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Adult Basic Education program is moving west on Lake St.

Ground breaks on new \$29 million facility next to YWCA and South High's football field in early 2017

By TESHA M. CHRISTENSEN

Minneapolis Public Schools Adult Basic Education (ABE) program will be moving a few blocks west to a new building that will be under construction in early 2017.

The new property is located between the YWCA and South High School's football field.

Currently, Adult Education occupies 54,000 sq ft in a three-story building at 2225 E. Lake St. known as the Brown Institute. However, the property was sold and is being transformed into a large commercial and residential development by L & H Station.

The first phase of L & H Sta-

tion development, the five-story, 100,000-sq ft Hennepin County services building, is nearing completion. As part of the \$8 million sale of that 6.5-acre parcel, the Minneapolis School District (MPS) was granted up to eight years to relocate its immigrant-focused Adult Basic Education from the "Brown" building to make way for future housing at the site. As part of the 2015 "leaseback" deal with the county, the school district can stay on the property without any assessment against the district for the first three years.

MPS opted to construct a new 87,000 sq ft educational building at 2005 E. Lake St. to

house its Adult Education programs, as well as its Transition Plus, a program geared toward 18- to 21-year olds. Many students in the T+ program come from South High.

The new \$29 million facility will open in the fall of 2018. That

price tag includes the purchase price of the property (9 plats) for the new building of approx. \$3.8 million and the site demolition budget of \$429,840.

While the South High School booster club is concerned that the new building will thwart

plans to expand the football field and track, the school district's plan was supported by the Corcoran Neighborhood Organization (CNO), which seeks to have more "eyes on the street,"

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Corcoran architect proposes radical changes at South High

By TESHA M. CHRISTENSEN

A new design for the South High School campus has people talking.

Created by Corcoran resident and architect Phillip Koski, the plan shifts the entire campus around, placing the school facility on the north side of 31st and the athletic fields on the south side.

No one asked Koski to fashion the design, but he's volunteered with the neighborhood board in various capacities for a decade and has heard people complain about the school.

"It's basically me going rogue," admitted Koski. "It was born out of frustration."

Koski's design for South High would accommodate South's desire to expand and improve athletics, and would also address a longstanding concern about the brutal appearance of South High, its scarcity of windows, and MPS's plan to situate the new ABE/T+ facility adjacent to the high school.

Given the size constraints and the desire to switch from an

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This concept, designed by Corcoran architect Phillip Koski, would flip the existing uses at South High School. A new high school building would replace the existing windowless facility on the north side of 31st, and make use of efficiencies with the new ABE/T+ facility that will open in 2018. That would leave a full city block for the athletic fields on the south side of 31st. (Design submitted)



The former buildings at 2005 E. Lake St. have all been torn down and the lot is ready for a new 87,000-square-foot facility that will house the Minneapolis Public School Adult Basic Education (ABE) and Transition Plus programs. The new property is located between the YWCA and South High School's football field. (Photo by Tesha M. Christensen)

Ready to buy, build or remodel?

Check out the 23rd annual South Minneapolis Housing Fair at South High School on April 1

By STEPHANIE FOX

For homeowners, spring brings warmer temperatures, budding flowers, and thoughts of home repairs. That's why home-improvement events seem to be ubiquitous. But, the South Minneapolis Housing Fair is different than most. Created in 1994, originally as a showcase for neighborhood associations and local business, the Fair has since expanded but remains focused on South Minneapolis style homes.

This year, the Fair is again back at South High School (3131 S. 19th Ave.) after several years

at the Midtown Y and will showcase 68 exhibitors. The event runs from 10am to 3pm, Sat., April 1.

Realtor Jessica Edwards-Smith, who has been on the Fair's steering committee since the second year, said she got involved when she was new to real estate as a way to promote her business. But soon, she says, she got caught up in the Fair's focus on helping the community.

"The reason I wanted to be on the board was to help people obtain and improve houses," Edwards-Smith said. "There used to be more of these neighborhood fairs, but we've outlasted others

because we continue to offer so many ways to help our neighbors."

This year's Fair will again showcase non-profit groups, government agencies, home-buying assistance organizations and building and remodeling companies that have experience working with South Minneapolis style homes.

Edwards-Smith, from Coldwell Banker Burnet, will be available to answer home buying and selling questions. Also look for Re/Max Results, Shawn R. Murphy Real Estate and Realtor, and Ride on Realty, LLC (to tour

houses on your bike.)

The Minnesota Housing Finance Agency is a Minnesota government agency created to help provide access to affordable housing. Stop by their booth to find out about housing and rental assistance including mortgages, down payment assistance and even housing repair loans. They also offer homebuyer education for first-time buyers.

The Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation, a group whose mission is to increase affordable housing for those with low and moderate-incomes, will be there with information and



demonstrations.

Better Futures Enterprise is an organization providing housing and jobs to men, some who have been incarcerated and some who just need a fresh start. The men work 'deconstructing houses,' a term for environmentally

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Dumpling & Strand: noodlers at large in Minneapolis and beyond

By MARGIE O'LOUGHLIN

Jeff Casper and Kelly McManus are former neighbors in Longfellow, friends, and co-proprietors of a new business called Dumpling & Strand. Theirs is a business based on curiosity: they use curious ingredients, curious shapes, and curious techniques to make fresh noodles with a toothsome bite—and they make quite a lot of them.

Using the best of organic whole grains and non-GMO ingredients, Casper and McManus have created a full line of Asian, Italian and gluten free noodles. “We have ten core recipes for doughs and within each of those, we can make six different shapes,” McManus said.

“Our approach to making noodles,” McManus continued, “is that we go out into the world to find bits and pieces of cultural traditions. We come back home and make noodles that reflect Midwestern tastes and traditions, expanding the idea of what noodles can be. Our most recent noodle recipe is called ‘Wild Rice Minnesoba.’ For that noodle, we buy wild rice from the Chippewa Red Lake Band, which is Minnesota-grown and cultivated. The resulting soba noodle is beautiful: cocoa colored, rich, and has a great texture.”

Casper and McManus come from very different, but complementary, backgrounds which gives added strength to their

partnership. Casper is a food scientist with nearly 20 years of experience specializing in grains for large companies like General Mills, Pillsbury, and Cargill. McManus is a graphic designer with strong skills in the area of brand development. She has also owned and managed a high-end flower shop, and worked as a producer in an animation studio. Both say they have a broad entrepreneurial streak.

The name of their business speaks to evolution and change. The original noodle in China was the dumpling: a pulled piece of dough, boiled in water. As dumplings evolved over time, they elongated into strands of dough that were thin and graceful. The name Dumpling & Strand seems to say it all...

In the relatively short time since Casper and McManus started their business, they've already seen quite a lot of change. Dumpling & Strand launched at the Kingfield Farmer's Market in May 2016 with their fresh ramen noodles. In December 2016, they got picked up by a distributor and now have noodles available for sale in 25 co-ops and natural food stores in five states. They just celebrated their first year of noodle making at Gia Kitchens, 1222 MacKubin Street in St. Paul.

When asked about future noodling, McManus said, “We'd like to continue having product available in more stores and restaurants. Currently, if you'd like to try our noodles, the Birchwood Cafe uses our toasted basmati fettuccine in their carbonara. The Riverview Wine Bar also has us on their menu, and you can find Dumpling and Strand in the refrigerated section at the Seward Co-op. As a Longfellow resident for almost 15 years, that makes me happy.”

“We're excited about the idea of partnering with small farmers in Minnesota,” McManus added, “to plant unique and sustainable grains like kernza: a perennial form of wheat. Because it doesn't have to be reseeded every year, water run-off, erosion from tilling, and the need for fertilizers are all greatly reduced.”

“Our stance is that fresh ingredients are always better. We use only fresh milled grains for our noodles” she said. “As a consumer, you will find ours to be a



Kelly McManus (left) and Jeff Casper (right), co-proprietors of Dumpling & Strand. Pictured with a fresh batch of ramen, they also produce three gluten-free varieties of noodles, a toasted farro fettuccine, and campanelle, mafaldine, and pici noodles made with rustic durum wheat and egg.

very different product than a bag of dried noodles made from old flour that's been shipped across the country. Just like coffee, wine or cheese, people are starting to see grains in new, expanded ways.”

Last but not least, McManus answered the question that crosses every noodle maker's

mind at some point—the question for which apparently there is an expert, definitive answer. After cooking their fresh noodles for 2-3 minutes in rapidly boiling water, should they be rinsed? The answer is, “Yes,” unless finishing in a saucepan with oil. In McManus' words, “Rinsing tightens everything up; you should do it.”



Casper produced fresh ramen noodles on Dumpling and Strand's vintage noodle cutting machine.

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At the NENA Annual Meeting on Thur., Apr. 27 (see below for time and place), NENA will hold elections for the Board of Directors for one seat each for the Minnehaha, Morris Park, and Wenonah neighborhoods; three seats for the Keewaydin neighborhood; and three at-large seats.

Residents (homeowners and renters), property owners and businesses (owners and employees) from Nokomis East are encouraged to run for a board member seat. Members serving on the NENA Board will have the opportunity to shape the future of our community. The NENA Board meets once a month for most of the year.

Interested individuals are encouraged to attend the Board Information Session on Thur., Apr. 13, at 6pm in the NENA Office, or schedule a time to meet with Becky Timm, NENA's Executive Director, to learn more about serving on the Board. Visit NENA's website (nokomiseast.org) for more information, dates for

NENA (Nokomis East Neighborhood Association)

4313 54th St. E.

Annual Meeting and NENA Board elections scheduled Apr. 27

upcoming meetings, and the nomination form.

11th annual Grow Monarch Habitat Workshop

The overall monarch population has declined approximately 90% since 2014. This is largely due to habitat loss. Learn how to bring food to monarchs by planting native milkweeds (the only monarch caterpillar food) and their favorite nectar plants.

The workshop is scheduled for Sat., May 20, 10am-noon (doors open at 9:30am) at the Lake Nokomis Community Center, 2401 E. Minnehaha Pkwy.

This kid-friendly session offers a wealth of information for both beginning and ad-

vanced gardeners. Space and Monarch Garden To-go Kits are limited. Registration is required, workshop attendance is free, and participants may purchase Garden To-go Kits from NENA with 12 native pollinator plants for your yard. To register, fill out the form found at www.nokomiseast.org/grow-monarch-habitat-workshop.

Curb Appeal Matching Grant Lottery

Nokomis East residents are encouraged to sign up for the Curb Appeal Grant Lottery and get their upcoming exterior home project entered to win a matching grant of up to \$500. The deadline to enter is May 12, and winners will be announced right before Memorial Day Weekend to start your summer off right. Visit www.nokomiseast.org for more information and to register.

Home Improvement Loan Program available

Thinking about your next green home improvement projects, like insulation, weather stripping, solar panels, wind generator or geothermal? Check out NENA's Home Improvement Loans to see if your project qualifies!

Owners of one to four unit residences can apply for up to \$15,000 to make improvements to their properties. Owner-occupants and investors may apply. The interest rate is either two or three percent, depending on income. No income restrictions apply.

NENA also has available a limited amount of funds for our emergency repair loan program. Only owner-occupied households are eligible, and income restrictions do apply. There is a maximum loan amount of \$7,500 at zero percent interest. The loan is due in full upon sale of the proper-

ty or title transfer.

For more information or to request an application for one of the NENA loan programs, call our partner, the Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation's Housing Resource Center, at 612-588-3033, or visit www.gmhchousing.org. Loan applications are processed on a first-come, first served basis.

Upcoming events

All are welcome to attend:

- Wed., Apr. 5, 6:30-7:30pm, NENA Housing, Commercial, and Streetscape Committee, NENA Office, 4313 E. 54th St.
- Wed., Apr. 12, 6:30-8pm, Green Initiatives Committee Meeting, NENA Office
- Thur., April 13, 6-7pm, NENA Board Candidate Information Session, NENA Office
- Thur., Apr. 27, 5-8pm, NENA Annual Meeting and Board Elections, Crosstown Covenant Church, 5540 30th Ave. S.
- Sat., May 20, 10am-noon (doors open at 9:30am), NENA Grow Monarch Habitat Workshop, Lake Nokomis Community Center, 2401 E. Minnehaha Pkwy.

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Article missed what it means to be real neighbor

To the Editor:

I am writing to you about your article in the March edition of the *Longfellow Nokomis Messenger* by Stephanie Fox titled "Got lots of stuff in your garage? You can now rent it out."

I am appalled and disgusted with the attitude of this Jason Wood. I have lived in the Minneapolis area for my entire life. My parents always loaned our equipment and tools to neighbors. It was considered "neighborly" to do that. It was "friendly and sociable" to do that. Your article uses these terms for people who make money off of their "neighborliness" while calling the owners of the most equipment and tools "power owners." Jason thinks this is what a close knit community is? He says, "South

Minneapolis is a very friendly place. A lot of us already share our stuff with our neighbors." So his idea is to make it "friendly and sociable" and rent to them instead of loaning them stuff. Oh yes, and by the way, you can buy insurance too and use your credit card. I hope he fails miserably. How disgusting to monetize neighborliness. ICK!

Judy Kjenstad,
a real neighbor, not a fake one

Support Lake St. bike lanes

Dear Editor,

I have lived in Longfellow for 20 years and made the conscious choice to 'settle in' here to raise our family, largely because it's a wonderful neighborhood. We are blessed by our proximity to the Mississippi River, the Greenway, Mother Earth Gardens, and Riverview Theater, to name a few favorites. We love having so many destinations easily accessible by walking or biking, but our neighborhood lacks the much-needed safe east-west artery for commuters, families who bike, and those visiting Longfellow businesses that would connect between the

river and LRT.

I value our neighborhood businesses and am grateful for the services they provide to us. I am dismayed, however, by the anti-neighborhood fight against the proposed bike lanes on 38th St. E., without compromise, which some businesses are engaging in. As part of our neighborhood, I would like them to put their customers, and the neighborhood at large, first.

Craig Rymer
Longfellow Resident

Dismayed by some in the business community

Dear Editor,

Two years ago, we bought a house in Longfellow. Living in a walkable, bikeable community is very important to my family. We choose to do errands by bike because of the health benefits, environmental impact and reduction of traffic congestion. It makes us feel connected to our community. Imagine my dismay when I heard of the fight against bike lanes on 38th St.—led by some members of the business community. It sure doesn't feel very neighborly.

Encouraging biking—especially for short trips—benefits everyone in the community. Certain demographics (women and parents with small children in tow, for example) aren't going to bike when safety is compromised. Minneapolis loves to tout it's bike-friendly reputation, but we have to follow through. Adding bike lanes on 38th St. provides an essential east-west route, connecting the river and LRT, connecting the community.

We need to look at a bigger picture than some lost parking spaces.

Brigid Berger
Longfellow Resident



Karen Cooper Presents "Minnehaha Falls: A Rowdy History"

Karen Cooper, historian, will speak at Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors 19th Annual Italian Dinner fundraiser. Come hear about Minnehaha Falls' unusual history. All are welcome.

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No specific grocery store picked yet for 46th and Hiawatha

Residents crowd meeting for information and to share input on grocery store proposed for 'town square retail' site

By TESHA M. CHRISTENSEN

Over 100 residents showed up at the Hiawatha School Recreation Center to talk about a potential grocery store at 46th St. and Hiawatha during a Feb. 23 community meeting, filling up the available space and spilling into the hallway.

'Why a grocery store at this site?' wondered some.

"The demand for groceries in this part of the city is incredible high," remarked Joe Bernard, Minneapolis Principal Planner. "There's demand for more than one grocery store in this location."

Oppidan has proposed investing \$38-44 million in a five-story building. The 5.7-acre parcel that currently houses the Creative Kidstuff building, and sits adjacent to the Burger King, Holiday, strip mall and Falls Liquor.

According to Drew Johnson, Oppidan's planning began with a review of the city's transit-oriented development guidelines for the area, starting with the 2001 committee recommendations for the neighborhood and followed by the 2014 update.

Phase one would include 45,000 square feet of retail on the ground level with 146 apartments in upper levels and resident parking beneath. To encourage residents to use the nearby public transportation options, there would be less than one parking space allocated per apartment, according to Johnson. A second-story plaza would be used by building residents while a smaller outdoor plaza on the ground floor would be used by shoppers.

"Everything is preliminary," stressed Johnson.

Developers have not yet selected a specific grocery store to



According to Drew Johnson of Oppidan, phase one of the project would include 45,000 square feet of retail on the ground level with 146 apartments in upper levels and parking beneath for residents. Developers have not yet selected a specific grocery store, but note the space available would fit a medium-size store. (Photo by Tesha M. Christensen)

fit into the 45,000 sq ft retail space, but note the space available would fit a medium-size store. To put that in perspective, a Hyvee is typically 90,000 sq ft, a Cub ranges from 65-80,000 sq ft, Lunds & Byerly's range from 50-90,000 sq ft, a Trader Joe's is 12,000 sq ft, and an Aldi is 19,000 sq ft.

A large, underground system would collect water run-off and treat it.

Other green space would be along the former railroad track,

which those with the Mi Hi Line Coalition (www.minhiline.org) envision becoming a bike/walk trail and linear park.

Traffic concerns

Residents are concerned about traffic on 46th, especially the area near the railroad tracks where traffic currently empties onto the heavily traveled street.

"My concern with any development in this area is the traffic it will bring," stated resident Kevin Baumgartner. "This

is a really bad stretch of 46th." He questioned adding another stoplight between the one on Hiawatha and Minnehaha Ave., and how it would add to the bottleneck near Burger King and Holiday. Plus he pointed out that those on the trail will want to cross 46th there and not move east to a stoplight.

Johnson acknowledged that traffic is a concern in the area, and pointed out that it was brought up by residents at the first community meeting on

"We can't wait 20 years when there is a 40,000-square-foot grocery store there. Traffic is bad. We need a future plan now."

**— Kevin Baumgartner
resident**

the project held in January. They are currently working on a traffic management plan with the goal of improving traffic in the area, he pointed out.

Developers are asking, "How low do we think traffic can go?" according to Johnson, and have set the goal of seeing at least 50% of residents use another form of transportation than a car. They're also hoping that shoppers use the Blue Line, A Line, and other public transit options, as well as the nearby trail system for biking and walking.

Snelling extension, access closures

The plan to extend Snelling Ave. into the site and curve it over to Hiawatha would provide access to the area. The exact route of the roadway has not been determined, but eventually it would likely be the only access point from the retail area onto 46th.

Baumgartner pushed for the closure of the other accesses right away. "We can't wait 20 years when there is a 40,000 sq ft grocery store there. Traffic is bad," he said. "We need a future plan now."

Bernard pointed out that the developer will need to meet current standards and mitigate the impacts of traffic from the site. However, the city can't just remove accesses to businesses.

"We need to maintain access for private property owners to the street system," said Bernard.

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Residents Zak R. Stephens, Maja Bjornson, and Deb Stancevic learn about the development planned near 46th and Hiawatha during a community meeting on Feb. 23. Stancevic is excited about the plans and has been pushing for a grocery store in the area. Bjornson is a 61-year neighborhood resident and lives adjacent to the proposed site. (Photo by Tesha M. Christensen)

Grocery store proposal

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Additionally, 46th St. needs to be rebuilt within the next few years as it is at the end of its life. It may be done in the 2019-2020 Capital Improvement Project cycle; however, the county has 10 years worth of projects for the next five years, according to Hennepin County Transportation Engineer Bob Byers.

Residents expressed concerns about the hostile environment between Hiawatha and Minnehaha, and suggested that more trees be planted.

Park Board won't manage Linear Park

A bike/walk trail in this area would create a protected connection between the Midtown Greenway and Minnehaha Pkwy., and complete the Longfellow Grand Rounds, as noted in the Minneapolis Bicycle Master Plan.

However, District 5 Park Commissioner Steffanie Musich stressed that this trail will not be managed by the Park and Recreation Board, but rather by the city or county like the Midtown Greenway.

"This is not an area we have planned to invest in public land," said Musich. "I don't see us taking that on."

While the Park Board had once owned the former railroad land, in 2007 it traded it to the city as representatives then thought it would make a good

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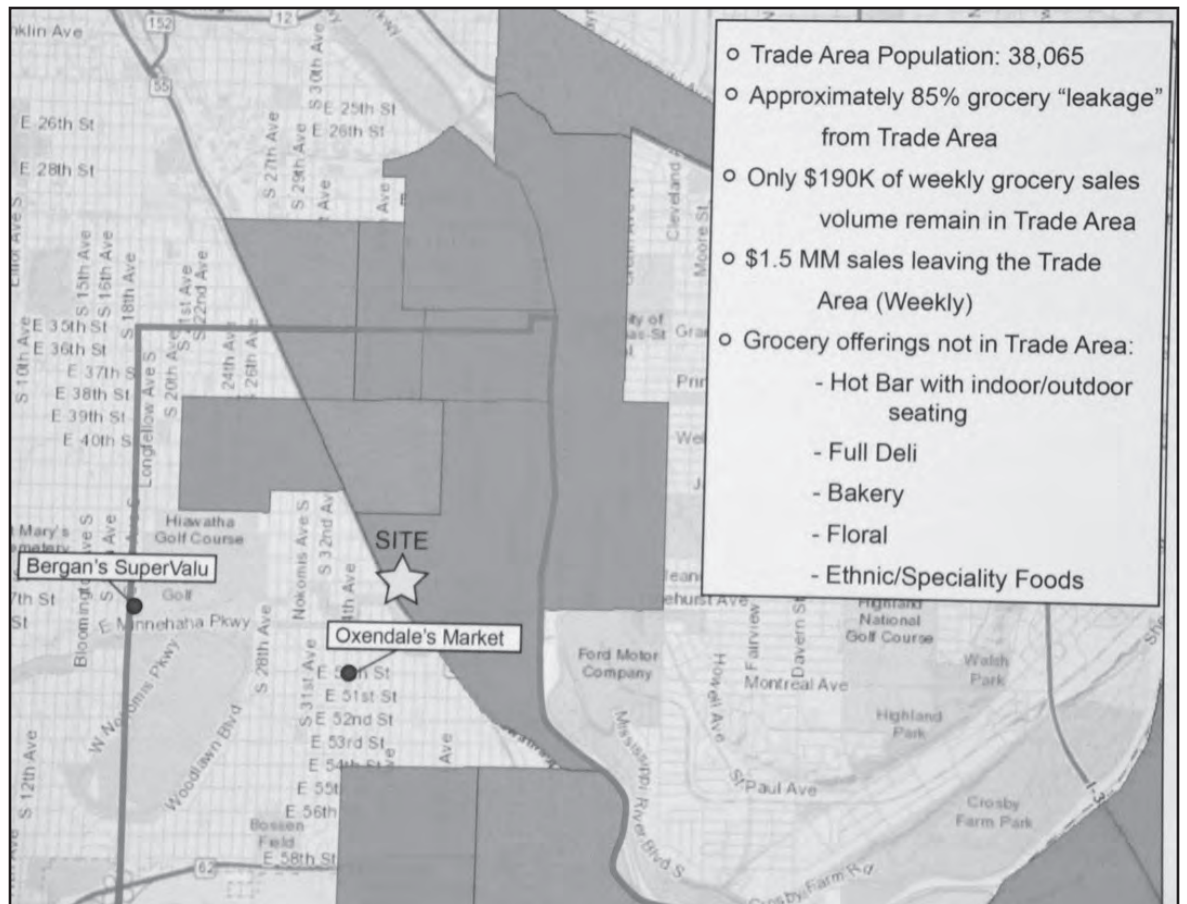
**— Andrew Johnson
city council member**

transit corridor. In return, the Park Board received the riverfront from Plymouth to Broadway in North Minneapolis, an area not as well served as South Minneapolis regarding parks.

Of course, Park Board planners will work with the city to connect any trails in the development to its existing trail system.

The main connection the Park Board would have with the project is that it would benefit from the park dedication fees paid by the developer. They could range from \$230,000-280,000 and be used at the nearby Adams Triangle Park, Hiawatha School Park or Minnehaha Park. The money can't be used on operations or to replace an amenity, but can be used on new amenities, according to Musich. For example, they couldn't be used to fix a baseball field, but could be used to install multi-purpose fields at Hiawatha School Park.

Musich responded to a concern about the lack of enough trash cans at parks and how late bathrooms open in the spring. She pointed out that thanks to the financial agreement made



A market analysis shows that \$1.5 million in grocery store sales are leaving the trade area each week. Grocery offerings not currently in the trade area include a hot bar with indoor/outdoor seating, a full deli, a bakery, floral and ethnic/specialty foods.

with the city last year, the Park Board is working on an asset management plan and mapping out where items, such as trash cans, should be placed each season. With the additional funds, the Park Board will also hire more plumbers to open bathrooms quicker each spring. "This will get things done that affect

your experience at the parks," said Musich.

Share your opinions

"I am thrilled to see the turnout tonight," said council member Andrew Johnson, who added that it shows how engaged the community is and how import-

ant this project it. "We will continue to take feedback on this important project that is really at the heart of our community," he said.

To comment, contact the Longfellow Community Council or Johnson's office.

Transition Longfellow is organized by an all-volunteer group of neighbors from Greater Longfellow (and Powderhorn) who care about climate change and climate impacts on people and the environment. They have been meeting since January 2011 to learn and engage the community in activities that reduce energy use, increase urban food growing, lower carbon footprints, and build a more connected and resilient community.

Anyone can participate in Transition Longfellow activities (unless a restriction is specified). The more neighbors who sign on to help, the more activities the

Transition Longfellow

By LESLIE MACKENZIE

Building a more connected and resilient community since 2011

group can host in our community. For more information visit www.transitionlongfellow.org.

Speaker Series

The kickoff of the Speaker Series, "When Climate Change Comes Home," will occur on Sat., Apr. 22, 9:30am at Hiawatha School Park (4305 E. 42nd St.).

Did you know that in July 2011, Moorhead, Minn. was the hottest place on the planet—with a heat index of 134F and a dew point of 88 percent? (MPR Uprdraft). Or, that the tornado of March 6, 2017, was the earliest on record? Climate change is ALREADY affecting Minnesota, but do you know how these changes are going to impact us in everyday terms, and what we need to do to prepare?

The Apr. 22 presentation is the first of a six-part series looking at how climate change will impact our community. April's speaker is climate adaptation specialist Paul Moss from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. The TPT program "Climate and Health" will also be shown and community members can begin to answer the question: "What can we do to prepare our households and our community for the changes ahead?" Beverages and child care will be provided (for children over age 1; younger children can attend with parents). Register at the website.

Future presentations will look at flooding, extreme storms and tornadoes, power outages, heat waves, climate-related illnesses (insect and waterborne) and emergency preparedness.

The series will conclude with the creation of a community preparedness plan. See Preparing for a Changing Climate on the group's website for more details.

Chard Your Yard

Transition Longfellow helps neighbors get started growing food with its Chard Your Yard program. A "garden mob" of neighborhood volunteers will install 24 3'x5'x12" raised bed gardens in people's yards at cost on Sat., May 13. The beds are composed of a treated pine lumber frame and a soil/compost mix.

With support from the Longfellow Community Council's Environment Committee, six raised beds are available at half price for low-income persons and senior citizens, and two double-high raised beds are available for people with disabilities. These special beds are only available for residents of Longfellow, Cooper, Howe and Hiawatha, but the remaining 16 beds are available for anyone in the 55406 ZIP code area.

Sign-up begins Sat., Apr. 1 at transitionlongfellow.org and ends when all beds have been assigned.

VOLUNTEER! This is an all-volunteer project. Neighbors are invited to join in to make it happen. Volunteers are needed for the pre-build of the frames and on installation day to work on teams to put dirt in the beds. People can also donate food for the volunteer breakfast and lunch. Sign up at the website.

Other activities

The Transition Book/Discussion Group meets Wed., Apr. 5, 6:30pm at Moon Palace Books (3260 Minnehaha Ave.) and on Wed., Apr. 19, 6:30pm at Lake Coffee House (3223 E. Lake St.).

The book group is reading "Making Home: Adapting Our Homes and Lives to Settle in Place" by Sharon Astyk. The group reads the chapter out loud then digs deeper in a discussion. April's reading is Chapter 4 "Triaging Your Situation." There is no perfect place, only better places and worse places for your needs. We'll talk about the benefit of putting down roots. Theresa Rooney facilitates the group.

Movie Night, "The Butterfly Effect," is planned for Fri., Apr. 21, 6:30pm potluck, and 7:15pm movie at Bethany Lutheran, 3901 36th Ave. S. This locally produced documentary shows the many small but significant efforts folks in Minnesota—artists, farmers, rural landowners, forestry workers, and others—are making to help restore prairie ecosystems for butterflies (and bees). We will also have some materials on hand to help you learn about native plants you can add to your yard to benefit butterflies. Movie night is a great way to learn about Transition Towns and to meet your neighbors.

Family Game Night is planned for Fri., Apr. 28, 6:30pm at Bethany Lutheran. Game night features games for kids and adults of all ages. Everyone is welcome; feel free to bring a favorite game and snacks to share. Free.

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Hook and Ladder continues outstanding lineup of performances

There are a lot of fabulous concerts planned at the Hook and Ladder Theater Lounge in downtown Longfellow, 3010 Minnehaha Ave. All of these performances are for adults (21+). Tickets for all shows are available via Ticketfly. Some of the upcoming shows to watch for:

Teague Alexy Band
The Circuit Sessions
CD Release Party
 with special guests including:
 • Trevor James Americana Rebel
 • Thirsty River String Band
 Fri., Apr. 7, 2017
 Doors 6:30pm / Show 7:30pm
 Advance \$7 / Day of Show \$10
 Award-winning Duluth musician, author and storyteller Teague Alexy is probably best known for his Americana songwriting in the national touring brothers duo Hobo Nephews of Uncle Frank. Teague's songwriting is clearly influenced by his home in Minnesota as well as his childhood in New Jersey and life as a traveling musical hobo. Teague's storytelling side has deeper roots to his Irish ancestry. His new album *Circuit Sessions* combines multiple musical genres into a powerful new collection of Teague's

poetic songs with the lion-strong production and rhythm section of Eric Pollard (Actual Wolf) and Steve Garrington (Low) joined by Minneapolis guitarist Jake Hanson (Haley Bonar).

Singer/songwriter Trevor James (of Tin Can Gin) holds no shame for what he says in his songs. He tells it the way it is. Raised in Minnesota but born in Florida he holds southern charm and Midwest nice with open arms. In spring 2016 Trevor recorded his first album called *Broken Heart Express*. The album is a presentation of Trevor's next chapter in music, showing a different side of music interest. The album is a mix of bluegrass, modern Americana, old country, delta blues and Irish traditional.

The Thirsty River String Band is a group of guys that like to play music about the vices of our being—the cause of, and solution to, all of life's problems. Only a couple years into their musical journey, Thirsty River have already created a very enjoyable, bright and bouncing EP that showcases their soothing vocal harmonies and highly-competent musicianship.

The Magnolias plus
 • Johnny Rey & The Reaction
 • The Boot R&B
 Sat., Apr. 8

Doors 7:30pm / Show 8:30pm
 Advance \$7 / Day of Show \$10

It's hard to believe it's been over a quarter century since The Magnolias rock 'n' roll mission began. This period has seen music critics call them "Minneapolis' scruffy also-rans" and "little brothers" of more well-known Twin Cities groups The Replacements, Husker Du and Soul Asylum. Although The Magnolias were a few years younger than these bands, passage of time has revealed what fans always knew—at their best, The Magnolias were, and still are, second to none.

With a twin buzz-saw guitar attack, sturdy yet flexible rhythm section, John Freeman's inimitable caterwauling and top-notch songwriting, the band created a sound that was instantly identifiable, as well as enduring. Johnny Rey has been a fixture of the vibrant Twin Cities music scene for four decades. As guitar player, and original member, of the Rock/New Wave band Flamingo, Johnny played extensive dates

in the 5-state region as well as playing the legendary Longhorn Bar in downtown Minneapolis opening for everyone from The Talking Heads to Elvis Costello, The Only Ones and Patti Smith.

Saturday Night Dance Party
 • Sexy Delicious • Apollo Cobra
 Sat., Apr. 15

Doors 8pm / Show 9pm
 Advance \$7 / Day of Show \$10
 Gangster Jazz. Quasi-Bohemian retro-pop. No matter how you describe them, Sexy Delicious has quickly become one of the most memorable bands to leave their mark on the Twin Cities music scene in the last half-decade. They start with a generous helping of sly rhythms, add a dash of dry wit, and serve with a cool mint julep and a pile of freshly printed money.

Apollo Cobra is a different kind of Twin City power 3-piece band, employing analog synthesizers, drum machines, bass guitars, samples, vocals and HUGE beats to create what you hear on a stage...without the use of laptops. And what you hear is simply infectious, dance inducing music!

Other performances

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Bernie King & The Guilty Pleasures
 CD Release plus
 • The Jake Manders Band
 • Brady Perl
 Fri., Apr. 14
 Doors 8pm / Show 9pm
 Advance \$7 / Day of Show \$10
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The Night Before 20 with
 • Ginstrings • The Wooks
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 Advance \$7 / Day of Show \$10

The 4/20 (Rock 'n) Roll Show
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 • 20 Watt Tombstone
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 Doors 8pm / Show 9pm
 Advance \$6 / Day of Show \$9

Adult Basic Education program

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according to Phillip Koski, who represents CNO on the project task force.

This stretch of E. Lake St. is already difficult because of the cemetery on the north side. The Corcoran Midtown Revival Plan calls for mixed use with a multi-story building that houses commercial at the ground level and residential above commercial to create a vibrant street. CNO supported the school district's plan and helped MPS assemble the properties it needed at Lake and 21st.

Several of the buildings on the site across from the Soldiers Memorial Cemetery were demolished in 2016. The demolition of the remaining building at 2019 E. Lake St. was approved by the Heritage Preservation Commission and City Council in late 2016.

New building tailored to program needs

The design proposes a three-story building along Lake Street consisting of three parts—a wing for each program and a communal

center at its heart. This central space, known as the "Town Hall", will be a social hub and provide common meeting rooms for both Minneapolis Public Schools and the community.

Classrooms and specialty education areas will be tailored to specific needs, and the programs will realize a synergy by sharing areas of overlap—social zones, meeting rooms, staff work areas and teacher collaboration.

The design follows recommendations outlined in the Hiawatha/Lake Station Area Master Plan, creating a pedestri-

an-friendly urban environment with active uses and civic open space. Welcoming entrance plazas from both Lake St. and the short-term parking to the south bring users into the same central space, whether arriving by transit, bicycle, car, or on foot. A courtyard and school bus drop-off in the middle of the block provides a safe and pedestrian-friendly outdoor amenity with access controls that allow it to be closed off and flexible for programming. The 121-stall surface parking continues the plaza design, with an additional 39 parking stalls pro-

vided underground.

The southern street that bisects the site, 30½ St S., and the alley will be vacated.

The project will be a welcoming learning environment for adults, provide space that is both flexible and specialized, and be a place that fosters an active and inclusive sense of community, according to city documents.

Transition Plus currently occupies approximately 64,000 square feet in two levels of the Wilder School at 3320 Elliot Ave. S. in Minneapolis.

Neither the Wilder School nor the Brown building were designed specifically for these programs, resulting in inefficiency of

space, function, and operation, according to documents filed with the city.

An advisory group comprised of various Minneapolis Public Schools staff, Board of Education members, parents of students, a City Council member, and members of the community formed a collective voice in determining the site location, establishing vision and goals, and reviewing the design. Additionally, representatives from both the Adult Education and Transition Plus program provided detailed input and feedback for the spatial program and design submitted.



The Adult Basic Education program is being displaced by the construction of Hennepin County's new service building and a large commercial and residential development at 2225 E. Lake St. The school district had three years to vacate the Brown Building before penalties were applied. The new Hennepin County building is nearing completion. (Photo by Tesha M. Christensen)

South High campus proposal

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east-west to a north-south field, Koski moved the athletic fields to the south of 31st. "It will only work if you have a full city block," said Koski.

Currently, there are only bleachers on one side of the football field, and the track is not regulation size. With the new ABE/T+ building, the athletic field is landlocked.

Another issue the plan solves is providing more park-

ing for the school, solving the thorny problem created now by parking that flows into the neighborhood.

Under Koski's plan, the existing school building would be torn down and more green-space created, something Koski feels would benefit students.


He pointed out that the existing building has no connection with the outside. "It's a windowless bunker," said Koski. "There is no amount of money that will fix this building."

The structure was built in the 1970s by an architect from Texas and was originally an


open school. A few years later, partitions were added, resulting in what Koski calls a "rabbit's warren of classrooms."

Koski doesn't see this plan being implemented immediately but views it as something that is 20-30 years out. He doesn't even view it as the only plan but hopes it gets people talking.

While no formal CNO or MPS endorsement of this plan has been considered to date, it has received a positive reaction from South High leadership, key school board members, and the CNO committee and board.



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South Minneapolis Housing Fair

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and cost-effective ways to remodel or tear down a house. "We save and recycle 80 percent of deconstruction materials and resell at our warehouse on Minnehaha Ave," said Alex Baldwin, the group's Sales and Donations Manager. Their booth will feature both their services and show samples of some of the beautiful vintage and other design and construction materials available to purchase.

Friends of the East Lake Library will be at the Housing Fair to let people know that the Library is a great resource for Do-It-Yourself project books, said Holly Breymaier, a volunteer with the group. "We'll have a handout that shows books in the Hennepin County collection—folks just have to request those that aren't in their local library. Plus we'll have some books we'll give away. And, we hope to interest folks who are into books into joining our group."

The Minnesota Department of Health will demonstrate the

dangers of bad indoor air, with updates about mold and radon. Radon is a colorless, odorless, radioactive gas, common in basements in homes in South Minneapolis. It can cause serious health problems, including lung cancer. If testing shows that radon is present, there are ways to mitigate the problem.

Commercial businesses at the Fair are screened to make sure that they follow good customer service practices. Many are either based in South Minneapolis or have local experience in the area's housing stock. Many also offer green technologies.

Diana Grundeen, owner of Trio Landscaping, a Minnesota Nursery Landscape Association member and a winner of several design awards, was featured on HGTV's show, *Curb Appeal*. Her specialty is creating small urban retreats in the backyards of South Minneapolis homes. She'll be available to talk to homeowners about design projects.

Buck Brothers Construction has been helping homeowners in South Minneapolis, with large and small remodeling jobs since 1983. Joe and Bob Buck, working out of their company at located at 2002 24th Ave., are experts in green and sustainable construction. They'll be there to answer questions about designing, building or remodeling.

Orfield Construction, founded in the 1920s, was handed down from father to son. John Orfield, who took over from his dad in 1993, says he has seen new products and methods in homebuilding, but that old-fashioned values are just as important as they were in his father's day. He specializes in additions and remodeling.

Members of the Nokomis East Neighborhood Association's Housing Committee will be sharing information low-interest home improvement and no-interest emergency re-

pair loan programs, available for homeowners living in the Nokomis East Neighborhood (Keewaydin, Minnehaha, Morris Park and Wenonah). You can find information about the new Curb Appeal Matching Grant Lottery, a program to help fund landscaping projects. Other neighborhood organizations, including those from Seward, Corcoran and Bancroft, will also attend.

Tech Dump will be there to take away and safely recycle tech devices including notebooks, laptops, keyboards, hard drives and iPods. They do not accept all devices, so call 763-424-3117 to check if your old electronics can be recycled. Tech Dump also has great bargains on refurbished electronics.

There are some fun things to do as well.

For a hands-on building experience, stop by the Elpis Enterprises booth. Elpis Enterprises is an organization supporting employment training for young people, ages 16 through 23, who are experiencing homelessness. The non-profit creates small businesses that teach kids skills that can lead to jobs, said Executive Director Paul Ramsour. One of their businesses manufactures cedar products, including cedar bird feeders, from recycled and reclaimed cedar fences. Some of these kids will be on hand to help anyone, young or old, build their own bird feeder. The South Minneapolis Housing Fair has covered the costs, so it's not only fun, it's free of charge.

Also, check out the tiny solar house from the Minnesota Renewable Energy Society (MRES). This interpretive exhibit, in the parking lot of South High School, will give a close look at some newly available green building technologies.

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Roosevelt High School Art Crawl illuminates art, community

By JILL BOOGRIN

On a chilly Friday night in February, a marshmallow roast on the front lawn of Roosevelt High School beckoned visitors to warm their hands, enjoy a treat, and join the party. Inside the school, hallways were dimmed as the forced glare of fluorescent lighting was replaced by holiday lights, tea lights, lanterns and more. It was Roosevelt's second of three annual Art Crawls, "Illumination," which shone a light on art, community, and justice.

In the front entryway, guests were greeted with larger-than-life papier-mâché puppets of iconic peacemakers and agitators for justice—Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Mahatma Gandhi, Cesar Chavez, John Lennon, Fred Rogers, Albert Einstein, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Rosa Parks. Collectively named "Dancing Ancestors," they are the creations of Mary Plaster and have been seen at May Day Parades, marches and other events throughout the city and state.

Alongside them were large photographic portraits of stu-



These papier mache "Dancing Ancestors," created by artist Mary Plaster, stood in Roosevelt's front entryway during the Art Crawl. From left: Mahatma Gandhi; Fred Rogers; Cesar Chavez; Albert Einstein. (Photo by Jill Boogren)

dents from Wellstone International High School who shared their immigration stories and dreams as part of the Green Card Youth Voices collection. Their stories are now available in the book "Green

Card Youth Voices: Immigration Stories from a Minneapolis High School," which won a gold medal last year for Best Multicultural Nonfiction Chapter Book in the Moonbeam Children's Book



Large portraits of Wellstone International High School students who shared their immigration stories and dreams as part of Green Card Youth Voices lined the front hallway. Pictured left to right: Wendy Saint-Felix, from Haiti; Zaynab Abdi, Yemen; Willia Alonzo, Guatemala; Aksum and Tsion Woldeyes, Ethiopia. (Photo by Jill Boogren)

Awards.

In the exhibit, *iluminación*, Roosevelt students expressed their fears through art and in letters

addressed to President Trump. In her piece, entitled *Temblor* (Tremor), 11th-grade artist Ana Freeberg used a demon and gas mask to symbolize her struggles as a Mexican-American girl living in the United States, her wish for acceptance, and her desire to maintain both cultures in harmony.

Overall, the event was festive, celebratory, but it also carried a sense of urgency. The B-side of the program declared as much, in bold caps, "There is nothing more urgent than freedom," challenging visitors to dig a little deeper into what it means to be in community.

"Illumination has always had multiple meanings for us," said Roosevelt Fine Arts Coordinator Candida Gonzales. "I think it's easiest to see how we've played with the theme of illumination



In this piece, *Temblor* (Tremor), 11th grade student Ana Freeberg describes her struggles as a Mexican American girl living in the United States. The demon represents fear of not being accepted by Americans or Mexicans, while the gas mask symbolizes Freeberg's desire to maintain both cultures in harmony. (Photo by Jill Boogren)



Back to front: Ava Rowan, Lexi Bilges, Giselle Berg, and Greta Boogren from Folwell Performing Arts Magnet performed Twenty One Pilots' "Ride" and other pop songs as a ukulele quartet. (Photo by Candida Gonzales)

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Roosevelt Art Crawl

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with light and dark. But there's also this meaning of illumination that's referring to periods of time when people have become illuminated in their minds and their hearts and their spirits."

Gonzalez explained the importance of the theme for African American History Month (February), which in particular examines the Civil Rights movement, a period when people became illuminated to the wrongs they needed to right in this country. She said we've found ourselves in the midst of another period of illumination.

"No matter who you voted for, you can see people in our immediate community are suffering, are scared, and are looking for ways to fight back against what they think is wrong," said Gonzalez. "As always, we invite them to express their thoughts and feelings through art."

One hallway was lined with four-foot-tall mirror shields, brought in to raise awareness about indigenous land and water rights. Created by artist Cannupa Hanska Luger in collaboration with Chris Lutter-Gardella and Rory Wakemup, the shields simulate water, playing with the light much like ripples on a moving river do the sunlight, creating a dazzling display. They symbolize the ability of artists to reflect our society and were also used at Standing Rock, North Dakota, to reflect back to officers what they looked like in riot gear holding batons.

In addition to art installations, community artists had jewelry for sale, assisted in creating a mosaic, and operated a printmaking station. The event also featured dance and musical performances—the RHS Jazz Combo lit up Door 19, and the Folwell Performing Arts Magnet pop choir, rock band, and ukelele quartet

rocked out in the North Gym. In the auditorium, cast members performed a sneak preview of The Addams Family musical (coming up Apr. 27-29 at Roosevelt, see details In Our Community, page

14), and the improv group Teddy, Set, Go, riffed off of audience suggestions and delivered a good dose of comedy.

Various Roosevelt booster groups raising money for their

school clubs made sure there was plenty of delicious food on hand, including pozole soup, sambusas, egg rolls, tacos, tamales, sweet treats, horchata, and more, making the event a feast for all the

senses.

The next Art Crawl, "Mosaic," will be Fri., May 19, 5-7pm. As always, the Art Crawl is free and open to the public.



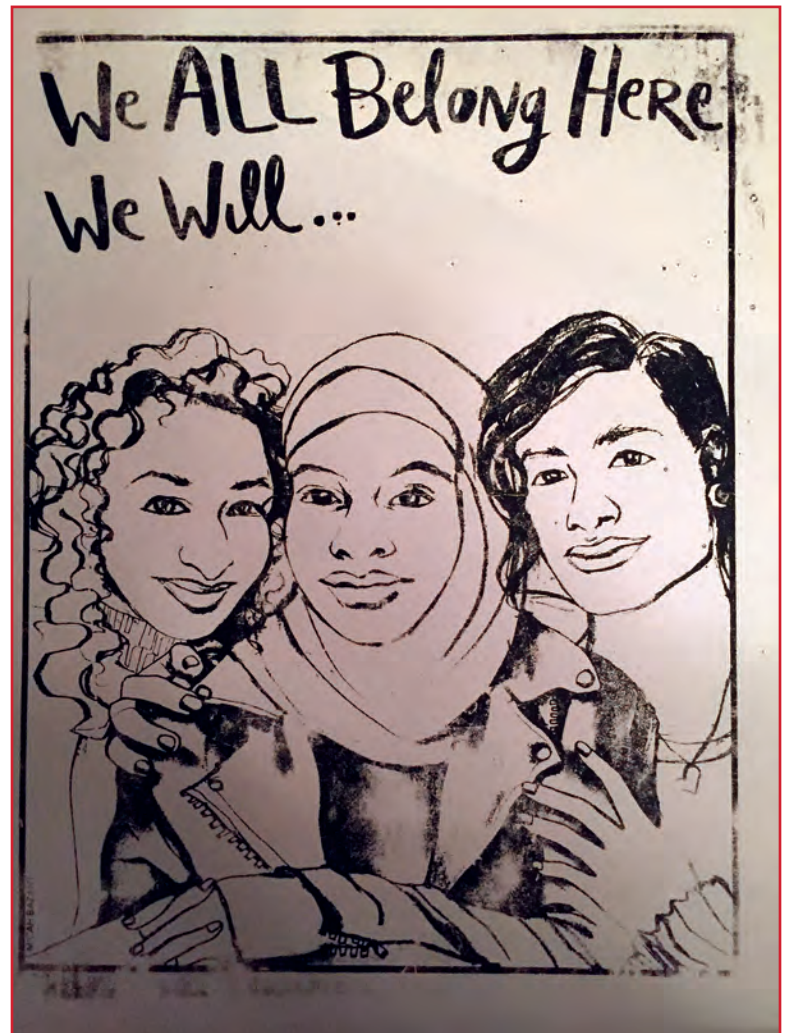
Living Proof Collective helped Dakota Bilges, 6, create a screenprint. (Photo by Candida Gonzalez)



From left to right, Kay Carvajal Morán, Yessica Estrada Morales, Stephany Martinez Arias, Kathryn Wight and Guadalupe Estrada Pliego of Roosevelt's Spanish Immersion Program served up pozole, horchata and Jamaican water in the cafeteria Food Court. (Photo by Candida Gonzalez)



Patrick and Luisa from the Semilla Project facilitated mosaicking. (Photo by Candida Gonzalez)



The screenprints. (Photo by Jill Boogren)

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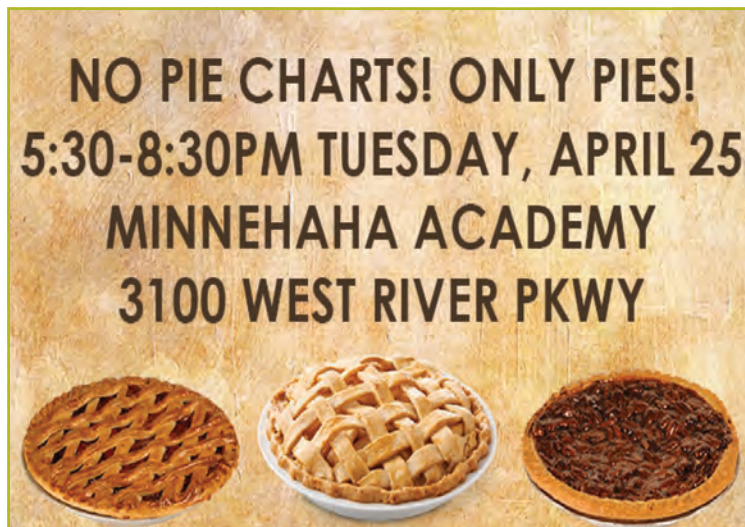


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No Pie Charts! Only Pies! Set for Tuesday, April 25

The Longfellow Community Council's Annual No Pie Charts! Only Pies! Membership Meeting is set for Tuesday, April 25 at Minnehaha Academy North, 3100 West River Parkway. There will be a resource fair with local organizations and businesses from 5:30-6:30 p.m., followed by board elections and committee updates from 6:45-8:30 p.m. This event is a pie potluck. Residents are encouraged to bring at least one pie to share with neighbors. New this year, The Minneapolis Toy Library will be sponsoring a room with kids' activities. For more information or to sign up for our resource fair, go to www.longfellow.org.



Registration Open for No Pie Charts! Only Pies! Resource Fair



Registration is open through Sunday, April 16 for LCC's No Pie Charts! Only Pies! Resource Fair, held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 25 at Minnehaha Academy North, 3100 West River Parkway. Tables and chairs will be provided for all participants and organizations. The cost to participate in the Resource Fair is \$25 for companies/organizations and \$20 for non-profit organizations. Registration fees can be paid by check (made out to the Longfellow Community Council) or online. LCC is also offering sponsorship levels at this year's event! If your business or organization donates \$50 or more to LCC, your logo will be included on all the promotional materials generated for the meeting, including the program. To register, go to <http://www.longfellow.org/annual-no-pie-charts-only-pies-resource-fair/>.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

38th Street Bike Lanes community meeting

Date: Tuesday, May 9th

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Longfellow Park

LCC is hosting a community meeting to gather additional input from Greater Longfellow residents and businesses on the addition of bike lanes on 38th Street from Minnehaha to the river road.

LCC held its first input meeting on November 30th and heard from ma-

ny residents and businesses both in favor and against the bike lanes. At this upcoming meeting, the City of Minneapolis' Public Works Department will provide the community with revised plans for the corridor and will provide time for community feedback and questions.

The agenda for this meeting has not yet been set but we hope to see lots of community members in attendance. For updated information on the plans for this project you can use the following link: www.minneapolis.gov/bicycles/projects/WCMSP-187984

Prior to the meeting, LCC will post updates on this project on both our

website (www.longfellow.org) and on our Facebook page.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Executive Director Melanie Majors at Melanie@longfellow.org or via phone at 612-722-4529 ext. 14

Letter from Bonnie Horgos, Communications Manager

It is with a heavy heart that I am announcing my resignation from the Longfellow Community Council. My last day was Friday, March 17, and I

started work at the Battered Women's Justice Project on Tuesday, March 21. This is a very bittersweet transition, as I have truly enjoyed working for LCC. In the year and a half that I've worked here, I've had the privilege of working alongside truly remarkable staff, board members, and volunteers. However, I will remain a Longfellow resident, and plan to volunteer for LCC. I hope to see everyone around the neighborhood, and please stay in touch!

LCC Yahoo Groups Transition

In the spirit of Spring cleaning, LCC's committees are tran-

sitioning to a simpler, more user-friendly style of communication. After April 7, the previously used YahooGroups pages will no longer be active and you will need to re-subscribe to the new email lists. If you are a current subscriber to one or more of LCC's committees, you will receive an email asking you to confirm your subscription to continue receiving updates. Want to receive committee email, but don't know how to join the list? Head to www.longfellow.org to sign up! For questions, contact Program Manager, Ashleigh, at 612-722-4529, ext. 13, or ashleigh@longfellow.org.

Board of Directors Election No Pie Charts – Only Pies Annual General Membership Meeting

April 25, 2017 –

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All levels of experience are welcomed. You need only an interest in the community, to live in the Longfellow, Cooper, Howe or Hiawatha neighborhood and a commitment to participate in meetings a few hours a month to participate on the Board.

To run for a seat on the LCC Board of Directors you need

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LCC welcomes diversity and encourages people from all walks of life to join our board. When the full spectrum of the community is represented through leadership, our neighborhood reaps the benefit.

There are 10 open seats on the Board. Anyone interested in more information about the LCC Board should contact LCC Executive Director Melanie Majors either by phone at (612) 722-4529 ext. 14 or via email at melanie@longfellow.org or visit our website at www.longfellow.org to view the open seats and related terms.

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Public meeting set for Mar. 30 about Lake Hiawatha

There will be a public meeting to update the neighborhood on phase two of the groundwater and stormwater pumping investigation at Lake Hiawatha. The meeting is planned for 6:30pm on Thur., Mar. 30 at Lake Nokomis Community Center Gymnasium, 2401 E. Minnehaha Pkwy.

The City of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) are continuing work to investigate groundwater pumping and alternatives for Lake Hiawatha. The ongoing effort used data gained from monitoring devices installed more than a year ago to further understand the volume of water being pumped and other characteristics that might impact upon solutions that change pumping regimes. This work also more closely assessed potential impacts to nearby homes, as well as some that are more remote from the golf course but could be impacted by changes. MPRB and City Staff received a formal report on work completed to date during the week of Feb. 27 and will share that information publicly at the Mar. 30 meeting.

Faith Book Club meets Apr. 1

The Faith Ev. Lutheran Book Club meets the first Saturday of every month from 10-11am at the church, 3430 E. 51st St. The next meeting will be Apr. 1.

Annual Italian Dinner scheduled Apr. 27

Karen Cooper, local historian, will present "Minnehaha Falls: A Rowdy History" at Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors' 19th Annual Italian Dinner Fundraiser.

Cooper will delve into the little-known history of one of Minneapolis' best-known locations. Imagine a time when Minnehaha Falls was the scene of mayhem and scandal, including sideshows, illegal saloons, dancehalls, and carnivals. Learn how Minnehaha Falls went from rural wonder to a rowdy tourist attraction to a family-friendly neighborhood park.

The event includes an Italian dinner (gluten-free/vegetarian options are available), speaker and silent auction and will be held on Thur., Apr. 27 at St. Albert the Great Church, corner of E. 29th St. and 32nd Ave. S. The social/reception and silent auction starts at 5:30pm and the dinner, followed by the speaker, is from 6-8:30pm.

Reservations are \$35/person and should be made by Apr. 21

The cast of Folwell's performance of 'Into the Woods Jr.'



Cast members from Folwell Performing Arts Magnet brought our favorite fairy tales to life in the storybook musical mashup "Into the Woods Jr." in March. (Photo courtesy of Nancy Nair)

by contacting Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors at 612-729-5799 or info@lshealthyseniors.org. Proceeds from the event help 600+ community seniors live independently.

Youth to serve Easter breakfast at Faith

Faith Ev. Lutheran Church, 3430 E. 51st St., youth will serve Easter Breakfast following the 9am worship service on Easter Sunday, Apr. 16. Call the church office at 612-729-5463 or visit the website, faithlutheranmpls.org for ticket information.

Take a new look at your landscape

Help your yard be water smart, weed smart, and butterfly and bee smart. Learn why managing storm water, adding native plants, and careful mowing can help make your landscape look good and do well—no matter what the weather does.

Julie Weisenhorn, of WC-CO's Smart Gardens fame (and a U-MN Extension Horticulturist), is coming to the next Longfellow Garden Club meeting to talk about designing new life into your landscape, with new plantings and changes to create a more sustainable yard and healthier habitat for wildlife.

Join in to hear Weisenhorn, and take part in the Silent Auction, on Wed., Apr. 12, at Epworth United Methodist Church, 3207 37th Ave. S. The auction is the only fundraiser and how they pay for their speakers. Please bring an item or two to donate, and plan to have fun bidding. You can drop off auction items starting at 6:30pm; bidding 6:50-7:15pm, with another 15-minute bidding window after Weisenhorn's presentation.

More information available at www.facebook.com/LongfellowGardenClub.

Eggstravaganza scheduled Apr. 8

Families with young children are invited to a free Spring Eggstravaganza with an indoor egg hunt on Sat., Apr. 8, from 10am to noon at Trinity of Minnehaha Falls, 5212 41st Ave. S. Kids can play games and make crafts, followed by a hunt for Easter eggs hidden in the building. A drawing for door prizes will be held at the end of the event, so be sure to register for the drawing and egg hunt by 10:30am. Bring a basket or pail to collect eggs and come for a morning of fun! For more details, call 612-724-3691.

NA group meets every Friday

A Narcotics Anonymous group meets every Friday evening at 7pm at Faith Evangelical Lutheran, 3430 E. 51st St. All are welcome to attend.

Rummage Sale scheduled Apr. 29

The Epworth UMC spring rummage sale will be Sat., Apr. 29 from 9am-3pm. Coffee and bars will be available for purchase. Come on by and search for hidden treasures because you never know what you might find. Epworth UMC is located at 3207 37th Ave. S.

Memories Workshop planned for May 13

An Introduction to Healing of Memories Workshop will be held Sat., May 13, 9am-1pm (lunch included) at Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church, 4101 37th Ave. S.

Everyone has a story to tell, and every story needs to be heard, acknowledged and respected. This is the first step to

personal healing as well as healing of interpersonal relationships. This free 3-hour experiential mini workshop provides a "taste" of the 3-day Healing of Memories workshop designed by Fr. Michael Lapsley, renowned South African anti-apartheid activist. The workshop provides a safe place for those who have experienced the emotional, psychological and spiritual wounds inflicted by war, human rights abuses or other trauma to share their stories and gain insight and empathy for themselves and others. During the workshop participants will participate in one exercise which will help them to tell their story in an atmosphere of confidentiality and respect and enable them to experience what this can mean in their healing journey.

To register for the workshop call the Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church at 612-722-9527. For more information about Healing of Memories contact mdf1765@comcast.net.

Healthy Seniors plan events for April

"Enhancing Eye Health & Vision" will be the topic of the Apr. 18 Senior Social/Health Talk which starts at 10:30am and meets at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2730 E. 31st St. Dr. Josh Hanen will discuss common eye diseases, early detection, and proper treatment.

A new "Tai Chi Easy" exercise/movement class will be held on Monday mornings from 10:30-11:30am, beginning Apr. 24 and going through June 26. The classes will be held at Holy Trinity Lutheran and will cost \$5/class (discounts available for lower income seniors).

The Spring Art Class Series, "Coloring: It's Not Just for Kids Anymore," will meet the third Thursday of the month from 1:30-3pm at St. Peder's Lutheran Church, 4600 E. 42nd St. The Apr. 20 class will be Stained

Glass, Coloring Paper; May 18 is Mandala Design Coloring; and June 15 is Your Choice, Mosaics, Geometrics, Animals, Florals or "Old Masters." Each class costs \$4 and includes supplies. Pre-registration is required by phone or email, and due one week before each class.

A monthly Diabetes Support Group for adults of all ages will be held Wed., Apr. 12, 6:30-8pm, at Hiawatha School Park Recreation Center, 4305 E. 42nd St.

A Low Vision Support Group will be held Apr. 11 at 1:30pm at Trinity Apartments, located at 2800 E. 31st St.

For more information on any of our classes or services, call Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors at 612-729-5799.

Adoption support group meets Apr. 4

The Adoption Support Network holds monthly support groups at Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church (4101 37th Ave. S.), for parents and teens who have been adopted. Next meeting will be held on Tues., Apr. 4 at 6:30pm.

Adoptive parents are provided with a confidential, non-judgmental environment where they can support each other and share resources. Teens are invited to meet other teens who understand what it's like to be adopted. The teen group is not a drop-off group—parent(s) must attend the parent support group. For more info and to RSVP, contact Ginny Blade at 651-646-5082 or ginnyblade@nacac.org (parents); or Christina Romo at 651-644-3036, ext. 17, or christinaromo@nacac.org (teens).

AA and NA meets

Every Monday night there is an AA meeting at 7pm at Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church (4101 37th Ave. S.), and every Tuesday and Wednesday night there is an AA meeting at 7:30pm. On Thursday night, there is an NA meeting at 7:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

Healthy Seniors plan April events

Nokomis Healthy Seniors book club will meet on Thur., Apr. 6, 11am-12:30pm, at Bethel Lutheran Church, 4120 17th Ave. S., to discuss the book "To Kill a Mockingbird." Then join them the following Thursday (Apr. 13) for lunch and a movie at 11:15am-1:30pm, to share a meal and conversation, then enjoy the classic movie "To Kill a Mockingbird" in the comfortable theater at Bethel Lutheran. A freewill offering will be taken for lunch and a movie.

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meets on Fri., Apr. 7, 1-3pm, at Nokomis Public Library, 5100 34th Ave. S. Learn tips from a nurse and others who are living with diabetes how to live with the disease.

On Thur., Apr. 27, from 11:15am-12:30pm, gather back at Bethel Lutheran for Bingo!

Talk with others who are also caring for a loved one and receive support from the Caregiver Support Group, which meets at Bethel Lutheran on Thur., Apr. 27, 1-2:30pm.

Mark your calendars for Thur., May 4, when Hunger Solutions Minnesota will present a program on how many older adults are eligible for food benefits. Learn more about the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). This meeting is also at Bethel Lutheran Church.

For more information on Nokomis Healthy Seniors go to the web site, nokomishealthyseniors.org, or email info@nokomishealthyseniors.org.

Plan your funeral in workshop May 5

"Planning Your Funeral: Nuts and bolts to help you through a stressful time," is planned at Epworth UMC for Wed., May 3, 5:30pm. In part one, a representative from the Cremation Society will be on hand to give an overview and answer questions. In part two, plan your own service (funeral, memorial) including readings, music, scripture, etc. A form will be available as a guide. A light supper will be offered at 5:30pm, followed by the program at 6:15pm. For more info contact Epworth UMC, 3207 32nd Ave. S., 612-722-0232 or epworthumcmpls@gmail.com.

Pancake Breakfast planned Apr. 23

Roosevelt High School (4029 28th Ave. S.) will hold their 19th Annual Pancake Breakfast on

Sunrise Sunsets: Flicker and Greeley plan new bar restaurant

By JILL BOOGREN

The old sign no longer hangs above the front door of the long-time watering hole Sunrise Inn (4563 34th Ave. S.). In March, a banner was strung across the side of the building announcing its closing date of Mar. 27 and bidding farewell to the "end of an era."

The bar won't be dry for long, though. Doug Flicker and Amy Greeley, who brought the Sandcastle concession to Lake Nokomis, announced in February that they are purchasing the building that houses the bar and several other units, including the Freshly Cut barbershop and a boutique. They plan to bring in their own brand of neighborhood bar, Bull's Horn Food and Drink, adding a commercial kitchen, expanding the bar, and, as a departure from The Sunrise Inn's status as one of the city's last 3.2 bars, upgrading the alcohol license to include wine and local brews. It's meant to be

Lake Hiawatha Park hosts Arbor Day Celebration on April 28

Join the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) and tree lovers of all ages for the 2017 Minneapolis Arbor Day Celebration at Lake Hiawatha Park on Apr. 28, 4-8pm.

This year's event will be a festival-style celebration full of tree-themed activities and educational opportunities, music, food, beer and, of course, new trees! Anyone can help MPRB Arborists plant more than 300 trees around Lake Hiawatha.

Activities will be concentrated near Lake Hiawatha Recreation Center, 2701 E. 44th St. Here's a quick rundown of the festivities planned:

Tree Planting

• Join MPRB Arborists for tree planting excursions leaving every half hour, 4:30-6:30pm.

Activities

- Bucket truck rides
- Rope-and-saddle tree climbing supervised by professional arborists
- Tree-sized lawn games
- Tree-themed obstacle course/Nature Play Zone
- Tree Swing

Sun., Apr. 23, 8am-1pm. "Come for the food, stay for the raffle." Adult tickets are \$5; kids 10 and under are \$3.

Gamblers Anonymous meets Wednesdays

Gamblers Anonymous meets Wednesdays from 6-7pm in the Hope Room at Living Table Church, 3805 E. 40th St. Anyone with a desire to stop gambling is welcome.

Annual rummage sale planned Apr. 1

Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church (4101 37th Ave. S.) is planning their annual rummage sale for Sat., Apr. 1, 9am-1pm, with bag time starting at noon. Lunch is served with the best



The Arbor Day Celebration will be filled with activities, music, food, beer and, of course, new trees! (Photo submitted)

• Bounce House
• Arborist Show and Tell: Get an up-close look at many of the tools, and machines Arborists use to maintain a healthy urban forest

Food, Beer, and Music

• Music: Performances by School House Rocks and Twin Town Blasting Corps (a blend of May Day Parade's Your Community Band with members of the Brass Messengers and Arborators)

• Food Trucks: Parkway Pizza and Northbound Smokehouse
• Beer Garden: 612 Brew, Able Seedhouse and Brewery, Dangerous Man Brewing, Eastlake Craft Brewery, Fair State Brewing Co-operative, Northbound Smokehouse and Brewpub, Sociable Cider Werks
• Coffee: Angry Catfish Bicycle + Coffee Bar

Run and Bike

• Arbor Day Fun Run: The Brew-

ery Running Series is offering a special Arbor Day Fun Run beginning at 6pm. Visit the race website for more information.

• Heritage Tree Bike Ride: Harmony Tree Works will lead two pre-party bike rides visiting several magnificent trees from Minneapolis' Heritage Tree Program. Rides leave from Angry Catfish Bicycle + Coffee Bar (4208 28th Ave. S.) at noon and 2pm. The 2pm ride will end at Lake Hiawatha Park in time to catch the beginning of Arbor Day festivities at 4pm. Visit the event page on Facebook for more details.

• All proceeds from the beer garden, coffee sales, and the Beer Run will be donated to local nonprofit Brewing a Better Forest for Urban Forestry Outreach.

The 2017 Minneapolis Arbor Day Celebration would not be possible without event sponsors People for Parks, Brewing a Better Forest and Pat's Tap. Also, a big thank you goes out to all of the community supporters and volunteers, including Friends of Lake Hiawatha, Giving Tree Gardens, Harmony Tree, Free Forest School and Ecological Design.

sloppy joes and homemade bars available for purchase.

Rec center upgrades planned to start

This spring, rehabilitation projects will get underway at 26 recreation centers throughout the city, improving the accessibility of their restrooms and exterior doorways.

These are the first rehabilitation projects to roll out as part of the Minneapolis Park and

Recreation Board's (MPRB) 20-Year Neighborhood Park Plan (NPP20). They involve work to adjust and correct amenities in restrooms; and to adjust clearances, slopes, level changes and doors at main entrances and other exterior doorways. About two weeks before a project begins, signs will be posted at recreation centers to notify visitors.

The following South Minneapolis recreation centers will have restroom and exterior doorway improvements: Brackett,

Coyle Community Center, East Phillips Cultural & Community Center, Lake Hiawatha, Matthews, Pearl, Peavey, Phelps Community Center. Exterior doorway improvements are scheduled for Phillips Community Center.

Throughout 2017, additional NPP20 rehabilitation projects will be announced as work plans and schedules are finalized. These include repair and replacement

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Neighborhood Churches Welcome You!

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www.bethlehemcov.org

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Good Friday Tenebrae service at 7:00pm
Easter Sunday Services 8:45 and 11:00 am;
Brunch at 9:56 am
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Contemporary Worship - 8:45 am
Sunday School for all ages - 10:00 am
Traditional Worship - 11:00 am
Español - 1:30pm
Wednesdays at 5:45 pm
Meal and activities for the family

Epworth United Methodist
3207 37th Ave. • 612-722-0232
www.epworthumcmpls.org

Pastor Steven Reiser
(Childcare Provided)
(Wheelchair Accessible)
Easter Sunday:
Brunch at 9:30am, worship at 10:30am
Upcoming:
Auction: April 1
Tree planting during outdoor worship: April 30

Hiawatha Church
4155 41st Ave S • 612-721-2201
www.hiawathachurch.com
Sunday Worship Gatherings: 9:00 & 11:00 am
Good Friday Service, April 14 at 7:00 pm
Easter Sunday, April 16 at 9:00 & 11:00 am

Living Table United Church of Christ
3805 40th St. E. • 612-729-7556
www.livingtable.org

Pastor Rachael Keefe
Sunday Worship 10:30 am
April 9 - Palm Sunday 10:30AM,
April 12 - Service of Repentance and Release 7 pm
April 13 - Maundy Thursday 7 pm
April 14 - Good Friday 7 pm
April 16 - Easter Sunrise 6:15 am,
Easter Celebration 10:30 AM
Open and Affirming
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Minnehaha Communion Lutheran
4101 37th Ave. S. • 612-722-9527
www.minnehahacommunion.com

Pastors Dan and Sally Ankerfelt
Sunday Worship - 9:45 am
Sunday School - 9:45 am
April 9 - 9:45 am Palm Sunday Worship with procession of palms
April 16 - 9:45 am Easter Resurrection
Worship Service, 11 am Easter Egg Hunt
(Wheelchair Accessible)

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St. Albert the Great Catholic
E. 29th St. at 32nd Ave. S. • 612-724-3643
www.saintalbertthegreat.org

Fr. Joe Gillespie, O.P.
Sunday Mass: 9:30 am (Childcare available)
Saturday Mass: 5 pm
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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,
First Fridays from 9 am to noon
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St. Peder's Evangelical Lutheran
4600 E. 42nd St. • 612-722-8000
www.stpeders.net

Julie A. Ebbesen, Pastor
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9 am Children/Youth Faith Formation
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Trinity Lutheran Church of Minnehaha Falls
5212 41st Ave. S. • 612-724-3691
www.trinityfalls.org

Pastor Matt Oxendale
Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:30 am
Easter Sunday 7:00 & 10:00 am
Holy Thurs & Good Friday 7:00 p.m.
Egg Hunt Sat, April 8 10 am
AA Sun & Tues 7:00 pm

Projects of the Neighborhood Churches Include:

Minnehaha Food Shelf, Serving People Tuesday, 10:30 am - 3 pm
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Riverview Corridor transit proposals meet with strong reactions

By MARGIE O'LOUGHLIN

A meeting to discuss transit options in the Riverview Corridor drew more than 175 people to a community meeting at Dowling Elementary School on March 2.

Becky Timm, Executive Director of Nokomis East Neighborhood Association, facilitated the meeting. With several "Most Promising Alternatives" up for discussion, strong opinions were expressed on all sides.

The Ramsey County Regional Railroad Authority (RCRRA) is researching the viability of a new transitway that would connect downtown St. Paul, the MSP Airport, the Mall of America, and neighborhoods within the Riverview Corridor with enhanced public transportation. The corridor measures 12.5 miles from Downtown St. Paul to the Mall of America. If an addition is created to include the future development of the Ford Plant site, the length of the route will grow by 5.5 miles.

The public meeting was held to present the most promising routes and modes of transportation to residents and business owners, and to collect opinions on those options. Kevin Roggenbuck, a Senior Transportation Planner with RCRRA, said, "We truly have not made a decision on this project yet."

Mike Rogers, Project Man-



A modern streetcar is similar to a light rail train in design. The width is the same (8 1/2'), the length is about 15' shorter (77'). The proposed streetcar for the Riverview Corridor would be similar to this one recently installed in Kansas City, KS. (Photo submitted by RCRRA)

ager for the Riverview Corridor Pre-Project Development Study, said during his presentation, "We're at the very front end of this thing; it'll take 10-12 years before it's up and running. We want to hear from you. Will it be bus, rail, or streetcar?"

"We will continue to have a growing population in the Riverview Corridor," Rogers explained. "Economic development and job opportunities will also continue to grow. In this phase of the Pre-Project Development Study, we are narrowing the choices down to the one that best meets our goals. Those goals include enhancing travel connec-

tions for riders, supporting the economic needs of the corridor, and making sure the project has strong community support."

The Policy Advisory Committee has approved the following Most Promising Alternatives to advance to the next stage of decision making:

- A "no-build" alternative
- Arterial or dedicated bus rapid transit on W. 7th St. crossing at Hwy. 5
- Arterial or dedicated bus rapid transit on W. 7th St., crossing the river on the Ford Bridge
- Light rail transit or streetcar on W. 7th St., crossing at Hwy 5
- Light rail transit or streetcar

crossing the river on the Ford Bridge

The Policy Advisory Committee will use five key criteria to analyze the different routes and modes of moving people: community, transportation, station location, environmental effects, and cost. If and when one of the alternatives is chosen, it would be moved into environmental analysis later in 2017. Project development would start in 2019; construction in 2023; the system would open for use in 2026 at the earliest.

The least familiar of the transit options is the streetcar, which looks something like an

articulated bus. It has more capacity than a regular bus and less capacity than a train. The streetcar is considered to be in-between the other two options in both size and cost. Streetcars operate with rails embedded in the pavement; all other forms of transportation can share lanes with streetcars.

Tim Mayasich, RCRRA Director, said "Citizens of both cities should feel free to contact our office. Whether it's an individual, a block club or a neighborhood group, one of us will arrange a time to come to you and answer your questions. We've slowed this process down; we want to make sure we're not getting ahead of elected officials and the public."

Mike Rogers can be reached at 651-266-2773. Kevin Roggenbuck can be reached at 651-266-2790. The website address is www.riverviewcorridor.com.

Peter McLaughlin, Hennepin County Commissioner from District 4 and Andrew Johnson, City Council Member from Ward 12, were also present at the meeting. Afterward, Johnson said, "There are going to be engineering challenges no matter which option is chosen. I hope to encourage continued, strong community engagement with the project on both sides of the river."



Danielle Larson (pictured center) spoke in support of the light rail option on Ford Pkwy. and 46th St., saying she favored more bikes and trains over cars. (Photo by Margie O'Loughlin)



Jason Craig, a resident of 46th St., was strongly opposed to tracks being laid on the street where he lives. "Our driveway would be 10' away from the tracks where trains would run every 10-15 minutes, 22 hours a day," he said. (Photo by Margie O'Loughlin)



An estimated 175 people gathered to state opinions, listen to presenters, and hear what neighbors had to say about transportation options in the Riverview Corridor (Photo by Margie O'Loughlin)

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of building roofs; heating, ventilation and air conditioning; park lighting and more.

Thanks to NPP20 funding, the six-year budget for rehabilitation in neighborhood parks has increased from less than \$4 million to \$25 million. An overview of the expanded NPP20 rehabilitation program is available at www.minneapolisparke.org/NPP20, and includes information on how projects are identified and prioritized throughout the neighborhood park system.

Blind Ministry Outreach Apr. 8

The Blind Ministry Outreach meets at Faith Ev. Lutheran, 3430

E. 51st St., the second Saturday of the month. You are invited to join them on Sat., Apr. 8, from noon-2 pm for lunch, Bible study, and fellowship. Volunteers to assist are also welcome. Call 612-729-5463 for more information.

Concert scheduled Apr. 30 at Mt. Olive

Mount Olive Music and Fine Arts presents Music for Flute and Harp, on Sun., Apr. 30, 4pm at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 3045 Chicago Ave. S.

Linda Chatterton, flute, and Rachel Brandwein, harp, will include the Minneapolis premiere of a new work written for them by Hong Kong composer Wendy Lee, American works by Vincent Persichetti, Chen Yi, Alan Hovhaness, Charles Rochester Young, and French composer

Eugene Bozza. Chatterton and Brandwein have been performing together since 2013. Individually, each has performed with numerous groups throughout the Twin Cities and given recitals throughout the U.S. and around the world. Their duo collaboration has included concert tours in the U.S. and Hong Kong, and an upcoming CD project.

A reception follows the concert in the church's Chapel Lounge. This event is free and open to the public; a free-will offering will be received to support the Music and Fine Arts program.

This is the sixth event in the 2016-2017 Mount Olive Music and Fine Arts season. For further information on this event and on the Music and Fine Arts program, please contact Dr. Cherwien at the church office by

phone at 612-827-5919, by email at cantor@mountolivechurch.org, or on-line at www.mountolivechurch.org.

Volunteers needed at Gateway Garden

Gateway Garden, at 50th St. and Hiawatha, needs a "few good neighbors" Sat., Apr. 22 at 10am, to help maintain NENA's healthy, charming prairie garden. Any volunteer who is interested in native gardens/plants is welcome. No gardening experience is required, but a love of the outdoors helps.

The garden was planted in 2010 by NENA volunteers and hosts only native, indigenous plants, including wildflowers and trees. Native gardens need support to remain healthy, keeping the space limited to native plantings, and keeping out

invasive plantings. The garden is cared for by volunteers, who weed, thin, mulch and "corral" the more enthusiastic tall plants.

Note that Apr. 29 is the back-up date if rained out. Subsequent volunteer dates include May 13 and 27, and June 10 and 24. Other late summer and fall dates are yet to be determined.

Addams Family takes the stage Apr. 27-29

Roosevelt High School Theater presents "The Addams Family: A New Musical Comedy" Apr. 27-29, at the school, 4029 28th Ave. S. On Thur., Apr. 27 performance times are 10am and 7pm; on Fri., Apr. 28 performance is at 7pm; and Sat., Apr. 29 show times are 2pm and 7pm. \$3 suggested donation, but pay as you are able.

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Want ads must be received by the Messenger by April 17 for the April 27 issue. Call 651-645-7045 for more information. Your classified ad will also be automatically placed on the Messenger's website at www.LongfellowNokomisMessenger.com

Messenger Want Ads are \$1 per word with a \$10 minimum. Send your remittance along with your ad to Messenger Classifieds, 125 1st Ave. NW, PO Box 168, Minneapolis, MN 55369. Wantads must be mailed to the Messenger before Apr. 17 for the Apr. 27 issue. Ad copy can be e-mailed to denis@deruyternelson.com. Call 651-917-4183 for more information. Your classified ad will also be automatically placed on the Messenger's website at www.LongfellowNokomisMessenger.com

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District-wide meeting for immigrant families held at South High

By MARGIE O'LOUGHLIN

Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) held a meeting at South High School on March 1 to address the concerns of immigrant and refugee students and their families. According to MPS Superintendent Ed Graff, the district began making plans for the meeting when President Trump's executive order/travel ban was first announced. "We want students and their families to know that they are welcome here," Graff said.

Graff explained that "more than 100 languages are spoken by students in our district, and one in four students is an English language learner here. We pride ourselves on our diversity at MPS."

Amy Moore, Chief Legal Counsel for the school district, responded to fears that students would be questioned by federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers on school grounds. "If ICE officers come to any MPS building looking for students they believe are undocumented," Moore said,



(L to R) Marco Murrieta and Bisharo Yussef of Water Course Counseling, an in-school provider of culturally focused mental health counseling; Julie Young-Burns, MPS Social Emotional Learning Coordinator. (Photo by Margie O'Loughlin)

"they will be directed to my office. They must have a properly executed warrant signed by a judge to enter a school. We will contact parents if there is any ICE activity or inquiry about their child or children. As of today, representatives from the St. Paul-based office of ICE stated that

they have no intention of entering our schools."

"In terms of data," Moore emphasized, "MPS collects nothing related to immigration status. If parents are concerned about any of their child's demographic information being made public, they can complete a 'Directory Opt-Out' form available in every school office."

What exactly is ICE and what do they do?

ICE was created within the Department of Homeland Security in 2003, in the aftermath of the events of 9/11. It employs more than 20,000 people and has a presence in all 50 states and 48 foreign countries. ICE enforces both immigration and customs laws which, according to its website, involves going after illegal immigrants in the US and its territories, employers who hire illegal immigrants, and those try-

ing to smuggle illegal goods or contraband into this country.

In the 14 years since it was created, ICE has been the subject of numerous controversies over its handling of illegal immigrants.

John Keller, Executive Director of the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota, said, "The US Constitution is a powerful, enduring document which protects us in our schools, homes, and places of business."

The organization he heads is Minnesota's largest provider of free services to immigrants, and he has had a front row seat to immigration protocol since becoming the director in 2005. "We have seen a radical change in the way immigration enforcement is being carried out with the new administration, as well as a substantial increase in the number of new ICE hires," Keller said.

He stressed to families that there are only two ways law enforcement officers of any kind can legally enter a home: if they have a properly executed warrant signed by a judge, or if they are invited in. If ICE agents are invited in, they may question anyone in the home—not just the person they inquired about at the door.

To the second point, Keller said, "All persons in this country, whether they are documented or undocumented, have rights. Those rights include denying access to your home to a law enforcement officer not in possession of a warrant, the right to remain silent, and the right to a phone call to your attorney if you are detained."

Along with rights, come responsibilities. At one of the resource tables in the foyer, wallet-sized, four-fold safety planning cards were handed out to families. Listed responsibilities included:

- If you are detained or arrested, stay calm and be polite
- Do not lie or give false documents
- Make a family preparedness plan in advance
- Remember the details of your arrest or encounter, and write them down

According to Keller, "The average length of a deportation process in Minnesota is 2½ years from beginning to end."

"If you are arrested or detained, don't panic," Keller counseled. "There are resources in the community, such as the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota and the Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid's Immigrant Law Project that can help. Deportation is a long, slow process."

Keller also encouraged families to have a "check-up" with an immigration services provider (such as the organizations listed above) in advance of any problems. "The staff of these organizations can offer guidance about immigration status and next steps, help make a child care and family preparedness plan, and advise which documents you should or should not carry with you," Keller said.

Other organizations present at the event included CAIR-MN (the Council on American-Islamic Relations), NAVIGATE (help for families anticipating a separation), and the Somali American Parent Association.



MPS Board Member Siad Ali received generous applause for his comment, "We love you, and we are determined to look after the wellbeing of your children." (Photo by Margie O'Loughlin)

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Under helm of SENA resident, company knits community together

GetKnit supports local businesses while drawing people together for pub crawls, terrarium making, and more

By TESSA M. CHRISTENSEN

Four years ago, Standish-Ericsson resident Nick Blake wanted to meld together his desire to support local businesses and bring together friends for fun gatherings, and to turn that into something bigger than himself.

GetKnit Events was born.

The locally-owned experiential events company focuses on Minneapolis and St. Paul, but also offers activities in the suburbs and Greater Minnesota.

"The inspiration behind starting GetKnit was fueled by a love for supporting local and creating community," remarked Blake, who serves as president. "From the beginning, my team and I often joked that GetKnit is the 'love child' of bringing those two concepts together."

The business name says it all, according to Blake. "Not to be cheesy, but we really do aim to 'knit' the community together through our events. We do that through creating opportunities for our local partners to work together to showcase their products and services in interactive ways via our event packages. Those events are then offered up to the public with the goal of inspiring our participants to get out there, try something new, and experience all our surroundings have to offer. And the great thing about Minnesota is it offers so much!"

Since 2013, over 15,000 people have participated in GetKnit events. "I love that we're given the opportunity to be memory makers for our participants," said Blake.

Upcoming brewpub tours

The Progressive Meal Brewpub Tour features four local brewpubs, including Northbound Smokehouse at 2716 E. 38th St. At each pub participants will enjoy two small plates paired with a beer flight. "It's a great way to experience the diversity of that scene in our neighborhood and throughout the metro!" said Blake.

The progressive tour was held on Mar. 18 and will be offered again on Apr. 8.

Also in April is Brews & Buses, one of GetKnit's two biggest events of the year. A fleet of buses creates a 'brewery circuit' that goes door-to-door to all 11 breweries located



GetKnit founder Nick Blake and his wife moved to Standish-Ericsson just after getting married 3.5 years ago. They most appreciate three things about the neighborhood: "the great sense of community and pride that most in this community share; the access to the outdoors—with Lake Hiawatha, Lake Nokomis, Minnehaha Creek, and Minnehaha Falls all at our finger tips; and all the awesome local restaurants and shops like Northbound, IE, Busters, A Bakers Wife, and Town Hall Lanes, just to name a few," said Blake. (Photo submitted)

in St. Paul, for a one-day, large-scale event.

It's one of the most logistically challenging as GetKnit creates its own line of transportation for the day, remarked Blake.

"What I am the most excited about this event, and all our bigger events, is that it allows us to expand our reach in one single day—not only in terms of our participants but also our partners," he said. "It gives us a great opportunity to showcase what is happening in the brewing community across the river, and to truly highlight to diverse breweries in our capital city. It truly is a special day!"

The third annual 'Brews & Buses: St. Paul Brewery Bus Crawl' on Sat., Apr. 29 runs from 11am to 6pm. Early registration tickets are available for \$45 until Apr. 9; after that prices rise to \$55.

The event begins at Union Depot in Lowertown Saint Paul, where participants will check in and receive two beer tokens, each good for a pint of beer at any participating brewery, an event T-shirt

which will unlock special discounts at each stop, and an event passport which contains maps, contests, and information to guide them. From there, the event is a self-guided crawl—allowing participants to plot their own route as they visit new breweries and old favorites.

Each brewery will be serving specialty beers just for Brews & Buses participants, have special activities including live music and games, and offer discounts on food, beers, and merchandise throughout the event.

Something larger than himself

Blake had been involved in the event world since before he dove into the workforce out of college. His first job was with Event360, a company based out of Chicago, where he worked on cause-focused events with non-profit organizations to bring their large-scale events to life. His main client during those five years was Susan G. Komen.

"This job gave me the opportunity to work for something larger than myself, but I got to work alongside some of the most creative, hardworking people I've ever known," recalled Blake. "I also got to travel all around the States, and in doing so, my heart for exploration and adventure really came to life."

Minnesota called him home, and he took a job with the start-up LivingSocial, helping create and build the event arm of the company for Minnesota. "The leadership in our division here would always preach 'this is your company... make it what you will.' I attest the fostering of my entrepreneurial spirit to that team," stated Blake.

He moved to the LivingSocial travel division when they stopped planning events, and learned through travel what it was that his



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heart most loved about home. It motivated him to take the next step and start his own business.

Before GetKnit was created, Blake met with some local businesses from the beer, art, adventure, tourism, sightseeing, wine, and food industries. He remembers sharing with them what he was hoping to do, and the response was a unanimous "Yes, we need something like this!"

"That was wildly affirming and all of those things combined, along with the support of family and friends, inevitably led to the creation of GetKnit Events," said Blake. "It's so exciting to see how that original idea has grown, evolved, and impacted so many local businesses and participants alike."

To those who want to start their own companies, Blake recommends this: "No matter your busi-

ness, success lies in the details. Pay attention to those and you'll soar."

Success lies in the details

What sets GetKnit apart? According to Blake, it's the details. "We put a strong emphasis on ensuring that everything is well thought out and executed accordingly on our events," said Blake.

He praised the GetKnit team of 'Local Gurus.' "They are the spirit that keeps our events afloat," said Blake. "Our team is made up of some of the most engaging, outgoing, and dynamic individuals around."

But GetKnit wouldn't be a success without the willingness of participants to try something new. "Without them, and their support, our events would be lifeless," observed Blake.

More at getknitevents.com.



The GetKnit Team celebrates its fourth anniversary together in March 2017. Standish-Ericsson resident Nick Blake credits the GetKnit team of 'Local Gurus' for keeping the events afloat. "Our team is made up of some of the most engaging, outgoing, and dynamic individuals around," he praised. Since 2013, over 15,000 people have participated in GetKnit events. (Photo submitted)



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