People have questions,” said Dave Logsdon, the vice president of the local Chapter 27. “You want to engage people in dialogue, especially veterans. We want to hand out some of our literature and raise the awareness of the cost of war. We’re non-violent counter-recruiters.”

Logsdon, a Vietnam War veteran, first got involved in the group in the early 2000s, around the time of the United States first getting involved in the war in Iraq. “I got more and more involved and the next thing you know, I was on the national



Your dog is welcome, too!

will be at Open Streets for the first time this year, focusing on helping get out the vote, educating voters with information on how to vote, on early voting and what’s on the ballot for municipal elections on Nov. 2. “We want voters to have the information they need,” said volunteer Joanna Krause-Johnson. “Voting is the bedrock of our democracy. We support all voters to participate. Municipal elections like this one are going to determine our future.”

The group will also help register anyone who is eligible. “We want to meet as many voters as possible in a safe, outdoor event and the Open Streets seemed like the perfect fit,” she said.

And much more...

While walking Minnehaha, you’ll

have a chance to question various local political candidates and people supporting Minneapolis ballot measures. You can stop by the booths of a number of civic and charitable organizations. You can buy from local artists, drop in at a dance party or try out specialty foods from more than a dozen food trucks. You can even stop by for your free COVID-19 or seasonal flu vaccine. And your dog is welcome, too.

“We’re super excited about all the artists and local businesses that will be there,” said Mendoza. “This might be the last chance to have some outdoor fun before winter drives everyone indoors. Some people are concerned about the weather, but with Open Streets Minnehaha, it’s a rain or snow or shine event.”



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We had to call 911

BY DEVIN HOGAN

The CRUNCH was so massive it shook the earth. I was tooling around in the back yard when I heard squealing tires, followed by that visceral blow of what sounded like a car accident.

I ran around to the front of the house, and, to my surprise, found a man in a power wheelchair – my neighbor – fully tipped over on his side. The crunch was from his chair falling over. It had run off the sidewalk and landed against a freshly planted boulevard tree. The wheels were still spinning.

I asked if he needed anything and he had me turn off the chair and brush away the ants that had begun crawling over his arm, neck and face. A neighbor who was with him, a woman on the sidewalk in a power wheel-

chair, offered to dial 911.

As a white masculine cis-passing person, the most agreeable outcome I could imagine was to file a police report and answer questions I did not feel like answering. I offered to round up a few neighbors to lift the man and the extremely heavy chair onto the sidewalk and they both concurred.

I crossed the street to knock on the door of the matriarch of the multigenerational Mexican family I had just spent my birthday with. I explained the situation to her in my broken Spanish, she took a look from the front porch and said she would send over her sobrino (nephew). I then knocked at my next-door neighbor's and asked the person I was meeting for the first time at the door for some immediate physical and emotional help and

they promptly agreed.

Waiting for the additional neighbors to come outside, I went over to the woman on the sidewalk to see if anyone from the supportive housing designed for people in power wheelchairs where they both lived could help. No, she said. Nobody on duty. Not enough staff.

This brought to mind all kinds of broken systems and infrastructure leading up to where we were. Basic care, jobs, housing and sidewalks, the simplest and most vital public space that forms the capillaries of our cities.

This particular stretch of sidewalk is white and crescent-shaped, a cutout poured around what was probably the enormous, bulging roots of an original elm tree narrowing the right of way, now gone. It's not brand new, but still the shiniest on the block.

The nephew across the street was the first to arrive. He looked at the situation and said, I don't know, man. They're going to see this and ask how it got this way.



They're going to ask questions like why are YOU here?

I understood the skepticism but couldn't register why he was so upset. We were all basically agreeing to possibly injure ourselves in order to avoid risking an interaction with armed police.

The next-door neighbor showed up. I recommended we at least give it one good try, and we did. After situating ourselves to lift, it became immediately clear that the massive weight of such an incredible machine would not budge. So I called 911.

It is important to note that our 911 is an elite, award-winning public service to be proud of as Minneapolis residents. Besides the department's quiet, steady

work behind the scenes, it is also evidenced by their actions during George Floyd's murder and subsequently at Derek Chauvin's trial.

911 was prompt and professional, answering in under three rings. I was asked of the emergency, location, if an ambulance was necessary (no), and race of the person in the incident. Just after 10 minutes a full-length ladder firetruck arrived at the end of the block. I waved them over to come up the street and four firefighters got out.

I noticed the nephew neighbor across the street was watching with hope and interest but out of obvious sight. It became clearer to me why he had been so upset earlier.

It took all the might of four firefighters to lift and right my neighbor and his power wheelchair fully onto the sidewalk. There were some scary moments as it still spun around and swerved. Once things settled, the firefighters left and everyone went home.

That was it. Friendly assistance and an exit with no guns and no paperwork. An appropriate response.

911 is a modern miracle. Imagine if every time we called 911 we could feel confident the need would be met with an appropriate response. Yes, sometimes that means armed peace officers (per state law), but for the majority of needs almost anything else might suffice.

A Department of Public Safety with a wider scope and range of tools and trained professionals available can offer this opportunity to Minneapolis. The department would be created and governed in the open through the public hearing and budget process like literally any other city department. It's not complicated.

Voting yes on Question 2 is a no-brainer. There is nothing crazy or radical about wanting something better for ourselves.

If a Department of Public Safety is good enough for Mankato, Cottage Grove, Lino Lakes, New Brighton, Plymouth, Fridley, Richfield, Woodbury and Maplewood – then it's good enough for Minneapolis, dammit!

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Charter amendment #2

BY ELINA KOLSTAD

Nov. 2, 2021, will be a referendum on the murder of George Floyd and whether residents feel the city did enough to fix the problems within the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) that brought us to the center of international news, in the worst light possible, last summer. The outcome of this election will determine whether we get real change towards a public safety perspective where every effort is made to prevent crime before it happens or whether we stick with business as usual with wallpaper glued over the moldy, rotting interior that is our criminal “justice” system.

A lot of attention has focused on ballot question #2 which would replace the MPD with a Department of Public Safety and move oversight from the mayor to the City Council. There has been a lot of fear surrounding this ballot question and candidates like Sheila Nezhad who feel major structural changes are needed to combat police brutality. There is a strong fear that lawlessness and chaos will reign if major changes go through. Those against major changes feel the focus should be on reform of the MPD, not a complete overhaul of how we approach public safety. This perspective is dependent on the idea that Derek Chauvin and the officers with him were just “bad apples,” that small reforms will be plenty to make sure nothing like the brutal murder of George Floyd happens again, and that removing the MPD from the city charter and replacing it with a Department of Public Safety will automatically lead to more crime and therefore directly threaten these individuals’ personal safety.

But Derek Chauvin wasn’t just a random officer, a bad apple, he was an officer whom the leadership thought highly enough of to train in other officers. Chauvin was, in fact, in the process of training Officer Thomas Lane when he murdered George Floyd that day. This was after numerous complaints against him for brutality over the course of many years. There is clearly a cultural problem within the MPD and it is also clear that

the only reason the “blue wall of silence” crumbled during the Chauvin trial was that those officers in charge knew that to stand by Chauvin as usual would inevitably mean the MPD would be defunded. They had less of a problem with what Chauvin did than with the fact that he got caught. In this light many of us feel that the simple reforms proposed and what little has so far been implemented will not prevent future rampant brutality on the part of the MPD.

But perspective matters; the vast majority of those I’ve seen criticizing a new approach to public safety are unlikely to ever be on the receiving end of police brutality. They do, however, feel very threatened by “crime.” Admittedly, a truly lawless society would be terrifying. Unfortunately, a lawless society is what our neighbors in heavily policed BIPOC neighborhoods face on a daily basis when dealing with armed “peace officers” who are above the law 99.99% of the time.

When making the argument that we need the police for safety, what these people are saying is that Black lives are the price we have to pay, as white people, to be safe. Or, more accurately, for them to FEEL safe. Not only is this argument abhorrent, but it is also patently false. The police do nothing to prevent crime. The police, by their very nature, step in AFTER a crime has been committed. In contrast a public safety approach would be able to use funds now limited to after-the-fact crime management and the purchase of overstock military equipment towards crime prevention through social services and harm reduction measures.

It sucks to be the victim of crime. Recently my husband forgot to lock our car overnight. Someone discovered this and made off with most of the stuff. Things stolen included a phone charger, phone cables, a blanket, spare masks and hand sanitizer. Given that there is a homeless encampment a few blocks away from us and based on the nature of what was taken, we assume the person who stole these items came from there. Admittedly it’s frustrating to have to replace

tence.”

Janeé Harteau, the chief of police at the time, allowed the five officers three days to get their stories straight. They agreed they didn’t want to blame one of them for shooting Stender and Muro, so they agreed to blame Franklin, and they concocted a fairy tale where they’re all heroes.

The fact that they’re now each getting their own lawyer means they’re seriously re-evaluating whether belief in the fairy tale is worth spending 20 years in prison.

these items but we can, and easily. The fact that not everyone in this city shares that reality is gutting.

I will be voting yes on ballot question #2. I will also be voting for Sheila Nezhad for mayor and for challenger Abdirizak Bihi for

Ward 6 council member. Whatever your perspective, I hope you get out to vote as well.

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How could I forget Sociable Cider Werks?

Plus, new restaurants and other food news, and one mini-review

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

More great cider!

Last month The Dish 2.0 covered a couple of innovative cideries in Minneapolis, and we didn't even mention Sociable Cider Werks! I apologize for that, and I am going to make up for it by telling you all the cool things Sociable has to offer. First, of course, there is cider. They have five flagship varieties and four seasonal choices. All of them have clever names, mostly relating to bicycles, such as Training Wheels, Freewheeler, and Mead for Speed, in the flagship group, and the upcoming fall and winter seasonals, Rusty Chain and Fat Tire, respectively. The summer cider is a Hibiscus-Rose blend that's brewed in collaboration with Fair State Cooperative (a brewery close to my heart because a number of my friends work there).

Sociable also has a legendary taproom at 1500 Fillmore



Lutunji Abram of Lutunji's Palate

St. NE. This taproom is the departure and return point for group bike rides. Some cideries have pickleball courts, Sociable has the Twin Cities bike scene. And it has all the amenities you would expect: live music, open mic nights, special events, food trucks. In fact, Sociable has an interesting approach to the food thing. They actually own an unbranded food truck and feature a rotation of various creative chefs who come in to use it for a few months and provide food. (It is currently the plant-based Francis Burger Joint.)

Sociable will also deliver crowslers* to your home, via a service called Craft Couriers. You can also find Sociable Cider as a guest brew at many pubs and restaurants, and of course at bottle shops, and the wine section of both downtown groceries, Trader Joe's and Whole Foods. And that's not all! They have also branched out into two non-alcohol beverage types: Switchel from Superior Craft Elixirs and flavored seltzers from Squeeze. (*Crowler is a portmanteau word combining can and growler. They are 25.4-ounce cans.)

New food options in town

We introduced a number of new(ish) restaurants, cafes and

taprooms last month. So many, in fact, that I didn't have room for all of them, so this month I'll be highlighting some left-behind places that are not really that new anymore but may be new to you. I was really taken by Coconut Whisk, which is located in one of my favorite Nicollet Mall spots, the Young Quinlan Building at the corner of 9th Street and the Mall.

Coconut Whisk was already a going concern for a few years in the form of a seller of gluten-free and vegan baking mixes. The co-founders are Bella (Nhi) Lam and Myles Olson, who met in college (Lam is the first generation of her family to be college-educated) where they won a business competition with the concept. The cafe was launched in May 2021 and is a ground floor tenant in the historic building at 901 Nicollet Mall. The ready-to-eat food sold there includes various pastries, waffles and cakes made with their mixes, which come with a variety of vegan toppings, and boba tea, Vietnamese coffee and other drinkable treats, also vegan due to the use of Bella's own formula of vegan "mylk" which can also be used in a foam topping.

You can purchase Coconut Whisk's baking mixes to use at home at the cafe, and also a curated selection of other innovative food and drink products by local BIPOC or women producers. Bella was especially happy that she was able to launch her brick-and-mortar business, which she hopes will be a community gathering space and place for calm and healing, during Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

Another new spot downtown is also riding the wave of popularity of plant-based food indulgences. This is Hark! Cafe in the North Loop, located in the historic Kickernick Building at 430 N. 1st Ave. They have two distinct menus – the Tuesday through Friday breakfast and lunch menu, and the weekend

brunch menu (with some overlap). There is also a bakery menu and a small but thorough cocktail menu, as well as all the normal coffee drinks (normal but vegan).

A new bakery has appeared in the Seward neighborhood with the sensible name of The Bakery on 22nd Street. They produce a different handcrafted loaf of sourdough bread weekly, which you can order for pickup on Friday. You can also get a monthly subscription. Delivery is available to locations within a five-mile radius for an additional cost of just 70 cents. Check the website (www.bakery22st.com/) for more details.

Another interesting bakery phenomenon I discovered in covering restaurants in the neighborhoods is the behind-the-scenes supplier of sweet baked treats called Lutunji's Palate. Owned and operated by a Black woman, the eponymous Lutunji, this business was founded due to the popularity of her cakes and cobblers with an influential African American pastor. Lutunji has been in business since 2012 and has grown to the point where she has outgrown more than one kitchen.

Lutunji's Palate products can be purchased online (lutunjispalate.com/order-online) and also found at Lunds & Byerlys and several farmers markets and specialty food markets. They are also on the menu at several fine eateries, including Handsome Hog and The Gnome in St. Paul and Pimento Jamaican Kitchen in Minneapolis.

Mini-review – J. Selby's

I had an indoor dining experience at J. Selby's (169 N. Victoria St.) just in time. The plant-based powerhouse in St. Paul has been very cautious in its approach to business during the pandemic, and had been open for indoor dining as well as outdoor "patio" seating and takeout, only since spring of 2021. But the recent COVID surge caused them to re-group, and indoor dining is now



Sociable Cider group bike rides

closed for as long as deemed necessary.

If you visited J. Selby's before the pandemic, you will now find some changes. In the past, whether you were eating outdoors or indoors or getting take-away, you stopped at a front of the house counter (which is in the back actually) and ordered your food there, then took a table or waited in a small waiting area for your order. Now it's two different routes. If you're dining outside or getting to-go, you don't even need to come in at all, because they constructed a takeout window back in 2020. So you order there in the normal way, either to take it home or grab a picnic table outside.

For indoor dining (while it lasted, that is, and presumably if it comes back) there is a very fancy no-contact system. You have to have a smartphone, and you scan a QR code at your table which pulls up the menu for online ordering, with the table number embedded in the order. J. Selby's is a no-tip restaurant, but you can include a donation to the pay-it-forward fund. You can also order one of the menu items, the Community Bowl, to be held for someone who can't afford to eat out to claim later.

(They always had that.)

In my rare outing to a real sit-down restaurant in St. Paul, one that's completely vegan to boot, I had a burger. To be specific I had a Solo Burger, with a kale salad as my included side, and a



J. Selby's

whole order of fries (which are excellent, but such a huge serving that I took half home) and an Arnold Palmer. (That's a half-and-half mixture of lemonade and iced tea.)

MAJOR shoutout and kudos to J. Selby's – although just what I would expect from this restaurant that places ethical practices at the center of its philosophy – there was a "no straw" option on the drink order in this no-contact menu. Lesser restaurants: please take note and learn from this! The food was, as always, excellent.



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 Caring for Creation and Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light invite you to a workshop on processing grief and loss around the climate crisis. Join us to grieve together for losses we’re experiencing around ongoing climate crises and Stop Line 3. Spending the day in welcoming community, we’ll acknowledge the courage and vision that our service to the planet calls forth now and in the times to come. We’ll honor the emotions that form our grief and uncover ways to help ourselves and each other personally when grief arises. We’ll look with new eyes at resilient ways to go forward. We’ll draw on collective wisdom and vision, our ability to care for others we may never meet and our understanding of the interconnectivity of life. The program will be grounded in the teachings of Joanna Macy and self-compassion. Please plan to stay for the full day, attendees will make a container together from all that emerges. No cost, just a freewill offering for lunch. Vaccinations and masks are required. The workshop will be held at the Danish American Center, 3030 W. River Pkwy. in Minneapolis. To learn more and register, go to [https://docs.](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf-FafZ8aKsNylZBKMArNAHjCupmwkxk-Tkg26ifOctF2nMPaw/viewform)

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Halloween Costume Parade & Bonfire
Saturday, Oct. 30, 9:45 a.m.
 Minnehaha United Methodist Church
 3701 E. 50th St., Mpls.
 Join in the Halloween parade! On Saturday, Oct. 30, we’ll line up at 9:45 a.m. at the church and parade over to Nokomis Square, collecting treats along the way. Then we’ll return to Minnehaha for a bonfire and hot cider. All are welcome. www.minnehaha.org

Events at Faith
Sunday, Oct. 31, 5 p.m. – Reformation music outside church
Sunday, Oct. 31, 6 p.m. – Halloween candy handout in front of church. Children of all ages welcome.
 Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
 3430 E. 51st St., Mpls.
www.faithlutheranmpls.org

‘Sundays at Five’
Starting Sunday, Oct. 3, 5 p.m.
 Plymouth Congregational Church
 1900 Nicollet Ave., Mpls.
 Plymouth invites you to a new worship offering each Sunday evening at 5 p.m. Rooted in contemplative practices, “Sundays at Five” will feature a slightly different focus and style each Sunday evening at 5 p.m. This worship service is designed to be quieter and more intimate than our Sunday morning services. These opportunities will include:
 Evensong (first Sundays) – worship that features thoughtful singing, periods of brief silence and contemplation, and a series of contemporary and scriptural readings for reflection.
 Sensing the Sacred (second Sundays) – a time for resting in centering prayer/meditation; participating in the sacred reading (Lectio divina) of word, art, or nature; and the sharing of group prayer.
 Celtic Weavings (third Sundays) – a service that celebrates the cycles of land, sea, and sky, affirming our connection to and the presence of

Mystery within it.
 Testimonies: Transformation through Stories (fourth Sundays) – an opportunity to explore the narratives of our lives as pathways for growth or hindrance and the spiritual freedom found in sharing them.
 Taize Worship (fifth Sundays) – a gathering focused around simple melodic singing that also includes readings, prayers, and periods of quiet.
 We invite you to join us for any or all of these services, which will meet outdoors under the “Big Top” and then move inside in mid-October. Please invite your friends to join us! “Sundays at 5” represent a way of connecting with the Holy that will appeal to many. www.plymouth.org/worship/

JRLC Housing Webinar Series
First Thursdays, Oct. 7 – Feb. 3, 6:30 to 8 p.m.
Online
 Are you concerned about persons impacted by homelessness, the high cost of rent and the scarcity of affordable or supportive housing? Do you want to understand these issues from a variety of perspectives – and make a difference? Then join us for one or more of the monthly Housing Webinar Series offered by the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition. Register now for the program and small group discussion at [https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcucOigr-TIsHdWaRONrsnxNmYUW7PYaVuUO](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcucOigr-TIsHdWaRONrsnxNmYUW7PYaVuUO). For more information or to RSVP by email contact Joan Miltenberger, JRLC Organizer at [jmlitenberger@jrlc.org](mailto:jmiltenberger@jrlc.org), (612) 230-3232.

Annual Holiday Bazaar
Saturday, Nov. 13, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Minnehaha United Methodist Church
 3701 E. 50th St., Mpls.
 Gifts, crafts, collectibles, baked goods and rice pudding! Breakfast served from 9 to 11 a.m. – egg bake or sweet rolls. Lunch served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – sloppy joes or chicken hotdish, plus dessert. Both meals are takeout only. More info at www.minnhaha.org.

Advent Procession: A Service of Lessons & Carols
Sunday, Nov. 28, 4 p.m.
 Mount Olive Lutheran Church
 3045 Chicago Ave., Mpls.
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Help Needed for Afghan Evacuees

From the Minnesota Council of Churches: While we continue to resettle individuals with refugee status, in September we also expect to receive numerous families evacuated from Afghanistan. Most will be coming to Minnesota having been granted “humanitarian parole,” which means that they won’t be eligible for all the same financial and program supports as refugees. Will you help? We need your support to meet families’ direct needs and help MCC connect Afghan and refugee families to housing, schools, health care, and the community resources they need to start their lives in Minnesota. You can help by:

- Donating money. This will help us fill in the gap for families’ housing and food needs.
- Donating household items.
- Contacting us about volunteering or co-sponsoring a family, whether from Afghanistan or another refugee family. Email Kathryn at rsvolunteers@mnchurches.org to let us know if you are interested in co-sponsorship, helping set up apartments, or helping transport individuals to key appointments.

We know Minnesotans are incredible and we are so thankful to be partnering with you in this rescue operation.

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Minnehaha United Methodist Church
3701 E. 50th St., Mpls.
612-721-6231
 Yes, the food shelf is still open! In order to fight food insecurity in our neighborhood, 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/

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 to 11:30 a.m. We will hand out pre-packaged bags of food with a Walk-Up table on 39th St. and Drive-Thru model at the parking lot entrance. Please stay in your car, and we’ll bring the food to you! Volunteers will be available outside to help you. There are eligibility requirements. On our website, www.clchurch.org, click on the “Food Shelf” link in the “Outreach” tab, or call the food shelf office at 612-827-2504, ext. 205.

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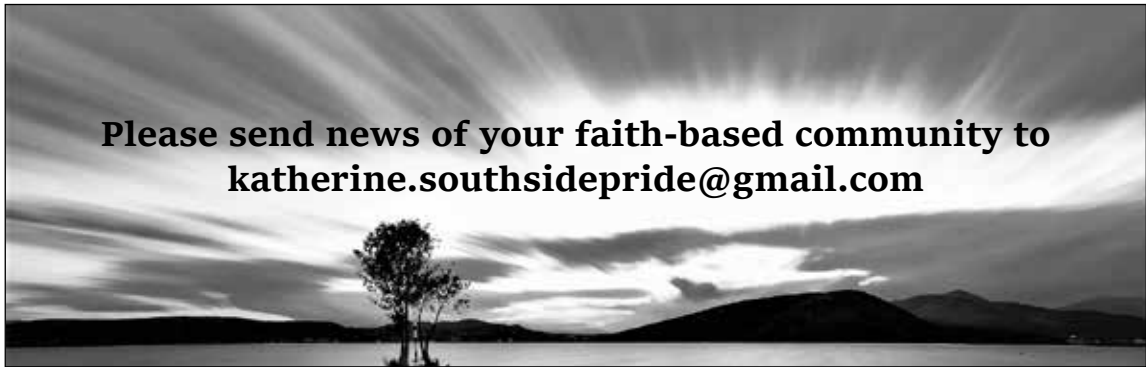
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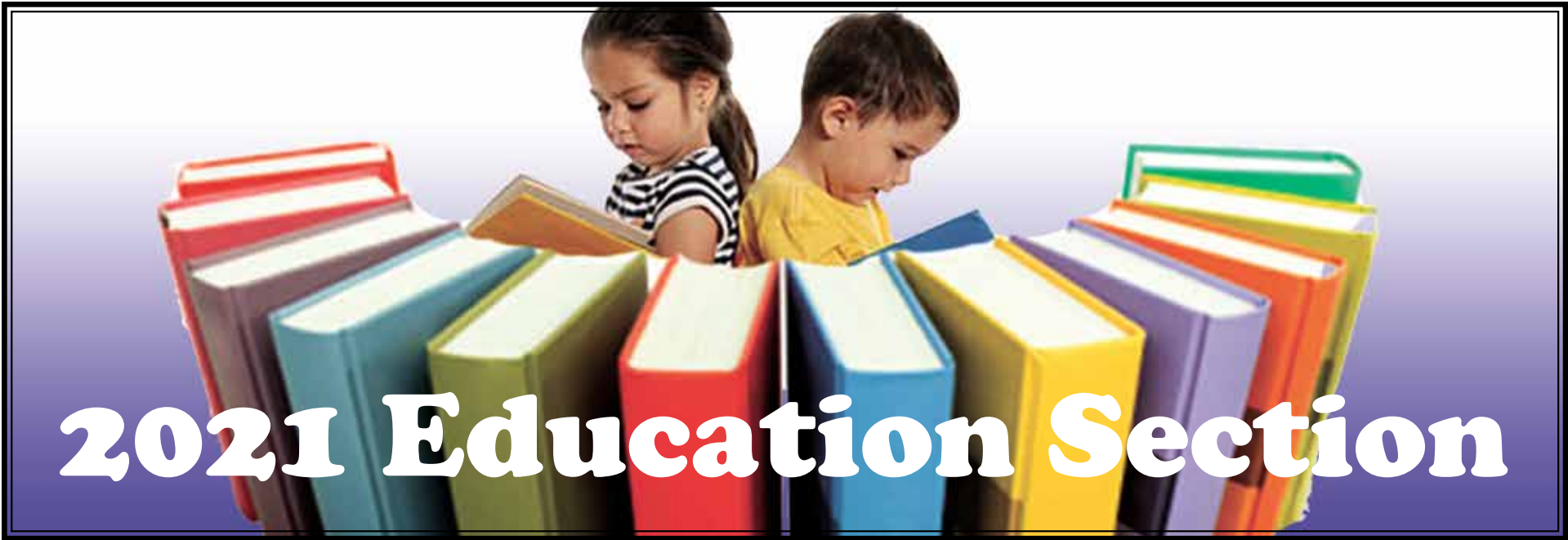
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School openings, community schools vs. GOP culture war, labor and funding shortages, changes at the federal level

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

New Secretary of Education

At least we don't have Betsy DeVos anymore! In March of this year the new Secretary of Education, Miguel Cardona, was appointed, and he couldn't be any more of a refutation of DeVos if he had been designed by a computer that was programmed just to refute DeVos.

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• Cardona was born to Puerto Rican immigrant parents in Meriden, Conn.; the family lived in a housing project for his early years. DeVos was born the daughter of a billionaire and later married a billionaire.

• Cardona struggled when he started kindergarten speaking only Spanish, but persevered to become a great scholar boosting bilingual education and cultural literacy. DeVos is apparently not that interested in either of those, and is certain that school vouchers will solve any achievement gaps that actually exist.

• Cardona began his career as a high school teacher in his hometown, became the youngest principal in Connecticut history at age 28, and became the first Hispanic Connecticut state education leader in 2019. DeVos has no experience in education.

• Cardona attended a technical high school in Connecticut, and two Connecticut universities. He was a scholarship student for his undergraduate degree at the first, and obtained a doctorate in education at the second. His doctoral dissertation was titled "Sharpening the Focus of Political Will to Address Achievement Disparities." DeVos attended a private Christian secondary school and got a BA in business economics from a private evangelical college.

• Cardona puts faith in public school excellence, strong families and communities, multicultural and multilingual learning environments and community public schools. DeVos puts faith in evangelical Christianity, school "choice," privatization, the GOP and getting comfortable with obscene wealth disparities.

The GOP war on Critical Race Theory

Nationally, there seems to be a turn away from school choice as a panacea, gimmicky education schemes, and passive teachers' unions, and toward the concept of community schools, multicultural learning experiences including ethnic studies and language immersion programs,

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and strong, activist unions with solidarity among all classes of education workers. This is all in stark contrast to the GOP's hysterical attack on the teaching of "critical race theory," sometimes shortened to CRT, in elementary and secondary schools.

Which is ludicrous. Critical race theory is not a subject to be

taught, and if it were, it would not be a subject for any but university-level students. It is just what it says on the label – a theory about education, which is a subject area. But of course, education is not taught in early education or high school, because it is about teaching itself. What the GOP is really trying to protest and prevent is the teaching of history and other social studies in a

way that is indirectly informed by critical race theory to include non-majority views of historical events, and to unearth major historical events that have been suppressed. What the GOP is trying to promote is a consequence-free continuation, and perhaps even an extension, of the white supremacy project of rewriting and censoring history.

With this level of sloppy logic, it's easy for the "anti-CRT" lobby to assume that CRT is also responsible for such threatening ideas as bilingual education, culturally specific programs, or ethnic studies such as African American or Latin American studies. However, all of these subject areas have been around longer than Critical Race Theory, let alone its backlash. These are not quite the same thing as suppression of history in the service of white supremacy, but often go hand in hand with it. These programs too, along with gender studies and queer studies at the second-



New Secretary of Education Dr. Miguel Cardona with his family

ary and post-secondary level, are also under attack from the same factions.

Community schools

Community schools should be an area of great interest to Minneapolis parents, students and educators, because the reorganization of schools in the district,

called Comprehensive District Design or CDD, hinges very much on the promotion of community schools. So what is a community school and how is it different from a plain vanilla local public school?

Wikipedia offers this definition of Community Schools [United States]:

"According to the Coalition for Community Schools, a branch of the Institute for Educational Leadership, a community school is 'both a place and a set of partnerships between the school and other community resources' with an integrated focus on academics, health and social services, leadership, and community engagement. Community schools are generally public, i.e., government ... funded, though many private and charter schools have also adopted the model. One of the difficulties the movement has encountered is the sheer diversity of institutions claiming to be community schools. This, coupled with the decentralized structure of American education, has hampered efforts to quantify the number of community schools nationally extant."

An excellent piece in the magazine *In the Public Interest* (ITPI), "The Real Grassroots Movement Reshaping Public School Curriculums," ties both of these issues together – the false narrative about CRT and its related pedagogy, and the actual surge in demand for and validation of community schools, bilingual programs, and ethnic studies. I must quote extensively (order changed for clarity):

"Countless studies show that students who participate in ethnic studies perform better academically and graduate at higher rates. A 2016 study of an ethnic studies pilot in San Francisco high schools showed an increase in ninth-grade student attendance by 21 percentage points, GPA by 1.4 grade points, and credits earned by 23.

"In June [of 2021], the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) board voted to



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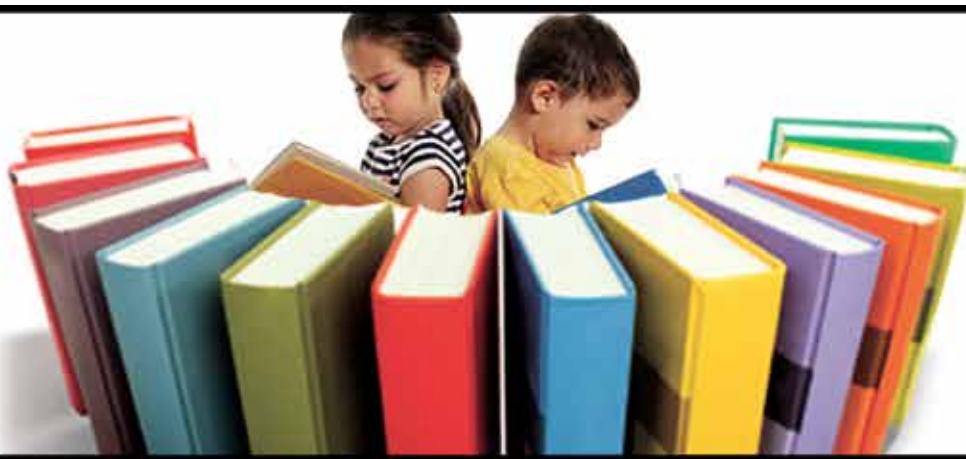


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spend \$63 million on community schools. This will add ten more community schools to the 30 already existing in the district.

“LAUSD’s new community school money will fund ethnic studies lessons that uplift the stories of diverse communities. This happened because – counter to the right-wing narrative – students, parents, and the community demanded it.

“Los Angeles isn’t alone. New Mexico recently committed \$6.6 million to community schools, after sustained pressure from below. Vermont just launched a community school grant program.”

Community schools are associated in the public mind with big cities, but in today’s world, poverty and the need to integrate disparate demographics are not confined to urban school districts. Far from it. Sarah Lahm,

of ten, are counted as homeless, and a quarter of the students qualify for special education.

As Lahm carefully traces the five-year journey from when the rural district adopted the full community school model to its present state of improvement and progress, despite COVID and other setbacks, the case is made that community schools, done right, are just as transformational for rural districts as for urban ones.

The view from MPS

Getting back to Minneapolis Public Schools, there are bigger problems for us to face this 2021-22 school year than the CDD. School systems across the nation are grappling with the problems of reopening schools in “in-person” mode. The 2020-21 school year was hard on teachers, students, families and the economy, although you couldn’t call it a failure. Most systems avoided being pandemic hotspots, at least.

When plans were laid for this year to be the major return, the view was more hopeful than it is now, with surges, breakthrough infections, and more than one in every 500 Americans a COVID death statistic.

But in fact, the problem getting the most attention right now in Minneapolis is the unprecedented shortage of school bus drivers. This is just a part of the nationwide labor shortage that has a number of causes, including both direct effects (deaths, quarantines, long-COVID) and indirect effects (stagnant wages, inadequate protection, people switching career paths) of the pandemic.

Some recommendations for more information or involvement

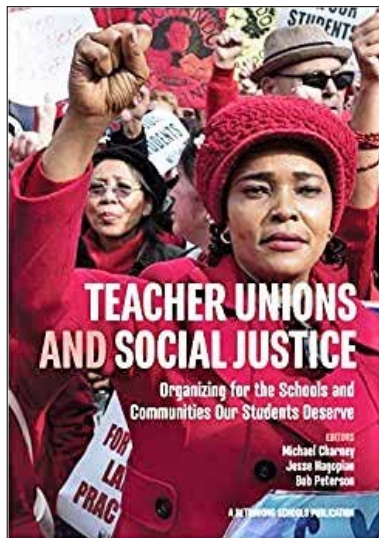
Check out the Facebook page Cashing in on Kids for lots of links to articles like those cited here. *** Subscribe to ITPI’s newsletter to get the latest arti-



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cles by email. *** Read the book “Teacher Unions and Social Justice,” edited by Michael Charney, Jesse Hagopian and Bob Peterson.

It contains over 60 articles on the topic of organizing within education.



a local school activist/journalist, published a great piece on Alternet (alternet.org/2021/09/community-school-model) which was picked up for the Cashing In On Kids email newsletter put out by ITPI. It makes this point, using the example of Deer River in Minnesota’s Itasca County as an example of a rural area where the community school model makes major inroads in social and economic problems that hinder equitable education.

The Deer River School District has 900 students in all. The town of Deer River also contains 900 residents, but the school district brings in students from surrounding areas. The district also lies wholly within the Leech Lake Reservation, home to nearly 10,000 members of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. Native Americans, a population known to be underserved by education in Minnesota, comprise a third of Deer Lake’s student population. Economic indicators show this as an area of extreme poverty, with two-thirds of the student population coming from households under the federal poverty line. Of 900 students, 85, nearly one out



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Ward 13: Mike Norton

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- District 3: AK Hassan
District 4: Elizabeth Shaffer
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District 6: Bob Fine

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- Samantha Pree-Stinson
Steve Brandt

Charter Amendments:

- 1 More power to the mayor – No
- 2 Restructure police – Yes
- 3 Rent Control – Yes

Commentary:

Mayor:

If these were ordinary times, Jacob Frey would be a wonderful mayor. He's photogenic, personable and bright, the perfect glad-hander to welcome tourists. But these are not ordinary times.

The major challenge to Frey's leadership came with the verdict in the wrongful death civil suit against the city on behalf of the heirs of Terrance Franklin. Frey brushed it aside, paid out the million dollars in damages, and refused to discipline the officers whom a jury believed murdered Terrance Franklin. Just a few weeks later, believing he could get away with murder, Derek Chauvin murdered George Floyd.

Young people were outraged. Over 1.4 billion people worldwide watched the video. Sheila Nezhad got to work and by organizing citywide got the City Council to establish an Office of Violence Prevention. She was a major force in organizing the

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Get out and vote

BY ELINA KOLSTAD

It may not be a major national election year, but Tuesday, Nov. 2, is still a very important election. If you are new to Minneapolis or haven't voted in recent years here is some information I hope will get you started.

If you are not currently registered to vote you can quickly and easily register online at the Minnesota Secretary of State's website (<https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/VoterRegistration/VoterRegistrationMain.aspx>) or you can register on election day with an ID that has your current name and address on it or a picture ID combined with evidence of residency, such as a utility bill. Fun fact: those who are

homeless and those who have a prior criminal record are able to register to vote. For more information you can also call the Secretary of State's office at (651) 215-1440.

If you're homeless you must provide your current residence when you vote – this can be a shelter, the house of a friend or, if you sleep outside, a description of the location must be put on line four of your voter registration application. The Minnesota Secretary of State gives the example of, "In the NW corner of Jefferson Park near the intersection of Winston Ave. and Smith St." If you fill out your application with an outdoor location your ballot will be marked "challenged" which means you

will be required to swear under oath that you are living in that location at the polling place on election day. You can also register to vote on election day if you are homeless, but you must be able to prove residency. If you live in a shelter a staff person can go with you to confirm that you live in that shelter or you can go to the polling place with a registered voter from your precinct to sign an oath confirming where you live (<https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/im-homeless/>). You can also call the Secretary of State's office at (651) 215-1440 for help with this process.

If you have a criminal record you can vote in the following cir-

cumstances: you were charged with or convicted of a misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor; you are in jail, but are not currently serving a felony sentence; you have been charged with a felony, but you haven't been convicted; you have been given a stay of adjudication; or you have finished all parts of your felony sentence. Sometimes it can be hard to tell if a felony charge results in a felony conviction – if you are unsure seek legal advice from an attorney. It is best to register before election day, but you can also register to vote on election day. NOTE: You can NOT vote if you are currently serving a felony sentence, or your stay of adjudication was revoked and you are currently serving a fel-

ony sentence (<https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/i-have-a-criminal-record/>). You can also call the Secretary of State's office at (651) 215-1440 for help with this process.

Once you are registered, assuming you do so well before election day, there are many options of how to vote. You can vote early by mail, vote early in person, or vote in person on election day. For more information on all of these options go to the Minnesota Secretary of State's website (<https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/>) or you can call toll free (877) 600-VOTE [8683].

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Ballot, from page 12

petition drive to transform the Police Department into a Department of Public Safety – the second Charter Amendment. We believe she is the best hope we have to make the changes we need.

Kate Knuth supports positive changes in the MPD. She is our second choice. There is a distinct possibility that neither Frey nor Nezhad will get more than 50% as first choice for mayor, and that both sides would pick Knuth as their second choice and, totaling first and second choices, Knuth could win a majority when counting first and second choices.

City Council:

Ward 1: Please, enough of Kevin Reich, one of the most conservative members of the City Council. He was a key vote in supporting the Vikings Stadium and bankrupting downtown. He has been consistently reactionary on important votes. Elliot Payne would be a welcome breath of fresh air.

Ward 2: Probably the most difficult choice. Robin Wonsley Worlobah is perhaps the most radical candidate for City Council running this year. From her website: "After Jamar Clark's life was taken by MPD, Robin joined Socialist Alternative, Black Lives Matter Minneapolis, and the Twin Cities Justice for Jamar Clark Coalition." But Cam Gordon is perhaps the most progressive member of the present City Council. In addition to being consistently progressive, he gets very good marks on his constituent service; he listens to people in his ward, and he is actively involved in solving their problems. And he is comfortable discussing public policy on public forums – a distinct exception to the universally aloof consensus of the rest of his colleagues on the City Council. We support Cam Gordon for another four-year term, but we hope Robin Wonsley Worlobah will stay involved and remain active in the local struggle for justice.

Wards 3, 4 and 5 are in North Minneapolis. The incumbents,

Steve Fletcher, Phillipe Cunningham and Jeremiah Ellison, have acknowledged the critical problem of a lack of accountability in the Minneapolis Police Department. Their solution is flawed, imperfect and not fully developed. It interposes another layer of bureaucracy between the cops and elected officials. But, and this is most important, they have a commitment to making cops more accountable. That's worth supporting.

Ward 6: Jamal Osman has been a consistent disappointment, voting always with the most reactionary elements on the Council. Most recently he destroyed the hopes of people in his ward who have planned for years to make an urban garden out of the 7.5-acre contaminated industrial site in Phillips. [See "Justice in the Green Zone?" by Kay Schroven in this issue.] Vote for Abdirizak Bihi.

Ward 7: The incumbent Lisa Goodman is certainly pushing the outer edges of incumbency. Nick Kor is a better choice.

Ward 8: Andrea Jenkins has a walk.

Ward 9: Jason Chavez is head and shoulders above the pack.

Ward 10: Aisha Chughtai seems clearly the most progressive here.

Wards 11 and 12: Jeremy Schroeder and Andrew Johnson are thoughtful and progressive, and they pay attention to problems in their wards. I wish they wouldn't have voted for that part of the 2040 Plan that increases the zoning in the inner city that will displace communities of color and replace them with Young Urban Professionals, and I wish they would have done something to hold officers responsible for the deaths of Terrance Franklin and Jamar Clark, but they are better than their alternatives.

Ward 13: Mike Norton is committed to progressive changes in reforming the police.

Park Board:

At Large: Vote for Londel French and Charles Rucker. You can vote for three, but you don't have to. These are the two candidates we believe who will most effectively preserve the

park system we all love. Voting for just two gives them a better chance against the herd.

District 1: Billy Menz is running unopposed.

District 2: Becka Thompson seems the most progressive.

District 3: AK Hassan has supported change where change was needed and stability when that was best.

District 4: Elizabeth Shaffer could be a fresh new voice on the Board.

District 5: Charles Rodgers represents a new voice that should be heard. The incumbent wasted over a million of our tax dollars planning a project that didn't have the support of the Board or the public. She needs to be retired and Rodgers needs to be hired.

District 6: Bob Fine has the experience and judgment that's needed on the Board.

Board of Estimate and Taxation:

Samantha Pree-Stinson is probably the most progressive person to run for the BET, ever. Vote for her so the voices that never get heard get listened to.

Steve Brandt covered City Hall for years for the Star Tribune. Probably no one has ever come to this job with that kind of depth of experience.

Charter Amendment #1 would give the mayor the power to appoint department heads and run the city. People who support this say this would be more efficient with clear lines of accountability. What we have now is the remnants of a kind of parliamentary system. Before there was a City of Minneapolis, there was St. Anthony Village. They organized their local government into a parliamentary system. There were three City Council members elected to two-year terms, and those council members organized the administration of the Village. When the Village merged with the City of Minneapolis, each ward elected two members for two-year terms. In the 1950s, two got reduced to one. Mayor Fraser got passed a revision to the Charter that increased the terms of of-

fice for mayor and City Council from two to four years, and he concentrated more power in the mayor's office. Notice a trend here? Over the years, the structure of government for the city has grown increasingly undemocratic. Decisions are concentrated in fewer hands with fewer chances for the electorate to vote on their representatives. This slide into autocracy prepares the way for a bully fascist like Trump to appeal to the basest fears of a frightened electorate, and scapegoat vulnerable minorities as proper sacrifices for law and order. Democracy is tedious and tiresome. There's so much to think about. But, please, don't give up on it. Vote No on #1.

Charter Amendment #2 would change the Police Department into a Department of Public Safety overseen by a commissioner. The commissioner would be appointed by the mayor and the appointment would be approved by the City Council. I originally opposed the amendment because I believed interposing another

layer of bureaucracy between elected officials and cops out of control would make errant cops even less accountable. But the earnest hope and faith of young people in transforming the system has converted me to believing that positive change can happen if enough people believe in it and are determined to make it work. [Please read essays by Elina Kolstad and Devin Hogan in this issue for more details.] For the best hope for the future of our city, please vote Yes on #2.

Charter Amendment #3: If you believe we need affordable housing for those low-paid workers in the service industry in restaurants, or health aides in nursing homes and hospitals, or minimum wage earners everywhere, then vote Yes for rent stabilization. The 2040 Plan adopted by the city envisions the inner city swept clean of poor people and home to a new class of Young Urban Professionals (YUPPIES). If you believe diversity makes us stronger, then please vote Yes on #3.

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Justice in the Green Zone?

BY KAY SCHROVEN

Low-income communities, Indigenous communities and communities of color in Minneapolis (and many cities) experience unequal health, wealth, employment and education, and also are often overburdened by environmental conditions such as traffic and stationary pollution sources, brownfield sites (real property that may be compromised by the presence or potential presence of hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant) blight and substandard housing.

The idea for developing Minneapolis Green Zones (GZ) initiative came from the Minneapolis Climate Action Plan/Environmental Justice Working Group in 2012 (<https://www2.minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/climate/climate-action-goals/>). Implementation began in 2015, and in 2017 the City Council adopted the Northside and Southside Green Zones – policy initiatives aimed at improving health and supporting economic development using environmentally conscious efforts in communities that face the cumulative effects of environmental pollution, as well as social, political and economic vulnerability.

Following the adoption of

the Green Zone boundaries the Minneapolis City Council along with Mayor Frey appointed the Southside Green Task Force (since renamed the Southside Green Zone Council), made up of 16 individuals with various expertise in environmental matters, city planning, law, health and community representation.

The priorities of the GZC are improving air and soil quality, healthy food access, health in energy and housing intertwined with the social economic priorities of anti-displacement, self-determination and accountability. In short, priorities include investments in air, soil, food, housing and energy, with air quality a top priority.

The Southside Green Zones include the Phillips/Cedar-Riverside neighborhoods with high BIPOC representation (Black, Indigenous, people of color) in the communities. These zones were established in 2017 by the City Council. Since then the city has approved free home energy audits for Green Zone residents, inexpensive tree sales, and 20% reimbursement up to \$40,000 for energy efficiency or pollution reduction for businesses through the Green Zone Cost Share program. While these efforts are commendable, they are not transformative.

The Green Zone Council es-

tablished a Work Plan in 2019. The plan has 70 action items to achieve goals of healthy air and environmental quality, housing and economic success.

The Southside Green Zone work has been supported by a mix of city and private funding. In 2017 the city received \$150,000 from the McKnight Foundation and Funders Network to support the Southside Green Zone. The City Council provided one-time funding for Green Zones in 2018 and 2019 through city budgeting. Continued support is needed. There is no law or ordinance with teeth that requires the City Council to continue the work. Kelly Muellman, Sustainability Program Coordinator for Minneapolis, says the Southside GZ Council is still learning about the best structure to support advancing initiatives.

The Southside Green Zone is supported by the City of Minneapolis Sustainability Division. The Sustainability Office has five full-time staff and is focused on integrating concepts into the other city departments and policies, while also leading efforts related to mitigating climate change. They also have a project in development with the Minneapolis Health Department toward using sensors to monitor air quality in Green Zones and gather data.

We want clean water and we deserve the right to breathe

The East Phillips story is one of multiple environmental offenses and strong, sustained pushback by residents and activists. Home to Smith Foundry, Bituminous Roadways and the Roof Depot (seller of exterior building products including roofing, siding and windows near 28th Street and Longfellow Avenue), the neighborhood struggle has been long and, as recently as Sept. 22, very disappointing. East Phillips is a diverse and polluted neighborhood. Seventy-one percent of residents are people of color and 45% earn less than \$35,000 a year, according to Minnesota Compass. It used to be the site of CMC Heartland Partners Lite Yard. From 1938 to 1963, CMC leased the property to Reade Manufacturing, which produced arsenical pesticides. In 1994, while constructing Hiawatha Avenue, arsenic was discovered and it was declared a Superfund site. Unsafe arsenic levels were identified in 600 neighborhood homes. By 2011, 50,000 tons of contaminated soil had been removed. In 2008 the neighborhood was classified as an “environment justice community” by the state legislature, citing high levels of asthma and other diseases linked to pollutants.

Dating back to 1991, the city had been discussing consolidating three sites into one and identified the Roof Depot as the site for demolition and new construction of a water distribution facility and maintenance operation with sewer and fleet services. The reasoning was that having services consolidated would make operations more efficient and reduce emissions from city trucks. The proposed \$75 million project would include a jobs training center and a parking garage for 400 diesel vehicles that would be coming and going two times a day. The facility has been owned by the city since 2016 and still sits empty. The East Phillips Neighborhood Institute (EPNI) proposed an alternate plan with strong community input. It has come to be known as the Urban Farm Project. The group seeks to purchase the Roof Depot building as a community-owned and operated property, converting it into a multipurpose facility containing aquaponics, solar gardens, a communal kitchen, coffee and bicycle shops (since it's near the Greenway) and affordable housing.

The discussions and disputes over these proposals have gone on for years and have become

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City wants to dump the water yard in Phillips

BY ED FELIEN

On Friday, Oct. 8, the Minneapolis City Council voted seven to six to reverse course and put the city’s water yard in the Phillips neighborhood at the Roof Depot site. This was done primarily at the urging of Council President Lisa Bender. She said the city has already spent \$12.9 million in planning to relocate the water department from its historic home in the Marcy-Holmes neighborhood to Phillips. This all seemed cut and dried until neighborhood activists committed to renovating the Roof Depot to an urban farm discovered a planning document from June of 2021 that had been suppressed by Bender and city staff.

That document, “Minneapolis Water Yard Proposal for New Two-Story Structure on Existing Site,” says, “demolition and site clearing activities will result in unassessed risk from legacy contamination, unaccounted costs, and increased exposure to the neighborhood from dust

and from truck traffic hauling hazardous waste to landfills and will require dust mitigation.

“This document is intended to propose an alternative solution, demolition of the primary operations building at the existing site in Southeast Minneapolis and reconstruction of a new Water Yard facility. Redeveloping the existing site presents several opportunities including:

- Maintaining the functionality and vitality of historic buildings on the south end of the property in recognition of the role of the Water Yard’s 123-year history of water system operations from its present site.

- Building with a carbon-free goal. Unlike the Roof Depot site, the existing site is not contaminated. This could be an opportunity for the City to use geothermal energy for heating and cooling the facility. By installing solar panels on the roof, solar energy could be used to help power the pumps that circulate the heating and cooling lines. By creating a first of its kind city facility, the City could demon-

strate commitment to its goals in the Minneapolis 2040 plan.

- Utilizing the design of the new facility that RSP created for the Roof Depot site. The functional layouts for the office, locker rooms, lunchrooms and shop spaces can be incorporated into the plans for redevelopment at the existing site with minimal alterations.

“It appears that the reuse of the two historic buildings and the reconstruction of the main building would be consistent with the Neighborhood Association’s Master Plan. The existing Water Yard operations also has a good relationship with its Marcy-Holmes neighbors.

“In contrast, the East Phillips Neighborhood has opposed the Hiawatha campus expansion project at the Roof Depot site since the City’s purchase of that property was first proposed in 1991. The Roof Depot is in a neighborhood with a high percentage of BIPOC residents that is adjacent to a US EPA Superfund site dubbed the ‘Arsenic Triangle’ since it was heavily contaminated with lead and arsenic from industrial stockpiles of pesticides. After years of remediation and unknown expense, the Superfund site has been cleaned up. Since contaminants migrate across property lines, the Roof Depot property redevelopment poses an unknown risk of contamination that could be released during demolition and hauling activities. In March 2021 the public comment period closed for the environmental assessment worksheet for the Hiawatha Campus Expansion. It has been reported that the City received approximately 1,000



This artist’s rendering shows the proposed Urban Farm Project at the former site of Roof Depot in the East Phillips neighborhood of Minneapolis. (East Phillips Neighborhood Institute)

comments.

“By rebuilding on the existing site, the new Water Yard will likely be considerably cheaper.

“By removing the existing main building at the Water Yard and replacing it with a new two-story facility that makes more effective use of the space, the City has an opportunity to accomplish:

- Providing a space that is sufficient and functionally laid out to effectively support Water field operations.
- Preserving historic buildings and continuing to use them.
- Maintaining a sense of identity and common purpose for Water staff.
- Re-developing the land in a way that is consistent with and respectful of the Neighborhood Master Plan.
- Taking steps towards the City’s commitment to carbon-free building goals.
- Using RSP’s design for the Water facility at Roof Depot.
- Making use of City-owned land.

- Maintain a central location to minimize response time for Water crews to travel to any part of the City.”

It would be cheaper for the city to keep the water yard where it is. It would be an environmental disaster to dig up the arsenic-soaked Roof Depot site. Most of the \$12.9 million spent on planning is probably from architects’ plans for the new building which could easily be used for renovation of the existing site. The Marcy-Holmes neighborhood is quite happy with the water yard in their neighborhood, and the Phillips neighborhood is up in arms.

Dean Dovolis of the East Phillips Neighborhood Institute (EPNI) says, “We’re going to war with the city. We cannot sit back and allow this continued pollution. We have a moral obligation to defend our community at all costs.” EPNI is planning litigation to stop the city from continuing to dump pollution in their neighborhood. “Don’t worry. We will fight on!”

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directly to him/her. Uh, not so much, here. Two supervisors (read: “editors” or “massagers of truth”) stand between the chief and IAD. How much does that cost? The budget doesn’t tell us. An organizational scandal.

References to “overtime,” “attrition,” “disability” and “medical departures” conceal malingering. A word notably absent.

Featherbedding appears (or is, more accurately, concealed) in references to a Fifth Precinct. When I was chief I reduced the number of precincts from six to four to reduce the costs of maintenance and staff. Adding a fifth wheel does not improve efficiency.

Self-pitying justifications, evasions, or other lame explanations dot the document. It’s all about service and why they can’t deliver it. Every excuse is piously asserted, but no references to aggressive (and constitutional) police tactics such as decoys, stings, stakeouts, single-person patrols, etc.

Slavish devotion to the wonders of horse and bike patrols. Wow. Don’t kids love petting those beasts? Isn’t it reassuring to see those bikers? Potemkin villages in Minneapolis? Really? How much does all that cost?

Typical of the document’s obsession with truth is its wellness program. What is it intended to treat? Not a word on any addiction or other human weakness, just some reverent references to “personal difficulties” or “stress.” How comforting.

Defunding the police is

the simple-minded grasping at appealing slogans. But a measured, surgical excising of bloat, waste and duplication would require thought, real devotion to serving the people and a willingness to take on the union. Another absence.

The police budget is – to put it bluntly – an insult to the citizens of this city. Any public official supporting this document is complicit in the fraud visited on unknowing (and, frequently, uncaring) citizens by the officials sworn to serve them faithfully. We need a charter amendment to change our name to Freedonia.

Bureaucracies are very good at professing civic and selfless service. The MPD budget is a wonderful illustration of the genre.

Every pious bromide is slavishly extolled. Please tell me where is all the racism, abuse, waste, bloat and indifference coming from?

Aren’t you just a teeny-weeny bit tired of it all? Have you altogether lost your capacity for evaluation? Outrage? Can there be any hope of redemption in a place that produces the Damond, Floyd and similar atrocities?

My guess is no, and the document in question is further proof. There is an awful yawning chasm between the budget’s professions and the street’s reality.

In Ancient Greece sophists were regarded as cheap scholars yelling arguments to the highest bidders. You’ll encounter no better example of sophistry than the MPD budget.

Mendacity, daddy, mendacity.

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one of the principal battlegrounds for the environmental justice movement. There have been efforts to compromise, such as the city keeping 7.5 acres and giving the community three acres. This proposal infuriated lobbying residents. The city has spent \$12.9 million in planning costs. And while the Policy and Government Oversight Committee stalled the project they fell short of granting the community activists development rights, leaving the Roof Depot temporarily in limbo and the city unsure of how to recoup the nearly \$13 million.

Minneapolis is not the only city to fight the good environmental fight. Los Angeles has the Clean Up, Green Up ordinance. Kansas City has identified Green Impact Zones and has long-term plans to use federal stimulus funds. Buffalo, N.Y., has had its PUSH program (People United for Sustainable Housing) since 2008, identify-

ing 25 square city blocks to be the focus of environmental improvement.

Hopes dampened

On Wednesday, Sept. 22, the Minneapolis City Council voted



7 to 6 to reinstate plans to build a new water maintenance facility in the Phillips neighborhood. The decision sent activists reel-

ing. The plan sets aside several acres for community development, causing grave disappointment for lobbying residents who wanted to repurpose the entire site into the Urban Farm Project. Council Members Alondra Cano and Andrea Jenkins voted against the plan. Cano, who represents the Phillips neighborhood, said the decision is an example of the city being weaponized by shutting down conversations with a community trying to figure out its future. Council Member Lisa Bender continues to emphasize the budgetary impact of canceling the project which has already incurred \$12.9 million. A representative of the Phillips community called it another example of the city using an underserved community as a dumping ground for the city and its pollutants.

Business as usual? The neighborhood says it will continue to fight, even if the city isn’t backing down.



Charles Rodgers gets his feet wet picking up trash around Lake Hiawatha on Saturday, Oct. 2. His campaign collected nine bags, about 45 pounds, in three hours.

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‘Becoming Abolitionists: Police, Protests, and the Pursuit of Freedom’ by Derecka Purnell, in conversation with Jelani Cobb
Wednesday, Oct. 20, 7 p.m. CT
Virtual Event
Human rights lawyer, writer, and organizer Derecka Purnell confronts the history of police as a means to capture runaway slaves and uphold white supremacy, to the over-policing and murder of Black people. Purnell argues that the police are doing exactly what they were created to do and invites readers to imagine new systems that work to address the root causes of violence instead. Please register for this free event, sponsored by Magers & Quinn, at [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/derecka-purnell-presents-becoming-abolitionists-registration-175581969397?aff=odeieiconstant-contact&ctct_id=0ab39615-fba4-448f-bbcf-25dbdd82378c_p2&ctct_c=edEvSi-](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/derecka-purnell-presents-becoming-abolitionists-registration-175581969397?aff=odeieiconstant-contact&ctct_id=0ab39615-fba4-448f-bbcf-25dbdd82378c_p2&ctct_c=edEvSi-doTwnkT6oCaYBn3w2uXSk96GyQo9ggurt9m11ndkNkCGKKBA==)

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‘According to Rod...’
New Paintings by Rod Massey
and ‘From the North,’
New Paintings by Thomas Paquette
Oct. 23 – Nov. 27
Opening receptions, Saturday, Oct. 23, noon to 5 p.m
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In “According to Rod ...,” Rod Massey focuses on the less-inhabited areas of the urban landscape, keenly describing the sometimes-awkward intersection between the domestic and industrial landscapes that coexist in city life. His sustained investigation of these ordinary places, objects, surfaces and facades illustrates his personal and sometimes exasperated affection for the urban landscape. In “From the North,” Minneapolis native Thomas Paquette uses small, loose brush strokes and multiple layers of paint reworked over time to create richly colored and textured compositions that

appear to glow with light. Paquette is inspired by the vastly varying landscapes of his journeys: swirling silvery rivers, tall, thick pines, sun-dappled forest paths, or the rural countryside bathed in golden sunlight. Both exhibitions run concurrently, and the artists will be present at the opening reception on Saturday, Oct. 23 from noon to 5 p.m.

Afghanistan: Genocide, War Crimes, and the International Criminal Court
Sunday, Oct. 24, 1 to 2:30 p.m.
Online
This program defines the crimes of the past 20 years in Afghanistan that are under investigation at the International Criminal Court, examines the conflict in Afghanistan, and analyzes its impact on women, girls, and refugees. The speakers are Ellen J. Kennedy, Ph.D., founder and Executive Director of World Without Genocide; and Caitlin Schweiger, J.D., currently a public defender in Minnesota’s Third Judicial District. This event will be held online through Zoom on Sunday, Oct. 24, 1 to 2:30 p.m. CT. The program is open to the public. Registration is required by Saturday, Oct. 23 at worldwithoutgenocide.org/Afghanistan. \$10 general public, \$5 students and seniors. “Clock hours” for teachers, nurses and social workers. Free to Mitchell Hamline students (diversity credits available). \$25 for 2 Elimination of Bias CLE credits (Oct. 12) and \$25 for 1.5 CLE credits (Oct. 24) for Minnesota lawyers. These are live webinar programs and recordings will not be available. More information at info@worldwithoutgenocide.org, www.worldwithoutgenocide.org, or (952) 693-5206.

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Volunteer at Open Streets Minnehaha
Sunday, Oct. 24, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Minnehaha Avenue from East Lake Street to East 46th Street
We need folks to table, play music or entertain our pedestrian-like audience. If interested or for more info, please contact volunteer@kfaai.org.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Support for Nancy Ford

So why is a true-blue former DFL legislator like me voting for Independent candidate Nancy Ford instead of 12th ward incumbent Andrew Johnson? It’s because my loyalty to Minneapolis exceeds my politics and her policies are better than his. Nancy Ford opposes defunding the police. She’s against eliminating Chief Arradondo’s job and erasing the city charter’s minimum police staffing requirement. She thinks shifting supervision of the MPD to the city council is a risky power grab. She pledges to reform the MPD, not to disband it. Conversely, Andrew Johnson vowed to defund and disband the police. He’s sat quietly and idly by as the MPD shrank from 850 officers in 2019 to the mid 500s now. He favors staffing the MPD only “if necessary.” He wants to erase Chief Arradondo’s job and the minimum police staffing requirement from the city charter. He has a high opinion of the city council and thinks it would be ideal if they commanded the police department. Nancy Ford opposes Mr. Johnson’s work to undermine single family home zoning. The Star Tribune depicted city council actions saying, “Minneapolis [was] the first city in the nation to prohibit single family zoning,” meaning single family zoning no longer exists. Nancy Ford thinks housing ordinances should protect our modest homes and neighborhoods from de-

velopers, speculators and flippers who plo p apartment buildings without front yards or off-street parking wherever they can. She realizes that apartments built up to the front sidewalk make more money for investors, but steal green space, sight lines and play places from the neighborhood. The lack of off-street parking saves developers money, but crowds streets with parked cars. Conversely, Mr. Johnson spearheaded the plan to allow larger, longer and wider buildings. He led the effort banning single family home zoning. He argues that off-street parking requirements are not needed, because automobile use will decline in the future and off-street parking inhibits apartment construction. He has been silent about the effect of platting buildings from almost the front sidewalk to the alley. I supported Mr. Johnson in his two previous elections. I voted for him, talked him up in the coffee shop, donated money to his campaign, had his sign in the yard and gave him some tips on how to win, because he was new to our city. I bear no ill will against Mr. Johnson. He’s a pleasant enough fellow who’s had eight years to govern, but recently chose to follow others on the council down paths not good for our city. It’s time for a change. Vote for Nancy Ford.

Wes Skoglund
Hiawatha Neighbor

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Governor Tim Walz said "the debate appears to be too simplified" and "fraught with peril." [Star Tribune, 8/26/21]

MPD Chief Medaria Arradondo warned "if the current city charter amendment to the reporting structure passes and results in bringing 14 different people into Minneapolis' daily reporting structure, it would not just be confusing—it would be a wholly unbearable position for any law enforcement leader or police chief." [Star Tribune, 8/31/21]

Rev. Jerry McAfee said, "Now is not the time to use our neighborhoods for risky public safety experiments. We need real police reform, not defunding the police. We're finally starting to make progress on police reform with our first ever Black Police Chief, Medaria Arradondo. We need to keep the pressure on until the mission's complete." [21 Days of Peace]

Former Minneapolis Mayor Sharon Sayles-Belton wrote, "We need better police, not fewer or no police. And if we are asking residents to eliminate the police department, we should be open and upfront about what the replacement is. There is NO plan for what comes next."

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Grammy Award-winning violinist Augustin Hadelich and American pianist Orion Weiss will take the stage at the Ordway Concert Hall on Nov. 2-3 to kick off Schubert Club's 2021-2022 International Artist Series. Mr. Hadelich will be remembered by Schubert Club audiences for his 2016 International Artist Series recital with pianist Joyce Yang, and Mr. Weiss recently appeared on Schubert Club's "Schubert Revealed" with David

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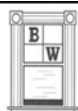
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Cross Over the Bridge to Dinkytown

Dinkytown today – some ‘old-timers’ and some new adventures

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

I went back and read Southside Pride's pieces on Dinkytown from the past few years. (You can do that too, if you go to our online version southsidepride.com and type Dinkytown into the search bar.) It was, with 20/20 hindsight (plus now we have 2021 hindsight as well), a slightly vertiginous trip. So many things we didn't know about then. For instance, in 2016 we were reporting that a two-block area within Dinkytown had been designated as an area of historic significance, and speculating on the incoming wave of new housing development. That wave has swept over Dinkytown, and the bulk of the Marcy-Holmes neighborhood. It's not finished sweeping either.

And yet, for all that, something in Dinkytown hasn't re-

ally changed. Only the surface has changed. For instance, even though there are fewer people about, it really is hard to find a parking spot now, even though we commented back then that Dinkytown's reputation in this area was not deserved. On my last visit, I kept getting disoriented, and forgetting what I came for. It's all a little faster, a little more tense, but then aren't we all? I don't know about you, but a lot of things I used to see as solid have come to seem – somehow provisional?

So we'll start by looking at some old-time residents of Dinkytown, starting with the very oldest. Al's Breakfast is a lot older than I thought. I have been to Al's only once, a long time ago, and it didn't really click for me. But I know people who are so passionate about Al's that you just know, without being told, that it's



Umami Fries

not just a place to eat, it's not even about the food – it's some kind of self-selected semi-secret community. Al's Breakfast dates back to 1950 and an actual guy named Al. It has had three other owners or sets of

owners since then, but the chain has never broken. After being closed for a very long time due to COVID, the faithful of that community were able to reunite again in that tiny space quite recently. (I knew

the actual date, from a post by one of my insider Facebook friends, but I forgot to write it down. Sorry.)

Not quite as old-time, but getting close to 50 years in business now, is the Book House. It has had only one true change of ownership, but had incremental changes before that. (Four people, two married couples, founded it, in the mid-1970s, but by the 2000s only one was left in charge. She retired a few years ago, leaving it to her chosen successors, two long-time managers.) However, the Book House has moved a few times. One of its sites was demolished to make way for one of the shiny-box student housing structures. The Book House is currently up on the second floor of Dinkydale, at




The Book House in 2016

1316 4th St. SE. You can visit in person now, but its website is a wonder, so you can also shop online.

The third old-timer is one of my favorite eating places in the whole city – Shuang Cheng. It's a Chinese restaurant with a solid reputation and another strong following, larger but less passionate. And here, it really is about the food. Nothing modern or flashy, but several steps up from the usual lo mein, chow mein, General

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Tso's chicken kind of Chinese food found at lesser places. It's just the kind of place I like. I am comforted by the clichéd standards of Chinese American dining – the tiny cup of hot jasmine tea, the disposable chopsticks, the cream cheese wonton – but then I like the main dish to be a little more challenging, some new-to-me ingredient or maybe a spice combination that makes me sit up and go hmmm.

One thing that Dinkytown has lost in great numbers is coffee shops. I remember the coffee shops of twenty years ago – the original Purple Onion, funky and a little punky, and Espresso Royale, so atmospheric you felt like you needed a slim volume of French poetry to be allowed to linger there. Espresso Royale vanished while I was in England, but Purple Onion had just cleaned up and grown larger and moved to a new location. But now it too is gone, closed permanently in the fall of 2020.

Two years ago, I covered a new coffee shop, in fact, a new kind of coffee shop. Cosmic Bean was a combined coffee shop and CBD dispensary, and you could get coffee drinks with a CBD shot in them. Just before the pandemic, they were introducing yoga classes. Sometime in 2020, a local



Shuang Cheng at its August 2021 dining room reopening

kytown (PHD) group, the developer prevailed and broke ground in September of this year.

The new apartment block is actually within the two-block designated historic area in Dinkytown, and PHD counter-proposed a few mitigating suggestions when they were unable to stop it, but those too were rejected. Hideaway plans to reopen as the ground-floor tenant of the building, called the Doyle Apartments. But there are no future plans for Cosmic Bean at this time. I know I'm biased, but to me, a coffee shop as a ground floor tenant would go a long way toward preserving what I see as the historic character of Dinkytown. Bordertown, a non-

on through the pandemic. Insomnia Cookies, the University Food Hall, and its first tenant Avocadish are all still there. Also, the Food Hall's other tenants, Hokkaido Poke and Sushi and Mi Tea, are open for business, as well as a place I reviewed in a past issue of The Dish – K-Bop, a Korean diner in the Chateau Student Housing Co-op. A couple of others covered in 2019, Wally's Falafel and the Lands End Pasty Company, are seemingly doing very well.

Most of the services have made it through OK (so far). Dinkytown Optical is another old-timer of note, having served the community for 40 years and counting. They offer eye exams and an on-site lab to provide same-day or next-day turnaround on most prescriptions. With over 1500 frames on display, you can go with a new designer look or choose a quality, budget-priced package to suit your needs. Check their website for current hours as well as daily deals on eyewear. Other services we've covered in previous years, including Alpha Print Shop and Erik's Bike Board Ski, are still in their old places, too.

What I was surprised to find so many of, on my last visit to Dinkytown, were Asian restaurants of one type or another. Not that I'm complaining. I love them all – Japanese, Korean, Vietnamese (they've got that, also, another old-timer, Camdi) or fusion. I guess the students love them too. One of the interesting-sounding newcomers is an attempt to start a chain. It's the first new branch of a concept – Asian flavors and sides applied to American favorites like burgers and tacos – called Umami Fries, from Tulsa, Okla., of all places. The Tulsa place is family owned, and the family is Hmong, and when a branch of the family moved to Minneapolis, they thought, "Let's franchise it." I am eager to try this out. Umami Fries is at 405 14th Ave. SE.

Another place I have mentioned in past articles but still have not managed to visit is Banh Appetit. It's been there for a few years and appears to be thriving. Banh Appetit



University Baptist Church, home of Roots Cellar Music

is the "descendant" of a very similar place called Bon Mi that was displaced by development from Stadium Village. I think it's pretty obvious what their specialty is.

One old-timer I didn't mention is still there but under a new name and with a new concept. The former Loring Bar and Restaurant reopened in December 2020 as Gray's in Dinkytown, the name being an homage to Gray's Drugstore which was in the space de-

acades ago, but had such a pretty sign that no one ever tore it down. Clever recycling.

The Roots Cellar, a popular roots music venue in the University Baptist Church, has not managed to reopen for real life concerts but is planning and hoping for winter of 2022. In the meantime, they have set up a page for all their performers over the years to host their own virtual concerts with a tip jar. Check it out at www.ubcmn.org/roots-cellar-music.



Dinkytown Optical

developer proposed yet another high-rise student housing project in that space, which also included a sort of medical marijuana boutique-cum-to-baconist called Hideaway. After much pushback from the neighborhood association and the Preserve Historic Din-

profit full-service coffeehouse on 16th Avenue which we covered in 2019, is still there and open for service.

A number of other businesses we covered in 2019 as new, relatively new, or soon to open, have managed to hang

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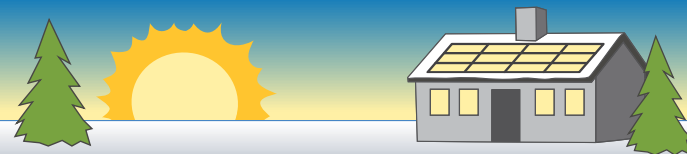
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