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Cam's Corner



East Phillips Farm dream – still alive

BY CAM GORDON

On March 10, supporters of the East Phillips Urban Farm project were celebrating. An 8-5 majority of the Minneapolis City Council had just approved a motion by 9th Ward Council Member Jason Chavez which rescinded the 2021 compromise that allowed the city to demolish the Roof Depot building at 1860 E. 28th St. The motion halted any demolition and construction on the site until the East Phillips neighborhood, and potentially others, could make formal proposals for the re-use of the building. The East Phillips Neighborhood Institute (EPNI) called it “historic action to review formal proposals for the Roof Depot Building,” adding that “this victory signals that Minneapolis is prepared to begin to undo decades of harm it has caused to neighborhoods like East Phillips.” But the celebration didn't last long. On March 11, Mayor Frey vetoed the Chavez resolution. On March 24,

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Swamp Creatures rise from the dead

BY ED FELIEN

Just when you thought you were safe on dry land, the Swamp Creatures rise from the dead and take you back into the muck. Last year was a painful and exhausting struggle. After months of arguing, the Minneapolis Park Board voted 5-4 to not flood the Hiawatha Golf Course. Now, a new Park Board wants to

re-visit that decision: “RESOLVED, That the Board of Commissioners authorizes the reconsideration of Resolution 2021-249 related to the Hiawatha Golf Course Area Master Plan and directs staff to organize a Public Hearing before the Planning Committee of the Board of Commissioners on April 20, 2022.” I wrote to the Board: “I grew up a block from

Lake Hiawatha. The lake was five feet lower then, than it is now. On dry days in August, you could walk through the storm tunnel off the Second Fairway all the way to 31st Street. On the Fourth of July we threw cherry bombs into the mouth of the tunnel, and it sounded like cannon fire. “That changed in 1964 when (according to the story believed in South Minneapolis)

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Teachers strike settled, but unsettling

BY ELINA KOLSTAD

As the teachers strike unfolded and the district appeared more interested in the visuals of negotiating than they were in trying to meet the teachers' demands, my husband and I had several conversations marveling at how little the district seemed to care about its own school system and its future success or failure. Just a few years ago they pushed through the Comprehensive District Design (CDD) at great expense, often in construction and remodeling (sometimes at schools that had just recently been extensively remodeled). Meanwhile, according to Sahan Journal, “Minneapolis teachers have not received more than a two percent raise at any point this century, and in some years have received no raise at all.” But we couldn't figure out why the district would destroy its very reason for existence. Surely without functional schools those lucrative administrative jobs would also disappear. For a long time the best explanation I could come up with was that individuals were blinded by personal biases. For example, Karn Engels-gjerd, who is running for school board in my district this year, is the board chair for EdAllies, an organization that promotes charter schools. However, in the past few days the missing piece has fallen into place. In its article, “How the Minneapolis Foundation Bankrolls the Destruction of Public Schools,” Racket dives deep into the role of the Minneapolis Foundation in promoting charter schools, its goal of destroying the Minneapolis Public Schools, and more specifically the goal to weaken “one of the last unionized sectors in the country, public school teachers.” This is still somewhat surprising to me. Whenever I see a list of the best places to live, it seems like a good school system is one of the major factors taken into account by the compilers. Therefore the idea of intentionally destroying the schools is one that baffles me because it would clearly hurt Minneapolis economically. But if one assumes that teachers' unions are the main factor driving up the cost of education and that they are therefore driving up taxes, one can see how the rich and powerful might want to undermine the union. Wealthy people and large corporations, like those that fund the Minneapolis Foundation, clearly feel that paying less in taxes is more appealing than living in a vibrant, well-regarded city. Keep in mind that

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The mental and emotional stages of environmentalism

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

Chances are, if you know 10 people who consider themselves environmentalists or some version thereof (ecosocialist, ecofeminist, environmental anarchist, left-wing prepper) you will notice that they all have different approaches to their activism, and often different “takes” on what informs their beliefs, what matters the most, or how to reach others about environmental concerns. I don’t think these differences are just a matter of different personalities, backgrounds or strengths.

I think they’re different stages along essentially the same path. At first, I noticed that among people I’ve known for some time, their environmental position would move closer to that of someone else I knew, but that they didn’t know. Meanwhile that other person had also moved on

to new perspectives.

And then I noticed it wasn’t just people I knew who were doing that. I was doing it, too.

Based primarily on my own journey of environmental consciousness, but checking it against that of others, I began to sort out the logic behind these stages. Some people may skip a stage, or spend so long in one stage that you wonder if they’ll ever get out of it. Not everyone takes the stages in the same order either, so the numbering below can be considered random, rather than sequential.

I’m not claiming this is scientific or universal, but it seems widespread. So take these stage identifiers with a grain of salt. Take on what seems right, ignore the rest. Or as the Grateful Dead say, “Believe it if you need it.”

- Stage 1 - Gathering Knowledge
- Stage 2 - Thinking about Per-



sonal Solutions (Embracing)

- Stage 3 - Thinking about Systemic Solutions (Critiquing/Resistance)
- Stage 4 - Activism for a Global Program (e.g., The Green New Deal)

- Stage 5 - Panic (sometimes Depression or Nihilism)
- Stage 6a - Prepping and/or Fantasies with Optimism
- Stage 6b - Prepping and/or Fantasies with Pessimism
- Stage 7 - Learning and Practicing the Four “R”s

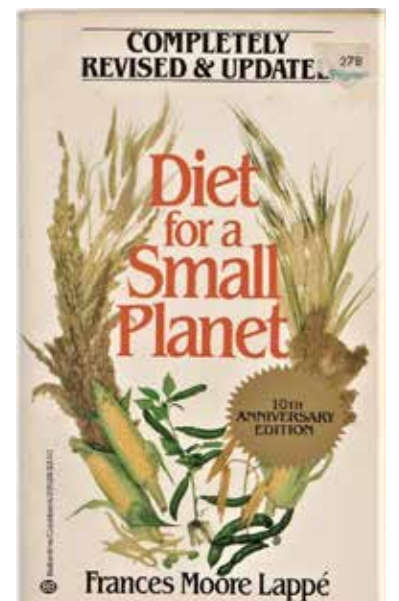
If you have an eye for patterns, you’ll notice two things. The first is that stages 1 and 7 seem neutral, while the other six comprise three positive-negative pairs: embracing/resisting, acting/paralyzing with fear, optimism/pessimism. The second thing is that the list may remind you vaguely of some other list. What is it?

Spoilers, darling. It’s the Kübler-Ross (modified) stages of grief.

Another caveat. Remember how I said I based this list on my own journey? Well, I have no way of knowing if my Stage 7 is really the end of the journey, or just the stage I’ve reached so far. Because it’s difficult to recognize a stage you haven’t arrived at yet.

Here’s a brief explanation of each stage, along with some resources (mostly books) if you feel

like you’re in that stage and want to understand it better.



Stage 1 - Gathering Knowledge

For those who are Boomers and older, we probably started gathering knowledge in the late 1960s. I was in high school then and started college in 1970.

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Chard Your Yard

Sometime between 1970 and 1976 is when I first woke up to the impending doom of pollution, species extinction, the evils of modern agriculture, and early theories of climate change.

If you're a Gen X-er (or a younger Boomer than I), you probably became aware at a time when the available literature was more advanced, and the problem more readily apparent. If you're

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quite young, climate catastrophe and the impending great extinction were the murky aquarium water into which you were hatched.

In either case you might want to go back and read some of the early texts. "Diet for A Small Planet" (1971) by Frances Moore Lappe was the one that really grabbed me, while many friends cut their environmentalist teeth on Rachel Carson's "Silent Spring" (1962). Similarly, I was entranced by Euell Gibbons' "Stalking the Wild Asparagus" (1962), while others fondly remember "A Sand County Almanac" (1949) by Aldo Leopold. Then there was "The Whole Earth Catalog" (1970), which is more of a Stage 6a kind of text. And Bill McKibben's book "The End of Nature" (1989) has stood the test of time.

These early texts give a philosophical grounding for environ-

Stage 2 - Thinking about Personal Solutions (Embracing)

Many people stay in this phase of environmentalism. It's a good gig if you can do it; at the least, it will save you from a lot of stress and possibly even mental illness. No judgment from me, as long as they don't judge people in other stages.

This stage also has the best books, although Stage 3 has the best movies. (Actually, Stage 3 has *all* the movies.) Some good Stage 2 books include "How to Give Up Plastic" (2019) by Will McCallum, or one of the huge proliferation of books on "zero waste living" (search that term on bookshop.org).

Stage 3 - Thinking about Systemic Solutions (Critiquing/Resisting)

People enter this stage through a variety of doors, often by way of an introduction to socialism, of one kind or another. You realize that individual efforts alone cannot make a dent in a system (capitalism) that is based on using up resources, with no Plan B for when they're gone.

Sadly, many people stop taking individual actions, as if this realization has taken them off the hook personally. Although it may involve some flipping between Stage 2 and Stage 3 at first, the full reality check is when you realize it will take both personal changes *and* systemic change, at

the very least.

The most influential Stage 3 book is Naomi Klein's "This Changes Everything: Capitalism vs. the Climate" (2015).

Stage 4 - Activism for a Global Program

This stage reflects a positive effort to integrate systemic change into personal change. Two good books on global program ideas struggling to find traction in various legislatures are Jeremy

Rifkin's "The Green New Deal: Why the Fossil Fuel Civilization Will Collapse by 2028, and the Bold Economic Plan to Save Life on Earth" (2019), and "Red Deal: Indigenous Action to Save Our Earth" (2021) by Red Nation.

Stage 5 - Panic

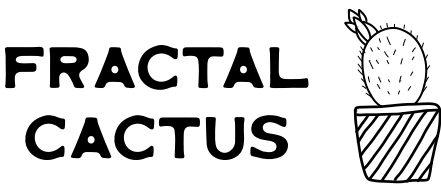
I have been in this stage, but only briefly. I can't hang out there, and I would worry about

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anyone who could. Most people pass through this stage and one of the Stage 6s, even if quickly, to



get to Stage 7.

There are plenty of books related to this stage. If you just want to get it over with, any nonfiction book about societal collapse should do it, and also most works of dystopian science fiction. For societal collapse, a good one is "The Great Leveler: Violence and the History of Inequality from the Stone Age to the Twenty-First Century" (2016) by Walter Scheidel. It shows scientifically what you suspect in Stages 3 and 4 about the inevitable unsustainability of capitalism and other systems based on growth in consumption. A good science fiction book for this stage, not totally dystopian (some would even say a bit naively optimistic) but with a properly terrifying opening, is Kim Stanley Robinson's "The Ministry for the Future" (2020).

Stage 6 - Prepping and/or Fantasies

Like Stage 5, this is a good stage to skip if you can. That said, I confess I hung out here for nearly a decade. I didn't really do any effective prepping, but merely fantasized about prepping. (If you're unfamiliar with the term, "prepping" refers to what used to be called emergency preparedness, with an emphasis on impending catastrophic system collapse with a distinct military flavor. Right-wingers seem more amenable to this outlook, but there are also left-wing preppers.)

I don't have specific books to recommend, but a search will turn up plenty. This stage comes in two modes - optimistic and pessimistic, influenced by your own personality and circumstances. Some people have both versions at different times.



Rachel Carson

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- Resilience: what do we most value that we want to keep, and how?
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- Restoration: what could we bring back to help us with these difficult times?
- Reconciliation: with what and whom shall we make peace as we awaken to our mutual mortality?

The Four "R"s show how the

stages of environmental activism are closely aligned with the stages of grief, because grief is the inevitable and reasonable reaction to current reality - how bad it's getting, how slow the progress toward remedy, how uncertain our chances of averting disaster.

Here's a list from Bookshop.org of some Earth Day-themed books - bookshop.org/lists/april-is-earth-month. Link Bookshop.org to your preferred independent bookstore to give them a share of the profit from your purchases.



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Stage 7 - Learning and Practicing the Four "R"s

I entered this stage when I read "Deep Adaptation," a widely circulated quasi-academic paper by Prof. Jem Bendell. In 2021, Bendell expanded his paper into a book, "Deep Adaptation: Navigating the Realities of Climate Chaos."

A worldwide movement has grown up around Bendell's idea of the Four "R"s, as defined in his book. Recently, I participated in a week-long virtual global convention of people interested in the



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Markets indoors and out, square donuts, sushi and more

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

Closings in food and drink

From Racket.com and other sources we learned that Tin Whiskers, one of the original artisanal Minnesota breweries, is closing this year. Buy up their inventory while you still can, if you're a fan.

From Mpls.St.Paul Magazine, we learn that 35-year Dinkytown veteran Camdi is closing. Thai and other southeast Asian restaurants still proliferate, but sadly (to me) Vietnamese ones become ever harder to find.

Openings in food and drink

But maybe I'm just looking in the wrong place. Que Viet is a family-run restaurant in North-east Minneapolis that's renowned for its State Fair egg roll stand. A daughter and daughter-in-law of the family will open a small extra location in a former used bookstore space in St. Paul. It will be called Em Que Viet (Em is Vietnamese for little sister). No date was given.



A delicious Po' Boy from Sea Salt Eatery

rounded by boards and appears to be a hive of construction-related activity as it is being transformed into an actual lab and training center. Look for a grand re-opening later in the spring.

A similar project is underway that is projected to be completed near the end of this year. A project of the Cultural Wellness Center, one of the nonprofit "owners" of Midtown Global Market, Culinary Heritage will be a culinary center focusing on ancient grains of Africa. They will have demonstrations and cooking classes featuring these healthful grains, and also do regular food delivery to elderly people, especially those of African heritage.

will be able to get haircuts, pedicures and other health and beauty treatments. How is this food-related? It's hoped that the extra foot traffic and income for the market will help save the sometimes-precarious current food vendors from going under, or the market as a whole from becoming unsustainable.

Square donuts! How did I miss this?

A young entrepreneur named Bradley Taylor has been making waves for several years with his square donuts and his food truck to vend them. The existing business was called Sssdude-Nutz, and during the pandemic, mostly focused on selling at farmers' markets.

Now Taylor has a new gig, called the Donut Trap. He's still selling square donuts, with "sexy" and innovative flavors and names, but now they are available from a high-tech vending machine. Just the first of many to come, the vending machine now sits in a hallway just outside of Can Can Wonderland, 755 Prior Ave., St. Paul.



Bradley Taylor and his Donut Trap vending machine outside Can Can Wonderland in St. Paul



The Donut Trap's iconic square donut

St. Paul's season will get a slight jump on us, with a kickoff date of April 23, 2022.

Other south Minneapolis markets include the threesome run by the nonprofit Neighborhood Roots - Kingfield (Nicollet Avenue), Fulton (Chowen Avenue) and Nokomis (Chicago Avenue). Nokomis Farmers Market will be on hiatus for all of 2022. The other two are expected to announce opening dates soon.

Another great market is the Four Sisters Farmers Market on Franklin Avenue, a project of Native American Community Development Inc. (NACDI). This small market is a major outlet for the produce of another Native American project, Dream of Wild Health, a youth program that operates a farm outside the Twin Cities for Native American kids. They sell truly awesome products that you can't get at other markets. (Dream of Wild Health is also a sometimes-vendor at the Midtown Farmers Market.) NACDI has not announced an opening day for this year's market yet.

The main market for the city

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The scene at Asa's Bakery when they opened in their new location

Centro, a taqueria in Northeast Minneapolis, will open an expansion in the former Wedge Table space on Eat Street (24th and Nicollet).

Provision Community Restaurant, a communal seating, pay what-you-can cafe that's a sort of mash-up of a soup kitchen and a fancy restaurant, is re-opening "sometime in the spring of 2022" according to a late March article in the Eater Twin Cities.

J. Selby's, the excellent plant-based casual food diner on Selby Avenue in St. Paul, will have already re-opened its indoor dining room by the time you read this.

Asa's Bakery in their new location of 5011 34th Ave. S. is also already - finally - open. They were razed by some bright spark on Twitter for only being open "nine hours per week" or something like that, but give them a break, they are ramping up hours gradually. In fact, as of the end of March, open hours are 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday (although they close early if sold out, which does happen).

Sea Salt Eatery has announced April 15 as their 2022 season open date.

Food-related happenings at Midtown Global Market

The Indigenous Food Lab is sur-

Farmers' market (for real) season starts next month

Farmers' markets do continue through the winter, some indoors, some outdoors. But the "real" farmers' market season is late spring through late fall, and is a vital part of spring and summer in my book. Midtown Farmers Market, my own "home" market, debuts Saturday, May 7, at a new parklet located at 2225 E. Lake St. Ready-to-eat food and coffee vendors will include Kabomelette, Krishna's Delight, Curioso Coffee, RISE and Stepwise Coffee.



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In praise of curb cuts

BY TOM O'CONNELL

“Curb cut: (noun, North American) A small ramp built into the curb of a sidewalk to make it easier for people using strollers or wheelchairs to pass from the sidewalk to the road.”

– Lexico.com

I never paid much attention to curb cuts until a few years ago. Fact is, I don't think I even knew the term. That's because the short downward distance from sidewalk curb to street was of little consequence to me. I could hop down or scramble up with hardly a second thought. Until I couldn't.

Now that I have a wheelchair, curb cuts have become even more important. The six inches that separate sidewalk from street might just as well be six feet if you are in a chair. Without the cuts, what is for most a thoroughway stretching from my Northeast Minneapolis condo to the city limits would be for me, and many others, disconnected blocks separated as if by moat from the houses and shops just across street.

Not that I especially want to

walk or wheel to the city limits. But even if the destination is the neighborhood grocery store, barber shop, coffee shop or pub, it doesn't take a Jane Jacobs to realize that curb cuts make urban life possible for lots of people who would otherwise miss out on what a vibrant urban community has to offer.

So, who invented curb cuts anyway? How widely are they in use? Does Minneapolis have more curb cuts than St. Paul? Do we have professional urban planners to thank for curb cuts? Or were curb cuts a response to citizen demand?

I don't have the answer to all of these questions, and lucky for me, this is a commentary, not a research paper. When I googled “curb cuts” I did learn a few things though. As I expected, curb cuts were a response to the emergence of a disability rights movement in the 1960s and '70s. And, as was often the case, one of the early scenes of engagement was Berkeley.

Ed Roberts was a wheelchair-using graduate student at Berkeley. He founded an organization called the Rolling

Quads. Stories began circulating about squadrons of wheelchair riders wielding sledgehammers and applying bags of concrete in a do-it-yourself approach to public works. The Berkeley City Council responded with a policy mandate supporting curb cuts in all major commercial areas and designating 15 specific corners for immediate remediation.

The Quads were part of a developing national movement that eventually led to the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990. When the legislation appeared stalled in the House of Representatives, disability activists crawled out of their chairs and up the Capitol steps. Good thing the Cold War was over; the Soviets could have scored some major propaganda points out of those images.

Despite my obvious self-interest in the matter, I never became a disability rights activist. Shortly after graduating from college, when I was trying out my role as a '60s-era “movement leader,” I got a call from John St. Marie.



John had been my roommate as a kid when both of us spent long months at Gillette Hospital along with scores of others who had come down with polio. St. Marie relied on an iron lung to breathe. He had it much worse than me, yet through gulps of air he kept up a cheerful banter and a relentlessly hopeful outlook on life.

I hadn't spoken to John for

years when he tracked me down and wanted to know if I would be interested in joining this new organization he was helping get off the ground. It was called the United Handicapped Federation. I thanked John for thinking of me but told him that I was simply too involved in other activist causes to have any energy left over for this.

The truth, of course, was more complicated. From the time I was a kid up until then (and up until now) I have chosen not to identify as a handicapped person. I figured that whatever oppression I experienced from my disability was a personal matter and a trivial one at that. Racism, sexism, classism, imperialism – now those were the real deal!

Older, if not always wiser, I've now added curb cuts to my list. Too bad we don't have a more poetic word for this and so many other elements of our urban infrastructure that make city life possible for so many.

Tribute to Disco T

BY ELAINE KLAASSEN

Disco T was a well-known DJ in Minneapolis. He died of brain cancer on Dec. 31, 2021. At his memorial event, on his birthday, Feb. 19, everyone spoke of him as a legend, an icon. He was beloved and admired.

I knew him by his given name of Tredis Adams and I will call him Tredis in this tribute: he said Adams was probably handed down from some slave-owner and he was thinking of changing it.

I didn't know he was a celebrity when I met him at George Floyd Square in April of 2021. I was walking around with friends, and one of them introduced us. This magnetic, young-looking man, fit and quick with words, said so many intriguing things that I asked him for a further interview in order to write about his life.

In conversations over the next three months he talked about

health and his battle with cancer, about fighting racism with financial acuity, his hopes and dreams for the Black community, his life story and his family.

What struck me the most was his intentionality and his “take the bull by the horns” outlook. He was fighting cancer and racism with the same deliberation, determined that neither should



destroy him. He said cancer was a disease of deficiency and toxicity. The same could be said of racism.

Tredis was born in 1967 in Chicago to a 14-year-old moth-

er who at the time couldn't take care of him but in recent years became a good friend. As a 1-year-old, Tredis went to live with his half-brother's dad's parents. Grandma worked the graveyard shift and Grandpa worked at the Chevrolet dealership. Tredis said, “They made many sacrifices for me,” and he always remembered his grandmother's advice “to do right.”

As a teenager, Tredis came to Minneapolis where his dad was working at the U of M in medical records, and got his first job through a project run by a neighbor. From then on, he worked and hustled – in retail and marketing, plus as a DJ. He bought himself an apartment at age 16. On his 18th birthday he bought a duplex. Many buildings and businesses followed.

His formula for success was to “work 100 hours a week, have no bad habits and be honest – a person can be successful through planning, saving, creativity and resourcefulness.” He loved to work. He said, in a nutshell, “I'd rather do what's hard and have an easy life than do what's easy and have a hard life.”

Tredis studied everything he could about law and medicine. He felt if he ever needed legal or medical help, no one would help him, so he needed to help himself. He became a vegan/sometimes vegetarian early on and became interested in alternative medicine. Fifteen years

ago he traveled to Honduras to the Usha Healing Village where he learned the essential concept that, “We [humans] are capable of healing ourselves.”

When Tredis was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer of the head, neck and lungs at the end of 2019, and given four to six weeks to live, he again visited the Usha Healing Village in Honduras and then went to an alternative healing center in Mexico begun by the famous healer Max Gerson. For Tredis, it was his first choice; for everyone else there, it was the last resort.

Tredis described the group of patients he came to know. “They were real good people, all fighting for their lives ... Sick people together just wanna heal ... [they] speak a different language. They will only be themselves around people who are in the same boat.”

Tredis came back to Minneapolis and built special equipment – oxygen chambers, a sauna, a PEMF mat, a Joovv (red light) and hyperbaric chambers – and assembled a gigantic quantity of heavy supplements to keep the cancer at bay. Keeping after the tumors was a 12- to 13-hour “work day” every day.

Tredis appeared to be an example of the American ideal of individualistic autonomy and independence. But his strength in taking care of himself and his belief in himself stretched to taking care of others, believing in others, extending himself to others. And, Tredis was not interested in acquiring and hoard-

ing money American-style; he was interested in using money – he was interested in its creative power – what it could do for himself and for others.

“I don't care about money. There are things that money can't buy,” he said. “Whatever I have, I share. If I have \$20, I'll give you \$10. When I owned a store and people couldn't pay, I would say they could pay later. Ninety-nine out of 100 paid. I never put money before people.”

Tabota Seyon, at the InfusedLife Plant Based Emporium, said Tredis did so much for so many people.

Tredis' strong contributions to others came back to him with many donations to his GoFundMe, a card with \$1,000 in it, many hugs and \$20 bills, the 147 people who showed up at the hospital to visit when he had a trach tube and a feeding tube put in, and the friend who canceled a trip to China to go with Tredis to Mexico for his first treatments. Another friend, Angela Jones, on Facebook described Tredis as “the kind of guy who would give you his last ...”

“I was shown in life you're able to build a universal family of people,” Tredis concluded.

This was evident at the memorial event at the Capri Theater in North Minneapolis. I met two of his 11 children, of whom Tredis had spoken so proudly. There was a pall over the entire space. Nobody could believe that a person with such a strong life force could be gone.



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BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

So many changes, so few column inches

What a year this has been for Lake Street! I have to warn you

right at the start, there is no way we can cover everything new and different since April 2021 along South Minneapolis's most vital street. It's just too much. We'll mostly concentrate on the sites between the crossing with

Chicago Avenue on the west and the business hub from Minnehaha Avenue to the East Lake Library on the east. And even then, apologies if we neglected to mention your business or your favorite spot.



Bryan Tyner, the second Black fire chief in Minneapolis, presides at the Cheatham Avenue naming ceremony on March 17, 2022. Ward 12 Council Member Andrew Johnson looks on.

Midtown Farmers Market – on its 20th anniversary – returns to Lake and Hiawatha

Because it's the biggest story, we have to start geographically in the middle. As it celebrates its 40th year, the Midtown Farmers Market (MFM) is moving back "home." We spoke recently with Keeya Allen, the manager of MFM, about the coming changes.

The 2019, 2020 and 2021 seasons of the market saw it taking place in the lot to the north of the building that houses Moon Palace Books, Geek Love Cafe

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Poster for MayDay 2022 kickoff celebration



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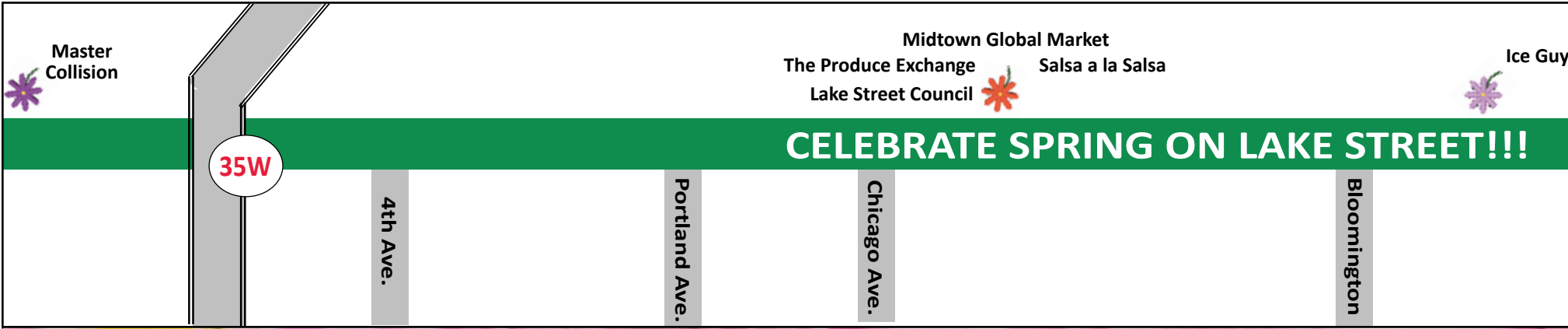
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and Arbeiter Brewing on the block of Minnehaha Avenue just south of Lake. The latter two of those years were further disrupted by the pandemic, although being an outdoor source of vital food, farmers' markets thrived (relatively) during that time. But also, this location, more than any other, even on Lake Street, was impacted by the George Floyd uprising, as the police precinct building just yards away was burned to the ground in late May of 2020, and the market site temporarily became a mutual aid food distribution site during the ensuing crisis.

Now the market will be back to more or less where it was, at 2225 E. Lake St. In the interim, new housing and the Hennepin County South Minneapolis Human Service Center were built in the area, and along with them, a dedicated green space destined

to be the permanent home of the MFM. This space, which also includes benches, walkways and a new playground, is managed by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board.



Portrait of Capt. John Cheatham, first Black fire chief in Minneapolis, namesake of Cheatham Avenue

The market's grand re-opening will be May 7, 2022. The hours and days for the 2022 season are Saturdays, May 7 through Oct.

29, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Tuesdays, June 7 through Oct. 25, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (6 p.m. in October. The market will also be closed Tuesday, July 5.)

What will the market be like in its new/old location? Better, but not that different. Many of the same longtime produce, meat, dairy and plant vendors will be back. Food trucks and vendors of ready-to-eat food will include the old favorites, Kabomelette and Krishna's Delight. Decisions about live music are still pending, but now the MFM has a resident DJ.

Baked goods will be provided by Blue Ox and Winter Goddess Foods. Coffee and other drinks will be provided by Curioso, RISE and Stepwise coffee companies. Parking on surrounding streets will be plentiful, or you can take a bus or LRT. Secure bike parking is also provided, along with comfortable places to relax between shopping bouts and watch your kids play at the playground. If you can make it on opening day, it's sure to be celebratory, and also dominated by starter plants for your garden just when you need them.

Developments around the Lake and Minnehaha hub

There is a lot of rebuilding and relocating going on around the Lake Street section from Minnehaha Avenue to 31st Avenue. This was one of the most damaged areas in the civil unrest accompanying the George Floyd Uprising, with many entire buildings destroyed, and even the library heavily vandalized.

Speaking of the library, Hennepin County libraries are finally back to being completely open as before the pandemic, with all services, including computer usage and meeting rooms, restored. I can't wait to have a boring old meeting in one of the library system's lovely rent-free meeting spaces. The one at the East Lake Library is especially nice on a sunny but cool day, as it's in a large room right on Lake Street that is glass-walled and mostly windows.

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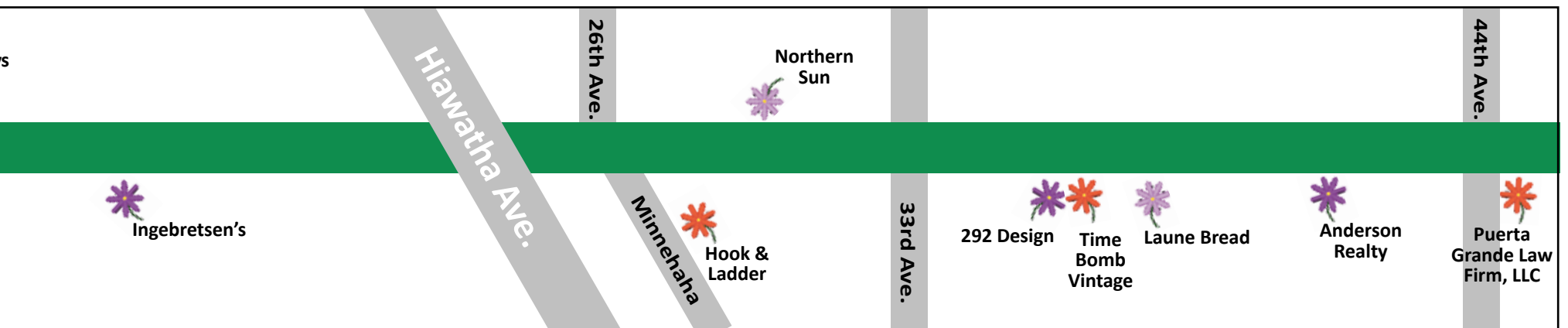
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A public ceremony by In the Heart of the Beast from several years ago

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Another great development in this area is the recent renaming of the former Dight Avenue. This avenue was named for a famous (or, more accurately, infamous) Minneapolis doctor, University of Minnesota professor and city alderman. Additionally, he was the founder of a eugenics society, author of a forced sterilization law in force in Minnesota for decades, and a person who wrote fan mail to Adolf Hitler.

The roadway is now called Cheatham Avenue, after Minneapolis fire chief Capt. John Cheatham. Cheatham was born in slavery in 1855, and his newly-free family migrated to Minneapolis from Missouri when he was a boy. He was appointed to the fire service in 1888, and achieved the rank of captain in 1899. He owned a home and raised a family in Minneapolis, and from 1907 until his retirement was chief of an all-African-American auxiliary fire house at 45th Street and Hiawatha. He died in 1918 from a chronic disease. There was not another Black fire chief in Minneapolis until Bryan Tyner, who presided over the renaming ceremony, was appointed in the 1990s.

Be sure and check back with Southside Pride in May for the Spring on Minnehaha Avenue article where we will cover more of the rebuilding and other new sites of interest in the Lake and Minnehaha area.

upcoming events might be. There have been very intentional, very big changes all through the organization in the past two years.

Is there going to be a MayDay Parade and Celebration in Powderhorn Park this year? Well, no, but there is going to be a MayDay celebration this year. However, it's without a parade and not confined to the park. MayDay has been re-envisioned:

"This May HOBT and our MayDay Council is partnering with three local organizations to bring you this MayDay Season, multiple celebrations throughout the month of May. We cannot wait to welcome you to these celebrations!"

MayDay Season 2022 is led by Roosevelt High School, MIGIZI (a Native-American-led youth and communications nonprofit) and Kalpulli KetzalCoatlucue (a local Aztec-style dance troupe). Additional work on MayDay Season 2022 is from the Minnesota Immigrant Rights Coalition (MIRAC) and the youth of El Colegio, a nonprofit charter high school. The May 1 celebration will take place

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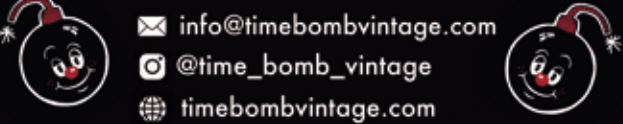
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at the Four Directions Family Center (in the parking lot) at 1527 E. Lake St.

Developments around the Lake and Chicago hub

Although we will cover Midtown Global Market (MGM) more thoroughly in the piece dedicated to them in October, we should mention a few developments there. One is that the longtime market manager resigned over a month ago and the last we heard has not been replaced yet.

Foot traffic and sales are still down considerably at MGM, mainly because the Allina Commons staff, which traditionally made up a big part of their customer base, is still largely working remotely. So please do support your favorite MGM vendors. Many of the food vendors have delivery options through such platforms as Bite Squad or GrubHub. You can get food delivered from the excellent small



Opening Day poster for Midtown Farmers Market

grocery store, the Produce Exchange, by Mercato (sign up at mercato.com). Some other small merchants offer delivery through the Target-owned service Shipt (shipt.com).

And don't forget, the MGM has events, which are back in a big way now that the omicron

wave is on the retreat and social distancing rules are relaxing. Some are recurring, like Saturday Sounds, a rotation of live music acts every Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. (On April 9, it will be the very popular Roe Family Singers.)



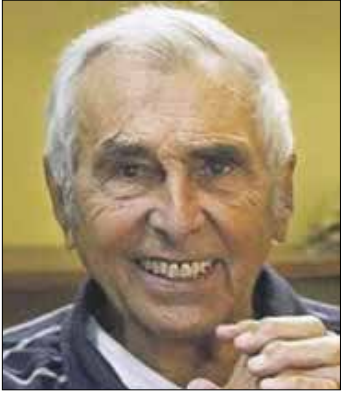
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BY TONY BOUZA

I'm given to hyperbole. Can't seem to help it. "Best this," "greatest that," whatever.

The U. S. has earned my devoted study. It has, to put it modestly, really lifted me out of

certain defeat. No small feat. I owe this great country.

So, what would a foremost institution look like? National. Influential. Truthful. Trusted. Informed. Relevant. Useful. Valuable. All those things. It must reach, and be relied upon, by America's rulers. Who are they? Politicians, financiers, influencers, rich, powerful types—and they must interact with the institution intimately and consistently.

It must have the resources to delve into the most complex matters and inform its followers fully, truthfully and relevantly.

Politics offers tempting candidates. So do religion, finance and culture. But only one institution reaches the few

million who shape and guide our destinies every day.

And its name?

The New York Times.

As I write, it is at the very apex of its power and influence. You gotta read it or you're gonna perish.

In late January 2022 they destroyed the just-elected New York City mayor with an exhaustively researched expose of how his cronyistic instincts produced the corruption of his criminal justice system. The thoroughly researched, archived and sourced front-page story made clear the tragic flaw of a key appointment and the terrible cost to the mayor. If he failed to act—that is, acknowledge the mistake and demand a resignation. The option is to

lose his just-attained mayoralty. And it means death by a thousand cuts.

Schadenfreude.

Alacrity is required but the temptation is to ride out the storm. Good luck with that.

The controversy offers red meat to racists and anti-Semites. The corrupters are devout Jews, and the corrupted are Black officials. As Sebastian Junger would put it, a perfect storm of malicious glee.

And so, the clock ticks, the sand particles fall, and the targets rejoice in every passive moment of inaction. It is the inertia of the ticking bomb.

I've seen this movie before.

Nothing bad happened today. Maybe it'll blow over. Everybody does it. Formal charges

were averted here or there. Human capacity for evasion can be pretty inventive.

Although midway through the process, I'm going to bet that The New York Times will once again prove its might. Those in its path are frequently the last to recognize its power.

In America you're only entitled to one preeminent oracle all the powerful hearken to—that would be The New York Times.

Its targets always think they'll survive—and maybe even prosper. Andrew Cuomo and Donald J. Trump come to mind. But if I were Mayor Eric Adams I'd either act or worry.

Seen elsewhere:

"Raise Your Voice, Silica Dust & Molten Iron" first appeared in the March 2022 edition of the alley community newspaper. It is reprinted here by permission.

BY PETER MOLENAAR

Upon retiring from Smith Foundry, this writer undertook distribution of the Alley to the various agencies and businesses of the Phillips Community and surrounding neighborhoods. In the realm of said distribution, a sometimes annoying competition for space exists with our friends from Southside Pride.

However, of greater concern is Tony Bouza's column in the February issue of that paper, "How to get rich." "Capitalism is very cruel," writes Bouza, "its only saving grace is that it accords with human nature... My

reaction to such cruelty? Bravo!... Altruism doesn't work ... is this so complex?

"Look around you, for God's sake. I didn't invent it and I'd much rather socialism worked." He appears even to slight Jesus for manifesting communistic proclivities! And then, "Stop kidding yourself... if you are so smart, why aren't you rich?"

Is the man being facetious? Golly, in my case I worked long arduous overtime hours for many years to barely cover a mortgage payment. Truthfully, most of us lack the funds and the necessary time needed to invest wisely in stock purchases. You will allow me then to push back philosophically on behalf of us "masses."

Actually, the belief that only capitalism works in accordance with "human nature" is flawed

in several ways: 1) It is an ahistorical assumption. 2) It's metaphysical (i.e., it fails to see the big picture). 3) It reflects a narrow empiricism. 4) It fails to take the long view.

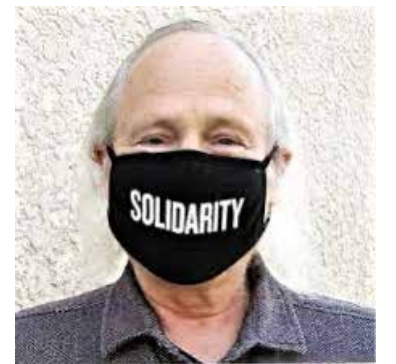
A historical assumption? In fact, for the greater part of human existence (the hunter-gatherer phase) a matriarchal order prevailed in the village. Said order was a reflection of maternalistic altruism. Hey, if a man killed a buffalo, he fully intended to share it.

Metaphysical? Success or failure occurs within a context. The first socialist county sacrificed 26 million people and a third of its productive infrastructure in the war against fascism. Factor that in, please.

Narrow empiricism? The eye sees merely the outward appearance of things, but fails to see

the inner essence, i.e., fails to recognize the struggle of opposing forces beneath the surface. In other words, Tony, altruism and egoism are interpenetrating aspects of human nature which relatively manifest in conjunction with social existence.

The long view? Some 40-plus years ago a co-worker asked how things would be better under socialism. I explained that public ownership of the means of production would inspire labor for the sake of the whole nation. Socialism will render us free men and women, and the bosses will then be employed by us! Hey Tony, how much longer?



Peter Molenaar

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Goldman Sachs cut its GDP forecast for the U.S. economy after Sen. Joe Manchin made it clear he wouldn't support Build Back Better. Government spending helps the U.S. economy, but it doesn't help the rich the way tax cuts do.

What we are seeing with the Minneapolis Foundation at the local level is yet another manifestation of this. While Minneapolis would benefit from a strong public school system in terms of attracting workers, lowering crime rates, and having a better trained workforce, and while our local economy would benefit from MPS workers making more and therefore having more spending power, this would also mean those with wealth would have to pay their fair share in taxes. While often couched in terms of "fiscal responsibility," it is nothing more than greed, pure and simple.

As I write this, the teachers are voting on a contract with the district. What little information has been made public about the tentative agreement reveals that

teachers have been offered a paltry fraction of what they were asking for, much of it temporary. I am grateful that the teachers held their ground because without that we would not have the small wins that we do, but while the battle may be over, the war has just begun.

We need to pay attention to politics and put pressure on our elected officials. Gov. Walz has been deafeningly quiet on the issue, even while the state of Minnesota is sitting on a huge budget surplus. The governor's silence and the recent approval of the police contract by the Minneapolis City Council, which contains no changes to disciplinary action, no changes to misconduct, and only seems worried about maintaining staffing levels, reinforces the dynamic that produced the push to defund the police. The whole point of "defund" is that we are constantly told there is a limited amount of money for public services; we then throw money at our police department and force teachers to strike for three weeks just to get the bare minimum of

what is necessary. If the governor had pushed for some of the state surplus to fund public education he could have undercut the argument that we need to take money out of policing to pay for things like education. By refusing to engage in conversations about using the budget surplus for our public schools the governor has made the push to defund the police feel more relevant and necessary than ever.

Over and over again, in all sectors of American life, we see the same thing. Rather than looking to systems that are the most successful and highest rated in the world, such as Finland's school system, we instead repeatedly fall for the trap of "innovative" and highly individualistic models that are based more on assumptions than fact. One need only look at the cautionary tale of Grafton, N.H. Selected by a group of Libertarians to serve as an example of good governance, they drastically cut the town's budget; it was soon overrun with crime, trash and, finally, bears.



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Ukrainian heartbeat in Northeast Minneapolis

BY LYDIA HOWELL

The Ukrainian language de-meant as a dialect, “Little Russian,” or censored; a beloved folk musical instrument suppressed; prison or death for poets, artists and dissidents since the 1860s – all these things have been done to maintain Russian domination of Ukraine. Whether under czars or Soviets, from Catherine the Great to Vladimir Putin, Russia claims Ukraine for itself, always suspicious of any assertion of an independent Ukrainian identity.

Since the 1880s, Ukrainians have come to Northeast Minneapolis, often in the aftermath of war.

“For us, the Ukrainian church is not only a religious center, it’s also a cultural and community center,” says Jackie Pawluk, Cultural Chair of St. Michael’s Ukrainian Orthodox Church board. Outside, the church is plain brown brick, crowned with a dome. Inside, the ornate architecture houses golden saints. Pawluk’s grandparents were among the founding generation of the church in 1925. “It’s our home where we socialize with many activities. After World War II, our cultural heritage was under threat due to Soviet occupation. Immigrants here really try to preserve the heritage and culture.”

That preservation entailed Ukrainian-American children and youth going to “Saturday

School” to learn the Ukrainian language, as well as its poetry, crafts, folk dances and music.

The Kramarczuks immigrated to Minneapolis in 1947 – Wasyl, who had learned sausage-making from his brother, and Anna, with a German degree in business, began their landmark Ukrainian restaurant and deli, Kramarczuk’s, bordering Northeast and downtown. Since 1954, they’ve cooked Eastern European comfort food: dumplings (pierogi), cabbage rolls, giant meatballs, savory goulash, myriad sausages, and beet soup with breads and pastries like kolache.

Their son, Orest, who continues to run Kramarczuk’s, patiently explains Ukraine’s centuries-long fight to exist: “It’s not just not allowing the Ukrainian language – it’s obliterating the culture. It’s not about economics. It’s cultural genocide. It’s trying to erase the Ukrainian people.” His voice has a quiet power. “My parents and their generation tried to keep the culture alive because they feared something like what is happening now.”

As a youth, Orest went to Ukrainian Saturday School, as most Ukrainian-American youth still do. “The Easter egg tradition was brought over 100 years ago. Cultural gems have been preserved by the diaspora.”

Under Soviet repression, the tradition of hand-painting Easter eggs with distinctive

Ukrainian designs, called pysanka, was lost. Immigrants running the Ukrainian Gift Shop, begun in 1947 in Minneapolis, continue the craft, sending designs back to Ukraine, renewing the tradition there.

Jackie Pawluk remembers those many Saturdays learning Ukrainian songs and dances, accompanied by instruments like the bandura. “The first wave of immigrants and first generation [born here] are very in tune to the culture,” she says. “Many people here have family ties to Ukraine – cousins, siblings, parents.” The Kramarczuks have brought cousins and nieces over for college here. Carrying on a tradition familiar to every immigrant group, they have helped “the newest Americans from Ukraine” by employing them at the restaurant.

The bandura, a big-bellied stringed instrument, fuses the lute and the zither. Bandura songs express ideals of faith, truth, human dignity and freedom. Beginning in 1928, bandura musicians faced persecution from Stalin, who banned traditional songs and performances, culminating in the mass execution of 300 musicians in 1934 during Stalin’s man-made famine (“Holodomor”) imposed from 1932-34, which killed millions of Ukrainians. Arrests continued under Nazi occupation. After World War II, most remaining musicians left for North

America, with revival of ensembles since the 1950s. (www.bandura.org)

Observing that other Eastern European countries are next on Putin’s list, Orest Kramarczuk says, “Look at what has happened with this invasion: our country has come into focus. It’s forced people to watch horrors and to see how rights and freedoms are fragile and could be lost.” His voice rises. “Putin has tried to divide and conquer all over Europe. ...The true strength of America is people come here from around the world.”

Ukraine’s incredibly fertile soil yields massive grain production, giving the country its nickname, “the breadbasket of Europe.” Ukraine is also a leading producer of oil derived from its national flower, the sunflower, which recently has come to symbolize its resistance to the Russian invasion. This upholds the story of an old woman giving a handful of sunflower seeds to a Russian soldier, saying, “Put these in your pocket. After you’re dead, sunflowers will grow.”

Sturdy-stemmed sunflowers, with their yellow faces upturned to blue skies, are the perfect symbol of the Ukrainian people.

Learn more about Ukraine at www.historytoday.com.

The local Ukrainian community’s organizing of humanitarian aid has inspired established organizations and Minnesotans’ response. A Light (formerly American Refugee Committee, Minneapolis-based, since 1979) takes medical supplies, warm clothes and 1,000 blankets a day to the Ukrainian-Polish border. Chef Jose Andreas’ World Central Kitchen, known for responding to Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico, feeds tens of thousands daily. Just as they went to Afghanistan to render medical help, Doctors Without Border now work under fire in Ukraine.

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of Minneapolis is the municipal market in the “Lyndale sheds” in near North. They shift to summer hours in May. They operate a market on Nicollet Mall downtown also, but no opening date for that has been announced yet.

Seward Co-op at 50

Sometime in the past couple of months (no one can remember the exact date) the Seward Co-op turned 50 years old. They are therefore just celebrating their birthday all year. So the CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) Fair, which is always a joyful event, has extra celebratory power this year. It will also be the 21st CSA Fair for Seward, which adds to the symbolic significance of the event.

“This year is the return of our in-person fair, held on Saturday, April 23 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Seward Co-op Creamery parking lot at 2601 E. Franklin Ave. If you can’t make it, browse our CSA Farm Guide (seward.coop/csa_fair) for a virtual fair experience!”

The search for affordable sushi

I love sushi. My daughter loves sushi. My granddaughter loves sushi the most. We are all always

on the lookout for excellent, affordable sushi. The last time I had sushi at a grocery store (I’m not going to say which one because they should have known better) I was incredibly disappointed that I spent almost as much as one would in a sushi bar, but the tuna in this bog-standard Spicy Tuna Roll was so miniscule that it was almost not there.

Someday, I may splash out and get a sampling of the same sushi from my several top sushi suppliers, including some fancy restaurants, some fast-food places, and a few grocery or convenience stores, and do a head-to-head tasting. But I haven’t done that yet, so I only have a vague and unscientific idea of my own “best sushi” and “best for the money sushi.”

I have had decent sushi at Masu, Bagu, Sushi Train and Soberfish, so they would be in the running. I have been to Kyatchi, but I had something else there. I know there are several strong contenders in Minneapolis that I just haven’t gone to yet.


Mini-review – a brief day out at the Midtown Global Market

I had a brief trip to the Midtown Global Market (MGM) in early March and I was craving sushi. The previous week I had tried, in a state of near desperation, to or-

der sushi delivered from Intown Sushi in the MGM and my order had been in for over half an hour when Bite Squad called me to tell me that Intown Sushi was closed and they couldn’t do the delivery.

They didn’t specify whether they were just closed for the day, maybe due to a staff shortage, or a failure to update their hours on the website, or closed for good, so part of my mission in going there was to find out. Thankfully, it was not closed. I had a very nice Tuna-cado Roll (eight pieces) for a very reasonable price. I have also had their Tuna Poke and their Seaweed Salad side dish in the past, all highly recommended.

Then my friend and I cruised the market to see what else was up. I also wanted to stop by The Kitchen by Baked Brand, to check out their drinks and juices. (I can’t eat two meals back-to-back, so I’ll have to revisit them to check out their main dishes.) I got a Banana Cream Pie Bowl to go. This was a little less successful for me. But it would definitely appeal to anyone who loved the original on which it is based, the southern U.S. standard banana cream pie. It had that nostalgic whiff of ripe bananas and Nilla Wafers. There is something vaguely unworldly about the sweet creations of Baked Brand. More investigation is warranted here as well.



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Taking Heart Iftars

Join us for conversation during Ramadan

Taking Heart is a long-running program coordinated by the Minnesota Council of Churches and the Muslim American Society of Minnesota (MAS-MN) to bring Christians and members of other faith communities together with Muslims for food and conversation during Ramadan. Ramadan is a blessed month of the Islamic lunar calendar during which Muslims abstain from food and drink from sunrise to sunset. Fasting during Ramadan, which falls during the summer season, is one of the "five pillars" of Islam and is performed to learn piety, self-restraint, compassion, and generosity.

Muslim partners around the state are offering Taking Heart Iftars. Find one near you and register to attend at <http://mnchurches.org/what-we-do/taking-heart>.

Personal Dignity Items for Minnehaha Food Shelf

Minnehaha United Methodist Church
3701 E. 50th St., Mpls.

The Minnehaha Food Shelf does a special drive every year during Lent. This year, like many of our past years, we are collecting personal dignity items for the Food Shelf. These items, like toothpaste, bar soap, shampoo, etc., are not provided to the Food Shelf from Second Harvest Heartland, and so they are in short supply. Items that are the most popular at the Food Shelf are feminine hygiene supplies and diapers. You can bring these supplies to Minnehaha United Methodist Church during Lent and put them in the blue barrels. And, you can donate personal dignity items to the Food Shelf any time of the year! <https://www.facebook.com/MinnehahaFoodShelf/>

Lenten Sock Drive

Through Sunday, April 17

Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral
519 Oak Grove St., Mpls.
During Lent, Saint Mark's will be collecting socks to support the Minneapolis College Student Resource and Referral Center and Community Aid Network of MN.

Needed: Brand New Athletic Cotton Socks (high tube or midsize or half calf – no short socks, please) in the package or with tags, any size for men, women, and children of all ages! Please, no used socks!

When and Where: Drop off new socks when you come to Saint Mark's to worship on Sunday (place them in the blue bin located just outside the inner door as you enter our worship space) OR drop them at the Saint Mark's Welcome Desk during regular business hours. Socks will be collected from March 2 (Ash Wednesday) through April 17 (Easter Sunday)! <https://ourcathedral.org/community-aid-network-of-mn/>

Blessed Ramadan

Join the Minnesota Council of Churches in wishing our Muslim neighbors a Blessed Ramadan, by sharing your message of welcome and solidarity with a #BlessedRamadan lawn sign. Hundreds of anti-Muslim incidents from bullying to criminal occurrences were documented last year. Research demonstrates that establishing a "social norm" impacts people's outward behaviors whatever their internal beliefs. You can help establish norms of welcome with public displays. Make welcome and inclusion normal with a #BlessedRamadan sign. Show your Muslim neighbors that you believe they do belong here and that they are welcome. Order a sign or download one to print your own at <http://mnchurches.org/what-we-do/blessed-ramadan>.

'What's On the Other Side?' Death, Immortality and Hope in Theological

Reflection

Thursday, April 21, 7:30 p.m. CT Online via Zoom

Lecture by Dr. Kyle Roberts, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean and Schilling Chair as Professor of Public Theology and the Church and Economic Life, United Theological Seminary
Death is inevitable; that basic truth can instill fear and anxiety. This is especially true in a time of pandemic. Theologians have often wrestled with the problem of death and have articulated visions of afterlife, immortality and resurrection. This lecture explores a variety of perspectives on immortality and afterlife (from literal to the symbolic) in Christian theological traditions and considers the contributions of Ernest Becker to the relation between the inevitability of death, the anxiety it produces, and perspectives on immortality in religious thought. The lecture will also consider the question, "What is our hope in the face of death?" Register for this free online event at <https://content.unitedseminary.edu/kyle-roberts-spring-lecture-series?hsLang=en-us>.

Walking Meditation

May 22, June 26 and July 2 6:25 to 7:30 p.m.

Wood Lake Nature Center
6710 Lake Shore Dr. S.
Richfield, MN

Way Opening Workshops is offering a guided walk with reflections, queries and ritual. Walking has a positive effect on mental health, as well as being beneficial for our bodies, minds, and spirits. Walking meditation is a prime way to engage in a spiritual practice, in the presence of nature and community. Come alone or with another. All faiths and no faith welcome. Cost is \$10 per session.

To register contact: wayopeningworkshops@gmail.com. Visit wayopeningworkshops.com for more information.

Racial Justice Vigils

Tuesdays, noon to 12:30 p.m.

Plymouth Congregational Church
Jones Commons
1919 LaSalle Ave., Mpls.
Racial Justice Initiative justice vigils are now being held from noon to 12:30 p.m. every Tuesday. Plans are to continue the vigils through the winter, weather permitting. Please join us when you are able. We always meet by Door 1 near Jones Commons, 1919 LaSalle Ave. <https://www.plymouth.org/event/racial-justice-vigil/2022-03-08/>

SHARING FOOD

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. Due to COVID-19, we are currently operating a drive-thru and walk-up model. No appointments are needed – just come to the parking lot. Eligibility is based on self-reported income and need. We ask that households come only ONE TIME A MONTH to allow everyone access. The Calvary Food Shelf has no geographic boundaries – all are welcome! If you have any questions, please email foodshelf@clchurch.org or call 612-827-2504, ext. 205. For more information and to see eligibility guidelines, go to <https://www.clchurch.org/food-shelf>.

Groveland Emergency Food Shelf 1900 Nicollet Ave., Mpls.

Plymouth Congregational Church
612-871-0277

Monday – Friday
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Entrance on Groveland Ave. between Nicollet and LaSalle. <https://www.grovelandfoodshelf.org/>

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2600 E. 38th St., Mpls.
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2nd and 4th Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
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Du Nord Foundation

Community Market

3140 Snelling Ave., Mpls.
612-460-8123

We are a community-supported food shelf that is a welcoming place for neighbors to find free, healthy food for their tables and supplies for their homes. We invite neighbors to order online and choose the day and time that works for you for curbside pickup. Mondays and Wednesdays, 3 to 6 p.m.

Thursdays noon to 2 p.m.
All are welcome, no restrictions or proof required.

To place an order, visit <https://www.dunordfoundation.org/get-food>.

New Creation Baptist Church

1414 E. 48th St., Mpls.
612-825-6933

We're still here to serve you on the first through the fourth Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or until we run out of bags. We have re-opened the food shelf to choice shopping. Be safe and God bless! <https://www.facebook.com/NCB-Cfoodshelf>.

Saturdays (except 5th Saturdays)
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

(Brown door on the corner of 48th St. and 15th Ave.)

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. Note: In response to the COVID-19 virus we have changed many things to protect both our guests and our volunteers – more rigorous cleaning routines, streamlined procedures, moved outside and encouraged the 6-foot (social distancing) guideline. Please be patient as we continue to improve what we do. We will be pre-packing most of the food so there will be fewer choices. Also, we continue to look for ways to decrease contact between people and that means each week might look a little different from the previous week. <https://www.facebook.com/MinnehahaFoodShelf/>

Soup for You! Café at Bethany

Bethany Lutheran Church
2511 E. Franklin Ave., Mpls.
612-332-2397

Soup for You! UPDATE: We are still spreading the love! The Soup for You! Café will be closed to normal dining, but we plan to distribute bag lunches at the regular entrance to the Café, to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. <https://soupforyou.info/>

Church of the Holy Name



3637 11th Ave. S.
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Palm Sunday Mass
Sunday, April 10, 9am

Triduum

Holy Thursday, April 14, 7pm
Good Friday, April 15, 7pm
Easter Vigil, April 16, 8pm

Easter Sunday Mass
Sunday, April 17, 9am

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<https://plantsalessewardmontessori.org/>
Plant pick-up Friday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, May 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Pickup location: 2309 28th Ave. S., Mpls.
Plants will be in the gym, enter through the southeast corner of the school. Day of sales on plant pick-up days, check or credit cards preferred.
Help make the world a greener place and supporting Seward students and staff.
Thank you!

'Canary, Crimson, then Emerald'
Friday, April 8, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 9, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 10, 2 p.m.

The Cowles Center for Dance
528 Hennepin Ave., Mpls.
Black Label Movement returns to The Goodale Stage in The Cowles Center for Dance & the Performing Arts at 528 Hennepin with an exhilarating new evening-length experience, "Canary, Crimson, then Emerald," created by Artistic Director Carl Flink. The technicolor piece explores the energies swirling before (Canary) and during (Crimson) the COVID winter and offers a vision (Emerald) of glorious reconnection and physical embrace as essential bridges to imagining and manifesting a renewed and recharged community on the other side of the pandemic.
Black Label is a Minnesota dance company that makes wildly physical, naturally virtuosic, intellectually and emotionally engaging movement-driven art and embodied activities that examine and engage the human condition to inspire vivid lives.

Caritas Vocal Ensemble: Inspiring Harmony
Sunday, April 10, 4:30 p.m.
Richfield Lutheran Church
8 W. 60th St., Mpls.
Join Caritas Vocal Ensemble as they present an eclectic program of a cappella choral music, including innovative arrangements of traditional melodies and modern choral gems. The group will perform inspiring works by composers such as C.H. Parry, Rene Clausen and local composer Jake Runesta. Now in its 20th season, Caritas has raised more than \$200,000 for local charitable organizations. The performance is open to the public, with a free will donation benefiting TRUST, Inc., a local nonprofit organization. Safety protocols for Covid will be required for audience members. For additional information, please visit www.caritasvocalensemble.org or email caritasvocalensemble@gmail.com.

It's A MayDay Celebration! Not a Parade, a Political-Cultural Festival

Heart of the Beast is excited to invite the community to a newly redesigned MayDay Celebration on May 1. The event will look different from the familiar parade and activities of MayDays past. In the spirit of shared leadership, local organizations MIGZI, Kalpulli KetzalCoatlucue, and Roosevelt High School have been selected by HOBT's MayDay Council as community partners to lead and plan this year's MayDay celebrations. Instead of a parade there will be an art-filled political and cultural festival. This celebration will take place on May 1 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM in the Four Directions Family Parking Lot at 1527 East Lake Street in Minneapolis. All are welcome to attend this free event.
More information is available at <https://hobt.org/mayday-2/>

Swamp from page 1

Vice President Humphrey wanted to please his boss, LBJ, with the sight of a full-flowing Minnehaha Falls—even though the creek was low at that time of year and there wasn't much water. So, he got the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to back it up with the dam/weir at 27th Avenue to guarantee a good supply of water for the president's visit. LBJ never came to see the Falls, and we're stuck with the unintended consequences.

"It wouldn't need to cost \$43 million to restore Lake Hiawatha to its natural state. All that's really needed is for the Board to ask President Meg Forney to make three phone calls. She should call Senator Tina's office (I think they're neighbors) and ask her to tell the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to take back their dam/weir. They built it. It's flooding the area. They should remove it.

"Second, she should call Gov. Walz and ask him to direct Charlie Zelle, the chair of the Metropolitan Council, to prop up the interceptor sewer pipe that is holding back nearly five feet of water because we want to restore Minnehaha Creek to its original channel and stop the flooding, so we're going to run the creek under the pipe. We want the Metropolitan Council to

build a bridge to support the interceptor sanitary pipe, and build a footbridge on top of it to make it useful and decorative.

"Third, after the flooding has stopped and the water level of the lake has gone down 4.5 to 5 feet, the lake is going to be very shallow with piles of sand. That sand is the sand the City of Minneapolis has spread on the streets every winter for the past 80 years. It has found its way through storm gutters from 31st Street to 43rd Street, from Chicago Avenue over to 26th Avenue. So, for her third call, President Meg should call Mayor Frey and ask him to come and get his sand out of our lake. The city should pay to dredge the sand from the lake. They put it there. They're responsible for it.

"If President Meg does all that she will have restored Lake Hiawatha and Minnehaha Creek, and all it would cost the Park Board is three phone calls. (Don't worry that the Falls would lose its glamor. There's another dam/weir at 34th Avenue that holds back enough water to guarantee a full flow even in the dry months of July and August.)

"Before undertaking a major expense and a huge project, wouldn't it be prudent and smart to first make three phone calls?"

In 2020 the Park Board staff estimated The Plan would cost \$43 million—possibly minus 25% or

plus 50%—so, the total could be \$32 million to \$64 million. Realistically, the high end could go as high as \$80 million.

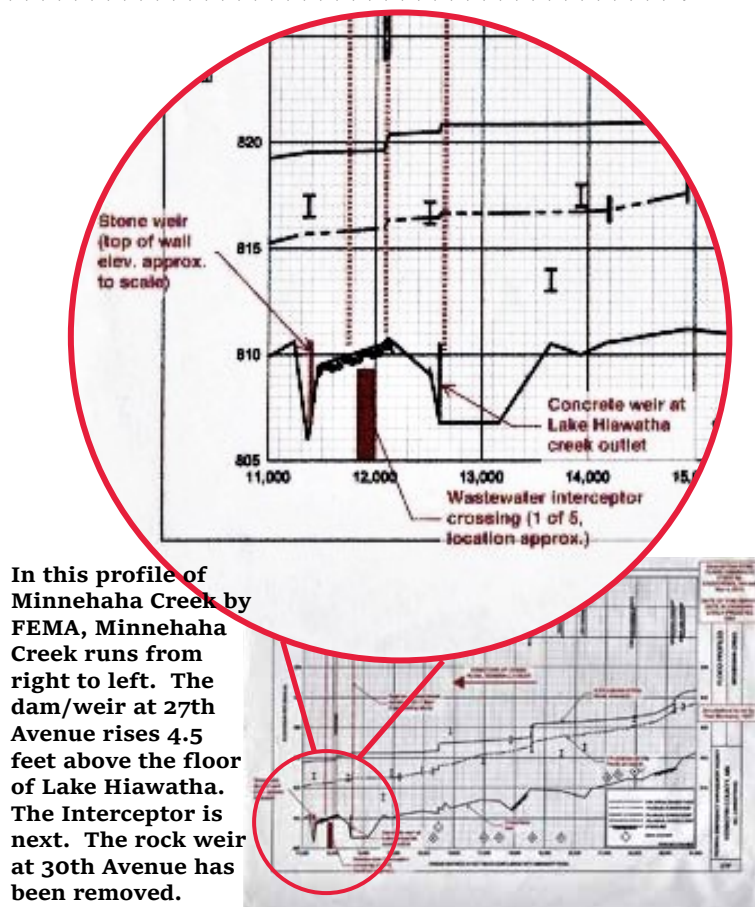
If they got rid of the dam/weir at 27th Avenue and the metropolitan sanitary interceptor, they could lower the water level of Lake Hiawatha by 4.5 to 5 feet.

The area of Lake Hiawatha is 53.5 acres. If we lowered the lake by 4.5 feet, that would mean eliminating 10,487,070 cubic feet of water, or 78,448,731 gallons—almost 80 million gallons of water would be sent over the Falls to the Mississippi River. Actually, it would be much higher than 80 million gallons of water. It would drain the surface water table that has been flooding neighborhood basements. It could probably eliminate pumping altogether.

But why do that, when for \$43 million you can turn it into a swamp?

Michael Schroeder, the chief architect of The Plan, said in a memo to board members, "While they stress the need for retaining 18 holes on a historic basis, they have offered no alternatives to the ground water pumping issues that underline the need for a new direction on the property."

In 2015, Barr Engineering was hired by the Park Board to study flooding and Minnehaha Creek. They concluded that removing the dam/weir at 27th Avenue could lower the water level of Lake Hiawatha by one to two feet, which would in turn lower the groundwater elevation beneath the course considerably. [They didn't consider the creek running under the interceptor pipe that could lower the water level another 3.5 to 4 feet.] Section 10.4 (page 46) of the Feb. 28, 2017, Barr Report concludes: "The pumping of surface groundwater from the golf course to Lake Hiawatha was not impacting the deep groundwater aquifers in the region, but rather, just recirculating the surface groundwater in flows from the golf course ponds to Lake Hiawatha and back. Although energy intensive, the existing pumping is likely having minimal ecological impact." A former hydrogeologist at Barr says Schroeder has distorted the meaning of the Barr Report—"He makes shit up."



In this profile of Minnehaha Creek by FEMA, Minnehaha Creek runs from right to left. The dam/weir at 27th Avenue rises 4.5 feet above the floor of Lake Hiawatha. The interceptor is next. The rock weir at 30th Avenue has been removed.

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In 2011 when the city and Park Board installed a storm sewer that drains into the northwest portion of the course at an elevation two feet lower than Lake Hiawatha, they understood that stormwater would need to be pumped. It was part of the city and Park Board's engineered design. The current pumping was never constructed to dewater the course, and the Park Board's consultant concluded that dewatering has no ecological impact; however, Michael Schroeder continues to spin the information Barr produced, after he created a narrative that pits neighbors against each other by attempting to make this into some sort of environmental issue.

Schroeder wants to stop the pumping. He says we're over our limit. He says the state will close it down. The reality is that Hiawatha

has a dewatering permit that allows the golf course to pump up to 400 million gallons of water from the golf course per year. The DNR just wants the Park Board to figure out a plan and apply for a permit that reflects whatever plan they decide on. The DNR doesn't really care as long as there are no "ecological impacts."

So, why does Schroeder want to stop pumping and flood the course? Hiawatha shares the golf course with a program of cross-country skiing in winter, run by R.T. Rybak's Loppet. Over the last 10 years, the Loppet has lost over \$3 million.

The Loppet is looking forward to the flooding of the golf course because the artificial snow-making machine they're planning for 47th Street and Longfellow will require pumping of at least 14 million gallons of water. Flooding will also make the ground freeze faster and smooth out the rough spots.

The exalted sense of white privilege and lack of concern for other people's money in this plan has R.T. Rybak written all over it, and Board President Meg Forney and Steffanie Musich (the commissioner for the district) are happy to carry water for him.

If you are concerned about the future of Lake Hiawatha and Minnehaha Creek, please attend the Park Board public hearing on April 20.



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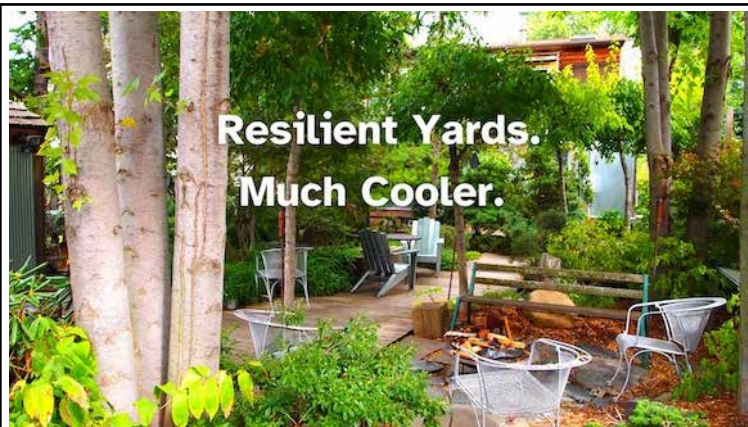


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There are two main workshops: Resilient Yards and Pollinator Lawns (also called Turf Alternatives). For both, registrants will be encouraged to watch an online presentation before the workshop. This "homework" prepares participants to get the best from the virtual workshop with experts. Resilient Yards will cover resilience, site assessment, rain gardens, native planting, designing with trees and shrubs, turf alternatives, and other information for an eco-friendly yard. Pollinator Lawns/Turf Alternatives will focus on options to traditional turf lawns including flowering lawns that support pollinators and that require less watering and mowing.

Workshops cost \$15 and will be offered throughout the spring starting March 29. Scholarships are available. More information and a schedule of workshops are available by visiting <https://bluethumb.org/events/> or calling 651-699-2426.

Blue Thumb is coordinated by Metro Blooms, a nonprofit that partners with communities to create resilient landscapes and foster clean watersheds, embracing the values of equity and inclusion to solve environmental challenges.

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the council failed to get the nine votes required to override it, on a 7-6 vote.

"I'm disappointed in this veto and feel for my community that it continues to have to prove its worth," wrote Chavez. "We had an opportunity to build the East Phillips Indoor Urban Farm."

In his veto letter, Frey listed many issues that, if addressed, he said could lead him to sign something in the future. These included using the term "suspend" rather than "rescind," as well as needing more details on how to recover the \$14 million already spent on community engagement, design, regulatory approvals, costs, organizational models, sources of funding, environmental remediation, alternative locations for the proposed public facility and more.

And this is only the latest setback in the long struggle between community advocates and the city, and within city government, to resolve how this site should be used in the future.

It is little wonder that the decision is difficult - both sides have admirable goals and strong cases to make.

Supporters of the Hiawatha facility expansion, including city staff, are quick to point out the need to replace a 100-year-old inadequate water distribution facility, the benefits of consolidating staff, and improved and more efficient service for water distribution maintenance, street maintenance and sewer maintenance. It could also remediate pollution, improve stormwater management, be solar-ready and add electric vehicle infrastructure.

One outspoken Southside resident advocating for the expansion is Bob Friddle, former City of Minneapolis director of facilities design and construction in the property services division. Before leaving his job with the city, he was responsible for hiring the design team and construction manager and leading the master planning and design effort between them and public works, overseeing cost estimating, demolition and environmental cleanup planning.

"The mayor and Council members are responsible for the whole city and its care and employees," he wrote following the March council action. "This plan, which actually originated over twenty years ago in a study in 1990, would allow better care of equipment, employees and better service maintenance."

Supporters of the EPNI plan envision a model for sustainable and resilient development that includes job training, living-wage jobs, aquaponic year-round food production, affordable family housing, a coffee shop run by neighborhood youth, community kitchen, cultural markets, bicycle shops and more.

"The East Phillips Urban Farm can be a healing center reconnecting Indigenous people to the land, and to help reverse the trauma of ongoing genocide through racist urban planning," EPNI said in its press release.

The recent actions by the council and mayor still leave issues unresolved. Litigation brought by EPNI is expected to go to mediation in April. The city plans to continue with design work this spring and with demolition of the Roof Depot

building late this summer, and the council will need to approve bids for demolition and for the construction planned for 2023.

Chavez is not giving up. "My office is in close conversations with community members in East Phillips, Council Member Johnson, Council Member Koski, Mayor Frey, city staff, and my colleagues on next steps, with a hope of bringing something back at the next full council meeting that will give my community a shot," he said.

Perhaps now, with a new council and eight council members calling for a fresh look at the project, with the mediation coming in April and with a new director of public works, there is an opening for both sides to compromise and accomplish some, if not all, of their worthy goals.

Two things to start with might be the council's March 10 resolution and EPNI's proposal they made in November of 2017 (<https://www.eastphillipsneighborhoodinstitute.org/our-current-proposal>). That proposal saves and reuses part of the building, buffers the residential neighborhood on the west with new mixed-use development and provides meaningful jobs, a source for fresh organic food, and includes room for a new public works facility.

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