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Cam's Corner



Council moves (slowly) forward on rent stabilization

BY CAM GORDON

On April 14, the Minneapolis City Council took a step forward towards implementing the rent stabilization charter amendment approved by voters last November.

They voted to establish a work group.

The idea was proposed by Council President Andrea Jenkins at the first Council meeting of this term. In light of the city attorney's recommendation that a rent stabilization ordinance should be put before the voters to comply with state law, Jenkins proposed that a stakeholders' group be established to craft a proposal to go on the ballot in November of 2023.

At that meeting some council members, including Council Member Aisha Chughtai, expressed concern and questioned the need for an external work group when staff and council members had the capacity to develop a policy based on the work that was completed before

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A young person was arrested as part of the bust of the homeless encampment on Lake and 5th Avenue on April 19. He screamed, "My crime is poverty." The police seemed firm but friendly. The Mod Squad, some of the young progressives on the City Council, visited homeless encampments in the first weeks of their term of office. It would be very helpful if City Council members and social services professionals from the city and the county were present at homeless encampment busts to direct our houseless neighbors to alternative housing.

The 3rd Precinct

BY KAY SCHROVEN

A new inspector

This month (May 2022) marks 28 years that Inspector Jose Gomez has been with the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD). On Feb. 1 he began his new position as Inspector for the 3rd Precinct, replacing Sean McGinty. His background includes working with juvenile offenders and gun violence. Few residents of Minneapolis need to be reminded that this is the precinct that sustained severe damage during the 2020 civil unrest, including the burning of the 3rd Precinct station. To date there is no identified, permanent home office. Gomez would like to find a home in

the precinct. It is a neighborhood recovering from its wounds and grievances. The 3rd Precinct serves the following neighborhoods: Longfellow, Central, Seward, Elliott, Phillips, Powderhorn, Hiawatha, Howe, Cooper, Morris Park, Ventura Village, Minnehaha, Northrop, Bryant, Corcoran and Kee-waydin. It is 58 square miles in area, with approximately 103,000 residents. It is bounded by I-35W, I-94 and the Mississippi River.

Gomez is both excited and concerned as he begins his new post. He is excited about the opportunity to make a positive impact in the precinct. His concerns include the strained relations and lack of trust between some community members and

the police, and the staffing shortages he and the police force face in general.

Without a doubt there are challenges, and Gomez is very aware of what they are. The precinct is large and densely populated with a diverse (44% non-white) population, including a large Latino population (9.6%). Gomez has roots in Mexico and is proud of his heritage and culture.

Changes

While Minneapolis voted against defunding the police in November 2021 (56%) there have been changes, including the creation of the Office of Violence Prevention (OVP), directed by Sasha Cotton. Cotton believes that the

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Lake Street Alignment

BY DARLENE WALSER, OF THE LAKE STREET ALIGNMENT TEAM

As Minneapolis and the Lake Street community navigate the continued impact of the pandemic and the pain of George Floyd's murder and the uprising that followed, we know that how our community rebuilds is just as important as what we build.

Launched in September 2021, Lake Street Alignment is a collaborative community engagement and planning process designed to reimagine and rebuild Lake Street with racial, economic and environmental justice at its core. Generously funded and coordinated by the McKnight Foundation, the participants in the overall planning include: Allina Health; Building Dignity and Respect Standards Council; CANDO (Central Area Neighborhood Development Organization); Cultural Wellness Center; Lake Street Council; Lake Street Latino Business Association; Longfellow Rising; MIGIZI; Minnesota Somali Chamber of Commerce; New American Development Center; RARE Productions; Tending the Soil; and Unidos MN.

The process brought together over 400 community members who participated in listening sessions and testing workshops to develop joint solutions and plans to address priorities identified by the community: investing in local businesses owned by Black, Indigenous, and people of color by expanding access to grants and loans; making the corridor a destination for



arts and cultural events; creating an environment that feels safe for everyone with deeper engagement, empowerment and sense of community, and more.

Community members included businesses, property owners, residents, neighborhood organizations, nonprofits, city and county staff, elected officials and funders. The process focused on four key intersections: Nicollet, Chicago, Bloomington, and Minnehaha.

On April 12, Lake Street Alignment held a community meeting and celebration at the Midtown Global Market to share the results of this process and the specific strategies to achieve the community's collective dreams and visions

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Arts bloom again

BY LYDIA HOWELL

Like spring's promise, the arts are re-emerging from COVID-19, featuring inventive styles, new narratives, and live music, from local to international. The pandemic-enforced pause made for introspection that has been integrated into theatrical innovations and led to an inclusion that has transformed whose art is included, and how. The result is a delightful diversity, welcoming everyone to experience museums, theaters and beloved music venues.

The Minneapolis Institute of Art continues its recent years of work to expand representation. Now, exhibits by people of color are anticipated. On view through June 26, Jovan C. Speller's "Nurturing, and Other Rituals of Protection" uses photographic collage underscored by a "sonic landscape" of sound put together by local hip-hop artist I Self Devine, illuminating Black resilience and community. Drawing on family stories within American history, Speller's fragmented images with words and music uncannily re-create what memory feels like.

Mia's permanent collection has changed, with three galler-

ies of Indigenous/Native arts housing "traditional crafts" (beadwork clothing, baskets, etc.) side by side with contemporary art. The "Shifting museum space to native place" blog explores how this expansion was made. No art degree is needed to wander this museum, which includes a suite of period rooms from medieval England to American revolutionary, Victorian and 20th-century Prairie School architecture; the wonders of the huge Asian art collection; and ancient to contemporary art in every medium from across the world. FREE. Closed Mondays. <https://artsmia.org>.

Lauren Yee's play "Cambodian Rock Band" (June 11 through July 31) marks the Jungle Theater's leap forward in a story going back and forth in time. Thirty years after the Vietnam War, a Khmer Rouge survivor returns to his home country as his daughter prosecutes war crimes. A live rock band leavens this heavy topic, playing Dengue Fever hits and Cambodian oldies. <https://jungletheater.org>

Pillsbury House + Theatre celebrates 30 years of groundbreaking storytelling, with Ivey Award winner Mikell Sapp's debut as a playwright, "Char-

lie Brown Black" (May 28 through June 5), an autobiographical one-man show. Sapp's decade-long acting resume includes Penumbra Theater, a wow performance as escaped slave/abolitionist Frederick Douglass in Park Square's "The Agitators," and PBS's "39 Seconds" (2022), an extraordinary documentary about the Negro Baseball League.

"There's a beautiful connection between me and Charlie Brown. Lucy and the football, the Charlie Brown Christmas - what would that be like if it were me? I didn't leave my Alabama upbringing on the plane when I moved to Minnesota!" Sapp chuckles. A "comic-strip-style of theater" structures the play. Sapp promises "humor as much as hard times to tell my journey of being a Black actor with some bumps in the road." <https://pillsburyhousetheatre.org>

The Loft Literary Center's Mentor Series is resuming live readings. Minnesota proves "real Americans" reflect the Middle East to Scandinavia, Mexican-Irish, and South Korean adoptees. Fridays, May 27 and June 3 at 7 p.m., \$10 <https://loft.org>

On May 21 at 7 p.m., All My Relations gallery will host "Voices Rising," Native women's writ-



Artist: Sergey Sychenko (Ukraine/Israel)

ings of poetry, fiction and memoir. FREE on Zoom, registration required. <https://allmyrelations.org>

The Cedar Cultural Center remains the most eclectic musical hub in town. On May 6, see Kassa Overall perform with Sarah Maricha White. Overall, a hip-hop producer and percussionist, has been called "one of jazz music's most audacious futurists." On May 7 you can hear Iris Dement, a country-tinged singer with solo guitar. On May 14, it's Sweden's pop-indie-electronic musician, Jens Lekman. And on

May 19, IDR_Italian Doc Remix, founded by Italian guitarist/composer Marco Capelli and Italian American percussionist Jim Pugliese, performs with Dan Newton's Café Accordion Orchestra. <https://thecedar.org>

The West Bank's legendary Palmer's Bar kicks off the season with live music nightly, from garage-punk to honky-tonk - and everything in between. <https://palmerbar.net>

The Museum of Russian Art, known as TMORA, presents various mediums from Russia and 15 former Soviet countries. For their 20-year anniversary, "ID Art/Tech" (through Aug. 14) showcases 45 Ukrainian and Russian artists. From 1930s "Soviet Realism"

portraits to contemporary artistic gadgets - like motion-activated machines that draw! - and explosive paintings from the arts underground of the 1960s to 1991.

Also at TMORA is "An American in Siberia," on view through Aug. 21. Minnesota resident Charles Lane shares his engineer grandfather Carl Holschuh's 1931-32 photographs of working on a Siberian steel plant. Rural peasant life contrasts with Stalin's turbo-charged industrialization, aesthetically echoing classic Great Depression-era black-and-white documentary photography. In TMORA's Fireside Gallery is a selection of paintings by the Crimean-born artist Alek Buzhaker, who now lives in Minnesota. The works in "Still Life" (through Aug. 14) explore light, anchored by earth tones in a 19th-century style.

"Say No To War" (on view until Russia's war on Ukraine ends) is a pop-up show of political cartoons. "This is a tragic opportunity," observes TMORA curator Maria Zavialova. "Their responses reveal things we wouldn't normally see. Like Putin on ice skates! But the skates are TANKS. I think it's in-built for certain people to respond to politics in this way. These images are funny and sad and sharp at the same time." She notes that most of the political cartoonists represented don't have formal art training, with the show's creators including a physics professor, a pilot and an engineer.

TMORA also hosts concerts, and their permanent art collection is glorious. <https://tmora.org>

Check websites for COVID-19 safety requirements.

Or go outdoors to hear music from bluegrass to every shade of rock performed in city parks, beginning Monday, May 30 and continuing through Labor Day. See the full schedule at <https://minneapolisiparks.org>.

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Understanding the strategic and political importance of Mariupol

BY ED FELIEN

Mariupol was a thriving northern port on the Black Sea. Actually, the Ukrainians call that part of the Black Sea the Azov Sea because it's almost closed off from the rest of the Black Sea by a peninsula reaching out from the Russian side trying to reach a peninsula reaching out from the Ukrainian side just a little southwest of Mariupol.

The Russians need to go through Mariupol if they want to connect Crimea by land with the rest of Russia. They claim they are de-Nazifying Ukraine. That claim rings false. No one believes the heroic resistance of the Ukrainians could be the work of Nazis. "Nazis? Led by a Jewish president? Impossible!"

The resistance in Mariupol is being led by the local unit of the Ukraine National Guard. They call themselves the Azov Brigade. They have been fighting Russians around Mariupol since 2014 when Putin took over Crimea.

They were founded and led by Andriy Biletsky, who is also a leader of the far right, ultra-nationalist, neo-Nazi Social-National Assembly. The SNA maintains close contacts with far right neo-Nazis in Germany, and

the name Social-National was deliberately meant to echo the National Socialist (Nazi) party of Adolph Hitler. Their flag is a superimposition of the capital letter I imposed on the capital letter N—supposedly representing Independent Nation, but if tilted 90 degrees it is a clear allusion to a swastika, a rather obvious inside joke. Some Ukrainians believe the conflict is racial. They believe in discredited social constructs like Aryan and Slavic, and they believe it is their sacred responsibility to settle the "Wild, Wild East" and create Lebensraum for the white race by pushing back the Mongol horde that had become Russia.

The Maidan Revolution was probably begun by Biletsky's right-wing groups. They staged a torchlight parade in 2013 opposing the Russian president and Russian influence in Ukraine. In 2014 they were attacking and burning the opposition party's headquarters. They killed an innocent bystander. They were probably responsible for tearing down the statue of Lenin in a square in Kyiv and replacing it with a golden toilet—symbolizing the corruption of the government.

The left joined the movement. Tents were set up in a 24/7 oc-



cupation of Maidan Square. The movement for reform finally ousted President Yanukovich, and he fled to Russia. And then, Putin took over Crimea, and then, Zelensky was overwhelmingly elected president, and then, since no one had seriously objected to his takeover

of Crimea, Putin decided to send in tanks and infantry to support the Russian-Ukrainians being indiscriminately killed by the Azkov Brigade in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions. But, of course, nothing can justify the murder of more than 1,800 civilians by the Russian invasion.

The divisions in Ukraine are for the Ukrainians to work out. The first casualty of war is truth, but we all need to look closely at how we got here, so we don't ever have to come here again.

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rise in crime is a sign of desperation, of needs not met, things not working and no clear path to better times. The 2022 budget approved \$192 million for policing and \$7.8 million for the OVP. An additional \$7 million was granted by the American Rescue Plan Act. The OVP is involved in developing a co-responder program for mental health issues, outreach and intervention, gang violence interruption, hospital-based intervention, and 911 and de-escalation training. Other changes include directing calls to 311 when the issue is theft or property damage and parking-related calls to Traffic Control. These changes were made to better meet the needs of the communities and free up officers in order to shorten response times to 911 calls.

Additional changes include a ban on neck restraints (in favor of the use of lower levels of force) and on deactivation of body cameras during an event. There are also new restrictions on no-knock search warrants, restrictions regarding who manages crowd control, restrictions on pretextual stops, and timely discipline decisions by the police chief. Programs are also in motion regarding community health, youth, police training, intervention programs and police accountability recommendations from an appointed focus

group. What is not clear are the policies related to disciplinary procedures such as coaching, and formal documented discipline, which is more likely to be on public record.

Reduction in force

In 2020, Minneapolis had nearly 900 police officers. Today, the force has around 600. Currently, the 3rd Precinct has 75 sworn officers (down from 120 in 2020) covering three shifts. This includes not only officers but also two investigators, 12 sergeant supervisors and three lieutenants. The Crime Prevention Unit was moved to Neighborhood & Community Relations. The numbers are down by two to six officers per shift. Since 2020 and the pivotal event of George Floyd's murder there has been a 22% drop overall in the MPD, as officers have resigned, retired, or gone on medical leave, and, of course, there has also been attrition. Gomez would like to have eight or nine more officers per shift so that in addition to squad car patrol, he could include foot patrol which is known to improve relations between the police and the community and deter crime.

Crime

In 2021 there were 97 homicides in Minneapolis; to date (April 2022) there have been

21, with nine in the 3rd Precinct (42.8%). While some crimes are down, such as vandalism, robbery, sex offenses and property theft, the 3rd Precinct has made 69 arrests, representing 26% of the city's arrests in all five precincts. Thirty-nine of these are considered violent crimes. The city crime dashboard indicates that the precinct has had 49 carjackings, 412 motor vehicle thefts, 546 assaults (66 of them domestic assault cases) and 166 breaking and entering offenses.

Staffing debate

How many officers is the right number? What should their focus and priorities be? What would make us feel safe in our neighborhoods? Defunding versus reform? What kind of reform? The debate goes on and is not settled. In October 2020, Mayor Frey along with the City Council commissioned CNA Consulting of Minneapolis (at a cost of \$170,000) to address policing and crime in Minneapolis as anxiety about rising crime mounted. Their recommendations included:

- Staff one officer per squad car (not two) to free up 73 to 106 officers.
- Use civilians for non-violent emergencies (some can be handled via phone).
- Take administrative reporting off the officers and handle it elsewhere.

- Find time for pro-active work that creates public trust, not just 911 calls.

Currently, Minneapolis has a court order to hire 190 officers by June 30, 2022. The current number of sworn officers is 579. The budget allows for growth of up to 756 officers.

Questions remain: Is there middle ground? Can the police department be properly staffed and community oriented? Can the department include safety beyond the traditional policing model? Can the MPD and OVP together properly serve our communities? Can we imagine a new approach to policing and community health and safety? Is "serious reform" possible? Clearly, some steps have been taken, yet reform is still in an embryonic stage.

Foot patrol

There have been numerous studies (see the Philadelphia study at www.police1.com) on the advantages of foot patrol by police, especially in "hot spots" (high crime areas). Amongst the advantages are officers getting a better lay of the land; reduced complaints; fewer pat-downs; more confidence between the community and police; and more continuity as the same officers patrol the same beat. As one officer put it, "it's difficult to build relationships with people when you are driving by

them." On foot, police can interact with the unsheltered, gangs, people in parks. Foot patrol has a way of allowing for the flow of information – police become more approachable and problem-solving is more easily fostered. It also increases de-escalation, decreases fear and allows for a more humanitarian approach. The challenges are that it is manpower-intensive and costs more. Also, productivity measures may need to change. It's difficult to measure arrests and citations against relationship-building and problem-solving. Short-term goals must be measured alongside long-term goals.

Inspector Gomez encourages his officers to get out of their squad cars and interact with residents when possible. With staffing shortages there are no longer exclusive foot patrols like once existed on arteries such as Lake Street and Franklin Avenue. Officers are offered overtime for foot patrol which often involves checking on local businesses. Gomez also believes in police being involved in community activities, such as neighborhood meetings, sporting events and engagements where the police and those they serve have an opportunity for conversation and can learn more about how to work together to create and maintain safe neighborhoods.

Et tu, Brute? Tabernas de Moe in Latin America, food sovereignty, more unions, and a supper club mini-review

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

Openings, reopenings, closings, reclosings

Just kidding. Well, not really. It is like that sometimes. Anyway, two that have recently closed or announced imminent closing are Grand Catch on Grand Avenue in St. Paul and Dumpling on Minnehaha Avenue. One that will have just reopened by publishing time is the West Bank's great breakfast spot and late-night hangout, Hard Times. And one that reopened in February, although you may miss it if you don't know because it's only open Saturday and Sunday, is Lucy's Market, which is a sort of convenience store, but also a very good neighborhood Ethiopian restaurant. It's on Cedar, just north of 38th Street.

Tabernas de Moe in Latin America

This one isn't a joke, even though it might sound like one. The Eater has this delightful piece about the many "boot-leg" Moe's Taverns found scattered throughout Mexico and Central and South America. "The Simpsons" is very popular there, and some entrepreneurs have created little Springfields, complete with Tabernas de



Taberna de Moe in Cuenca, Ecuador

Moe. Read it here: www.eater.com/22966376/moes-tavern-real-simpsons-themed-bars-latin-america

If I ever pay \$25 for a Caesar salad, Brutus had better stab me

The above headline was found on Twitter and I just liked it. But it's a good tie-in to my monthly labor organizing subsection. (I don't put a bit about labor organizing in food and beverage industries in every issue of The Dish just because I'm a fanatical supporter of organized labor, although I am. I do it because it's what's happening, and I owe it to future historians to record it.)

But seriously, et tu, Amy's Foods? (See what I did there?) Every time I hear about a com-



Amy's Kitchen workers picket in Petaluma, Calif.



Peace Coffee Workers UFW Local 663

pany that touts its grassy roots, its communal happy workplace, its dedication to values of blah blah blah and that suddenly turns out to be just another union buster, I feel a jolt as if this had not happened before.

ty, just on a smaller scale. Or so it appears.

Oh, no, et tu, Peace Coffee? This one is a real "oof." This is a beloved local institution, and a certified B Corp (Google it if you don't know) and on top of that, they make damn fine coffee! And yet they haven't learned from other similar union drives that they ought to voluntarily recognize their union if they don't want to be despised by a surprising number of former customers.

Racket (racketmn.com) has the story "Peace Coffee Is Unionizing." Eater (www.eater.com) has "Labor Disputes at Amy's Kitchen, Explained" and also another great union story, "How Scared Is Howard Schultz of the Starbucks Union Wave?"

How to quit meat without feeling or being sick

But first, why quit meat? If you have kids, you could do it for your grandchildren. If you don't have kids, I fully support you not having kids, so you could



Quitting Meat, from Men's Health

do it for my grandchildren. In other words, though a lot of people quit meat to save their own body and health, anyone can and should do it to save the future and even the present environment. Cows and pigs are going to be the death of us.

The production of beef, dairy, lamb, pork, and animal by-products is second only to transportation (all shipping, all automobiles, all flights, commercial and military) in emission of greenhouse gases. If you also count in water impacts – use of water in the industry and as an input for the feed, and pollution of water) it makes the raising and slaughtering and marketing of animals the most environmentally destructive thing there is.

Not everyone can quit meat entirely. Even before I was a restaurant reviewer, I tried not to be fanatical about it, because I attempted to be vegan a couple of decades ago and failed. I am now a reducaritarian. It's an actual thing. I say, do what you can. Eat less meat. Fish and game are somewhat less destructive to the environment. A hamburger or a roast chicken every year or so is still going to put you way in front of most people in devel-

gaanike, which is a public group run by Red Lake Nation. The post concerns the activities of Red Lake Nation to achieve and sustain "food sovereignty" for the nation. Read the link copied here to learn about their buffalo ranch, their garden, and their hemp farm, and the new product they'll be producing – a protein bar made with puffed wild rice, hemp seeds, maple syrup and pumpkin seeds. www.facebook.com/groups/gitigaanike/posts/5208491995848092.

15 brunch places plus one that I like best

The Eater Twin Cities (the online magazine has a national section, and regional sections for all the metropolises that rate one, which fortunately, we do – twin.cities.eater.com) has frequent listicles about the X number of "whatevers" in the area. On April 14 they published "15 Essential Twin Cities Brunches." It's a pretty good list but it doesn't include Modern Times! I'm sure you'll agree with me that no matter how you cut it, there has to be at least one on that list of 15 that is nowhere near as good as Modern Times.



Harvesting wild rice in Red Lake Nation

oped nations.

I saw this piece in Men's Health about how to quit eating meat without becoming sick. It's basically about what you might be missing in a vegan diet and how to get that in plant-based foods. What you might be missing includes: enough calories that aren't carbs, or just enough calories period; the satiation factor of a good protein-to-fat ratio; plus the juiciness, the flavor, iron, calcium, vitamin D3 or vitamin B12. Go to www.menshealth.com and find "How to Give Up Eating Meat Without Becoming Sad or Weak."

Food sovereignty for Red Lake Nation

A Facebook friend shared a post from a group called Giti-

Mini-review: A 60th birthday dinner at Creekside Supper Club

There have been a lot of reviews of the Creekside Supper Club in the four or so months since it opened in the former Pepito's space on Chicago Avenue. And now there is one more. Because I brought my friend Patricia, who was turning 60 on that very night, to supper there as a celebration. (One might wonder why her husband was not doing the honor. Well, best not to get into that, but don't worry, they're OK. He's a musician, you see.)

The Creekside Supper Club is a trip down nostalgia lane for sure. Even if you didn't grow up

Community farewell to the beloved Al Hildenbrand

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

To me, Al Hildenbrand was one of a score or so of people who joined Walker Church during the 13 years (1998 through 2011)

years before my return.

Al never said the blessing exactly the same way, so it always sounded spontaneous, as if he had just discovered the wonder and majesty he sincerely called

launched joyfully into the blessing. And speaking of singing, I noted that Al was in the Walker Singers, the small but perfectly harmonized choir of our church, and that he had a fine, rich bari-

qualities really come to the fore in times of crisis. And in rebuilding a redesigned new Walker Church, Al's more technical leadership also came into play. Having a blank slate to work on, Al realized many of Walker Church's dreams of having a state-of-the-art sound system, Wi-Fi network, HVAC, elevator and communal kitchen.

Because Al – of Al's Electric Works LLC – was also known throughout the south Minneapolis community as a master electrician, who furthermore had a background in electrical engineering, and a pioneer's interest in electronics, the World Wide Web, and the digital age that emerged in years of our (we Boomers') adulthood. As the newly appointed Communications Coordinator, I worked with him on planning how we would use our technical infrastructure to inform and spread our own particular gospel.

I saw another side of Al, his tender, loving and spiritual side, due to his personal tragedy of losing his young adult son, Cole, in 2018. It was at Cole's funeral at Walker Church that I realized that Al had a huge community outside of Walker Church, which in turn made me appreciate even more how much he put into the church. Al's eulogy for his son was one of the most profound and moving speeches I have ever

heard.

When I attended the Tuesday communal meals, Al was always someone I wanted to sit at my table, although it wasn't always possible. Unsurprisingly, he was very popular at social events. Some people made jokes about Al's tendency to "hold forth." He had a prodigious knowledge of subjects from the mundane to the arcane, and was compelled to tell you all he knew. I sort of enjoyed being on the receiving end of this waterfall of intelligence.

Al Hildenbrand passed away on April 3 of this year at the age of 74. From his obituary, I learned more details of his life, such as the Evangelical United Brethren upbringing, the tipi he sewed using a treadle sewing machine, his love of motorcycle riding, and his early job as a caretaker for a Girl Scout camp. (See this loving and interesting document at the Star Tribune site: www.startribune.com/obituaries/detail/0000422304.)

We held a Celebration of Al's Life at Walker Church on April 16. There we heard personal stories from Al's brother Gar, his stepson Mason, his late cousin's son Harley, and other people in whose lives Al was a loving and important figure. Losing Al is going to leave a huge hole in many lives.



Al Hildenbrand doing the blessing at the groundbreaking ritual for the new Walker Church.

when I was in England. I knew him first just as the person who had taken on the role of the opening blessing after the passing away of Gerry Bretzke a few

down upon his beloved community. I noticed Al's infectious smile when he said "Hello, my relatives!" right after the conclusion of communal singing and

tone.

It was after the church burned down that I got to know Al better. He was one of those people whose generative leadership

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the measure was put on the ballot in 2021 with the help of the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA). Jenkins' proposal resurfaced again on March 24 on a committee agenda with a more detailed plan. There it was postponed on Chughtai's request so that she could craft an alternative. Then, on April 14, two competing proposals were brought to the Council for consideration. Chughtai's proposal called on staff to work with the CURA to develop a policy that would include details on a rent cap, exemptions, exceptions, and a plan for implementation and enforcement. A policy outline would return to the Council by May 12, followed by extensive community input to inform a finalized policy that would come back for approval by July 21, in time to submit a ballot question to voters at the Nov. 8, 2022, election. "Keeping people in their homes and keeping people in the communities they love, that is why I ran for office," she said. "I owe it to my constituents, and I think we, as a city, owe it to our people, to at least

try to the best of our ability to act with the urgency they need." Jenkins' proposal called for the creation of a facilitated 23-person work group to develop the policy and a timeline aimed at submitting a question to voters in 2023. "We need to proceed with haste, but we must be deliberate," she said. "We must act with the best long-term interest of our entire community in mind, not just the asks from certain parts of our community." Chughtai's substitute proposal was voted down 5-7, with Chughtai, Payne, Ellison, Chavez and Wonsley Worlobah supporting it. When the Jenkins resolution was considered, amendments were proposed. One noteworthy amendment came after the Council voted to add seats for Inquilinx Unidxs Por Justicia and the Minnesota Multi-Housing Association to the work group. They then voted against adding a seat for Minneapolis United for Rent Control, a coalition that was active in supporting the rent stabilization amendment in 2021. This failed on a 5-7 vote with Vetaw, Rainville, Goodman, Osman, Koski, Palmisano and Jenkins voting against adding the organization

to the work group. "The conservative-majority City Council went out of its way with a vote to keep our coalition, Minneapolis United for Rent Control – which includes unions of nurses, transit workers, professional employees, teachers, alongside students, clergy, and more from all across the city – off the Work Group," the coalition wrote after the meeting. "Strong rent control is already backed by a city study," they continued, "and voting to bar organizations that advocate for strong rent control from the Work Group is essentially voting to bury the results of the Council's own taxpayer funded study." The resolution passed, as amended, 12-0. The work group will consist of 25 people, 12 appointed by the City Council and mayor and 13 chosen by the Community Planning and Economic Development Director, Andrea Brennan. "The makeup of the work group is designed to ensure all views on housing/rent stabilization will have a seat at the table as a policy is crafted to meet the needs of our city," said Michael Rainville (Ward 3). "I am confident that we will see a balanced policy that will

bring certainty to renters and landlords while housing development and rehabilitation is not reduced as the rent control policy in St. Paul has done." Minneapolis United for Rent Control is concerned that the delay and work group may lead to a weakened policy. "The conservative-majority of the council will hide behind this Work Group," they wrote, "where corporate interests will have disproportionate power." "We authorized staff to begin the process for establishing a 25-person work group that will be comprised of stakeholders, including renters, landlords, advocacy groups, developers," said Jenkins. "We will ensure there is a commitment to crafting a policy that will be beneficial to the most marginalized members of our community." Jenkins said that the group should be formed by June and could have a specific proposal ready by the end of 2022, in time to be on the ballot in November 2023. Depending on the implementation and enforcement timeline, it will be at least another 1½ to 2 years before any program will be implemented to help stabilize rents in Minneapolis.

Decide for yourself – how representative and inclusive is it?

The work group will have 25 members:

12 appointed by the City Council and mayor:

- 6 seats for renters.
- 3 seats for rental property owners.
- 3 seats for developers.

13 chosen by the CPED Director with one member from each of the following:

- The city's Housing Advisory Committee.
- HOME Line.
- Family Housing Fund .
- Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid.
- Twin Cities Housing Alliance.
- A representative of a financial institution (lender) for residential projects.
- A member of the Homeownership Center.
- HousingLink.
- The Metropolitan Consortium of Community Developers.
- The Alliance.
- Minneapolis Area REALTORS.
- Inquilinx Unidxs Por Justicia.
- The Minnesota Multi-Housing Association.

Abortion: Mexico/U.S.

BY JOHNNY HAZARD

In the wake of the passage last year of a series of anti-abortion laws in Texas, there are signs that the opposite tendency is shaping up in Mexico. The Supreme Court there has issued various decisions liberalizing abortion laws in recent years but last September came the most wide-ranging one: in a challenge to the law of the northern border state of Coahuila the court struck down Article 358 of the penal code which said:

One to three years of prison and a fine shall be applied: To the woman who obtains an abortion or to the person who causes her to abort with her consent.

If the woman acted under grave circumstances, from three days to six months of prison and a fine will be applied. The following constitute grave circumstances:

I. When there exists a reasonable fear of serious genetic or congenital alterations of the fetus.

II. When the pregnancy is the result of rape, and the abortion is practiced more than 90 days after conception.

Most Mexican states had or have this provision that literally incarcerates the woman who has aborted. Tamaulipas, which borders on the part of Texas that stretches from Laredo to Brownsville and the Gulf, has a six

-month to one-year penalty and there is no movement in its legislature to change this, though the Supreme Court ruling regarding Coahuila is binding on all of the states. Of the six northern border states, only Coahuila and Baja California have changed the law. A proposal in Chihuahua was introduced on March 9 after nearby Sinaloa voted down its abortion restrictions the day before, on International Women's Day.

Women's groups like Las Libres have detected around 200 women jailed this year for having aborted. Verónica Cruz, director of Las Libres, explains that it is difficult to count how many people are incarcerated for this because most are jailed for other charges – murder of a family member, infanticide, etc. – and in many of these cases the abortion was spontaneous (i.e., miscarriage), not intentional. The Comisión Nacional para Prevenir y Erradicar la Violencia contra las Mujeres (Conavim), on the other hand, identifies 432 cases initiated this year in 27 states and asks that these cases be reviewed and the charges dropped.

These legal attacks against women increased during the recent presidential periods of Vicente Fox, Felipe Calderón and Enrique Peña Nieto, all of whom have strong ties to the Catholic hierarchy. Peña Nieto, when asked on the campaign trail in 2006 if he knew what a kilo of tortillas cost, replied: "No. I'm not the lady of the house." He is widely believed to have killed his

first wife a few years before that election and was last seen living in Spain, hoping to avoid prosecution for any of many possible charges.

Of the 32 states and federal entities, Mexico City decriminalized the interruption of pregnancy and made it free in 2008 and six states have followed with the elimination of penalties, though not with the free service: Baja California, Sinaloa, Oaxaca, Hidalgo, Veracruz and Coahuila. Sonora, which sits between Baja California and Chihuahua and south of Arizona, and Nuevo León, where Monterrey is the capital, have small but viable women's movements but no legislative action on this front.

Many border cities have a robust "health tourism" industry, which may mean the sale of prescription-only or controlled substances or may mean the offering of legitimate and high-quality services, as is the case in Los Algodones, Baja California, across the border from Yuma, Arizona, for dentistry and Nuevo Progreso, Tamaulipas, across from the Rio Grande Valley in Texas, for general services for retired travelers from the U.S. These two cities are relatively free of the violence of cities like Nuevo Laredo. Ciudad Acuña, across from the west Texas town of Del Río, is a place where some health tourism exists and where a lot of well-known Texas musicians play in various clubs.

So it would be logical for a series of offerings to develop for

U.S. women, and especially Texas women, to interrupt pregnancy. The state of Chihuahua has a very robust women's movement dating at least to the beginning of this century when the phenomenon of the murder of women in and around Ciudad Juárez became well known. And in the two biggest cities, Juárez and Chihuahua, there are already people coordinating with others on the Texas side for the exchange of abortion services, as this article from the newspaper El Paso Matters explains: <https://elpasomatters.org/2021/12/28/how-an-fda-ruling-does-and-doesnt-affect-elpasans-legal-abortion-options/>.

In the years prior to the enactment of the new Texas laws, women have traveled from one country to the other, depending on where access was better at a given time. This often meant Mexican women – the few who could get visas, anyway – crossing to El Paso for medical services. It also is increasingly common for U.S. and Mexican residents to buy misoprostol – one of the ingredients of RU 486 – in Mexico. Opinions among activists and women's health experts differ about the safety and efficacy of this procedure, but guidance is available. This site, <https://www.ipas.org/our-work/abortion-self-care/abortion-with-pills/how-to-buy-abortion-pills-that-are-safe-and-effective/>, explains prices and the difference between mifepristone and misoprostol, which costs 480 pesos (about \$22) for a box of 20 at discount pharma-

cies in Mexico. A person needs 12 pills to expel a fetus of less than twelve weeks' gestation.

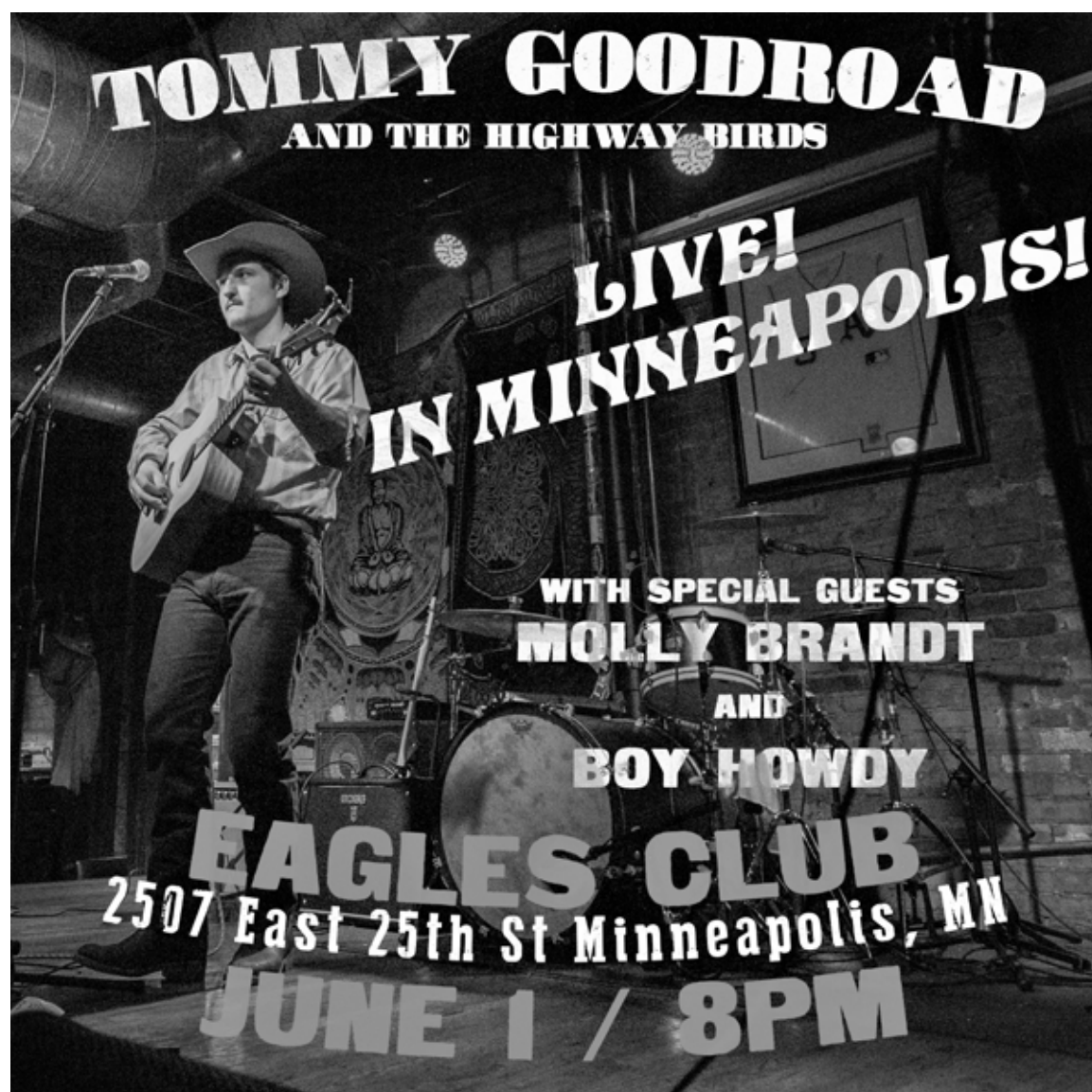
Los Algodones may become a good site for Arizonans looking to get around that state's restrictive abortion laws; the other two U.S. border states, New Mexico and California, have more liberal laws but some residents may be looking to Mexico to get misoprostol or medical services at a much lower cost.

Countries in Latin America and the Caribbean that have legalized abortion:

1965	Cuba
1995	Guyana
2008	Mexico (in Mexico City only)
2012	Uruguay
2020	Argentina
2022	Colombia and parts of Mexico

Countries in the region that allow no exceptions, including in cases of rape or danger to the mother's life:

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"We would appreciate your response by March 20. It will be published in all April editions of Southside Pride."

Ryan Winkler was the only candidate who responded:

"There is no statute of limitations on murder. If evidence emerges in the death of Terrence Franklin that indicates a criminal charge is warranted, then I would prosecute based on that evidence."

Ryan Winkler



Celebrate Spring on 38th Street

Spring on East 38th Street

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

There have been a number of significant changes along East 38th Street in the past year. We only have space to tell of some of them. Let's visit the places on 38th starting at Nicollet Avenue South and moving eastward toward 42nd Avenue South.

Nicollet Avenue hub

This hub is doing pretty well. The corner of Nicollet and 38th is dominated by restaurants, but there are other businesses nearby. One of these is Quality Coaches, one of the best of the several automotive repair shops along East 38th Street. They're located at 20 W. 38th St. and are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Another neighborhood stalwart is Nicollet Ace Hardware, a family-owned part of the Ace chain, and a frequent winner of customer awards for "best of the Twin Cities." Sadly, the Nicollet Ace store suffered a major break-in and robbery on Saturday, April 23, just past midnight. Here's a bit from their Facebook post about it (with 198 comments, attest-



The Pie & Mighty crew

ing to just how much this hardware store means to the neighborhood).

"At around 12:45 a.m., a couple people broke out the glass in our doors and proceeded to steal power

tools, outdoor equipment, socket sets, cash and other minor things. It was basically a snatch and grab for the neighborhood. Six different people came in and took whatever they

wanted. Some even helped themselves to a red Ace wheelbarrow to help get all the power tools in the vehicle."

Nicollet Ace Hardware has a small team of resident watch-cats. None of them were harmed or ran away, but they were no match for this criminal gang.

The dining establishments around this corner and the surrounding blocks include Petite Leon, which I really want to visit because I hear such great things, but have not gone there yet. Others that I have visited at least once include Five Watt Coffee, Nighthawks Diner & Bar, Butter Bakery Cafe, Hola Arepa, and Kyatchi.

Sabathani hub

This hub is dominated by the Seward Community Co-op Friendship Store. Once a source of controversy, it is now seamlessly integrated into the community and a source of good union jobs for neighborhood residents. Seward Co-op is celebrating its 50-year anniversary all year, although the Friendship Store is considerably newer. Be sure and visit them early and often.

The other big player in this hub is the Sabathani Community Center. They have partnered with other nonprofits and a developer of senior housing to build an affordable rental apartment building with 48 units. The building is completed (see

picture) and now accepting applications.

Besides Sabathani Community Center itself, there is another place here that is even more of an African American cultural institution - the



Duck Duck Coffee providing educator support during the Minneapolis teachers strike

Black-owned local media outlet, the Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder. The Spokesman-Recorder, with offices located at 3744 4th Ave. S., is published weekly on Thursdays. It has been in publication for almost 88 years, starting out in August 1934 as the Minneapolis Spokesman, by publisher Cecil Newman. This year saw the sad death of one of its

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best-known journalists, activist Mel Reeves, in early January 2022.

George Floyd Square hub

George Floyd Square (GFS), the official name of the corner of Chicago



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and 38th Street, was a neighborhood hub even before it gained worldwide attention as the site of the murder of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer, aided and abetted by three other officers. This May 2020 event led to a month of uprising which included widespread rioting and the unprecedented burning down of a Minneapolis Police Department precinct station. It also led to the unprecedented trials and convictions of all four former MPD officers (with additional trials and appeals still to come), and a severe stirring of the Minneapolis political pot.

Naturally, these events have reverberated among the residents around GFS and the owners of its many wonderful small businesses and nonprofits. Some have remained – The Third Place Gallery, the Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center, Smoke in the Pit, and Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en la Lucha (CTUL, pronounced “say-tool”). Some have gone all-online such as Flotsam + Fork, or abandoned their physical space at GFS while staying

in business, like Black Eye Roasting Company coffee shop. Some are still in a state of flux, like Dragon Wok (now Dragon Wok Delivery) which is temporarily shuttered but not giving up just yet.

In fact, the whole of GFS is in a state of flux right now. A news item in the Star Tribune in late April reported on the unstable state of city plans to reconfigure GFS with, hopefully, at least partial consensus from the stakeholders. Private listening sessions with these groups – business owners, residents, the volunteer caretakers, faith communities and others – took place throughout the first months of 2022. On April 23, a town hall was held partially outdoors at Phelps Recreation Center nearby, and then a virtual town hall took place on Tuesday, April 26. Consensus is still a hazy and far-off goal.

If I may lapse just a tiny bit (ha ha) into op-ed territory here, I am personally distraught, though not surprised, that for about a year, single vehicle traffic has been restored at



Seward Community Co-op Friendship Store

GFS but not road maintenance or – critically – public transit. Residents and would-be shoppers who prefer bus transit over cars and bikes need to walk between two to six blocks between the nearest operative bus stop for the corner, which is supposed to be served by two buses – the frequent bus route #5 on Chicago Avenue and the less-frequent bus route #23 on 38th Street.

Despite these less-than-ideal business conditions, new places have managed to appear in GFS, particularly in the space formerly held by Black Eye Roasting’s main coffee shop.

For a while it was Tea Street Cafe, which sold coffee, tea, sandwiches and bakery items. That now has been supplanted by Forreal Coffeehouse, soft-opened with a scheduled grand opening on May 25. This is an interesting concept – combining a coffeehouse with a real estate sales office, and offering internships in real estate sales to people in the community.

As a hub, GFS has other interesting businesses and organizations a few blocks in each direction. A couple blocks north, on the corner of Chicago and 36th, you’ll find two excellent but very different food businesses, linked



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tangentially by the flexible concept of “pie.” Jakeeno’s is more than a pizzeria, being a longtime mainstay with pasta and other Italian favorites, for dining in or taking home. Pie & Mighty makes artisanal pies that are both phenomenally good and phenomenally popular. The pies are take-out only, by subscription, and must be pre-ordered (see ordering details at www.pieandmightymsp.com). They also sell pie by the slice to walk-up customers during their retail hours (Friday 3 to 6 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to noon), on a first-come, first-served basis.

To the east, about halfway to our next hub, at 1401 E. 38th St., is Urban Touch Barbers. This is a Black-owned all-round hair-cutting establishment that specializes in styling Black hair, but can cut and style any color, any age, any gender. It’s a real community asset. They don’t have a website, but do have a Facebook page with no posts, just customer selfies showing off their style.

Across the street is what used to be my auto repair place, Clyde’s Auto Service. The sign still says that, but the business is no longer open, as they are retiring. Google Maps shows a new name – Vidal’s Auto Service I – and friends have told me they’ve seen activity there. A quick search shows Vidal’s to be listed as an ongoing business in another part of town, so I surmise they are moving in and hopefully there will be an announcement in the

near future.

Cedar Avenue hub to the light rail and east

At Cedar Avenue and 38th, the news is that Lucy’s Market, a small but excellent Ethiopian restaurant situated



Cecil Newman, founding publisher of the Minneapolis Spokesman

in a convenience market selling many East African staples, is reopened as of February, but it’s only open Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Around the corner is one of four coffee shops I want to mention along 38th Street. Duck Duck Coffee is lo-

cated at 1830 E. 38th St. They are open slightly odd hours (closed Tuesdays) so check Google. The next coffee shop in this stretch is my “local,” i.e., the only coffee shop in true walking distance to me – Sisters’ Sludge Coffee Café and Wine Bar. Owned by sisters who are identical triplets, Sisters’ Sludge is a place “born from a love of French bistros, English pubs, and Italian espresso bars,” as their website says. Their kitchen serves food until 7 p.m., with panini sandwiches, salads and various small plates on the menu. They’re located at the corner of East 38th Street and 23rd Avenue, and are open until 10 p.m., which is exciting in this day and age.

A bit further east, at 2803 E. 38th St., is Key West Bistro. This too is more than a coffee shop, with Cuban-style drinks and sandwiches, baked goodies and more. Key West is open to 6 p.m. and is closed all day Sunday.

The final coffeehouse is one I haven’t been to in ages. Fireroast Café was at one time almost the cultural annex of Walker Church, as several of our members played live music there and we had morning coffee hours once a week. But things move on – people move away, or die, or just stop drinking coffee. Fireroast Café is still there, at 3800 37th Ave. S. They have a covered patio, open year-round, they have Sebastian Joe’s ice cream by the scoop, or by the pint to-go, they



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Urban Touch Barbers

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have breakfast, and burritos, and breakfast burritos, and they have wine and beer. But they are now only open to 5 p.m. – no more late nights with music.

Some non-food related spots on this stretch of East 38th Street include another long-running auto repair that is not closing for retirement – Action Auto Systems at 2328 E. 38th Street. Family-owned and operated since 1975, they repair domestic, imported and hybrid autos and will provide a free loaner car on request while your work is being performed. Check out the stellar reviews on their website, with five-star ratings by over 300 customers.

Another business I may be calling soon is Brushed Monkey, a painting service for interior jobs. They consider themselves not just painters, but artisans, as many of the folks on their team are also semi-professional artists. Brushed Monkey can not only paint your walls perfectly, they're also able to create beautiful

faux finishes, fine Venetian plasters, and even custom murals. You don't need to actually visit their 38th Street office to book their services, just call them at 612-803-1356. Check out their Facebook page to see photos of their work and their glowing reviews.

DreamHaven Books and Comics is another venerable Minneapolis business that has been on 38th Street for a while, and has been in business even longer. They're located at 2301 E. 38th St. and are also extremely online. The "News" section of their website is awesome and indescribable – check it out. You can shop online and do a convenient pickup, or shop in person at their always-interesting shop.

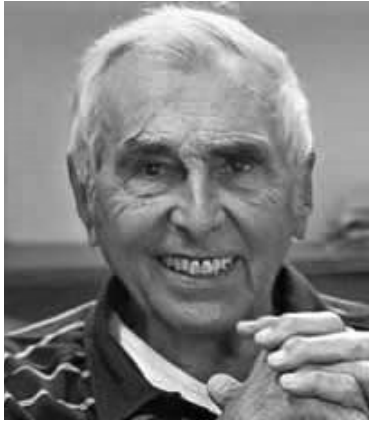
Finally, a couple of years ago Fairview Hiawatha vacated their clinic building at 38th and 42nd Avenue South, across the road to the east of the Riverview Theater. This is now the location of a private clinic called Minnesota Allergy and Asthma, according to Google Maps.



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Intelligence versus wisdom



BY TONY BOUZA

The recent turmoil surrounding New York's governor is a wonderful example of the lessons the Greek ancients tried hard to teach us. But we are slow learners.

Andrew Cuomo is the smartest guy in the state. Honest. I grew up with guys like that. Not many, but memorable. They

beat the pants off me on every test. They won every game. They were quick, clever and smart.

So, how might I compete?

It wasn't gonna be in a classroom or on a quiz show.

Gradually—ever so slowly—a light began to dawn. Hard work and hard study. Humility and introspection.

How did they—or I—lead our lives? What were their choices? How wise their judgments? How penetrating their insights—into themselves and the world around them?

“If you're so smart, why ain't you rich?” One of the wisecracks hurled about on Brooklyn streets as I hung out.

Guys drank, gambled and pissed away their lives. Gals spread their legs and struggled ever after to raise fatherless progeny.

A rare few studied, saved, invested (in the only two vehicles

available to workers—real estate and stocks) and employed the miracle of compound interest.

These isolates went on to get educations, good jobs, married sensibly, behaved responsibly and enabled their loved ones to succeed. If the formula is so obvious why ain't we all using it?

Get wisdom—that font of insight enjoins, and with all thy getting, get understanding.

Wisdom means employing good judgment. It means doing the right thing; paying your bills; telling the truth; learning from such great teachers as Shakespeare, Thucydides, Sophocles, O'Neill, Charlie Chaplin (though not perhaps in his private life—the distinction between artist and his/her art is real)—and on. The few savants possessed acceptance, humility and introspection.

If it's all so simple, why ain't we doing it? Why ain't we rich?

Well, it is simple—to de-

scribe—but damned difficult to follow.

We live in a country that reveres intelligence, and rewards it. Wisdom, not so much. Bill Gates is a lot more famous than the unknown sage.

Is there anyone humble, wise, introspective and revered who—like Gandhi or Jesus or Buddha—we know of and imitate?

Not so much.

Wisdom is in short supply—and it doesn't even pay well.

Why bother?

I studied the very few intimate friends I made with fierce intensity and over many years. My closest friend, a compulsive, seriously addicted gambler, punished himself by losing everything. I finally figured out he was flagellating himself for harboring sex fantasies about his mother.

Another was a drama queen who needed the spotlight and center stage and created chaos

to get them. A buddy shocked me one day through the vehemence of his defense over our disagreement. It was a revelation that I'd been assaulting his ego, and his defense was hysterical.

A very accomplished couple raised four children. It was a focused, driven project, and the kids turned into brilliant successes—but were forced to endure unhappy marriages and tried burying a lot of tension and unhappiness. They escaped into success without satisfaction.

The most talented and smartest of my rivals in the NYPD wanted acceptance and sank into “one of the boys” syndrome of good fellowship and pub crawling.

Yes, it's about sex, power and money. But you'd better work other ingredients into the mix if you want satisfaction.

Racism is alive and well at the Park Board!

BY KATHRYN KELLY

Racism is alive and well at the Park Board, as the Hiawatha Golf Course project has revealed. The Black community has golfed there since it was built in the 1930s. Now, the Minneapolis Park Board was presented with a plan that would retain the 18-hole golf course and actually improve the park. But five white commissioners still seem bent on destroying Hiawatha Golf Course.

Why is this a racist decision? It is a golf course that serves the Black community from all over the city, and the Black community has said that they want and deserve a regulation 18-hole golf course. The Park Board's plan would create a sub-standard nine-hole “executive” golf course. It's like telling a baseball player to go play T-ball.

This is not new. Until the 1950s, Black golfers could play on Minneapolis golf courses, but they couldn't join the Men's Clubs. Because the Men's Clubs received preferential benefits, including official state handicaps, this effectively denied these privileges to Black golfers. The Twin City Golf Club, a Black golf organization, appealed to the Park Board, and was given a lukewarm decision. In 1952, the Park Board required the Men's Leagues to show that their constitutions did not bar members for race, creed or color. But it still allowed clubs to blackball applicants. Only Hiawatha Golf Course and the Twin City Golf Club immediately provided the necessary documentation to

comply. Shelton Granger, executive secretary of the Minneapolis Urban League said, “We had hoped to make it the responsibility of the park board to see that we have an integrated system on the courses. This action recognizes a system of voluntary segregation and gives it support by allowing it to continue.”

Exactly 70 years later, it seems that we haven't progressed at all. The Hiawatha maintenance budget is abysmal, and the Park Board is offering another “partial loaf” to the Black community. This is especially egregious because there is a solution to keep the 18-hole golf course. That shows the underlying “Minnesota racism” from the white community and the Park Board. They don't care what the Black community wants, while claiming that they are for total equity.

I have heard the following condescending language from supporters of the Park Board

plan. “It's a compromise,” and “This should be good enough,” and “This will be better for you,” and “We will do all of these other things for you” – as if the Black community needs a benefactor with great wisdom.

What they are really saying to the Black community is, “Here is this crappy nine-hole golf course, and we'll throw in some plaques for you about the history that you used to have here. That should be good enough. Now go away and accept it because we are the great white decision makers, and we can do what we want because we have the power.”

Hiawatha Golf Course is the most diverse golf course in the state of Minnesota, serving



The 1971 Bronze Tournament at Hiawatha Golf Course in front of the clubhouse

Blacks, Hispanics, whites, Native Americans and Asians, of all ages and income levels. Yet some Park Board commissioners want to destroy it based on a mountain of lies about fictitious problems. Will Meg Forney's leader-

ship show that the Park Board is still back in the racist 1950s, or will they move into the 21st century?

If they vote to stay back in the 1950s, I am truly ashamed to be a white person!

Lake Street, from page 1

for the future of Lake Street. Next, participants will be moving forward to collectively put these ideas into action.

From the website, <https://www.lakestreetalignment.com/>: “Stakeholders in each area will test ideas for physical projects and improvements, strategies to get people the support they need, solutions to assist existing businesses and property owners and proposals for infusing Lake Street with new energy, including the increase of BIPOC

ownership on Lake Street. Residents, community members, and stakeholders will participate in aligning these ideas into a shared framework that everyone can work from.”

Moving toward implementation: “Based on the aligned strategies from the testing phase, the team will develop a detailed approach for funding and building projects, changing policies, and working together in new ways to implement the community's vision for Lake Street and see it come to life.”



Lake Street Alignment meeting

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Southside Pride / POWDERHORN EDITION

EVENTS

Cinco de Mayo Celebration
Saturday, May 7, noon to 3 p.m.
Midtown Global Market
920 E. Lake St., Mpls.
Midtown Global Market is hosting a free and family-friendly Cinco de Mayo celebration on Saturday, May 7 from noon to 3 p.m. The grand fiesta will provide many activities for our guests to enjoy, including:

- A Mexican Hat Dancing performance by Ballet Folklorico Mexico Azteca.
- Salsa dance lessons from René Thompson.
- A performance by musician Adrian Paz.
- Free kids’ crafts.
- Mexican Bingo!

Our food and beverage businesses will have special offers, including:

- Manny’s Tortas - Tacos Al Pastor, 3 for \$5.
- Eastlake Craft Brewery - Mendoza Line “Easy Drinkin’ Beer” with Lime, \$5 for a pint.
- Salsa a la Salsa - \$5 House Margaritas de Limon.
- Andy’s Garage - 2-for-1 Horchata Shakes with the purchase of an entrée.

This event is proudly sponsored by United Healthcare. For more info, go to midtownglobalmarket.org.

‘Collecting Memories: A Love Story’
On view through May 8
Squirrel Haus Arts

3450 Snelling Ave., Mpls.
‘Collecting Memories: A Love Story’ is a lyrical exploration into the mind of a collector. It explores nostalgia, memory and identity as they reveal the hidden memories embedded in pop culture objects. This longing for a mythical past is especially pertinent in our post-COVID world. This immersive and fun exhibit is designed by Stephen Yogi Rueff. It features vintage toys and family photos from David Barnhill’s collection, an original sound collage designed by Emmy Carter, and an augmented reality experience from Amir Berenjian of REM5vr.

Ten Thousand Things Theater
‘Thunder Knocking on the Door’ Through May 8
Plymouth Congregational Church
1900 Nicollet Ave., Mpls.
Ten Thousand Things brings back its production of “Thunder Knocking on the Door,” which had opened briefly in 2020 when it was forced to close due to the pandemic. Performances are April 28 – May 8 at Plymouth Congregational Church.
Written by Keith Glover, “Thunder” features the extraordinary music of four-time Grammy Award winner Keb’ Mo’ and Anderson Edwards. The mythical tale takes place at the crossroads of “here and there” where Marvell Thunder, a mysterious shapeshifter, challenges Glory, a blind songstress, to a magical duel on the Delta Blues guitar. If Marvell wins the contest, he wins

the guitar of Jaguar Dupree Sr., Glory’s late father and the only man who ever outplayed Marvell in a cutting contest; if she wins, she gets her sight back. Directed by Marcela Lorca; Music Direction by Sanford Moore; and featuring Ronnie Allen, Brian Bose, Rajané Katurah, Thomasina Petrus and T. Mychael Rambo.
All tickets are Pay What You Can, with a video recording of the production available mid-April. <https://tenthousandthings.org/>

‘Cohousing: A Short-Term Antidote to Loneliness and Long-Term Retirement Plan’
Grace Kim, cohousing architect
Wednesday, May 11, 7 p.m.
Online via Zoom
Grace Kim, cohousing architect will speak via Zoom for the Twin Cities Cohousing Network. Her talk, entitled “Cohousing: A Short-Term Antidote to Loneliness and Long-Term Retirement Plan” will be followed by audience questions.
Ms. Kim is a renowned cohousing architect whose TED Talk on the power of the built environment has been viewed nearly 2 million times. She will share her personal and professional journey to cohousing and offer advice on how to catalyze cohousing in Minnesota. Cohousing is community designed for connection. It combines private homes with shared spaces and amenities. Residents manage the community themselves. There are 150 such communities in the U.S. with more in formation.

Ms. Kim lives in such a community, Capitol Hill Urban Cohousing in Seattle, Wash. She designed it in partnership with the other future residents. They enjoy growing and sharing produce from their rooftop farm.
To register for this free event go to the Twin Cities Cohousing Network’s webpage, www.tccoho.org, and see the events page, or follow the link <https://tinyurl.com/GraceTCCN>.

Highpoint Presents: 2021-2022 Jerome Early Career Printmakers Exhibition On View: May 13 - June 11
Opening Reception: May 13, 6:30 to 9 p.m. with an artist talk starting at 7 p.m.
Highpoint Center for Printmaking
912 W. Lake St., Mpls.
Highpoint Center for Printmaking presents new work created by the 2021-22 Jerome Early Career Printmakers, Savannah Bustillo, Sarah Evenson, and Ryan Gerald Nelson, at their culminating exhibition. With generous support from the Jerome Foundation, these three artists were awarded the opportunity to create new work within a nine-month supportive studio residency.
This exhibition stretches well beyond traditional prints on paper – the works are tactile, ephemeral, memorable, and meaningful with origins related to the search for authenticity, generational experiences, and images that play, break down, and theorize on the way we see and interpret media. The

Jerome artists have consistently pushed their own processes and forged well beyond the traditions of printmaking, resulting in visually stunning and deeply thoughtful work. For more information, see highpointprintmaking.org.

Longfellow Blossom Festival
Sunday, May 15
11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
33rd St. and 34th Ave. S., Mpls.
All in our surrounding neighborhoods are invited to the Longfellow Blossom Festival at the intersection of 33rd St. and 34th Ave. S. and Christ Church Lutheran for a block party to celebrate spring, named for the beautiful crabapple blossoms that bloom mid-May in our neighborhood. There will be live music, food trucks, bouncy house, lawn games and more. It’s been a long winter and we’re excited to gather together. It’s free – join us!
Live music by the Above Average Tuba Quartet
Food trucks (bring cash or card)
Bouncy house, games, face painting, root beer floats
National Historic Landmark building tours
Hosted by Christ Church Lutheran, 3244 34th Ave. S.

‘Thank You for the Music’
A Tribute to Tony Bennett
Sunday, May 15, 1 p.m.
Minnesota JCC
Capp Center St. Paul
1375 St. Paul Ave., St. Paul
The Minnesota JCC and Giving Voice Chorus are proud to pres-

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POWDERHORN EDITION

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

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

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ent a special concert, “Thank You for the Music,” a tribute to Tony Bennett. Giving Voice Chorus is a unique chorus designed for those with dementia and their care partners. Giving Voice offers a positive and life enriching experience for its chorus members – making new memories by singing together and building new friendships. With empowerment as a guidepost of their work, Giving Voice reframes the narrative of dementia from one of decline and despair to one of wellbeing and joy. Tickets are \$12. For more information and for tickets, go to minnesotajcc.com.

‘Memphis’ Through May 15
Schneider Theater
Bloomington Center for the Arts
1800 W. Old Shakopee Rd., Bloomington
Artistry presents the Tony award-winning musical “Memphis” at the Bloomington Center for the Arts’ Schneider Theater, directed by theater artist extraordinaire and Twin Cities favorite Aimee K. Bryant. Inspired by events and people in the turbulent south of the 1950s, “Memphis” is a fictional story following Huey Calhoun and Felicia Farrell – one a white radio DJ whose passion for music transcends race lines; the other a Black singer, talented and determined to share her voice. As their love of music and each other grows, their lives and communities intersect, causing encounters with prejudices that challenge them to reconsider their relationships, priorities and dreams. Single tickets range from \$15–\$47 and can be purchased online at

www.artistrymn.org, by visiting the Box Office (Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.) or calling the Box Office at (952) 563-8575. For more information, email info@artistrymn.org.

Safe Place Homework Help School Days 3:30 to 6 p.m.
2001 Riverside Ave., Mpls.
By appointment only – contact tutoring@trinitylutherancongregation.org. Free tutoring for grades K- 12.

Noodle Pie Island: Season 2 Saturdays through May 14 11 a.m.
Online
“Noodle Pie Island” is a YouTube-based interactive children’s television show. Join Captain Laroo (Lauren Anderson) and the rest of the NoodleHead Crew on the island each week, as they use the power of imagination to go on adventures and help each other! Each episode features an up-on-your-feet adventure and includes a guided craft project using simple household items. Kids will laugh and learn soft skills such as patience and empathy, while getting active with singing, dancing, and the power of play! Join “Noodle Pie Island” live on Saturday mornings for a chance to interact directly with the host. Kids can answer questions and watch their ideas play out onscreen through the power of the internet! Brought to you by Creator and actor/comedian Lauren Anderson (Brave New Workshop), artist and Executive Director Joe Dressel (Netflix), and Associate Producer Nissa Nordland Morgan (Twin Cities Horror Fest,

Special When Lit). Streaming live for FREE on Noodle Pie Island’s YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/c/noodlepieisland>.

Walk & Talk with a Naturalist Fridays through May 27 1 to 2 p.m.
Meet at the Water Works Pavilion 425 W. River Pkwy., at the foot of the Stone Arch Bridge
From Minneapolis mills and St. Anthony Falls to native plants and wildlife: explore history and nature along the Mississippi riverfront. Starting Friday, March 4, people ages 18 and up are invited to join an MPRB naturalist for a FREE series of afternoon strolls on and near the Mississippi River. The leisurely pace includes stops to observe and discuss a different topic each week, such as: History of the Falls and Mills; Winter Animal Adaptations; Sketching in Nature; Bird Migration on the River; Spring Flowers and Native Plants; Mindfulness in Nature; Wildlife and more!
Walk & Talk sessions are free, but registration is required:
Online: bit.ly/WaterWorksWalkTalk or minneapolisiparks.org/register (event #132013)
Phone: 612-230-6400 (Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)
In person: visit any recreation center

‘Art Speaks’ Through July 31
Minnesota History Center
345 W. Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul
The collections of the Minnesota Historical Society include more than 7,000 works of art – and counting. “Art Speaks” reveals the

stories of paintings, sculptures, photos and more collected over the past 15 years. What do these works say about their makers, about us and about Minnesota? More than 150 works — including paintings, sculptures, photographs, drawings and mixed media — in sections including faces, places, abstraction and contemporary voices. Voices of yesterday and today are included, with recently acquired pieces created in different eras, including many works from living artists. Ticket price includes admission to all History Center exhibits. <https://www.mnhs.org/historycenter/activities/museum/art-speaks>

‘Local Vibes’ Wednesdays at 8 p.m. CST On YouTube
“Local Vibes” – come for the music, stay for the stories. “Local Vibes” is a one-of-a-kind show documenting and creating space for the Twin Cities hip-hop community and their voices through performance and interview. It’s music that sounds like Minnesota, and it’s only on the Vanguard, Radio K’s 24-hour, college-student curated online hip-hop stream.
“Local Vibes” opens a door into the vibrant local hip-hop scene that you won’t be able to find anywhere else on commercial airwaves. The show’s unique performance setup and fun yet informative interviews make for memorable content you won’t find anywhere else in Minnesota. You’ll hear voices that are enhancing the Twin Cities culturally and socially, and are testing the bounds of music as we know it. Tune in to watch interviews from

your favorite Twin Cities artists, and to discover up-and-coming artists that you’ll want on your radar. Twin Cities hip-hop has something special to offer, and we want to let you in on the ground floor.
The Vanguard is a student-curated, uncensored, 24-hour online stream dedicated to hip-hop. It’s one of the first non-commercial stations in the county to exclusively feature hip-hop, and it’s the only place to hear hip-hop 24/7 in the Twin Cities. Tune in to watch “Local Vibes” in a late-night talk show format on Radio K’s YouTube channel each Wednesday at 8 p.m. CST and catch updates on the Vanguard’s Instagram (@radiokvanguard). Stream The Vanguard here: <https://www.radiok.org/the-vanguard/>.

NAMI Mental Health Support Groups Online
NAMI Minnesota (National Alliance on Mental Illness) offers a variety of free online peer support groups for adults and young adults living with a mental illness, their families, friends, spouses/partners, as well as parents of children and teens. African American, GLBTQ and BIPOC community focused groups are also offered. Led by trained peer facilitators, the support groups help individuals and families learn coping skills and find strength through sharing their experiences. Find a complete listing of group meetings and how to join in by going to namimn.org and clicking on “Support Groups” or go straight to <https://namimn.org/support/nami-minnesota-support-groups/>.

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in the Upper Midwest, where the supper club was a particular institution, for those of us who are Boomers or older, you probably had something similar in your

area in the 1950s to 1970s, before people were cool. One reviewer succinctly described the decor and ambience as “fancy for a farmer.” Another word that occasionally cropped up was “kitsch,” which implies irony.

There was none in the previous period alluded to – this was the fine dining experience of the untraveled American masses – and what irony there is at the Creekside and other modern-day supper clubs is gentle and forgiving.

Even if the kitsch is just a little too much for your taste, you’ll forgive, too, if the food is good enough. And it is good enough. It is very good. I will rhapsodize about just one thing – the mussels. Champagne mussels, as they’re called on the menu. The mussels were good and plump, perfectly fresh, and absolutely swimming in a thin champagne cream sauce that seemed half butter, half mussel broth, and just a hint of champagne winey-ness and creamy cream. Maybe a smaller hint of garlic and herbs. I love things like this that let good ingredients speak for themselves without overloading them with clever touches. It was balanced and at the same time sumptuous. This is listed as an appetizer, but I had it as a main course, with a side of very good fries. (I like to pretend I’m in Belgium.)

But we did have appetizers! And those are good too! If you like to go out for cocktails, and you like retro cocktails, because that’s what they have, these appetizers would be a perfect ac-

companiment and you wouldn’t even need dinner. The relish tray, a supper club staple, contains everything that makes it “Wisconsin” in style, as advertised. Fried cheese curds, check. Game sausages, check. Pickled vegetables, check. And oh good, a smooth pate of smoked lake

trout, check. Along with that we had perfect popovers, four massive ones, with maple butter.
I highly recommend Creekside Supper Club. You can be fancy for a farmer without dressing up too much, or shelling out for downtown parking, or breaking the bank to pay the check.



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EVENTS

Lives of Faith+Art

**Wednesdays, May 4, 11 and 18
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

In-person and online

Diamond Lake Lutheran Church
5760 Portland Ave., Mpls.
Join us Wednesday nights in May for this special series focusing on faith and the arts. Each week at 6:30 p.m., we will welcome a featured artist to share their story and gifts with us. All ages are welcome as each week will be an interactive experience with learning, listening and fellowship. Come early for Wednesday Night Supper that begins at 5:30 p.m. (free will offering).

https://www.dllc.org/content.cfm?page_content=calendar_include.cfm&event_id=637&m-m=5&dd=4&yy=2022

May 4 – Joe Davis, spoken word poetry and music

May 11 – Tammy Ortegon, painter and ColorWheel Gallery owner

May 18 – Ivory Doublette, singer and actor

Align MPLS Event: ‘Sofas and Tables and Chairs ... Oh MY!’ Furniture Drive

Saturday, May 14, 9 a.m. to noon

Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church

511 Groveland Ave., Mpls.

Donations of gently used furniture will be accepted and will then be given to guests of Align MPLS outreach ministries to assist in furnishing new apartments in a dignified and safe manner.

Questions? Contact Julia at 612-317-3413 or jfreeman@mary.org.

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<https://www.alignmpls.org/>.

‘Justice & Joy: Social Transformation as Spiritual Practice’

**Thursday, May 19, 7:30 p.m. CT
Online via Zoom**

Lecture presented by Justin Sabia-Tanis, Assistant Professor of Christian Ethics and Social Transformation, United Theological Seminary

Our sacred traditions set before us visions of a just and peaceful future – a world it is increasingly urgent to create if we are to survive. This lecture will consider how viewing our work for social justice as a practice of faith can lead us to greater spiritual depth and meaning in our lives and how our spirituality sustains us to engage in long term, effective and meaningful work for justice. We will look at why faith calls us to do the work of transformation and how this leads to both justice and joy. Register at <https://content.unitedseminary.edu/justin-sabia-tanis-spring-lecture-series?hsLang=en-us>.

Spring into Summer

Sunday, May 22

3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Diamond Lake Lutheran Church
5760 Portland Ave., Mpls.

Diamond Lake Lutheran and Trust Inc. are collaborating to host this community event as we spring into summer! Join us on the shores of Diamond Lake for games, balloon animals, a picnic meal and a performance by the Crosstown Community Band. The meal starts at 4 p.m. with the band playing at 4:15 p.m. Activities will take place before and after the music. Come together with neighbors as we kick off the summer.

https://www.dllc.org/content.cfm?page_content=calendar_include.cfm&event_id=648&m-m=5&dd=22&yy=2022

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Walking Meditation

Sundays, May 22, June 26,

July 23

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.

Don't miss this opportunity to connect with nature and community.

Register at <https://www.mnchurches.org/ways-help/give-items>

We are currently seeking:

- Kitchen items (especially stove-top pressure cookers, mugs, and glasses).
- Personal hygiene items (including toothpaste, razors, and diapers of all sizes).

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/>

Greater Friendship Missionary

Baptist Church and Friendship

Community Service

2600 E. 38th St., Mpls.

Food Hub

Free food, hygiene products, and some household goods.

Tuesday and Thursday,

1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

2nd and 4th Saturdays,

9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Please bring ID and wear a mask.

Social distancing guidelines are in place.

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>.

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Street. These meals are free to anyone, no questions asked. You might have had a hard day and simply cannot cook dinner. Or maybe you've paid your last bill for the month and cannot buy groceries. Whatever your circumstance, you are welcome. You can simply drive or walk up to the church and receive a meal any Wednesday evening between 5 and 6 p.m.

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/MinnehahaFood-Shelf/>

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Lake Hiawatha clean-up

The Lake Hiawatha Earth Day Clean Up was held on Saturday, April 23.

From Friends of Lake Hiawatha Facebook page:

320 pounds of trash and 102 volunteers! THANK YOU!

Hosted by Friends of Lake Hiawatha, Gay4Good, Northern

Coffee Works, Baker's Wife and @MPRB volunteers.

Wow! The day started out with a hailstorm! We waited out the storm, the weather got better, and we headed out to clean up trash from Lake Hiawatha. Despite the rough beginning, 102 volunteers showed up and we removed 320 pounds of plastic trash from Lake Hiawatha. We came up 100 pounds short of reaching the 10,000-pound milestone. Families and kids, neigh-

bors and a dog named Stormy picked up the shards of plastic, wrappers, cigarette butts and cigarillo tips, plastic bottles, bottle caps, styrofoam, plastic shipping straps, ziploc bags, and plastic flossing picks littering the shore of Lake Hiawatha. We were not able to get anywhere near all the trash out of the lake and we will need to expand our cleanup efforts in the following weeks to get out the new trash arrivals. Volunteers actually

watched trash streaming out of the 43rd Street pipe after the gully washer we had this morning. We also saw swans, some mergansers, a hawk, a heron and lots of songbirds

People can join us Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon. Instead of meeting at the rec center, we meet up at the Lake Hiawatha Delta Habitat area and clean up trash and/or work on

stewarding the lake and habitat.

Thanks so much to all the Friends of Lake Hiawatha, Hiawatha4All, Gay4Good, Northern Coffee and Baker's Wife for sponsoring the Earth Day Clean-up event! We all got free coffee and donuts thanks to Baker's Wife and Northern Coffee!

Thank you, and see you at the lake!

- Friends of Lake Hiawatha

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