



**We build Pride on the Southside**

**POWDERHORN EDITION**  
**FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH**  
**June 2022**  
**VOL. XXXII, ISSUE 16**

*This newspaper is recyclable. It is made with renewable resources--pulp wood and soy ink.*

## Abortion – still and again



BY TONY BOUZA

Hubris is my foe. I strive to persuade Erica that she married a moron and worm, albeit one with a great memory.

I fancy that our core problems are racism and income inequality. They impact everything.

Even *Roe v. Wade*? That created a pause; then I remembered my Japanese buddy Yuji. When his hot daughter got pregnant, he flew her to Japan, where abortion was doable.

So, who did the abortion ban impact?

Poor Black and Hispanic women principally.

*Roe v. Wade* in 1973 assured that street crime would plummet in 1990 when the aborted cohort would not be around. I wrote about it, but I was gone from policing, and avid chiefs willing to acknowledge their contributions to crime's decline made it to Time's covers. Economics, yes, but racist? How?

In my experience, abortion, legal or not, was not a question for white women—it was the conundrum of Black and Hispanic teenagers.

The issue was intellectually toxic—if you supported abortion

See Bouza, page 17



Council Member Emily Koski beginning the Town Hall meeting on flooding

## The Town Hall meeting on flooding

BY ED FELIEN

Emily Koski, council member from Ward 11, hosted a Town Hall meeting Tuesday, May 31, to discuss water issues for the homes around Lake Nokomis. The beautifully printed, 12-page program brochure said 21 property owners around Lake Nokomis “complained” of wet basements, sinkholes and saturated soil during the wettest seven years on record, from 2011 to 2019.

“Complained?”

To whom did they complain?

We don’t know. The brochure didn’t say.

But Emily Koski heard them. And she got the city to listen. And the county and the Park Board. And lots of other government agencies. And she got some people from the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District to write a 111-page very scientific anal-

ysis of the soil in the area around Lake Nokomis. And she arranged this dramatic Town Hall meeting at the Lake Nokomis Community Center.

Over a hundred people came to the meeting. And 17 experts were sitting behind tables spanning the width of the auditorium. And they all had the same sad story. It’s climate change. There’s nothing we can do about the dramatic increase in rainfall. So much rain, and it just sits there and won’t go away. We’re all doomed because of climate change and our addiction to oil. And it all began to feel like a scene from “Don’t Look Up.” And Emily Koski began to look like Meryl Streep as President Orlean.

What did these experts say we should do about it?

They recommended homeowners get flood insurance, waterproof their basements

and get a sump pump to get rid of the water.

Someone asked if the Park Board is genuinely concerned about the excess water coming down the creek to Lake Nokomis and Lake Hiawatha, then why did Michael Schroeder, the Assistant Superintendent for Planning and an Edina resident, just recently recommend that the Park Board let the excess water from Edina ponds flow into Minnehaha Creek and into the flood plain of Lake Nokomis and Lake Hiawatha?

I asked whether removal of the dam/weir at 27th Avenue (and other obstructions) would lower the level of Lake Hiawatha and the surrounding groundwater by five feet and, consequently, improve drainage of the peat soil surrounding Lake Nokomis and help alleviate flooding problems that happen during periods of heavy rains.

Someone representing the

See Town Hall, page 16

## Are women’s wombs state property?

BY LYDIA HOWELL

Picture a woman or a girl under 18 that you know – a partner, sister, daughter, niece, friend. Then, imagine grainy video of an egg being pierced by a sperm – the moment of fertilization. That fertilized egg is being elevated above already-born female and gender non-conforming people – who are disappeared by politicians and judges practicing medicine, ignorant of basic facts about reproduction.

Self-described pro-life Republicans are indifferent to the fact that the U.S. has the highest maternal and infant mortality rates among Western nations. Their professed family values are a sham revealed by their consistent votes against what families and children need. Recently a majority of Republicans voted against addressing the baby formula shortage created by corporate monopolies.

The leaked draft of Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito’s *Dobbs* decision overturning *Roe v. Wade* makes reproductive decisions a matter of “states’ rights.” Half of states are poised to ban abortion as soon as *Roe* falls. Republicans threaten a national ban if they regain control of Congress and the Senate.

Decades of the anti-choice campaign of fear tactics and outright lies distorted this debate. No state ever allowed abortion on demand up until moments before birth, but Alito repeats that false claim.

Anti-choice billboards show cute infants. Protesters scream “save the babies!” Yet, 92% of abortions occur in the first three months of pregnancy when a fetus is 2 ½ inches long and weighs half an ounce, according to the Mayo Clinic.

The Guttmacher Institute, which researches sexual and reproductive health, reports that by age 45, 30% of women have had an abortion and 60% of women were already mothers when they ended a pregnancy. In Minnesota, 283,400 women live in “birth control deserts,” disproportionately impacting Black, Latino, Native, undocumented immigrant and low-income women by making the most reliable contraceptives unavailable. Birth control can also fail.

Life-threatening emergencies for the woman or fetal abnormalities incompatible with survival account for the 8% of abortions performed after 12 weeks.

Self-induced abortion and miscarriage can look identical. Louisiana and Oklahoma’s bans make abortion homicide. Investigating miscarriages as crimes will lead to massive civil rights

See Wombs, page 12







# It's spring! Time to renovate, remodel and grow

BY STEPHANIE FOX

To misquote the poet Tennyson, in the spring a homeowner's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of ... repair and remodeling. But where to start?

"Your house is the most intimate place in your life and when people go through personal changes, they call us," said Donnie Kimbler Olson, the owner of Brushed Monkey, an interior painting company with many glowing reviews. With a staff of 25, including workers with degrees in graphic and interior design, Brushed Monkey can not only paint your walls perfectly, but they can also craft beautiful faux finishes, fine Venetian plasters, and even

custom murals. The company has won several awards including Best Painting Contractors 2020 by the Minneapolis Award Program.

"There's a lot to choosing a painting partner," Kimbler Olson said. "People change and when this happens, when people's attitudes change, when fashion changes, people want their house to reflect that."

Much of Brushed Monkey's work is upgrading interiors in homes, including getting rid of the dated popcorn ceilings and other obsolete design elements.

"We see people wanting change every seven to 12 years. People change and fashion changes," Kimbler Ol-

son said. "There are in-style colors. Right now the trend is for simple, soft cotton colors. But it's more than just choosing colors. It's infusing organics and natural textures, mixing the soft with the hard and the rough. And you want to have flair. As far as indoor design, it not just paint color, it's what's behind the choices for the changes."

Spring is also a good time to begin larger projects. Linda Cassone, one of the founders of Third Street Studios on Selby Avenue in St. Paul, has an MFA in set and costume design. Her partners Robert Agnew and Russell Tillotson are artists as well, and the three spent a few years doing sets and props for events such



as the Super Bowl pre-game show. Over time, their focus shifted, and these days they concentrate on residential interiors, mostly kitchens, bathrooms and furniture.

"We do anything anyone needs, from the smallest projects to large ones," said Cassone. "I will do two or three floor plans. We start with the layout of the room and then show what it will

look like. We do it all. We pick paint, tile and countertops for kitchens. We help find fixtures, plumbing or lighting for bathrooms."

Cassone said that right now, because of supply chain problems (up to 159 days to get items from China), projects are taking longer than the usual six to eight weeks, but she's hoping that won't last for too much longer. "We



904 30th Ave S  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55406  
List Price: \$650,000



SYLVIA  
**Anderson**  
REALTY EST. 1998



Selling real estate is not just a job or transaction for me—it's about finding the next steward of your home. I'd be honored to help you with your next move.



MIKE SMITH | BROKER  
651.324.6211  
mikesmithrealty@gmail.com  
andersonrealtymn.com

## We Will Make Your Home Look Its Best!

### Our Services:

- Painting and Updating
- Cabinet Refinishing
- Plaster Repair Specialists
- Overhauling Basements
- Smoothing or Improving Surface Conditions, Cracks etc.
- Refining Baseboard & Casings That Frame the Wall
- Bringing New Life to Older Finishes



612-803-1356  
2419 E. 38th Street

Check out our reviews!

WWW.BRUSHEDMONKEY.COM





# There's No Place Like Home



A fun cloud mural for a child's room, painted by Brushed Monkey

try to make this as painless as possible."

"The most fun part of this job is transforming someone's life. Some people have never had a new kitchen. It's seeing them happy when we're done that's the pleasure in this for me," Cassone said.

Joe Hayes, owner of Hayes Window Restoration, found his calling when he purchased

a 1916 home in South Minneapolis. When original windows are replaced by modern styles, something is lost, he said. Windows on older homes were made of rot-resistant old-growth wood to last for decades, but were intended to be regularly maintained. Too many windows in older Twin Cities homes were neglected for years.

But, Hayes said, his company can restore even badly damaged windows to their former beauty.

Hayes Window Restoration restores sash cords and weather stripping and can glaze windows. They offer full window restoration to bring back the original beauty to older homes, working on both interior and exterior upgrades. They also partner with historic preservation organizations including the Twin Cities Bungalow Club and the Window Preservation Alliance.

Castle Building and Remodeling, one of the largest remodeling companies in the Twin Cities, has been in business for more than 45 years, said marketing manager Hannah Husemann. "We specialize in older urban homes. We can handle just about any project," she said.

Right now, Husemann said, clients are asking for wood cabinets or green or blue painted ones, instead



Boulevard garden with flowers and herbs

of all-white cabinetry. There has also been a big push for handmade tiles and induction ranges.

Building porches, decks and other outdoor amenities is limited to times like spring and summer when the weather is good, Husemann said. That means that right now the company is starting to get busy with outdoor projects.

While Castle Building and

Remodeling's main focus is kitchens and baths they also remodel attics, gutting the space to the studs, adding dormers to create more living space, skylights, walk-in closets, even fireplaces.

Castle partners with All Energy Solar so they can integrate solar installation into remodeling projects. They also work with and recom-

See Home, page 4



## We fix leaky chimneys!



Masonry, Chimney & Fireplace

Chimney Rebuild, Repair, and Inspections  
Fireplace Installations & Makeovers  
Tuckpointing

Call (651) 207-6374



**BUILD YOUR FUTURE. BUILD YOUR DREAM.**

Pay above the market rate • Health Insurance • Dental insurance • HSA/FSA • 401k  
Profit Sharing • Paid Time Off • Paid Holidays • Life Insurance • Flexibility in work schedule  
Opportunity for professional development or tuition reimbursement • No Weekends • Paid overtime  
Family like atmosphere with company outings, bbq's, and relaxed office environment

**APPLY NOW**

[WWW.CASTLEBRI.COM/WORKCASTLE/](http://WWW.CASTLEBRI.COM/WORKCASTLE/)





# There's No Place Like Home

Home, from page 3

mend eco-friendly materials such as linoleum or cork for floors, reclaimed trees from urban neighborhoods to make butcher blocks, and tile made from natural materials.

Of course, there are many improvements homeowners can do themselves.

Spring is a good time to get rid of clutter and the garage is a great place to begin. Get rid of old paint and soda cans, broken folding chairs and flower pots you won't be using. Put away the snow

shovels and snow blowers and pull out the grill, the fire pit and the gardening equipment.

Organize your tools, putting winter items into storage (save that ice melt in a waterproof container) and pulling out warm weather supplies and tools. Donate unwanted items that are in good shape, but let the city take away unusable articles.

Often, garage floors are a mess, with dirt and oil spots. To clean, add a half cup of bleach to a gallon of water and use it to mop or scrub

the surface. Wait about 15 minutes and then use your garden hose, equipped with a spray nozzle pointed back to front, to spray the dirt out of the garage.

In Minnesota, many homes were built with smaller windows to keep the heat in, but they also limit the sunlight. There are ways to brighten rooms without a major renovation.

Using light colors on the walls can brighten rooms. Strategically placed mirrors, metallic vases and copper pots for plants will all reflect light.

And don't forget to wash all the windows, every year. If you're not fond of climbing ladders to reach upper floors, there are professionals who will do this for you for a fee.

When buying overhead lighting fixtures, select those that cast light evenly. Choose halogen light bulbs, known for efficiency and long life, as well as brightness and quality of light.

While upgrading indoor spaces is on the minds of many homeowners, spring is also the time to move outside, creating and upgrading open-



Beautiful and functional kitchen design by Third Street Studios

air areas, curing cabin fever at the end of a long, cold winter and an even longer pandemic.

Spring is the time to begin gardening. For those who want to grow their own flow-

ers and vegetables, but don't want to dig up their lawn, there are options. Container gardens and raised beds continue to grow in popularity.

Many people choose to plant smaller gardens in boulevard strips. These little plots of land technically belong to the city, and planting gardens in them was prohibited until a few years ago. But so many good, law-abiding citizens flouted the prohibition that the ordinance was changed.

Boulevard strip gardens, as well as container and raised bed gardens, are ideal for planting pollinator-friendly vegetables including cucumbers, squash, tomatoes, peppers, and eggplant, as well as herbs such as lavender, mint, thyme, basil and lemon balm. Even some of Minnesota's favorite flowers, including daisies, snapdragons, marigolds and hostas are favorites of pollinators, too.

Pollinators love all of these. While growing delicious vegetables, fragrant herbs and lovely flowers, homeowners can help the environment as well. Spring is a win-win, even if sometimes it takes a while to show up.



**PROFESSIONAL  
TREE SERVICE**  
**612-721-4153 • BrattTree.com**

✓ Pruning

✓ Tree removal

✓ Plant health care

✓ Emergency service & storm damage

✓ Residential & commercial properties

Fully licensed, bonded & insured



**AirCondition** your shelter  
with **Ray N. WELTER**  
Since 1912 • Family Owned & Operated

**\$99**

**Clean and Safety Check**  
With this coupon  
Offer expires 7/31/22. Cannot be  
combined with any other offer.



**4637 Chicago Ave. S. • 612-825-6867**  
**www.welterheating.com**

**MINNEAPOLIS GRANITE**  
"Serving the Community Since 1906"



**Kitchen & Bath Countertops  
Bathroom Vanity Cabinetry**  
**Memorials  
Handcrafted Wooden Urns**  
4400 Chicago Ave S  
612-822-3135  
**minneapolisgranite.com**

**Spatial Effects**  
Gallery  
Handmade Furniture,  
Fine Art and Craft



FURNITURE, PAINTINGS,  
PHOTOGRAPHY,  
SCULPTURE,  
CERAMICS and CRAFT

GREAT GIFTS!

All by Local  
Artists!

1759 Selby Ave  
St Paul, MN 55104  
www.spatialeffectsgallery.com

DESIGN • BUILD • INSTALL  
Fine Custom Kitchens, Baths,  
Furniture and Cabinetry



1759 Selby Ave  
Saint Paul, MN 55104  
651 917 9296  
www.thirdstreetstudios.com

**THIRD STREET  
STUDIOS**



# The last stand – the Democratic Socialist Caucus at the DFL State Convention

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

Some of us were delegates, some of us were alternates, and some of us were “volunteers.” Some of the alternates got upgraded to delegate. Some of us were officers in the newly formed political committee – the Democratic Socialist Caucus. (No official connection to the DFL, because we’re not “recognized” by them, but nevertheless, we organize only within the DFL.) Some of us were wearing multiple hats.

I was wearing multiple hats. I am the Communications Officer for the DSC, and I was also an DFL alternate from Senate District 63, but I didn’t expect to get

upgraded, and wasn’t. I was mainly there to work for and boost the DSC, to cover the convention as a citizen journalist and, of course, to party.

DSC hosted a wonderful party Friday night at the Rochester Art Center, a small event space that is adjacent to the Mayo Convention Center, where the DFL convention was held. (The Republicans held their convention in the same space the previous weekend. Needless to say, it was a very different scene.) Our party was called Socializing with Socialists.

The party was in an open house format, with a cash bar, buffet-style foods, and



DSC members show up for Unite HERE Local 21.

soft background music that included some dance music. (There were occasional out-breaks of dancing.) Mostly it was a way for democratic socialists and socialism-curious people from all over the state to meet up and talk. Over the several hours of the party, about 100 people in all came by for varying periods of time. Lots of new connections were made and quite a few new members signed up. I’m not that sociable, but I met a dozen new people, and met another six or seven that I knew from Zoom or social media but had not yet met in person.

The main gathering spot for the DSC over the three days was our table, which we shared with the DFL Disability Caucus. The table was beautifully decorated with buckets of red carnations which we gave away to anyone who would take one, and lots of literature produced by the volunteers in the week before the convention. I spent a few hours Friday and a few hours Saturday staffing the table.

On Saturday, we had a general membership meeting of the DSC in hybrid mode, with about 25 people in a convention center meeting room, and five or six joining in on Zoom. The DSC

See DFL, page 19

## CORRECTION!

BY ED FELIEN

In last month’s editions of Southside Pride we published “Swamp creatures rise from the dead.” I wrote:

“That changed in 1964 when (according to the story believed in South Minneapolis) 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.

Governor Karl Rolvaag enjoy the spray from Minnehaha Falls. On that day in 1964, however, Minneapolis was experiencing a drought. In order to create the beautiful display of the falls pictured here, the city had to open many fire hydrants, upstream and out of sight, to feed water to the creek.”

OK, sorry.

My bad.

The “story believed in South Minneapolis” was wrong. LBJ did show up to witness the spectacle of a full, raging Minnehaha Falls in the middle of a drought. Humphrey wanted to impress LBJ. If the photo was taken before the August Democratic National Convention, then Humphrey was still trying to convince LBJ to pick him as his running mate.

As the former mayor of Minneapolis, he knew who to talk to about opening up the fire hydrants. But it would take too long for that water to reach from the storm sewers on 31st Street to the storm sewer outlet on Lake Hiawatha. Even if they opened all the hydrants from Chicago Avenue over to 27th Avenue it wouldn’t come in a rush strong enough

The unintended consequence of permanently blocking five feet of water trying to leave Lake Hiawatha is that the added water will seep into the porous peat soil, raise the water table and saturate the ground around Lake Hiawatha. This will, in turn, affect drainage of the porous peat soil around Lake Nokomis, and when that soil becomes saturated, sinkholes will collapse sidewalks and the groundwater will seep into neighborhood basements.

I wrote to the DNR (Minnesota Department of Natural Resources) and asked them, “Can you please send me a copy of the permit the Minneapolis Park Board has to maintain the dam/weir at 27th Avenue and 47th Street in South Minneapolis that blocks water from Lake Hiawatha to exit into Minnehaha Creek?”

I wrote to the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District and asked them: “What is the function of the dam/weir at 27th Avenue that blocks the exit of Lake Hiawatha into Minnehaha Creek? What harm would result from the removal of the dam/weir?”

I’m waiting for their response.

I wrote to Kayla Westerlund, Permitting Program Manager for the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District:

“Can you please send me a copy of the permit the Minneapolis Park Board has to maintain the dam/weir at 27th Avenue and 47th Street in South Minneapolis that blocks water from Lake Hiawatha to exit into Minnehaha Creek. My understanding of regulations is that: ‘Federally-owned dams and dams determined by the DNR to be non-hazardous are exempt from the dam safety rules. Dams not subject to the dam safety rules will still require state and federal permits if they involve filling of public waters or wetlands.’

“The dam/weir rises five feet from the floor of Minnehaha Creek. This has filled Lake Hiawatha with more than an additional 80 million gallons of water. Clearly, for that extensive an operation,

the Department of Natural Resources would have required a permit. Would the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District require a permit as well?

“We are requesting to see a copy of that permit.”

No response.

I wrote to the Park Board:

“Dear Superintendent Bangoura:

“Can you please send me a copy of the permit the Minneapolis Park Board has to maintain the dam/weir at 27th Avenue and 47th Street in South Minneapolis that blocks water from Lake Hiawatha to exit into Minnehaha Creek? My understanding of regulations is that: ‘Federally-owned dams and dams determined by the DNR to be non-hazardous are exempt from the dam safety rules. Dams not subject to the dam safety rules will still require state and federal permits if they involve filling of public waters or wetlands.’ The dam/weir rises five feet from the floor of Minnehaha Creek. This has filled Lake Hiawatha with more than an additional 80 million gallons of water. Clearly, for that extensive an operation, the Department of Natural Resources would have required a permit.

“Could you also tell me the date the dam/weir was put into operation?”

I filled out a Data Response form.

No response.

I wrote to the Park Commissioner for the district:

“Hi Commissioner Musich,

“Can we agree that the water table for the Nokomis/Hiawatha communities is dangerously high?

“Can we agree with the Barr Engineering Study that removing the 27th Avenue dam/weir would lower the level of Hiawatha Lake (and eventually the surrounding water tables for the Hiawatha/Nokomis



The dam/weir at 27th Avenue holding back five feet of water

communities) by one to two feet?

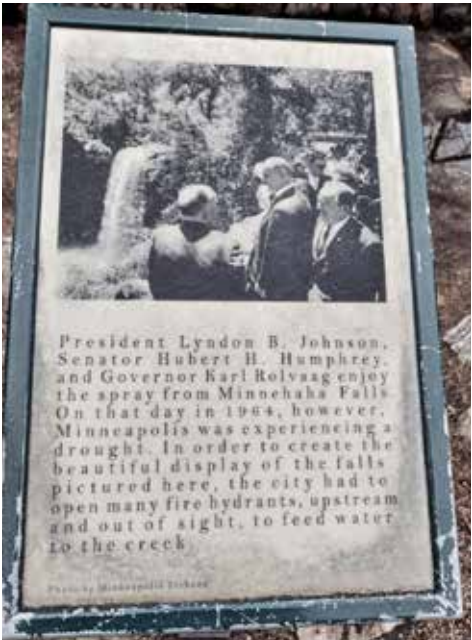
“Will you support removing the dam/weir at 27th Avenue?”

No response.

The city of Minneapolis sponsored a study by the University of Minnesota, “Lake Nokomis Groundwater and Surface Water Evaluation,” that asked, “What is causing high water issues in South Minneapolis? What can be done to mitigate these issues?” The result of the study was (typical of academic studies) we need more study.

Maybe the answer could be that there is a dam/weir at 27th Avenue that is holding back five feet of water and we could mitigate those issues if we took down the dam/weir.

Or is that too obvious?



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.”

Readers wrote in:

“Why’d you write that LBJ never visited Minnehaha Falls? There’s a picture of him and HHH and Gov. Rolvaag right by the rock wall.”

“I think you oughta update your column.”

And then, Bonnie Oldre sent in the photo of the plaque.

Under the photo, it says:

“President Lyndon B. Johnson, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey and



EVENTS

**Plymouth Sunday Forum: Meet the Laura Caviani Trio**  
**Sunday, June 12, 10 a.m.**  
Plymouth Congregational Church  
1900 Nicollet Ave., Mpls.  
In the chapel and on Zoom  
Meet the very talented musicians of Laura Caviani Trio: Laura Caviani, Chris Bates and Dave Schmalenberger. Learn about their musical journeys, how they came together, upcoming individual plans and hopes, and, of course, a musical treat. For more info, go to <https://www.plymouth.org/explore/forum/>.

**Impart: ‘Jim Crow of the North’**  
**Monday, June 13, 6 to 8:30 p.m.**  
Hennepin Avenue UMC  
511 Groveland Ave., Mpls.  
“Jim Crow of the North” is a film that explores the origins of housing segregation in the Minneapolis area and also illustrates how Black people built community — within and despite — the red lines that these restrictive covenants created. AsaleSol Young, executive director of Urban Homeworks, will also share her story as a Black Minnesotan. Learn more at <http://haumc.org/impart/>.

**Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church**  
**COVID Vaccination Clinic**  
**Saturday, June 25, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
Friendship Academy of the Arts Intermediate School  
3320 E. 41<sup>st</sup> St., Mpls.  
Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church will hold a COVID vaccination clinic in conjunction with our Church Anniversary Family Day. Please pre-register for the clinic by texting Shirley Gardner at 612-327-8753 by June 15, 2022. Your name and phone number are needed to register everyone getting a vaccination.

**Diamond Lake Lutheran Church**  
**Vacation Bible School**  
**June 27 – 30**  
**9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**  
Diamond Lake Lutheran Church  
5760 Portland Ave. S., Mpls.  
Calling all elementary schoolers, it’s time for Vacation Bible School! This year we will be traveling the world

trying to find Heaven on Earth and learning about new cultures along the way. Throughout the week we will learn all about how to make the world a better place by being kinder to people and the planet. Any child aged 4-12 is eligible to participate and it costs only \$30 for one child or a maximum of \$50 per family. We hope you will join us June 27 – 30 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a fun-filled week of friends, music and games! Register at [DLLC.org/DLLCKids](http://DLLC.org/DLLCKids).

**Minneapolis Friends Meeting**  
**Summer Schedule**  
**May 22 – Sept. 11, 10 to 11 a.m.**  
4401 York Ave. S., Mpls.  
The summer schedule for Minneapolis Friends Meeting is in effect from now until Sept. 11. Worship hours are from 10 to 11 a.m. Services will continue to be hybrid — join us on Zoom or at the Meetinghouse. Please go to our website at [minneapolisfriends.org](http://minneapolisfriends.org) for more information. All are welcome!

**Walking Meditation**  
**Sundays, June 26 and July 24**  
**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 movement. 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](mailto:wayopeningworkshops@gmail.com). Visit [wayopeningworkshops.com](http://wayopeningworkshops.com) for more information.

**Commuter bicycle for a refugee**  
From the Minnesota Council of Churches: Have a bike you’ve been thinking of donating? One of our clients would put it to good use! We’re looking for a bicycle in good working order to help a newly arrived Afghan man with his commute to his new job. Please visit our website at <http://mnchurches.org/what-we-do/refugee-services/donate> for an up-to-

date registry and Amazon Wishlist of our current needs. 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](mailto: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>.

**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.

**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/>

**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. 48<sup>th</sup> 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/NCBCfoodshelf>. Saturdays (except 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays) 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Brown door on the corner of 48<sup>th</sup> St. and 15<sup>th</sup> Ave.)

**Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church**  
**5300 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Mpls.**  
**612-825-6846**  
Serving Loaves and Fishes free community meals on Wednesdays from 5 to 6 p.m. The meals are all “to-go” meals, served from the northwest door on 53<sup>rd</sup> Street. These meals are free to anyone, no questions asked. You might have had a hard day and simply cannot cook dinner. Or may-

be 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. 50<sup>th</sup> St., Mpls.**  
**612-721-6231**  
Yes, the food shelf is still open! In order to fight food insecurity in our neighborhood, the Minnehaha Food Shelf is open on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 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 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/>

## The Powderhorn Religious Community Welcomes You

*Bahá’í*  
**BAHÁ’I CENTER OF MINNEAPOLIS**  
3644 Chicago Ave. S.  
612-823-3494  
[Minneapolis.Bahai@gmail.com](mailto:Minneapolis.Bahai@gmail.com)  
Devotions at the Bahá’í Center and via Zoom, Sundays 10 am, and Tuesdays via Zoom 6:30 pm  
Dawn prayers via Zoom daily at 7 am  
Dinner and devotions outdoors at the Bahá’í Center  
Fridays 6-7 pm  
See [www.minneapolisbahai.org](http://www.minneapolisbahai.org)  
*So powerful is the light of unity that it can illuminate the whole earth.*  
*-Baha’u’llah*

*Christian*  
**CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
3901 Chicago Ave. S.  
612-827-2504 or [www.clchurch.org](http://www.clchurch.org)  
Sunday Worship at 10 am  
Interim Pastor Kjell Ferris  
*A Reconciling in Christ Congregation*


**MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
The Center for Changing Lives  
2400 Park Ave. S., 612-871-8831  
[www.messiahlutheranmpls.org](http://www.messiahlutheranmpls.org)  
9 am In-person Messiah  
Traditional Worship – 1st & 3rd Sundays  
11 am In-person Messiah Praise

Worship – Every Sunday – Fellowship Lunch Afterward

**ST. JOAN OF ARC CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**  
[www.stjoan.com](http://www.stjoan.com)  
4537 Third Ave.  
Saturday, 5 pm in the Church  
Sunday, 7:45 am in the Church, 9 & 11 am in the gym  
Video available on our website and Facebook page  
*We Welcome You Wherever You Are On Your Journey*



*All Directory Churches are Wheelchair Accessible*



## 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:*

**Southside Pride**  
3200 CHICAGO AVENUE SOUTH  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA 55407  
CALL US AT 612-822-4662  
email us at [editor@southsidepride.com](mailto:editor@southsidepride.com) or [edfelien@southsidepride.com](mailto:edfelien@southsidepride.com)

PUBLISHER/EDITOR	Ed Felien
ACCOUNTANT	Bridgit Jordan
ART DIRECTOR/GRAPHIC DESIGNER	Rebecca James
MANAGING EDITOR	Katherine Schaefer
STAFF WRITER	Debra Keefer Ramage
SALES DIRECTOR	David Goldstein
AD EXECUTIVE	Katherine Schaefer
WEBSITE MAINTENANCE	Rebecca James
COMPUTER CONSULTANT	Celia Wirth
PRINTER	Ron Crawford
DELIVERY	ECM Metro Periodical Partners LLC



# Marquise

BY ELAINE KLAASSEN

I met Marquise Bowie at George Floyd Square in February of 2021 on a day commemorating the assassination of Malcolm X.

I introduced myself because he was wearing an Agape hood-



**Marquise in conversation. Continuing dialogue as a peacemaking tool is one of Agape's basic beliefs.**

ie, which identified him as belonging to the group I had wanted to write about for a while already.

I ended up writing about Agape various times and got to know Bowie in the process.

The most dramatic part of his story is that he was imprisoned for 11 years and nine months, from 2007 to 2019, mostly in a federal prison camp in South Dakota, for "conspiracy to sell drugs," a non-specific charge including everything he and his friends had been doing for the past 17 years. He and 11 friends were charged and offered plea deals, which all but one of the 12 accepted. Marquise, and everybody else I've talked to about this case, always remind me that you do way more time for a small amount of crack than for a large amount of cocaine—and that crack cocaine is just cocaine with baking soda in it.

Per the plea deal, Marquise was sentenced to 14 and a half years, but earned some time off for good behavior. Just recently he was released from his last two years of parole.

Bowie was getting his life together, had a job and was in treatment for alcohol issues when he was incarcerated. The only drugs he ever did were alcohol a lot, weed a little, and mushrooms twice. His love for sports kept him away from the hard stuff. But he did peddle here and there. When he was 12, his mother got into a relationship with a drug dealer, so after that he lived in a drug house where selling was pretty normal.

Like most people in this culture, Marquise loved money, and he said the money was nice, and made it possible to take care

of some of his cousins. Now he makes just enough to take care of himself only, but he says he prefers a low income to the quick money that leads you to prison where you can only earn \$50 a month.

From everything I know about him, if ever there was a person who has made lemonade from lemons, Marquise is that guy.

He likes to look at his inordinately long sentence as a lifesaver. He was drinking, his crowd was trigger-happy, and he had seen too many friends in caskets. He might have been killed; he might have killed someone. Maybe being in prison was a safer place for him to be, to protect him from himself, from the streets, from law enforcement.

Two members of the Rolling Thirties Bloods involved in the same case lied about Marquise's role, assuring themselves shorter sentences and a longer sentence for Marquise, but Bowie doesn't have hard feelings and understands why they did it. "Indirectly, they helped me become a better man," he says.

The best thing about prison for him was the opportunity for education. During Marquise's formal education in public school, he had been a good student, often in advanced classes, but he didn't graduate. Already inside the criminal justice system in high school, he got his GED at the Hennepin County workhouse.

Throughout his long period of imprisonment, he took every available class he could fit into his schedule, the only limitation being the classes where the books were too expensive. He took the writing class conducted by Jay Reese year after year. Examples of his writing were selected every year for the books printed from those classes, "4 P.M. Count." His writing is extremely good—creative, direct and clear. One essay is a psychological analysis of the twin personalities—Mad-dog and Marquise—that lived within him.

While in Yankton, and continuing now, Marquise is an inveterate, thoughtful learner—between extensive serious reading and online classes.

Bowie is also open to many different types of people. He doesn't pre-judge and is willing to learn. His informal prison education included meeting people he wouldn't have connected with elsewhere. In particular, he developed an unexpected friendship with a former Detroit police officer, also incarcerated, who was in his Bible study

group, in his writing classes and in other groups. Marquise knew he had been there 15 years, but he didn't know what for. "At the end of the day," Marquise said, "[the man] was 'a prisoner.'"

Luckily, Marquise's entire prison experience was in low security. The prison camp building in Yankton, which has no fences, is in a residential neighborhood across from a high school—they could watch football games through the window.

It wasn't all good, though. The facility was built to house 300 people and there were 900 living there. But Marquise makes that into a positive as well: "I learned a lot of patience, waiting in line," he says, "and tolerating close proximity."

The worst thing about being incarcerated was that, as happens to many incarcerated people, he was not allowed to attend his mother's funeral. Marquise's mother, his "greatest supporter" as he has said many times, the person who struggled with her own life yet gave him everything she could, died while he was in Yankton, and he couldn't be at her grave. I was sure there would be no positive way to look at that. But Bowie said it's good he didn't go. Mostly, he couldn't have handled it, he said. "I can barely handle it now, three years later." He hangs onto his memories. His mother was the one who brought his little daughters to see him when he was in Yankton. One of his writings is about his grief at being convicted immediately after his second daughter was born and his reunion with her at age 4 when she didn't know him. All through his incarceration and especially now, he is committed to being a father even though his own father never stepped up and wasn't there.

When George Floyd was murdered, Bowie was living close to 38th and Chicago. He and several trusted friends built barricades to protect the area that had just been so drastically and cruelly assaulted. They distributed food and clothing to whoever needed it. They sought out Steve Floyd (no relation to George), one of the co-founders of the Agape Movement, to form a version of Agape at 38th and Chicago, to help young Black men deal with mental health issues, to find employment, to get support.

At present, Bowie is a solid, focused Agape member. He has his own side organization, as do many Agape members, called BAM—Becoming A Man—through which he gives hours and hours of his time to young people.

Agape's main job as a group is to patrol the streets at night and maintain a presence in schools in order to provide security. They are not armed and use communication and creativity to keep a lid on violence.

Bowie says, "I don't believe in violence of any kind. Having a gun doesn't help. It's very risky. We have a relationship with peo-

ple in the street. They might listen to us."

Every night after their patrols Bowie takes notes on the debriefing session which he then types up the next morning. He's the scribe.

It seems like he's pretty much doing Agape work around the clock. Whatever the situation, he's on it. He answers his phone and talks to whoever needs encouragement. He answers texts right away to stay in touch with his network.

With his talent for friendly conversation, he goes out into George Floyd Square during the day to welcome tourists and engage them in conversation. This dispels any notion people might have about GFS being a scary place.

One morning when I went to meet Marquise I found him in front of the ForReal coffeehouse talking to some friends about religion. He's a natural preacher. "You don't have to look for God. God is not lost. God is always looking for you and will find you," implying that God will then love and care for you in

your darkest hour.

Agape is a Greek word which means unconditional love. Marquise practices this kind of disinterested care for others, both through Agape the organization and through his personal Christian faith and association with Macedonia Baptist Church. For example, the weekend of May 14, Agape organized a Circle of Love luncheon to embrace those parents who have lost children to gun violence. In high school Bowie himself lost his best friend in a fatal shooting at a party.

Bowie has dealt with many harsh realities as have the other Agape members. A common commitment among them is trying to provide the care and attention to young people they themselves didn't get while growing up.

It seems Bowie sets himself Herculean challenges. He moves forward, though, confident in support from Agape and from his church. Besides that, he grounds himself in daily prayer, meditation, Bible and devotional reading. "It's my spiritual oxygen," he says.



**Why Buy New  
When  
Used Will Do!**

**Store Hours:  
11-6pm Wed thru Sun**

**3304 E. Lake St.  
Minneapolis, MN 55406**

**REPAIR LAIR**  
www.repairlair.com

**612-729-9095**

**SPECS  
APPEAL**

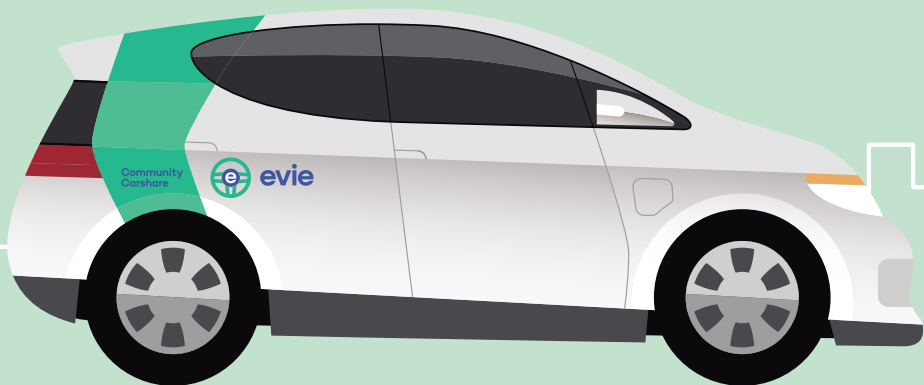


**We carry a stunning variety of  
handmade frames from around the  
world. Our experienced opticians  
know what will look good with your  
prescription and facial features.**

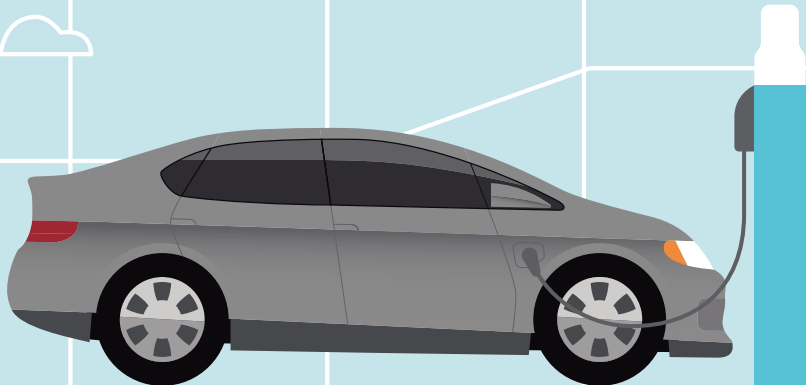
844 GRAND AVE. ST. PAUL, MN | JUST EAST OF VICTORIA  
651.291.5150 | SPECSAPPEALMN.COM



# EVs for Everyone.



**Evie is all-electric, renewably powered carsharing.**  
One-way trips by the minute, hour, or day.  
Charging, parking, and insurance included.



**Public electric car charging spaces available 24/7.**  
Located around Saint Paul and Minneapolis.  
Charge up. Drive on.

[EvieCarshare.com/Electric](https://EvieCarshare.com/Electric) | [EVSpotCharging.org/Hello](https://EVSpotCharging.org>Hello)







# Open Streets Franklin Avenue is back and better than ever

BY STEPHANIE FOX

This year, the Minneapolis celebration called Open Streets is

back after COVID shut down events around the city. But on Sunday, July 10, from 11 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., East Franklin Avenue from Port-

land to 26th Avenue will again be closed to motor vehicle traffic and open to bike riders, skaters, skateboarders and pedestrians.

There will be lots to do, hear, see and even eat. And the event is free. A number of local groups and organizations will be there to inform and entertain, featuring the best of the Phillips neighborhood.

“Open Streets Franklin stretches through a culturally rich corridor in the heart of Minneapolis,” said Ember Rasmussen, who organizes Open Streets events. “Notably, Franklin is home to many urban American Indian community hubs, art galleries and restaurants, as well as Norway House, a Norwegian cultural center.” Those, and many more groups, will be part of the reborn 2022 Open Streets celebration.





**Takoda's career counselors will help you enter, reenter, or advance in the workforce!**



**takoda.org**  
1845 East Franklin Avenue | Minneapolis



(Photo/Fibonacci Blue)

**Hennepin County Library, Franklin Avenue branch**  
1314 E. Franklin Ave.

“We have been attending Open Streets for several years but not since COVID, so we’re super excited,” said librarian Kimberly Trinh-Sy. “This year is special, not just because we’re back, but because

our library was renovated in 2019. We were closed to the public and reopened in March 2020, but we’re using Franklin Open Streets as our official belated reopening celebration.”

The library will invite people to see the new and renovated space,

**See Open Streets, page 10**



**BLOCK PARTY!**  
SUNDAY, JULY 10

**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS**  
EST. 1972

**AT OPEN STREETS FRANKLIN | 26TH & EAST FRANKLIN AVE.**


★ Community Meal   ★ Live Screenprinting   ★ Co-op Staff Art Fair   ★ Live Music

★ Local Producers Market

MUSIC CURATED BY  **KRSM** 98.9 FM | RADIO FOR ALL

**LEARN MORE AT SEWARD.COOP**

**Woodlands NATIONAL BANK**



If you are seeking personal service for your banking needs ...  
If you appreciate being called by your first name ...  
If the word yes sounds better to you than no ...  
Find an opportunity soon to see Alex at our Minneapolis location.

Woodlands Bank is committed to you. Your personal banking needs, your commercial banking dreams, your approved car loan and/or mortgage are the realities waiting for you when you shake off your hesitation to think outside the box. Like in Big Box Banking. Check us out. We are right in your backyard and proud of it.

*We steadfastly commit to the community we serve. We want everyone in this community to be a part of our vision.*

1113 East Franklin Avenue, #108  
Hours: M-Th 9 to 4:30 • Fridays 9-6  
612-230-6960





**Open Streets, from page 9**

but there will be more than just a library tour.

“We’ll have entertainment,” Trinh-Sy said. “The Indigenous Peoples Task Force’s Ikidowin Youth Theater Ensemble will be doing three 15-minute stage performances.”

The library will also have chil-

dren’s activities including a children’s book giveaway. “The kids will fill out a form and then can choose a book to take home with them,” Trinh-Sy said. Members of the Law Library will also be there, not giving legal advice, she said, but connecting people with legal services if they need them. Visitors can also view a special collection of historical photographs.

The library is also collaborating with artist and creative healer, Ellen Sweetman, who has worked with them at previous Open Streets. Sweetman will invite and guide people to create community art. “I work with creativity, discovering new ways to make art,” Sweetman said. “This is perfect for those whose narrative has been, ‘I can’t draw or paint’ or ‘I am not an artist.’”

“There will be a lot of different fun activities for people of all ages,” Trinh-Sy said. “Franklin Avenue library branch is a small branch, but we’re hoping for a big crowd. It’s going to be a busy day. We want people to know we are open and to get connected to our library once again.”

**Norway House  
913 E. Franklin Ave.**

“We are Norway House. Our mission is to connect the USA with contemporary Norway through business and culture,” said Joseph Grødahl, Norway House’s director. Norway House shares the block with the Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church,

both part of the block’s 100-year-plus Norwegian presence. Norway House has attended Open Streets each year since 2014, according to Grødahl. Then came the shutdown during COVID. They’re back again, but this time with a difference.

This year, for the first time, Norway House is collaborating with the American Iraqi Reconsolidation Project, a group of Iraqi refugees and immigrants to the United States. “The group’s mission is to build friendships with Americans, to bring about healing after the wars in Iraq,” Grødahl said. “Norway has a presence on the world stage as a peacemaker. We’ve been working with Iraqis just for this event.”

“At Open Streets, we’ll have Iraqi dancers and music, and our café will serve Iraqi and Norwegian desserts such as baklava and Norwegian pepper cookies,” he said.

Artists and craft sellers will give demonstrations of Arabic calligraphy and Sumerian cuneiform, writing kids’ names in these languages. And, of course, there will be demonstrations of Viking runes.

**Seward Co-op Block Party  
2601 Franklin (between 25th and 26th Avenues)**

Seward Co-op is using Franklin Open Streets to throw a block party celebrating their 50th anniversary

with a number of events, including a community meal. For only \$5, choose meat or vegetarian options and browse the block. Local producers will be there, offering samples of their sustainably produced foods at the community foods fair.

“For kids, there will be a bounce house,” said Natalia Mendez. “And we’ll have family-friendly activities with some of our community partners.” Music will be provided by Phillips-based radio station KRSM and local DJs. And visitors can bring their own tote bag to be screen-printed. Or, if you are one of the first 75 people to request a tote, Seward will provide one for you.

**BF50 Indigenous Health**

Britt Howell is a health and wellness educator who will be bringing her knowledge to Open Streets again this year. Her group, BF50 Indigenous Health, organizes health and culture events for Black and Indigenous communities in Minnesota. At Open Streets, she will be partnering with other groups to offer even more services.

“We will have resources to assist low income and underserved people, with blood pressure and blood sugar tests. Licensed social workers will be there to answer people’s questions,” Howell said.

Howell will also be partnering



Please call  
612-870-9842 for  
reservations or  
take-out orders

All week from  
8 am to 3 pm.

1113 E. Franklin Avenue, Minneapolis, MN 55404



PATIO AND  
DINE IN SEATING NOW OPEN!

MEET

the

**CHEESE  
BURGER  
PIZZA**





Check out our other specials at [pizzaluce.com/menu](http://pizzaluce.com/menu)

**ELECTRIC FETUS  
54TH ANNIVERSARY SALE  
20% OFF STOREWIDE\*  
JUNE 7-12**

**CLOTHING  
MUSIC  
GIFTS**



10-6 Tue-Sat  
11-6 Sun  
Closed Mon

**Electric  
Fetus**  
Since 1968

612.870.9300  
2000 S 4th Ave • Mpls  
\*some restrictions apply





(Photo/Fibonacci Blue)



(Photo/Alex Tsatsoulis)



(Photo/Fibonacci Blue)

with Nice Ride Minnesota, a bike sharing program concentrating on sustainable food and transportation. “Nice Ride for All memberships usually cost \$109 a year,” she said. “Here at Open Streets, it will cost only \$5 for the entire year. We will also be signing people up for a food education program and classes about plant-based foods, given through Minneapolis Park and Recreation, all summer.”

Palabristas, a Minnesota-based collective of poets, spoken word artists, and writers of ChicanX/LatinX heritage, will be there to show how to get the most out of spoken word performances. And members of the Lower Sioux Indian Community and other organizations will be part of the outreach effort.

#### Big Blue Sun Museum of Solar Cooking

Solar cookers may be the next big thing, says Luther Krueger, who will

be at Open Streets demonstrating how various sun-powered cookers can not only make cooking easier but can help save the world.

Krueger hopes that people seeing his demonstrations will become motivated to get their own solar cookers. He promoted solar cooking at Broadway Open Streets last year. “A lot of people came up and wanted to invest,” he said, “but I am not selling these cookers.”

“This will be a cooking demo,” Krueger continued. “Mainly, I promote them for environmental concerns. There are whole areas of the world where people don’t have electricity and they are deforesting where they live to get cooking fuel. They are getting respiratory illnesses from the smoke. In many of these places where this is happening, they are sun-rich. They are not using the energy that they have in abundance.”

Krueger said he started collecting solar cookers about 16 years ago and now has more than 80 of them. “I

started to make some and buy them. I will have a parabolic cooker to fry or bake and a vacuum tube cooker that works like a microwave and some that work like a slow cooker. With solar, there are no pollutants.”

“We live in what I call the ‘variety weather belt,’ but even here you can cook any time of year,” Krueger said. “When the sun is lower it reduces the power, but it can still work. It just might take a little longer in December than in June. But it’s the greenest thing you can do when you cook food.” Look for his tent and follow the tasty food aromas.

#### Seward Civic & Commerce Association

The Seward Civic & Commerce Association (SCCA) has been around for more than 30 years, promoting local businesses and working for policy changes that affect business owners. They are new to Open Streets, said Association Coordinator Kim Jakus, but while their presence there might be low-key compared to some groups attending, they hope to encourage businesses to sign up for their events and for people to learn about those businesses. “We want to see more things out on the streets to engage people and to create a festive environment,” Jakus said.

“Last year we did a lot of work dealing with semi-truck parking. There were a lot of these trucks parked on the street and they became a hindrance to customer parking. Now, the city has a new ordinance prohibiting this, which is good

for small businesses and consumers as well.”

The SCCA will be signing people up to win gift baskets from various

businesses along the Franklin commercial corridor and will be answering questions from business owners about their organization.



(Photo/Will Elsas)



**Rebecca's Bakery & Cafe**  
612-455-0236

Rebecca's Bakery has been baking quality Italian goods since 2013 for family celebrations, or to enjoy at any time.




**TIRAMISU**  
**CREAM PUFF**  
**CANNOLI**  
**RICOTTA**  
**FRUIT TART**  
**CAKES**



**FRESH LOCALLY ROASTED COFFEE**  
*and much more.*

Delivery available through DoorDash, UberEats, and Grubhub.

2211 East Franklin Ave., Minneapolis, MN 55404  
612-455-0236 • [www.rebeccasbakery.com](http://www.rebeccasbakery.com)



**CUHCC** COMMUNITY-UNIVERSITY HEALTH CARE CENTER

**Free COVID vaccine and booster shots available for everyone 5 years and older**

- 1st booster shots for everyone 5 years old and older
- 2nd booster shots for everyone 50+ and people with pre-existing conditions

**Hours**  
Monday - Friday 8 am - 4:45 pm  
Second Saturdays of the month, 9-12 pm


**APPOINTMENTS NECESSARY**  
Call **612-301-3433** to schedule.

**CUHCC provides medical care for everyone!**

[www.CUHCC.com](http://www.CUHCC.com)

Interpreters available

2001 Bloomington Avenue  
South Minneapolis, MN 55404



COMMUNITY-UNIVERSITY HEALTH CARE CENTER  
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA  
**Driven to Discover®**



# DFL Seniors vs. bikesters

There is, once again, a proposal in front of the Park Board to close some Minneapolis parkways to vehicular traffic on certain days every month. The changes would alter the nature and use of parkways across Minneapolis from vehicle-centric use to so-called active human use.

“Human use?” Who do they

think are driving the cars? The intent of the parkway system is to act as a connection between natural elements that are public parks. The proposed change to close off sections of parkways is a step toward the desire to transition parkways solely to bicycles, or other non-motorized, wheeled conveyances. This is discriminatory towards both se-

niors and the disabled.

The Minneapolis Area DFL Senior Caucus strongly opposes the very idea that Minneapolis parks deny access to any person on any given day.

**Patricia Kelly**  
Board Chair,  
Minneapolis Area Chapter  
DFL Senior Caucus



Wombs, from page 1

abuses.

Alito’s opinion exposes the right-wing Federalist Society “originalist” interpretations of the Constitution now dominating the Supreme Court. It freezes law in the 1789 birth-year of our Constitution, when only 8% of white men could vote, women were defined as property of their husbands, and people of color were viewed as subhuman. Over and over, Alito cites “history and tradition” as reason enough to ban abortion. He goes back in time to long before our nation’s founding, citing a 17th-century British jurist, Sir Matthew Hale, an extreme misogynist even for his time, as well as the colonial period in 1602 and even as far back as the 13th century, which would have been during the time of Catholic church law.

Alito argues that abortion is not mentioned in the Constitution, so it can’t be a protected right, contradicting the Ninth Amendment of the Bill of Rights, which states: “The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.”

Every American should be chilled by Alito’s adamant, repeated assertions that our Constitution protects no right to privacy.

It’s an Orwellian irony that many people yelling the loudest about “state tyranny” and “government overreach” when it comes to COVID-19 public health protections, support using law violating bodily autonomy to control women’s reproductive decisions. Privacy was fundamental to reproductive rights, as well as legalizing contraceptives for married couples in 1965 and single people in 1973. Privacy rights ended the criminalization of LGBT people’s sexual lives and legalized same sex marriage.

Those court decisions recognized freedom and human dignity, meaning government can’t intrude into intimate areas of our lives.

Like Donald Trump’s right-wing Supreme Court nominees’ mantras “I respect precedent” and “Roe is settled law,” Alito saying “Only abortion will be affected by this decision” is a promise not worth the paper it’s written on.

When contraceptives were a crime, sterilization abuse was legal, targeting women of color and the poor. With the spreading of white supremacist Replacement Theory that sparked the Buffalo massacre, will forced sterilization return? The 1873 Comstock law declared birth control information and devices criminal “obscenities” for 90 years. Anti-abortion activists and politicians falsely claim the most effective contraceptives are “abortion-related,” vowing to outlaw them next.

How much of the last 70 years of expanding human rights will the originalist Supreme Court reverse?

Since 1995, Minnesota’s state constitution has protected reproductive rights. But people should remember Trump lost Minnesota by only 1.5 points. Democracy is on the ballot and so are our rights.

Resources: Minneapolis journalist Robin Marty’s “Handbook for a Post-Roe America” is crucial for activism and self-determination, including emergency contraceptives (Plan B or morning after pills) and medication abortion, safe and available online.

See also: UnRestrictMinnesota.org; ProChoiceResource.org; and Minnesota Religious Council of Reproductive Choice at www.mnrcrc.org.

Lydia Howell is a Minneapolis journalist.



**Sabathani Senior Housing**  
The Heart Of South Minneapolis

## Sabathani Senior Housing

Brand new affordable housing in South Minneapolis.

**Come Celebrate Our Grand Opening!**  
Wednesday, June 8th, 10am to 1pm

### Now Accepting Applications, Come Take a Tour

You will immediately experience the sense of our caring community and friendly, professional management.

Sabathani Housing features 48 affordable apartment homes for people 55 years of age or older. Our rooms, which are intended to support a wide array of lifestyles and provide an enjoyable living experience, feature spacious floor plans with large kitchens and closets. We are conveniently located near a bus stop, clinic, library and Sabathani Community Center!

#### Amenities:

We take pride in providing an exceptional standard of living.

- Unique and spacious floor plans
- Large closets
- All utilities included in rent (except cable and phone)
- Reduced cable fee
- Laundry facilities
- Elevator
- Community room
- Off-street parking
- Controlled access entry system
- Fitness Center
- Tub Room

#### Activities/Services

At Sabathani Housing, our residents enjoy...

- Card/game nights
- Bingo
- Holiday gatherings
- Cultural activities/projects

#### Nearby services available

- Meals on Wheels
- Grocery store delivery
- Pharmacy delivery
- Bus service
- Community Center conveniently located next door

**Sabathani Senior Housing**  
3701 3rd Ave So., Minneapolis, MN 55409  
651-895-5900 [sabathani@schuettcares.com](mailto:sabathani@schuettcares.com)





# Minneapolis Green New Deal



BY CAM GORDON

A growing number of Southside residents are working to fund a People's Climate and Equity Plan in next years' Minneapolis city budget which is expected to come to the City Council in August for review.

They hope to make their version of Minneapolis Green New Deal a reality.

One of those Southsiders is Michelle Hensley. "I love the huge vision and energy of the Green New Deal that progressives have proposed," said the Longfellow resident and founding Artistic Director of Ten Thousand Things Theater. "My grandfather, an Iowa farmer who lost his land during the Depression, was hugely helped by FDR's New Deal. The Green New Deal, unlike FDR's, has racial justice and equity front and center. But I am greatly frustrated at the inability to get anything going on the federal level. So, MN350's idea to get it going on the local level

seemed like a perfect way to get involved."

The city also kicked off its own effort to update its Climate Action Plan at the Green Zones Summit on May 21 where they reported on the effort and invited feedback from the community. Advocates of the People's Climate and Equity Plan hope that it will strengthen the city's efforts and build on actions the city has already taken by establishing Green Zones, creating the Green Cost Share program, identifying a social cost of carbon, and declaring a climate emergency.

The People's Plan was drafted by the Just Transition Fund Coalition, whose members include Black Visions, Community Power, Cooperative Energy Futures (CEF), Environmental Justice Advocates of Minnesota (EJAM), MN Renewable Now, MN350 Action, Sierra Club North Star, and Unidos MN, with leadership and coordination from MN350. According to MN350's website, the document is "the beginning of a conversation with the city and the people of Minneapolis, which must center the voices of Black, Indigenous and people of color (BIPOC) and other marginalized communities."

It aspires for a city with "affordable, 100% clean energy buildings by 2030, accessible pathways to dignified work to eliminate racial and econom-

ic disparities, and safe, healthy and climate-resilient neighborhoods connected by accessible, carbon-free transportation."

The plan calls for investments to improve health, lower energy bills and ensure that everyone, starting with low-income communities of color, has access to "family-sustaining jobs in the growing green economy."

Specific goals laid out in the People's Plan set out to make every building in Minneapolis comfortable, affordable and carbon-free by 2030, build community wealth and eliminate the racial wealth gap, ensure every person has a safe, healthy and climate-resilient neighborhood connected by accessible, carbon-free transportation, and create a robust dedicated funding stream to make bold climate justice policy a reality.

The plan was informed by Portland's Clean Energy Fund, which uses a 1% supplemental business license surcharge on large retail corporations. That generates roughly \$50 million a year that is distributed by a commission for solar projects, energy efficiency and job training.

The two main funding sources being discussed for Minneapolis are the electric and natural gas company franchise fees, and a pollution control annual registration (PCAR) fee which the city is authorized by the state

to collect from companies who use equipment that creates pollution. A portion of the franchise fee and most of the PCAR funding already goes to reduce pollution and support clean energy and efficiency.

An expansion of PCAR funding may require state legislative approval but the franchise fee can be increased by a vote of the City Council. The franchise fee could be applied in a way that would put a higher fee on fossil fuel use. Eventually, the hope would be to collect funds equal to the social or true cost of burning carbon from those generating and using the fossil fuels.

"If we apply the social cost of carbon the council agreed on," said MN350's Ulla Nilsen, "it would be roughly \$110 million a year in revenue."

Since drafting the plan late last year, Nilsen and others have organized teams of advocates in each ward. So far teams have met with 10 council members and identified Council Members Eliot Payne, Robin Wonsley Worlobah, Aisha Chughtai and Andrea Jenkins as the champions. Nilsen said, "It was so amazing to hear and celebrate the support we are beginning to see from the council president and a majority of members on the council."

Council Members Palmisano, Johnson, Chavez and Vetaw were identified as supporters. One

volunteer quoted Vetaw from Ward 4 as saying, "I absolutely support it," while noting that she, like other council members, expressed concerns about the potential costs to poorer residents.

That concern is identified in the plan, which says that it must "proactively structure the funding mechanism to avoid negative cost impacts on low-income/otherwise burdened communities" and "focus investments in communities of color and low-income communities to advance justice in the transition to climate solutions, recognizing historic injustice in economic opportunities and environmental burdens."

"So far, we have been doing amazing work," Nilsen said. "We have teams in every ward. We have met with, or are about to meet with, all council members. Over the summer we are launching a series of house parties and yard gatherings." She encourages people to visit <https://mn350.org/peoples-climate-and-equity-plan/> to get more involved.

"I got involved with this because, of all the troubles facing our world, the climate crisis seems the most pressing," Hensley said. "If we don't figure out how to reduce our carbon emissions in the next 10 years, nothing else really matters."

## Post-Floyd life



BY TONY BOUZA

Two years, plus, it's time to review the results of George Floyd's killing.

It certainly sparked a debate. Also riots, trials, a movement and a lot of hand-wringing and national anguish. Looking back we can see a vast emptiness. Mostly wasted time.

I'd credit the Ivy League for exemplary progress in minority inclusion. Bravo. A lonely light in a dark sea.

Policing remains a disaster. The unions are in charge and the thumpers call the tune. The acting chief's major moves signal bedtime with the union. The mayor seems disinterested and unengaged. Reports surface signaling business as usual. The two most recent chiefs abandoned disastrous legacies.

Contrast the aftermath of ri-

ots here and the Jan. 6 D.C. insurrection. The latter led to a deep and continuing investigation and almost 1,000 prosecutions. Amazing, and bravo.

Minneapolis did nothing and looters, arsonists and smashers go scot-free despite ample photographic evidence of their depredations. Just another in a long string of failures.

Racism lives.  
Reform dies.

And politicians engage their dance of death with merry indifference.

Leftist activists bid fair to destroy the Democratic party with their strident cries.

A great example of the genre occupies the seat once held by Don Fraser.

Is there a single guide pointing the way?

The gods delivered an historic respite from street crime in 1973. Roe v. Wade resulted in the gentrification of American ghettos—so what new slums would our underclass occupy?

What national initiatives undertaken to ameliorate poverty—child care? Good luck.

Is it a mystery that crime and dissolution are caused by social and economic forces and that cops are irrelevant to crime's levels? Racism doesn't consign

Blacks to exclusion and poverty—it forces them to the only escapes available: addictions (to figuratively escape the awfulness) and crime, to pay the freight.

Street crime is a problem for sociologists and economists—not cops.

Cops can respond to and ameliorate the trauma of violence—but not prevent it. They can respond to accidents and illnesses, and regulate traffic. They can also investigate—but by then the crime has occurred. Cops are useful.

I did one brilliant thing in my 60 years of involvement in police work—I proved that the most aggressive, legal policing simply doesn't work to control street crime.

Ta-da!

Other fields inspire study, critical literature, experiments, reform and informed discussion. Policing inspired hucksterism.

I love watching the police pundits (usually retired chiefs) wax eloquently on the issues. I used to think they were fools. But I was wrong.

I was the fool. They were selling very marketable snake oil.

Gulp. Gulp. Gulp.



**TINY DINER**  
**FARMERS MARKET**

**2022**

Thursdays  
July 14<sup>th</sup> - September 1<sup>st</sup>

1024 E. 38<sup>TH</sup> ST. | 612. 767.3322 | [@TINYDINER](https://tinydiner.com)

**DON'T BE LEFT IN THE DARK**

*Get solar panels with battery backup!*



**GET A FREE SOLAR EVALUATION!**

**\$1,000 OFF** WITH THIS AD WHEN YOU GET SOLAR AND BATTERY BACKUP

**PROMO CODE: SIDELIGHTS**

EXPIRES 8/15/2022

**651-867-6995**



**AllEnergySolar.com/SouthSide**



## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Opportunity for change on MPS school board

Through this tumultuous year in Minneapolis Public Schools, an opportunity for real change has emerged through five open seats on the MPS school board. Voting for three of these open seats can be directly impacted by the readers of this local newspaper: former MPS math teacher Lori Norvell running for District 5, plus two at-large candidates, Collin Beachy and Kerry Jo Felder.

All three of these candidates were endorsed at the Minneapolis DFL convention on May 15 and have been endorsed by MFT 59 and the ESP union. Additionally, Lori Norvell has been endorsed by the Stonewall DFL and the MN Senior DFL caucus. These three, along with two other DFL-endorsed candidates for Districts 1 and 3, have joined forces to form the "Safe and Stable Schools Slate."

**Joy Misselt,**  
Campaign Manager for Lori Norvell's District 5 school board campaign

## EVENTS

**Gabrielle Civil: 'the déjà vu: black dreams and black time'**  
Wednesday, June 8, 7 p.m.  
Open Book  
Target Performance Hall  
1011 Washington Ave., Mpls.  
Free in-person event, sponsored by Rain Taxi and Coffee House Press. Join us as we celebrate the release of "the déjà vu" (Coffee House Press) with an evening of performance and poetry by the amazing California-based writer Gabrielle Civil and a handful of her creative comrades from the Twin Cities! With special guests Douglas Kearney, Miré Regulus and Sayge Carroll. Emerging from the intersection of pandemic and uprising, "the déjà vu: black dreams and black time" activates forms both new and ancestral, drawing movement, speech and lyric essay into a performance memoir that considers Haitian tourist paintings, dance rituals, race at the movies, Black feminist legacies and more. With intimacy, humor and verve, Gabrielle Civil blurs boundaries between memory, grief and love; then, now, and the future. Reception to follow, courtesy of Coffee House Press. This event requires guests to show proof of Covid-19 vaccination (or proof of negative PCR test taken within the prior 72 hours) for entry; mask wearing is strongly encouraged while in the performance hall. See <https://www.raintaxi.com/gabrielle-civil/> for more information.

**Alive & Kickin presents:**  
**'Life is a Cabaret'**  
June 10 – 17  
Minnesota Masonic Heritage Center  
Ives Auditorium  
11411 Masonic Home Dr.,  
Bloomington  
WARNING: This is not your grandmother's choir! Alive & Kickin, the show-stopping, senior citizen, high-en-

ergy music-theatre ensemble is set to take the stage once again with a spectacular musical production of stories and songs. Sometimes life is wild! "Life is a Cabaret" features music and stories from Alive & Kickin's rockin' seniors about life's twists and turns – the incredible, beautiful or scandalous. This highly inspirational performance illustrates persevering through it all while living life to its fullest. Playing June 10 – 17 at the Masonic Heritage Center, Ives Auditorium in Bloomington, Minn., "Coming of Age" features the talents of 27 senior rockstars and will bring together an array of personal stories and musical selections celebrating age. A collaboration created by the entire Alive & Kickin team and under the musical direction of Jason James Hansen, the ensemble is backed by a full-blown rock band. Tickets are available now at [www.aliveandkickinmn.org](http://www.aliveandkickinmn.org), or by phone at (952) 948-6506.

**Friday Night Summer Movie Series**  
Fridays, doors open at 5 p.m.  
Movie starts at 6 p.m.  
Sabathani Community Center  
310 E. 38<sup>th</sup> St., Mpls.  
Hosted by Agape Movement, [theagapemovement.com](http://theagapemovement.com)  
For more info contact Bridgette Stewart at (612) 824-4017 or [agapebstewart@gmail.com](mailto:agapebstewart@gmail.com).

**Foraging Summer Fruits**  
Saturday, June 11  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Discover the richness of foraging in the city! Join Maria Wesseler and Four Season Foraging as we learn about common wild fruits that grow in urban areas, including juneberries, raspberries, cherries and aronia. Juneberries should (hopefully!) be ripe and ready to harvest. We will also discuss other common wild edibles found along the way. Sliding scale \$17.50 - \$37.50. Pre-registration required. For registration, location, and other details, please email [info@fourseasonforaging.com](mailto:info@fourseasonforaging.com), call 612-440-5958, or visit <https://www.fourseasonforaging.com/events>.  
**Summer Solstice Foraging**  
Tuesday, June 21, 6 to 8 p.m.  
Gather together on the longest day of the year with Maria Wesseler and Four Season Foraging to learn about summer foraging of medicinal plants.

Several species are traditionally thought to reach their peak in mid-summer, including yarrow, wild bergamot and mugwort. We will discuss identification, edibility and medicinal uses of these species, and talk about other wild edibles we encounter in the field. Sliding scale \$17.50 - \$37.50. Pre-registration required. For registration, location and other details, please email [info@fourseasonforaging.com](mailto:info@fourseasonforaging.com), call 612-440-5958, or visit <https://www.fourseasonforaging.com/events>.

**'Rooted in Rondo' Film Screening at Northern Spark**  
Saturday, June 11  
9 p.m. to 2 a.m.  
Rondo Public Library  
461 Dale St. N., St. Paul  
"Rooted in Rondo" is a youth-produced short documentary and audio piece that explores the histories, legacies and the future of St. Paul's historic Rondo neighborhood. We are excited to be screening this short film at this year's Northern Spark, a one-night, dusk to dawn festival, connecting us through transformative art experiences. The film will screen at the Rondo library at 9 p.m. on June 11, with a youth panel discussion to follow at 9:30 p.m.. The film will play on a loop following the panel discussion with an interactive art component for audience members. "Rooted in Rondo" is a product of Saint Paul Almanac, in partnership with Saint Paul Neighborhood Network and WFNU Frogtown Community Radio, produced by a team of youth and mentors. <https://2022.northernspark.org/projects/rooted-in-rondo/>

**'The Wet Hex': Sun Yung Shin in conversation with Michael Kleber-Diggs and Heid E. Erdrich**  
Tuesday, June 14, 7 p.m.  
Moon Palace Books  
3032 Minnehaha Ave., Mpls.  
Personal and environmental violations form the backdrop against which Sun Yung Shin examines questions of grievability, violence and responsibility in "The Wet Hex." Incorporating sources such as her own archival immigration documents, Ovid's Metamorphoses, Christopher Columbus's journals, and traditional Korean burial rituals, Shin explores the ways that lives are weighed and bartered.



**"Best Eyewear Shop in Minnesota"**

**Spectacle Shoppe**

Uptown, New Brighton and Grand Avenue

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN SOUTHSIDE PRIDE!  
call David (612) 822-4662  
or email [david@southsidepride.com](mailto:david@southsidepride.com)



**People & Pets together**

**We know pets are family. We help families stay together.**

The People & Pets Together pet food shelf is open to residents of the city of Minneapolis. We provide dog & cat food and pet care items to individuals and their families in crisis.

People & Pets Together  
Chuck & Don's Pet Wellness Center  
2501 Minnehaha Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55404  
(612) 722-9998  
<https://www.peopleandpetstogether.org/>

Donations of dog & cat food, cat litter and gently used pet supplies are appreciated.  
Volunteers needed.

**MORE 'UM's PER HOUR THAN ANY OTHER STATION.**

**100.7 FM + 104.5 FM**

**RADIO K**  
770 AM 100.7 & 104.5 FM  
★ Real College Radio ★



# • COMMUNITY CALENDAR •

## Southside Pride / POWDERHORN EDITION

Smashing the hierarchies of god and humanity, heaven and hell, in favor of indigenous Korean shamanism and animism, "The Wet Hex" layers an apocalyptic revision of 19th-century imagery of the sublime over the present, conjuring a reality at once beautiful and terrible.

This is an in-person event. Masks are required in store. Social distancing is encouraged.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1299020567295410>

### Sibley Park Improvements

#### Final Concept Plan

#### Public Hearing

**Wednesday, June 15, 6:30 p.m.**

Mary Merrill MPRB Headquarters  
2117 W. River Rd., Mpls.

The final concept plan for improvements at Sibley Park is the result of community feedback and recommendations received during the community engagement process in 2021 and early 2022. Proposed improvements include an upgraded and expanded playground, a zero-depth wading pool, and gathering spaces with picnic tables and benches.

Individuals are welcome to review the concept plan at <https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/SIBLEY-PARK-PRE-FERRED-CONCEPT-5.17.22.pdf> and share their comments at a public hearing on Wednesday, June 15 at 6:30 p.m. Following the hearing, Commissioners for the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) will consider approving the plan.

Public Hearing Details

When: Wednesday,  
June 15 at 6:45 p.m.

Where: Mary Merrill MPRB Headquarters Building  
2117 W. River Rd., Mpls.

How to share your comments: To speak in person call (612) 230-6400 before 3 p.m. on the day of the hearing (June 15)  
OR

Arrive at the second-floor board room at Mary Merrill MPRB Headquarters before the hearing begins; add your name to the sign-up sheet at the Board Room entrance.

Send written comments to: Email [jrin-gold@minneapolisparcs.org](mailto:jrin-gold@minneapolisparcs.org) by noon on June 15.

### Open Eye Theatre presents

#### HAIRBALL! A Bigfoot Musical

#### Adventure

**June 2 – 19, 7 p.m.**

The Bakken Museum  
3537 Zenith Ave. S., Mpls.

Join us for an unabashed celebration of tall tales and high spirits at The Bakken Museum! The resort town of Discovery Island descends into chaos, with trash cans looted and hairballs fouling the streets, and local conspiracy nut Jerry Loudermilk (Maren Ward) convincing the locals that a supernatural forest beast called the "Megapaw" is to blame. When aspiring teen detective Winnifred Highsmith (Abilene Olson) goes missing after discovering a baby Megapaw, the

alarm is sounded and Montgomery Ward (Luke Aaron Davidson), Canada's elite forest ranger, arrives to save the day! Suddenly everyone is lost in the woods, seeking the hidden heart of the forest. Will they find it before the shift resort owner, Fobelius Dort, burns down the trees to make a bigger golf course?

Bring your own lawn chair or blanket.

Arrive early to explore the museum!

Tickets at <https://www.openeyetheatre.org/hairball>

### Women in Graffiti & Street Art

**Saturday, June 25, 7 to 8:30 p.m.**

Urban Growler Brewing

2325 Endicott St., St. Paul

Discover "Few and Far" – an all-women street art collective who beautify the streets with a shared commitment to creativity, education and social justice – during this panel discussion with five of their local and national members at Urban Growler Brewing at 7 p.m. Learn their stories and perspectives on why there are still so few women in street art. You can watch the five talented graffiti and street artists—Deity, Meme, Keena Azania Roman, Martzia Thometz, and Thomasina TopBear—paint murals at their Summer Mural Meet from June 22 - 26. This event is hosted by Urban Growler, the first women-owned microbrewery in Minnesota. The talk will be moderated by Candida Gonzalez of Forecast Public Art.

Social hour starts at 6:30 p.m. with panel discussion from 7 to 8:30 p.m.  
<https://www.chromazone.net/festival-events>

### Iraqi – Swedish Cultural Exchange

**Sunday, June 26, 4 to 7 p.m.**

American Swedish Institute

2600 Park Ave., Mpls.

A summer evening of fun on the American Swedish Institute lawn, co-hosted by the Iraqi and American Reconciliation Project and the American Swedish Institute.

Visitors will experience:

- A handcraft market featuring local artists and artisans selling their handicrafts and artwork.
- Iraqi music from Layth Sidiq.
- Traditional Scandinavian nyckelharpa music and folk dancing.
- Lawn games, including tawleh and Swedish kubb.
- Craft projects guided by IARP volunteers, including cuneiform clay tablets and Arabic calligraphy.
- Coffee, cardamom-scented Iraqi tea, and classic Swedish and Iraqi desserts.

The ASI Turnblad Mansion will also be open to explore! Tickets are \$5.  
[asimn.org](http://asimn.org)

### Koerner, Murphy & Beach:

#### The Farewell Tour

**Thursday, June 30, 7 p.m.**

Trylon Cinema

2820 E. 33rd St., Mpls.

St. Paul filmmaker Digger Kohler presents three short films:

"Why Marmarth" (featuring Willie Murphy and Cockroach Park) in

Marmarth, N.Dak., population 140.

The town's 1914 constructed vaudeville theatre, aptly named "The Mystic," provides a curious and alluring setting for this exciting performance.

"Spider John Koerner at the Logging Camp Ranch" is as exceptional as Koerner's inventive originals and innovative interpretations of classic folk/blues.

A loosey-goosey mini-documentary focuses well-deserved attention on a longtime Twin Cities musical treasure who is largely taken for granted. John Beach is the closest thing our area has to a Professor Longhair – a rollicking barrelhouse piano ace whose blues are doggedly idiosyncratic, deeply felt, organic and timeless. Digger Kohler's 30-minute short film offers hearty humor, life and death philosophy, plenty of trailer-park and tavern atmosphere, and some odd driving antics.

Tickets are \$10, available at <https://www.trylon.org/film/koerner-murphy-beach-the-farewell-tour/>.

### Public Blood Drives in June

#### with Twins tickets giveaway

Local nonprofit Memorial Blood Centers (MBC) is calling all eligible blood and platelet donors to step up and help save lives.

The need for blood is constant, but the supply isn't. Founded by the community, for the community, donors with Memorial Blood Centers help supply nearly 40 local hospitals and more than a dozen air ambulance bases. Help hospital patients in need by scheduling an appointment online at [mbc.org/donate](http://mbc.org/donate) or by calling 1-888-GIVE.BLD or (888) 448-3253.

Blood donation is safe and essential, and MBC has a COVID-19 self-screening policy in addition to general eligibility guidelines. In general, you may be eligible to donate if you are:

- In good health.
- 17 years or older— or 16 with written parental consent (PDF available on [mbc.org](http://mbc.org)).
- At least 110 pounds.
- Free of antibiotics for 24 hours, unless taken for preventative reasons.
- Symptom-free for at least 72 hours following a cold or flu.

Visit [mbc.org/donate](http://mbc.org/donate) to find your nearest drive or donor center, or to

make an appointment at one of the public blood drives below:

- Monday, June 6, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Surly Brewing Co. 520 Malcolm Ave. SE, Mpls.

- Tuesday, June 7, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Surly Brewing Co. 520 Malcolm Ave. SE, Mpls.

- Saturday, June 11, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Northeast Farmers Market, 629 NE 2nd St., Mpls.

- Monday, June 20, 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Indeed Brewing, 711 15th Ave. NE, Mpls.

- Monday, June 27, noon to 5 p.m., Annunciation Catholic Church, 509 W. 54th St., Mpls.

- Wednesday, June 29, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m., Wooden Ship Brewing Company, 3300 W. 44th St., Mpls.

All donors will be entered for daily drawings to win tickets to a Twins game. More information can be found at [mbc.org/twins](http://mbc.org/twins).

### HomeHelpMN program open for applications

#### Through June 17

HomeHelpMN will begin accepting

applications for assistance on Tuesday, May 17. HomeHelpMN will provide relief to homeowners who have been impacted by the pandemic and who owe past due mortgage payments and other eligible housing expenses. Funds for the program are limited, and need is expected to be high. If applications received during the application period exceed available funding, applicants may be put on a wait list. Applications will be accepted until June 17. Homeowners can get ready today by visiting the website at [HomeHelpMN.org](http://HomeHelpMN.org) or calling the Call Center at 1-800-388-3226. That website and phone number are also where they will be able to apply for funds when the application period begins. A submitted application is not a guarantee of funding. The Call Center is available Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. It is accessible by TTY and also utilizes the Language Line to provide access for callers who wish to communicate in a language other than English.



Town Hall, from page 1

Park Board answered that the study was not looking at that question.

I responded by saying the dam/weir at 27th Avenue holds back five feet of water. That water has saturated the peat soil around Lake Hiawatha, and since that peat soil is connected to the peat soil around Lake Nokomis, and since water likes to run downhill, and if there's no

determined by the DNR to be non-hazardous are exempt from the dam safety rules. Dams not subject to the dam safety rules will still require state and federal permits if they involve filling of public waters or wetlands." The dam/weir at 27th Avenue is definitely filling in the public water of Lake Hiawatha and the surrounding wetland, but when we asked, the DNR could not find any evidence that the Park Board has a permit to do so.

obstructing water flowing out of Lake Hiawatha. They could find no permit for the sewer lines: "As you undoubtedly know, all construction projects and utility crossings which encroach upon and otherwise affect public waters of the state require a permit from the Commissioner of Conservation. Projects which affect the outlet control of lakes are especially critical."

So the dam/weir and the sanitary sewer lines are illegal. They require a permit to obstruct the outlet from Lake Hiawatha, and there is no evidence that they even applied for a permit.

What are the options for people concerned about the flooding of homes around Lake Nokomis and Lake Hiawatha?

The Park Board should take down the dam/weir. If they won't take it down, then citizens should file a Writ of Mandamus lawsuit against the Park Board ordering them to either comply with the law and get a permit to flood the wetlands surrounding Lake Hiawatha and Lake Nokomis or take down their dam/weir.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has legal responsibility for sewer lines in Minnesota. They should be contacted and informed that their sewer lines are obstructing the flow of water out of Lake Hiawatha. They need to either get a permit to flood the area or support the sewer lines and dredge under the pipes to allow Minnehaha Creek to flow naturally. If they refuse, then citizens should file a Writ of Mandamus to order

them to act.

I have a consistently failing battling record with Writ of Mandamus lawsuits. I've lost every one of them.

More than 30 years ago I sued the City of Minneapolis to force it to have a referendum (as the City Charter requires) on whether to give millions of dollars to LSGI to build a department store downtown. The lawsuit was declared moot when the city suddenly stopped planning the giveaway.

In 2008 I sued the Hennepin County Attorney to force him to arrest George Bush when he stepped off the airplane to attend the Republican Convention in St. Paul for the killing of Minnesotans in his illegal war in Iraq. The judge ruled against me, but George Bush decided not to come to the Minnesota convention.

A couple of years ago I sued the Park Board to get them to remove a rock weir that was obstructing the flow of water in Minnehaha Creek at about 30th Avenue. The judge ruled against me, but the Park Board removed the rock weir.

I've lost every battle. But I've won every war.

This time I think we would have a much better chance of winning the lawsuits.

The Park Board responded to my question:

This is the statement in the "Hiawatha Golf Course Property Master Plan Frequently Asked Questions" answered three years ago:

"Can we remove the weir at the outlet of Lake Hiawatha to lower the lake? No. Once the water overtops the weir structure and equalizes with the level of the creek beyond, the weir is essentially useless and not holding back water. As of spring 2019, there is no difference in water level on either side of the weir, and the weir is fully submerged."

I think the Park Board doesn't really understand how a dam

works. A dam (or weir) holds back water until the water level is higher than the dam and the water flows over the dam. If the water level is the same on both sides of the dam, then there is a further obstruction downstream that is just as high holding back an equal amount of water.

The Park Board also quotes the first paragraph of Section 8 of the 2017 Barr Engineering study, "Hiawatha Golf Course - Stormwater, Surface Water, and Groundwater Analysis Summary:"

"There are several high points in the Minnehaha Creek channel downstream of the lake that control the water levels. Upstream of the creek crossing at 28th Avenue South is a high point in the channel resulting from a utility crossing under the creek bed. There are also several other high points in the channel downstream of Lake Hiawatha based on the FEMA Flood Insurance Study creek profile and the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) XPSWMM model."

The highest point obstructing the flow of water out of Lake Hiawatha was a rock weir at 30th Avenue. No one could explain why it was there. I asked the Park Board to remove it. They refused and ignored me. I sued the Park Board ordering a Writ of Mandamus to force the Park Board to remove this dam and thereby lower the level of the lake. The judge ruled against me, but somehow the rock dam/weir got taken down. The next highest points are the dam/weir at 27th Avenue and the five-foot sanitary sewer line. If the dam/weir were to come down, and the MPCA were to dig a channel under their pipe to stop blocking the natural flow of the creek, and corrections made for other obstructions, then the creek could return to its natural flow. The level of Lake Hiawatha would drop by as much as five feet. The peat soil wetlands surrounding Lake Hiawatha and Lake Nokomis would begin to drain and dry out.

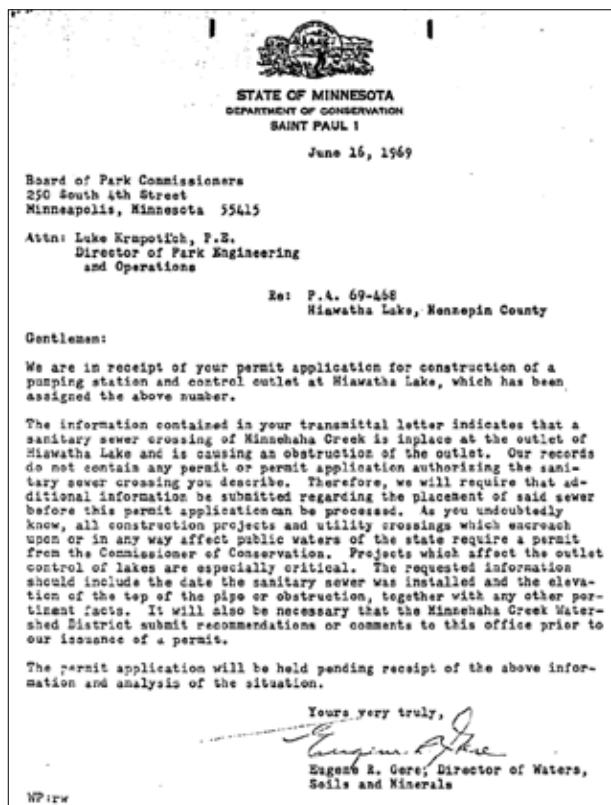


Lake Hiawatha, 1940. Steve Skaar commented on the Nokomis History Facebook page: "This photo shows you how Lake Hiawatha looked for years until they installed the weir in the late '60s at 27th Avenue South and Minnehaha Creek. That weir artificially raised the level of both Hiawatha and Lake Nokomis some four feet and led to many other problems in the area that nearby neighbors are experiencing today."

place for the water to go since the water table keeps rising, then doesn't it make sense to pull the plug on this overflowing bathtub?

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources says, "Federally-owned dams and dams

They did find evidence of the rejection of a permit to build a pumping station near the dam/weir in 1969 (see sidebar). The permit was denied by the Department of Conservation (the predecessor of the DNR) because sanitary sewer lines were



1969 denial of permit



# First Independence Bank opens state's first Black-owned bank in Minneapolis

BY STEPHANIE FOX

Nearly 95% of American households have at least one member with a bank account. But among Blacks, that number is only 46%. That means that for many, even the simple act of cashing a paycheck means paying a fee to payday lenders. For these families, establishing creditworthiness and getting a mortgage to buy a home seems nearly impossible.

There may be a solution to this problem. The First Independence Bank first opened in Detroit in 1970 and on April 27, their Minneapolis location, at 3430 University Ave. SE (across from KSTP TV), had a grand-opening celebration and ribbon-cutting, introducing plans to serve underrepresented communities across the Twin Cities. It is the first Black-owned bank in Minnesota.

The Minneapolis location came about by a collaboration of five other banks. Wells Fargo donated a building to Project for Pride in Living, a local nonprofit whose mission is to build affordable and stable housing, who in turn leased the building to First Independence. Other local banks, including Bank of America, Bremer Bank, Huntington Bank and U.S. Bank, joined the effort, contributing capital, research and marketing to assure the success of the new branch.

The new bank will offer full-service banking including savings and checking accounts, personal loans, mortgages, consumer financial education and investments.

The bank's senior vice president, Damon Jenkins, who grew

up in South Minneapolis's Phillips neighborhood not far from where George Floyd was murdered, said he hopes the new bank will bring in new resources for the Black community and will help bridge the mistrust many in minority communities have for banks and bankers.

Jenkins, a former Wells Fargo executive, was approached to lead the new bank branch. He is now working to bring fiscal success to under-represented minority communities. "The new bank will help bridge the trust in banks. We want to bring in resources, get people into banking accounts and increase financial literacy. We want Black people to become stewards of banking," Jenkins said.

"We'll work for credit restoration, to get people to a minimum FICO score of 700 with the goal of getting people into homeownership. We can't solve this problem ourselves but if we put our hands together we can get more Black people into their own homes."

Across the country, Black families are much less likely to own their own homes compared to white families. Nationally, only 40% of Black families own homes compared with 70% of white families. But in the Twin Cities, the numbers for Black homeownership are even lower.

In the metro area, 77% of white residents own homes, compared with 25% of Black residents – a 52-percentage-point difference.

"Financial wellness is our primary incentive," said Jenkins. "We're asking, how do we partner with other agencies to support the resources that are out

there and to meet people where they are. It's one thing to get people into checking accounts, but it has been shown that just doing that will lead to getting a better credit score and eventually, home ownership, the most important way to build generational wealth."

The opening morning celebration, which drew a couple of hundred people, included food, beverages and music as well as speeches by bank officials, Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan and Minneapolis mayor Jacob Frey. And,

that morning, people began to sign up for what was for some, their first bank accounts.

"Economic inclusion continues to be one of my highest priorities, and I'm thrilled to welcome First Independence Bank to our city as the first Black-owned bank," said Frey. "This supports our goals to eliminate disparities, re-create the Black middle class, and ensure that our low-income communities of color prosper and increase wealth. There's certainly room for more Black-owned banks in

our community, and First Independence Bank will be a leader that people look to in the field."

This summer, a second branch will open at Lake and Hiawatha, in the Hennepin County Services building, "just down the street from my high school," Jenkins said.



First Independence

## Bouza, from page 1

because it reduced crime, you had to be a racist. A dilemma for the intelligentsia.

How to handle it?

Ignore or avoid any reference to the connection.

The result?

A tortured little dance in which the issue of abortion as crime prevention is ignored.

Because of Roe v. Wade America experienced over 30 years of crashed crime levels. The gentrification of Brooklyn was made possible by the sudden safety of tough neighborhoods. Blacks and Hispanics could no longer afford El Barrio. Tough luck and delicious irony. Everybody was happy to pocket the safety but loath to explore it origins.

Today's elite agonize over

the obvious Supreme Court threat to Roe v. Wade, but another delicious irony is about to surface—it won't matter.

In the interim science has invented chemical abortion. Voila.

The Know-Nothings will fulminate about sacred religious values. They'll be largely white, rural. My secret, and hitherto unexpressed suspicion is that this cohort would vote for Adolf Hitler, given the chance.

This segment has not been sufficiently studied. Who are they? What do they do?

In a service that I think is both unique and uniquely wonderful, the U.S. Congress, in studying the Jan. 6 Capitol riot, will provide us with a template of who constitutes this merry band of idiots and sunshine

patriots.

But this is still only about 20% Trumpers—Wallaceites—Father Coughlinites. We have them and they'll be with us.

Roe v. Wade conjures a really arresting (pardon the word) complexity as we regard the tergiversations of American political thought. Some expressed. Some unmentionable.

The police are irrelevant to crime levels and, therefore, public safety. Crime is caused by social, economic and educational conditions. Why don't we acknowledge this simple, obvious fact? Because we are happy to perpetuate racism and economic disparities of grotesque levels.

I haven't the slightest fear of refutation—or even of a response.

Hire more cops.



## NOW SERVING PIZZA!

6335 Portland Avenue South  
Richfield, MN 55423  
612-861-9348



big river farms  
a program of the food group

Join our CSA today!



18 weeks of local, fresh, seasonal, certified organic vegetables. Your membership supports multiple farmers & our education program.



Learn more & sign up  
[www.bigriverfarms.org](http://www.bigriverfarms.org)



# Local food news, rhubarb season, and a mini-review from ... Rochester?

## Closings and one new location

Hi, local food lovers. We're being hyper-local this month right up to the restaurant review, which is ... well, it's still in Minnesota anyway. We'll start with places closing, because that's sad and we want to get it out of the way. Hot Indian, inventor of the "indiritto" (dropped from its menu in early 2020), which merged the burrito format with flavors and ingredients from India, is closing its location at Midtown Global Market. Other locations are still open at the Mall of America and Target Field. Local Roots of Richfield, a diner but



## Local Roots closed in April.

more local and healthier, is closing its dining room permanently. They will still do catering and third-party delivery. Midori's Floating World, a small but excellent Japanese restaurant, was burned out of their site on Lake



## Burritos El Patron

Street between Minnehaha and 27th Avenue in the George Floyd uprising. After two years of popping up at Seward Cafe's location, they have their own space now at 3425 E. Lake St. They are open Thursday through Sunday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. It's take-out only for now, but they hope to open their new dining room soon.

## Openings

The Sioux Chef is bringing back his food truck, the Tatanka Truck. It will be parked outside Owamni throughout the summer. Lutunji's Palate, a catering

farmers' market, Four Sisters, will run from June through October 2022 at the same site, the parking lot to the east of Pow Wow Grounds coffee shop, 1414 E. Franklin Ave. It runs on Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Walmart is dragged for exploiting Juneteenth; meanwhile, Starbucks United celebrates its 100th and 101st unionizations

Well, honestly, what did they expect? The whiter-than-white billionaire owners of Walmart probably didn't come up with this concept, but the folks that did ought to have anticipated how cringey it would be. Walmart introduced a line of products for celebrating Juneteenth – a beer koozie, disposable plates, and a Juneteenth ice cream. If you can bear it, you can read about this PR disaster at <https://www.eater.com/23139650/walmart-apologizes-for-juneteenth-ice-cream-beer-koozies>.

Starbucks workers have been unionizing at a rapid pace. Both of the two original Minnesota sites to announce their intention have now won their unions – one on Snelling Avenue in St. Paul and one on Cedar Avenue in South Minneapolis. On May 27, SB Workers United, the national Starbucks union organization, announced the win at number 100 – Eastlake Avenue in Seattle. The 101st union win occurred later the same day.

The next three Twin Cities Starbucks to hold NLRB elections will be in Eden Prairie, at the Mall of America, and on Lyndale Avenue South in Minneapolis. Last Saturday, Twin Cities DSA's Labor Branch, in connection with the national solidarity group DSA for a Starbucks Union, held an event called Comrades in Cars Getting Coffee. Members and friends packed into carpool cars and drove to each of the Starbucks in turn in caravan fashion. At each shop, we ordered coffee and expressed solidarity and best wishes for their election.

## What the heck do I do with all this rhubarb?

Although it came a bit late this year, it's finally rhubarb season and the floodgates have opened. If you're looking for inspiration about what to do with all that pink, tart, girly-looking vegetable, the Eater online magazine will come to your rescue with a bunch of unusual recipes to add to your rhubarb classics, like an ice cream, a picnic bar, or using it as an ingredient in a sausage casserole. [www.eater.com/23139986/rhubarb-how-to-cook-recipes](http://www.eater.com/23139986/rhubarb-how-to-cook-recipes). Also, here's a tip from me: rhubarb is easy to freeze for later use. Or maybe your neighborhood coffee shop/



Lutunji's Palate with owner Lutunji shortly before the opening on May 15

bakery will take some of your excess to keep it out of the waste stream.



## June 2021 sign at Sovereign Grounds

## The difference

Speaking of food excesses, I suddenly found myself with almost two pounds of excellent flat leaf (Italian) parsley. This led me to investigate something I had been wondering about – what are the defining qualities of all these different uncooked herb sauces with the exotic names? I've made a little list, and I have made and consumed almost all of these condiments.

• Pistou (French) is like pesto without nuts, so it's runny. You mostly put it on things, all kinds of things: meat, vegetables, fish, soup and bread. Ingredients are simply finely minced or pro-

cessed basil and garlic, a pinch of salt, and extra virgin olive oil (EVOO).

• Pesto (Italian) can be made with a variety of green herbs, but the classic pesto Genovese is just Genovese basil. This is combined with pine nuts, garlic, salt and EVOO, parmesan cheese optional, and crushed to a rough paste. It is usually put on hot pasta or toasted bread with goat cheese and tomatoes to make a Katerina. Fun substitutes are walnuts, pecans or almonds for the pine nuts (pricey little devils) and half Italian parsley for the basil. You can also make cilantro, chervil or oregano pesto.

• Gremolata (Italian) is like a parsley pistou but brightened up with acid such as lemon. Recipes vary but usually include flat leaf parsley, zest and juice of lemon, garlic, salt and pepper, and EVOO.

• Chimichurri is a Spanish version of gremolata. It's a similar recipe but with cilantro and the addition of chili peppers.

• Chermoula (Moroccan) is the fanciest of these sauces. Chermoula contains parsley and cilantro, and its lemon juice ideally should be from a preserved lemon (available in many grocery stores). In addition to the EVOO and salt, it is further seasoned with paprika, cayenne, cumin and saffron.

• Mint sauce (English) is a bit of an outlier, but a favorite of mine. It's easy to make, and runny like a pistou. Simply combine fresh mint leaves, sugar and

**Earth Dance Farm**  
Spring Valley, MN  
507-378-4252 • [earthdancefarm.net](http://earthdancefarm.net)

**Sign Up Now!**  
Convenient  
pick-up sites

**DELIVERING FRESH, LOCAL, CHEMICAL FREE FOOD TO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.**  
**WE OFFER SPRING, SUMMER, FALL AND EGG SHARES.**





Crave's conservatory at Hotel Indigo in Rochester

distilled white vinegar. You can blend it in a blender or smush it in a mortar. Eat it on white fish along with mushy peas and

"chips."

You can find many recipes for all these things, including fish and chips, and making your own

preserved lemons, on the internet.

An almost perfect meal at

### Crave in Rochester

I was in Rochester recently for the DFL State Convention. I stayed at the Hotel Indigo in the heart of downtown Rochester. The hotel has a branch of Crave restaurant in it, which also provides room service and guest breakfasts. I had a pretty terrible breakfast there, so the less said about that the better.

But you should never judge a mainly-dinner restaurant by its breakfast. Rare indeed is the high-end restaurant that can excel at both these modalities. Consequently, after a long, grueling, mostly fasting (involuntarily) day, I escaped in the late afternoon back to my solitary hotel room and dithered around about what to do for a meal. I ended up giving Rochester Crave a second chance and had one of the best fish meals I have ever had so far from any ocean.

It wasn't ocean fish, for one thing. It was walleye, our state fish. I had a Walleye Shore Dinner accompanied by an artisanal beer, Finnegans Irish Amber Ale.

This was one memorable plate of fish. You know how restaurant plates are sort of massive? Well, this Shore Dinner filled the plate and in fact the gorgeous, perfectly fresh walleye filet hung over both edges of the plate.

The walleye was lightly breaded in panko and drizzled with a creamy lemon-butter sauce dotted with minced parsley. There were but two accompaniments. In the middle of the plate was a wide mound of silky pureed mashed potatoes with buttermilk and butter. The final third of the plate held several massive spears of grilled asparagus, shining in warm olive oil. I polished off this entire huge plate of food, something that almost never happens with restaurant portions, no matter how hungry I am.

I even indulged in a single scoop of vanilla ice cream from Sebastian Joe's. And a post-prandial tot of cognac to liven it up. I believe I chose ... wisely.

### DFL from page 5

chair, Sam Doten, gave a thorough update of what we had been up to since our founding over a year ago. Some of this was covered in the January Southside Pride piece, "Democratic Socialists in the DFL" (southsidepride.com/2022/01/03/democratic-socialists-in-the-dfl-the-story-so-far).

Most of the rest of the meeting comprised a brainstorming session of what we would do with our new structure and our growing base. Since we still want to eventually become a

community caucus recognized by the DFL, and since the whole reason we exist is because there are loads of democratic socialists already in the DFL (some of them don't realize that's what they are!) and we want to give ourselves and them a way to organize toward socialism inside the DFL, most of our ideas and plans are ways to demystify, detoxify and illustrate the values of "socialism." So members are committed to working hard and well at all levels of the party, as local officers, as rank-and-file campaigners and leaders of campaigns, as members of planning committees, attendees at caucuses, delegates to conventions and volunteers at the polls.

We also plan to support DFL candidates who align with our values, to collaborate with DFL

caucuses that share our values, and to do some education. Some of our members and potential members are seasoned DFLers new to democratic socialism. So we'll have educational materials and teach-ins on democratic socialism. Some, on the other hand, are democratic socialists who are new to the DFL. So we'll also have teach-ins on the structure and culture of the DFL. Personally, I'm all about political education, so I can't wait to get involved in this.

Another interesting thing happened at the Saturday meeting. Unite HERE, the union representing hotel workers and restaurant workers, was holding a solidarity rally and press conference on the plaza outside the convention center for striking workers from the Kahler Group

of hotels in Rochester. The event fell right in the middle of our meeting time. So at 3 p.m. we recessed the meeting for a while, and those attending in person all went out to the plaza, grabbed a poster or the corner of a banner, and participated in a wonderful labor action along with many state notables in organized labor as well as Keith Ellison, the Minnesota attorney general. When it was over, we went back in and finished the meeting.

Some of our members attended the Community Caucuses breakfast at 8 a.m. Sunday morning. I was not able to do that as I had to check out and leave with the folks I was riding with (my colleague Dave T., his wife Barb, and another fellow DSC member and DSA comrade Andrea P.). No, really, it's because I am not an 8 a.m. breakfast kind of person anymore. I used to be when I worked at real jobs.

Oh, and meanwhile, there

was this actual DFL convention going on. This was a somewhat low-key year in terms of drama and controversy. Inside the hall, it was all - well, mostly - very congenial and nice. All of our state leaders are incumbents eligible to run again, and they were all endorsed, mostly by acclamation. A radical difference from the Senate District and Congressional District conventions I had the - ahem - pleasure to attend, not to mention the Zoom convention to endorse for Minneapolis school board. I'll have some more of this nitty gritty in a final piece wrapping up the DFL convention season and letting you know what's coming up in the August primaries.

From the DSC's viewpoint, the convention season was a big success. We have grown a lot in membership since the rejection of our request to be recognized in December, and we picked up another 90 sign-ups and 45 new members just at the state convention. Since our launch as a PAC in April 2022, we have raised \$3,000 from individual donors and about \$1,500 in PAC/organizational contributions. And I forget how many red carnations we gave away, but it seemed like hundreds. Check out our Facebook page to see our beautiful banner, TV coverage of the Unite HERE rally, and more scenes from the convention.

**SORENSEN LAWN CARE**  
Weekly Lawn Mowing  
10% Senior Discount  
**612-781-3420**  
call for free estimates

**McCabe Self-Storage**  
2405 East 26th St., Mpls  
10x17' - \$140/mo  
10x23' - \$160/mo  
Doors 10' high.  
**612-418-9800**

**CONCRETE WORK**  
by Tom Seemon  
Licensed, Bonded & Insured  
Steps, Sidewalks  
Patios & Driveways  
**612-721-2530**

**WELNA HARDWARE**  
PAINT & GLASS  
*Four Generations Serving the Community*  
2438 Bloomington Ave.  
Minneapolis, MN 55404  
**729-3526**

EST 2022  
**Handcrafted Wood Urns**  
Kurt Brugman 651-964-5131  
ksbrugman@msn.com

**Nilles Builders, Inc.**  
Roofing  
• Additions • Remodeling  
• Renovation • Garages  
• Concrete • Windows & Siding  
Licensed • Bonded • Insured #4690  
**651-222-8701 • www.nillesbuilders.com**

**Concrete • Masonry Repair/Replace**  
Garage • House Additions  
Foundation • Slabs  
Landscape • Demolition  
Step Repair • Driveways  
Bobcat Work • Dumptruck  
**Call Gary 651-423-6666**

**Blackbrook Farm**  
Small Family Farm Raising Certified Organic Vegetables and Pastured Meats  
Customizable Vegetable CSA Shares!  
Full/Half and Fall Shares Available  
Weekly and Seasonal Add-on options:  
Pastured Chicken and Pork and Grass-fed Beef  
Local Honey and Organic Mushroom Shares  
Easy Rescheduling  
12 Delivery Sites  
Payment Plans Including Snap/EBT  
Monthly Online FarmStand Orders and Pastured Meat Shares available  
Find out more at <http://blackbrookfarmstead.com>  
[blackbrook.farm.llc@gmail.com](mailto:blackbrook.farm.llc@gmail.com) • 828-702-0444



# Wheel Fun Rentals

wheelfunrentalsmn.com



## Water Rentals

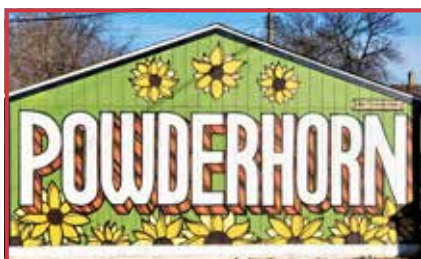
Lake Nokomis 612-729-1127  
Lake Harriet 612-922-9226  
Bde Maka Ska 612-823-5765  
Lake Como 651-487-8046



## Bike Rentals

Minnehaha Falls 612-729-2660  
Lake Nokomis 612-729-1127  
Richfield - Veterans Park  
612-861-9348  
Lake Como 651-487-8046

*Enjoy the outdoors with your family!*



**Advertise your business in  
Southside Pride!**

call David (612) 822-4662  
or email [david@southsidepride.com](mailto:david@southsidepride.com)

# NOW HIRING



We are looking to hire for the following positions:

Handyman/Handywoman  
Office Manager  
General Manager

Please see our job postings on our Facebook page

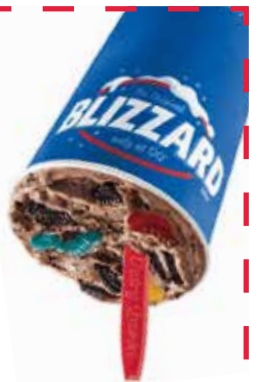


3805 NICOLLET AVENUE | MPLS, MN 55409 | 612.822.3121

**Blizzard  
of the Month  
Oreo Dirt Pie**

**\$1 OFF any size Blizzard**  
(except mini, limit 4) EXPIRES 6/30/22

Proudly Serving **Nathan's**  
All Beef hot Dogs and Footlongs!



38th Street Dairy Queen 3747 13th Ave. S. • 11am - 9pm • 612-822-2393  
Thanks for your support! Free Delivery thru DoorDash



*do you love*  
**FRESH VEGGIES?**  
**COMMUNITY SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE**  
*With Delivery to 14 Twin Cities Sites!*

**HARMONY VALLEY FARM**

Certified Organic Vegetables, Beef & Pork

**SIGN UP AT:**  
[WWW.HARMONYVALLEYFARM.COM](http://WWW.HARMONYVALLEYFARM.COM)



**EAT HEALTHY  
BE HEALTHY**



**FREE ANNUAL CHECKUPS**

**FOR THOSE UNDER 21**  
[FreeChildCheckups.com](http://FreeChildCheckups.com)

Child and Teen  
Checkups 

**WE BUILD PRIDE ON  
THE SOUTHSIDE!**