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Cam's Corner



Greens pick Southsider for vice president

BY CAM GORDON
[Please see Editor's Note at end of Cam's Corner.]

The Green Party of the United States held their convention in August and selected former Southsider, Rudolph "Butch" Ware III, to be their candidate for vice president in 2024.

Jill Stein, the Green Party's presidential candidate, announced Ware as her running mate on Friday, August 16, just a day before the delegates voted, 267 out of 287 votes, in favor of the nomination.

"I have known about the Green Party my whole life because my best friend, Shawn Young, is the son of Annie Young," said Ware in his acceptance speech. "We grew up, two kids with single moms, on the southside of Minneapolis and Annie Young was my godmother, my second mother."

Annie Young had a long history on the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board as was one of the first Green Party endorsed candidates when she was elected in 1997. She was first elected, however, in 1989 and served until 2018, after 29 years on the board.

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Homeless beggars

BY ED FELIEN

You see them standing by the side of the road and your heart breaks.

They are begging for money, for shelter, for food.

And, maybe, sometimes, they are begging for money for drugs.

It's gotten out of control at 46th and Hiawatha.

Nicole M wrote on Nextdoor, "My ex-husband took our children to dine in Thursday night at Burger

King on 46th and Hiawatha and said the back of the diner was filled with junkies nodding off. He said his breaking point was when one of them started smoking a foil right there in the restaurant. He stood up said he lost his appetite quite loud and stormed out with our children. They nor the employees even blinked. Needless to say we will never be going there again."

Other readers commented:

"Unfortunately, the 46th St. Station is a big hub, and there's a lot of transients, who are under the influence of drugs, etc. in the area."

"The word must be out that if you are using or dealing drugs, one of the best places to do it is 46th & Hiawatha. Take the light rail to the 46th stop. Panhandle the corner. Buy stuff from the guys propped against the

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Hennepin County youth auto initiative

BY KAY SCHROVEN

While violent offenses in Hennepin County year to date have increased 5 percent over 2023, property offenses have decreased 6 percent, and auto thefts have decreased a strong 25 percent. Auto thefts are also down in Minneapolis year to date, with 3,895 this year (Aug. 5, 2024) compared with 5,118 at this time last year.

Carjacking figures in Minneapolis have remained flat. According to Crimegrade.org the rate of vehicle theft in Hennepin County is 3.073 per 1,000 residents during a standard year. Thanks to trending on TikTok we know that Kia and Hyundai autos are especially vulnerable because they lack engine immobilization devices.

Youth auto crimes are difficult to track and only 2 percent are caught and identified. They are also difficult cases to prove, with only 4 percent solved. "Joy Riding" (stealing a car, riding around, then abandoning it) is often done in groups of five to ten youth. Muhammad (Mo) Abdul-Ahad, Executive Director of T.O.U.C.H. Outreach points out that, "If these youth saw the possibility of actually obtaining a driver's license and someday owning a car they may be diverted from Joy Riding crimes."

Hennepin County Attorney Mary Moriarty was able to reallocate funds to create her program known as Youth Auto Theft/Early Intervention Initiative. Hennepin County was also one of a few recipients of a Federal Grant for Youth. She began by arranging for law enforcement to submit data and referrals (throughout the county) of youth in trouble and in need of help. HCAO reviews the referrals and determines those eligible for the program.

Moriarty's year-old program, designed to prevent youth auto theft and car-jacking, may have something to do with the 25 percent drop. The program is a unique collaboration amongst prosecutors, local law enforcement and social workers. The goal is early intervention BEFORE a youth is charged and prosecuted in the court system. When a youth (exhibiting a leaning toward criminal behavior) and their family are connected to needed services the likelihood of crime is lowered and communities become safer.

When young people commit an auto related crime and are submitted to the Hennepin County Attorney's Office (HCAO) the office is committed to making quicker decisions. Quicker action (3 to 10 days) reduces the likelihood of future car thefts by insuring accountability and intervention. HCAO data shows the recidivism rate for youth charged with auto theft who are not diverted is 60 percent. That is, if intervention is not swift the possibility of a youth committing

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walls of Walgreens. Head on South for a Whopper and a hit. And when you come down, hop the train, again.”

Clearly, there is a problem here.

Someone, somebody, some agency of government has to intervene to preserve domestic tranquility.

Surely, our City Council Member and our County Commissioner are aware of the problem.

Hennepin County supports NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center (formerly Pilot City) in North Minneapolis with a budget of \$55.8 million for 2024.

Maybe Hennepin County should think about a Wellness Center for South Minneapolis that would provide outreach workers for drug users and homeless people begging for help on our streets. Social workers and health care professionals who could tell drug users about free needles and Narcan (a drug used to stop overdose fatalities) at the Red Door Clinic. They could tell users about methadone, buprenorphine and naltrexone, drugs that help with opioid use disorder.

Outreach workers could tell homeless beggars about housing options. Every homeless person is different. There are as many reasons to be on the street as there are people stand-

ing and sitting there. They have different housing needs. They may not be eligible for homeless shelters because they smoke or drink or do drugs. They may have children. But there are housing solutions available for everyone. We need staff from Hennepin County to be out on the streets telling people what is possible for them.

The closing of the Agate shelter downtown is body blow to the homeless (see page six of this issue). But there are many, many office buildings for sale downtown. Right kitty-corner from City Hall, the Grain Exchange (a beautiful old building) is for sale. Many of those office buildings could be quickly transformed into living units. All it would take is imagination and energy from our elected officials.

For the past few years, the city has had to move illegal Camp Nenookaasi encampments in the Phillips Neighborhood. The group is made up mostly of Native Americans. They like to be around their friends and family at Little Earth—the housing complex on both sides of Cedar going south beginning around 24th St.

They have been evicted from freeway embankments, from private and public property. Currently, they are at an abandoned gas station on Bloomington Ave. at 25th St. It's only a matter of time before they discover the City public works lot



between 26th St. and 28th St., between Cedar and Hiawatha. There's an underused building at 27th Street and Longfellow Avenue with a large enough lot to accommodate campers. The area could be fenced off to protect the rest of the public works complex.

The site could be used as a central resource distribution point for free agricultural commodities. There is plenty of food available, from cans of beef chili to cans of peaches and corn, through the USDA Commodity Supplemental Food Program. There is no good reason for the city not to establish a five day a week, 9 to 5 operation distributing free Department of Agricultural commodities to anyone who needs them out of this location.

The city and the county working together could eliminate the humiliating disgrace of public begging. In as rich a country as ours, there is no excuse for anyone to go hungry, for anyone to go homeless, for anyone to go without necessary medical treatment, or for anyone to go without essential drug education and support.

We have the tools.

We have staff trapped behind desks who could be out talking one to one with a homeless and desperate person.

We lack the public will to solve the problem.

Cam from page 1

As a proud Southsider, Green Party member, former Green Party elected official and good friend of Annie Young, I am happy to share the news and ask your forgiveness for the less-than objective manner in which I may be doing it.

Butch was born in Washington, DC and raised in Minneapolis which he now calls his "hometown." He went to Jefferson (now Ella Baker Global Studies and Humanities) and South High schools in Minneapolis and graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1991. He completed his doctorate in 2004 with a Ph. D in history from the University of Pennsylvania. The Green Party press release identifies him as "an academic authority on the U.S. Black Radical Tradition, Africa and Islam." He has been a full faculty member at Northwestern, Mich., and now at UC Santa-Barbara, teaching in History, Black Studies and Islamic Studies.

"His mom knew he was safe at our place and Annie knew I was safe with them. Our mothers actually knew of each other before we did," said Shawn Young. "Annie was a second mom to him as a youth and when he got the call from Jill, she is the first person he thought of."

Moving to the Southside "saved his life," said Young. "His mother escaped a violent living situation. And he found Islam."

Ware said, "[Annie] was a public servant. She showed me

that the Green Party is not filled with politicians. The Green Party is filled with public servants, with people who are willing to do the work for the people rather than for the fortification of their egos or the fortification of their own massive fortunes." He recalled his time spent in "a little two-bedroom apartment" learning how to "put government resources in service to the people and how to make America live up to its promise to the people one block at a time, one community at a time."

Ware has never held or run for elected office. He is known as an activist, educator and historian whose work specializes in empire, colonialism, genocide and revolution. He is considered a leading academic authority on the US Black Radical Tradition, Africa and Islam.

Ware, according to Young, has put his scholarship to work in response to the ongoing genocide in Gaza, as well as the George Floyd murder in 2020. He has organized teach-ins, and others across the country and around the world to challenge imperialism, ethnic cleansing and endless war, as well as to build sustainable, just, peaceful alternatives.

"The National Black Caucus is excited to welcome Butch Ware to the national ticket and looks forward to more engagement during this campaign and beyond," said Darryl! LC Moch, co-chair of the caucus. "The selection of Ware is a great boost to highlight the issues facing BI-POC communities and to engage

in the discourse of how we build the America we can all live and thrive in."

"His academic career has been marked by a passion for education, the promotion of social justice and a commitment to community empowerment," said a state Green Party of MN press release.

Ware is also a former minor league baseball player and music producer. He played baseball for the Minneapolis Loons, participated in the French Baseball World Series and has several songs that can be listened to on the streaming platforms, including Slum Prophecy.

His mother currently lives in Ramsey County, and he has other family members living throughout the metro area.

While he will not appear on the ballot in Minnesota, due to the deadline of petitions and the surprise announcement and Ware's decision that came just a week before the Aug 17 convention, a vote for Jill Stein will also be a vote for Ware as the national party's nominee. He is also likely to visit and campaign in Minneapolis before election day on November 5.

Young said his strengths include "generosity, his experience as an educator, his experience in the Muslim community and his experience raising a family."

"I hope the campaign will build bridges between the national greens and the state level greens," he said. "He will be a strong voice for the revolution, the revolution of no more gov-

ernment corruption, no more wars, land back and reparations, environmental justice for all, Medicare for all and free public education for all."

"Authority is not about the possession of power. It is not about dominion over the earth. It is about stewardship," said Ware. "I hope to serve as a steward of this sacred land, Turtle Island, side by side with my sister Jill Stein. I want only to be a steward of the trust you have put in me and in us to end this genocidal war, to demilitarize this brutal empire, to get a fascist police state off the necks of the people, to return power to the people, to reform posterity for the people, to return equality to the people, to return dignity to the people."

"All empires fall," he added. "We will dismantle this empire and put the resources of this beautiful land back to work for the American people, and when we have done that, the world will be a more peaceful, much safer place of abundance and goodness."

"I personally would like the community to know that Butch is a great person, he values his family, his health, his mind and personal growth," said Young. "He will be a wonderful leader in the fight against government corruption and the military industrial complex."

Editor's Note: Southside Pride does not endorse Jill Stein for President and Butch Ware for Vice President.

We have gone down that prim-

rose path before. In 2000 we endorsed Ralph Nader rather than Al Gore. In 2016 we endorsed Jill Stein over Hillary Clinton. We thought the margin of victory for Gore and Clinton in Minnesota would allow for a little left slippage to protest the centrist politics of the Democratic Party without endangering Gore or Clinton carrying Minnesota.

We have, since then, come to understand that the decisions Minnesotans make contribute to a national consciousness that can result in terrible consequences.

Votes for Nader in Florida were enough to sink the state for Gore and throw the election to Bush. Votes for Jill Stein in Michigan, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania were more than the margin of victory for Trump over Clinton in those states.

Southside Pride supports the progressive leadership of Bernie Sanders and AOC. They are working in coalition with centrist-liberal Democrats in Congress. They are supporting Harris. They understand that the perfect may sometimes become the enemy of the good. They agree with Stein and the Green Party on Palestine, raising the minimum wage, Medicare for all and most other issues, but they realize that a Trump victory in November would destroy any progress we have made so far on those issues. They believe it's not worth it to cast a protest vote against Harris in support of Stein, if that means throwing the election to Trump.

If Trump wins, we all lose.

CELEBRATE FALL ON SELBY AVENUE

Fall on Selby Avenue, St. Paul



Lula' Merchandise

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

Housing nonprofits and land trusts

Selby Avenue, like everything else, exists in the now, but unlike many other streets, Selby Avenue seems very conscious of its past and its future. Part of Selby Avenue's past was the brutal destruction of a prosperous African-American community and neighborhood by the construction of the interstate highway, I-94. This is a tale told in many big cities, where the routes for interstate and other main highways always seemed to plow

through the homes of the poor, BIPOC and the working class.

We covered the destruction of Rondo in St. Paul in a previous issue and mentioned plans then afoot to reconnect the neighborhood and recompense the descendants and survivors. Now we are focusing on one of the strands of this effort — the Rondo Community Land Trust (Rondo CLT.)

Rondo CLT is a community-based affordable housing and commercial land trust operating in St. Paul and Suburban Ramsey County. A CLT builds community wealth and neighborhood stability through the development of permanently affordable homeownership opportunities, rental housing, commercial space and other community assets. They are also in a St. Paul-based coalition with several other housing and property related organizations called the Shared Ownership Collaborative. They and Rondo CLT are program participants in The Inheritance Fund, a signature program of St. Paul Mayor Carter's administration to make reparations in Rondo and build community wealth throughout the city. Check out rondoclt.org for more information.



Egg|Plant Chicken Coop Tour

Another housing-related nonprofit found along Selby Avenue is the MN Association of Sober Homes (MASH) with its offices at 569 Selby Ave. MASH was founded in 2007 and became the state affiliate of a national organization, the National Association of Recovery Residences (NARR). More than 30 states have branches of NARR, and these provide certification and standards for owners and operators of sober housing of all types. Additionally, MASH and

other affiliates provide individuals seeking sober housing with a vetted directory and assistance in getting a place of their choice.

Places to grab a bite or a drink on Selby Avenue

There are a couple of pretty new places to check out. One of them is part of an overall "concept" called the 526 Collective (526 Selby Ave.), which combines art gallery, hair salon, coffee shop and event venue spaces. The coffee shop is mostly just coffee and pastries for now, with breakfast sandwiches, lunches and a pie night in the Coming Soon column. They are also looking to host music there, so if you're looking for gigs or know someone who is, give them a call.

Another recently opened location is Local Rumor (1811 Selby Ave.), in the space formerly occupied by the Blue Door Pub of St. Paul. They are so new (opened in July) that they don't have a liquor license, so they are currently serving a very ambitious selection of mocktails and a few NA beers and wines. The vibrant and catchy decor and the enthusiasm of its founders are driving neighbors in at a pretty good pace, so that's a good sign. Catch them on Facebook and other social media.

Yum! Kitchen and Bakery (164 Snelling Ave. N.) has been in business since 2005 but has only been in St. Paul since the fall of 2022. This very popular bakery and cafe is run by Patti and Robbie Soskin. A contingent from my recent family reunion went

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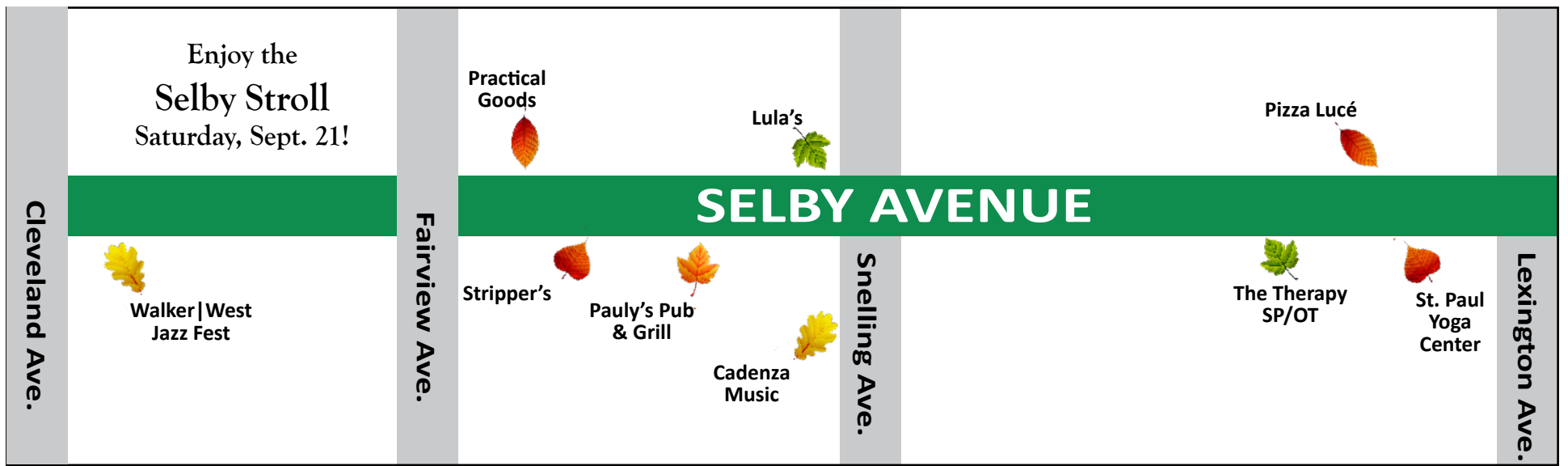
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there for brunch and we loved it. See more in this month's Dish column.

Pauly's Pub & Grill (1668 Selby Ave.), which opened in 2023 in the old Kalsada space, serves up comfort foods like cheese curds and giant meatballs along with 13 kinds of burgers (one plant-based). Open daily 11 a.m. to midnight.

Retail and services along Selby Avenue

Stripper's Furniture Repair &

Restoration (1698 Selby Ave.) has been providing furniture repair and restoration since 1963, when it was started by the first generation of the Stripper's family, with a third generation learning the trade.

Studio in Balance (1679 Selby Ave.) focuses on private lessons and small, intimate classes in Stott Pilates, with yoga, weight training and other modalities. Studio hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fair Play Projects (1591 Selby Ave.) is another shop that has a very up-to-date vibe about it. Not exactly a toy shop or a gift

shop or a stationer's, it has a little bit of all of these and more. The things they sell are unique, charming, and whimsical. Art supplies, kits for various fun projects, toys, books and party favors, many of them in miniature sizes, bright, popping colors and vaguely European or Japanese stylings, they are just the thing for a gift to a creative person in your life, or a set of favors to enliven a children's party.

Egg|Plant Urban Farm Supply (1771 Selby Ave.) is more than a garden center, it's an urban farm supply store. Egg|Plant was opened in 2010 by Audrey Matson and Bob Lies, a couple who met as students at nearby Hamline University. Their main thing is gardening and backyard chickens, but they also have equipment and expertise in a variety of other urban farming skills. In the fall of the year, they sponsor a Chicken Coop Tour, which this year will be on Saturday, October 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Vintage clothing and other vintage stuff make up a big part



Practical Goods

of Selby Avenue's retail offerings. (This is also Selby Avenue being conscious of its future. We zero-waste enthusiasts are all about vintage stores and reuse in general.) We are going to focus on three of the best: Practical Goods, Everyday People and Lula. Practical Goods (1759 Selby Ave.) has been in business since 2002, having moved a couple of

times a short distance along the avenue as they expanded. They sell all kinds of clothing, from coats to socks, as well as household goods, crafting supplies like yarn, sporting goods and gardening tools. Everything is second-hand, in good condition and made of natural materials.

Everyday People Clothing Exchange (1599 Selby Ave.) has been in business even longer, from 1997, although their Selby location dates back to 2012. Owned by sisters Kitty and Liza, it is open seven days a week from noon to 6 pm. They trade in clothing only, including accessories (handbags, jewelry, etc.). You can bring in clean items in good condition to exchange for store credit any time they are open. And finally, there is Lula Vintage Wear (1587 Selby Ave.), the oldest and most exclusive. Lula has been around since 1992. They sell men's and women's vintage clothing, which must be at least 25 years old, though they prefer even older. Lula is considered an expert in the vintage clothing market, and they buy outright vintage items that pass the test.

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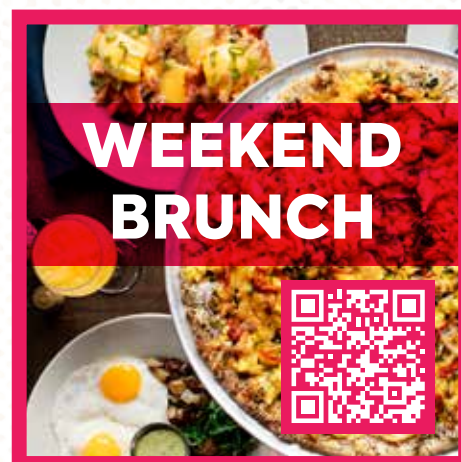
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Agate Housing & Services to close

BY EMERY BRUSH

On Thursday, August 15, Executive Leadership at Agate Housing & Services announced that they would be closing the 510 S. 8th St. building. This building contains 42 shelter beds, as well as over 90 low-income Single Room Occupancy units. The closure of this building will also mean the closure of the nearby Food Centre, which provides hundreds of meals to the community – three times a day, seven days a week. The closure of these buildings and programs will also mean laying off 20 hardworking Union employees.

Homelessness in the metro increased 13 percent between 2022 and 2023, and there were even larger disparities found when age and race is taken into account. In 2023, people were turned down from shelter beds over 4,000 times. Meanwhile, encampments in Minneapolis are swept time and time again, and rent prices continue to rise. Minneapolis and Minnesota as a whole are both facing a homelessness crisis right now. The closure of programs like these will only exacerbate the problem and increase the gaps that

already existing.

The 510 building is a historic site and has been used in various capacities to assist those in need for the better part of 50 years. I worked there for over a year myself, and saw the value the housing and programs brought, and I know the clients currently living there well. Management currently plans to officially close the building on October 9, 2024 – less than two months from the announcement. While leadership has provided additional resources to get all current clients in the building housed, the reality is that there will be over 130 fewer beds available in the metro, with winter coming fast.

And how does this affect the staff being laid off? Leadership of AFSCME Local 999, who represent the workers at Agate, was given no notice ahead of time that this decision was being made.

“Our contract states that we have a right to bargain over the



Agate Housing, formerly House of Charity, is closing.

effects of layoffs, and executive leadership has tried to rush us through this process, and originally attempted to complete it the day after the announcement, while we were still in shock and unprepared. Effect- ed employees were told what their severance would look like before we even had a chance to bargain at the table. Had

management come to us before making a public statement, we would have already bargained over the effects of these layoffs, and we would not be in the hard position that we are now.

“This announcement also comes directly after our 2024 Wage Re-Opener wrapped up negotiations. The agreement we reached will result in the larg-

est increase to wages employees at Agate have ever received. When the closure was announced, members had not yet even had a chance to vote on this wage increase. The timing of this announcement in relation to 2024’s Wage Re-Opener is extremely concerning to us and has raised many questions among Union employees.”

While negotiating the effects of this layoff, Union leadership has found initial proposals from Agate leadership concerning. What management has brought to the table so far is incredibly insufficient, and as of yet, their positions have not budged. While on a recent Kare 11 interview, executive director Kyle Hanson spoke about how unfortunate it was to let these 20 hardworking employees go – but his words have not been reflected at the bargaining table.

At this time, Union leadership is in contact with the Department of Employment and Economic Development’s Rapid Response Team. This team works with employers and Union leadership to try and prevent building closures and layoffs by using their expertise and networks, and if the decision to close is inevitable, they will work with both parties to try and ensure that future layoffs do not happen. We are encouraging management to collaborate with us by working with DEED. We believe it is in our mutual best interest to work with DEED for the future of employees, clients & the community we serve, and Agate as an organization.

There are many ramifications to this building closure. The massive loss of housing and shelter in the heart of Minneapolis will be hard to recover from, and this will only serve to further harm the communities that our Union members here are so committed to serving. 20 passionate employees will be losing their jobs as well, through no fault of their own. This is an entire quarter of our membership, and will have lasting impacts to all Union members, those laid off and otherwise. We are strongly urging that management give our members a fair deal and treat all employees at Agate Housing & Services with the respect and dignity they deserve –and to collaborate with Union leadership to work with DEED going into the future.

Local 999 can be reached for comment at: Agatelocal999@gmail.com Emery Brush, President, AFSCME Local 999

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Anti-war activists want state leaders to cut ties with Israel

BY CLINT COMBS

From the nosebleed seats in the Minnesota Senate Building, anti-war activists see Attorney General Keith Ellison in a state of perpetual bewilderment looking down at his papers, never once looking up to make eye contact. Occasionally his fingers ruffle through packets of paper, still looking disengaged. “Hey Keith, wake up! There’s free coffee in the back!” one person barked. The room exploded with shrieks of laughter.

The State Board of Investments meeting used to be a formal setting where state leaders discuss the assets of the three Statewide Retirement Systems. Now the meetings have turned into a roast party as activists with the MN Anti-War Committee file in, demanding the state sell its assets tied to Israel.

Years ago, Minnesota halted investments in companies linked to apartheid South Africa, with little debate. State funded pensions have \$94 million dollars of assets tied to Israel as well as to Israeli companies that bank on the ethnic cleansing of Palestinians in Gaza (Elbit Systems and Bank Leumi) — in case finances got so desperate in Minnesota that we might finally have to resort to

a stake in illegal land grabs.

Stacey Gurian-Sherman, 67, was surrounded by Holocaust survivors growing up. She initially believed that the state of Israel was necessary for the protection of Jews. An estimated 40,000 Palestinians have been killed by Israel’s military in response to a Hamas-led Oct. 7 attack that killed 700.

State Auditor Julie Blaha subbed in for Gov. Tim Walz as he hit the campaign trail as Kamala Harris’ VP Pick. Walz told former White House Press Secretary turned MSNBC talking head Jen Psaki, “You know there’s something wrong with people when they talk about freedom: freedom to be in your bedroom, freedom to be in your exam room, freedom to tell your kids what they can read. That stuff is weird.”

“Weird” has turned into a viral sensation of attacks against the Trump campaign, replacing critiques historically described as “a threat to democracy.”

Sherman finds it odd that Democratic leaders have created a double standard that ignores the plight of Palestinians.

“The State Department can



turn on a dime when Russia invades Ukraine or countries that commit ‘gross human rights violations,’” Sherman said.

“Where’s the logic?” one person heckled.

“There’s nothing more gross than what is going on in Israel,” Sherman said. “To know this is going on and not use your authority to stop it is weird.”

The crowd erupted in laughter.

A time clock set to five minutes sits on the table reserved for public testimony. “You cannot use your rules to diminish people talking because you don’t like the free speech that we are given,” Sherman said. “So I expect to honor our right to free speech, your commitment to public comment and let everyone speak full.”

“I want to remind the groups that the five minute time limit

is for the groups,” State Auditor Blaha said.

At this point Blaha seemingly loses control of the meeting while Gov. Walz makes his first solo campaign stop in Los Angeles.

“Let them speak!” the crowd chanted.

The timer buzzes and the clock hits zero. Two others speak after Sherman. It’s now

expected the board will waive any infraction when that buzzer sounds.

Activists hold signs featuring children who have died as a result of an Israeli airstrike. One poster featured Hind Rajab, a six-year-old who was killed by close-range shots fired by an Israeli war tank. Rajab’s story was featured in the June edition of Southside Pride and was the subject of Al Jazeera’s Fault Line documentary, *The Night Won’t End: Biden’s War on Gaza*.

Activists ask the state board to stand and join them in a moment of silence honoring Palestinian civilians who have died. The clock hits zero again. SBI Board members stay seated.

A familiar voice shouts, “Shame that you stayed seated! You work for us!”

Hours before the SBI meeting, Taher Herzallah woke up and started strolling through Instagram. Herzallah was cycling through posts of dismembered body parts, bone fragments and blankets used to collect dead bodies, thinking “Why would you do that and just leave?” Herzallah realized that not doing a proper burial for the

charred bones of dead bodies is an act of last resistance against Israel’s military.

The challenger to District 7 Anoka County Commissioner Mandy Meisner charged that SBI Board members are positioning themselves for a future cabinet position should Harris/Walz win in November.

“If their political future is going to ride on the continuation of this genocide then so be it,” Herzallah said. “That’s the message they’re sending to us. That’s why Keith Ellison can’t even look you in the eye.”

Sabry Wazwaz, a familiar face in the Palestinian activism community urged people to donate to Herzallah’s campaign to fend off Israel’s special interests like AIPAC. He also joined the chorus against the board for refusing to stand in solidarity with dead Palestinians.

“You’re no different than them,” Wazwaz said warningly. “We ain’t going nowhere, motherfuckers.”

After the meeting, some activists take the Green Line train from St. Paul back to the University of Minnesota. Among the riders is a retail cashier whose parents are from Bangladesh. He’s considering studying computer science. Seated next to him is a professor who spoke to SBI board members earlier. They discuss options for college: Normandy Community College or a branch campus at the U. Keith Ellison as they exit the East Bank stop. “He never looks up,” the cashier said. “That’s weird.”

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more major crimes escalates.

Town meeting

On July 30, Moriarty held a Town Hall meeting for those involved and interested in this program at 1256 Penn Ave. N. There were about 30 people in attendance. Following a pizza dinner Moriarty and her team gave a presentation, followed by a Q&A session. Here’s what we learned.

Since June 2023, 81 percent of 95 participants referred to voluntary services had no new charges (as of May 15, 2024). 205 were referred in the first year; 50 percent were screened in; 105 were already in the system. Most were referred for social services such as housing assistance, mental health care, etc. 48 percent reduction in the number of youth auto cases submitted to HCAO.

Between June 23, 2023, and June 23 in 2024, 85 percent of the youth in the program did not have new cases (did not re-offend). There is a 30 percent drop in reported auto thefts (Jan. to May 2024 over 2023).

There is a 49 percent drop in referrals coming in re: youth auto related offenses (Jan. to May 2024 over 2023).

Sara Davis, Director of Child

and Families Div. of Hennepin Co. Attorney’s Office studies youth who commit crimes. She shares with us that studies of youth who commit crimes indicate that almost all have had trauma in their young lives. According to the National Institute of Mental Health, the brain does not finish developing until the mid-late 20s. The pre-frontal cortex (located behind the forehead) is the last part of the brain to mature. This is the part of the brain that coordinates planning and decision making. Because of this, a teen’s response to stress is different than adults, especially if there is mental illness or a history of trauma. Even a lack of sleep can affect a teen’s decision making.

“Time is of the essence; we cannot prosecute our way out of this,” says Kenneth Garnier, a social worker for 30 years, 17 of them with Hennepin County. Mr. Garnier has worked closely with youth and their families to inform and influence, “lending a hand not pointing a finger.” Garnier describes the need for “tailored” and on-going services, because each case is different, and the needs vary. That is, “One size does not fit all.”

He further points out that youth are more accountable to people than rules. That is, effective intervention is voluntary and “relational.”

The first year

The first year of this program shows promise. Between June 2023 and March 2024, 85 percent of the youth in the program did not have new cases (did not re-offend). There is a 30 percent drop in reported auto thefts between January and May 2024 over 2023. There is a 49 percent drop in referrals coming in re: youth auto related offenses (Jan. to May 2024 over 2023).

Yet, there are unique cases where a youth is a violent sociopath or sadist and if they are not treated as an adult and put into prison for life, they may very well harm many more people. In these rare cases, a fitness hearing will occur applying the criteria to determine juvenile fitness. If a youth does not meet the criteria, they are referred to adult court where they are charged and tried as adults.

The Hennepin Youth Auto program is available from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day for families with children ages 5 to 18 at no cost. You can expect representatives of the program to focus on de-escalation, short-term services and connection to on-going support systems. hennepinattorney.org.

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The critical role of Indigenous knowledge and old-growth forests

BY KEITH KARNES

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe shares more boundary with the federally managed National Forest System than any other Tribe in the United States, with 75 percent of the reservation border adjoining the Chippewa National Forest in northern Minnesota. Being in the North Woods, timber harvesting and forest management are important to the Tribe's economy. Yet, the value of the forest extends well beyond timber production. Forests provide the Leech Lake Band a deep cultural foundation, sustaining life for humans, plants, and animals, all while cleaning the air and water.

However, forest health has declined rapidly over the past two centuries. Clear-cut logging by European settlers combined with a management legacy of fire suppression and the impacts of climate change are increasingly exposing our forests to risks from severe wildfire, insects and disease, and drought. Many modern forests now lack a diversity of tree ages, especial-



ly older trees, which are a vital component of a healthy and resilient forest. Old-growth forest conditions are now present on just 13 percent of lands within federal national forests, and here in the State of Minnesota it's less than half that amount.

The absence of older forests means a loss of vital habitat for important plants and animals. For example, old-growth forests are essential habitat for eagles, a doodem (clan) animal of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. Eagles need very tall trees to nest and hunt, heights that can only be provided from old-growth forests. By protecting

old-growth forests, we protect the vital habitat of the great American Bald Eagle.

While fire—including natural ignitions and cultural burning—contributes to the health of many forest ecosystems, the average acreage burned in the US has more than doubled in the past half century. The Federal Government now spends \$7 billion to manage the escalating wildfire crisis. However, this \$7 billion is only sufficient to conduct fuel treatments on 60 million of the 800 million forested acres nationwide.

Additionally, forests damaged by insects sequester 69 percent less carbon than healthy forests—the equivalent of adding 50 million tons of CO2, or the emissions of 10 million cars, into our atmosphere each year!

In light of these challenges, the US Forest Service is exploring ways to restore old-growth forests as part of a strategy to increase the resilience and health of national forests, both for the benefit of people and of nature. Specifically, these agencies are looking for ways

to strengthen forest resilience by incorporating Indigenous Knowledge into forest management planning and practices.

Contrary to myths of “virgin” or “untouched” forests when Europeans first arrived on this continent, the evidence is clear that forests were actively taken care of by indigenous people for thousands of generations. And it is still that way today. Modern studies have shown that Native American land use increased the abundance of fire-tolerant, shade-intolerant and nut-producing trees up to 31 miles from indigenous settlements. Utilizing Indigenous Knowledge can help slow and even reverse the troubling trends in forest health.

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe knows how important a healthy and resilient forest system is for the livelihood of those living throughout northern Minnesota. They are excited to partner with the US Forest Service to share their knowledge of practices that will reduce the dangers of uncontrolled wildfires, increase long-term

timber yields using sustainable forestry practices, and provide diverse habitats for numerous species, along with many other resources and values provided by healthy forests.

The reality is the federal government does not have the capacity to adequately manage the nation's 193-million acres of national forests alone and forest health issues do not respect political boundaries. Fortunately, there are 574 federally recognized tribes across the United States with a deep connection to the land and unique understanding of forest and environmental relationships learned and passed down over many generations. Let's expand engagement with Tribes – the original stewards of these lands – and work together to address the health of our nation's forests so everyone can receive the benefits from healthy and resilient forests.

Keith Karnes began working for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe in 2006 and now serves as Forest-rty Director.

US History with Ukraine

To the editor:

Following up my column in the August issue: I hope readers are not so quick as the editor was to dismiss all the historical notes in the public record, some cited by me, about how the US and allies planned and provoked the Ukraine war for years. Nor should they agree to the editor's ahistorical claim that Russia fired “the first shot”—overlooking the violent U.S.-sponsored 2014 Maidan coup, during which the rooftop riflemen shot both police and protestors; then in May 2014 the neo-Nazis drove scores of anti-coup Ukrainians into the Odessa trade center building before burning them alive. This began a period of NATO military build-up and the bombardment of eastern Ukraine, leading to 14,000 mostly civilian deaths prior to February 2022. Attentive readers can dismiss the facile statement that Russia fired the first shot and also dismiss the endlessly repeated lie that Russian intervention was “unprovoked.”

“The war on Russia”—my description of the overall campaign and narrative—was edited out, yet that is what has driven the Ukraine conflict since the breakup of the USSR. The US sponsored another coup in a nation next to Russia, then armed it to the teeth and provoked Russia for years. But our extreme economic sanctions have not been effective this time, in fact have harmed Europe especially, and the US now sees its unfortunate proxy Ukraine losing disastrously. It's time to take an honest look at why we've created another debacle, fighting Russia to the last Ukrainian while improving nothing but the war industry.

Our foremost late-20th-century diplomat, George Kennan, warned in 1997 that expansion of NATO including Ukraine would be “the most consequential error of the post-Cold War period.” The solution in Ukraine, neutrality, would have been similar to that achieved after WWII for Austria, another highly contested nation. In Ukraine, Yanukovich sought compromise, with trade relations both east and west, before he was overthrown in 2014.

U.S. rulers and much of the public are in the grip of a doctrine of global superiority. It's a powerful drug, reinforced with ubiquitous propaganda, and even formerly anti-war voices swallow it. The US barely pretends to conduct diplomacy, because diplomacy requires considering other nations' views—something we bypass, instead applying sanctions and military violence until either the target nation capitulates, or we are forced to pause or retreat. Respect for Russia's or China's security needs, for example, is something our leaders seem incapable of considering, while we continue to promote color revolutions in bordering, smaller nation—color revolutions being part of imperial strategy, explained in such books as Confessions of an Economic Hitman.

Ukraine is being destroyed, another ugly chapter in the long U.S. series of overseas coups and aggressive wars, and it will not recover anytime soon. Despite U.S./NATO sponsoring of more escalation against Russia and dramatic feints and terrorist attacks, while adding to half a million Ukrainian casualties, here at home I see less and

less of cheap pro-war emotions and flying of the Ukraine flag.

There aren't enough anti-war voices in this country, and even less anti-imperialist education. (A good local example of the latter: in the WAMM summer newsletter editor Mary Beaudoin summarizes “Ukraine for Sale,” the U.S. imperialist agenda of opening up Ukraine farmland ownership to Western financial and agribusiness corporations.)

Look beyond the mainstream media narrative. Critical journalists, scholars and former diplomats are available for deeper understanding, but not through “approved” sources. One such person with decades of international experience, Jeffrey Sachs, described the Biden administration actions on Ukraine and Russia and its ignoring of the UN as “shameful, lying, and arrogant.” Hence my question last time: What disaster, perhaps financial, will shock our rulers out of their warring, dead-end path?

Dave Gutknecht

Dave Gutknecht was politically motivated and a skeptic from an early age, sharing MLK's 1967 conclusion that the US is the chief source of violence in the world. An anti-draft leader, he won an important case at the US Supreme Court (1970), but his continued resistance earned him another conviction and sentence, after which he spent 1972-73 in hiding, in county jail, in federal prison and in a halfway house. This was followed by a 50-year career focused on strengthening food cooperatives and local food economies.

Editor's Note:

Most people and Wikipedia agree that: Why was Viktor Yanukovich removed?

In November 2013, Yanukovich made a sudden decision, amidst economic pressure from Russia, to withdraw from signing an association agreement with the EU and instead accept a Russian trade deal and loan bailout. This sparked mass protests against him that ultimately led to his ousting as President.

I don't think you can say the Maidan protests were a CIA plot. I'm sure CIA operatives were involved at some point. Paul Manafort was “advising” Yanukovich at the time. Does that mean Russia was under the influence of the Nixon Rat Pack? I think, like most Americans, you overstate our influence and importance on world events.

I'm not clear on how much the neo-Nazi Azov Brigade militarily provoked Russia before 2013. But we do know Russia invaded and occupied Crimea in March of 2014. I don't think we can support the military invasion and occupation of another country by the U S or Russia. Military aggression has to be condemned as an instrument of state policy.

CELEBRATE FALL ON 48TH & CHICAGO

48th and Chicago anchors 3 historical neighborhoods

BY STEPHANIE FOX

The City of Minneapolis was officially incorporated in 1856 with the Mississippi River as the center of what was to become an industrial powerhouse. By 1874, the city's flourmills were feeding the nation and

thousands of people began moving to the city for employment.

By that year, 171 miles of city streets were paved, parks were created, and churches and schools opened their doors, welcoming newcomers to the city.

The city had begun to expand, and to the south of the Mill Dis-

trict and downtown, many new residential and business neighborhoods were created. In the 1920s, families began to buy automobiles, giving members of a growing middle class easy access to parts of the city beyond walkability.

Neighborhoods like Lyndale,



The original projector sits in front of the Parkway Theater

Field and Northrop, with parks, lakes and boulevard trees, attracted eager buyers. The area of the city was the first home for many Swedes and Norwegian immigrants.

Many larger, expensive homes were built and sold in some areas like Shenandoah Terrace, located in the Northrup neighborhood, bordered to the north by Minnehaha Creek. Nearby, more modest homes were also constructed, giving South Minneapolis a blend of families.

At the end of the 1920s, at the peak of the decade's economic boom, there were more than 330,000 people employed at automobile dealerships across the country, including at the St. Paul Ford plant across the river from Minneapolis. These good jobs gave the autoworkers the economic ability to buy new homes, and they began to find those homes in the newly built neighborhoods. Even the Great Depression did not deter homebuyers. Post World War II job growth continued and there was not one year when average home prices dropped in the

Twin Cities until the Great Recession of 2008.

Part of this growth included a middle-class Black community with its center at 38th St. and 4th Ave. Many of these new Minneapolitans arrived with the Great Migration North to Minnesota in the 1930s, a time when thousands of Black families left the southern United States, fleeing violence and oppression. This was the city's third Black neighborhood, and it thrived until the 1970s and even until today.

Vital to the community was the award winning newspaper, the Spokesman Recorder, now celebrating its 90th year in journalism. The paper, founded by Cecil Newman and now run by his granddaughter Tracey Williams-Dillard, moved to its current location on 4th Ave. in 1956, and continues to report local community and Black community news. The newspaper's building was declared a historic landmark in 2015 for its association with the civil rights

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movement in Minnesota.

There were many other businesses opened by Black entrepreneurs. One of the first was the Dreamland Café, which opened its doors in 1939. Dreamland's owner, Anthony Brutus Cassius, also opened a private club called Nacirema (American spelled backwards) and for decades featured local musicians, including Prince, before he found greater fame.

Other nearby businesses included a bakery making wedding cakes, Bea's Beauty Shop, a real estate agency and the Associated Negro Credit union that opened in 1937, focused on serving the local Black community and helping people buy

homes and open more businesses.

But, elsewhere in the city, Black people and other groups, including American Indians and Jews, found it difficult to buy a home. Covenants were included in deeds, restricting to whom – Caucasians only – homeowners could sell or rent houses. These became popular in many areas of Minneapolis. Many of the wealthier neighborhoods such as Kenwood did not adopt these because the “undesirables” as they were seen by many, couldn't afford these pricey homes. But, between 1910 and 1955, more than 8,000 addresses in other Minneapolis neighborhoods, including Lyndale, Field and Northrup, added these restrictions.



St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery honors Minneapolis Voluntary Firefighters

These covenants were outlawed in 1968, but the effect of these is still felt today. In 2019, Black homeownership rate of 25 percent was the lowest of any metro area in the country. The city of Minneapolis, through the Just Deeds Project will help homeowners with deed covenants to officially remove them.

The move to restrict non-white home ownership was in part encouraged by racist and anti-immigrant groups like the Ku Klux Klan. In the years leading up to the America's entering World War II, extremist movements flourished, particularly in Minnesota. One of these was the German American Bund, a

leading organization for German and Nazi sympathizers in the United States.

Their leadership included prominent Minnesotans Charles Lindbergh and Philip Johnson, the architect of the IDS building. (The group officially disbanded after Pearl Harbor and Johnson officially apologized for his involvement and to atone, designed a New York synagogue for free.)

A stone's throw from the historic Black neighborhood's business district, on the corner of 42nd St. and 3rd Ave. is the entrance to Temple Israel Memorial Park Cemetery (4153 3rd Ave. S.). The oldest Jewish cemetery in Minneapolis opened in 1876 to serve the growing Jewish community that began to arrive in the 1860s. The entrance gate design is a Richardson Romanesque style that reflected popular designs of the time.

Nearby on Chicago Ave. is St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery (4403 Chicago Ave.), one of the city's oldest cemeteries. When first opened in 1873 St. Mary's was not within the Minneapolis city limits. Today, there are more than 65,000 people buried within the 65 acres, many interred before the 20th century. One section is reserved for children. At the center of the burial ground is an obelisk honoring the city's volunteer firefighters from more than a hundred years ago. St. Mary's also has a community Caretaker's Garden, managed by Baltazar,



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At the crossroads of 48th and Chicago is a charming shopping district with a variety of stores and restaurants. Some have been serving the local community for decades.

The Parkway Theater (4814 Chicago Ave.) opened in 1931, in time to show the Marx Brother's hit movie, *Monkey Business*, and the original *Frankenstein*, starring Boris Karloff as the monster.

Across the street, Ken and Norm's small but well-stocked

but boasts 20 years of buyer experience, which has resulted in a what they describe as "a hodgepodge of cool sh*t" that will delight the most discriminating gift-buyer.

There are new businesses, too. The Southside Barber Lounge (4813 Chicago Ave.) opened in 2020. Come for a shave and a haircut (and more) and meet their friendly pups. (You can bring your own dog but call ahead first.) And if it's your dog that needs a shave and a haircut, Bubbly Paws (4737 Chicago Ave.) gives the opportunity for self-service dog washing. Or, you can let the dog-groom-



The mural on the side of Spokesman Recorder celebrates its history.



Anthony Brutus Cassius, owner of Dreamland Cafe

ing experts make your pup a star. Lost City Tattoo's (4802 Chicago Ave.) English bulldog Junebug crossed the rainbow bridge this year, but she is still the shop's beloved mascot.

Neighborhoods change and grow. But the Lyndale, Field and Northrop neighborhoods along with others nearby such as the Hale Page Diamond Lake neighborhoods continue to reflect the past and look to the future. Immigrants still arrive, buying homes, starting businesses and becoming Minnesotans.

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Bauhaus Framing Studio, Inc (4804 Chicago Ave.) is a gallery space as well as a place to get beloved artwork framed and mounted. Owner Heather Crawford brings her 30 years of experience and taste to create innovative and attractive framing solutions.

Just across the street, Minnehaha Animal Hospital (4809 Chicago Ave.) has served the canine and feline denizens of South Minneapolis for over 25 years, offering boarding and grooming on top of the full-service slate of veterinary care.

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CELEBRATE THE STREETS!



Open Streets Nicollet returns for an end-of-summer hurrah

BY STEPHANIE FOX

Open Streets, the popular Minneapolis tradition of closing long thoroughfares for neighborhood celebrations, was started by the Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition in 2009 as a way to show people how the city would look without cars. The group, now called Our Streets Minneapolis, organized the events together with the Minneapolis Public Works Department.

Then, last year, for the first



Open Streets is fun for the whole family!

time, the organization found that they needed more cash to run the Open Streets, and they reached out to the city for help. In response, the Minneapolis Public Works end-

ed their affiliation with the festivities and this year, only three Open Street festivals remained. But, thanks to the Lyndale Neighborhood Association partnering with the City of Minneapolis, one of those still flourishing is Open Streets Nicollet.

“In February, the Lyndale Neighborhood Association (LNA) responded to the City of Minneapolis’ open Request for Proposal to organize Open Streets events for the summer and fall of 2024,” said Sami Smetana, Executive Director of the Lyndale Neighborhood Association.

The Lyndale Neighborhood Association is inviting everyone, new timers and Open Streets veterans, to walk, bike, scooter and skateboard along the two miles of Nicollet Avenue from 46th St. to 31st St. on September 28, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. The Nicollet celebration will be the final Open Streets of the 2024 season.

In 2019, before the pandemic, Open Streets Nicollet drew an estimated 15,000 people and organizers are hoping that this year, people who have been missing Open Streets will come, bringing their friends (and kids and dogs).

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to motorized vehicles. Instead, expect the avenue to be lined with food and beverage booths, stages featuring local musicians, art projects (most interactive and kid-friendly) and hands-on happenings featuring and promoting local businesses and organizations.

“This event is not just about throwing a great community party (which it does!), it is about raising the awareness of local businesses and the unique flavor they bring to our neighborhood and building new connections between them and neighbors so that they will continue to thrive,” said Sarah Linnes-Robinson, Director of Projects for the Lyndale Neighborhood Association.

So, what to expect at this “summer is almost over” event as you wander up and down the street? Food, drink, art projects, games, politics, music and much more.

At Inner City Tennis, the crew will leave their tennis building at Martin Luther Park, to set up a mini-tennis court on Nicollet Ave., where

kids can try out their tennis skills. There will also be a multi-sport obstacle course, challenging school-aged kids with a series of hoops, tunnels and targets. This obstacle course is part of Inner City’s Super Saturdays programs. Try out the course at Open Streets and then return every other Saturday during the year for more fun. Kids ages 3 through 18 are welcome.

The YMCA will be on the street with pop-up classes including a pickle ball court where people can learn to play the popular game, parent/child yoga workshops and a kiddie pool for “fishing” for prizes. There will be live music, including the soulful sounds of Ray Barnard and the Rotation.

Bands like the Mighty Mofos and Just Luv Inc. will be playing outside of Road Runner Records, a vintage record and CD shop. The shop will be selling many items at special Open Streets discounts as well.

Musicians will also be entertaining the crowds gathered at 37th St. S. in front of the But-



A previous year’s Beer Run

ter Bakery Café (3700 Nicollet Ave. S.). The performances, organized by radio station KFAI, include opportunities to meet many of the musicians and vi-

sual artists. Then, sit down at one of the old-school manual typewriters to click out your own original poetry before grabbing a bowl of curry or a

biscuit sandwich.

Nicollet Ace Hardware (3805 Nicollet Ave. S.) will have face painting and balloon animals outside the store, a “Ninja Anywhere” fitness mobile obstacle course (any age, any height) and snacks will be available.

Bob Seabold, owner of Tower Games (3920 Nicollet Ave. S.), said that in the tent set up outside of the store there will be family games for parents and kids to play, including a learn-to-play Dungeons and Dragons.

At Marigold (3506 Nicollet Ave. S.), a shop selling non-alcoholic liquid refreshments, enjoy free samples of booze-free beer, wine and cocktails. The shop sells a wide variety of alternative beverages, and you don’t need to have reached drinking age to try them. Ice

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Another Open Streets

So many people to meet it is really a treat to see who is on the street!

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CELEBRATE THE STREETS!



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cream, coffee and baked goods are available at the long-looked-for Sebastian Joe's Kingfield Social (4301 Nicollet Ave. S.). Or sip icy sake at

press and cold drip coffee from an outside booth and specialty coffee drinks (including non-dairy milk) inside the shop.

Outside Finer Meats butcher shop (3747 Nicollet Ave. S.), the store's food truck will be



Bike Games

Ramen Kazama (3400 Nicollet Ave. S.).

If after a few glasses you are craving some good coffee, 5-Watt Coffee (3745 Nicollet Ave. S.) will be offering cold

serving hamburgers, cheeseburgers, their pulled pork, jumbo hotdogs, plates of mac and cheese and French fries. Or enjoy the French-inflected fare and elevated lumber-

jack theme at Bûcheron (4257 Nicollet Ave. S.).

There will be fun runs, too. Kids can join the Fun Kids Street Dash with a \$12 registration fee. Adults can sign up for the Fun Run for Beer. The route equals a 5k run with registration fees (\$25) covering a craft beverage and swag from the Brewery Running Series. There are no winners or losers. Runners can choose their own pace and can stop to take dance breaks, buy items for sale along the way and answer trivia questions. Kids on the fun run will receive a free themed t-shirt and a root beer.

Veterans for Peace will be there with their peace bus, promoting Peace in the Middle East and climate justice. Stop for free peace buttons and stickers and grab one of their newsletters from the organization's president Dave Logsdon.

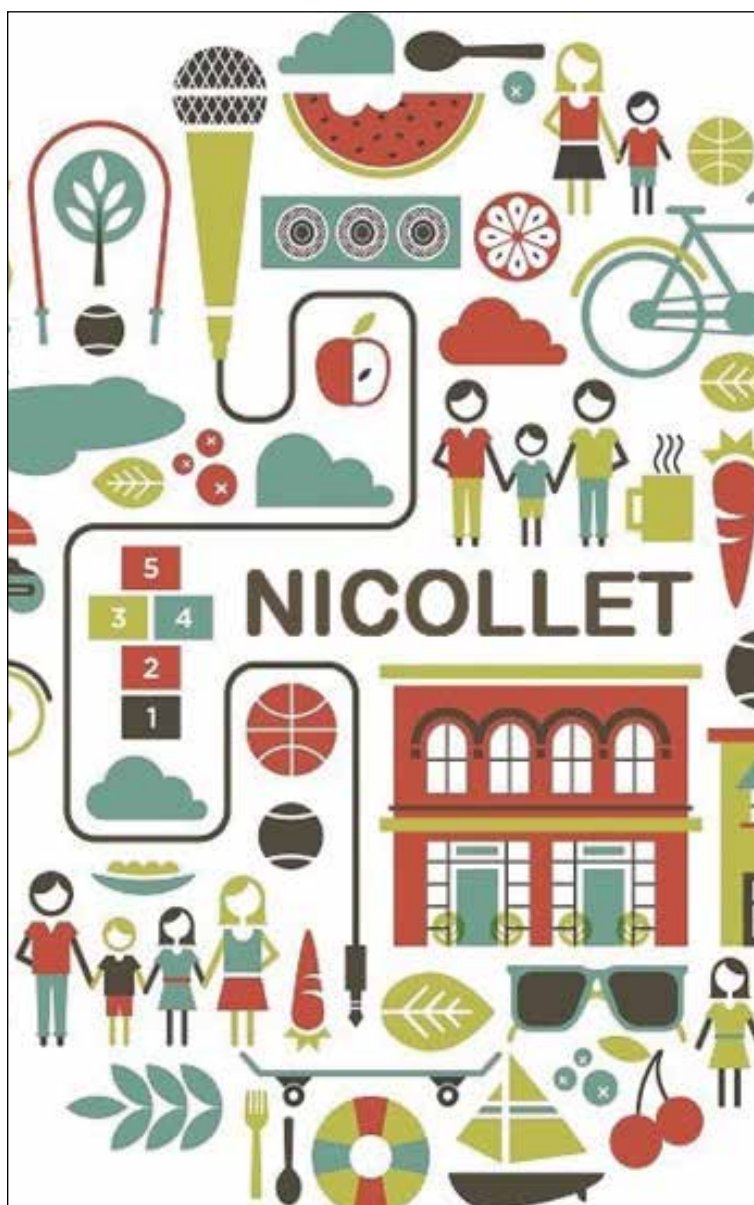
Fresh Eye Gallery will offer engaging art projects. In the Heart of Beast's famous puppets will tell stories, and the New Native Theater will be demonstrating puppet making.

Stop by the DFL booth at 3100 Nicollet Ave. for a little bit of pre-election politics. Or for something more energetic, join in with the queer contra dancing, a ukulele choir and a speaker's corner with Strangers Meeting Strangers.

"Given LNA's history as a co-host of Nicollet Open Streets from 2014 through 2019—the last time the event was held on

Nicollet Avenue—it felt fitting to take on this role again," she said. "We're thrilled to bring Nicollet Open Streets back as a

way to celebrate and showcase the unique character of the Kingfield and Lyndale neighborhoods," said Smetana.



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Cornbread Released!

BY ED FELIEN

An international contingent was at the Cedar Cultural Center on August 16 to celebrate the release of a new album and a new biography of Cornbread by Andrea Swensson, *Deeper Blues: The Life, Songs, and Salvation of Cornbread Harris*. Jimmy Jam Harris from LA, US Senator Amy

and travelling throughout the US.

"It's such a blessing I could be there," said Kolstad, "Andrea Swensson created a memorable evening of celebration. It brings me back to a whirlwind of a time when we traversed the country in a '64 Fleetwood, performing five or more shows a week."

"I loved hearing Jimmy Jam talk tonight about learning the C chord variations from Cornbread and ending it with C Major 7, calling it the 'Sunshine Chord.'"

"Glen Grahm even flew in from California. He played with Cornbread for years, and he accompanied me on one of my early tours in Europe. It was great to have him with me, since every second song in the set was either one I learned from Cornbread or one I played with Cornbread. Glen is a master on the sax and really captures the essence."

As a companion to the book, Swensson and the Slingshot Annie Label released "Anthology," a compilation vinyl of Cornbread's recordings spanning from 1955 to the present day,

including a single released with Augie Garcia, and a track from Kolstad and Harris's Album "Cadillac vs Cornbread, All The Fun" with Johann Swenson as lead engineer, mixed and edited by Friendly Fred at Smoksignyl productions.

"Cool Rider" fits well in the anthology because Cornbread wrote this as a lighthearted tribute to his son Jimmy Jam. "He said I'm gonna play music, and he did!" Cornbread quips at the end of the recording.

It is also featuring Cadillac, so you have a sense of these guys, and one gets a small taste of what City Pages called, "The must-see dueling piano act."

Cadillac reminisced, "We were doin' such good solid music in our collaborations, way before the Rock N Roll American Songbook. It was as if our dueling solos would push us to the stratosphere of performance."

"When you collaborate like that with someone, and there are those moments when you just hit it, with four hands on the piano in full synchronized mayhem. This is a unique feeling. I am blessed to have experienced it for so long."

"After the release party, at the end of the night, we all looked at each other and Cornbread said, 'This is a new chapter,' and he laughed."

You can View Thousands of Videos of Cadillac with Cornbread on YouTube and follow along on Instagram and Facebook. Smoksignyl has been in the process of preparing the tracks from the vinyl to be available for download, so the



Andrea Swensson, Cadillac, Cornbread and Jimmy Jam



Cornbread, Jimmy Jam (Cornbread's son) and Cadillac signing copies of the new book about Cornbread: 'Deeper Blues: The Life, Songs, and Salvation of Cornbread'

Klobuchar (en route from D.C. to the DNC in Chicago to introduce Tim Walz), Patty Peterson of KBEM Jazz 88 Radio and Cadillac Kolstad (all the way from Wurttemberg, Germany) came for the event.

For many years, Harris and Kolstad Performed as the "Cadillac vs. Cornbread Dance Party," based in of the Twin Cities



Cadillac Kolstad jumping to the piano playing of Cornbread Harris.

full "Cadillac vs. Cornbread" record will be online soon.

"Deeper Blues" is available at Magers & Quinn Booksellers and at Andreaswensson.com.

Cornbread Harris' "Anthology" and a limited number of "Cadillac vs. Cornbread, All The Fun" are available at Electric Fetus.



Unhoused people asking for money outside Seward Co-op on Franklin Avenue

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EVENTS

Embracing Our Roots: Rooted And Rising

Saturday, Sept. 7, 1 - 3 p.m.
2106 S 4th St., Mpls.

Join Dr. Yolanda Williams and Pavielle French, two beloved culture bearers of the Twin Cities Black music community, as they recall the path and people that have led to their becoming composers of songs for the people. This event continues a series of intergenerational discussions between African American creatives and is co-sponsored by Givens Collection of African American Literature and Life, the School of Music, the More Than A Single Story discussion series and the In Black Ink publishing arts initiative.

MN ALICE Public Launch

Tuesday, Sept. 10, 10 - 11 a.m.
Minnesota State Capitol Rotunda

75 Rev Dr Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, Saint Paul

Everybody is welcome to join us and learn about and celebrate ALICE coming to Minnesota! Federal poverty limits don't tell the full reality of Minnesotans' financial security. In addition to the 233,779 Minnesota households in poverty (according to the Federal Poverty Level), another 600,564 are ALICE®: Asset Limited, Income Constrained,

Employed – an often overlooked population that earns above the Federal Poverty Level but less than they need to cost cover the of essentials. Join us as we learn more about what we all can do to fill the financial cracks in our systems and ensure everyone has what they need to thrive across the state of Minnesota.

Dave Alvin & Jimmie Dale Gilmore with The Guilty Ones

Sept. 10, Doors: 7 p.m. / Show: 7:30 p.m.

The Cedar Cultural Center

416 Cedar Ave. S., Mpls.

The Americana heroes are back with a tour inspired by the name of their upcoming new album. Behind blistering blues licks, TexiCali doubles as a road trip across the musicians' home states. An all ages, seated show. \$35 advance/\$40 day of show.

Hope Awakens Women's Luncheon: Celebrate Women in Recovery!

Sept. 11, 10:30a.m. - 1p.m.

6155 Earle Brown Dr, Brooklyn Center

Join us as we celebrate women in recovery! You'll hear stories of miracles and learn about how you can help restore families, strengthen communities and transform lives. Featuring guest speaker Susie Larson, silent auction experiences, giveaway prizes and more.

Touchstone Inspire 2024

Sept. 12, 7:45- 9a.m.

Metropolitan Ballroom & Clubroom

5418 Wayzata Blvd, Golden Valley

Be Inspired!

Please join Touchstone Mental Health at our fundraising breakfast. You will hear stories of mental health recovery from people living with a mental illness and learn about our innovative services. Feel free to invite your friends to join us. Mark your calendars and be prepared to be inspired at Touchstone Inspire 2024!

Required but free tickets at www.touchstonemh-inspire-2024.eventbrite.com.

Zip Zap Circus MOYA

Thursdays, Sept. 12 - Oct 20

Children's Theatre Company

2400 3rd Ave. S., Mpls.

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\$15 for kids/\$25 for adults. To learn more, visit childrenstheatre.org/zipzap or call 612-874-0400.

Families Against Military

Madness Welcome Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 12, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

3715 Chicago Ave., Mpls.

Gather and connect about what it's like being a caregiver in the time of genocide, learn and share ways to talk with your kids about what's happening in Palestine, and see how you can be further involved with Families Against Military Madness (FAMM), a new subcommittee of Women Against Military Madness. Whether you're a long-time activist or new to the cause, all are welcome to attend. Come learn how you can get involved and make a difference in your community. We look forward to seeing you there!

Childcare will be provided. Please register so we can accommodate as many children as needed.

This is an indoor event, so please mask up! Masks will be available onsite.

Questions? DM @FamiliesAgainstMilitaryMadness, email wamm.famm@gmail.com, or call the WAMM office at 612-827-5364.

womenagainstmilitarymadness.org

Zumba with Anse Michelle

Friday, Sept. 13, 7 - 8 p.m.

Sisters Underground Cafe

Join us for a fun and energetic Zumba session led by Anse Michelle. Get ready to dance, sweat, and have a blast while getting fit! This in person event will be held at Sisters Under-

ground Cafe, so come ready to move with us. The address will be sent to all who register.

Women only.

No experience is necessary, just bring your energy and enthusiasm. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to get your body moving and your spirits lifted. See you there!

Taco Tour

Sept. 14, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Lake Street in South Minneapolis between Clinton Ave. and 19th Ave.

The Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC) will kick off Hispanic Heritage Month by hosting the annual Taco Tour. Featuring more than 20 participating taco restaurants, taco trucks and Latino- and BIPOC-owned businesses along Lake Street in South Minneapolis, LEDC's 2024 Taco Tour on Lake Street will celebrate one of Minnesota's treasured and thriving multicultural communities, enriched with Latino food and culture. The Taco Tour on Lake Street will feature performances by Ballet Folklorico Mexico Azteca, local mariachi band Son de Morelos and Zumba, as well as participatory Latin dance classes. Attendance is free. Purchases of tacos and other items are greatly appreciated to support our local Latino-owned businesses.

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Southside Pride is a monthly community newspaper delivered on the first Tuesday of each month to convenient locations in and around our Southside communities. We are proud of the racial and cultural diversity of the Southside, and we oppose racism and other efforts to keep us apart as a community.

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

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Statewide Star Party

Sept. 14 · 8 - 10 p.m.

Bell Museum
2088 Larpenteur Ave.,
West Saint Paul

Join us for our next in-person Star Party—the Statewide Star Party! Outside, we'll have our telescopes set up to observe our favorite deep-space objects (weather permitting). Inside, you can explore hands-on activities, and our expert astronomy team will guide you through the night sky and highlight cosmic sights in our planetarium. At this special Star Party we're celebrating all things Moon! Join fellow Minnesotans in taking a look at our closest companion in the skies at the same time as people all around the world!

JCC Twin Cities Jewish Film Festival

Sept 14 - 22

Various locations

The Minnesota Jewish Community Center (JCC) is thrilled to announce the 30th anniversary of the JCC Twin Cities Jewish Film Festival, a landmark program that has been a cornerstone of Jewish entertainment and cultural life in the Twin Cities for three decades. This year's festival will showcase an exceptional lineup of films and accompanying talkbacks with filmmakers and directors that explore the diversity, depth, and richness of Jewish life and culture from around the world. Go to www.minnesotajcc.org/art-culture/jewish-film-festival/ for more information and to buy tickets.

3rd Annual Sabathani Energy Day: Career Opportunities and Community Celebration in South Minneapolis

Sept. 14, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Sabathani Community Center
Parking Lot (Rain location: First Floor Halls)

310 E. 38th St., Mpls.

The event features a Career Resource Fair offering access to explore living-wage jobs, training programs and a range of supportive services. The community

celebration includes food trucks, live DJ entertainment and engaging activities for children. As part of Xcel Energy's annual Day of Service, Sabathani Energy Day represents a collaborative effort dedicated to community empowerment and sustainable living. Featuring career opportunities, community resources and energy assistance. Thanks to Metro Transit, attendees can take advantage of a Free Ride Pass for convenient transportation to and from the event. Visit sabathani.org/energy-day to sign up. The first 50 attendees to check in will receive a complimentary meal from the food truck. For full event details and registration, visit sabathani.org/energy-day.

The 5th Annual Legacy Cup The Midwest's Largest Cannabis Festival

Sept. 14, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Surly Brewing Company

520 Malcolm Ave. SE., Mpls.

A 21+ event The Legacy Cup returns for its amazing 5th annual celebration, further solidifying its status as the Midwest's largest and most premier cannabis festival. Last year, more than 10,000 cannabis enthusiasts gathered to experience an inclusive, art-filled, safe and wildly fun event. All attendees are welcome to bring their own weed and hash and come smoke with us! featuring Lupe Fiasco + Desha with Luniz (More artist & DJ announcements coming soon!). Purchase tickets: \$10 in advance, \$20 at the door, \$42 sampling tickets, and \$100 VIP tickets (plus all applicable taxes and fees). www.legacycup.m-n.com

Beastly Bash Weekend at the Minnesota Zoo

Fri, Sept. 20, 6 - 11 p.m.

13000 Zoo Blvd, Apple Valley

Join fellow wildlife lovers at the Beastly Bash Weekend, where you'll enjoy exciting animal encounters, dig into delicious food and drink, and hear from a forest ecology expert about the importance of our connection with the natural world. Attend The Gala

on September 20 and return on the 21st for The Gathering, a free day at the Zoo with any donation amount.

Sirens, Suckers, & Sweden:

Antonia Angress, Daniel

Hornsby, & Sally Franson in

conversation

Wednesday, September 18,

7 p.m.

Magers & Quinn Booksellers

3038 Hennepin Ave., Mpls.

Sally Franson is the author of the novels *Big In Sweden* and *A Lady's Guide to Selling Out*. **Daniel Hornsby** is the author of *Via Negativa* and *Sucker*. **Antonia Angress** is the author of the novel *Sirens & Muses*.

Krewe Du Nord - A Festival of New Orleans Food & Live Music

Saturday, September 21,

2 - 8 p.m.

Coliseum Building

2700 E. Lake St., Mpls.

Krewe Du Nord, a free, all ages festival of New Orleans food and live music. We've got Big 6 Brass Band (coming all the way from the Crescent City) plus local legends, Davina & The Vagabonds and Brass Solidarity, bringing the heat and then some!

An all ages, free event. Register at www.eventbrite.com/e/krewe-du-nord-a-festival-of-new-orleans-food-live-music-tickets-991162211857.

Global Roots Festival

Sept. 23 - 25

Cedar Cultural Center

416 Cedar Ave., Mpls.

The Cedar Cultural Center is proud to present the Global Roots Festival once again — this time marking 15 years since its inception. The festival will feature a carefully curated lineup of both international and U.S.-based artists: **Fränder**, a Swedish-Estonian modern folk ensemble; **Balkan Paradise Orchestra**, a 12-piece, all-star, wind and percussion Balkan band hailing from the Catalan region of Spain; **Ustad Noor Bakhsh**, master of the Balochi Benju (a keyed zither); **Ramon Chicharron**, a Co-

lombian tropical pop-fusion artist from Montreal; **Mona Miari**, a Palestinian/American artist and **Kobo Town**, a Trinidadian calypso and dancehall reggae band based in Toronto. Visit www.thecedar.org for details.

Twin Cities Book Festival

Saturday, Oct 19,

10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Minnesota State Fairgrounds

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9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Take part in our quilting ministry! We assemble quilts at church on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in support of local charities and Lutheran World Relief! You are invited to join the group of quilters. We meet downstairs in the Nokomis Room. Quilting experience is not required.

St. Albert the Great
2836 33rd Ave. S., 612-724-3643
Crafters Circle
Thursday, Sept. 5, Noon - 2:30 p.m.
Location: Social Hall
Come with a craft project, mending, or just to chat! Bring something to share for the potluck lunch. All are welcome! Other dates coming up: Sept. 12, 19, & 26.

Saint Joan of Arc Catholic Community
4537 3rd Ave. S. Minneapolis
612-823-8205

- Recovery+Renewal in Addiction Sept. 12, 6 - 7 p.m.

This small Christian community will encourage conversations around addiction and recovery issues in a safe, compassionate, and confidential environment.

- Welcome Back Brunch for Families Sept. 15, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

All families with kids from birth through high school are invited to join us for our annual Welcome Back Brunch! You can choose from eggs, sausages, pancakes, coffee and juice.

- LGBTQ+ September Book Club Sept. 17, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

We will be discussing *Kindred* by Octavia Butler, a celebrated novel (1979) that incorporates time travel and explores how a modern Black woman would deal with a slave society, etc.

Bethany Lutheran Church
2511 E. Franklin, 612-332-2397
Sunday, Sept. 15 at 1 p.m.
The final worship service of the Bethany Congregation was held in September 2021. The Seward Neighborhood Group History Committee is sponsoring a program to celebrate the rich history

of Bethany Church from its Norwegian Lutheran beginnings to the recent Soup for You Kitchen. All are welcome to this free event open to the public. Refreshments to follow. Contact: Seward Neighborhood Group History Committee at history@sng.org

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
3430 E. 51st St.
612-729-5463
www.faithlutheranmpls.org
Rally Sunday, Sept. 8
Worship at 9 a.m. Fellowship outside (weather permitting) with ukulele music by the Hashimotos, donuts and donation jar for donations for Maui.

Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church
4101 37th Ave. S. Mpls.
612-722-9527
secretary@minnehahacommunion.org
www.minnehahacommunion.org
Play group every Thurs. 9:30-11:30 a.m.
For more information contact Pastor Martha Bardwell at 612-871-2967.

Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral
519 Oak Grove St., Mpls.
612-870-7800
Summer Sundays- Fellowship every Sunday; coffee and treats in the Community Rm.
Weather permitting outside in the courtyard. 9 - noon.

Taizé Service
Minnehaha United Methodist Church
3701 E. 50th St., Mpls.
With all that is going on around us, it is important to slow down and make sure we are feeding our souls and listening for God periodically. Take an opportunity for renewal through prayer, song and silence at our monthly Taizé services. We will be live-streaming our services, so you can catch Taizé from your home (or cabin or wherever you are) in real time, or anytime you want. www.minnehaha.org

Welcome refugees by donating household supplies!
Since January, MCC has welcomed >392 new arrivals to Minnesota, providing them with housing, clothing, and all other necessities. One easy way to support us is by donating hygiene and household

products. We have set up gift registries with Amazon and Target with items included in every welcome kit. If you already have supplies that you are looking to donate, feel free to bring them by our offices, located at 122 Franklin Ave. W., Ste. 100, Mpls. Donation guidelines and links to our wish-lists are available at www.mnchurches.org/ways-help/give-items.

Central Lutheran's Free Store needs donations!
Restoration Center at Central Lutheran Church
333 S. 12th St., Mpls.
The Free Store is a critical community resource that allows guests to shop for what they need at no cost. Items especially needed: blankets, towels, sheets, kitchenware and clothing. Donations accepted from 4th Ave. loading dock, Sunday through Thursday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Press the call button and someone will come to help you. All donated items should be clean and in good condition. Questions? Call (612) 870-4416.

Plymouth Congregational Church
1919 LaSalle Ave. Mpls., 612-871-7400

- Gentle Yoga Saturdays 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. Plymouth Church Gallery. Soulful, welcoming yoga class, led by long-time Plymouth members Summer, Steve and Sharon Hills-Bonczyk. Each 75-minute class will include meditation, slow, flowing postures with attention to alignment and deep relaxation. This is a donation-based class. No one will be turned away if they cannot pay. All are welcome. \$10 - 20 recommended donation. Ages 15 - 100. Drop-in (no registration required), Bring your own yoga mat or let us know if you need one. Please contact summerjh@gmail.com with questions. Gentle Yoga, Sept. 7, 14, 21, 28; 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.
- Grief & Loss The Downtown Minneapolis Coalition for Grief Support will be resuming in-person sessions on Saturday mornings beginning September 7. Please check www.mplsgriefsupport.org provides more details regarding times and locations. Contact: Beth Hoffman Faeth (612) 977-1286.
- Faith Partners in Recovery

All are welcome at monthly meetings of the Higher Power Potluck Fellowship Group. Contact Beth Hoffman Faeth, 612-977-1286.

SHARING FOOD

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3817 Pleasant Ave. S. Mpls.
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Sat. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
612-822-2101, Espanol 612-874-7169

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Monday - Friday lunch, noon - 1 p.m.
Wednesday groceries, noon - 1 p.m.
More information on our Facebook page or at www.soupyou.info.

Calvary Emergency Food Shelf
3901 Chicago Ave., Mpls.
612-827-2504, ext. 3
The Calvary Food Shelf has returned to 3901 Chicago Ave. now that the building renovations are completed. The Food Shelf will continue its mission of providing access to fresh, nutritious food for the community. Call 612-827-2504, ext. 3 for more information.

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

Nokomis Heights Lutheran Church
5300 10th Ave. S., Mpls., 612-825-6846
Serving Loaves and Fishes free community meals on Wednesdays from 5 - 6 p.m. Free, to-go meals served from side door on 53rd Street. Open to everyone, no questions asked. Whatever your circumstances, you are welcome. You can simply drive or walk up to the church and receive a meal any Wednesday evening between 5 - 6 p.m.

First Nations Kitchen
3044 Longfellow Ave., Mpls.
612-791-1253
First Nations Kitchen, an outreach of All Saints Episcopal Indian Mission, welcomes all to our weekly To Go meals and Produce Give Away every Sunday from 4 - 5 p.m. outside our building. We cook fresh, organic, indigenous meals and give away organic produce rain or shine. This is a barrier-free food program. To donate or volunteer contact us at director@firstnationskitchen.org or go to our website: <https://firstnationskitchen.org>.

Minnehaha United Methodist Church
3701 E. 50th St., Mpls., 612-721-6231
The Minnehaha Food Shelf serves food for the hungry on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. - 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. www.facebook.com/MinnehahaFood-Shelf

Greater Friendship Missionary Baptist Church and Friendship Community Service
2600 E. 38th St., Mpls.
Food Hub
2nd and 4th Saturdays; 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Aug. 10 and 24.
Free food, hygiene products and some household goods.
Tuesday and Thursday, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Please bring ID and wear a mask.
Social distancing guidelines are in place.

Groveland Emergency Food Shelf
1900 Nicollet Ave., Mpls.
612-871-0277
Monday - Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 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. www.grovelandfoodshelf.org

The Southside Religious Community Welcomes You

[International Society for Krishna Consciousness](#)
ISKCON Minnesota Temple
4000 Minnehaha Avenue
Minneapolis MN 55406
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Where is the money?

BY KATHRYN KELLY

At a community meeting a few years ago, Commissioner Musich was asked if the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) would start the Hiawatha Golf Course project before they had the money. She replied, "We don't start projects until we have the funding."

On August 7, 2024, a proposal was presented to the MPRB Admin & Finance Committee for a 2024-2025 contract to pay \$934 million to private firms for work on the Hiawatha Golf Course Park Plan. Yet, the MPRB doesn't have the money to pay the contractors. So, they proposed breaking the project into two parts. In 2024 they proposed paying the private firms \$411,000 by "borrowing" \$428,000 from another "funded" project, the Luce Line Trail project. No source was listed to

pay back the money. The MPRB also HOPES to get the remaining \$523,000 in 2025 funding from the Met Council.

What do taxpayers get for



A photo of the Gross cold storage building taken from the outside, but looking in the door to the collapsed ceiling. It is unconscionable that the Park Board would let anyone even enter this building, much less store equipment there.

this? The contract states that it includes:

- o A review of all previous work
- o Three new golf course layouts
- o More basement surveys
- o A second traffic analysis
- o More public engagement/meetings/surveys
- o Some environmental investigations
- o One or two field trips to other nine-hole golf courses
- o Research to find out impediments to the plan caused by the historic designation

In other words, more concepts, a little research and a re-hash of the same old items.

The members of the Admin and Finance Committee voted the proposal down, likely because two Commissioners wanted to keep their Trail project money. Commissioner Musich was absent. So, the Planning Group is back to the drawing

board, trying to find funding for this project.

In the meantime, the cold storage building at Gross Golf



The Park Board wants to spend another million dollars studying turning Hiawatha Golf Course into a swamp, and they are taking that money from needed maintenance funding that should be used to repair collapsing buildings.

Course, which stores expensive equipment, is falling down (see photo). It has been on the project list for years but keeps getting pushed back. Maybe the over \$1 million spent on the Hiawatha Golf Course Plan so far could have built a high-class cold storage building for Gross Golf Course. And now that further spending on the Hiawatha project has been voted down, the \$150,000 slated to be taken from the golf course budget for the Hiawatha plan can be put towards the cold storage building.

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Fall on Chicago Avenue South

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

Chicago Avenue, from downtown to the city line

Every year since 2020, when we check out this section of Chicago Avenue, we focus most sharply on George Floyd Square. And this piece will do the same, but let's not start there. We

sometimes overlook the things going on in Downtown East, Elliot Park, and Ventura Village.

Did you know that one of the best farmers markets in the city is in Downtown East just a couple of blocks from Chicago Avenue? This is the Mill City Farmers Market (750 2nd St. S.). Advertised as a "year-round Saturday market," Mill City is open

every Saturday from May to September during the hours of 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and every Saturday in October from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. This three-season market is outdoors. The Winter Market, which is indoors, runs from November to April, on the first and third Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Running year-round in this prime location makes this farmers market huge, rivaled only by the main Minneapolis market in north Minneapolis. The vendor list is over 100, in fact, 176 by my count. They've got organic farm produce, they've got fair trade products, they have artisans out the wazoo, they have food trucks. And if you can't make it this week, they've got a really good blog.

If you're looking for a spot to have a bite to eat and a nice drink in downtown Minneapolis, check out Off the Rails Public House (620 4th St. S.), a gastro-pub-cum-sports bar that opened two years ago with a dog-friendly patio. Within a quick walk of the farmers market, the Guthrie, the US Bank Stadium or the Ar-



ZPuppets In A Fool's Kitchen

mory, this little pub is a great resource for downtown. The menu is modern pub food (smash burgers, buffalo art dip, birria tacos), reasonably priced, and a happy hour Monday through Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. sweetens the deal.

In the cozy neighborhood sandwiched between downtown and Franklin Avenue called Elliot

Park, there is an actual park of the same name at 1000 14th St. E. This is a bit of a hidden gem of south Minneapolis; many residents, including park enthusiasts, have never even been there. This park has a delightful skatepark within it.

Since being renovated in 2021, the Elliot Skate Plaza is registered with the nationwide guide, City of Skate. Here's what they said about Elliot Skatepark:

"Completely renovated in 2021 with all-new concrete elements for a variety of skill levels and good flow even when crowded. The skatepark is concrete with landscaping, a permeable patio, lighting, and an expanded footprint. Along with the water management rain gardens, 225 plants and 10 new trees were added in this space."

The Mississippi Watershed Management Organization helped to install the green infrastructure.

North of George Floyd Square in Phillips Midtown and Powderhorn

Between Franklin Avenue and George Floyd Square, Chicago Avenue is largely residential along with boasting the largest concentration of hospitals and medical offices in south Minneapolis. If you're looking for a place to eat or shop, there is not a whole lot besides the Midtown Exchange and Midtown Global Market at Lake Street. Modern Times and Jakeenos, which we covered in the last two years,



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Also on that corner, across Lake Street from the Midtown Exchange parking lot, is Los Ocampo Taqueria (801 E. Lake St.), one of two remaining locations of a small, locally owned chain of taquerias, in business since 2003. Los Ocampo is located on the ground floor of the SoPhi apartment building, with its own parking lot. Next to Los Ocampo is Chicago Lake Liquors (825 E. Lake St.), a long-standing neighborhood store. Founded in 1959 as Franklin Lake Liquors, they moved to their present location with a sensible name change in 1972.

George Floyd Square

George Floyd Square sort of looks like it's in limbo, but apparently things are slowly moving forward behind the scenes. One sad piece of news – the Onyx Coffeehouse which we profiled in 2023, has closed permanently. There does not appear to be a successor in the space either. Unity Foods is still there.

The main source of online information about George Floyd Square's status, past and future, is the City of Minneapolis website, under the "projects" heading. Even saying that, it's a tad confusing. There was a pre-existing project, canceled in the wake of George Floyd's murder then restarted, to improve the entirety of E. 38th St., and encourage more BIPOC-owned businesses, and build community wealth.

But now in addition there is a separate project to determine the future of GFS only. And that has been a bit stop and start and slow to gain momentum. There was a small breakthrough when the city acquired the title to the former Speedway station, now a community space called The People's Way. The city hopes to find a community organization with a compelling plan and purpose that they can hand it off to.

In GFS but not part of the "project"

Two notable institutions are geographically within GFS and are doing their own thing, without city input, but leading to the same ends – bringing peace, prosperity, and healing to this neighborhood. The first is Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en la Lucha (CTUL) at 3715 Chicago Ave., a worker-led organization that organizes labor and other arenas to pursue worker-empowerment and justice. Previous successes for CTUL include the organizing of retail janitors, the Fight for 15, fights for legislation

against wage theft and to actually win back stolen wages and earned safe and sick time ordinances in both Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Current projects include the Dignity and Respect for Non-unionized Construction Workers, which creates a social responsibility contract for contractors to sign on to, and a code of conduct, ensuring protections for construction workers against wage theft and abuse, a leadership development program, and a program specifically for Black workers called Future Fighters. You can learn more about these programs, and how you can support CTUL at their website, ctul.net. CTUL has an annual fundraising gala, which will be on September 26 this year.

The other organization is one we mentioned when it was a planned development – the Belfry Apartments (3901 Chicago Ave.), a deeply affordable housing project created by Calvary Lutheran Church, in coalition with Trellis Housing. The apartments are now complete and mostly occupied. Learn more at belfry.trellismn.org.

South of GFS

We just want to highlight one other organization, a block south of GFS – Z Puppets Rosenschnoz (4054 Chicago Ave.). This wonderful small puppet theater has been entertaining and educating



Unity Foods and art in GFS

kids and families in the community for decades with shows like Monkey Mind Pirates, Say It! Sing It! Play It! In Cherokee, and Cellula. They have a few shows on the horizon.

Z Puppets will be part of the Oktoberfest celebration at Waldmann Brewery in St. Paul. On September 22 and 29, both at 3:15 p.m., they will present A La Carte: In a Fool's Kitchen. This show is a comic battle between a clown French Chef and a wily lobster set to live accordion music. This playfully interactive comedy features clowning, pup-

petry, music and a few unruly vegetables. There will also be two different shows in October

as well as a Zoom workshop on blacklight puppetry. See zpuppets.org for more details.

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The Dish: New places, changes, food news and the Vegan Chef Challenge 2024

BY DEBRA KEEFER RAMAGE

Lots of hot restaurant news!

Lynette (3753 42nd Ave. S.) is open. This is the new restaurant, greatly anticipated, in the former Riverview Wine Bar space. Tender Lovin' Chicks (2700 Lyndale Ave) is also open, the brick-and-mortar incarnation of a popular food truck.

Two breweries will become roommates: Finnegan's, in Downtown East and Fulton in the North Loop. What this means, effectively, is that Finnegan's is closing its taproom and moving production to Fulton's (414 6th Ave. N.). They will remain independently owned and will collaborate on events. Fair State Co-op Brewing has

Pham, who owns Quang on Eat Street.

General foods for foodies

What is a "farm stop" and why are they good for small farmers? asks Civil Eats. The farm stop is an emerging business model which connects consumers and farmers locally. A farm stop sells food on consignment from nearby small farms; farmers deliver freshly harvested produce to a retail shop with a full staff. The farmers set their own prices and keep the bulk of the revenue. This allows farmers the benefits of direct retail without the time investment, so they can spend their precious time producing.

In case you missed it, here



Asia Mall Pho Mai Tofu Stirfry with Rice

the co-ops, Lund's & Byerly's, Kowalski's, Oxendale, Fresh Thyme and Costco all carry the brand.

Molokhia is going viral in the US. This came to my attention through Chicago Eater (chicago.eater.com) in a piece called "Grief, Solidarity, and Molokhia." As I looked into it, it was more available than I thought, especially as a raw or dried ingredient to make your own dish.

Sometimes called jute mallow, it's the national dish of Egypt, and popular throughout northern Africa, the Arab world and the Levant. Online recipes abound. I discovered through the Strib (<https://archive.ph/WH6vn>) that it's growing in University of Minnesota research fields and starting to penetrate local gardens through their seed-sharing. And from the Guardian.com, of all places, I found there is a farming cooperative called the Sudanese Farming Group, producing it in New Hope. Several African and Middle Eastern restaurants also serve the beloved vegetable.

Late July mini-reviews

Yum! Kitchen and Bakery (164 Snelling Ave. N.) near Selby in St. Paul was the site of a brunch during my family's reunion here in late July. We Keepers are mostly hardcore foodies, and not one of us was disappointed.

Yards (501 30th Ave. SE). It was my first time there. I chose Abang Yoli as my food vendor and had chicken satay. Loved it.

Twin Cities Vegan Chef Challenge mini-reviews

So far (as I write this there is still a week of August left) I have only managed to sample two Vegan Chef Challenge dishes. The first one was the Howe's Vegan Salmon Bowl. The "salmon" is made by cleverly slicing most of the way through medium firm tofu to make "flakes" as in cooked salmon, and then marinating it for both flavor and color, before dredging it in cornstarch and pan-frying it briefly. This is presented in a composed bowl of coconut rice with roasted and raw veggies. I loved it, my companion less so. We both thought the marinade/coating, which had a slight-



Lynette interior

successfully exited Chapter 11. It took them only six months of reorganization under Chapter 11 protections to get out from under over \$5 million in debt. Cause for celebration indeed.

Kim's in Uptown will be closed when you read this. Reports in the media have linked Kim's closure with the unionization that had occurred just months ago.

A devastating fire prevented the opening of Khue's Kitchen at (799 University Ave.) in St. Paul, and the future is uncertain at this time. Khue's Kitchen was the planned new restaurant from Eric Pham, son of Khue

is the recipe for Tim Walz's award-winning Hot Dish : tinyurl.com/DKRatSSP-WalzHotDish.

Too much zucchini? You can freeze it, no need to blanch first. Rural Sprout (ruralsprout.com) suggests this method. Wash and grate the zucchini, drain in a fine-holed colander, and press into a one-cup measure to make a little "haystack." Lay out the portions on a parchment-lined sheet pan. Freeze and then bag the portions.

Safe Catch is the most highly recommended canned tuna, and you can get it in stores around the Twin Cities. Everett's, all

I had challah toast and one egg.

A few days later we all made a caravan trip to Asia Mall (12160 Technology Dr., Eden Prairie), specifically to check out a Chinese bakery that's named the same as, but not for, our fami-



Vegan Chef Challenge: Howe's Vegan Salmon Bowl

ly: Keefer Court. I was getting peckish for lunch, so I stopped off at Pho Mai and grabbed a tofu stir fry to go. It was affordable, delicious and I actually ended up getting three meals out of it, it was such a large portion.

On the last night of our reunion we all went to Malcolm

ly BBQ taste, somewhat overwhelmed it.

Hard Times Cafe's okonomiyaki was our second meal of TCVCC (same companion). This was also slightly let down by too much sauce in my opinion but still very worth it. I may go back and ask for sauce on the side.



Okonomiyaki at Hard Times Cafe



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