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Ugly truths



BY TONY BOUZA

The Floyd case is marvelously instructive for all the awful lessons it provides. A latter-day “Rashomon.”

Racism is number one, but forgive me, not the issue that grabs me.

I monitored the Chauvin-types very carefully through Internal Affairs and gave the others ample room for caution in dealing with street events. It required close scrutiny and tough controls, but that’s what running a police agency is all about—control. Police departments are dictatorships, not democracies.

I froze promotions for nine years and, at the end, still had too many supervisors. I cut overtime to the bone and insisted that disabled workers be given appropriate assignments. Cops are very good at finding compliant medics who give them documents facilitating tax-free disability pensions. Bloat is not only evident in the number of cronies raised high but in the creation of such unnecessary—and ironically named—units as Public Information Officers. One-person patrols and eight-hour workdays were other

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Lazer Weston tries on a firefighter suit with the help of the Minneapolis Fire Department at this year’s Picnic in the Park at Pearl Park on the afternoon of July 28. Kids could also explore fire trucks and sit in the driver’s seat and pretend to drive. Hundreds of East Nokomis neighbors showed up to meet candidates running for election in the August primary, and there were moms who came to promote gun safety. People could volunteer for New Creation’s food shelf, eat at one (or more) of the food trucks and dance to the jazz-rock sounds of the Big Throwdown.

Get ready to VOTE

BY LYDIA HOWELL

For the last three elections, Minnesota was number one in voter turnout, at almost 80% participation.

One reason for such high participation is Minnesota’s Election Day (“same day”) voter registration, passed in 1973.

“It’s not just the absence of obstacles, but the presence of good laws. I use the baseball call of ‘the tie goes to the runner.’ In Minnesota, the tie goes to the voter,” says Minnesota’s three-term Secretary of State Steve Simon. “Over the years, we cleared obstacles in the path of voting. The idea of access for the voter has been deeply bipartisan. Minnesota was only one of three states to pass Election Day registration.

Now, it’s still only 15 or 16 states. Same day registration is the jewel in the crown of voting.”

“Voter registration simply means show me you are who you say you are and you live where you say you live,” Simon explains. “There’s a long list of things you can use to prove that at mnvotes.gov.”

Requirements to vote: be a U.S. citizen, a resident of Minnesota for at least 20 days, and 18 years old by election day. Being convicted of a felony does not stop you from voting, as long as you’ve completed all your sentence and are not “on paper” – that is, you’re not on parole, probation or supervised release.

Simon is part of a coalition working to end the “on paper” block to voting.

Minnesota recognized Af-

rican American men’s right to vote in 1869 – a year before the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution did so. White women in Minnesota won voting rights in 1920, while women of color still struggled (depending on the state they lived in). Indigenous people marginally won voting rights in 1962, strengthened by the 1965 Voting Rights Act. Obstacles remain, as a Native American Rights Fund 2020 report shows, including non-traditional addresses (on reservations) and no address due to higher levels of homelessness (outside reservations), and fewer opportunities for voter registration.

Since 2020 was a U.S. census year, districts may be redrawn and polling places for in-person voting might be

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The saga of Omar Fateh

BY ED FELIEN

After a long and painful two-month inquiry, the Minnesota Senate Subcommittee on Ethical Conduct cleared state Sen. Omar Fateh of any serious wrongdoing, but they did find that Fateh didn’t disclose the \$1,000 he paid Somali TV for campaign advertising.

His statement: “The unanimous decision reached today by the Bipartisan Ethics Subcommittee is both relieving and a reinforcement of what I have said all along: there is no evidence of, nor was I ever involved in, any unethical advertising exchange or any electoral interference, intentional or otherwise. I’m appreciative of the committee’s unanimous decision to dismiss those complaints entirely. While I recognize the financial mistake I made as a candidate, I’m grateful the committee recognizes the earnest nature of that error, and I will promptly follow their directive for additional training with the Campaign Finance Board. I look forward to moving past these complaints and dedicating more focus to my top priority – fighting on behalf of the needs and interests of working-class families.”

Fateh is being challenged in the DFL primary on Tuesday, Aug. 9, by Shaun Laden, former union president for MFT’s education support professionals. Laden successfully fought to increase these essential teacher’s aides’ wages by 40% over six years.



State Sen. Omar Fateh



DFL primary challenger Shaun Laden



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The Hiawatha Golf Course Master Plan

BY KATHRYN KELLY

On July 20, the Planning Committee of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board started the process of reconsidering the Hiawatha Golf Course Master Plan for the fourth time. This time Park Board President Meg Forney wasn't going to let this initial vote fail, so her first act of the night was to appoint herself to the planning committee so she could personally vote to pass the resolution.

During the public comment period, quite an array of comments was given about the plan.

The lengthiest was by Al Flowers, who compared the Park Board to the current U.S. Supreme Court. He said that the Supreme Court has just taken away a long-standing constitutional right. In a like manner, the Park Board is destroying a 90-year-old Black institution in the city of Minneapolis. Flowers also begged Superintendent Al Bangoura to stand up with the Black community in imploring the board to retain the 18-hole Hiawatha Golf Course.

One person asked the board to stop the racist tactic of pitting minority groups against each other (in this case, Blacks and Native Americans) and another woman asked the board to give the Hiawatha Golf Course property back to Native Americans. I found the latter rather ironic since, the next morning, I saw a Native American golfing in the group behind me at Hiawatha Golf Course. Maybe the Park Board should give the property back to the Native American community and the golf course could be added to the many golf courses in Minnesota owned and operated by Native Americans. Then we could still have our 18-hole golf course, and it would likely be better maintained.

I talked about the history of racism in the city of Minneapolis; how my grade school of 600 kids was all white because of racial covenants; how the building of I-35W destroyed part of the Black community in South Minneapolis; and how Solomon Park, named after the first Black Park Board Commissioner, Ed Solomon, is a disgrace. Now,



Al Flowers had to be pushed off the microphone at the July 20 MPRB Planning Committee meeting.

this heavily white Park Board wants to destroy Hiawatha Golf Course, another Black institution in the city of Minneapolis.

With the help of Park Board President Meg Forney, the Planning Committee voted to pursue the path of destruction of another

Black institution in this city. The racist legacy of Minneapolis, implemented by white privilege, continues.



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There's a bad smell somewhere

BY ED FELIEN

[Ed Felien's remarks to the Park Board on July 20]

In a promotional video having something to do with the Hiawatha Plan, Michael Schroeder is shown saying, "My mission is to de-Wirthify the Minneapolis Park System." The crown jewel of his plan is to turn the Hiawatha Golf Course into a swamp. It was almost a swamp

a hundred years ago before Theodore Wirth dredged Rice Lake to a depth of 33 feet. Most of Minneapolis was a swamp a hundred years ago. Powderhorn Park was a swamp that crossed Lake Street to 28th Street. But swamps smell bad. People wanted to drain the swamps so they could build homes and parks and playgrounds and golf courses.

But there is something swampy about the fixed determination of Park Board plan-

ners. Something about it smells. It's already cost the taxpayers over a million dollars in planning, and all it has produced is a stinking mess.

It's time to de-Schroederize the plan for Hiawatha.

The justification for the Schroeder plan is the amount of pumping done to keep water off the low land next to the lake. He told everyone at public meetings that the amount they were pumping was illegal. That was a

stinking lie.

What is illegal is the dam/weir at 27th Avenue that is holding back five feet of water. You need a permit from the DNR to back up water into a wetland, and the area around Lake Hiawatha and Lake Nokomis and Solomon Park is a wetland. The peat soil is like a sponge soaking up water and swampifying the whole area. Take down the dam/weir, dredge the creek so the water runs under the sanitary sewer lines, and you lower the lake level by five feet and drain the swamp. You would eliminate the collapsing infrastructure around Lake Nokomis, end flooded basements and eliminate pump-



Jon Spurgeon with fish caught and released at Lake Hiawatha

Lake, we need a system to filter the water and take out the phosphorus that is making us sick. And we need a flocculation system and a grit chamber filtering phosphorus and trash out of the city's storm sewer system that dumps poison and trash into Lake Hiawatha.

We all want the best for our parks. We all want to get past this stinking mess we keep coming back to. But first, we're probably going to have to find a strong de-Schroederant.

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defiant ideas—now abandoned. Our leaders seem to prefer treasury-busting settlements to actually managing.

Cases like the Cindy Gerdes murder are neglected, eloquently illustrated by the indifference to promising leads.

The city is smashed, burned and destroyed, and the band plays on. Looters, window crashers and arsonists are cosseted or overlooked. Precincts—yes, police houses—are burned. Burned, and no one lifts a finger. O tempora, o mores!

The police union rules—and everyone who matters knows it. The City Council spins wheels, wrings hands, turns over the people's treasure to eager hunters, and the public gets pissed on while being handed figurative umbrellas in the form of pieties. The citizens who pleaded with

Chauvin to ease up are heroes. The cops who paid for getting along by going along now know the cost.

I know. I go on and on. But I lived it, fought the union tooth and claw, served the people's interests and was amply rewarded—at least psychically.

A tiresome anecdote (how we geezers love 'em): Not long ago the ex-police chief to whom I turned over my expert witness business saw a documentary of my time in the Bronx and was impressed. He called to tell me so and said that he would share his views with our former colleagues in the NYPD. The chat room is very appropriately called "Rant." I advised him to eschew the effort, but he was adamant.

Soon thereafter he called again, incredulous over the vitriol heaped upon me some 40 years after my departure:

"Never did a cop's job in his

life."

"Uses fancy words to impress."

"A charlatan and a joke."

Most of the trenchant views more or less mirrored the lovable little old lady who muttered: "That Tony Bouza certainly is full of himself, isn't he?"

The cops would've added I was full of something else, too.

Cops do not want to be controlled.

That is the brutal truth.

Most do a good job, but no one loves leashes, least of all their wearers. For a time I entertained the notion of calling our agency Animal Control, but someone else stole the idea.

We all want admiration, rewards and prizes, and few of us like strife. Real public service means adherence to Cicero: "The good of the people is the highest law."

Good luck with that.



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Andrew ‘Tekle’ Sundberg

BY ELINA KOLSTAD

After putting our 5-year-old to bed the night of Wednesday, July 13, I realized there was a helicopter flying around outside. It’s not all that unusual to hear helicopters from our house, sometimes going to or from the nearby hospital, but this was persistent and constant. A little after 10:30 p.m., a neighbor posted to the Seward E-Democracy forum that 19 squad cars were at the Holiday Station on Franklin, and Piza Luce had been told to close by the police – there was an active shooter situation. After seeing the email I checked in with our neighbor who is not on E-Democracy, and she quickly pulled up more information from Crime Watch. The most recent information was an hour old and as we

on Thursday, July 14, the police had decided to execute Andrew “Tekle” Sundberg in what some are calling “suicide by cop.” Those familiar with this case will be aware that Sundberg began shooting, apparently within



Andrew ‘Tekle’ Sundberg

his own apartment while alone, at around 9:30 p.m. His neighbor, Arabella Foss-Yarbrough, called the police after a bullet flew through the wall and into her apartment as she and her two small children sheltered

in the bedroom. She ran to let the police into the building; the police got her sons out of the apartment and evacuated the rest of the building. Many point to the imminent danger to Foss-Yarbrough and her children as justification to shoot and kill Sundberg, but they had been removed to safety for hours by the time Sundberg was shot. What the police did that was heroic that night had nothing to do with them shooting anybody, what they did that was heroic was that they rescued a mother and her young children from gunfire and evacuated the building and surrounding area. There are major questions as to why that broke down when it came to Sundberg himself; it’s unclear if mental health professionals were even on the scene.

When the snipers shot Sundberg it was not a heroic moment. It was a cold, calculated execution. We as a society have the collective delusion that guns are heroic, guns are strong, guns solve problems. We would bene-

fit greatly if we would recognize strength beyond weaponry; the heroes of this story are the police who risked their own safety to rescue those children and evacuate the building, not the snipers who took the shot from a building away.

The thing that stands out to me most about this situation is that Sundberg seems to have been in his apartment by himself. Admittedly I am not a medical expert but, based on my experience, it would seem that Sundberg was dealing with some form of psychosis or hallucinations at the time of his death. I think it is fair to question how much he understood of the situation he was in. This is very different from someone with severe depression who instigates an attack to achieve suicide by cop.

Many people want to highlight this situation as an example for why we need a strong, well-armed police force. Those of us in favor of defunding the police would argue that better access to mental health resources before people start shooting up their own, and their neighbor’s,

apartments would be far more beneficial. When the Minneapolis teachers’ union was striking, improved mental health services was one of their main demands, and yet our governor refused to support them, even as our state sits on a sizable budget surplus.

In addition to proactively funding more comprehensive mental health services, we really need to break down the stigma surrounding mental health issues. We need to make sure that people and their families are willing to seek out diagnosis and help without feeling that there is something wrong with them.

In the meantime we need to accept that we are choosing to live in a world of gun violence – gun violence that can, and increasingly will, happen anywhere. There will only be so much any amount of funding our police can do for us once the bullets start to fly. Uvalde, don’t forget, budgeted over \$4 million dollars (37% of their general fund) to their police force and it neither prevented nor satisfactorily resolved the devastating attack on their school.

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changed. Check mnvotes.gov for up-to-date information.

In the wake of Donald Trump’s Jan. 6 attempt to overturn the 2020 election of President Joe Biden, some are questioning Minnesota’s voting system, expressing concern about election day voter registration. Simon is reassuring about the state’s cross-referencing system. “We catch people who are double-registered. Double voters are very rare. Actual voter fraud in Minnesota is microscopic.”

Simon’s likely challenger is Minnesota Republican Party-endorsed Kim Crockett, who echoes false claims about voting and fans fears rooted in bigotry. At the Republican Party’s state convention in May, Crockett referred to George Soros as a “puppet-master controlling elections” with strings attached to Simon, who is also Jewish. These are antisemitic slurs, common among right-wing conspiracy theorists.

Like other Trump Republicans, Crockett attacks how absentee ballots were more easily available during the COVID-19 pandemic, calling it “an insecure chaotic absentee balloting system.”

Before COVID, about 25% of Minnesotans voted by mail. In 2020, that rose to 58%.

“Vote by mail worked really well,” Simon says. “We should be proud that people didn’t have to choose between their right to vote and their health.”

Vote by mail is a two-part process. First, ask for an application for an absentee ballot. (In Minneapolis call 612-673-3000 or email minneapolisabsentee@

minneapolisabsentee.org. Fill it out and return promptly in the provided envelope. Ask for a ballot for the Aug. 9 primary election (vote for candidates in only ONE party), the Nov. 8 general election, or for both. (You must provide a postage stamp for the application.) Next, when you get your ballot(s), carefully read the instructions. You will need to have a witness for your ballot (mate, family member, neighbor). Decide on candidate choices before you mark your ballot. (You can’t cross out on a ballot.) Put your ballot in the “Witness envelope” and put that envelope in the official envelope. Postage is free for returning ballots.

Joan Grove, Minnesota’s secretary of state from 1975 to 1999, made voter access her mission. She helped push “motor voter” through the state legislature in 1987, so that people could register to vote at the same time they renewed their driver’s license. Motor voter became national in 1995.

Grove’s legacy continues with Steve Simon. In her inspiring and informative memoir, “Turnout” (written with Star Tribune columnist Lori Sturdevant), Grove says, “If one believes voting is a right, it follows that few if any circumstances should disqualify a citizen from eligibility to vote. Screening requirements that deny eligible people access to the polls are unacceptable. Election policies should aim to facilitate voting, not impede it.”

Lydia Howell is a Minneapolis journalist, winner of Dallas Press Club and (Minnesota) Premack Awards for Public Interest Journalism.

3rd Precinct update

Third Precinct Advisory Council (3PAC) Minutes

July 11, 2022

Meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Gwen McMahon at 6:39 p.m. 17 attendees.

Treasurer's report: Doris Overby, Treasurer, balance of \$1457.73 in our checking account at Wings Financial. Check to reimburse Gwen McMahon will be written shortly for \$561.12.

Minutes: of the June meeting were approved as written.

Summer Picnic: will be August 11 at the temporary 3rd Precinct building. As in the past, 3PAC will be offering food for all three shifts. Serving times will be around the noon hour and then again around the supper hour and early evening. Phil Williams has volunteered to pick up food at Corcoran Park and deliver to the precinct as parking is at a premium. Timing will be determined at the August meeting.

Officer of the month: This recognition has been brought back. Recognitions are being funded by the department budget. A request was made

to have the Inspector share the write up with 3PAC each meeting. Inspector Gomez was going to check and see if he could do that.

Updates from Inspector Gomez: Retention incentives for MPD officers. A plan is before the City Council to provide retention bonuses to patrol officers. Some of the guidelines include good standing and employment as of December 31, 2022. A discussion of public services was had along with some of the current trends in the precinct. A more in-depth discussion of the Shot Spotter system was had and how that fits into the information at hand for investigations. Staffing has remained the same since last month. New hires seem to just replace officers leaving.

Question/answer opportunity: Doris Overby made a motion: 3PAC supports an action of the City Council to offer incentives for both patrol officers and upper ranks – command staff. Motion seconded and passed.

Gwen McMahon and Phil Williams will meet with Inspector Gomez to discuss the types of information 3PAC would like to have at future meetings, i.e., crime statistics, more detailed

trends, etc. With the new Department of Public Safety information channels have changed.

The crime statistic dashboard link is public, but not necessarily

easy to find. We will publish that link.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. **Next meeting is Monday, August 8, at Corcoran Park,**

6:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Phil Williams, co-chair.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hennepin Avenue – the future

If the city is designing an avenue for the future, then why is it not including electric car charging stations? That is but one question we should be asking as this egregious project is being rammed down the throats of businesses along Hennepin Avenue.

Businesses who neither want, need nor approve of a plan that will kill them, yet they will be required to pay for through assessments.

And why? Mostly because a small but very vocal lobby has gripped our city government by the throat and holds us all hostage.

Yes, we need to address climate change. But traffic jams and angry motorists racing down once-quiet city side streets is not the answer. But that is what we get when we sacrifice every major corridor to BIKE LANES! - Bike lanes with few riders ever in evidence.

Hennepin Avenue deserves better.

The current "Hennepin Avenue Redesign for the Next 50 Years" plan is a colossal mistake. It is a plan based on a woefully inadequate parking study. One major issue, merely identifying

parking lots along the corridor (private lots, by the way) does nothing to inform as to the loss of critical parking. These lots, at The Kenwood, Kenwood Isles Condos, Kowalski's, etc., are not going to welcome the public. How does this help us?

It does not. It only obscures the issue. Intentionally?

It is a plan based on unacceptably inadequate public engagement (obvious by the ever-growing public backlash) conducted during a major pandemic when few could afford to pay close attention. Well, we are paying attention now and we are ANGRY!

It is a painful attack on needed small business. Why are we decimating the very community city government is purporting to serve? Neighborhoods all along Hennepin rely on these small businesses. They form the backbone of our communities. They are the hub of neighborhood activity.

This plan turns Hennepin into nothing more than a commuter line, funneling people in and out of downtown. There will be no more small businesses.

There are those who believe that this is exactly what the city wants. Small business gone so

developers can swoop in, tear down, build larger buildings with more expensive housing, no parking and limited retail on the first floor. Turn Hennepin into just another street that could be in any neighborhood anywhere. No distinguishing landmarks. No charm. No character.

Is this really what we want for our city? Can nothing be done to stop this? Are we just to watch as our neighborhoods disappear? Or do we somehow find a way to push back?

Fight to save our streets. Our landmarks, our hubs, our neighborhoods – the soul of our city.

It doesn't have to be this way, if we are willing to fight.

There is another way. There is a compromise that serves all who wish to utilize Hennepin Avenue: A dedicated bus lane AND parking can coexist. IF the city can stand up to the bike mafia and move the unsafe bike lanes off of this major car corridor to a far safer option. Irving Avenue is one such, far less expensive option. Irving stretches from deep in Uptown to Douglas Avenue. It could then cross Hennepin into Loring Park and continue into downtown.

Doesn't it make more sense for bikes to be in our neighborhoods with our children than angry drivers pushed off major thoroughfares by unsafe, under-utilized bike lanes? Can we not at least agree on THAT?

I need to make this perfectly clear. I have no hate in my heart. I do not dislike actual bike riders. Some people in my family are avid riders.


My issue is with a lobby that screams down any voice that dares to disagree, that dares to offer a countering opinion, and has been known to viciously attack those who offer differing opinions. Making elected officials cower and chasing good people from seeking office for fear of being pilloried on social media.

That is what has happened. I am prepared for it. I have no plans for office. And my city, my avenue are worth it.

Think this can't happen to your street? In your neighborhood?

They are probably already making plans.

Carin Peterson



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City on fast track to restructure itself



BY CAM GORDON

The mayor and City Council are moving quickly to restructure city government.

Substantial ordinance amendments, which have yet to be shared with the public, could be approved by the end of August. The timeline presented by Mayor Jacob Frey in June called for the public hearing on August 4 and approval on August 20.

Some of it is already underway.

On June 30, the council approved two new executive positions: a community safety commissioner and a city operations officer to replace the city coordinator.

Ordinance amendments were approved to create the position of city operations officer, with a salary of \$269,943 to \$320,000, and the position of communi-

ty safety commissioner, with a salary of \$295,250 to \$350,000. Both salaries exceed the cap of \$192,144 imposed by state law and will require a waiver. Both positions will report to the mayor.

The city operations officer will oversee the proposed new Office of Public Service which would include the 311/Service Center, City Assessor, Civil Rights Department, Communications, Community Planning and Economic Development, Finance and Property Services, the Health Department, Human Resources, Information Technology, Intergovernmental Relations, Minneapolis Convention Center, Neighborhood and Community Relations, Public Works and Regulatory Services.

Then, on July 7, Mayor Frey announced his nomination of Cedric Alexander for the new position of community safety commissioner. As proposed, the commissioner would oversee the new Office of Community Safety, which would include the fire and police departments, 911, the Office of Emergency Management, and a new Office of Neighborhood Safety that will replace, or possibly include, the Office of Violence Prevention now housed in the Health Department. [Al-

exander's nomination was approved by the City Council at their August 4 meeting.]

The council also approved adding a city auditor position to the internal audit department and increased the department's budget by \$75,000 to do so.

When Frey announced his selection of Cedric Alexander for the safety commissioner, he said that government restructuring is "the most important thing I will probably ever do as mayor."

Council Member Linea Palmisano (Ward 13) has given notice that she is authoring the restructuring amendments to repeal Chapters 17, 21 and 25 that relate to the offices of city attorney, internal auditor, and city coordinator and adding new chapters to "provide for the government structure and its Executive and Administrative Departments, including the offices of Public Service, City Attorney, and Community Safety" consistent with the mayor's plan.

Presently, and historically, 10 departments report jointly to the mayor and council. The proposed reorganization reduces the number reporting directly to the mayor to four and limits the departments reporting directly to the council to two. The city attorney is one of the four

who will report to the mayor but their relationship to the council is unclear.

Some council members are concerned.

Council Members Elliot Payne (Ward 1) and Jeremiah Ellison (Ward 5) said that they are concerned about a lack of resources to support the work of the City Council as the legislative body. Council Member Jason Chavez (Ward 9) said he "still believes the pathway forward is through a charter change." Council Member LaTrisha Vetaw (Ward 4) said that she "is afraid some departments, like health, will be lost."

"We have to be mindful that Council still plays a role in approving department heads and that we don't have a dilution of financial oversight," said Council Member Andrew Johnson (Ward 12). He wants to ensure that there is no change in the level of financial authority currently held by the council.

"Question #1 has been implemented for nearly seven months, there is no reason to rush this process," said Council Member Robin Wonsley (Ward 2), who was the lone "no" vote on approving the new positions. "I know the public wants to be involved in charting a path forward for our city."

At the June 18 council meeting, Wonsley asked the mayor about community engagement on the proposal, and he highlighted the 2021 campaign and his work group. That work group was established in late 2021 without a single current, or newly elected, council member serving on it. None of its meetings were open to the public. In 2021, Question #1 won with 52.4% of the vote and was defeated in six out of the 13 wards.

"The mayor could take the

time to work with Council and the public to shape an equitable transparent restructure package, instead he is rushing through an ordinance process to avoid public scrutiny," Wonsley wrote following that meeting. "The current proposal lacks robust programs and resources on the legislative side that Council needs to best serve constituents."

About lack of public participation, Wonsley said, "For comparison, the city did a multi-phased engagement process for the city's Transportation Action Plan that received thousands of comments and created a process that allowed the public to see how their feedback shaped adjustments in the proposals. The guiding principles of this government structure were offered by the mayor's Government Structure Work Group and the public safety plan was based on recommendations from the mayor's Public Safety Work Group. Both work groups were hand-picked by the mayor and met behind closed doors with little to no opportunity for public comment. This is not how elected leaders should be making decisions when credibility and public trust is at an all-time low, the public deserves better."

Wonsley also raised concerns about the lack of any independent legal counsel to advise council members.

Given the many concerns raised by council members about the potential significance of this restructuring to further divide and eliminate checks and balances in our government, the council could decide to take a slower and more inclusive process going forward. If not, it could be written, approved, and enacted into law by the end of the month.

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CELEBRATE SUMMER ON LYNDALE AVE.

Summer on Lyndale Avenue South

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

For this review of things in the neighborhood, we'll go geographically down Lyndale Avenue, starting just north of Franklin Avenue, and ending just south of Minnehaha Creek. The first organization to check out is called Vision Loss Resources, a nonprofit that provides just what the name says. Their mission is to create "a community of service, skills, and support for people with vision loss," so that they "find new ways to adapt, connect, and thrive." They directly provide such things as trainings and webinars, support groups and

mentors, but they also connect people living with vision loss to government, professional or other nonprofit resources.

A block south of Franklin Avenue, on the west side of the street, you'll find a business with an intriguing name, Urban Tails. Although this place sells all manner of stuff related to keeping dogs, cats or other small animals as companions, their main gig is selling hard-to-find raw cat and dog foods and natural, healthy foods for all manner of pets. They also offer online shopping and free delivery within a fairly wide area (for orders over a modest thresh-

old). If you can't make it there in person, check out their comprehensive website (urbantailspet.com) and/or sign up for emails with updates and exclusive offers.

Across the street, at 2105 Lyndale, is the iconic Wedge Co-op, one of the oldest food co-ops in the Twin Cities (which is, as you know, Co-op-town USA). Some years ago the Wedge merged with Linden Hills Co-op, in the neighborhood of the same name, to become TCCP - Twin Cities Co-op Partners - but the two stores remain individual in style and stock, to suit their local consumers. (A single membership pur-



Art in Washburn Library: 'Laughing Water' mural by Virginia Bradley, 1992

chase gets you membership in both.) If you've been thinking of joining a co-op, check out tccp.coop/ownership to see what benefits are available. In addition to a 10% discount on a whole shop every quarter, they have a monthly rotation of additional benefits. For

instance, in August, there is 15% off all Minnesota-grown produce during the week of August 17 - 23.

The next interesting business we come to is Sweeney Todd's hair salon, located at

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Lyndale, from page 7

2429 Lyndale Ave. S. Sweeney Todd's has been in business for 17 years on Lyndale, which is a great record. They're a full-service hair salon offering simple traditional cuts or trendy styles, as well as color, permanent waves, extensions, dreadlocks or whatever you need. (They are in fact the upper Midwest's #1 dreadlock service salon.) They have a newsletter you can sign up for and an on-line appointment booking platform.

A couple of blocks farther south we come to Common Roots Cafe, at 2558 Lyndale Ave. S., which shares the corner with a few other eateries.



Urban Tails at a recent Pride festival

Common Roots is a community resource as well as a place to get a meal or just a quick coffee, tea or beer. They were a pioneer of the local food movement, and also practice waste

reduction by composting and rainwater capture. They have a neighborhood garden where fruit, herbs and salad greens are grown. Common Roots paid a higher wage even before the city passed the \$15 minimum and was one of the first places to go tip-free. They serve breakfast and lunch on weekends, and all meals on Tuesday through Friday, with a happy hour from 2 to 5 p.m. And if you want a private meeting and eating room, they have a closed-off room that seats up to 16 people.

Diagonally across from Common Roots, on the ground floor of the Rex26 apartment building, is an ALDI supermarket. This is a fairly new addition to

the neighborhood. ALDI is primarily known for low prices even on vegan foods, organic produce, imported meats and cheeses, and other items that are often high-priced elsewhere. Groceries from ALDI can now be ordered online and delivered to you via Instacart.

Just around the corner, less than a block east of Lyndale, is one of my favorite local independent bookstores, Once Upon A Crime. This small but intelligently stocked family-run bookstore dominates the mysteries and crime stories market, for both new and used books, mostly new. I probably sound like an email newsletter fanatic the way I'm always pushing newsletters, but I do enjoy a good one, and Once Upon A Crime has one of the best email newsletters I've seen. You can sign up on their website where you can now also shop online, even though you can also once again shop in person.

In fact, like every bookstore still standing after 2020, you can order books delivered or for pickup, and you can order audiobooks and/or e-books to be delivered digitally and not even have to go to your mailbox! Once Upon A Crime is

back to having in-store author events (check the website), but they have also archived a bunch of virtual events they held when in-person was not possible (again, website).

As we continue south and get near Lake Street, we come to Sunny's Hair and Wigs, at 2938 Lyndale Ave. S. This family business started about 30 years ago as a hair care salon, founded by a guy named Sunny, with his wife helping out on weekends. They had four daughters who are now adults and currently manage the business. They pivoted to mainly wigs, extensions and related services about 20 years ago. Wig and hair customers run the gamut from the theater community to chemotherapy and other hair loss patients, to cosplaying convention-goers, to average folks who temporarily want more exotic hair.



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Common Roots Cafe

Sunny's is there for all of them. The business started right here in Minneapolis but now has retail stores in Atlanta and Mesa, Ariz., as well as a thriving online shop.

Right on the corner, in fact at 626 W. Lake St., is another iconic eatery, It's Greek To Me Taverna E Parea. Open since 1982, it was first called simply It's Greek To Me back when I went there with my kids when they were small. It's still an old-school Greek restaurant serving all the standard favorites like moussaka, pastitsio, dolmades and gyros, plus some surprising newer choices like

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Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday, and closed Monday and Tuesday. You can also order via ToastTab for curbside pickup, inside pickup or delivery. About six blocks south we come to 36 Lyn Refuel Station, another local business that goes above and beyond its ostensible business model. A focus piece from 2017 from a journal called Right Enterprises introduces proprietor Lonnie McQuirter (who also made the local Business Journal's Fast50 list that same year): "Lonnie prefers that no one refer to the 36 Lyn Refuel Station as a gas station or [its

neighborhood and, by extension, the product mix in the convenience store that reflects it. And for these things, Lonnie has been acknowledged by the likes of Kiplinger's and the National Retail Federation." We'll end our exploration of Lyndale Avenue at the Washburn Library, at 5244 Lyndale. Set near scenic Minnehaha Creek, Washburn Library is named for local flour magnate and U.S. Sen. William D. Washburn (1831-1912). Library service to this area began in 1939 with a bookmobile route. The library's current location opened in 1970. Washburn Library is open six days a week and has nice amenities like a mural in the children's section, lots of computers, and meeting rooms.



Mural on the car wash door at 36 Lyn Refuel Station

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Restaurant news, plus two mini-reviews

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

An opening

The long-vacant Viking Bar location on Riverside Avenue has finally attracted a new resident: TAMU Grill and Catering, with a Kenyan fusion menu. Owner George Ndege, aka Chef JoJo, was formerly known as both the host of KFAI's African Rhythms and a caterer of African food, both of which he and his family will continue along with running the restaurant. With their grand opening in early July, TAMU ("delicious" in Swahili) will be open Wednesday through Sunday, serving food described as a fusion between (deep breath) Kenyan, West African, Indian, Southeast Asian and Middle Eastern cuisines. (Sounds great, actually. Watch this space, I may review it.)



Tamu Grill grand opening

The highs and lows of local celebrity restaurateurs

Justin Sutherland, our local mega-celebrity chef who seems to be everywhere (he's mostly known as the genius chef behind Handsome Hog but that's far from his only gig) was grievously injured in a boating accident on July 3. He sustained propeller injuries on one arm and the side of his face. He needed surgery that involved wiring his jaw

shut for six weeks. There is an ongoing Medical Recovery Fundraiser for his medical expenses (like most restaurant workers and indeed many owners, he was not insured). The fund is about halfway to its goal, so do contribute if you can. gofund.me/57674b61

Kim Bartmann, owner of a mini-empire of restaurants including Barbette and Tiny Diner, was tapped by Wisconsin-based Wilson Hotel Group to run the food and drink space in their boutique hotel under development in downtown Minneapolis. The hotel is part of a chain of small hotels called Indigo Hotel and is going to occupy the former Crowne Plaza spot on 2nd Avenue. The hotel-based eatery will be co-managed and devel-

oped by the Bartmann group and Wilson Hotel Group and will be called Star Bar & Bistro. It will be Bartmann's first foray into downtown.

Mini-review – the Eat for Equity meal kit

As promised last month, I am reviewing the Eat for Equity meal kit. I accidentally got a full-size kit instead of a half-size kit. Half-size kits are made for cou-



Chef Justin Sutherland

ples, full-size for large households, and I am a singleton who almost always eats alone, so it took a bit of creativity, juggling and freezer capacity to do this but I did it.

For my two "mains" I got: (1) pasta with vegan meatballs and marinara sauce, and (2) smoked tofu with rhubarb BBQ sauce. The pasta consisted of a box of dried macaroni in an upscale brand, and everything else was in-house, chef-prepared. For my two sidedishes, I got: (1) grilled asparagus with romesco, and (2) mac and cheese with potato chip panko crust. For my salad-soup-bread choices I got: (1) a loaf of Laune sourdough bread, and (2) a watermelon and smashed cucumber salad. For my single (but very large) dessert, I got mixed berry crisp with real whipped cream. For a free gift, I got a bottle of homemade hibiscus syrup.

The only thing gone quickly was the syrup, which I mixed with seltzer water and drank within two days. The meatballs and marinara spent over a week in the freezer before being cooked and divided into three humongous portions. I am close to finishing that and the bread. So all in all, the kit has majorly supplemented my meals for almost three weeks now.

I will rate the things in descending order of yumminess:

- Smoked tofu with rhubarb BBQ – adored it. Two large meals plus a riff on a banh mi to finish it off.

- Mac and cheese – excellent, but way too much. I would say a minimum of 12 servings as a side dish. I lost count of how many lunches and sides I got out of it. I combined it with roasted broccolini a couple of times, then with peas and a spicy sauce. It almost seemed to get better the more times I reheated it. Up to a point, anyway.

- Mixed berry crisp – lovely, not too sweet. Not enough whipped cream, though fortunately I also had some of my own.

- Laune bread – excellent when lightly toasted and thickly buttered, but hard to slice.

- Hibiscus syrup – great. No complaints.

- Marinara sauce and meatballs – good, would probably get again, but also way too much for me. (I know, that's my fault, not

always wanted to try romesco, but guess what? I'm not a fan. I gave it away.

- Watermelon and smashed cucumber salad – I would probably like this a lot in a proper restaurant setting. The instructions said the crispy shallots would be separate, but they weren't. The whole salad, dressing and all, came to me in a tall quart-size container. The shallots had liquified into goo. I don't think this works in a meal kit unless it's prepared fresh by the consumer.

Mini-review – She Royal Bar & Bistro

I discovered this new place at 2223 E. Franklin Ave. (where a coffee shop was before the pandemic) when I attended Open Streets. I was fainting from hunger and also quite hot and thirsty. When I saw that it was more than just a coffee shop, I



Small Ethiopian plate at She Royal

theirs, but it affects the ratings so I provide it as a reason why I might have had a higher rating in a normal restaurant setting.)

- Asparagus and romesco – asparagus was a bit underdone and woody at the bottom. I have

decided to get a meal. I got the small Ethiopian Plate and was offered an unlisted drink item – a house-made sweetened hibiscus iced tea – which I happily accepted, and it was just what I needed. I finished every bite of the lovely, all-vegan, beautifully-but-not-aggressively-spiced items with injera and white rice.

Later I read about it on the E-Democracy forum for Seward neighborhood. Neighbors were all very happy to have this new dining place on the avenue, where places to get a drink or a bite to eat are getting quite thin on the ground. Everyone agreed that the Ethiopian food offered there (not the only kind of food, though) was better than at a number of larger, more well-known places. But the owner put "Bar" in the name because he was trying to get a liquor license, and apparently the city is being weird about it. So neighbors in Seward are trying to flex their muscle and clear the path for a bar to open along with the bistro. For now, although you can't get an alcoholic drink, you can get some really tasty food at She Royal.

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Monday, Aug. 8
Youth Empowerment Movie Night
North Commons Park
1801 James Ave. N., Mpls.

Tuesday, Aug. 9
‘Peter Rabbit 2: The Runaway’ PG
North Commons Park
1801 James Ave. N.

Wednesday, Aug. 10
‘Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings’ PG-13
The Commons
425 Portland Ave., Mpls.

Thursday, Aug. 11
‘Isle of Dogs’ PG-13
North Mississippi Regional Park
5116 N. Mississippi Dr., Mpls.

Friday, Aug. 12
Star Tribune Music & Movies presented by Bridgewater Bank and Star Tribune
Lake Harriet
4135 W. Harriet Pkwy., Mpls.

Saturday, Aug. 13
‘Chaos Walking’ PG-13
McRae Park
906 E. 47th St., Mpls.

‘Dancing Through Egypt’
Jawaahir Dance Company at Minnesota Fringe Festival
Tuesday, Aug. 9, 5:30 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 12, 10 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 13, 2:30 p.m.
Center for Performing Arts
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Tired Eyes/Who Are They?
Thursday, Aug. 11
Doors 6 p.m., Music 7 p.m.
Under The Canopy at The Hook & Ladder Theater
3010 Minnehaha Ave., Mpls.
Tired Eyes is an all-star tribute to Neil Young and Crazy Horse. Named after one of the more dismal songs from the Neil Young album “Tonight’s the Night,” they perform music from Neil’s golden ‘70s – ‘80s era. Songs from “Harvest,” “Everybody Knows This Is Nowhere,” “Rust Never Sleeps,” ... all your favorites! To portray The Who you must be a real band. It’s about their untouchable, levitating energy. They were a maximum band, maximally in the moment, and that’s what Who Are They? are about. This is not a cover band. This is a real band conjuring the unforgettable songs, epic riffs, energy and passion of The Who. See it, feel it, touch it.
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Tickets at <https://thehookmpls.com/event/tired-eyes-who-are-they/>.

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Aug. 12 – 21
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The Autoptic Festival
Exhibition – Saturday, Aug. 13, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Coffman Memorial Union
300 Washington Ave. SE, Mpls.
Panel Discussions – Sunday, Aug. 14, 1 to 6 p.m. (also livestreamed)
Minneapolis College of Art & Design
2501 Stevens Ave., Mpls.
The Autoptic Festival is an independent bi-annual festival celebrating the best of DIY print culture, with an emphasis on comics, zines, posters and other printed materials. The Autoptic Festival will include panels, workshops, interviews, book signings, parties and a day-long floorshow where over 120 artists can display their art, sell their work and meet the public. This year’s festival will feature the debut of our

new two-day split schedule format with our floor show exhibition on Saturday and all of our panels and programming on Sunday. On Saturday, Aug. 13, we’ll have exhibitors tabling at The Coffman Memorial Union on the beautiful and commuter friendly campus of the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis. Then, on Sunday, Aug. 14, we’ll be hosting a day of panels and programming at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design in Minneapolis, in a hybrid, in-person/remote format. Confirmed special guests for this year include Hyena Hell, Anders Nilson, Ari Mulch, Tom Kaczynski, John Vasquez-Meijas, Jim Keefe, Sean Knickerbocker, Caroline Cash, Kameron White and Zak Sally. Questions: info@autoptic.org. More info at www.autoptic.org.


Community Listening Session on Police Union Contract Negotiations
Monday, Aug. 15, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Park Recreation Center
4055 Nicollet Ave., Mpls.
The city is holding three community listening sessions to receive input on topics related to a new three-year contract with the Police Federation of Minneapolis. Members of the public are welcome to attend. This past spring Mayor Jacob Frey convened an internal workgroup focused on collaboration and developing a shared set of priorities in advance of the 2023-2025 police union contract negotiations. The group, comprised of Council President Andrea Jenkins, Council Member Lisa Goodman, Council Member Aisha Chughtai, Council Member LaTrisha Vetaw and city staff, meets monthly

and is hosting these listening sessions as an extension of its work. In these sessions, the city will explain the negotiation process and hold workgroups where people can collaborate on ideas related to the contract. This process will help inform the city in its negotiations with the Police Federation. Information on the negotiations is available on the city’s website: <https://www2.minneapolismn.gov/government/departments/hr/labor-agreements/contract-negotiations/>. Earlier this year, the city approved a three-year collective bargaining agreement with the Police Federation that retroactively covered years union members worked without a contract. That agreement expires Dec. 31, 2022.

HomeHelpMN program open for applications
Deadline extended through Aug. 17
HomeHelpMN began 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 Aug. 17. Homeowners can get ready today by visiting the website at HomeHelpMN.org or calling the Call Center at 1-800-388-3226. That website and phone number are also where they can apply for funds.


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Multi-Congregational Worship in Pearl Park
Sunday, Aug. 14, at 10:30 a.m.
Pearl Park
414 E. Diamond Lake Rd., Mpls.
From Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church: We're worshipping with our neighbors at Pearl Park! Join us for a joint worship event led by our own Pastor Kristen Capel, along with Pastor Darrick Granison from New Creations Church of God in Christ, Pastor Lee Hallstrom from Diamond Lake Lutheran, and Pastor D.R. Thomas from Majestic Ministries Church of God in Christ. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and join us at Pearl Park, 414 E. Diamond Lake Rd. We're also planning a craft activity for kids. And stay for donuts and refreshments following! Everyone is invited!

A Listening Ear: Mental Health for Everyone
Wednesday, Aug. 17
6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Living Spirit United Methodist Church
4501 Bloomington Ave., Mpls.
This summer, Living Spirit is providing a listening ear to the community. At the event, trained listeners (mental health professionals, marriage and family therapy students, and certified coaches) will be available from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. You can talk about a specific problem you'd like an outside perspective on or check in about your mental health in general. This event is open to people of all (or no) faith traditions. More information at <https://www.livingspiritumc.org/news/listeningear>.

Minneapolis Friends Meeting Summer Schedule
Through 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 for more information. All are welcome!

Healing Minnesota Stories Open Sacred Site Tours
Sunday, Oct. 2, 1 to 5 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 30, 1 to 5 p.m.
Church of St. Peter
1405 Sibley Memorial Hwy.
St. Paul
While dozens of private Sacred Sites Tours have taken place for groups this year, the Minnesota Council of Churches is happy to announce two open-to-the-public tours, led by Rev. Jim Bear Jacobs (Mohican) and Kelly Sherman Conroy (Oglala Lakota). The tours offer an opportunity to learn about Minnesota history from a Native

perspective through storytelling and experiencing the sites in silence/meditation/reflection. Learn more about how you can participate in Healing Minnesota Stories by absorbing the sacred narratives of Minnesota places. Get more info and register at <http://mnchurches.org/what-we-do/healing-minnesota-stories>.

Plymouth Congregational Church Worship Schedule
1900 Nicollet Ave., Mpls.
"Under the Big Top" — outdoor worship on Sundays at 9 a.m. Masking is not required outdoors.
Sundays at 10 a.m. — coffee and social time in Jones Commons, and Community Joy Circle Dance in the parking lot next to the tent or, if rain, in the Conn Gallery.
Indoor worship on Sundays at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary and online. Masking in the church building is strongly recommended. There is a "Mask Only" section available in the Sanctuary and marked for those wishing extra security. www.plymouth.org

Refugee Donation Wish List: Gift cards
From the Minnesota Council of Churches: Over the past few weeks MCC Refugee Services has begun to serve around 150 people (43 families) from Ukraine into our services. These families entering our early self-sufficiency programming have been experiencing delays in receiving their county food benefits. How can you help? Gift cards to Target, Aldi and Cub are great ways to help put food in the table. Donate a gift card by mailing it to: 122 W. Franklin Ave. #100, Minneapolis, MN 55404, ATTN: Refugee Services. For questions, please call (612) 230-3219. We are grateful for your support!

SHARING FOOD

New Creation Baptist Church
1414 E. 48th St., Mpls.
612-825-6933
We're still here to serve you on the first through the fourth Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We have re-opened the food shelf to choice shopping. We do require mask, sanitizer and temp check. Be safe and God bless! <https://www.facebook.com/NCBCfoodshelf>. Saturdays (except 5th Saturdays) 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
(Brown door on the corner of 48th St. and 15th Ave.)

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5300 10th 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 53rd Street. These meals are free to anyone, no questions asked. You might have had a hard day and simply cannot cook dinner. Or maybe you've paid your last bill for the month and cannot buy groceries. Whatever your circumstance, you are welcome. You can simply drive or walk up to the church and receive a meal any Wednesday evening between 5 and 6 p.m.

Minnehaha United Methodist Church
3701 E. 50th St., Mpls.
612-721-6231
The Minnehaha Food Shelf serves food for the hungry on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We help distribute up to 30,000 pounds of food each month. In response to the COVID-19 virus, we have changed many things to protect both our guests and our volunteers — rigorous cleaning routines, streamlined procedures, moving outside, wearing face masks and following the 6-foot social distancing guideline. Please be patient as we continue to improve what we do. <https://www.facebook.com/MinnehahaFoodShelf/>

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>.

Calvary Lutheran Church
3901 Chicago Ave., Mpls.
612-827-2504, ext. 205
The Food Shelf is open for food

distributions on Saturdays, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Due to COVID-19, we are currently operating on a limited-choice outside ordering process, or indoor client-selected shopping. Masks are required. 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 PER MONTH to allow everyone access. The Calvary Food Shelf has no geographic boundaries — all are welcome! If you have any questions, please email foodshelf@clchurch.org or call 612-827-2504, ext. 205. For more information and to see eligibility guidelines, go to <https://www.clchurch.org/food-shelf>.

Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and Friendship Community Service
2600 E. 38th St., Mpls.
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Please bring ID and wear a mask.
Social distancing guidelines are in place.

Community Meals at Walker Church
3104 16th Ave. S., Mpls.
612-722-6612
Free to-go meals and groceries are available for pick-up every Tuesday from 4:30 to 6 p.m. All are welcome. Sisters' Camelot holds a separate food distribution out of Walker Church every third and fifth Tuesday of the month starting at 2:30 p.m. This is in addition to our weekly programmed food distributions starting at 4:30 p.m. Follow Sisters' Camelot on Facebook or at <http://sisterscamelot.org/> for more.

Groveland Emergency Food Shelf
1900 Nicollet Ave., Mpls.
612-871-0277
Monday — Friday, 9:30 a.m. to noon
On Groveland Avenue between Nicollet and Lasalle (Temporary entrance on Nicollet Avenue)
Hosted in the basement of Plymouth Congregational Church
Delivery is available for individuals who are housebound due to disability. <https://www.grovelandfoodshelf.org/>

Soup for You! Café at Bethany
2511 E. Franklin Ave., Mpls.
612-332-2397
Soup for You! operates out of the basement of century-old and deeply-rooted Bethany Lutheran Church that we honor in our name. After two years of COVID lockdown and serving our community through a set of three glass doors, Soup for You! Café is back to an open dining room. Monday through Friday, noon to 1 p.m. Wednesdays, groceries, noon to 1 p.m. Large space, high ceilings, only four chairs per table, all volunteers vaccinated/boosted. <https://soupforyou.info/>

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Sunday 9:30 am (also live-streamed on Facebook)
Sunday 12 noon
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3430 E. 51st St.
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www.faithlutheranmpls.org
Sunday Worship 9 am and online on Facebook
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AA group Mondays - 6:30 pm
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NA groups Wednesdays 7:30 pm
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Vacancy Pastor:
Rev. Jered Yogerst, PhD

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1720 E. Minnehaha Pkwy.
612-722-1083
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Bible Study at 10:30 am
Sunday Worship recordings online at www.holycrossmpls.org

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4501 Bloomington Ave.
612-721-5025
Multicultural/Intergenerational Justice — Generosity — Faith
Worship In-Person or Online
10:30 am Sundays
Online: livingspiritumc.org

NEW CREATION BAPTIST CHURCH
1414 E. 48th St.
612-825-6933
In-person Sunday Worship 10:45 am
Also on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/NewCreationBaptistChurch
<https://newcreationbaptist-churchmn.org/>
Pastor:
Rev. Dr. Daniel B. McKizzie

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5300 10th Ave. S.
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www.nokomisheights.org
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Sunday worship 10 am, outside on the front lawn.
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Born with a mission

BY ELAINE KLAASSEN

Steve Floyd is a man with a heart for others.

He has raised four children—the fifth is still under his supervision; he nurtures dozens of other youth through the Agape Movement and through his work as a mental health counselor at Change, Inc.; he makes award-winning photographs; he practices healthy living to support his transplanted kidney; he travels the globe; and he has connected to thousands over his love for basketball. There are so many areas that he tends to. His life is complex but not complicated. He exudes a rare serenity.

Co-founder of the Agape Movement, formed in the 1980s, Floyd has spent the past 40-plus years helping to bring love, safety, inspiration and opportunity into the community, particularly to former gang members as they find new paths for their lives.

Currently, Floyd goes out almost nightly with Agape members as they create a peaceful presence in the streets. There are always situations to de-escalate. Agape also offers its nonviolent presence in the schools, replacing the armed police that used to patrol the halls until June of 2020 when the MPS board voted to cut its contract with the Minneapolis Police Department.

Floyd, who has been to Africa many times, organizes trips for young Black men to visit Senegal in West Africa through the Agape's Rite of Passage program. Their latest trip was last October and November. Floyd takes them to see the shores from which captured Africans were shipped to North America. He knows how Black culture has been destroyed. His compassion for himself and those who share his history leads him to work toward healing.

Steve Floyd was born and raised on the south side of Chicago. His 17-year-old mother struggled, had no one to lean on, was abusive. His father drank a lot, went to Vietnam, was decorated for bravery, responded violently when he was called the N-word (he used a firearm to destroy property) and spent nine years in prison for it.

Steve grew up with three sisters and five younger brothers. Since their dad “wasn’t in the home enough to provide the guidance, love and care needed by six young men,” Steve, as the oldest, took on the task. He became the man in his brothers’ lives. His brothers were all “in groups the equivalent of gangs, but they didn’t call themselves that.” They were basically neighborhoods that fought other neighborhoods. Now, many years later, all of them have ended up OK.

Growing up, Steve always envied his friends who went home at suppertime because their dads would be there. He didn’t

have a dad to go home to. One of the themes I’ve heard Floyd express a number of times is that he wants to provide his kids and other kids with everything he didn’t have.

As a kid, Steve lived for basketball. Just loved it. He loved the game so much that he got the idea to create a basketball court by burning down the family garage, which was in ruins and not in use anyway. Nobody was hurt and when the rubble was cleared his mother wondered what to do with all that space. Steve innocently suggested, “Maybe we could build a basketball court.” Years later it came out who was responsible for the fire, but by then it was water under the bridge.

In his junior year of high school Steve got cut from the basketball team, a political decision. He was so distressed he dropped out of school—on a Monday. That Friday he got into an altercation and “a bullet grazed my temple.” It scared him enough to start praying, and the next Sunday he went to church, which was all new to him because his family didn’t go to church.

The next day Steve went back to school. One day he was reinstated on the team.

He was invited to attend a church camp where he thought there would be basketball, but it was all religious. He didn’t behave very well at the camp, but then he started thinking about sin. He had stolen food stamps from his mom (even though he had used them to buy food for people at the park), he had set the garage on fire, and he was fighting all the time. At the camp he had stolen T-shirts and tried to let the horses out. His soul-searching led him to the conclusion that he didn’t like the church because it used fear to control people, but he liked Jesus. He decided he would change and follow Jesus’ teachings.

Floyd went to college at the Assemblies of God North Central Bible Institute in Minneapolis (now North Central University), where he studied theology and played basketball. He was all-American in basketball, and after graduation he stayed on for two more years to coach the sport.

Steve didn’t like the business aspect of the church, the corporate ladder. He was more interested in basketball—and helping people.

During college he had been inspired by country preacher David Wilkerson, whose book and later film adaptation, “The Cross and the Switchblade,” told of Wilkerson’s calling to go to New York City and bring love and hope to gang members there. Floyd was on his way to Detroit to do a similar kind of work when Pastor Art Erickson from Park Avenue United Methodist invited him to work with youth

in the neighborhood.

Just as he was getting started as a leader of youth, Floyd’s father, who had never recovered from Vietnam, was beaten to death in Chicago, a murder that was never solved.

From then on, Floyd has used his considerable energy to nurture young people who might not otherwise have a chance. All the difficulties and tragedy of his youth were converted to a mentality of compassion.

At Park Avenue he saw many of the kids “drifting toward gang membership” and he wanted to get them out of their four- to eight-block area so he took them camping to Mexico, to Washington, D.C., and eventually to Africa. He wanted to show them other options. He knew from trips to Europe in college how much travel can change your worldview.

Floyd saw many needs that he responded to. He started doing presentations in schools about unconditional love (agape), in which he told funny stories about each ethnic group, making fun of the stereotypes, and then talked about all coming together to value each other. He presented a vision. “Kids would run out crying. It was hitting and challenging them where they were. Hundreds were marching in Agape marches,” he said. Now, in 2022, because of COVID, the assemblies have slowed down. In 1987 he started a basketball league called Youth in the City, followed in 1990 by another league that included other sports besides basketball: S.T.R.E.E.T.S. (Striving to reach educational excellence through sports).

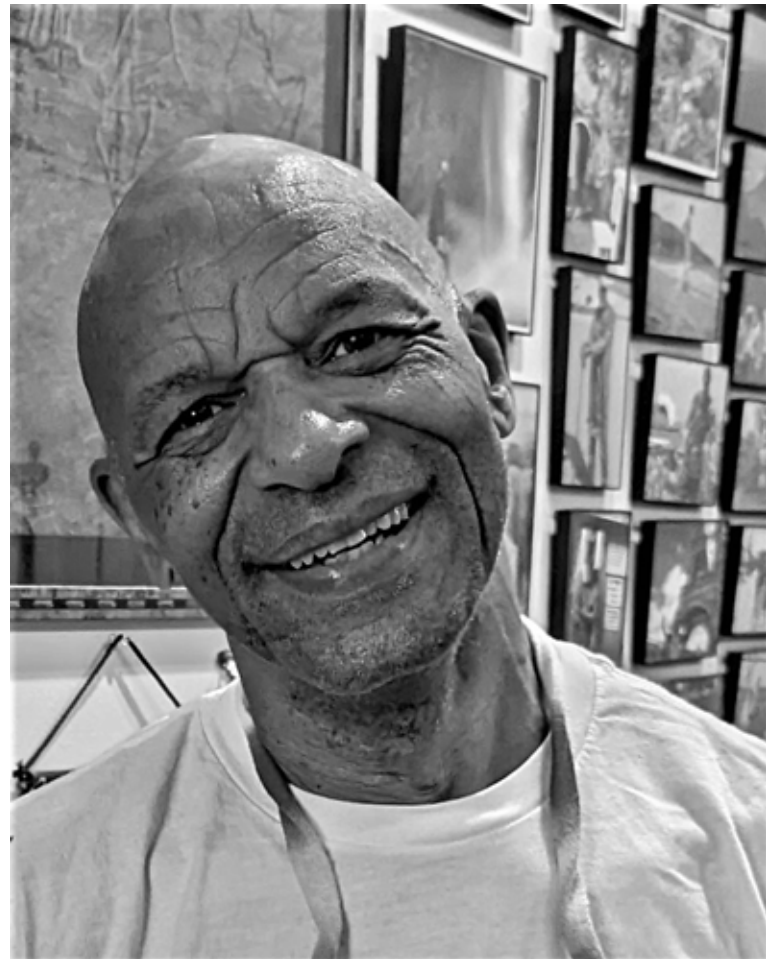
In 1985, when the Disciples gang executed 16-year-old Christine Kreitz, who they thought had “snitched,” Steve found himself speaking on TV and radio. He was explaining that gangs formed because kids needed support and protection they didn’t get from adults in their lives.

Because of Floyd’s close association with gangs, he was under investigation by the FBI.

He joined The City Inc. where he started Champions of Agape, in which gang members from all different gangs worked together on life skills, went camping, took trips, built relationships. This valuable work was interrupted in 1992 when Police Officer Jerry Haaf was murdered by the Vice Lords gang.

From 1995 to 1998, the murder rate went up; there were three to four homicides per week. City Attorney Amy Klobuchar hired Steve to be an advocate for victims of gang violence and homicide because he had credibility with all gangs.

He would get calls to show up as police were putting up the yellow tape. His role was to calm people down and wait until the family arrived.



Steve Floyd

“It allowed me to understand the pain of mothers, the experience of delivering a child. It would get quiet, and you knew the mother was coming. The scream would be the same as the scream of giving birth. The hardest thing to do was hear the mother. I understood her pain. She had to get to her baby.”

He went through funerals and trials until one day he couldn’t stop crying. He went into a deep depression and his colleagues encouraged him to take time off. After that breakdown, he traveled a lot more and began his passion for photography. He had to get away from “dealing with

so much homicide.”

Over the years he developed a deep connection to Africa and in 2017 considered moving there. When he first saw the slave houses in Senegal, it brought about a change in his choices as far as Christianity went. “Christians promoted slavery; they used the Bible and scriptures for control.” He moved away from organized Christianity and focused on “the rhythm of the universe, animals and plants as well as Jesus, his belief in humanity and serving humanity.” Floyd states, “Agape in action, that’s my religion.”

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Graffiti – art and crime

BY KAY SCHROVEN

Crime

Graffiti is a polarizing issue. Some regard it as art that should be preserved, perhaps even in a museum, like Banksy, whose work was recently on display in North Minneapolis and who remains unidentified. It is said that he remains unidentified to protect himself from authorities who may charge him with the crime of graffiti. It is estimated that he is now worth 50 million British pounds. Others regard graffiti as vandalism, a crime punishable by law. Several business owners on East Lake Street have shared with me that they have a weekly budget for removing graffiti from their walls, windows, etc. I am not thrilled when I find my garage tagged and have to paint over it (city ordinance). The city of Minneapolis regards graffiti as a crime (Statute 617.90) and defines it as “Unauthorized markings of paint, dye or similar substances, or the unauthorized etchings or scratching of surfaces of such real or personal property any of which markings, scratching or etching is visible from premises that are open to the public.” Public properties and owners of private properties can bring legal action and damages may be recovered up to three times the cost of restoring the damage. Or a defendant may be ordered to restore the property. The parents of underage offenders can be held responsible (Statute 540.18). In 2016 the Minneapolis Graffiti Abatement and Enforcement program spent \$539,420 on prevention, removal and enforcement. The city has four levels of conviction, considering factors such as damage, risk and value. Sentences can involve both fines (up to \$10,000) and jail time (up to five years) and are most often charged as misdemeanors.

Art

Since 2020, Minneapolis has become more familiar with graffiti, murals and tagging. The murder of George Floyd, followed by civil unrest, seems to have created a need for residents to express themselves. The portrait of George Floyd at Chicago and 38th Street has been seen all across the country and beyond.

The image symbolizes a variety of themes including justice – especially racial justice – police brutality, legal and human matters, such as compassion and humanitarianism.

Symbolism and abstraction have been around for a very long time, as has the human need for self-expression. Primitive peoples drew on cave walls and rocks. Anthropologists have identified images created by Neanderthals and Denisovans as far back as 64,000 years ago in the caves of La Pasiega, Maltravieso and Ardales of Spain. These cave dwellers depicted images of humans and animals (horses, deer, bulls), the beauty around them, and the hunting activities which dominated their lives. These images demonstrated fantastic imagination, such as unicorns. The oldest known cave painting is of a life-size wild pig depicted in Indonesia 45,500 years ago.

America into the 19th century, cave paintings have been identified in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia. Fortunately, caves are perfect homes for these paintings, preserving them and allowing us to study them so many years later.

“Art should comfort the disturbed and disturb the comfortable.” – Banksy

Miguel Quiñones grew up in Southwest Chicago, the son of Mexican immigrants. He is now a graduate student at the University of Minnesota. Miguel remembers how graffiti spoke to him at an early age: “It was colorful and I could relate to it. It was the visual art of my neighborhood.” He started drawing in the styles he saw around him. He had a close friend who was experimenting with photography. Together they explored sights



Miguel’s graffiti

entrance for some low-income urban youth.

There are many types and styles of graffiti such as bombing, burning, tagging, letters, character and gang. Styles include wild, stencil, sticker, slap,

anger and frustrations grew in the aftermath of the murder of George Floyd, Christos, like many businesses, boarded up their property against the violence and destruction that was taking place. As protesters marched down Nicollet Avenue, a young man entered the restaurant and asked to see the manager. When Carol Pappas met with him he asked if he could paint on the plywood boards covering the windows. He seemed polite and determined. Carol gave permission and off he went. When he finished his creation he returned and asked if Carol would like to see it. She was impressed. They chatted; he was offered a meal and then went on his way.

The protests on Nicollet Avenue were peaceful and damage was minimal. The boards were taken down and a contractor moved them to a storage room intending to repurpose them at a later date. One of the boards was eventually used for another project, then returned, but in two pieces. Fortunately the art work was not damaged. For the next year and a half the boards collected dust until Gus came across them while rummaging for something else. He removed the boards, set them up against a wall and admired the work for some time. He felt that the artist had conveyed the anguish caused by George Floyd’s murder at the hands of former MPD officers. Gus also saw hope in the artist’s work, a colorful, turbulent, compelling piece. Rather than letting it languish in a storage room it was decided that the art should be shared. It now hangs on the back wall of the restaurant’s dining room, raw and unvarnished, a reminder of the issues unleashed during that stormy time and our duty to continue to address them. The graffiti brightens the room and is a conversation piece, a history lesson. In spite of a photo taken of the artist at work at Christos, he has not been identified and remains a mystery.

We are social beings. Whether an image appears in a gallery, a cave, a building, an office, a living room or on the street, it’s clear that we humans have a need to express ourselves and share our experiences.

During the riots of 2020, as



We can change the world

Anthropologists summarize that these early cave dwellers wanted to express feelings and depict their lives and daily activities. Perhaps it was to remind them of something, to remember something or someone. It is believed via the study of hieroglyphics and petroglyphs that such images were precursors to what we now know as language. The oldest prehistoric art was not found in a cave, however, but rather on a rock in Africa, estimated to be 73,000 years old. Alistair W.G. Pike, the head of archaeological sciences at the University of Southampton in the U.K., points out the common use of symbolism and the spiritual significance of these ancient images. Even in North

heavy with graffiti and took photos. Miguel says, “You don’t have to be rich or go to art school, all you need is some spray paint.” They were careful about where they put their projects, intending to avoid criminal charges, “so we only worked sites already full of graffiti and off the beaten path such as industrial sites and abandoned buildings,” he said. They then discovered an alley in their neighborhood between two buildings that seemed to be a “laboratory” for graffiti. It became Miguel’s go-to place. There he could observe others’ work and add his own.

Miguel grew accustomed to his work being painted over by others and came to regard his alley as a place of “stories and expression – a living, breathing evolution – a voice.” Graffiti is often the voice of rebellion, social commentary and politics. It has been described as the voice of the unheard and disenfranchised. Miguel points out that originally hip-hop was regarded as noise and overlooked, but it evolved into a billion-dollar industry, its worth estimated at \$15.7 billion in 2016 with a projected growth rate of \$4.08 billion year by year. He further points out that sometimes hip-hop and graffiti become entrances to the arts, maybe the only

blockbuster and so on. Cities known for their graffiti include New York, Mexico City, Los Angeles, Berlin, Prague, Melbourne, San Francisco, Barcelona, Buenos Aires and Delhi. At @149st you can find documented history of New York City’s subway graffiti. Hardcore graffiti artists pride themselves on the risk they take, looking down on those who ask for permission. Well-known graffiti artists include Lady Pink, Vhils, Toxic, Keith Haring and Seen (Richard Mirando), who is considered the godfather of graffiti. If you Google Minneapolis graffiti you will find 34 images, with 28 of the artists identified and 6 not identified. Graffiti supply sites offer 11 categories of products and 17 different brands.

A conversation piece

If you are a fan of Greek food you probably know about Christos award-winning restaurant and catering, in the Whitier neighborhood since 1988. Owned by Gus Pappas, he and his staff bring delicious, authentic Greek dishes with specialties from the island of Cyprus, ambience of an island taverna, reasonable prices and quality service to their customers.

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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.

MPS Young Learners Celebration
Wednesday, Aug. 24, 4 to 7 p.m.
Mona Moede Early Learning Center
2410 Girard Ave. N., Mpls.
(Corner of Girard and 23rd)
Join Minneapolis Public Schools for a Young Learners Celebration! Families with children ages 0-7 are invited to this fun back-to-school event featuring activities, entertainment, music, food, school resources and much more.

- Free food for everyone
- Free books
- Free school kits (backpacks)
- Free COVID-19 vaccine clinic for all ages
- Ride a school bus!

Scott Lloyd Anderson, Oil Paintings Through Aug. 27
Doug Flanders & Associates
5025 France Ave. S., Mpls.
DF&A will present the second solo exhibition featuring the work of plein air painter Scott Lloyd Anderson. Scott Lloyd Anderson is a quintessential landscape painter of the 21st century. In addition to interpreting the beauty of nature or the vitality of the cityscape, Scott has explored that area where so much of our experience lies – the suburbs. He proves it is possible to paint a good picture of anything by combining detailed realism with abstract playfulness.
flandersart.com

MPRB's Group Bike Rides for Teens Through August
Make friends and explore the city on FREE rides, led by MPRB naturalists. Bikes and helmets provided!
Take to the trails and explore Minneapolis green spaces on two wheels. Youth ages 12 to 17 can develop safe bicycling skills, navigate the city's outstanding trail system and have fun while making new friends. All rides are FREE and led by MPRB naturalists. Bicycles and required helmets are provided (riders can bring their own equipment).
For youth ages 12-17 who can ride a pedal bike without training wheels. Rides run 1 to 2 hours and cover about 2 to 8 miles. Wear summer clothes and bring a water bottle – it's hot out! At least two adult supervisors ride with each group.
Locations and times:
Upper South Minneapolis
East Phillips Park, 2399 S. 17th Ave., Tuesdays 5 to 7 p.m.
Stewart Park, 2700 S. 12th Ave., Thursdays 5 to 7 p.m.
Lower South Minneapolis
Powderhorn Park, 3400 15th Ave. S., Wednesdays 5 to 7 p.m.
Southwest Minneapolis
Whittier Park, 425 W. 26th St., Mondays 5 to 7 p.m.
Ready to ride? Sign-up is encouraged but not required:
Online: bit.ly/BikeWithANaturalist
Phone: 612-230-6400 (Mon. – Fri., 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)
In person: Visit any recreation center and talk to MPRB staff

Saint Paul Classic Bike Tour
Sunday, Sept. 11
7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Como Lakeside Pavilion
1360 Lexington Pkwy. N., St. Paul
This year, the 28th Annual Saint Paul

Classic will again explore the beautiful off-road trails and protected bike-ways that circle the city. Registration is OPEN to ride the Saint Paul Classic on Sunday, Sept. 11! This year there are two different check-in times: 7:30-8:30 a.m. and 8:30-9:30 a.m. Please make sure you are purchasing the correct tickets for your desired check-in time. This will greatly help reduce congestion on the route and lines at rest stops. We also hope it will allow a few more people to enjoy some of the best St. Paul has to offer including some newly rebuilt trails along the river (yay, no detours)! This year, we're once again going over the river and through the woods to visit a hidden gem — Lilydale Regional Park. We're excited to ride together for a splendid day of bicycling, tasty treats and live music. Find out more and sign up to ride or volunteer at <https://www.eventbrite.com/o/bicycle-alliance-of-minnesota-13331907631>.

'Unite to End Gender-Based Violence'
Thursday, Sept. 22, 5 to 7 p.m. CT Virtual event
Global Rights for Women's annual fundraising event, "Unite to End Gender-Based Violence," will be held on Saturday, Sept. 22, from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets are available for the live-stream program featuring Professor Anita Hill in a live and virtual keynote address; Global Rights for Women Executive Director, Cheryl Thomas; Alicia Wallace, founder of Equality Bahamas; Scott Miller, Executive Director, Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs; and acclaimed global and national leaders in ending gender-based violence against women and girls.
All ticket proceeds go toward ensuring systems are responsive to

survivors in our local and international communities, and that law and policies target the root causes of inequality and gender-based violence. The virtual event will be streamed live from Minneapolis. Tickets can be purchased at <https://globalrightsforwomen.org/annualevent2022tickets/> for \$10 or by visiting globalrightsforwomen.org.

16th Annual NAMI Walks Minnesota
Saturday, Sept. 24, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Minnehaha Park
4801 Minnehaha Ave., Mpls.
The 16th annual NAMI Walks Minnesota, a 5K walk to raise awareness about mental illnesses and celebrate hope, is set for Saturday, Sept. 24, at Minnehaha Park in Minneapolis. NAMI Walks supports the efforts of NAMI Minnesota (National Alliance on Mental Illness) to provide education, support and advocacy for children and adults with mental illnesses and their families. The event opens at 11 a.m. and runs through 3 p.m. There will be picnics and food trucks, music, speakers, mental health resource tables, a T-shirt contest, a tree of hope and more. NAMI Walks is a transformative opportunity in which participants reduce stress, build community, and find local support and services that can make a difference. Walkers can also join the Walk in their own way to raise awareness in their home communities, with some choosing to bike, run, skate, swim, canoe, post signs, start conversations or walk, for example. For details, including forming or joining a walk team, go to namimn.org or call 651-645-2948.

Volunteer for the Greenway!
Can you spare a few hours to help support the trail and our community? Consider volunteering for the Midtown Bike + Walk Ambassadors. Join the Ambassadors for a walk or bike ride along Lake Street and the Greenway this summer. Help welcome visitors to the area, provide directions, and visit small businesses to show support. Greenway users and Lake Street business owners tell us they really appreciate our Ambassadors. Meet new people and help support our community! Walks and rides go out every week. More information here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc-QQAjHhivUFV1v4ErOrCrZXDZqFw-wQLLm43s4MHvKqgFBw/viewform>

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For more info contact Bridgette Stewart at (612) 824-4017 or agapebstewart@gmail.com.

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www.neighborhoodrootsmn.org/

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