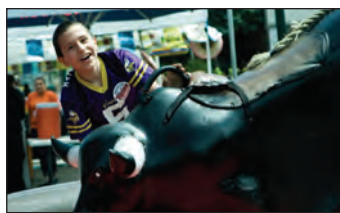




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By JILL BOOGREN

The little brick building on the corner of 41st and Minnehaha Ave., easily spotted by the rocking horse, hanging bicycle and an assortment of old chairs on the sidewalk, will soon be housing All Square—a gourmet grilled cheese restaurant with a social purpose.

Founded by Emily Hunt Turner, All Square aims to reduce recidivism by giving people with criminal records a better chance at successful reentry through work and professional development. The name itself refers not just to the shape of the sandwiches, but to the idea that, once you've paid your debt to society, you're "all square."

The idea came from a place of feeling pretty helpless, Turner said. A civil rights attorney with a background in criminal justice and work on fair housing issues, it was unbelievable to her how many people with records could not access housing. As a whole, the system was overly punitive.

"There weren't any remedies we could provide," she said. Feeling like we've actually devolved in civil rights, she wanted to be able to answer "Yes" to the question: "Systemically, are you part of the solution?"

About one in three adults, or roughly one hundred million

Junket makes room for All Square restaurant, joins forces for social good

All Square gourmet grilled cheese. (Photo provided)



Emily Hunt Turner, founder of All Square. (Photo provided)

people, are said to have criminal records, which limits their access to employment. But Turner, citing Emily Baxter's aptly named book, "We Are All Criminals," maintains that the number of people who have broken the law and should have a record but don't is much higher. Considering that about two-thirds of people who are released are rearrested within three years, according to the National Institute of Justice, Turner wants to give people an opportunity to work to remove that significant barrier to reentry after serving time.

"Second chances are critical,"

she said. "We all need them."

It's safe to say Turner never dreamed she'd be running a restaurant. She's the first person to acknowledge she's not a cook, with grilled cheese being one of the only things she's capable of cooking. So much so, that her friends know that's what they'll be having if they ever eat at her place. They told her, jokingly, that she should open a grilled cheese shop someday, an idea that eventually clicked.

Why not? Turner thought. Grilled cheese sandwiches are earning their rightful place on the menu. Why not be the em-

ployer who puts people with criminal records to work?

Turner is well aware that restaurants are risky business and incredibly nuanced, but she's received affirmation from a few places. One is from Edwins, a similar (albeit higher end) establishment in Cleveland, OH, that in seven years has shown a reduction in recidivism. Another was the successful Kickstarter campaign she launched last fall that suggested people would get behind the idea.

"I really trusted the idea would work and the model would work," she said.

She's also working with industry professionals who are offering much-needed guidance. Jodi Ayers and Heather Bray, co-owners of Lowbrow (which was just named by Foursquare as one of 15 places to have a grilled cheese sandwich right now), have provided mentorship in the pragmatics of opening and running a restaurant: how to think about inventory, crunch the numbers, how to contract, design a kitchen, run a kitchen, and operate the front of the house. And Chef Sarah Masters (formerly of Bar-bette) helped craft the menu, putting the "gourmet" into the grilled cheese.

"There are some incredible variations of grilled cheese that she came up with," said Turner.

She also has a retired chef who wants to volunteer and help get everyone trained in, and she's learning from those with direct experience.

"We have people who have been incarcerated who are on our Board of Directors, in our leadership," she said, adding that too often people who have experienced these barriers are not at the table. "I trust them completely."

All Square aims to provide professional development assistance, and Turner imagines a "prison-to-law-and-policy pipeline" for those who are interested in pursuing legal and criminal justice careers.

The restaurant will be housed on the left side of the storefront, and Junket, on the right, will retain its current front door. All Square will have an open window kitchen with a countertop bar facing it and seating toward the front. Turner expects to have 11-14 employees on board, with their open hours mostly aligned with Junket's schedule.

The enterprise makes sense

After 109 years, Bethany Lutheran Church to close

By MARGIE O'LOUGHLIN

The congregation of Bethany Lutheran Church will have its final service on Sun., June 18 at 10:30am. At this service, the altar Bible, processional cross, altar candle, chalice, and other sacred elements of worship will be decommissioned. Located at 3901 36th Ave. S., the church has been in the Longfellow neighborhood for 109 years.

In January of this year, members of the congregation voted to enter into a process called Holy Closure. Interim Pastor Susan Masters said, "The decision to close the church was not made quickly; it was made prayerfully and thoughtfully. In the ECLA (Evangelical Church in America), this not something a bishop decides—but the outcome of deep congregational prayer and discernment."

Paula Conrad, President of the Church Board, explained, "We believe that the closing of our church is a holy act. There certainly are mundane tasks to be performed, but the process is a holy one because we are resur-



A Friends and Family Farewell to Bethany Lutheran Church will be held on Sat., June 10, beginning with worship at 11am and followed by an indoor picnic and program. An \$8 donation is requested to cover the cost of the meal. Call 612-729-9376 to RSVP by June 4. (Photo by Margie O'Loughlin)

rection people. Death may break our hearts, but it doesn't frighten us. We believe that the spirit of Bethany will live on long after June 18."

"We also want to assure our neighbors that we aren't nailing the doors shut, and running

away," Conrad said. "The parsonage will be sold as a single family home, and the church building will be cared for in its transition period. The congregation voted to transfer the church building to our Minneapolis Area Synod, which will be responsible for its



Interim Pastor Susan Masters said, "Having served here for the last year, it's clear to me that the congregation cares deeply about the surrounding neighborhood—that has been an important part of their identity." (Photo by Margie O'Loughlin)

maintenance, upkeep, and eventual sale."

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Junket/All Square join forces

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for Junket Owner Julie Kearns, who sees a desire for a walkable food option near 41st & Minnehaha. Turner's values are also a natural fit.

"It's a healing neighborhood," said Kearns, whose own compass is trained on being in service to the community. Her shop, first and foremost, has an environmental mission: reducing waste and creating a stable future for her daughter, Meridel, and her contemporaries.

"This is about a future society that runs better than the one we're in now," she said.

Kearns has already raised the idea with Turner about creating a zero waste restaurant, an idea Turner is exploring and which has already informed some of her purchasing decisions.

"[Kearns] is 18 steps ahead of me at all times," said Turner, who is looking into purchasing used kitchen products. "Because... who needs new?" This is a mindset that Kearns wants to take hold throughout the marketplace.

Revolutionize retail through reuse

Kearns may be downsizing her shop footprint, but she's kicking around some giant ideas of her own. In 2015 Kearns contracted with Ecotone Analytics, GBC, to track carbon dioxide emissions avoided by consumers buying used instead of brand new items. To the best of Kearns' knowledge, hers is the only retailer in the country undertaking such product-specific analysis, which she and her staff have conducted by meticulously weighing and tracking items sold in her shop.

Two years later, she's reached a data-driven conclusion: "There's no environmentally virtuous alternative to reuse, period."

Last year, Junket's customers purchased 14,825 items with a combined weight of over 6.2 tons, much of which would have gone into the waste stream. The production of new goods, according to Junket's 2016 carbon impact data, would have generated more than 31 metric tons of new carbon dioxide emissions.

To bring this home, Kearns focused her attention on the



Junket's storefront. The door to the left will soon open into the All Square gourmet grilled cheese restaurant. (Photo by Jill Boogren)

tiny but ubiquitous paper clip and found significant savings in buying existing versus brand new or recycled ones, even factoring in the cost of transporting them. In fact, Kearns calculated, a reused paper clip could travel 30 times from New York to Los Angeles by train before reaching the CO2 emissions it would take to produce even a recycled paper clip. Consider that 11 billion new paper clips are purchased each year, and they're all made of steel, the production of which creates 16,830 tons of CO2 emissions—the equivalent of driving all the way from Earth to Venus—and suddenly that tiny little paper clip looks a whole lot bigger.

"If I have this much impact, imagine the impact of everything else," suggests the personified paper clip on her infographic, above images of safety pins, a kettle, silverware, kitchenware, and a bicycle.

To tackle the problem, Kearns wants to treat throwaways as commodities and mainstream reuse. She envisions a supply chain that gets what's



Julie Kearns and Emily Turner sign the lease, which will convert part of the space at Junket to make room for All Square. (Photo provided)

in people's attics and closets to the people who need them. For this to work, secondhand shops need to specialize and organize in ways they currently don't. People need to adjust their standards (secondhand can still mean first-rate) and accept mixed sizes and possible imperfections (much like they do with the less uniformly-sized apples in the organics produce section, for example). And the packaging itself needs to come from reused materials.

Kearns wants to "revolutionize retail through reuse," the goal being for people to rethink what we buy, thereby pushing demand for reused goods and ultimately forcing retailers to rethink what they sell.

"We're working to provide high-quality ease of access to the most sustainable goods possible: those that already exist," she said.

To that end, Kearns is doing what she can to organize inflow. She is developing education materials as well as a prototype app, already underway, that will match reused goods to the people who need them. She still has her sights on paper clips, and will begin working with schools to collect the ones they would otherwise discard.

"If I can solve this for paper clips, I can do this for anything," she said.

So yes, big things may soon be coming from the little building at 41st & Minnehaha. All Square plans to open in the fall. Together, they'll push sustainability and what it means to be in service to the community one grilled cheese sandwich and one paper clip at a time.

Neighborhood Garage Sale set June 9-10

Get your goodies priced and organized to take part in the Longfellow Neighborhood Garage Sale, June 9 and 10, 9am-3pm each day. To have your garage sale listed, you can register at www.longfellow.org/

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If there is no Hiawatha Golf Course, what do residents want there?

The Park Board continues to evaluate whether it will keep the golf course running. Exercise prompts residents to consider the sorts of amenities they would support at Hiawatha Golf Course if the pumps are shut off.

By TESHAM. CHRISTENSEN

If Hiawatha Golf Course doesn't remain a golf course, what would residents like to see on the land?

That was the question posed during a community meeting at Nokomis Recreation Center on Apr. 20.

In general, attendees supported natural areas and active, multi-generational uses that aren't found in nearby parks. Many supported the continuation of golf in some form, whether it be a top golf-style driving range, nine-hole golf course or three-hole learning center.

Because of the size residents support a multi-use area that encourages recreation and exercise, while factoring in environmental impacts. Some named cross-country ski trails, a bike park, archery range, ropes and skills course, and open space as positive amenities for the area.

"This is a huge property, and it should be used for things that need a big area. Small activities can be housed at any park. Golf needs a large space, and as much of the property needs to be devoted to golf. Agriculture can take place at distributed park sites and does not need to be housed at the golf

"If we're told to stop pumping, something else needs to happen at the property."

— Michael Schroeder, MPRB

course," wrote one person who left a comment card.

However, some did express support for urban agriculture at the property, as well as pollinator gardens, a beekeeping space, deep winter greenhouses, and prairie/wetland restoration.

"What an incredible opportunity we have to create/restore something unique for all generations to follow, for the nonhuman creatures and systems that depend upon this space. Let's take advantage of this opportunity to restore our little section of the planet," wrote one person.

Others discussed how important it was to have a trail that went around the entire lake, and how other amenities such as an amphibian educa-



Attendees at an April community meeting regarding the Hiawatha Golf Course were asked to share their opinions on what they'd like to see at the golf course property if the pumps were shut off. They were encouraged to consider how the uses benefit immediate neighbors and park users, as well as what it offered the Nokomis-Hiawatha regional park community. (Photo by Tesha M. Christensen)

tion trail, fitness trail, viewing platforms and public art could be worked into that.

"We really want a trail all the way around the lake," wrote one resident. "It would be great to have it be ADA accessible with fitness trail elements. A climbing wall, ropes and skills course, and a nature playground would be really nice to have. They are very popular with parents and children. There is no other bike/BMX trail/park around."

Another wrote, "The golf course as it exists now is antithetical to other uses—especially cross-country ski trails, sledding, and hiking (during golf season). If the solution includes golf, the golf uses must be

friendly to, and share the park well with, other uses."

There were those who supported an outdoor gathering space, brewpub or restaurant, food truck area, and event space, and others who pushed for more passive uses and a quieter park.

All of the comments, ideas and possible layouts left by attendees can be viewed on the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board (MPRB) project page.

Golf still an option

MPRB continues to move ahead on evaluating options for the Hiawatha Golf Course, with plans to pinpoint a direction by July 2017.

MPRB Assistant Superintendent of Planning Michael Schroeder explained that if the annual pumping of 242 million gallons of groundwater and 66 million gallons of stormwater continues, there will be no change at the golf

course.

"If we're told to stop pumping, something else needs to happen at the property," said Schroeder, which prompted the Apr. 20 exercise.

The volume of water being pumped from Hiawatha Golf Course is far greater than allowed by a permit issued by the DNR in 1993 for 36.5 million gallons. About 105 million gallons a year are being pumped in a little circle, seeping from the ponds into Lake Hiawatha and back into the ponds.

MPRB is also factoring in whether nearby residences need the pumping to continue to avoid flooding in their basements, and how to capture trash from the watershed before it enters Lake Hiawatha, Schroeder said.

"Could we lower the lake?" asked Schroeder. He answered, "Technically, we could do it. But we can solve most of the problems using other less expensive solutions."

What's next?

Since the last public meeting, staff and consultants have further evaluated options for water management and use of the Hiawatha Golf Course property. The range of options has been narrowed to two directions—one that maintains the current volume of pumping and retains the 18-hole golf course, and one that reduces the volume of pumping while introducing other recreation activities to the property. Potential activities in a reduced pumping scenario draw upon input offered by participants at the April 20 meeting.

The DNR supports the option that reduces the pumping by 70% and closes the golf course.

A more detailed description of each option, including ecological, recreational, economic, and other factors, was shared at a public meeting on May 18 (which missed the June Messenger deadline and will appear in the next edition).

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Longfellow is leading the way in helping residents think about what climate change will mean to our community.

In November 2016, the City of Minneapolis partnered with the Longfellow and Seward neighborhood associations and Transition Longfellow to host a climate awareness discussion with 20 residents representing a diverse cross-section of the community.

"That was a good start," said the meeting organizer, Leslie MacKenzie, of Transition Longfellow, "but a lot more people need to be part of this conversation. The problem of extreme weather is going to get worse in the next 5, 10, 15 years. We need to prepare now."

MacKenzie began to envision a series of talks that would be open to the entire community.

Together with Lisa Strong (Howe), Rachel Hefte (Corcoran), Karen Grabou (Longfellow), Ebony Beck (Hiawatha), Dani Cloutier (Powderhorn), and Eliza Tocher (Cooper), she developed the series: "When Climate Change Comes Home."

Paul Moss, coordinator of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Climate Adaptation Team, was the first speaker at the kick-off event in April, "Climate and Health." He shared data from the state climatologist's office and said "impacts of climate change are already being observed in our state."

Climate change is already to blame for more heavy rainfall events, like the flood in Duluth. The state has seen seven mega-rain events in the last 16 years; the same number that had occurred in the previous 130 years. Flooding, soil erosion, damaged roadways, polluted groundwater, water and mold in homes; these are just some of the results of extreme rainfall.

While most people associate climate change with heat, Minnesota climate experts see that becoming more of a problem after 2025. What Minnesota is experiencing now is warming winters (think icy sidewalks and freeze-thaw damage to roadways).

"Gardeners might be excited by the idea of an earlier spring and a longer growing season," said MacKenzie. "Unfortunately, what we are really experiencing is more variability. Fifty-degree days

Transition Longfellow

By LESLIE MACKENZIE

Is Longfellow prepared for a changing climate?



Neighbors gathered in April to discuss "Climate and Health." Four more talks are planned. (Photo submitted)

in February, then plunging back to zero. Plants and animals have a hard time dealing with that."

At the April event, Lisa Strong shared information from the Minnesota Department of Health about the health impacts of climate change, from air quality issues and longer allergy seasons, to waterborne and insect-borne diseases.

"This series is an opportunity for residents to learn more so they know what to do in case of emergency," said MacKenzie. "But realistically, we can't do everything as individuals. We also need to think about what we can do together as a community. What are our community assets? What resources can be shared? What resources are we lacking?"

It's not just infrastructure that is at risk. "Do you know which of your neighbors may need help because of age or disability? If flooding damages homes, where can homeowners get help? Do we have a community emergency fund? Or is everyone left to figure it out for themselves, with the possibility that

some homes become unlivable?" MacKenzie said.

"At our first meeting, we had 25 people participate. We captured their feedback, and at each session, we will gather more input to use to develop a community action plan.

"Can the neighborhood association set aside some of its funds for community preparedness education, for emergency assistance or basement waterproofing? What about the city? We have never talked about it before at the community level," said MacKenzie.

According to follow up communication from Moss, "Although a number of Minnesota communities are starting to prepare for the impacts of climate change, much work yet needs to be done... Longfellow's work promises to pay important dividends in a more resilient neighborhood in the years ahead."

Moss has characterized the "Climate Change Comes Home" project as "groundbreaking work that can serve as a model for other Minnesota communities."

But the promise of this project depends upon community participation.

"It's the depth and diversity of the conversation that will bring new and effective ideas for

working together as a community," said MacKenzie. "We're talking about resilience here; about being able to bounce back from challenges. That doesn't happen by accident."

There are four more talks in the "When Climate Change Comes Home" series:

- Thur., June 15, 6:30-9pm - "Severe Storms and Power," at Longfellow Park, 3435 36th Ave. S. June speakers include Casidy Anderson, Community Risk Reduction Officer with the Minneapolis Fire Department, Dave Crawford, a naturalist with the DNR, and Bruce Stahlberg, Affordable Energy Solutions. After the speakers, community members will brainstorm actions they can take to be personally prepared and what people can do together to build a more caring, climate-ready community. This series is co-sponsored by the Environment Committee of LCC.
- Thur., July 20 - "Heat Waves"
- Thur., Sept. 21 - "Insect and water-borne diseases"
- October - "Putting the Pieces Together in a Community Action Plan"

The group is also working with the City of Minneapolis to host an emergency preparedness Ready Camp for neighborhood residents, including families with children. To learn more, visit the Transition Longfellow website at www.Transitionlongfellow.org. This speaker series is cosponsored by the Environment Committee of the Longfellow Community Council.



Paul Moss, coordinator of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Climate Adaptation Team, was the first speaker at the kick-off event in April. (Photo submitted)

Bethany Lutheran Church to close

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Masters explained that "the Bethany congregation will decide how to disburse profits from the sale of the church building. Called the Legacy Fund, this money will be used to further other ministries that have been important to our church over the years. We see that as a continuing act of resurrection. In our way of thinking, no matter who lands here, whether it's another Lutheran church, a completely different place of worship, or a non-profit agency—Bethany has planted the seeds for good work on this corner, and that good work will continue."

Congregational Secretary Karen Boberg added, "We have a very rich tradition of raising people up here who've stayed

true to their faith roots. Because of the nurture of this congregation, so many members have gone on to become ordained ministers or active in the mission fields."

Boberg described how she was strong-armed into attending Bethany for the first time in 1965. A high school student at the time, she was effectively dragged in by the superintendent of the Sunday School. She left the church when she went off to college, but eventually returned—drawn back by the community, the familiarity, and the recognition that she was, "a traditional Lutheran."

The history of the Lutheran church is essentially an ethnic history. Lutheran churches were built by Germans, Norwegians, Danes, Swedes, and Finns, who were, by and large, church-going people.

"The elders among us remember what they call 'The Glory Days' of a generation

or two ago," Boberg said. "That was back when we had two morning services and not enough room for all the Sunday School classes we needed. This is certainly not the reality for most churches anymore. If the median age of your congregation keeps getting older, you just can't keep it going. You need the younger generation to do the heavy lifting, and the church is not at the center of most young families' lives anymore. We are far from the only church that has experienced this."

Masters concluded, "Social scientists say that young people are less interested in going to church for a one hour Sunday morning worship. What they seem to want is to be involved in community service in direct ways. Congregational loyalty is very different in this generation. Maybe that's what's changing—that the building is no longer the main focus."

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Over 1,500 people plant 300 trees at Lake Hiawatha on Arbor Day

By TESHA M. CHRISTENSEN

To celebrate Arbor Day 2017, over 1,500 people planted 300 trees at Lake Hiawatha Park.

The location was chosen, in part, because of the highly engaged community that cares about its parks and trees.

"Having that many more trees means more water is being filtered through the root systems and a certain amount of water is being absorbed, which will create a more resilient landscape and mitigate flooding somewhat," remarked Ryan Seibold of Friends of Lake Hiawatha, which has advocated for a cleaner lake.

"The trees are also habitat for the many species that depend on a thriving ecosystem. The trees will also create a more scenic environment that the community can enjoy and provide cooler spaces to be in the summer. When the city invests in the environment, we can expect that the community will be happier and healthier."

The Apr. 28 event included an Arborist Show and Tell, 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, pop-up library with Hennepin County Library, an exhibit about invasive species and trees, bounce house, Heritage Tree Bike Ride, and Arbor Day Fun Run.

There were also musical 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 Arborists), food trucks and a beer garden.

All proceeds from the beer garden, coffee sales, and the Beer Run were donated to Brewing a Better Forest for Urban Forestry Outreach. With the logo, "water a tree, beer for free," Brewing a Better Forest



People for Parks donated \$15,000 to the Arbor Day event at Lake Hiawatha. "People for Parks originated in 1977 in response to the Dutch Elm Disease outbreak so being tree stewards has been an integral part of our mission for 40 years," said People for Parks Executive Director Chriss Joyce. "People for Parks is the only grassroots non-profit that takes individual donations and turns that into funding for special projects and programs right in your backyard. We pride ourselves on bringing people from different generations, ethnic, and social economic backgrounds together to create more joy, love, and peace instead of anger, fear, and hate." In celebration of its 40th anniversary, People for Parks has allocated \$20,000 in matched funding to its mini-grant program. Every dollar donated to the mini-grant program in 2017 will be equally matched. (Photo courtesy of People for Parks)

partners with local breweries to reward tree watering adopters with free beer tokens.

Helping sponsor the event were People for Parks, Brewing a Better Forest and Pat's Tap. Community supporters and volunteers included Friends of Lake Hiawatha, Giving Tree Gardens, Harmony Tree, Free Forest School and Ecological Design.

People for Parks donated \$15,000 to the Arbor Day event at Lake Hiawatha. According to People for Parks Executive Director Chriss Joyce, trees help combat climate change, clean the air, provide oxygen, cool city streets, prevent soil erosion and water pollution, shield children from ultra-violet

rays, provide food and heal. They also increase property values and business traffic.

Previous Arbor Day plantings have been funded in Logan Park, St. Anthony Park, East Phillips Park, Pearl Park, Jordan Park, Victory Memorial Drive, Thomas Lowry Park, and Folwell Park.

Citywide, 10,000 trees will be planted by Minneapolis Parks and Recreation this year in parks and along boulevards, many replacing trees lost to Emerald Ash Borer, pointed out arborist Jason Hendrickson. Varieties planted include pine, spruce, fir, linden, Ginko, honey locust, river birch, Kentucky Coffeetree, magnolia, London Planter, basswood, hickory, and oak.



MPRB arborists Jason Hendrickson (front) and Nicholas Hart help children and adults plant trees during the Arbor Day event at Lake Hiawatha on April 28, 2017. Over 300 trees were planted at the park that day. (Photo by Tesha M. Christensen)

Nut and fruit trees include serviceberry, three varieties of crabapple (Centennial, Dolgo, and Chestnut), Turkish filbert/hazelnut, and pine nut. The soil around the fruit trees was treated with a mycorrhizal fungi inoculum treatment thanks to Russ Henry of Giving Tree Gardens. "The tree and fungi will form a symbiotic relationship underground, and they will exchange valuable nutrients with each other—sugars, water, minerals," said Seibold, "and fungi provide the trees some protection against disease."

Seibold loves the cherry trees planted along the walking path.

"I immediately envisioned people picking a free and healthy snack while taking in the view of the lake and Minneapolis skyline on a nearby park bench," said Seibold, who has proposed establishing a food forest at the Hiawatha Golf Course. "I counted about ten cherry trees, so hopefully there will be enough to make a cherry pie someday, and maybe we can make a fun community event around harvesting cherries."

"It was also really exciting to see native bees buzzing all around them as they were flowering. Our food system depends on pollinators, and growing food in our parks is an amazing opportunity to raise awareness of this important connection."

There is interest in planting a Three Sisters garden, an Indigenous garden technique planting corn, beans, and squash, so they work together to thrive much like the food forest concept, pointed out Seibold. There is also interest in planting Pollinator Patches that are offered free from the city of Minneapolis. On May 25, MPRB held an open house to

gather input on modifying the Nokomis-Hiawatha Regional Park plan to designate urban agriculture areas.

"It would be amazing to see a continuous naturalized landscape around the whole lake with these interconnected human and wildlife ecosystems integrated throughout," remarked Seibold.

"We're getting closer to a healthier Lake Hiawatha."



Keewaydin resident Charlie Krocak, age three and a half, climbs a tree during the Arbor Day event at Lake Hiawatha Park on April 28, 2017. He was assisted by MPRB arborist John Elward. "It's so much fun," said his father, Brent. "The kids love climbing trees. It's great for them to be able to do it safely." (Photo by Tesha M. Christensen)

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By MARGIE O'LOUGHLIN



Festival Cinco de Mayo Minneapolis 2017

Minneapolis' largest Cinco de Mayo Festival took place on Sun., May 7 outside of El Nuevo Rodeo Restaurante on E. Lake St. between 27th and 29th avenues. Contrary to popular belief, Cinco de Mayo is not the day Mexico celebrates its independence from Spain (that holiday is observed Sept. 16). Cinco de Mayo honors the Mexican army's surprising victory over French forces at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. The Mexican Army won the battle despite being much smaller and ill-equipped.



The Festival Cinco de Mayo Minneapolis 2017 was a wild ride with bucking bulls, music, dancing, and street food. This year's event was produced by Maya Santamaria of Midwest Latino Entertainment and Talent.



Naara's Silver was one of several Latino-owned artisan booths lining East Lake Street for Cinco de Mayo.



In the US, Cinco de Mayo has become a general celebration of Mexican-American culture, a chance to revel in the joys of tacos, Mariachi music, dancing, and tequila. These well-ornamented margaritas were for sale at El Nuevo Rodeo Restaurante.



Cinco de Mayo is a bigger deal in the United States than in Mexico. In Mexico, the day is observed with political speeches and battle reenactments. Alvi Jurez and daughter Jazleen are shown here, en route to teaching a Zumba class for festival attendees, a popular form of dance done to Latin music.



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Roosevelt Theater brings love and laughs to The Addams Family musical

By JILL BOOGREN

They might be creepy and kooky, but there's also a whole lotta love in *The Addams Family*, and the cast at Roosevelt High School laid it bare during their recent performances of this dark musical comedy. (I'm careful not to say they poured their hearts out because knowing this family, that would take on a most literal meaning). There, in the gothic chill of their decrepit old house and graveyard—the dusky gray offset by splashes of blood-red drapes and table cloth—was a tremendous amount of warmth.

In the opening number "When You're an Addams" (snap snap), this mysterious family emerges from behind iron gates. They awaken their ancestors by dancing on their graves and drawing them into a full-blown line dance.

The plot is quickly revealed: Wednesday is engaged to be married. Her dad, Gomez, is trying to come to grips with it ("She'll be Thursday before you know it!"). Her younger brother, Pugsley, wants nothing to do with it, and her mother, Morticia, has no idea,



Things go a little awry during a dinner party with *The Addams Family*. (Photo by Jill Boogren)

a secret Gomez cannot bear to keep. As the Addams get ready to host a dinner party with Wednesday's beau, Lucas, and his parents, the two young lovers urge their parents to give them "one normal night." That leads to another rousing musical number with the full company. Of course, the night is anything but normal: Grandma's got some mad potions, the ancestors are restless, Lurch merely

grunts, and Fester's in love with the moon!

But here's the trick: as zany as the setup is, the play isn't afraid to go deep. Gomez's expressions of love and potential loss in "Trapped" and "Happy/Sad" (performed by Sam Albright) were truly heartfelt. Even though Wednesday (Kate Anderson) and Lucas (Jade Vick) seem to have never been on a date—an allowance we're okay

with in musical theater—their love for each other and the intensity of their frustration with their parents shone through. The sultry Morticia (Carrine St. Aubin) schools Alice (Shayana Scott) in the dangers of keeping secrets. Even Pugsley's (Km Boogren) tortured sentiments were born of love for his sister and the sorrows of loss. And oh my goodness, who didn't shed a tear when Fester (Sebastian Gonzalez) serenaded the moon?

naded the moon?

Costumes and makeup (Ana Misna-Lubin, Olivia Mallery, Katherine Quackenbush, Zander Thomas) were a delight, with basic black for the Addams, an assortment of dusty whites for the ancestors, and bright yellow (of course!) for the "normal" family. The otherwise crossbow wielding Wednesday entering the stage in her bright yellow dress is as absurdly out of place as Lucas's dad, Mal, sitting awkwardly in Gomez's favorite chair. Fester's white orb of a head, Grandma's wacky wig, and Lurch's perfectly sculpted hair were terrific.

The Addams Family may have bone-chilling antics, but they were delivered with warmth. The Roosevelt Theater Company has been together for two years now, after having been dormant for over a decade, and cast and crew brought the energy of a close-knit, well... family.

The Addams Family musical was directed by Kristi Johnson, with choreography by Darius Strong, set design and direction by Shy Iverson, and piano accompaniment by Jay Albright.

Nokomis East Food Garden growing at St. James Episcopal

Article and photos by MARGIE O'LOUGHLIN

St. James Episcopal Church, 3225 E. Minnehaha Pkwy., is expanding their onsite garden and, with the help of neighborhood volunteers, starting to grow fresh produce for the Minnehaha United Methodist Church Food Shelf.

The first big workday for the food shelf garden was held on Sat., Apr. 29. Four wooden, raised beds were built by more than two dozen volunteers, and a second row of cinder blocks was added to the five existing beds. Planting days were held on the two following Saturdays.

Lauren Hazenson, Program and Communications Manager for the Nokomis East Neighborhood Association (NENA), explained the evolution of the garden design and mission. "The idea for the Nokomis East Food Garden came out of a series of conversations between members of NENA's Green Initiatives Committee and the com-



Volunteer gardeners have signed contracts indicating they are willing to work a minimum of two hours per week on the food shelf community garden for the 2017 growing season. Gardeners of all experience levels are welcome to apply.

munity. We're already connected to two strong garden projects: the Nokomis Naturescape at 50th St. and Nokomis Pkwy., and the Gateway Gardens at 50th St. and the old Hiawatha Train Station."

"We wanted to partner with an existing garden site to grow food and, ultimately," Hazenson said, "the partnership that emerged included St. James Episcopal, Lake Nokomis Lutheran,

and Minnehaha United Methodist churches. We surveyed church members and it was clear that they wanted to grow food for the purpose of being distributed at the local food shelf. People are also welcome to join us who are unaffiliated with these churches, but who are excited about the garden's mission. The food shelf at Minnehaha United Methodist serves more than 600 clients each month; they're

open on Tuesdays from 10am-3pm, in the church basement at 3701 E. 50th St."

This will be the third season for the garden at St. James Episcopal, but the first with a focus on feeding clients of the food shelf. The original idea for a garden on the church property came from Eagle Scout Ian Shea, whose uncle formerly pastored there.

St. James church member

Anne Scheibel has been one of the driving forces behind the new partnership. "We have been so lucky with the volunteers who've come forward," she said. "Our gardeners are informed and passionate about what they do. We'll be figuring out regular gardening times if people want to come and volunteer together. What we've seen so far has been a nice mix of ages and experience levels. When we get together there's been a lot of conversation and networking about things related to the garden and well beyond. It's a great way to meet new people and improve your gardening skills."

Community gardens add beauty to the neighborhood and heighten people's awareness and appreciation for living things. There will be an Open House for interested gardeners at the garden site on Thur., June 15, 6-8pm. For more information, contact NENA's Lauren Hazenson at 612.724.5652 or lauren.hazenson@nokomiseast.org.

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St. James Episcopal Church member Ted Gerold worked at building one of the four new 4' X 8' raised beds. Food shelf clients were asked what vegetables they would prefer, and the response was unanimous: tomatoes. All four of the new beds will be dedicated to growing different kinds of tomatoes.

Join your Muslim neighbors for a meal during Ramadan

By MARGIE O'LOUGHLIN

Ramadan is an Islamic holy month of the lunar calendar during which Muslims don't eat or drink between sunrise and sunset. This year the month of Ramadan falls between May 26 and June 24. Each night, the breaking of the daily fast is celebrated with a meal called an iftar.

Taking Heart is a program of the Minnesota Council of Churches. Through a longstanding partnership with the Muslim American Society of Minnesota, Taking Heart sponsors a series of iftars with Islamic community centers and mosques in which non-Muslims are welcome to join in an evening meal and conversation. Last year, more than 800 non-Muslims attended iftars throughout the state.

Reverend Cynthia Bronson Sweigert is the organizer for Taking Heart. "We have more than 20 sites sponsoring iftars already," she said, "and there will be more coming. Our reach is growing beyond the metro area to include Rochester, St. Peter, Mankato, Winona, and Duluth. The purpose of our partnership is to bring people in whose contact with the Muslim community has been minimal."

"Guests should be prepared to have their assumptions challenged," Sweigert continued. "I've been doing interfaith work for years, and sometimes I'm still surprised."

Abdullahi Farah, Executive Director of the Abubakar Asiddiq Islamic Center, agreed. "There are a lot of misconceptions about Muslims flying around out there," he said. "We're happy about the iftars, happy that people who are not Muslim wish to learn more about our culture and beliefs. We'll be hosting an iftar for the second year on June 14."

Farah explained that the Islamic Center, 2824 13th Ave. S., came into existence in 1998—when the first wave of Somali immigration to Minnesota began. As an Islamic Center, they offer a prayer space and many opportunities for cultural enrichment. Their weekend school serves more



Abdullahi Farah, Executive Director of the Abubakar Asiddiq Islamic Center in South Minneapolis. (Photo by Margie O'Loughlin)

than 1,000 students monthly (ages 6-20) with Somali language and culture classes. Farah said, "We want our center to be available to other groups in the community too. We recently hosted a gathering called Neighborhoods 2020, attended by Minneapolis Mayor Betsy Hodges, diverse community members from our neighborhood and three others that are adjacent. We all have common interests and face common problems. We are stronger together."

There are more than 150,000 Muslims living in Minnesota, and they represent different races, nationalities, and cultures. Their common observances are upholding the five pillars of Islam: daily prayer; devotion to one God (Allah); fasting during Ramadan; contributing generously to charity; and undertaking a holy pilgrimage.

Each iftar will include a short presentation about Ramadan. The fast will then be broken with a snack of dates and water. Muslims pray five times daily, and the final prayer of the day is called the sunset prayer. Iftar guests are welcome to observe the sunset prayer in the prayer room. Be sure to remove shoes, and stand or sit quietly in the back of the prayer room. Women who choose to observe the sunset prayer should wear a head scarf.



Some Muslims don't shake hands with members of the opposite sex. When introduced, smile and offer your name rather than your hand. (Photo by Taking Heart)



All guests to an iftar dress modestly, making sure that shoulders, upper arms, and knees are covered. (Photo by Taking Heart)

After prayer, participants return to the gathering space to share in the iftar: a substantial, home-made meal of traditional foods.

Sweigert concluded, "We send out a pre-survey to people when they register for a Taking

Heart Iftar, asking why they want to attend. The responses used to be more about curiosity. Lately, the responses have been more about solidarity and becoming allies."

To register for a Taking Heart Iftar, go to www.mnchurches.org,

and follow the prompts in the top right corner. Contact Reverend Sweigert, Taking Heart Organizer, at 412-638-0680 with any questions. There are several sites convenient to Longfellow and East Nokomis and there is no cost to participate.

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Babysitting Clinic returns July 10-13

The Babysitting Clinic returns July 10-13, 6-8pm at Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church, 4101 37th Ave. S. Minnehaha Communion is offering neighborhood youth, ages 11-16, the on-line Red Cross Babysitting Clinic.

The certification does not include infant CPR.

In addition to learning babysitting fundamentals, the students will learn about fun games and healthy snacks for youngsters. Babysitting kits and business cards will be created during the week. The students also will have a paid opportunity to staff a play area during a local July 23 event.

The cost is \$10 per student with scholarships available upon request. Call 612-722-9527 to register your child.

Longfellow Garden Club meets June 14

The Longfellow Garden Club meets 7pm on Wed., June 14, at Epworth United Methodist Church, 3207 37th Ave. S., to discuss flower arranging and tips for growing tropicals. Come at 6:30pm to help set up.

Accomplished Longfellow gardener Therese Blaine arranges flowers professionally and in her presentation will show you ways to make unique arrangements with the flowers you grow or purchase. And if you love the beauty of the tropics, Therese offers useful tips on caring for tropical houseplants and their outdoor summer vacations!

Afterward, as a summer bonus and weather permitting, we will leave Epworth and tour Cynthia Towne's special peony collection.

You can find out more about the Longfellow Garden Club at www.facebook.com/LongfellowGardenClub.

Hiawatha Lumber Grand Reopening planned June 10

Hiawatha Lumber Company, 3233 E. 40th St., will be holding their Grand Reopening on Sat., June 10, 10am-2pm. There will be information on how to build your own raised garden bed, a chicken coop, a planter box, and more. There will also be a free raffle for all of these items. There will also be local contractors available to discuss your lumber projects! There will also be plenty of family fun at this community open house. BBQ lunch will be served courtesy of Everett's Foods and The Herbivorous Butcher. A balloon entertainer will be on hand to

Rummage sale planned June 8-10



St. Albert the Great Church, corner of E. 29th St. at 32nd Ave. S., will hold a huge indoor Rummage Sale, Thurs. and Fri., June 8 and 9, from 9am to 7pm. Sat., June 10, 9am to noon, is Bag Day (\$3 and \$5 bags). Clothes, household items, furniture, books, toys, jewelry and much more will be available. The building is handicap accessible.

create colorful fun as well as face painters to transform your little ones with their brushes. A bouncy castle will also be part of the fun donated by Castle Building and Remodeling. Hiawatha Lumber Company is located one block east of Hiawatha on 40th St.

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.

Seward Co-op receives award

Seward Co-op has been named a Sustainability Star by National Co-op Grocers (NCG) for excellence in sustainability efforts. The award recognizes food co-ops that demonstrate outstanding leadership by making a positive impact on social, environmental and local economic issues.

At its annual meeting in April, NCG honored Seward Co-op for its commitment to positive environmental impacts and improving sustainable practices where possible, particularly in the area of waste management. Seward Co-op's three business locations' recycling and compost efforts divert approximately 85% of waste from landfill or incineration.

Like all Sustainability Star Award winners, Seward Co-op participates in Co+efficient, NCG's sustainability program that helps co-op grocery stores measure their impacts, drive improvements, and share the story of their important work with community members and other co-ops. This marks the second

year that NCG has highlighted co-ops by awarding Sustainability Star honors. Seward Co-op is one of 10 co-ops nationwide recognized for their 2016 performance.

Seward Co-op is proud to share its successes and draw community attention to the many challenges facing ethical and sustainable food production and distribution in an inclusive socially responsible manner. In the last two years, they have expanded their diverse workforce to more than 330 employees earning a living wage.

Free Bible camp slated in June

Trinity of Minnehaha Falls is sponsoring an exciting week of Vacation Bible School at Morris Park, June 19-23, 9:30am-noon. The week will be filled with experiences that kids will see, hear, touch, and even taste! KidVid Cinema shares real stories of real kids who rely on God's power to face life's challenges! Plus team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats keep everyone on the move. For more details, contact Trinity's office at 612-724-3691 or visit <https://www.trinityfalls.org/vbs>.

Summer concert planned June 25

The second in a series of summer concerts with vocalist Maud Hixson and piano virtuoso Rick Carlson will take place Sun., June 25, 1pm, at St. Albert the Great Church, corner of E. 29th St. at 32nd Ave. S. Each concert is a performance based on the delightful standards from each decade with the June concert focusing on songs from the 30s. Other concerts are planned on July 23 (the 1940s), and on Aug. 20 (the 1950s). Tickets for

the concerts are \$20 at the door, cash or check.

Bossen Field Park renovation update

An extensive renovation of Bossen Field Park began last summer, carried through early winter and recently restarted this spring. This project has impacted almost the entire park at some point over the last year, and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board appreciates park users' patience while spaces are reshaped to fit the wide-ranging needs of the community according to the Bossen Field Park Master Plan.

Construction in the southern half of the park—which includes two new softball fields, an open play field, new playground, pathways, parking lot and the basketball court—will wrap up this summer. The four softball fields in the northern half of the park will remain closed in 2017 to give the new turf sufficient time to establish strong roots.

Transition Longfellow plans June activities

Transition Longfellow is an all-volunteer group of Longfellow/South Minneapolis neighbors who create activities to engage the community in reducing energy use, growing (and learning to grow) more local food, preparing for more extreme weather, and helping neighbors get to know one another. Anyone can participate, and the group welcomes new people to join the planning team. For more information, visit www.transition-longfellow.org.

Preparedness Book Group meets Wed., June 7, 6:30pm at Moon Palace Books (3260 Minnehaha Ave.) and Wed., June 21, 6:30pm at Lake Coffee House (3223 E. Lake St.). The group is reading "Making Home: Adapting Our Homes and Lives to Settle in Place" by Sharon Astyk. Chapter 7 on transportation choices will be read out loud on June 7, and discussed on June 21.

Part 3 of the Series: When Climate Change Comes Home - "Safe and Prepared: Severe Storms and Power Outages" Thurs., June 15, 6:30pm at Longfellow Park Building, 3435 36th Ave. S. (See complete story on page 4.)

Movie Night, Fri., June 16, 6:30pm potluck, 7:15 movie, Minnehaha Communion Lutheran, 4101 37th Ave. S. (NEW LOCATION) Movie night is a great way to learn about Transition Towns and meet new friends and neighbors. Share a meal and watch the movie, "A Farmer's Road," an award-winning documentary about two soil scientists who traded the security of aca-

demia for the challenges of operating a goat dairy. Surrounded by commodity-based agribusinesses, they worked to embody the core principles of sustainability while educating the public and changing the American food system, one meal at a time. Share some good food and inspiration!

Call for Help. Transition Longfellow is planning a Garden Skillshare Day for Sat., July 15. Volunteers are needed to help with organizing this one-day event that will include workshops and hands-on, in-the-garden demonstrations. Contact Leslie MacKenzie at 612-724-4265 if you have a garden skill you can share or you can help on the organizing team. (This is a short-term volunteer commitment.)

Urban garden is interfaith project

The Gandhi Mahal Interfaith Garden, 3201 22nd Ave. S., was planted on May 12. The planting took place from 1-7pm, and a compost class was held at 4:30. More than 30 volunteers came throughout the day to plant seeds and seedlings, build raised beds, clean out the chicken coop, and build a compost pile.

The Gandhi Mahal Interfaith Garden is a unique partnership between a restaurant, a church, and a non-profit partner. Last year the garden, which is located behind a residential property, produced hundreds of pounds of vegetables, increasing access to healthy, culturally relevant food and building a diverse, interfaith community.

The garden is a collaboration between Gandhi Mahal Restaurant, First Nations Kitchen, a ministry of All Saints Episcopal Indian Mission; and Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light, which brings Minnesota's faith communities together to address climate change. You can view an online video about the garden at <https://vimeo.com/192505320/321c18d125>.

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.

Faith Book Club meets June 3

The Faith Ev. Lutheran Book Club meets the first Saturday of every month from 10-11am at the church, 3430 E. 51st St. The book being discussed June 3 will be the "The Devil in the White City" by Eric Larson.

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June Events at LS Healthy Seniors

Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors' monthly **Senior Social/Health Talk** will be held Tue., June 20 at 10:30am at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2730 E. 31st St. The presentation is entitled "Downsizing Made Easy." Stephen Laliberte from Sort Toss Pack will discuss how to sort through your possessions. Learn what to donate, what to recycle, and what to sell. You'll also get tips on what can't be donated and what items have negative value.

A "Tai Chi Easy" exercise/movement class will be held on Monday mornings, 10:30-11:30am, through June 26 (no class on May 29), from 10:30-11:30am. The classes will be held

at Holy Trinity Lutheran and will cost \$5/class (discounts available for lower income seniors).

The last class for the spring art series "Coloring: It's Not Just for Kids Anymore," will be Thur., June 15 from 1:30-3pm at St. Peder's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 4600 E. 42nd St. The June class is "Your Choice: Mosaics, Geometrics, Animals, Florals or Old Masters." Participants will receive a complimentary mini stained glass coloring book, while supplies last. The class costs \$4 and includes supplies. Preregistration is required by June 12 by phone or email.

A monthly **Diabetes Support Group** for adults of all ages will be held Wed., June 14 from 6:30-8pm at Hiawatha School Park Recreation Center, 4305 E. 42nd St.

Additionally, Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors is looking for "Friendly Visitor" volunteers and volunteer drivers to help seniors live independently.

Call Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors at 612-729-5799 or email us at info@lshealthy-seniors.org for more information on activities, services or volunteer opportunities.

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.

Nokomis Beach gets solar and shade

Construction is moving forward on a new solar power installation at Nokomis Beach. The 18-panel installation will be mounted atop a large shade structure next to Sandcastle

restaurant.

This addition to Lake Nokomis Park fulfills the need for additional shade near the beach area identified in the Nokomis-Hiawatha Master Plan, adopted March 2015. It will also supply an estimated 10.9% of total annual energy consumed at the beach.

VA to hold Town Hall meeting June 21

The next VA-sponsored Veterans Town Hall will be held on June 21, 5-7pm, in the Lower Level Auditorium of the Whipple Federal Building, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, St. Paul. Leaders from the Minneapolis VA Health Care System, St. Paul Regional Benefits Office and Fort Snelling National Cemetery will be available to listen to concerns of Veterans. The event is open to Veterans, their spouses, VA stakeholders and the general public. Attendees are urged to arrive

early. They must pass through a security check.

Adoption support group meets June 6

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. The next meeting will be held on Thur., June 6 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 ginny-

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blade@nacac.org (parents); or Christina Romo at 651-644-3036, ext. 17, or christinaromo@nacac.org (teens).

Blind Ministry Outreach June 10

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.

Living Table slates speaker series

Living Table United Church of Christ, 3805 E. 40th St., is hosting a series of talks about how different cultures and religions inform people about seeking justice for all, titled "Loving Our Neighbors: A Speaker Series on Faith, Culture, and Justice." On June 5, 7pm, Imam Abdisalam Adam from the Islamic Civic Society of America will speak. Abdisalam came to the United States in 1991 and worked as Arabic-English-Somali Translator in Virginia before moving to the Twin Cities in 1996. He is very active in the community as an advocate and educator.

NENA (Nokomis East Neighborhood Association)

4313 54th St. E.

Time to register for the June 17 Community Garage Sale

Upcoming Meetings and Events:

06/07/17: NENA Housing, Commercial and Streetscape Committee, NENA Office, 6:30pm
 06/14/17: NENA Green Initiatives Committee, NENA Office, 6:30pm
 06/17/17: NENA Annual Garage Sale, Neighborhood-Wide, 8am- 4pm
 06/22/17: NENA Board Meeting, NENA Office, 7pm

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Garage Sale registration

Do you live in the Nokomis East area and have a summer sale in mind? We'll take care of the promotion! Are you a bargain shopper who doesn't want to drive all around town to find the best deal? The annual NENA Garage Sale brings buyers and sellers together for a neighborhood-wide event with sales for every shopper's need. Last year, the event listed over 100 garage sales.

This year the sale will take place on Sat., June 17. If you plan to have a sale, be sure to register at <http://nokomiseast.org/garagesale> by June 10 to be included on the NENA map. Printed maps will be available the week of the sale at the NENA office, on the NENA website, and at local businesses.

Register your block for National Night Out

National Night Out (NNO) is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood connections. Participating in NNO is free. Get to know your neighbors at this annual event by hosting an NNO party on your block.

Registering your NNO event and applying to close your street/alley is a single online process. To register go to www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/nno/nno_register.

If you register by July 18, you can block your street for free. If you register from July 19 through July 26, there is a \$100 fee. All street blocking must be registered by July 26.

Pollinator Garden volunteers needed

Nokomis East is home to two flourishing native plant, pollinator-friendly community gardens. Each garden is maintained entirely by area volunteers. We could use your help! Your volunteer work will maintain an important stop for pollinators in the neighborhood and the environment of the entire region.

Garden volunteers meet at the Nokomis Naturescape on Lake Nokomis at 50th St. and Nokomis Pkwy. and the Nokomis Gateway Gardens at the corner of E. 50th St. and HWY 55. Nokomis Naturescape volunteers are in the garden almost every Tuesday at 6:30pm during the gardening season.

No experience is necessary, and you can help on an occa-

sional basis or all season long. For more information about volunteering or about the gardens contact NENA at nenan@nokomiseast.org.

Be a part of Nokomis East's future: join a NENA committee

Community gardens, home improvement loans, and community bike racks all started as NENA committee projects. If you want to know more about what NENA is doing, or you would like to work to strengthen our community, come to one of our committee meetings. All are welcome, and any Nokomis East resident can become a member by regularly attending committee meetings. Show up to any meeting to get involved. Go to nokomiseast.org to find more information on each committee.

Housing, Commercial, and Streetscape Committee meetings, every first Wednesday, 6:30-8pm, NENA office, 4313 E. 54th St.

Green Initiatives Committee Meeting, every second Wednesday, 6:30-8pm, at the NENA office.

Sign up for NENA News

Your Guide to News, Events, and Resources! Get your neighborhood news delivered to your inbox every other Wednesday. Sign up today at www.nokomiseast.org. Once you sign up, you'll receive updates on news and happenings for your neighborhood.

Transition Longfellow artists light up the night at Northern Spark

By LESLIE MACKENZIE

Northern Spark is one of the biggest art events in the Twin Cities, attracting upwards of 50,000 people over the course of an evening, from 9pm to 5:30am. This year's event, on June 10-11, takes place at locations all along the Green Line, from downtown Minneapolis to Lowertown in

St. Paul. It features the work of more than 70 artists, including two from the South Minneapolis neighborhood sustainability group Transition Longfellow.

Peter Foster and Leslie Mackenzie are part of a 9-person artist team from Transition Town groups in St. Anthony Park, Northeast Minneapolis and Longfellow. With the theme of "Climate Chaos | Climate Rising," the artists felt Northern Spark was a perfect venue to share the Transition Town message of personal and community action.

Foster is responsible for the design of an installation of a grove of trees next to Golden's Deli in Lowertown, St. Paul on the night of Northern Spark. "The goal of the project is to help people understand how their daily actions and commitments add up, and to see the range of actions people can take," he said. "Most people know that cli-



Kirsten Olson (left) watches as Transition Longfellow artist Peter Foster works his screenprinting magic! Foster is responsible for the design of an installation of a grove of trees next to Golden's Deli in Lowertown, St. Paul on the night of Northern Spark. (Photo submitted)

mate change is real, and many people are already doing a variety of things to reduce their impact. They're biking or taking the bus, eating less meat, composting, insulating their homes. Some people are making big commitments, like home sharing, going solar, or choosing not to fly," Foster said.

"Most of these commitments aren't visible to others," Foster continued. "They're done privately, and no one knows. What TransitionNOW! Twin Cities is trying to do is make these everyday actions and private commitments visible so people can see that they are not alone and what they are doing is not unusual. We're all in this together, doing what we can."

Project organizers printed 100 T-shirts and invited people to come to Community Day events in April and May to customize their shirts with logos of actions they have taken in their own life. They will then wear those T-shirts to Northern Spark.

"At the Grove of Life in Lowertown, we will be inviting the community to help us turn eight dead trees into a beautiful forest of light and poetry and music," said MacKenzie. "People will be invited to write their actions and commitments on a colored paper leaf and add it to the trees. We have 4,000 leaves ready for people to use."

"Northern Spark won't be the end of life for these trees," she said. "There is a national

gathering taking place July 27-30 at Macalester College. Transition Town organizers and community members who are working to build more climate-resilient, socially connected, low-carbon communities will be there. This is the first ever national gathering, and it's open to the public. We'll bring at least part of the grove to that event and invite people to continue to add leaves."

TransitionNOW! Twin Cities organizers invite community participation in their project. If you would like to help on the night of Northern Spark, contact Leslie Mackenzie at 612-724-4265 or by visiting the Transition Twin Cities website: www.transitiontwincities.org.

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By MARGIE O'LOUGHLIN

In one of the finishing touches of a two-year period of reconstruction, fourteen handmade, mosaic trash receptacles will be installed in front of businesses along Minnehaha Ave. Community mosaic artists Lori Greene and Greta McLain have been working on designing and creating these pieces of public art since January 2017, and expect to install them in early June.

Melanie Majors, Executive Director of the Longfellow Community Council (LCC), said, "Hennepin County approached us about the possibility of doing an art installation along Minnehaha Ave. a couple of years ago, during the reconstruction planning stage. Lots of ideas had been discussed over time, but choosing what kind of art can go in is tricky. Every piece of public art that's approved has to have an entity that's willing to be responsible for graffiti removal and general maintenance. Fourteen businesses decided to purchase the trash receptacles, showcase them on their property, and take care of them."

"Our approach was comprehensive," Majors continued. "Robb Luckow with Hennepin County talked with business owners along Minnehaha Ave. to learn what they wanted, and

Public art project coming soon to Minnehaha Ave.



A pile of finished panels, stacked and ready for transport. (Photo by Margie O'Loughlin)

what they were willing to do. All of the stakeholders agreed that the goal was not just beautification of post-construction, but to take this opportunity to further 'brand' the corridor. Once we settled on the mosaic project, we applied for and received a Minnesota Regional Arts Council grant for \$10,000. That grant required a contribution of \$2,500 by both Hennepin County and LCC."

LCC next turned to Glen Dahl, a Realtor who buys, rehabs and sells a lot of homes in South Minneapolis. Dahl has an unusual approach to doing business in that he gives 1-2% of the profit from each sale to a neighborhood project. Majors said, "The scope

of our project was in line with how Glen wants to give back to the community, and he was happy to cover LCC's share of the costs."

Greene and long-time collaborator McLain held a series of six workshops throughout the winter. Attendees were able to make their own "mosaic on a stick" and, in the process, shared their ideas of what the new trash receptacles would say about the neighborhood.

Greene explained, "Greta and her team are making seven of the trash receptacles, and we're making the other seven at my St. Paul studio, Mosaic on a Stick. We had a really good turn-out for our winter workshops. Different people

would come each time, but it seemed like everyone was coming for the same reason: to do something positive, something creative. We asked each group the same questions, 'How does your community feel to you?' and 'When you think of your neighborhood, what images come to mind?' Participants drew pictures of gardens, the Mississippi River, biking, dogs, and simple patterns that were pleasing to their eye."

"We think this project will bring more people onto Minnehaha Ave.," Majors concluded, "and will really enhance its visual appeal. From the beginning, business owners were saying that it isn't just about what goes on inside—it

matters what goes on outside of their businesses too. Longfellow is not an insular community. It's one that says, 'We want other people to come here.'"

In a final nod to the partnership that made this community mosaic project happen, Majors said, "There was cooperation in every direction. MRAC was great; Hennepin County really did their due diligence, the Minnehaha business owners, the neighbors, and participants were engaged; Glen Dahl's contribution was greatly appreciated; and Fire Roast Cafe generously donated coffee and snacks throughout the creative process."

Watch LCC's website or view their Facebook page for updates about the installation next month of the mosaic trash receptacles. Minnehaha Avenue's new public art installation will be colorful, engaging, and utterly practical all at the same time.



Lori Greene, half of the creative team along with collaborator Greta McLain, at work on one of the mosaic trash receptacles in her St. Paul studio. (Photo by Margie O'Loughlin)



Story-telling with mosaic tiles requires working with material that is hard and sharp - to create images that are soft and flowing. (Photo by Margie O'Loughlin)

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