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## I hear voices



BY TONY BOUZA

America has always spoken to me. Its powerful culture overwhelmed me on my arrival from Spain on Dec. 22, 1937, at nine and a half years old. I embraced the movies, songs, magazines, comic books, etc.—and unconsciously rejected everything I came from.

And those voices?

What follows is a flawed impression only—no pretense of historicity.

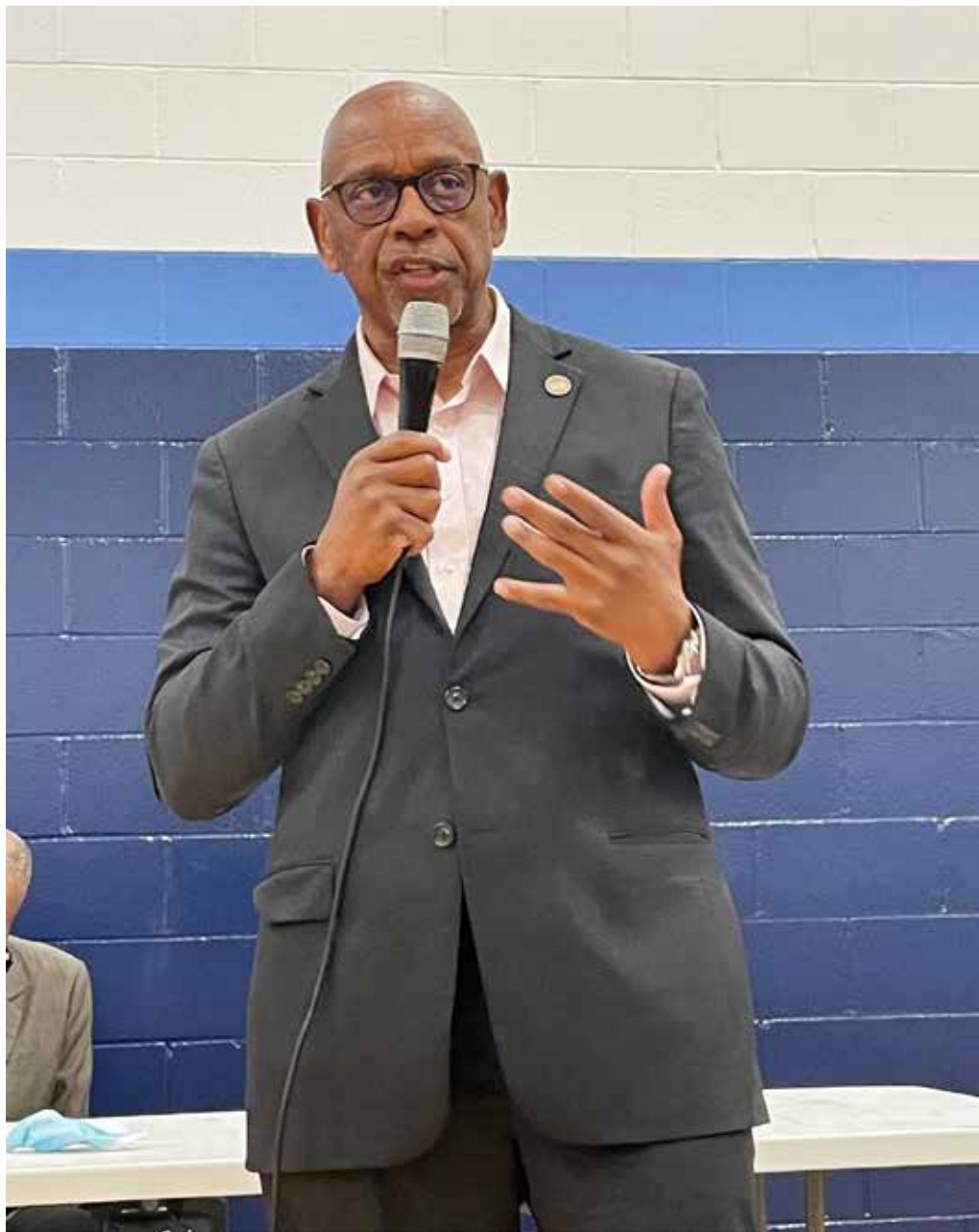
1619: The first slave ship arrives and Southerners live with the “peculiar institution” for 246 years. Even Thomas Jefferson enjoyed its sins.

Breaking with Mad King George III was a wrench—but they did it with heroics from Nathan Hale, Patrick Henry, etc. Washington exhibited courage and an admirable affection for democracy when he rejected a kingship and a third term. Tom Paine was—along with such as Madison, et al.—its voice and scold.

Then came about a century of thefts from Mexico, tolerance of slavery and vigorous capitalist expansion. Martin Luther guided and shaped the actions.

The Civil War was a

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Cedric Alexander, Commissioner of Community Safety

## The new commissioner meets the community

BY KAY SCHROVEN

Commissioner of Public Safety Cedric Alexander is wasting no time getting out to meet the communities of Minneapolis. On Aug. 25 he was introduced to the Phelps community at Phelps Park by Andrea Jenkins, City Council president and Ward 8 council member. It was Alexander's third week on the job.

Alexander and Jenkins were joined by interim Police Chief Amelia Huffman, 3rd Precinct Inspector Jose Gomez and a number of representatives of the community who are involved in the plans for transforming the intersection of 38th and Chicago, also known as George Floyd Square. The auditorium was full, with nearly 100 attendees.

Commissioner Alexander made it clear that he intends to get “the bad guys off the streets, especially those committing violent crimes.” He shared that when he makes this statement he often hears, “Good luck!” Alexander admitted it is an uphill climb and that

being fundamentally wrong. Afraid of having spent decades behind the wheel, only to find out that this was asinine and that biking and walking were always superior. Better for personal health, better for public safety, better for the environment. Being so wrong for so long can be a pretty heavy hit to one's ego.

## Bikester Chronicles

There was a proposal before the Park Board to close Minneapolis parkways to vehicular traffic on certain days every month. The Board received so much negative feedback they canceled the proposal in August.

## The fear of fewer cars

BY JOHN DAHL

On June 6, Southside Pride published an opinion of Patricia Kelly, Board Chair of the DFL Senior Caucus Minneapolis Area Chapter, that denounced the MPRB's Open Parkways initiative. Specifically, Kelly believes that prohibiting motor traffic in portions of our city's parkway is “a step toward the desire to transition parkways solely to bicycles, or other non-motorized, wheeled conveyances.” Kelly also called the initiative “discriminatory towards both seniors and the disabled,” but was then refuted on July 4 by Liam Mackin, who pointed out that Kelly's conclusion is “inconsiderate to the many seniors and people with disabilities who either cannot or choose not to drive.”

It seems that the anger and inflexibility of Kelly's position is based in fear. On the outside, Kelly may simply seem loath to find new driving routes. But on the inside, she's afraid of



Accordingly, Patricia Kelly wants to keep parkways open for motor traffic, and has signaled that the DFL Senior Caucus is not willing to give an inch. But this begs the question: why? Why should motorists be the first con-

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on 48th and Chicago**

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# A simpler Hiawatha plan

BY ED FELIEN

Ian Young, in a Star Tribune editorial published Aug. 5, said, “Those commissioners voting to advance the nine-hole master plan are the ones who have done their homework and understand the reality of the issue.”

Really?

Young says any proposal to save Hiawatha Golf Course would “not be compatible with the other major goals for the site: managing flooding, reducing groundwater pumping and cleaning up pollution entering the lake.”

The 2017 Barr Engineering study said removing the remains of the dam/weir at 27th Avenue and an unused gas utility pipe would reduce the level of Lake Hiawatha by one and a half feet. Lake Hiawatha is 53.5 acres. An acre is 43,560 square feet. 43,560 times 53.5 means 2,330,460 square feet, times 1.5 would equal 3,495,690 cubic feet. One cubic foot of water contains 7.48 gallons. 7.48 gallons times 3,495,690 equals 26,147,761 gallons of water.

Getting the Park Board to take down the remains of the dam/weir and getting CenterPoint Energy to remove their unused utility pipe would mean we

would increase Lake Hiawatha’s storm water capacity by 26 million gallons. That would go a long way toward “managing flooding” and “reducing groundwater pumping.”

“Cleaning up pollution entering the lake” is the responsibility of the city. Most of the trash comes through the storm sewer system that takes gutter trash from Lake Street to 43rd Street, from Chicago Avenue over to 27th Avenue, and dumps it into Lake Hiawatha. Andrew Johnson, chair of the city’s Public Works Committee, has shared with me that there is grant funding secured to implement a temporary litter catchment next year.

If for some perverse reason the Park Board refuses to take down the remains of the dam/weir, and CenterPoint refuses to remove their unused utility pipe, then people should write to Sarah Strommen, commissioner of the Minnesota DNR, and complain that the Park Board and CenterPoint are blocking the natural flow of Lake Hiawatha 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 safe-

ty 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.”

Backing up a foot and a half of water raises the water table in the surrounding protected wetlands. The peat soil conducts water easily and collapses sidewalks and floods basements.

They must have a permit to do what they are doing.

Do they have a permit to flood a wetland?

If they don’t have a permit, then they’re in violation of State Law: 103G.141.

And, if necessary, they should be prosecuted in a court of law.

“I believe the City has the responsibility to eliminate pollution entering Lake Hiawatha from our infrastructure. Litter comes through the storm water system from miles of roadway and dumps into the lake. We are exploring permanent infrastructure changes to address this, and once recommendations are before us we will be able to proceed with securing funding so that we can get permanent improvements implemented. In the meantime, we are implementing temporary improvements to help catch litter for removal.” – Andrew Johnson, Chair of Public Works & Infrastructure

stretching from 28th Avenue to Cedar. So all those rolling hills our homes and parks were built on? Man-made.

In the 1950s, as Hiawatha Golf Course gained a following among local Black golfers, its sodden foundation required pumping into adjacent Lake Hiawatha to keep the greens playable. Think of a sponge that is already soaking wet. The only way to soak up more water is to squeeze out the existing water. Pumping accelerated in 1992 but was permitted only to remove stormwater. At some unknown point in time, MPRB began pumping ground water of between 300-400 million gallons per year – the only thing that keeps the course consistently dry. In violation of environmental law, MPRB had vastly exceeded permitted levels and type of pumping. Then came the flood of 2014, which cost an estimated \$4 million to fix. The illegal pumping was discovered, and the master plan process began.

In addition to remediating the flooding issues, the master plan diverts trash and polluted runoff into planned filtration and catchment areas, preserves nine holes of challenging golf, and introduces meaningful education and acknowledgment of the area’s complicated history – for Black golfers who created a safe space for all, and the Dakota peoples from whom the land was forcibly taken.

A frequently mentioned alternative to the master plan is removing a weir under the 27th Street walking bridge. But this is only one piece of a multipart case scenario outlined by Barr Engineering in 2017, not a solution in and of itself. Barr’s scenario would also require significant dredging of the creek from the outlet to Nokomis Avenue, reconstruction of bridges at 30th and Nokomis, redesign or lowering several sanitary sewers and a water main at 28th, and removal of an abandoned gas main. All of this would be at an unknown cost both to taxpayers and critical habitats to lower the lake by one to one and a half feet. Is this a significant amount? Not really. A quick calculation yields a total of approximately 37 million gallons of potential reduction in pumping into Lake Hiawatha but compared to the current level of 400 million gallons a year, it’s less than is pumped into Lake Hiawatha, on average, in a month.

One unfortunate aspect of the divisive dialogue around the master plan has been misinformation about how it will lead to flooding basements of adjacent homes. MPRB Commissioner Cathy Abene, who is a licensed professional engineer in Minnesota and has been working in water resources for the public sector for most of her career, confirmed to Friends of Lake Hiawatha that homeown-

ers shouldn’t be afraid that the nine-hole plan will fill in the floodplain. This is because the final version of the plan must and will accommodate flood storage.

The design for the nine-hole plan is only schematic at this point. I think that gets lost in all the back and forth between 18-hole advocates and those who support the nine-hole compromise plan. First, the plan must be voted on by commissioners. Once it’s accepted by a majority, it goes into the process of securing funding. Once funded, a full engineering design process begins, and adjustments are made to ensure the desired outcomes. But those adjustments can’t be made until we move ahead. The costs of further delay are only making the solutions more expensive and risking another flooding catastrophe – and FEMA will not help foot the bill. We should pass the master plan and secure the futures of both the lake and sustainable golf at Hiawatha Golf Course.

## Response to ‘Sometimes simple is not better’

BY KATHRYN KELLY

The response by Carol Dungan and Friends of Lake Hiawatha (FOLH), “Sometimes simple is not better,” states that “in the 1950s ... Hiawatha gained a following among Black golfers.” That statement is incorrect. Black golfers golfed at Hiawatha as early as the 1930s, according to articles in the Spokesman-Recorder newspaper. Shortly after the golf course opened in 1934, Black golfers started soliciting the Central States tournament for Hiawatha Golf Course. It was a large regional Black tournament that drew Black golfers from all over the Midwest. This tournament was held at Hiawatha Golf Course in 1938. In 1951, Black golfers finally requested equal access to the facilities and privileges at Minneapolis golf courses.

Regarding the pumping of water from the golf course, my understanding is that the pumping wasn’t started until the 1970s or later. I don’t believe that there was any consistent pumping from the golf course into Lake Hiawatha in the 1950s. But, as the water levels in the lake increased over the years, more and more pumping needed to be done.

FOLH’s response also states that “pumping accelerated in 1992 but was permitted only to remove storm water.” I know of no permit to pump storm water into Lake Hiawatha until 2019. That is when Scott Pearson, the

## Sometimes simple is not better: a response

BY CAROL DUNGAN AND FRIENDS OF LAKE HIAWATHA

If you’ve been following discussions about the Hiawatha Master Plan involving the lake and golf course, you can be forgiven for feeling a bit of déjà vu. That’s because some supposedly simple solutions keep being proposed as alternatives to an “expensive” master plan. You may have heard “do this one thing, it’ll solve everything!” because, hey, who doesn’t like a simple solution that costs almost nothing and solves everything? For some, the solution to the complex problems at hand boils down to removing a weir at the 27th Street walking bridge, accompanied by claims that doing so will lower the lake and keep the golf course and adjacent homes flood-free.

Let’s recap the problem with facts I think we all agree on: Hiawatha Golf Course was built in the late 1920s on a floodplain with dredged wetland material from historic Rice Lake. (I say “historic” because the lake and the land were part of the vast homelands of the Dakota people, from whom they were taken by deceit or by force.) The Minnesota Historical Society has photos of the area pre-dredging, showing a massive flat wetland

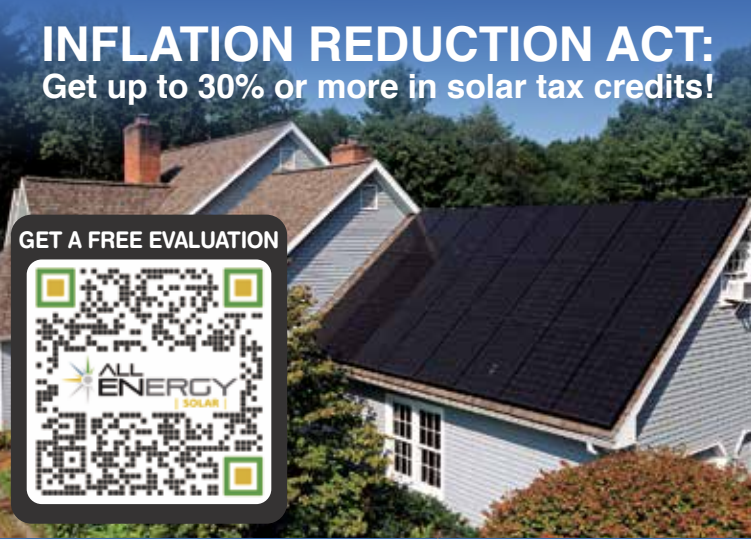


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hydrologist at the DNR, told me that the DNR was finally going to require the Park Board to get a dewatering permit for the golf course, which the Park Board did. Regarding the statement about “violation of existing law,” the DNR should be asked why they didn’t enforce the law between 2014 and 2019, if the golf course was violating it.

The FOLH response also says that at some unknown time, they started pumping 300-400 million gallons of ground water. I have a whole list of projects that increased the amount of water in the lake and on the golf course, requiring the necessity for pumping more water. In other words, it was not a golf course problem – it was the fact that Lake Hiawatha and Hiawatha Golf Course have been used as a dumping ground for water by the city of Minneapolis and the whole watershed.

The \$4 million damage estimate is unsubstantiated. My calculations, using Park Board revenue figures, show a revenue loss of about \$560,000, along with the

cost of some grass seed and a few equipment repairs. The revenue loss would have been much less if the back nine wasn’t kept closed, apparently to get FEMA money. And please explain why the \$1.1 million FEMA award for Hiawatha Golf Course wasn’t used to fix the flood damage at the golf course. Maybe because it wasn’t needed? Most of the FEMA money was spent at Gross and Wirth golf courses. FOLH’s response also said that no FEMA money will be coming for a future flood. It was never needed in the first place, nor was it used to bring the golf course back to playable condition. So that is a moot point.

The trash does not come from the golf course. It comes from the city of Minneapolis storm sewer pipes and Minnehaha Creek. The city of Minneapolis needs to immediately fix its contribution to the problem.

FOLH’s statement about homeowners not being afraid because Commissioner Cathy Abene has given them her assurance is not comforting to me. Studies were done for the original plan which did not include an elevated golf course. I know of no new

studies conducted for this new plan, so the Park Board knows nothing about whether the homes will be protected from this drastically different plan. Common sense says that permanently putting fill and water on a flood plain is questionable at best. I have had a lengthy conversation with Commissioner Abene, and nothing she said has allayed my fears for homes in the at-risk neighborhoods.

I agree with FOLH that the design for the property is only an idea that has cost almost \$1 million. That’s an expensive idea, and I would have hoped to have more than an idea for that amount of money. And who paid this bill? The golfers. Hiawatha Golf Course had revenue of \$1.6 million in 2021 and a profit of \$300,000, thanks to the hard work of the staff at the golf course on a miniscule budget. Is this now going to be wasted on more make-work for the Planning Group staff next year? And are the taxpayers of Minneapolis ready to pony up almost \$80 million for this project, which is the projected high-end cost in 2022 dollars?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hennepin Avenue redesign

I want to respond to (and ask a question of) Carin Peterson in their letter to the editor dated Aug. 8, 2022. In this letter, Peterson expressed frustration at the city’s Hennepin Avenue redevelopment plan which “turns Hennepin into nothing more than a commuter line.” Peterson insists bike lanes have no place on Hennepin Avenue and would rather not have “angry drivers pushed off major thoroughfares by unsafe, under-utilized bike lanes.” At the same time, the author decries the “painful attack on small businesses” that results from fewer on-street parking spots.

I recently moved to Minneapolis, so I want to learn why the Hennepin Avenue redesign between Lake and Douglas is so loathed. On one hand, Hennepin Avenue has tons of vibrant small businesses – on this I agree with Peterson. But on the other hand, if the goal is to keep local businesses open, why would we prioritize “angry motorists” on a hurried commute over cyclists and bus riders who can easily hop off at several shops along their way? I am a bike commuter and would LOVE to visit Hennepin Avenue on my route home

to snack, drink, and eat. This section of Hennepin feels so promising to me – it could be a pedestrianized, bikeable dining destination for both weekday happy hour and weekend pleasure cruises. But right now, it misses the mark. If you want people like me to support Hennepin Avenue businesses seven days a week, that street NEEDS a separated bike lane. It feels too unsafe to bike down Hennepin Avenue in its current state, and too congested to take transit. When Hennepin has a separated two-way bike lane, I will frequent the entire Hennepin Avenue corridor – Nico’s Patio and Sebastian Joe’s may well become my go-to spots. And by the nature of biking, I’ll discover spots I never knew about!

I understand the character and charm that small businesses bring to an area. Just like so many have mentioned, it’s important to support them. Without a bike lane on Hennepin Avenue, small businesses get less support. My question for Peterson is this: Why do you want to steer bicyclists (many of whom are hungry and have money!) away from Hennepin Avenue?

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“more than luck is needed.” He spoke about the shortage of cops on the force, stating, “We must fight with what we have, including community involvement.”

Chief Huffman began by saying, “I love Minneapolis.” She presented a five-page document outlining MPD initiatives and corresponding links and websites where additional information can be obtained. The initiatives include various new training programs in intervention, de-escalation, leadership development and use of force. Huffman also informed us about new software that will allow for improved record keeping and data improvement, collaboration with UCMT (Unity Community Mediation Team) from the BIPOC and LGBTQ communities, restrictions on the number of hours employees may work, a new discipline matrix, new studies of existing protocols, grant funding for early intervention, and vendor selection for trauma services. She also listed open positions (such as Community Partnership Liaison and Communication Specialist) and current hiring initiatives. Huffman mentioned the high number of calls regarding shots fired (many automatic), gunshot wounds and calls to 911, followed by a description of efforts occurring to address this violence such as federal and FBI involvement. Recently, 120 guns and 4,000 Fentanyl pills were removed from the streets over a 15-day period.

Inspector Gomez was questioned about recent homicides at 38th and Chicago on Aug. 7 and Aug. 14. He said the victims were not from Minneapolis and

that “several suspects” had been identified. Gomez said that the 3rd Precinct has new recruits coming onto the force and that cameras are installed at hot spots (high crime areas). He acknowledged that homicides are up. (In the 3rd Precinct there have been 17 homicides through Sept. 1 of this year.) Gomez underscored what Commissioner Alexander has been saying: “We need your help; we need involved partners in the community to curb crime.”

The meeting took a turn when a gentleman at the back of the gymnasium spoke up, saying it was time for the panel to hear from residents in the neighborhood. He invited the panel to listen and asked anyone who

wanted to speak to approach the microphone. He asked them to keep it short and pose just one question to any member of the panel. Many attendees got in line and the meeting went into overtime.

Here are some of the comments:

“We never see police at 38th and Chicago, why aren’t they doing outreach there?”

“We do not want reports, we want action!”

“I know you have plans but what are you going to do NOW about the violence?”

“Why hasn’t the intersection been cleared?”

“Are you prepared to jail youth? We have a revolving door of re-offenders under age.”

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sideration when we talk about public amenities? Cars are loud, expensive and exceptionally dangerous.

As it stands, the MPRB has pulled the Open Parkways proposal in the wake of negative feedback from entitled people like Patricia Kelly. So for now, she is allowed to drive as aimlessly as she likes. But the conversation is far from over.

Response to John Dahl

BY ED FELIEN

John, as a former bikester, I recognize and appreciate your tone. You feel there is an antagonistic relationship between you and cars. They’re trying to kill you. And it’s a one-sided war. You hear about cars running

over bikesters, but you don’t hear much about bikesters running over people in cars.

I can appreciate the generous bike lanes on Park and Portland. They’re meant to save lives. I have a special fondness for them because, almost half a century ago, when I was the City Council member representing the 8th Ward, and Park and Portland from 24th Street to 46th Street, I created the first bike lanes on Park and Portland. I had to revoke them after a couple of weeks because I had wiped out six handicapped parking spots. It needed further study at that time but I didn’t get re-elected, so I never had the time or opportunity to get back to the problem.

I now think a better solution would be to make Oakland a bikeway with cars allowed to drive only one block before being diverted back to Park or Portland. This would be safest

“Why haven’t any representatives of the city apologized for what happened on May 25, 2020?”

“You can’t arrest your way out of poverty.”

“Why isn’t anyone talking about affordable housing, jobs and health care?”

“38th and Chicago is a hoax. It is no longer a place of protest; it’s a place of crime. People are dealing drugs, using crack, running guns.”

“I recently had to hide between two garbage cans to avoid gunfire. My family will not visit me because they are afraid of the neighborhood.”

“My 6-year-old son will only sleep in the basement. He is afraid to sleep on the ground

floor for fear of gunshots.”

Several community members were vociferous regarding their experiences at the scene of recent homicides at or near 38th and Chicago. “It was awful. The police were aloof.” “Amidst trauma one officer said to me, ‘People die every day.’ How cold!”

Commissioner Alexander closed with an emotional apology to the neighborhood for what it’s endured, promising to do what he can to improve the situation. Chief Huffman agreed to look into the callousness displayed by the officer(s) on Aug. 14 and “apply discipline if and where appropriate.”

Popular sentiment agreed there needed to be space for bikesters and, with avid bikesters and competent policy wonks like Jacob Frey and Lisa Bender on the Council, it was easy to take away lanes of vehicular traffic and give them to bikes.

But now, I think, the Bikester Revolution has gone too far. It has allowed their natural antagonism to cars to get in the way of creating the safest routes for bikes to travel. We need to rethink traffic patterns and (in my opinion) keep bikes and cars as separate as possible.

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# Better ideas for affordable housing

BY ELINA KOLSTAD

The Minneapolis 2040 Plan was back in the headlines recently when a judge put the plan on hold in June, siding with groups who said the city should have performed an environmental review, and then again in July when the same judge allowed the city to continue to implement the plan as it appealed June's ruling.

Personally, I can't make myself care about the outcome either way. The explosion in the cost of housing in the wake of the pandemic has taken its toll locally and, even if the real estate market crashes, rents are unlikely to go down and will likely continue to go up. If the city wins its appeal and 2040 remains in place, this reality won't be substantially different.

In my opinion, Minneapolis 2040 was always more hype than substance. Even proponents of the plan have talked openly about how little additional medium-density hous-

ing has been added since the plan's implementation. It is now touted as a success because it is inherently incremental and slow-moving. The fact that only five triplexes were built in 2021 in both Minneapolis and St. Paul, and that by June of this year only three triplexes had started construction for 2022 is cited by advocates of 2040 to say that opposition was without foundation – because the only opposition they recognize is from those people who felt that 2040 would add too much infill density within largely residential neighborhoods.

Now that the plan has been in effect for a few years I feel vindicated in my opposition to it on the basis that it was never going to deliver on the vast majority of its promises. The most high-profile example of the plan's failure when it comes to adding density has to be the AutoZone on Lake Street. Burned down in the aftermath of the murder of George Floyd, it was quickly rebuilt. The 2040 Plan was in place at the

time, but somehow the lot zoned "Built Form: Transit 20" was rebuilt with a one-story building. To clarify, the Minneapolis 2040 website states that "New and remodeled buildings in the Transit 20 district should reflect a variety of building types ... Building heights should be 6 to 20 stories." That "should" does a lot of work.

Whether the 2040 Plan is overturned or upheld in court, the city of Minneapolis should work aggressively and creatively to add to our housing diversity and housing affordability. There are a number of ways this could be done.

The city could create a program like Boston's Intergenerational Homeshare which connects graduate students in need of a place to live with older homeowners with a spare room. This provides financial benefits for those involved (the renter pays less than they would for their own apartment, the homeowner collects rent), but it also reduces social isolation in older

homeowners and enables them to better maintain their homes.

The city could also work with Hennepin county and advocate for a policy to provide tax deductions to owner-occupied, or homesteaded, properties where there is a rental. This tax incentive would need to apply to long-term rentals only, apply to apartments or rooms, and would need to be enough to offset the cost of a rental license.

The city should also do more to discourage short-term rentals; at the very least a short-term rental license should cost more than a long-term rental license given how much more income these units generate and their detrimental effect on the local rental market.

The city could also look at ways to incentivize the construction of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) with a temporary permit waiver as was done in Portland. This saved homeowners \$12,000-\$19,000 per ADU. The policy was seen as so successful that it was extended on

the conditional basis that the unit constructed cannot be rented as a short-term rental for 10 years. Minneapolis could also encourage ADU construction by offering a program like that offered by the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LABDS) called the Standard Plan Program. Through this program the homeowner can find a pre-approved plan on the LABDS website and purchase it from the architecture firm that designed it. This means that the homeowner doesn't need to hire an architect to design their ADU from scratch and also the pre-approved nature of these plans means dealing with less red tape with the city, so there is less cost and time needed before the ADU can be built.

These policies wouldn't solve all of our housing affordability issues, but each could have a positive impact in its own way. Housing is a human right, and we need to be doing more toward that end.

# Vine Arts Center reopening

BY SUE KOLSTAD

This September the Vine Arts Center will be celebrating its reopening with a Member Show, dedication and thank you to our supporters.

The Vine arts Center had been closed for a few months due to COVID when, on May 29, 2020, sparks from the burning Hexa-

partment was able to get there and began to fight the fire. Most of the building, including several studios and the Vine Arts Center, was severely damaged. It has taken until this summer for the building to be repaired to a point where tenants could return. We owe thanks to those neighbors for their help two years ago.

We also thank the Lake Street

the building will also have their spaces open.

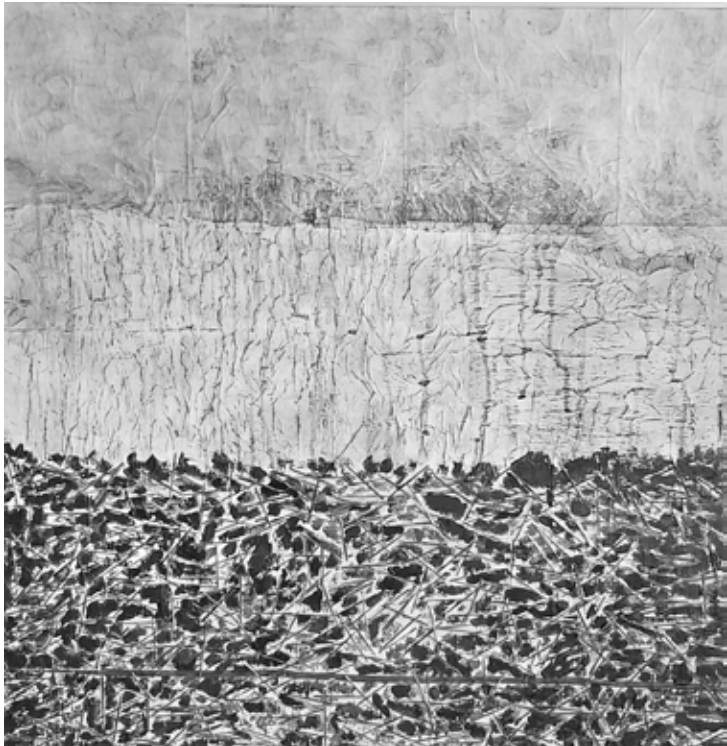
The following week, on Sept. 24 from 6 to 9 p.m., we will celebrate our return and dedicate the spaces to three important people in our development. We will be dedicating the Vine Arts Center to the memory of Howard Gelb, a World War II veteran, prominent attorney, real estate developer and patron of the arts, without whose generosity and support the Vine Arts Center would not exist. He transformed the Flour City Ornamental Iron Works building into the Ivy Building for the Arts and this vibrant arts center. The

small gallery will be dedicated in memory of Mark D. Roberts, a founding member of the Vine Arts Center. Mark was a pioneer gallerist, mixed media artist and beloved mentor. He championed and helped legitimize photography in the fine art world. Mark considered himself first and foremost a photographer, working in black and white photography and alternative processes. And the shop will be dedicated to the memory of Mary Stiff, artist and founding Vine Arts Center board member and treasurer, who worked tirelessly to make the gallery and store a success. Mary was a jewelry maker,

painter and choral singer who derived her inspiration from her travels.

We currently have an open call for art to support our fundraiser for Soup For You in the Seward neighborhood which provides free lunches every weekday and free groceries once a week. You can check our Facebook page or [vineartscenter.org](http://vineartscenter.org) for more information. The show and sale of this art will be Nov. 19 in person at the gallery and online.

Join us as we honor those who made us who we are, celebrate our ability to fight off fire and rebuild, and explore what the future has to offer.



'After the Fire' by Sue Kolstad

gon Bar found their way to the Ivy Building for the Arts and a fire started on the roof. Some neighbors who live a block away saw the beginning of the fire and came to help and alert any tenants still in the building. A crew of neighbors and tenants worked on the roof, trying to contain the flames. Eventually the fire de-

Council, whose support has been instrumental in our ability to reopen.

We are finishing the work to bring the gallery back to usable condition and plan to have a Member Show starting Sept. 17-18 as part of the LoLa Art Crawl. This will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days, and others in

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defining moment and wonderfully symbolized by Abraham Lincoln. America's luck held.

Mark Twain helped define us. His depiction of racial brotherhood was inspiring. Harriet Beecher Stowe helped.

An insanity deeply embedded in us to this day. It is today reflected in the febrile dreams of the hard right.

Straddling this bloody conflict were two imperialist aberrations—Mexico and Spain, and plunder resulted from both.

And the voices?

Pretty still.

Woodrow Wilson saved England and France and then sowed the seeds of fascism through his maladroitness handling of Versailles. Incredibly, he showed "The Birth of a Nation" in the White House.

America's luck ran out—or, rather, Europe's did, when

Hitler declared war, pursuant to his treaty with Japan.

Sprinkled throughout were the grateful patriotism of Irving Berlin, a refugee; the Ivy elegance of the brilliant poet Cole Porter; the patrician sophistication of FDR; our greatest writer, Herman Melville; songsters Rodgers and Hammerstein; brilliant directors Frank Capra and Stanley Kubrick; Virginia Woolf and Sylvia Plath and the baleful skepticism of H. L. Mencken.

Ochs and Sulzberger gave us The New York Times—bless them. Hearst—yellow journalism—damn him.

The great presidents—Washington, Lincoln and Roosevelt. My Rushmore.

So, it becomes a pantheon of Great Americans.

Let's include Branch Rickey, Susan B. Anthony and Eleanor Roosevelt. Maybe Richard Wright, Spike Lee and Harry

Belafonte?

And let's not forget the antisemitic screeds of Father Charles Coughlin; the anger of W. E. B. Du Bois; the racism of David Duke and George Wallace; the separatism of Marcus Garvey and Elijah Muhammad; the devotion to brotherhood of A. Philip Randolph, Martin Luther King, Jr., and the later Malcolm X.

I'm haunted by a chorale: the voices of two scorned and victimized peoples and their experience in America. How very different, the fate of Blacks and Jews. One arriving in chains and the other in rags. How very different the outcomes—centuries later. The result seems to flow from sociological, familial, religious, (yes, I hesitate) political economic forces and leadership. Yet, we do not study it.

Why?



# Fighting crime with justice

BY LYDIA HOWELL

It's a strange time to be a progressive with a lifetime of doing anti-racism and police accountability activism and, now, seeing my city overwhelmed by crime.

Conversations about Minneapolis ping-pong between right-wing screeds, "Minneapolis is a crime-ridden hellscape! Leave NOW!" to progressives asserting, "The real problem is racial equity," while minimizing concerns about crime as (mostly) insidious bias largely felt by white, middle-class homeowners and businesses.

Pretending crime isn't happening – and hurting real people – won't create social change.

I'm working-class and live in public housing. Two African American neighbors were car-jacked at gunpoint in our parking lot. Elder Somali neighbors, mostly women, are targeted for assault and robbery, followed home from the bank or shopping.

Gang rivalries and drug deals gone wrong ignite gunfire. Petty arguments anywhere, escalated by alcohol at bar close, get settled by bullets. Too often bystanders are harmed.

For two years, George Floyd Square memorialized victims of police violence, centered healing, and envisioned community rebirth. Crime ripples through there, too. In August, two separate shootings killed two men and seriously injured another.

I'm a survivor of multiple crimes from purse-snatching to sexual assault. Yet I worry that

rising crime intensifies the racist backlash and makes criminal justice reform more elusive.

With the decreased number of police officers, precautionary habits prevent opportunistic crimes. Walking while scrolling one's phone creates vulnerability. Cars, garages and homes must be habitually locked. Going out at night is safest in groups.

It's empowering to remind people that our choices can make us safer.

A friend's granddaughter left her car running at a convenience store. Moments later, it was stolen. Getting her car back quickly – without damage –implies juveniles joyriding. It seems that some juveniles are stealing cars just to ride around in them – not to sell them. Common sense would have prevented that crime.

"Defund the Police" was a dumb slogan distracting from making change. Mayor Jacob Frey didn't try to strengthen accountability, absurdly claiming that the new Minneapolis Police Department contract was not the place for reforms.

For over 20 years, Communities United Against Police Brutality has had the most comprehensive response to police violence. Their concrete, evidence-based reform proposals can be found in "What It Will Take To End Police Violence" (documents tab) at [www.cuapb.org](http://www.cuapb.org).

We've started redefining what police are for – serious, violent crime – not social problems better responded to by actually addressing them.

After George Floyd's murder, Canopy got \$3 million for mental health crises. In July, police killed Tekle Sundberg. It's unknown what mental health measures were tried. Since 2006, Hennepin County's COPE (Community Outreach for Psychiatric Emergencies) responds 24/7 if no weapons are involved (612-596-1223).

Traffic offenses and nonpayment of child support should be civil offenses. Restorative justice can address misdemeanors like shoplifting and vandalism. Determined coalitions can demand the failed "war on drugs" be replaced with harm reduction, treatment and decriminalization.

Obviously, this requires longer-term state legislative work to change laws. In the meantime, police, county attorneys and judges can exercise their discretion to shift priorities to what crimes to charge and jail people for.

When it comes to juveniles, we're in a 911 emergency.

It's a crapshoot whether a teenager gets sentenced to a juvenile facility proven to heighten probability of future crimes or diversion programs that drop recidivism to 15%. Probation is too often a missed opportunity – no consequences for the crime and no rehab either. Probation

alone sends the message: "You got away with it." Lack of interventions leaves youth walking negative paths.

My reporting this summer has found the Office for Violence Prevention unreachable. However, the people most knowledgeable about what troubled youth need might be groups like MAD DADS, who work to interrupt the crime cycles they know too well. Other nonprofits like the Y, Boys and Girls Clubs, churches, and youth-oriented groups (yet to be created) must innovate alternatives.

We already overload teachers, yet schools are public buildings that could host these alternatives after-hours. Disengaged and disadvantaged youth have unmet needs that could be filled by the types of arts enrichment, support groups, counseling, and mentoring that middle-class white children have.

Crime's economic appeal must be countered. Labor laws allow hiring teens 14 years old and up. With so many entry-level service job openings, early employment provides paychecks, social skills and self-respect. Local government and companies should collaborate on at-risk youth employment.

When we're looking at violence, criminal justice reform gets trickier.

The hard truth is that perpetrators are sometimes also former victims. Trauma-informed support must be more widely available. Would it help to reduce violence to intervene earlier where children and youth learn violence, such as school bullying, child abuse and domestic violence?

Can we admit how much violence is tolerated in our society before it's taken seriously – when we call it a crime?

"It takes a community to keep a community safe. We can't arrest our way out of this," says Minneapolis Police Public Information Officer Garrett Parten. "We have to care more for each other."

Lydia Howell is a Minneapolis journalist.



## Love your neighborhood

BY DORIS OVERBY

I read a sign recently that said: "You are our neighbors ... no matter who you vote for, your skin color, where you are from, your faith or who you love. We will do all we can to be there for you."

The words reminded me of how grateful I am for my neighborhood and our block club that we started 30 years ago. We know that there is unity in community and by knowing the names of everyone, including the kids, babies and animals, we feel good about where we live. If any undesirable energy does occur, our neighbors are alerted. Cameras have helped in providing the police with details.

The National Night Out event in August was a fun time. Fifty neighbors, some from across the alley, enjoyed the evening with us. We missed some neighbors, but the good news is that they started their own block club just

one block away. We had tasty food, many treats and many gift cards to give away, thanks to the generosity of our local restaurants and coffee shops. Inspector Gomez, our Third Precinct Inspector, stopped by to visit and he also had the opportunity to speak Spanish with two of our neighbors. He handed out soccer balls to the kids and threw a couple of football passes to our teenagers.

I wish that there was a way to emphasize the importance of knowing your neighbors and taking care of each other during the rough times (like the COVID pandemic and the 2020 riots) and also through the good times. We trust that we are always there for each other.

Starting a block club takes a little time but it is not difficult. You need to be willing to knock on doors. The potential is there to recognize and appreciate the value in knowing your neighbors.





# MPD and consent decrees



BY CAM GORDON

The role of public involvement has been questioned as the mayor and City Council move forward towards court agreements on racist policing practices.

Last April 27, the Minnesota Department of Human Rights (MDHR) released a report that found probable cause that the city and its police department engaged in a pattern or practice of race discrimination in violation of the Minnesota Human Rights Act.

At the time, then City Attorney Jim Rowader said that he was “fully committed to working with MDHR to address the issue.” After his resignation in June, however, the city stopped attending meetings with MDHR and started publicly challenging some of the findings.

The U.S. Department of Justice began its own investigation into discriminatory and possibly illegal practices of the Minneapolis Police Department in April of 2021.

Since then, Mayor Jacob Frey

has repeatedly objected to the idea of being subject to two consent decrees.

Nevertheless, the city started meeting with MDHR again and on July 14 the city and MDHR released a set of principles to guide efforts to reach a court-enforceable settlement agreement this fall.

The City Council has since established a new “Pattern & Practice Investigations Subcommittee” that received a report and update on the investigations from the city attorney’s office on Aug. 16. The interim city attorney, Peter Ginder, reported that the DOJ is still in the investigations phase, but eventually he expects them to make findings that will result in a consent decree. “We don’t know when the DOJ will be done with its investigation,” Ginder said. If there are no findings there will be no report and the matter will be closed.

A consent decree is a court-approved agreement that resolves a dispute between two parties without admission of guilt or liability. The court maintains supervision over the implementation of the legally binding agreement and almost always uses an independent monitor to act on behalf of the court in evaluating compliance.

At the subcommittee meeting Ginder announced that the city was now holding regular closed, confidential meetings with the

MDHR but was not working on a consent decree. “We are currently working towards negotiating

council members that they (and the public) would likely not see the agreement until it was com-



Amelia Huffman, Interim Chief of Police

a court-approved settlement agreement with MDHR which is similar to, but not, a consent decree,” Ginder said. He also told

pleted. Then it would be presented in a closed session of the council before a vote would be taken. Only after it is approved

would the public have access to it. It was unclear if the proposed settlement would include an independent court-approved monitor or not.

Expectations were raised in July when the MDHR worked with the Minnesota Justice Research Center (MNJRC) to gather ideas about what should be included in a consent decree. Southside sessions were held on July 7 at Longfellow Park and on July 21 at Bryant Square. There, people shared ideas for ways to improve and measure practices in police use of force, community trust, use of social media, accountability, traffic stops, training and the makeup of a monitoring team.

“At the Minnesota Justice Research Center,” wrote Justin Terrell, the group’s executive director, “we are honored to play a role in developing the contents of the consent decree so that it truly reflects the experiences, perspectives, and desires of Minneapolis community members, especially Black and Indigenous communities.”

When asked by Council Member Robin Wonsley (Ward 2) about community participation going forward, Ginder said “the community will not be involved in the approval process.”

In a conversation after the meeting, Wonsley said, “There are fears that we are going to

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## It’s time

BY ED FELIEN

It’s time.

“It’s time,” the people of the East Phillips neighborhood are saying.

It’s time the city started taking itself seriously and started believing some of the things it’s been saying about the environment and equity.

In 2019, Mayor Jacob Frey said, “Minneapolis is doing nation-leading work on climate change. Now we’re taking the next step by formally declaring a climate emergency. In the coming months, we’ll be moving forward with a new sustainable building policy and moving to adopt a social cost of carbon.”

Fine.

The East Phillips Neighborhood Institute says, “Fine.”

According to Council Member Jason Chavez, the city is planning to demolish the Roof Depot building sometime in October or November. EPNI, speaking for the neighborhood, wants to be assured that the arsenic-contaminated soil is removed in such a way as to not spread the dust all over the neighborhood. They are frustrated with negotiations. The number of parking places the city is planning for

their diesel-polluting trucks has increased from 60-some to 80-some. If Frey and the city are serious about pollution and the environment, then stopping increased carbon pollution by city trucks in one of the city’s most carbon-impacted neighborhoods would seem to be a good place to start.

EPNI wants to be involved in planning the job training program, and they want new hiring to give some kind of preference to people living within a two-mile radius of the site.

The Southside Green Zone Council was created by the city in May of 2019. In their August 2019 letter to the City of Minneapolis, they said: “The environmental disparities we face as a community have been institutionalized through decades of planning, decision-making and investment patterns that have sacrificed the health and well-being of our community and families. We hope that the next generation of investments by government, philanthropy and private capital will work to fix this history and be done in partnership with the Southside Green Zone and other critical local groups already doing work in the area. A much higher

level of government and philanthropic resources is needed to achieve the sustainability and climate vision of the Southside Green Zone, a transition that must be grounded in justice. This is articulated in the Southside Green Zone’s priorities on tangibly improving Air and Soil Quality, Healthy Food Access and Health in Energy in Housing intertwined with the social and economic priorities on Green Economy, Anti-Displacement, Self-Determination and Accountability. These all go hand in hand to ensure the people living here are benefiting and designing the investments in air, soil, food, housing and energy.”

The Native Lakota people drumming in the illustration above walked only a couple of blocks from their homes to the Roof Depot site where a rally was held to support EPNI’s negotiations with the city on Sunday, Aug. 28. The Little Earth public housing site was formerly an abandoned industrial site that probably included a coal yard.

If the city truly believes in racial and cultural equity and wants to be a leader in protecting the environment, then it will listen to the voices of EPNI and the people of East Phillips and



treat those voices with the same respect they give to people from Linden Hills and Lake of the

Isles.

It’s time for East Phillips to have a seat at the table.



# Celebrate Fall on 48th & Chicago

## 48th & Chicago and beyond

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

### Eat, drink, and be entertained

The Parkway Theater is having some fun events both cinematic and otherwise coming up this fall. From Sept. 15 – 29 is “Mel Brooks Month.” You can buy a pass to all three special screenings for \$27. On Sept. 15 it’s “The Producers” and

on Sept. 29 it’s “Young Frankenstein,” both with an added trivia game. On Sept. 22, have a mini MineCon experience by participating in the costume contest and viewing “Spaceballs.”

Saturdays in October will be Spooky Saturdays, with matinee performances of “The Addams Family,” “Hocus Pocus,” “Coraline,” “Ghostbusters” and

“The Nightmare Before Christmas.” For more adult and serious devotees of horror, random evening dates throughout October will screen “Scream,” “The Exorcist,” “The Blair Witch Project,” “The Lost Boys” and culminate with “Halloween” on Halloween.

Late September brings two unique shows. First, on Saturday, Sept. 24, is a midnight

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showing (11:30 doors) of “The Rocky Horror Picture Show” with a major Parkway enhancement: a live shadow cast performance by Transvestite Soup, a local ensemble that does nothing but live re-enactments of Rocky Horror.

And then, on a more serious note, on Monday, Sept. 26, the Parkway hosts “Revealing & Healing Histories: Racial Covenants Then & Now.” In the Parkway’s description of this event, it says, “featuring an educational bike tour, live per-

formance, music, and the premiere of ‘Jim Crow of the North Stories,’ the new series from Twin Cities PBS that looks at how Minneapolis residents have responded to the rising awareness of racist covenants, redlining, and other forms of damaging segregation.” Check the events section of the Parkway’s website for details on these and more.

There are many great places to eat or have a drink at the

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hub of Chicago and 48th. Bagu Sushi and Thai is one of them. I still can't decide if I like their sushi or their Thai food better, and it doesn't seem right to have both at the same time. They now have a second location, at the trendy Malcolm Yards off of University Avenue in Southeast Minneapolis. You can order on-line for pickup from the Chicago Avenue location, and they also have a nice patio, but I'm not sure how late in the year that's open.

Town Hall Tap has been in the area for a while now, since 2010. Its newer relation, the Sidecar, which opened in 2021, is a full-on cocktail bar right next door. Town Hall Tap has a lot going for it – the fresh, ever-changing list of artisanal beers, their own kitchen and a crowd-pleasing and kid-friendly menu, a historic bar imported from Illinois, and garage doors that open up to the sidewalk on pleasant summer days. Heather's, farther down the avenue at 5201 Chicago Ave., is now a neighborhood fixture af-



Duluth's lift bridge will be one of those lit in teal in September for Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

ter a little over two years in this space. The neighborhood bistro-cum-fine dining establishment is one of those unfortunate businesses that opened just weeks or days before the first big pandemic shutdown of March 2020. But it has worked out well for them in the end. Neighbors love it and flock to the place, or order take-

out. Heather's also has a large and lovely patio dining area.

Retail and services

The Braid Factory has been at its location on the corner of Chicago and 46th Street for nearly 20 years now, debuting in the early 1990s. As a hair salon that

pretty much only does braids and weaves, it has a fanatical following. Their website has a gallery of pictures of their beautiful work and a lot of useful information, plus online coupons. Appointments for consultations and services can be made by



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phone. Bauhaus Framing Studio is now occupying the 4804 Chicago Ave. space where Pedego once was. Bauhaus Framing has caught on with locals in a big way and hopefully will bring some stability to that spot. In ad-



Bauhaus Framing



The Minnehaha Bunny

dition to providing very reasonably priced and excellent quality framing services, Bauhaus also sells framed art prints and DIY photo frames, as well as hosting art shows and participating at local events like Art-a-Whirl. The Center for Blade Arts (CBA), at 4744 Chicago Ave., is a martial arts school with a big difference. They teach Olympic fencing, historic European

martial arts (HEMA), and kendo, a Japanese bamboo sword art. CBA is also the home of Seiryukan Dojo, as far as I can tell the only school in the Midwest that teaches Toyama Ryu Iaido, a training leading up to Tameshigiri, which is the ability to perform perfect cuts on a target with a razor-sharp samurai sword! Come to think of it, Olympic fencing studios are not all that common around here either. At Classic TaeKwonDo Studios, 5253 Chicago Ave., all classes are age and gender inclusive,

creating a unique environment where families can work out together as equals while learning self-defense skills in the traditional Korean martial art of TaeKwonDo. One nice feature is that only the first family member to join pays full price, with discounts offered for additional family members. They have after-school programs and summer camps for kids to explore martial arts, but they also have classes for the fully committed, leading to the award of belts

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for ascending levels of proficiency. As one online reviewer whose entire family joined the studio said, “We so appreciate

the community, instruction and teachings we are receiving there. Mrs. Boston offers fantastic instruction, and she creates a wonderful community of students. All classes are mixed

ages and gender and there is a feeling of respect and kindness that just permeates the space.”

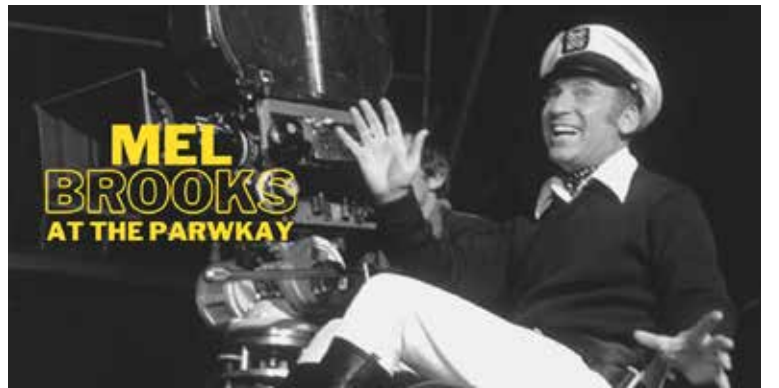
## Organizations and nonprofits

Chrysalis is a service center operated by Tubman (tubman.org) which is, of course, named for Harriet Tubman. They provide services for people of all ages and genders who are fleeing from a life of violence and trauma, whether it's domestic violence or life on the streets. They operate a family shelter and also a youth program, as well as support programs like mental health, chemical health, supportive housing, financial planning, legal assistance and ongoing support for survivors. Besides Chrysalis, Tubman also has another location in Maplewood. Their annual fundraising event, the Starlight Soirée, was not held in person for two years, but returned to the scene in April 2022.

The Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance (MOCA) was founded by a group of ovarian cancer survivors in 1999 and has grown into one of the most visible and successful cancer patient and survivor advocacy groups in the state. Like the breast cancer funds adopting the color pink as a “brand,”



Tubman's Starlight Soirée, April 2022



Mel Brooks Month at the Parkway Theater

MOCA uses the color teal in their merchandise, their fundraising appeals and even the name of the director's blog. September is their big fund-

raising month, when numerous buildings and bridges across the state will be lit up in teal. There is also the HOM Teal Strides for Ovarian Cancer on Saturday, Sept. 18, in Edina, a run-walk event to raise money and awareness.

## Public spaces

McRae Park at the southeast corner of Chicago Avenue and 46th Street is a small park that packs in a lot of sports spaces. In addition to wandering paths and a small prairie by the rec center, it features courts for pickleball, tennis, volleyball and basketball, and fields for baseball, softball and football, plus a year-round hockey rink.

Finally, the Minnehaha Bunny! I just discovered this quirky sculpture along Minnehaha Creek near the corner of Portland Avenue and Minnehaha Parkway. This bronze sculpture of a huge and oddly doglike bunny is a popular photo spot along Minnehaha Parkway. Commissioned by the city's Art and Public Places program, it was created by Jeff Barber of Cannon Falls, Minn., in 2002 and is officially named “Cottontail on the Trail.”



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### EVENTS

#### Circus Abyssinia: 'Tulu'

**Sept. 13 – Oct. 23**

Children's Theatre Company  
2400 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. S., Mpls.  
Children's Theatre Company welcomes back Circus Abyssinia, the internationally acclaimed Ethiopian circus that delighted audiences in 2019, with their brand-new show "Tulu." This dazzling performance is inspired by the story of Ethiopian icon Derartu Tulu, the first Black African woman to win Olympic gold. Watch in awe as a dazzling spectacle of high-flying acrobatics, hand balancing, and juggling (sometimes with fire!) flashes before your eyes, backed by pulse-pounding Ethio-pop music. Feel the energy and spectacle of the Olympic games packed with extraordinary circus acts and be amazed as the world of triumph and virtuosity comes to dynamic life! Tickets can now be purchased at [childrenstheatre.org/circus](http://childrenstheatre.org/circus) or by calling the ticket office at 612-874-0400.

#### Rain Taxi Fall Events Online

Rain Taxi is pleased to announce three virtual events to share with the world as we begin the drive to our in-person Twin Cities Book Festival on Saturday, Oct. 15! Readers everywhere can plan to enjoy these free events from the comfort of their homes:

#### Steve Sem-Sandberg and Saskia Vogel Wednesday, Sept. 14, 3 p.m. CT

Internationally acclaimed Swedish author Steve Sem-Sandberg discusses his new novel "W." with the book's English-language translator, Saskia Vogel. Register at [www.raintaxi.com/steve-sem-sandberg-and-saskia-vogel/](http://www.raintaxi.com/steve-sem-sandberg-and-saskia-vogel/).

#### Jeffrey Archer

**Tuesday, Sept. 27, 3 p.m. CT**

Bestselling British author Jeffrey Archer marks the publication day of his latest novel, "Next in Line," by beaming in from the U.K. to converse about his work with Minnesota mystery writer Carl Brookins. Register at [www.raintaxi.com/jeffrey-archer/](http://www.raintaxi.com/jeffrey-archer/).

#### 2022 Kerlan Award:

#### Andrea Davis Pinkney

**Tuesday, Oct. 11, 6 p.m. CT**

We are honored to broadcast the 2022 Kerlan Award Ceremony, this year celebrating the distinguished, award-winning, bestselling author of numerous books for children and young adults, Andrea Davis Pinkney. More info here: [www.raintaxi.com/2022-kerlan-award-andrea-davis-pinkney/](http://www.raintaxi.com/2022-kerlan-award-andrea-davis-pinkney/).

#### The Jewish Artists' Laboratory: A Retrospective Through Oct. 23

**Reception Thursday, Sept. 15,  
6 to 8 p.m.**

Minnesota JCC Sabes Center  
Tychman Shapiro Gallery  
4330 S. Cedar Lake Rd., Mpls.  
"The Jewish Artists' Laboratory: A Retrospective" features a culmination of works from The Jewish Artists' Laboratory. The Artists' Lab brought together over 60 artists over 10 years who gathered as a community to study a series of thought-provoking themes as seen through the lens of Jewish text and commentary, bringing together many artistic disciplines – sculpture, photography, painting, story, poetry, glass, mixed media, papercutting, video and more. This retrospective exhibition features the work of more than 40 artists, representing the relationship between Jewish thought and creativity. The entire community is invited to the Sept. 15 reception where they will have an opportunity to meet the artists and celebrate this retrospective. [minnesotajcc.org](http://minnesotajcc.org)

#### Lantern Lighting Celebration

**Sept. 16 – 18\*, 5 to 8:30 p.m.**

Lakewood Cemetery  
3600 Hennepin Ave., Mpls.  
Lakewood Cemetery invites the public to its eighth annual Lantern Lighting Celebration the weekend of Sept. 16 – 18. The event offers an opportunity for people to celebrate the memories of loved ones by decorating, then releasing onto Lakewood's Jo Pond a floating, candlelit lantern. This event is open to the public.  
At the event, people can decorate a paper lantern sleeve with favorite pictures, messages of love, and other symbols of remembrance. At dusk, in a beautiful ceremony, attendees gather to release their lanterns onto Lakewood's 10-acre lake, as the names of loved ones are read aloud accompanied by the stirring sound of bagpipes. The effect of the candlelit lanterns floating on the lake is breathtaking and magical, connecting people to their loved ones and to others who are remembering and grieving. Throughout the event, guests can enjoy live music, food and refreshments from local food vendors, and the beauty of Lakewood's scenic grounds. Self-guided tour brochures of the cemetery will also be available.

\*Attendees have the option of choosing one of three evenings to honor their loved ones – Friday, Sept. 16, Saturday, Sept. 17 or Sunday, Sept. 18. Admission is free, but there is a fee per lantern: \$7 in advance or \$10 at the door. Purchase tickets here: [www.eventbrite.com/e/lantern-lighting-celebration-2022-tickets-363316889597](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/lantern-lighting-celebration-2022-tickets-363316889597). More info: [www.lakewoodcemetery.org/event/lantern-lighting-celebration-2022/](http://www.lakewoodcemetery.org/event/lantern-lighting-celebration-2022/).

#### Trans Equity Summit:

#### Building Trans Power

**Friday, Sept. 16, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

Minneapolis College  
T Building  
1415 Hennepin Ave. S., Mpls.  
Hosted by the City of Minneapolis, the ninth annual Minneapolis Trans Equity Summit takes place Sept. 16 at Minneapolis College. The summit, which is free and open to the public, includes both virtual and in-person events. This year's keynote speaker is louie ortiz-fonseca, the creator of Gran Varones, a digital project that highlights LGBTQ pop culture history and community storytelling through a Black/Latinx lens. An intergenerational panel discussion featuring youth and elders is planned, followed by breakout sessions.

The Trans Equity Summit is an event for trans and gender non-conforming community members to connect to resources and each other, and for all attendees to learn more about issues impacting their communities. For general questions about the summit, please reach out to [TransEquitySummit@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:TransEquitySummit@minneapolismn.gov). Find more information, including accessibility details and registration links in English, Spanish, Somali and Hmong at [www2.minneapolismn.gov/government/departments/coordinator/race-equity/what-we-do/ongoing-work/trans-equity-summit/](http://www2.minneapolismn.gov/government/departments/coordinator/race-equity/what-we-do/ongoing-work/trans-equity-summit/).

#### Poetry and Jazz in the Holy Ground Saturday, Sept. 17, 4 p.m.

Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery  
2945 Cedar Ave. S., Mpls.  
What better place to celebrate our connections to our ancestors than at the historic Pioneers and Soldiers Cemetery in south Minneapolis. On the national historic register, this sacred place is "home" to veterans from the Civil War onward, workers from the Underground Railroad and thousands of early immigrants to Minnesota. On Saturday, Sept. 17 at 4 p.m., four local

poets and a jazz duet will celebrate where we come from and who we are. The presenters are poets Joyce Sutphen, Sagirah Shahid, Patrick Cabello Hansel and Richard Terrill, who will also perform music with Larry McDonough. The event is free. Please bring a blanket or lawn chair to sit on. The cemetery is located at Lake Street and Cedar; entrance is on the Cedar Avenue side. Rain date is Saturday, Sept. 24.  
Sponsored by The Semilla Center for Healing and the Arts ([www.semillacenter.org](http://www.semillacenter.org)) and the "Not Dead Yet Poets Society." Info: [phcreate@gmail.com](mailto:phcreate@gmail.com)

#### 'Solo'

**Sept. 16 – 17, 7:30 p.m.**

#### In-person or livestream

The Cowles Center  
528 Hennepin Ave., Mpls.  
Join us Friday, Sept. 16 and Saturday, Sept. 17 at 7:30 p.m. for "Solo," presented by The Cowles Center and the McKnight Fellowships for Dancers. "Solo" features six world premiere solos, performed by the 2020 – 2021 McKnight Dance Fellows. From innovative Hip Hop to rhythmic Chicago footwork to Brazilian contemporary choreographic explorations, we couldn't be more thrilled to open our season with this performance! Learn more and get in-person or livestream tickets here: [www.thecowlescenter.org/2223/solo](http://www.thecowlescenter.org/2223/solo).

#### Vine Arts Center

#### Member Show/Reopening

**Sept. 17 – 18, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.**

Vine Arts Center  
2637 27th Ave S., #228, Mpls.  
Vine Arts Center will have its Member Show/Reopening as part of the LoLa Arts Festival. [info@VineArtsCenter.org](mailto:info@VineArtsCenter.org)

#### Corcoran Park Improvements – Share your thoughts

After receiving feedback from the community on the proposed concept plan for the Corcoran Park improvements project, staff from the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) made changes to the proposal guided by the community's comments and suggestions. The feedback resulted in two revised concept plan options for community members to review, provide comments on and share their preferences. The key difference between the two options centers on uses for the park area where tennis courts are currently located.

**Concept Plan Option 1** proposes adding a multi-use paved area with two basketball hoops at different heights to expand the playground, and a community garden with raised planting beds and a small orchard.


**Concept Plan Option 2** proposes adding a full basketball court (high-school size) only (no community garden or orchard). This amenity is not included in the Corcoran master plan approved by the MPRB in 2016; therefore, if this option is selected the Board would need to approve a master plan amendment.

To review the full concept plan options and take a survey to share your preferences and feedback, go to: [www.minneapolisparcs.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Revised-Concept-Plans-Options-1-and-2.pdf](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/Revised-Concept-Plans-Options-1-and-2.pdf)

#### Golden Rule Peace Boat

**Wednesday, Sept. 21, 7 to 9 p.m.**

Unity Church – Unitarian  
732 Holly Ave., St. Paul  
**Friday, Sept. 23, 6 to 8 p.m.**  
Veterans For Peace office  
4200 Cedar Ave., #7, Mpls.  
The storied Golden Rule anti-nuclear sailboat will be in Minneapolis/St. Paul from Sept. 21 through Sept. 25, kicking off a series of local events to raise



### 5th Annual Fall Community Shred Event

**Saturday, Sept. 24, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Jones Financial Group is partnering with Shred Right to securely dispose of sensitive documents; all paper material received for confidential destruction will be shredded on-site. Shred Right will set up in the parking lot behind our office at 4748 Chicago Ave. S. All community members are welcome and there is no cost to participate.

When you bring your documents to be shredded, you may also bring a voluntary, freewill donation that will go directly to Open Arms of Minnesota ([www.openarmsmn.org](http://www.openarmsmn.org)). The donation is strictly voluntary – no donation is required for you to shred your documents.

RSVP required due to capacity limits. For details on the event and to RSVP, visit the Jones Financial website at <https://my-jonesfinancial.com/events-resources/>.

awareness about the growing danger of nuclear war and to build support for the abolition of nuclear weapons. The 34-foot wooden ketch is sailing on a 15-month voyage around the "Great Loop" of the central, southern and eastern United States, making 100 ports-of-call. The Golden Rule is a national project of Veterans For Peace, which owns the boat. The public is invited to tour this historic peace boat, which will be docked at the Watergate Marina, to hear about nuclear issues today, and to learn how we can stop the possibility of nuclear war! Church, school and civic groups are welcome to schedule an educational presentation by contacting the Golden Rule Project Manager, Helen Jaccard, at [vfpgoldenruleproject@gmail.com](mailto:vfpgoldenruleproject@gmail.com) or 206-992-6364.

#### '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 livestream 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](http://globalrightsforwomen.org).

#### Lambchop: 'Showtunes,' 'The Bible' Sept. 23 – 24, 8 p.m.

Walker Art Center  
725 Vineland Pl., Mpls.  
This Walker commission and world premiere presents "show tunes for people who don't like show tunes" and "spiritual music for the godforsaken," deadpans indie folk/pop hero Lambchop's lead creative Kurt Wagner. This

diverse collection of new songs from Lambchop's 2021 album "Showtunes" and his forthcoming 2022 release "The Bible" features 16 accomplished musicians, including Andrew Broder (Fog) and CJ Camerieri (Bon Iver). Swirling together everything from turntables and a grand piano to horns and a choir, this new work exemplifies the driving ethos of this unclassifiable band. Copresented with Liquid Music. Tickets: [walkerart.org/calendar/2022/lambchop-showtunes-the-bible](http://walkerart.org/calendar/2022/lambchop-showtunes-the-bible).

#### 16th annual NAMIWalks Minnesota Saturday, Sept. 24, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Minnehaha Park  
4801 Minnehaha Ave., Mpls.  
The 16<sup>th</sup> annual NAMIWalks Minnesota, a 5K walk to raise awareness about mental illnesses and celebrate hope, is set for Saturday, Sept. 24, at Minnehaha Park in Minneapolis. NAMIWalks 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. NAMIWalks 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](http://namimn.org) or call 651-645-2948.

#### Vine Arts Center Celebration Saturday, Sept. 24, 6 to 9 p.m.

Vine Arts Center  
2637 27th Ave S., #228, Mpls.  
Vine Arts Center will celebrate the end of construction on the rebuild of the Ivy Building for the Arts with a dedication of the Vine Arts Center to our benefactor, Howard Gelb, a member gallery to Mark Roberts, a founding member, and the store to Mary Stiff, also a founding member. This will include music from local band "Up in the Attic," and member Edie Karras will present her children's photo book, "Let's Go for a Wander." info@[VineArtsCenter.org](http://VineArtsCenter.org)

EVENTS

**Volunteer with Refugee Services: Orientation**  
**Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2 to 4 p.m.**  
Minnesota Church Center  
122 W. Franklin Ave., Mpls.  
Interested in volunteering with MCC Refugee Services? Join us for our upcoming volunteer orientation for positions like Befriender, Apartment Setup Volunteer and Resettlement Assistant. To register, please contact a Volunteer Coordinator at [rsvolunteers@mnchurches.org](mailto:rsvolunteers@mnchurches.org) or call (612) 230-3291. Apply online at [www.mnchurches.org/volunteer](http://www.mnchurches.org/volunteer).

**Old-Fashioned Church Rummage Sale**  
**Thursday, Sept. 15, and Friday, Sept. 16, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.**  
**Saturday, Sept. 17, 9 a.m. to noon**  
Minnehaha United Methodist Church  
3701 E. 50<sup>th</sup> St., Mpls.  
Lots of great stuff! Housewares and linens; toys; books; electronics and more! (But no clothes!) <http://www.minnehaha.org/>

**‘Nowhere is safe’: Uyghur Repression**  
**Thursday, Sept. 15, 7 to 9 p.m.**  
**Online**  
At the World Without Genocide webinar, the speakers will discuss the global problem of transnational repression and the targeting of Uyghurs in the U.S. We will hear from Tara Kalar, J.D., Mitchell Hamline School of Law; Kaori Kenmotsu, J.D., Hamline University; Harold Melcher, J.D., League of Minnesota Cities; and Dragana Glumac, Analyst, FBI. Register at <http://world-withoutgenocide.org/programs/upcoming-events/nowhere-is-safe-transnational-repression-of-the-uyghurs>.

**Minneapolis Friends Meeting**  
**Fall-Winter Schedule**

**Begins Sept. 18**  
4401 York Ave. S., Mpls.  
The Fall-Winter schedule for Minneapolis Friends Meeting is in effect Sept. 18. Unprogrammed worship 9 to 10 a.m.; Mid-morning program 10:15 to 11 a.m.; Semi-programmed worship 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Services will continue to be hybrid – join us on Zoom or at the Meetinghouse. Please go to our website at [minneapolis-friends.org](http://minneapolis-friends.org) for more information. All are welcome!

**‘Many Voices United’**  
**United Theological Seminary’s 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**Wednesday, Sept. 28**  
**8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**  
**Register by Friday, Sept. 16**  
United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities  
767 Eustis St., St. Paul  
Founded in 1962, United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities will kick off its 60th anniversary at a special event for students and alums, current and former faculty, and other members of the community on Wednesday, Sept. 28. The theme for the celebration is “Many Voices United.” “Many Voices United” pays homage to the ecumenical origins of the seminary and its ongoing dedication to educating leaders for the church and society, and weaving into its curriculum tenets of social transformation, theology and the arts, interreligious engagement and public theology. During the day-long celebration participants can tour our St. Paul campus, worship with Rev. Elizabeth Macaulay (’99), and enjoy special intergenerational theological conversations between current and retired faculty members. There is also an option to view the program online. Please register for the event by Friday, Sept. 16. Visit <https://content.unitedseminary.edu/60th-anniversary-reg-form> to learn more and register.

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**Holy Name Church Rummage Sale**  
**Sept. 29 – Oct. 1**  
Holy Name Catholic Church  
3637 11th Ave. S., Mpls.  
The Holy Name Church rummage sale opens on Thursday, Sept. 29 with our Preview Sale from 4 to 8 p.m. Admission is \$1 per person. On Friday, Sept. 30, hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 1 is Bag Day (\$2 per bag) from 9 a.m. to noon. We have books, clothing, furniture, household items, jewelry, toys and more. Check out our Oval Room with nicer items! For more information, call 612-724-5465.

**Episcopal 101 – Fall 2022**  
**Mondays, Oct. 3 – 24, 6 to 7:30 p.m.**  
**Online via Zoom**  
**Saturday, Nov. 5, 10 a.m. to noon**  
Saint Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral  
519 Oak Grove St., Mpls.  
Episcopal 101 is a series of classes that offer an opportunity to deepen your knowledge of the Episcopal Church, to nurture your spiritual development, and to meet a variety of leaders at Saint Mark’s. These classes are for you if you are new to Saint Mark’s, new to the Episcopal Church, or simply want to learn more. The series is available for everyone, no matter how many times you have attended! Each week is taught by a different member of the ministry team, with time set aside weekly to connect with one another. This class will utilize the book “A People Called Episcopalians,” which is available through our Cathedral Bookshop. For the Monday evening sessions, the Zoom room opens at 6 p.m., followed by the program from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. The Saturday class will be in the

Cathedral nave, allowing us to greet each other in person, to experience an instructed liturgy and to hear more about St. Mark’s community. Please contact Canon Community Developer Mary Lusk at [maryl@ourcathedral.org](mailto:maryl@ourcathedral.org) with any questions. Register for Episcopal 101 at <https://onrealm.org/StMarksEpiscopa29272/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=OWU5ZW-M4YWETzjAyMS00OTUyLTgyY2EtY-WVvKODAxNTZjZjQx>.

**Donations Needed for Newly Arrived Refugees**  
From the Minnesota Council of Churches: During the hectic past few months, MCC Refugee Services has been able to serve 225 Ukrainian individuals – nearly as many people as we served from Afghanistan – through Matching Grant and RCA programs. As folks settle into their homes, we have an urgent need for donations for newly arrived Ukrainians and others from around the world. On the top of our list: trash bags; laundry detergent; kitchen/bathroom cleaners; shower curtain and rings; toilet brushes; brooms & dustpan or mops; bed sheets twin & queen, blankets twin & queen; pots & pans; kitchen knives; and kitchen utensils. Do you have items you would like to donate? Please email [Rsvolunteers@mnchurches.org](mailto:Rsvolunteers@mnchurches.org) or call (612) 230-3219, or order online from our up-to-date Amazon Wishlist at [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2144RAQ240DR9/ref=nav\\_wishlist\\_lists\\_1?fbclid=IwAR1MPIVOD3gP-6giEmpmQ55m4HgCVYIDAUZ-G6pzaZ-vpn4InnFWHk9Ev\\_dxo](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2144RAQ240DR9/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1?fbclid=IwAR1MPIVOD3gP-6giEmpmQ55m4HgCVYIDAUZ-G6pzaZ-vpn4InnFWHk9Ev_dxo).

SHARING 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. 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 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 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. 50<sup>th</sup> 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. Thursday 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](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. 38<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Community Meals at Walker Church**  
**3104 16<sup>th</sup> 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/>

**Park Avenue Church**  
**3400 Park Ave., Mpls.**  
**(Corner of Oakland Ave. and 34<sup>th</sup> St.)**  
**612-825-6863**  
Free fresh food the third Friday of the month (Sept. 16 and Oct. 21) from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Free food and other items; legal consultations with lawyers, spiritual support; and music! All are welcome, all is free! Sponsored by Park Avenue UMC; Messiah UMC; Volunteer Lawyers Network; Iglesia Piedra Viva; Simpson Food Pantry; and Source MN, Inc.

The Nokomis Religious Community Welcomes You

**CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. ALBERT THE GREAT**  
E. 29th St. & 32nd Ave. S.  
612-724-3643  
[www.saintalbertthegreat.org](http://www.saintalbertthegreat.org)  
Weekend Masses with limited seating  
Saturday 5 pm  
Sunday 9:30 am (also live-streamed on Facebook)  
Sunday 12 noon  
Front door entry preferred  
Weekday Masses M, T, TH, F at 8:15 am in the Chapel, east door and elevator entry

**FAITH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
3430 E. 51st St.  
612-729-5463  
[www.faithlutheranmpls.org](http://www.faithlutheranmpls.org)  
Sunday Worship 9 am and online on Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/felc-mpls/>  
AA group - Mondays 6:30 pm  
Senior Exercise Class - Mondays 10 am  
NA groups - Wednesdays 7:30 pm  
Blind Ministry - Saturday, Sept. 17, 12 - 2 pm  
Book Club - October 1, 10 am  
Minnesota Ovarian Cancer Alliance Rummage Sale - October 7-9  
Vacancy Pastor: Rev. Jared Yogerst, PhD

**FIRST FREE CHURCH**  
5150 Chicago Ave S.

612-827-4705  
Sunday services at 9 am (in-person and online) and 10:30 am  
Nursery thru Preschool childcare available during both services.  
Crescent Children’s available both services.  
Velocity Youth Student Ministry at 9 am.  
[www.firstfreechurch.org](http://www.firstfreechurch.org)  
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**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH (ELCA)**  
1720 E. Minnehaha Pkwy.  
612-722-1083  
Sunday Worship at 9:30 am  
Bible Study at 10:30 am  
**Welcome Sunday Sept. 25 with outdoor service at 9:30 and picnic following.**  
Sunday Worship recordings online at [www.holycrossmpls.org](http://www.holycrossmpls.org)

**LIVING SPIRIT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
4501 Bloomington Ave.  
612-721-5025  
Multicultural/Intergenerational Justice — Generosity — Faith  
Worship In-Person or Online  
10:30 am Sundays  
Online: [livingspiritumc.org](http://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](http://www.Facebook.com/NewCreationBaptistChurch)  
<https://newcreationbaptist-churchmn.org/>  
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Daniel B. McKizzie

**NOKOMIS HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH – ELCA**  
5300 10th Ave. S.  
612-825-6846  
[www.nokomisheights.org](http://www.nokomisheights.org)  
Sunday worship 10 am, outside on the front lawn.  
Please bring a lawn chair or blanket.  
In case of rain, worship in sanctuary, with masks.  
Online worship premiers Sundays at 10 am on Facebook and YouTube.

**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  
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# A Minnesota tourist in Cuba

BY YOEL YOHANNES

In the sweltering hours of a late summer's evening, airplanes touch down in Havana's José Martí International Airport and pull into gates, full of tourists and expatriates returning to see family. Past passport security and baggage claim, cigarette-smoking airport employees direct recent arrivals into the currency exchange boxes and vendors hawk bottles of warm beer and children's juice pouches. José Martí International, a multi-terminal airport, is named after a Spanish-citizen Cuban-denizen poet and long-respected political prisoner and soldier of the third war for Cuban independence against Spain (1895-1898). As it turns out, this airport is the only port of entry for Americans. Some of the airlines that arrive at this particular airport include Southwest, American, Copa and JetBlue. Dispersed among Terminals 2 and 3, these airlines bring Americans from New York, Miami, Fort Lauderdale and Houston in to be asked, "Do you want your passport stamped?"

Since the airport is located a half hour's drive from central Havana, the only real option a U.S. citizen has is to travel by taxi. It is possible to rent a car, but if you are using an American credit card to rent it, there is an almost 100% guarantee your account will be frozen. You cannot use American credit cards, debit cards or travelers' cards in Cuba. The Cuban government will allow it, the U.S. government will not.

Once settling to opt for the taxi, always know that no matter who you are, you have the option to haggle over the fare. Whatever the suggested price is, consider cutting it in half and adding maybe 200 pesos, or offering 60% of the requested payment. Most likely, the taxi driver will not even need a map. Tell them the address and the driver will reach the street and go down block by block. We would advise that you have downloaded the entire map of Cuba on Google Maps, as internet connections will be quite difficult to have most days on the island. On top of Google Maps, try to download the Google Translate Spanish translation dictionary onto your phone as well. You will be able to map out the cities you visit and translate any audio, video and written words offline. Very helpful.

I had reserved our casa particular (a hostel that is personally owned, as opposed to a state-operated hotel) and paid in cash once we arrived. One of the worries as U.S. citizens is to be careful not to plan out or pay for anything related to the Cuban government or the military. The rule of thumb is if the place looks fancy, it's government owned. Because of the American embargo imposed on Cuba,

Americans cannot travel there as tourists. There are 12 possible reasons Americans are allowed to go to Havana. These specific reasons are listed on the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) website. We chose the Journalistic Activity option.

The streets, especially San Rafael and O'Reilly, are filled with souvenir shops. Almost all of them are run by local owners who live either right above or next door. The owners are often the very same who run the shops and thus are the ones with whom you will haggle over prices. Many of the shops we visited were just down the road on Boulevard de San Rafael or de Obispo, and they offered almost exactly the same items, such as revolutionary-style green hats with Che's image, wooden cars, magnets, shirts, cigar cases and other trinkets. In between many of these shops, restaurants and lounges, there are promoters that will try their best to move tourists into the shops and restaurants they are working for. They will neither hurt nor rob you, but the general deal is that if they bring you into a place to spend money, they are paid by the shop owner depending on how much you spend. In areas navigated by large groups of tourists, many of these promoters will be present. Often, they will approach apparent tourists and ask them where they are from, inform them of the nearby cigar festival (which is nonexistent and just a gimmick to promote interest, seriously, THERE ARE NO CIGAR FESTIVALS), and then let their listeners know they can exchange currencies. There isn't really a problem with exchanging money, but just try for an exchange rate of at least 100 to 1, whether you have euros or U.S. dollars.

Both Obispo and San Rafael are dotted with cafeterias, restaurants, sandwich shops and other eateries. If you're interested in a bevy of five-star food spots and Michelin-rated dining, Havana isn't really for you. The city does have higher-end eateries, but we focused on where locals ate and drank for our food and drink.

Walking down tourist-filled paths, we noticed that several sandwich shops and bakeries were operated directly from local residents' home kitchens. Menus with pre-made juice blends, shots of instant espresso, and ham and cheese baguettes lined the streets in the mornings. Groups of people lined up to an entrepreneurial resident's back door and shelled out a handful of pesos for egg sandwiches and lemonade. We followed suit and were treated to deliciously fresh beans and bread, mango juice and hot espressos, paying maybe two dollars total.

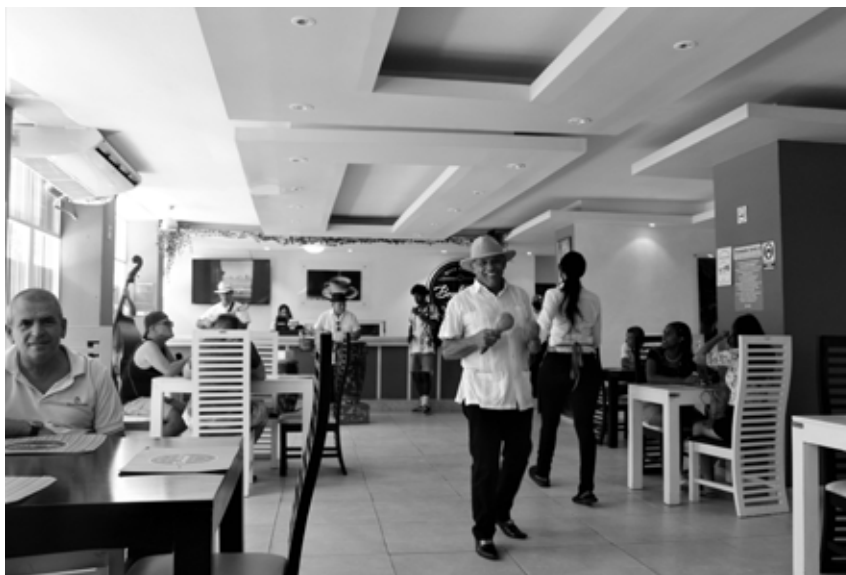
Since Havana is home to a large harbor, christened the Port of La Habana, water surrounds

you in the capital city. Having said that, Havana was also the most defended city in the New World; the Spanish built safeguards throughout the city before moving on to build around Florida's St. Augustine. Along the coast of Havana, sights like the San Salvador Castle or the Malecon merge the ruggedness

people-watchers setting their folding chairs in front of their apartments, cigars in hand. Open windows with metal bars gave snapshots into apartments where residents watched television and talked, some nodding their heads as we passed. Down Paseo de Martí, a hushed promenade between two streets lead-

a small convenience store based out of an apartment selling Coral brand fruit-flavored water in small pouches. This isn't to say that no one was out. The streets still had promoters and tourists milling about, but daylight hours bring hordes of tourists and businesspeople. Compared to this, the late-night crowds only congregate around bars still open, or smoking lounges that serve small snacks.

We made plans many years ago to visit Havana, not realizing that we would not be able to go as tourists. It is quite fortunate for us that we were able to go now. It became a repeated mantra during our time in Cuba to say, "Imagine we made it to Cuba," and laugh. Our experience in this part of the world, hit not only by political upheaval but by a historically momentous embargo by such a near neighbor and fervent defender in the past, showed us again that people find ways to survive even in the toughest situations. We encourage readers to visit Havana under the Support for Cuban People allowance, a U.S. governmentally legal opportunity to see the neighborhoods and locally owned shops in cities like Trinidad, Santiago de Cuba, Cienfuegos and, of course, La Habana.



Live music performers at a local restaurant on Boulevard de Obispo (Photo/Haileab A. Ghebrekidan)

of stone and the fluidity of the water bordering it. However, seafood isn't as apparent in the local diet as one would expect. We saw fish served at only one nearby restaurant. Our photographer, Haileab, preferred the lobster served at this locality.

Evenings were melodic and serene during our stay. We walked past closed services in Chinatown and saw quiet

ing towards the Bay of Havana, young locals practiced their skateboarding. Some would sit on the benches lining the walkway with their paramours and practice something else. Traffic was almost nonexistent, only two or three 60- or 70-year-old Buicks with newer parts shipped in from the east or a Moskvitch would pass every so often. Every few blocks, we would pass

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get a very weak consent decree. There is a lot at stake with the consent decree and it is unfortunate that we are not being transparent." She also has no problem with two consent decrees. "If we need to be in two consent decrees," Wonsley said, "so be it." "Past practice should lead us to expect this. But it is not acceptable, especially given the importance of these negotiations," said Dave Bicking about the closed meetings and lack of any public hearing. Bicking has been active in the watchdog group Communities United Against Police Brutality (CUAPB) for decades.

"For our part, since the announcements of the DOJ and MDHR investigations," said CUABP's Michelle Gross, "we have held over two dozen meetings in the community. We also sent 30 canvassers into the street and have collected over 2,300 experience forms documenting people's experiences with the MPD. The experiences were all provided to the MDHR and DOJ and we continue to this day to provide additional forms to the DOJ."

Gross met with the MDHR commissioner, Rebecca Luce-ro, on Aug. 22. "She assured us

that they will not just agree to a settlement with the city behind closed doors without public input," said Gross.

CUAPB is drafting a "People's Consent Decree." "Due to the MDHR timeline, we are crafting and submitting parts of it in waves," said Gross. "We just submitted our first section, which is on Stops, Searches and Arrests/Citations. We will eventually provide this People's Consent Decree to the DOJ once they release their findings."

"At the very least," said Bicking, "once the settlement agreement has been written and presented to the council in closed session, the vote must not be taken in the same meeting. The text of the tentative agreement must be presented to the public, with adequate time for the public to analyze it in all its complexity. There should be public hearings."

Bicking is not as concerned with what the agreement is called. "The city's term, court enforceable settlement agreement, means precisely the same as consent decree," he said. "I suspect this is purely public relations by the mayor, perhaps so we are not singled out as the first city with two simultaneous consent decrees."

Jordan Kushner, a local attor-

ney who has represented many people in court cases involving the Minneapolis police, agrees. "But whether it is a settlement agreement or consent decree, it is more important that there are specific meaningful requirements for the city to follow and that the terms make it easy to get back to court to enforce, and that there is an opportunity for private citizens to enforce the terms through court actions and not just particular government officials or organizations that might not be motivated," he said.

"I am hoping for two consent decrees," said D.A. Bullock, a long-term critic of the police department. "I think the extensive systemic problems of our police department require robust and enforceable federal oversight from a judge. Take the police department into receivership if need be."

Whether it is called a consent decree or a settlement agreement, there is little doubt that many Minneapolis residents have invested a great deal in this process and will want to review the document and provide input on it before their elected representatives approve it. "This is just too important," said Bicking, "because this is one of our few realistic hopes for reform that benefits all residents."



# Openings and closings, food news, and vegan food celebrations

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

## Openings and closings

A sad closing happened in late July but didn't make it into the August Dish – Pie & Mighty on Chicago Avenue. We are so sorry to see them go. Another big favorite that closed recently, not so close to home, was Mort's Deli in Golden Valley.

Racket had a great piece about the recent surge in BIPOC-owned coffee shops. Read it here for the details I don't have space for! [racketmn.com/a-wave-of-bipoc-owned-coffee-shops-are-changing-the-face-of-twin-cities-coffee/](https://racketmn.com/a-wave-of-bipoc-owned-coffee-shops-are-changing-the-face-of-twin-cities-coffee/)

One of the places mentioned, Abogados Cafe in Como Park, has an interesting backstory and is a place I want to visit soon. A second, Mocha Momma's, is another I was looking forward to checking out, and finally got to visit a couple of weeks ago. It's in the old Dunn Brothers space in the Minneapolis Central Library. A third one is Forreal Coffee at George Floyd Square, which is covered in the Chicago Avenue section in this month's Powderhorn issue of Southside Pride.

Racket also did a deep dive into all the new foods at the State Fair this year, ranking them Scarf, Shrug, or Skip, while the Sahan Journal ([sahanjournal.com](https://sahanjournal.com)) focused exclusively and positively on the new Hmong foods at the State Fair. The Beer



**Bebe Zito 'Pineapple Express' with THC gummies**

Dabbler ([beerdabbler.com](https://beerdabbler.com)) has a piece highlighting seven local summer brewery debuts.

Finally, not a new place or a new concept, but a new product announcement from Bebe Zito, the innovative ice creamery in Uptown. Due to the recent legalization of non-medical THC, Bebe Zito has mixed Delta-9 THC gummies into their "Pineapple Express" pints to become the first local supplier of weed ice cream. I have no idea what Delta-9 means nor how you get THC into a gummy; I'm just trying to keep up with the cool kids here.

## Unionizing at more Starbucks and a Trader Joe's

More Starbucks stores an-



**Trader Joe's workers embrace after their union win. (Photo/Max Nesterak, Minnesota Reformer)**



**The Starbucks on Cedar and 47th had a 2-day strike in August.**

nounced upcoming union elections or elections held and mostly won, and as we go to press on Aug. 30, the unionized (but no contract yet) store at 4712 Cedar Ave. is holding a one-day strike to protest Starbucks' retaliatory tactics. The latest one was to give raises to all the non-union staff while freezing wages on the union members. Don't cross the picket line if you see one in the future, and pass the PRO Act to improve protections for workers.

The Trader Joe's in downtown Minneapolis became just the second TJs in the country to vote for unionization. The vote, in the second week of August, was 55-5! The online newspaper [minnesotareformer.com](https://minnesotareformer.com) has more details about the Trader Joe's drive:

"Workers in Minneapolis will be represented by Trader Joe's United, an upstart union created by workers at a store in Hadley, Mass., who became the first to unionize a Trader Joe's [in July 2022]. Workers at a Trader Joe's in Boulder, Colo., have also filed for a union election but with an established union: the United Food and Commercial Workers. The UFCW represents grocery store workers across the country, including in Minnesota at Kowalski's, Cub, Lunds & Byerlys, [several food co-ops] and other stores."

## Vegan food celebrations

August and September see a fun celebration of vegan food in the Cities presented by the animal rights organization Compassionate Action for Animals (CAA). Throughout the month of August, restaurants across the city participate in the Vegan Chef Challenge. Restaurants, whether vegan, vegetarian or omnivore, present one special vegan dish as an entry in the challenge. Diners who try the dish fill out review and voting forms, rating the dish on a scale of 1 to 5. They also share their thoughts and pictures on social media and each rating or share constitutes one entry in the daily draw for free meal coupons. The restaurant with the highest vote total wins the yearly award.

Then in September there is VegFest. You could call it VegFeast just as well. It's an outdoor festival featuring free vegan food, with information booths from many vegan product makers and eateries. This year's Fest is on Sunday, Sept. 18 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Harriet Island Park in St. Paul. Get more info at [www.exploreveg.org/events/twin-cities-veg-fest-2022](https://www.exploreveg.org/events/twin-cities-veg-fest-2022).

## Mini-review – three Vegan Chef Challenges

I had big plans for the Vegan Chef Challenge. I was going to

try 10 dishes, and post pictures of each one with a comment and vote on them, but I only made it to three.

The three vegan meals I sampled were:

- Parkway Pizza's Philly Cheese-Fake Pizza.
- Tiny Diner's Sesame Glazed Tofu.
- Reverie's Korean BBQ Mock Duck Tacos.

Parkway Pizza actually has a number of vegan specialty pizzas already, as well as a number of vegan "meat" and "cheese" options for BYO pies. A friend and I split the pizza, and even then didn't finish it. The pizza was slightly disappointing, but I took some home, so I must have liked it at least a little. There was nothing really wrong with it, but it was a little blah. Very reminiscent of the "real thing," the cheese-steak sandwich, which I also consider blah.

I asked our server what kind of vegan cheese and vegan ground meat it was, and she said it was from Herbivorous Butcher. This was an understandable mistake, because most of the vegan options on their menu are from HB, but when I later saw a more complete description of the Philly Cheese-Fake, it said the "meat" was Impossible Burger and the "cheese" was Cross Your Heart. I am strongly partisan pro-Beyond Burger in the vegan burger wars, so that may account for my being underwhelmed.

I also had what purported to be a "Strawberry Daiquiri" cider from Sociable Cider Werks, but even though it was pink in color, there was no detectable flavor of strawberries, just a strong dry-cider flavor with a hint of lime. Pleasant enough, but not as advertised.

Not as advertised sums up my experience at Tiny Diner too. Again, it wasn't bad, it was just less than what I was expecting. The name of the dish was Sesame Glazed Tofu. I expected the tofu to be glazed, i.e., have a shiny or sticky coating with sweet-sour flavors and sesame seeds clinging to the surface to add a nice texture. The tofu cubes were not glazed. They were very well-browned with



**Garden Fairy cocktail**



**Second vegan challenge at Tiny Diner**



**Reverie's Korean BBQ Mock Duck Taco**



**Parkway Pizza vegan challenge**

no perceptible coating and no alluring flavors. The sesame seeds were raw and just scattered over the dish as a garnish. In addition there were lots of noodles and a minimal amount of vegetables. It should have been fairly high in protein though, because two of the vegetables were mushrooms and edamame. I didn't hate it, but I also didn't finish it. I have had much better dishes at Tiny Diner, even much better vegan dishes. I don't really think their heart was in this competition.

My final Vegan Challenge dish was from the all-vegan Reverie Cafe and Bar. Their dish sounded weird but turned out better than anticipated in the execution. Korean BBQ Mock Duck Tacos sounded like a fusion too far. In execution, it was like a low-carb banh mi. The BBQ was Korean style, with lots of heat, but not overpowering. The tacos were the soft variety. In addition to plenty of mock duck, they contained the usual crunchy and leafy bits you get in a banh mi – radishes, carrot shreds, quick-pickled cucumber and cilantro. I had it with a side of fries and vegan aioli and an iced herbal tea. I scarfed up every speck and was perfectly satisfied.



# “Someday there will be water wars” – that “someday” is here

BY JOHNNY HAZARD

Monterrey is an industrial city in the north of Mexico with, obviously, a large industrial working class and also one of the largest concentrations of wealthy people in Latin America. This summer, water shortages there have reached the point at which, while the wealthy suburb of San Pedro García Garza bogarts water, most of the 5.3 million people in the area (comprised of 13 municipalities) get running water once a week or less and pay inflated prices (500 percent more than at the beginning of the year) for a garrafón – a 20-liter jug of purified water. And they use it not only to drink, purify fruits and vegetables, or wash dishes, but for bathing in this extremely hot city. It's four hours from Laredo, Texas, by bus.

The principal users of “concessioned” water in the Monterrey area are the metals and beverage industries, followed by real estate developers and just plain (rich) folks. Cuauhtémoc Brewery (Tecate, Indio, Boheimia, and now Heineken), founded in Monterrey, is the second largest industrial user of water in the region, after the steel industry. Coca Cola is number five.

President Andrés Manuel López Obrador publicly asked these companies to reduce their consumption in July but didn't move to impose legal limits, as health authorities did in the first months of the pandemic, when breweries were forced to shut down and beer became scarce all over the country. The president has also decreed the reorientation of some aqueducts and reservoirs and the construction of others. This appears to be a

doomed strategy of redistributing the insufficient existing water resources. On two occasions in the first half of August, government officials and media hailed the moderate-to-heavy rainfalls that had finally occurred; in some cases this led to only single-digit increases in percentage of capacity for almost completely depleted reserves. And it's still legal to export bottled water to countries like the U.S., where tap water in most places is potable and there is no need for bottled water.

Monterrey is not the only place: Only five of 32 states are not suffering from water shortages. These states are all in the south, on the Gulf Coast. Baja California, also home to a lot of breweries, may be the next state to be hard-hit.

In small cities and rural areas where real violence has occurred over water disputes – and this includes in some of the states that are not among the arid and semi-arid majority – the culprit is a series of federal laws that impose unfunded mandates. (Remember those?) The federal government passes water responsibility on to the states,

which pass it on to municipalities, which delegate it to potable water committees and drainage committees at the level of neighborhoods or pueblos. Many people are snowed into thinking that this is grassroots democracy, but really it's a disaster, as committees in small communities are expected to provide water and storm sewage and real sewage services when they have no economic means to do so. The result often is a battle between communities for drinking water or water for irrigation. (The latter is usually highly contaminated.) And, with no money to build a treatment plant or a series of humedales (wetlands constructed to filter water), about half of the sewage water is dumped raw into the nearest waterway. That is a government statistic. In fact, I know of almost no waste water anywhere in the country that is treated at all. It's common for one pueblo to discharge its water just upstream from the next one.

In Mexico City, where it rains heavily three months a year and very little the rest of the year, almost no rain water is captured. Paving everything is key; where

in other countries you may find a yard or a garden, in Mexico there is a place to park cars, a “patio,” or the house or apartment building itself occupies all the space on the lot. But the real problem of excessive paving, deforestation, and water shortages in Mexico City comes not from irresponsible individual homeowners but from real estate sharks, as this article in Causa Natura documents: <https://causanatura.org/visualizacion-de-datos/agua-para-el-concreto-crecen-megaproyectos-comerciales-ante-la-escasez-en-la-ciudad-de-mexico>. Large parts of the city have no running water, others have water that flows on certain days during limited hours. People with the means to do so build cisterns to accumulate water or buy it from water trucks called pipas. In some places, local governments provide pipas, and the drivers are often accused of charging for this free public service.

In the metropolitan area of which Mexico City is the center, Zona Metropolitana del Valle de México, there are 3.8 million people with no domestic access to running water. This is about 18% of the population. Millions of others have water for a few hours a day or a few hours a week. This, as mentioned above, is now the case in Monterrey, but has been a lifelong drama for residents of the center of the country.

**What is being done?** A limited amount of rainwater harvesting. (In the north of Mexico, this would capture almost nothing.) In Mexico City, there are some government programs to subsidize the installation of gutters and barrels.

**What is not being done?** Sewage treatment. Holding ponds.

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