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"Here's to the next 48 years," said South Lyndale Liquor owner Dan Campo as his two children, the future of the family-owned business, cut the ribbon at their new 35,000-square-foot building at 5516 South Lyndale Ave. on Oct. 4, 2023. Left to right: Kate, Roman (age 9), Sydney (age 15) and Dan Campo. (Photo by Tesha M. Christensen)

SOUTH LYNDALE LIQUOR TRIPLES SIZE

Second-generation owner Dan Campo and family still live in the neighborhood

By **Tesha M. Christensen**

South Lyndale is home for Dan Campo. Born at Colfax and 33rd, he's running the business his parents, Joe and Maryann started in 1975. On Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023, that family business, South Lyndale Liquors, tripled in size and moved down the block from 5500 to 5516 Lyndale.

"This is a 11-year, 13-year dream," Campo told those gathered for the ribbon-cutting event. "The thing about being

a collector is you run out of room for your collection."

Expanding from 12,000-square-feet into 35,000 square feet means that there is much more space for all the varieties of beer, wine and spirits that Campo finds.

The project really started in earnest four years ago when they secured a deal for the Borton Volvo property that was most recently home to a Coldwell Banker and an Enter-



As the city prepares to tear down the old Kmart building, it considers how to reconnect Nicollet Ave. Over 500 residents attended an open house on Oct. 10, and 1,200 people responded to a survey by Oct. 12. (Photo by Cam Gordon)



WHAT DO PEOPLE THINK?

Three park concepts and four street designs shared for former Kmart lot and Nicollet reconnection

By **Cam Gordon**

The long process of reopening Nicollet Ave. at Lake St. took another step forward this month. City planners released design concepts for the public areas planned for the 10-acre site where a surface parking lot and vacant and boarded building sit today.

Reconnecting Nicollet has been in the works for over a decade, and the city has spent over \$20 million on the project so far. The demolition of the former Kmart

buildings is expected to occur in the first quarter of 2024. A contractor to do the work could be approved in November.

The new street reconnecting Nicollet is scheduled to be built in 2025, with future development slated to include housing, retail, and outdoor park spaces.

Earlier this year, city planners gathered input on priorities and uses for the roadway and potential parks and used it to help draft four different design options for the new street and three ideas for new park space. These were presented at an outdoor open house on Oct. 10, 2023 that was attended by more than 500 people at the site.

According to Sarah McKenzie, a spokesperson for the city, they also had already received over 1,200 responses to an online survey about the design options as of Oct 12.

Community partners at the



DOMESTIC ABUSE VICTIM JAILED

VOICES AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE
By **Tesha M. Christensen**

Caught between two states, a woman is jailed for not dropping an order for protection granted by Iowa

During Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a Minnesota judge ordered a victim to jail for not forcing her daughter to see her father.

Dani* was ordered to serve 30 days in jail on Oct. 2, 2023 or immediately pay \$5,000 to her ex-boyfriend. (See previous article on the family court case titled, "Caught Between" at www.swConnector.com.) She is the third person in Minnesota history to be jailed on such a charge in family court.

"I couldn't stop thinking about how my daughter would take the news that her mom wasn't coming home for a month," said Dani.

Dani qualifies for food stamps and medical assistance in Iowa, where she is a long-time resident, and also qualified for in forma pauperis (IFP) status in Minnesota courts – but she was jailed because she can't pay about \$300,000 to her ex-boyfriend.

Tenth Judicial Court Judge Kristi Stanislawski found Dani in contempt of court for not paying her ex-boyfriend's legal fees and a daily fine for every day her 11-year-old daughter has not gone on visits with the father, who works in Hennepin County and lives in Ramsey County. (The family court case remains in Sherburne County because that is where the father lived when he filed for custody prior to the daughter being born in Iowa.)

Dani was also held in contempt for not dropping an order for protection that was granted by an Iowa judge. The father is currently being investigated by Iowa child protection for sexual abuse. He testified in court that he has not spoken to investigators there, but has directed them to his attorney, Katie Jendro.

Domestic violence advocates point out that Dani was effectively ordered into "debtor's prison," an issue that the ACLU has written about. From "Ending Modern-Day Debtors' Prisons": "Nearly two centuries ago, the United States formally abolished





Kate (at left) and Dan Campo (at right) chat with general contractor John Patterson of Fendler Patterson Construction on Oct. 4, 2023. (Photo by Tesha M. Christensen)



Dan Campo (left) shares stories with his mom, Maryann Campo, while standing in the new South Lyndale Liquor building, just down the block from the original one. (Photo by Tesha M. Christensen)

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prise rental car shop. The Enterprise building was torn down 18 months ago, and the Borton Volvo building provided the base for the remodel and addition. The original brick and trusses can be seen inside.

Campo thanked his wife, Kate, son Roman (9), and daughter, Sydney, along with staff, project workers, and customers. "This is my family," Campo said as he gestured to the crowd around him. "It's all of you who have made this possible."

In three days, people helped move \$1 million worth of merchandise down the street to the new facility.

Campo thanked the city for the zoning changes needed to construct the new facility, and the ability to add security

shutters.

As a customer walked out, he thanked the Campos for staying in the neighborhood.

"We're happy to live and work in the community," said Kate.

Dan and Kate met at South Lyndale Liquor. She had gone in looking for a bottle of wine. She asked someone she assumed was a contractor due to his Carhartt and work clothes who she should ask for a recommendation for a bottle of rosé. He said he could help, and he located the perfect bottle. Today they live in Lynnhurst, not far from the store.

For the new location, Campo built upon his family heritage and the history of the neighborhood, which was new in the 1920s and 30s. The cheese and sandwich shop mimics a deli from Brooklyn,

New York, where his family is from. A 1934 Chevrolet is parked inside, a nod to moonshine runners.

Hanging above are "clouds" that Dan fashioned from wine barrels and beer crates during a couple overnight builds with friend and artist, Ted Hogue (formerly of The Cottage House Furniture). Look for new art in the building as Dan and Ted continue to create.

The addition of an event space means that they can hold wine tastings and other events in-house. The seating can also be used by those getting a sandwich for lunch. Plus, the space has wine machines where people can pay for individual glasses of wine.

"People can sit and have lunch and a glass of wine," remarked Kate.

Fendler Patterson Construction was the general contractor on the 18-month build. "It's been a long road," said John Patterson. "You don't often get properties like this and owners that put in this kind of thought and design. It's wonderful to be a part of it."

For Maryann Campo, standing in the new building was bittersweet. She had negotiated from A to Z to begin the business. "I was sentimentally attached to the other building," she acknowledged. "But the landlords gave my son such a hard time that he had no other choice." Dan and Kate tried to purchase their original building but the owners wouldn't sell it.

"Here's to the next 48 years," remarked Campo. "I'm really excited."

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open house and assisting the city with community engagement include the Whittier Alliance, Phillips West, CANDO, the Lyndale Neighborhood Association, Lake Street Council, FRAYEO and NEOO Partners.

Two separate teams of consultants have been hired, as well. The street design team includes Short Elliott Hendrickson, Inc. (SEH), Toole Design Group, Zan Associates, Olson & Nesvold Engineers (ONE), HZ United, Hess Roise, Henning Professional Service and HFTE, among others. The public park team includes TEN x TEN, Whittier Alliance, NEOO Partners, 4RM+ULA, Forecast Public Art, and Barr Engineering.

"With the reconnection project and the opportunity for public comment, we as neighbors get the chance to imagine what kind of destination would serve our needs, and make the surrounding neighborhoods more vibrant," said Soren Stevenson. He lives three blocks from the site and is running for the Ward 8 City Council seat. "The immediate surroundings of the Kmart site have large Somali and Hispanic populations, among others. It would be a huge addition to our city if those communities immediately adjacent to the site were able to see themselves reflected in the new developments."

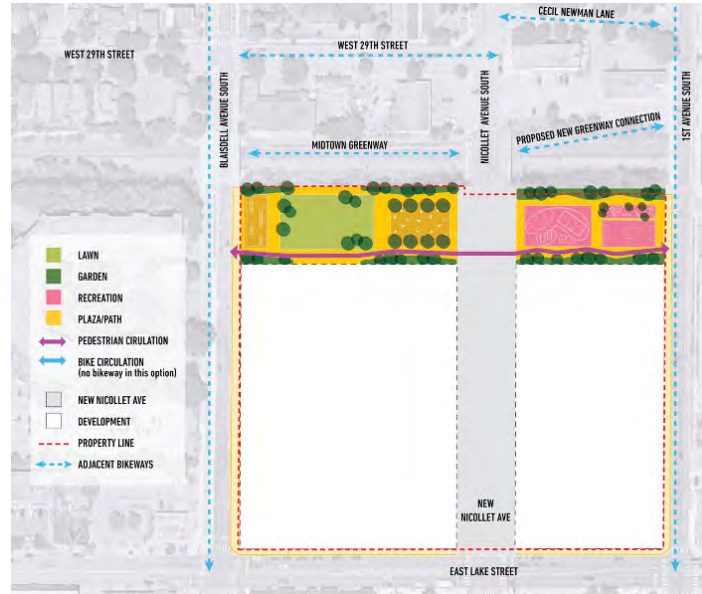
"The selection of where the big chunks of open space go feels like a much more important discussion than what the street layout looks like on Nicollet Avenue," said Tim Springer, who was at the open house. Springer is a southwest area resident and former director of the Midtown Greenway Coalition.

IDEAS FOR PARKS

The first park concept shows a long rectangular park along the Midtown Greenway on the north end of the site that would serve as a gateway to and from the stretch of Nicollet known as "Eat Street." It incorporates the proposal to move the Midtown Greenway access ramp from Nicollet to 1st Ave., to construct an ADA-compliant ramp, and allow for the greenway to be widened.

The second option would add a long rectangular park along the new Nicollet Ave, mostly on its west side. It includes spaces for gathering, gardens, and sports, as well as extra sidewalk space along Lake Street for pedestrians, greening, and bikes. It adds some park area where a new Nicollet bridge will be built to replace the old one over the greenway.

The third park option consists of a corner park and diagonal pathway. This



There are currently three proposals for where to put park land at the former Kmart site: 1) on the north side near the Midtown Greenway; 2) along the reconnected Nicollet Ave. in the middle of the site; or 3) a corner park and diagonal pathway (not pictured).

design shows a park area the size of a typical small neighborhood bordering the greenway in the northeast quarter of the site with a pedestrian path and bikeway going from the greenway entrance on 1st to the Blaisdell and Lake St intersection. Smaller green gathering spaces are included along the diagonal pathway.

"I like the scenario that puts a large open space immediately south of the Midtown Greenway on the east side of Nicollet Avenue," said Springer. "This scenario would allow space for a rail transit platform (likely serving streetcars) and place-making around it down in the Greenway, as well as setbacks of buildings to the south so as to allow sunshine there."

Springer would also like to see open space south of the Greenway and west of Nicollet. He wants the project to "allow for future pedestrian circulation east-to-west crossing underneath Nicollet Avenue and vertical circulation from the Greenway up to Nicollet on both sides of Nicollet."

The Hennepin County Regional Railroad Authority owns the Midtown Greenway corridor and in past planning efforts, rail have been proposed for both the Greenway and on Nicollet as part of a Nicollet-Central Ave streetcar line. "Such transit could co-exist with the bikeway that is there now, and it is a good idea for Minneapolis and the planet," added Springer.

DESIGNS FOR STREETS

The four street designs include a variety of sidewalk, street and boulevard widths, as well as uses on the new roadway. None of the options include a dedicated bike path.

Kelsey Fogt is the city planner leading the street redesign effort. She said that with the dedicated bike paths on Blaisdell, the Greenway and soon-to-be built two-way protected bikeway on 1st Ave., dedicated bike space on the roadway did not seem necessary.

All the design options would allow emergency vehicles and metro transit buses. Currently the well-used number 18 bus goes around the area using 1st or Blaisdell. Three of the four designs would allow private vehicles, and two also provide on-street parking.

"I favor the Nicollet Avenue streetscape scenarios that have continuous strips of seating areas rather than seating areas and greenspace in alternating chunks," said Springer.

Concept one includes transit, private and emergency vehicles on the roadway. There is alternating parking and green space with no dedicated bike facility. This concept also features 10-foot-wide sidewalks and sections of 20-foot-wide green spaces or "furnishing zones" with trees.

The second and third designs include transit and private vehicles on the roadway with a median in the center. Concept two allows parking with alternating green space. Concept three provides no on-street parking.

The fourth design would only allow transit and emergency vehicles on the street and provides no dedicated parking.

Sarah Larrison, a southside community member who was also at the open house, wondered why there wasn't an option that prohibited all motor vehicles and created a pedestrian only street like she

has experienced in other cities.

"I like the concept of prohibiting private vehicles on the Nicollet roadway," said Springer, "but I have a concern the area would feel lifeless except when an occasional bus goes by, as I don't believe the area will be teaming with pedestrians all the time as pictured in the drawings."

Having bus service on the street is also a clear priority for Metro Transit, and one person there said it would improve bus service and reduce travel time for the number 18 bus.

"A transit-only scenario makes more sense to me when there are streetcars on Nicollet, as I like the idea of dedicated space for streetcars, so they don't experience the same delays as car traffic," said Springer. "I hope planners anticipate future streetcars on Nicollet Avenue in their design."

"We will continue to gather community input on the public space framework and new Nicollet Ave concept options until mid-November," said McKenzie. "After this round of community engagement, the project teams will develop a preferred concept for the public space framework, and the new Nicollet Ave concept layout based on community feedback, project goals, city policies and standards, and technical analysis."

The preferred concepts are expected to be brought to the newly elected city council and the mayor for approval in early 2024. The survey closes Nov. 14 and is available in English, Spanish, and Somali on the project web page at <https://www2.minneapolis.gov/government/programs-initiatives/new-nicollet/>.

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IMAGINE A FUTURE OF NONVIOLENCE

'Nonviolence is the most effective method to work for rights.'

The only constant is change. Life either gets better or worse. These days, the world is on fire. Metaphorically and literally. And things seem to be getting worse for humanity.

That doesn't mean we can't make things better.

"The future must be a future of nonviolence," the great Italian peacemaker Lanza del Vasto once wrote, "or else there will be no future."

Violence, war, and injustice did not always exist. According to UNESCO (the United Nations, Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization), archaeological research shows that early prehistoric human societies got along. Nomadic hunter-gatherers collaborated and provided mutual support. It was necessary for their survival and to ensure reproduction.

Collective violence did not appear until nomadic communities settled down in the Near East at the end of the Palaeolithic era, around 13,000 B.C., and transitioned to living in one place. Over the next 10,000 years, conflicts developed.



By **Eric Ortiz**

When the economy shifted to food production from getting food by killing animals (predation), the concept of ownership was born. This led to the emergence of inequalities, hierarchical structures, slaves, power struggles, and intercommunity conflicts.

In 5,500 B.C., the arrival of new migrants increased conflicts between villages. The conflicts multiplied during the Bronze Age (before 3,000 B.C.). Metal weapons were made. War became institutionalized.

Sound familiar?

The idea of prehistoric humans being wild, warlike savages is a myth, started in the late 19th century and early 20th century by writers and artists, to reinforce our "civilization" and progress since the beginning of humanity.

"Violence is not inscribed in our genes," explained Marylene Patou-Mathis, a prehistorian and research director at the French National Centre for Scientific Research. "Its appearance has historical and social causes — the concept of 'primordial (original) violence' is a myth. War is therefore not inseparable from the human condition, but is the product of societies, and the cultures it generates. As the studies of early human societies show, when faced with crises, a community is more resilient if it is based on cooperation and mutual support, rather than on individualism and competition."

Can we go back to our prehistoric human roots of nonviolence? It won't be

easy.

"Nonviolence is not an option for the weak or the cowardly. It requires a lot more discipline, strength, and internal power," says Jonathan Kuttab, a Christian Palestinian, human rights advocate, peace activist, and co-founder of Nonviolence International and Friends of Sabeel of North America. "Nonviolence is the most effective method to work for rights. People are being provoked into violence on a daily basis. Many people deserve to fight for their rights. It makes more sense to struggle nonviolently than to resort to weapons."

Kuttab made his comments to the Beyt Tikkun community (a synagogue without walls) during the 2023 Jewish High Holidays, sharing an inspirational vision and message for the future of Palestine and Israel that is even more relevant now.

There is a lot of anger in the world today. War and violence is often the response. War and violence leads to more war and violence, which leads to more pain and suffering, which makes things worse for humanity.

Nonviolence means standing up for what is right without violence. Nonviolence is a tool to fight injustice, wrongdoing, and harm. Nonviolence is a humane way to hold people accountable.

"It is a battle we need to fight, internally, within ourselves, within our community, and also with the other side," says

Kuttab, who believes Palestine and Israel are facing a spiritual crisis and need to go back to basic principles.

Who are we?

What do we believe in?

What do we hold as important values? How, in fact, can we live together?

That is the challenge for us. Whether we like it or not. Whether we think there is any justice in it or not. Whether we think it is fair or not. We have to think about each other. And we have to live with each other. The future has to be a joint future. We need to learn to live together. Not to claim superiority. On the basis of equality, of dignity, of a joint future together, for us, for our children, for our grandchildren. ... We must hold to some kind of human value and divine plan for everyone concerned. It still may be a long struggle. It is a vision worth holding onto.

Nothing changes if nothing changes. It's time for a difficult awakening. Nonviolence can lead to better outcomes for the whole world. We can start at home in our own communities.

Who needs help? How can we connect people to what they need? How can we work together to make things better for everyone?

Every human being deserves the right to live a healthy, dignified, fulfilling life.



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DO WE REALIZE HOW ISOLATED WE ARE?

Maybe we could get together and talk about the patterns of how we live in community

I attended National Night Out on Aug. 1. It was great!

At this annual event, my block gathers a couple dozen people for a mix of burgers, brats, and salads. The adults catch up on each other's summer travels and home renovations while the children play with each other's toys. I enjoyed every minute of it.

I am also mindful of how a few hours of mingling once a year is only a taste of what's possible. Sometimes we barely make it past, "Can you remind me what you do for a living?" There was a particu-



By **Eddie Glenn**

larly poignant moment for me when one of my neighbors was like, "Eddie! I haven't seen you for months! Where have you been?" I pointed to my house and said, "In there," and then I pointed to his house three doors down and said, "— and you've been in there." Then everyone laughed and the conversation moved on.

I was being facetious, but I was also signifying how silly our isolated lifestyles appear to me. About 10 years ago, my wife and I lived in a neighborhood on the northern edge of Chicago. Many of our neighbors there were recent immigrants from Nepal and Malaysia. "Neighbor" meant something different to the people living there.

Neighbors passed casually between each other's homes every day. You could find small groups chatting on sidewalks, in front of doors, and in living rooms at least a few times per week. Almost everyone watched each other's kids, made extra dinner to share and had a lot of fun together. In tougher times, there was a lit-

tle more practical help and a lot of moral support at every turn. While my wife and I lived there, we set aside our "American" instincts and basked in that community. It felt like a better way to live.

When we moved to Minnesota six years ago, we were both returning to cultures and communities that we had grown up in but we expected to create a version of interconnectedness wherever we landed in Minneapolis. The cultural differences have proven to be too great to overcome. We tried varied approaches of inviting more closeness, always erring on the side of taking it slow rather than annoying people, and we haven't "given up" yet. However, most people we've met in Minnesota have been content with little more than a seasonal five minute conversation to stay in touch — and most opt for much, much less. Our neighborhood, where many adults speak to one another only once every several months, is lively and well-connected by Minnesota standards.

My wife and I sometimes consult

about how to create more closeness in Minneapolis, but we have mostly adapted by growing more independent from our extended family and friends and shifted our time and attention towards more ambitious career pursuits. That is, we are becoming more like our neighbors rather than the other way around. Despite how much we felt inspired to create a new culture, it is tough to swim against the current. As individuals, Minnesotans take so many disparate actions day-to-day that contribute to a culture of disconnectedness. Perhaps we don't realize how isolated we are, and how many other ways there are to live.

I am trying not to place too many value judgments on this phenomenon. I am just one person with observations about a community that I can't wrap my arms around. But, I would like for us to be aware and intentional about the patterns of community life that we create; maybe even get together and talk about it sometime.



Eddie Glenn is a East Harriet resident.

AM I BEING GHOSTED BY MY CITY COUNCILWOMAN?

I sent one final email to Council Member Linea Palmisano after my previous six went unanswered.

Six months earlier, Palmisano had fielded my complaint and agreed to meet. She listened as I explained how a corrupt Child Protection Investigator lied to Minneapolis Police and removed my three

little girls from my home. I exposed the investigator after obtaining the police body camera footage and impeaching him in multiple legal proceedings. Still, my family endured months of hell, and the trauma thrust one of my daughters into a mental health crisis. I launched a website pleading for help, www.rescuemychild.org. Now I wanted justice.

What could Palmisano do to help? I asked if she would talk to the city attorney about filing charges against the county worker for lying to the police. She

said that seemed reasonable and agreed to do so. Then, silence. Over the next six months, I would send seven emails and one text message asking for an update. Nothing.

I am not alone. Palmisano has a history of ghosting people. I do not presume to know why, but I do know she serves as the vice president of one of the most incompetent city councils in this state's history. In her interview for this paper, Palmisano said, "You know me, you know I listen, and I am all in."

That's a lie, and I hate few things more than lying. One lie nearly destroyed my family. That's why I asked to meet with Kate Mortenson. She recently gave me an hour of her time. While recognizing she has limited power, Mortenson agreed to do what Palmisano failed to do. She has my vote not only because she acts but because she has the credentials and the ability to create change, and we desperately need change.

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TEAMING UP FOR GOOD

Interest rates were 3% in August of 2021; today, it's hard to find a rate below 7%.

To a lot of people, that is the whole story. The thinking goes like this:

a) That rise in interest rates has made it difficult for first time buyers to afford "these high prices;" and

b) Nobody wants to sell if they will be trading a 3% mortgage rate on their current home for a 7% rate on whatever they choose to buy. Even if you are downsizing, you are likely to pay a higher monthly mortgage for a smaller house – so why not stay?

And thus: We have low inventory, and the market has stalled. True enough.

Note (in the top graph at right) that closed sales were steady for almost three years, then there was a steep increase in sales during that last year of record-low interest rates. Note also: the doubly steep decline in closed sales started in August of 2021, virtually the same instant that rates started to double.

Interestingly, however, as you see in the graph (middle at right) covering exactly the same period of time, that inventory actually rose from 2018 to September 2020.

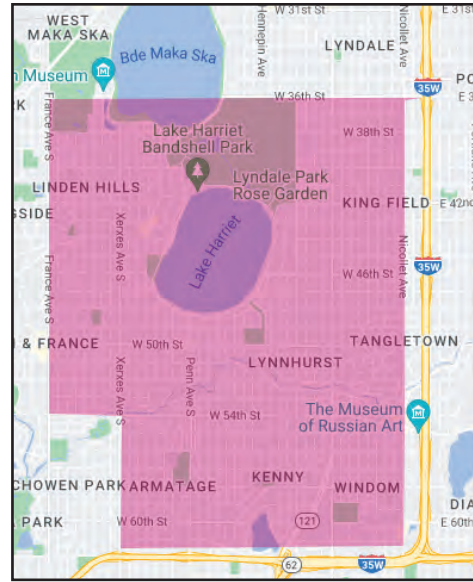
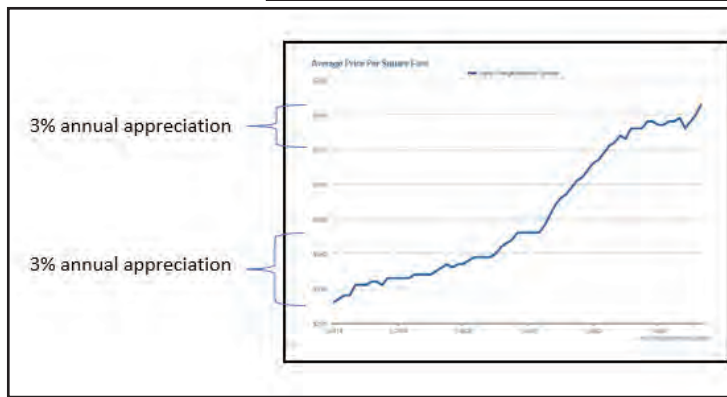
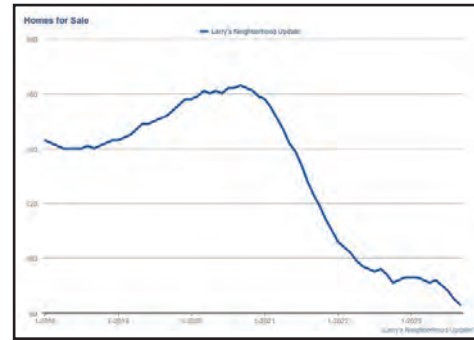
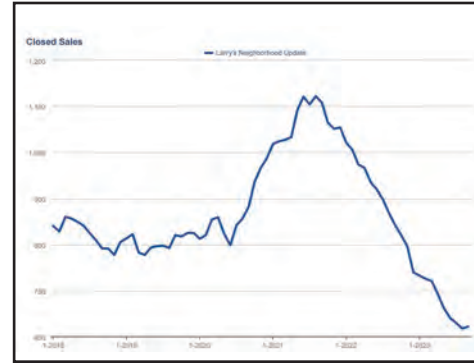
But look at this (graph at right):

While the steepest increase in price-



By Larry LaVercombe

LOCAL REAL ESTATE MARKET IN THREE GRAPHS



All graphs in this column were drawn from data in the area highlighted in pink.

year, our home values appreciated at virtually the same rate whether inventory was increasing, or inventory was decreasing.

In these wildly different interest rate environments, values appreciated as much during the time of increasing inventory as they appreciated during the last year of drastically decreasing inventory.

Whether inventory was high, or inventory was low, prices increased at the same rate – regardless of interest rates.

This is a surprise, and perhaps a profound realization. But what does it mean? It means that we are not overpriced in Southwest Minneapolis.

People always want to know: What's about to happen? Are we in a bubble?

When are prices going to go down? Again, my answer is: Not for a long time.

Global warming is making Minnesota more attractive to buyers all over the country. Minneapolis is a wonderful place to live. We live in the most beautiful and cultured city around. And whether inventory is high, or inventory is low – whether interest rates are high, or interest rates are low – values in Southwest Minneapolis continue to rise.

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- What are their methods of pricing? Not "what amount" do they say your house is worth, but what methods did they use to get there? Can they explain why they came to their number?
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- What staging work does the agent recommend you do to prepare the home for sale? How much can they get done for you, and at what prices?
- What are their negotiating strategies? Can they articulate which strategies are better for which specific situations? Would their style and strategy be the right one for your most likely situation?



Larry LaVercombe is a writer, filmmaker, and activist, born in Detroit and arrived in Minneapolis in 1975. He lived in a treehouse in San Diego before getting an MFA from the USC Film School. He writes most days, and as Team Larry he has been selling residential real estate in Minneapolis for 26 years.

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The Connector partnered with the League of Women Voters this year, and we're reprinting items from www.vote411.org. Here are the responses of the candidates who responded by our print deadline.

WARD 7

Vying for this position are Katie Cashman, Kenneth Foxworth and Scott Graham.

KATIE CASHMAN

www.katieforcouncil.org
Please introduce yourself.

I'm a policy professional, sustainability advocate, and community builder who has a decade of experience in public service and showing up for my community. Minneapolis has complex challenges and we cannot continue to have costly, band-aid solutions.



We must get to the root of issues, especially for unsheltered homelessness, to ensure that people have shelter & culturally-competent resources to prevent encampments and give people a stronger path to housing affordability and stability.

As a council member, you are responsible to both your ward specifically and the city as a whole. How will you manage priorities that may be competing at times?

Accessibility and responsiveness to Ward 7 residents is my priority, but many issues affect all residents of Minneapolis. When one area of Minneapolis is facing challenges it affects the rest of the city. For too long we have marginalized communities that need to be prioritized with investments. We have neighborhoods in Minneapolis that face disproportionate amounts of crime, pollution, homelessness, and housing unaffordability that need to be confronted for our city to reach its potential.

The city council approved the court-enforceable MPD consent decree. What is the role of the city council in overseeing the implementation and compliance with the decree and what are 2-3 initiatives that you will support to improve public safety and affect police misconduct?
City Council's role in public safety is to

pass a city budget that funds proven strategies for violence prevention and crime reduction. We can expand our options for emergency response by fully funding the behavioral crisis response (BCR) team. I strongly support stronger accountability and oversight systems through the consent decree along with robust data collection and transparency around the police union contract. I believe these are key initiatives to reform our public safety system.

What are specific strategies for housing people who are currently unhoused and creating affordable, sustainable housing opportunities for the future?

We need to expand our shelter options and increase availability of 24/7 shelters. I strongly support culturally specific, low barrier shelters like Avivo Village that provide a full spectrum of chemical and mental health services, career education, and employment services. We will keep having encampments form and spending millions to clear them until Minneapolis gets serious about a housing-first approach and expanding & maintaining our deeply affordable housing options.

KENNETH C. FOXWORTH

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SCOTT GRAHAM

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Please introduce yourself.
My wife Susie and I live west of Cedar

Lake in Bryn Mawr and have been part of Minneapolis' Ward 7 community since 1998. I have been a residential realtor for 25 years and own my own brokerage called Uptown Realty. I have been very active in the DFL party holding leadership positions such as senate district and congressional district chair. My top priority on council is to ensure the safety of everyone in Minneapolis. Safety underpins most everything else we want to accomplish for our communities. We need to transform our police department's culture, hire more officers, and continue to support alternative responders like our Behavioral Crisis Response team and violence de-escalators.



As a council member, you are responsible to both your ward specifically and the city as a whole. How will you manage priorities that may be competing at times?

The needs of Ward 7 will always be my top priority, but all 13 council members serve to create a thriving city at-large. Strong constituent services is an important way I will focus on Ward 7. I want to elevate the conversation on city council and mute the factionalization I see there now. I am ready to reach out to and work with all 12 other council members and our Mayor to help build a thriving city. By ascribing best intentions to other council members, and working to respectfully collaborate with them, we can

accomplish a lot, even if we have perceived political differences.

The city council approved the court-enforceable MPD consent decree. What is the role of the city council in overseeing the implementation and compliance with the decree and what are 2-3 initiatives that you will support to improve public safety and affect police misconduct?

Council needs to approve budgets that fully fund continuous improvement in the public safety realm and assure MPD's compliance with the DOJ's consent decree. We should appreciate the DOJ's experts giving us a court-enforceable roadmap for meaningful reforms. I support stronger accountability mechanisms for officers who break the law or procedure. Creating a police department that is capable of attracting recruits is central to our success. Having officers that live in our communities is important, as is hiring more BIPOC and women officers. I have high expectations of our public safety system and personnel.

What are specific strategies for housing people who are currently unhoused and creating affordable, sustainable housing opportunities for the future?

Working with partners like Avivo, Aeon, Common Bond, Beacon and Simpson Housing, we can continue to develop deeply affordable housing with on-site supportive services like trauma-informed mental health therapy and drug and alcohol treatment, among others. Harnessing the power of federal grants and subsidies to create this housing is essential. Shelter beds are a short-term solution; longer term housing is necessary. The homeless community is diverse; the forces that drive people into it are wide ranging. The opioid epidemic is a profound driver of homelessness and cannot be fixed by only providing a home, but that is where we must start. Mental health and substance abuse treatment are at the core for many of our homeless neighbors.

WARD 8

Vying for this position are Andrea Jenkins, Soren Stevenson, Bob Sullentrop and Terry White.

ANDREA JENKINS

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SOREN STEVENSON

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Please introduce yourself.

My name is Soren Stevenson. I'm a renter, a policy advocate, a survivor of police violence, and the DFL-endorsed candidate for City Council in Ward 8. I know – and community voices have said loud and clear – that Ward 8 needs more community safety, more accountability for MPD, dignified and attainable housing for all, and environmental justice to ensure that all our neighbors can live healthy lives on a



healthy planet. The City Council has the legislative authority to pass ordinances to meet our basic needs, but it has not done that. I'm running for Ward 8 City Council to create a kinder, safer Minneapolis. I will fight alongside my community and neighbors to bring our shared values to City Hall and make our shared vision a reality.

As a council member, you are responsible to both your ward specifically and the city as a whole. How will you manage priorities that may be competing at times?

As an elected official I will be accountable to both my ward and the city. In relationship with my neighbors through community organizations, and with current council members, my job will be to develop progressive policies that fundamentally transform the balance of power in our city, away from wealthy elites and toward those whose voices are marginalized in city hall. That means translating our shared values into policies and programs that put workers and the environment first, prioritize people over profits, and create safety, care, and abundance for all of us. I will work closely with my constituents, my staff, and community organizations to always prioritize our shared values and vision.

The city council approved the court-enforceable MPD consent decree.

What is the role of the city council in overseeing the implementation and compliance with the decree and what are 2-3 initiatives that you will support to improve public safety and affect police misconduct?

The consent decree signed by the City is an important first step towards the crucial transformational change to policing that our communities need. I know that the community needs to be in the driver's seat of overseeing the implementation and compliance in this process. On the council I will push to make sure that, at every step of the way, the City is giving regular public updates to the community. However, the changes mandated by the consent decree are only a part what we need. Establishing a comprehensive public health approach to public safety is my top priority. I will prioritize fully funding and supporting the Behavior Crisis Response team and initiating a pilot program to create responses specific to domestic violence instances.

What are specific strategies for housing people who are currently unhoused and creating affordable, sustainable housing opportunities for the future?

Homelessness is a solvable problem. Encampments are the natural result of decades of policies that were designed to max-

imize profits, not prioritize people. If we're going to be serious about ending encampments, we need new money and new public housing units. That's why I'm committed to helping enact a public housing levy. In addition, we need to invest in supportive housing solutions like Housing First and shared housing solutions like SROs. We need to produce a variety of publicly and community-owned options that support folks to live independently and with dignity throughout the city. To facilitate the creation of more community-owned, permanently affordable housing options, I will work to pass a Tenant Opportunity To Purchase Act.

BOB SULLENTROP

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WARD 10

Vying for this position are Aisha Chughtai, Bruce Dachis, Greg Kline, and Nasri Warsame.

AISHA CHUGHTAI

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BRUCE DACHIS

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Please introduce yourself.
 My name is Bruce Dachis, but most everyone calls me Buzzy. I live in the LynLake area with my wife, Rebecca, and my step-daughter, Madison. I also have two adult children, Adam and Ali. I am running to represent Ward 10 on the Minneapolis City Council because our current crime levels are unacceptable. Residents should feel safe and secure in their homes and on our streets. I am running to make that a reality for all. I was born and spent my entire life in the Twin Cities. Aside from my primary roles as a husband and a father, I am a small business owner who has operated businesses in the Uptown area since 1984. Public safety is the foundation of any thriving city. Unsafe communities not only hurt residents but businesses as well.



As a council member, you are responsible to both your ward specifically and

the city as a whole. How will you manage priorities that may be competing at times?

Having lived in the Minneapolis area my entire life, I have seen the most effective council members demonstrate a focus on constituent service for their residents and businesses in the ward. In my career as a small business owner for the past 40 years, what has worked for me is addressing small and manageable tasks well, which creates a foundation and puts procedures and relationships in place to handle emergencies and longer term strategic planning. I do not view a city council position as a platform for rhetoric and radical political change. The best councilmembers address the simple responsibilities of being a councilmember, constituent service requests, and business needs in our ward.

The city council approved the court-enforceable MPD consent decree. What is the role of the city council in overseeing the implementation and compliance with the decree and what are 2-3 initiatives that you will support to improve public safety and affect police misconduct?

The role of the City Council is to help to make sure that the consent decree is enforced and the police department is compliant. We must have a fully staffed police department to increase public safety. We also need to address what roles civilians can play

in helping improve public safety by giving the police relief on calls that don't require an armed response. Police misconduct cannot be tolerated. Depending on the offense there must be some sort of discipline that could include being dismissed from the police department.

What are specific strategies for housing people who are currently unhoused and creating affordable, sustainable housing opportunities for the future?

We need to ensure that the finances of housing development remain sound to preserve the incentive for housing developers to invest in Ward 10, and Minneapolis Rent Control is not the answer. Additionally, we must remain committed to reducing our City's climate impact. It will take a large investment from the City, with significant state and federal money, to meet Minneapolis' climate goals. I am fully supportive of the City's recently adopted Climate Equity Plan. Pragmatic and impactful initiatives like insulating and weatherizing homes, expanding our tree canopy, and expanding EV charging infrastructure are among the actions we must prioritize to combat the climate crisis.

GREG KLINE

No website listed

NASRI WARSAME

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EARLY VOTING

Early voting is underway for the Nov. 7 city election of all 13 city council members.

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Find more information at <https://vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/>.

WARD 11

Vying for this position are Emily Koski and Gabrielle Prosser.

EMILY KOSKI

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GABRIELLE PROSSER

No website listed

WARD 13

Vying for this position are Bob Carney, Kate Mortenson, Zach Metzge and Linea Palmisano.

BOB CARNEY

No website listed

ZACH METZGE

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Please introduce yourself.
 Born and raised in Minneapolis, I am fourth generation ward 13 resident. I have led campaigns and organized movements that have created lasting change. I have worked deeply with community and in the capitol as a legislative aide, with major policy wins such as the Beyond Bullying Bill. I have made a career out of standing against injustice and will continue to fight for the needs of the people.



As a council member, you are responsible to both your ward specifically and the city as a whole. How will you manage priorities that may be competing at times?

By continuing to do the work I have been doing. Deeply connected to BIPOC communities outside of ward 13 and as a Linden Hills neighborhood council member, I am staying connected to community. First and foremost are the concerns of ward 13 residents, taking their voices to city hall and fighting for their needs to create a greater ward 13 while helping to build a better Minneapolis.

The city council approved the court-enforceable MPD consent decree.

What is the role of the city council in overseeing the implementation and compliance with the decree and what are 2-3 initiatives that you will support to improve public safety and affect police misconduct?

I will support the use of two moderators as US attorney General Merrick Garland stated is necessary here in Minneapolis. I will help move forward with overseeing that the MPD follows the orders in the consent decree to help create a public safety system that actually works. I support the Behavioral crisis response team and support fully funding them and other mental health services in the city.

What are specific strategies for housing people who are currently unhoused and creating affordable, sustainable housing opportunities for the future?

We need to enact a housing first program. The way the Frey administration has handled homelessness is not only inhumane but extremely ineffective. Over the last four years Minneapolis has spent eight million tax payer dollars on evicting homeless encampments. We need to get our most at risk residents off the streets. Additionally we need to deeply invest in affordable housing, with gentle density and creating pathways to home ownership such as a tenant option to purchase.

KATE MORTENSON

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LINEA PALMISANO

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Please introduce yourself.

I'm Linea Palmisano, our City Council Vice President. This brief two-year term's

highlights thus far include passage and funding for the Minneapolis Climate Equity Plan, and our total government structure overhaul- this includes an improved and more robust structure for public safety. Constituents know me as an experienced, principled, and representative of our ward - a reputation I've earned through my work, not just my words. Next term's priorities include data-driven public safety initiatives and improving basic services.

As a council member, you are responsible to both your ward specifically and the city as a whole. How will you manage priorities that may be competing at times?

We all run for office as individuals, but then we must come together across the city and govern as a body. My daily role in city leadership wrestles with complex impacts for our city in every decision, and how we participate in the context of the greater good and in our world. Every decision I make must promote data-driven, transparent, effective, and efficient city government. When confronted with difficult decisions and competing priorities, I have the courage to stand by my convictions and make decisions that serve not only 13th ward residents but everyone in our city.

The city council approved the court-enforceable MPD consent decree. What is the role of the city council in overseeing the implementation and compliance with the decree and what are 2-3 initiatives that you will support to improve public safety and affect police misconduct?

Our role is to make certain the goals and requirements of the consent decree are being fulfilled. I am committed to that work, and other necessary changes needed to ensure fair and just policing in our city. To hit those benchmarks, we have begun to fund and install new accountability systems and tracking, to make sure these reforms create lasting change. We also need our newly established Community Commission on Police Oversight to be supported and resourced in civilian review. In addition to tracking the department's progress, I will continue to support efforts to increase MPD staffing and officer support. Last, but paramount- we must establish an improved relationship and trust between MPD and the community.

What are specific strategies for housing people who are currently unhoused and creating affordable, sustainable housing opportunities for the future?

I have and will continue to champion policies proven to be effective to increase affordable housing supply, such as the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, the Inclusionary Zoning Policy, Stable Homes Stable Schools, and 4d Affordable Housing Incentive Program. These policies support and increase the development of housing, which is critical to addressing homelessness in our community. Other strategies tailored to the unhoused include Avivo village, which are indoor tiny homes for the unhoused with very low barriers to entry, and the Single Room Occupancy Ordinance which allows people of very little means to rent a room in a larger facility, long-term.



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SWBA board members and staff include: (left to right) Katie Koster (membership chair), Roger Word (treasurer/funding chair), manager of business development and marketing Karen Binkowski, and Gus Ortis (vice president). Not shown: Dan Campo (secretary) and Matt Perry (president).

SO, WHAT IS THE SOUTHWEST BUSINESS ASSOCIATION?

THE SOUTHWEST EXPERIENCE

The Southwest Business Association (SWBA) has a long history of serving our small business community and the community at large. We started with two neighborhoods in 2006 and now represent all nine neighborhoods from 36th St to Hwy 62 and France Ave S to 35W. As we've grown, our most seasoned members and volunteers have watched the Southwest Minneapolis landscape change and worked hard to help shape it into a vibrant and welcoming environment that affords both established businesses and incoming entrepreneurs the best opportunity to flourish.



a part-time consultant as well as volunteers from our board and committees.

But the real answer is in the details. We build relationships with city officials, neighborhood associations, local publications, and other partners with an interest or influence in decision-making for our small businesses. Through these relationships, we assist individual members with resolving all kinds of issues, which saves them time and effort that can be channeled back into their business. In addition, we provide a collective voice in response to proposed regulatory or policy changes, whether it's for businesses grouped together on an avenue or shopping node, or by industry.

As advocates for our members, we take an active role in proposing changes to regulations that are outdated or pose unnecessarily high fees for conducting business. A great example is the work we've done affecting the permitting of signage. We've helped rid the requirement to secure a permit for painted signs, increased the minimum size limit for the need for a permit by almost 3-fold, and expanded the definition of murals.

We've also helped simplify the licensing rules and lowered the annual licensing

fees (reduced by a factor of 5) for antique dealers and second-hand stores. Southwest Minneapolis has traditionally been home to a number of these businesses, particularly at the thriving intersection of Xerxes and 50th in Fulton, and with sustainability becoming more important to shoppers we're seeing this industry grow. This month alone, two new vintage stores opened their doors on Lyndale Ave in East Harriet.


SWBA succeeded in affecting these pro-business updates by working closely with city staff and garnering Council Member sponsorship. We've also cultivated more than a decade's worth of experience facilitating access to City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County funding opportunities such as business assistance, area marketing and façade grants, low-interest loans, and no-cost business-centric education opportunities. To date, we've secured more than \$920k in small business assistance grants. And \$650k of this total is from the city's Façade Improvement Program, which we've awarded to individual businesses and commercial building owners across Southwest Minneapolis to help fund improvements to their storefronts.

These improvements have ranged from

replacing faded or torn awnings to hiring local artists to paint bright, colorful murals. Others have had a clear environmental impact, such as installing energy-efficient windows, or have contributed to the restoration of historically important buildings by repairing crumbling brick or mortar. Altogether, this matching grant assistance has contributed to a more beautiful and cared-for community. And since this grant program functions as a matching system (funding 1/3 of project costs), it's resulted in over \$2M in investments in our neighborhood commercial areas.


There is so much more we're working on to support our small business community and membership matters. If you own a small business in Southwest Minneapolis and are interested in joining the SWBA or you have a vested interest in supporting our community and would like to become an association sponsor, reach out to Karen Binkowski at info@experiencesouthwest.com.

Karen Binkowski is the Southwest Business Association (SWBA) Manager of Business Development & Marketing. The non-profit supports small businesses. Learn more at swba.wildapricot.org or email info@experiencesouthwest.com.



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SLEEP: A CORNERSTONE OF GOOD HEALTH

FROM YOUR CENTER WITHIN

There are only four things that are essential to keep our bodies alive. We need oxygen so we can breathe, water so we are hydrated, food so we are nourished, and sleep so we can function. Sleep plays an essential role in the renewal and repair of body tissue, in metabolism, growth and development, infection control, learning and memory, and in the regulation of our emotions.



By Michele Rae

Do you prioritize and protect your sleep? You are worth it! Each of us have our unique optimal sleep time and schedule. When I travel with my daughter or youngest sister, I have a good hour more awake daily than they do. I read, walk, or meditate while they fulfill their sleep requirements. Self-awareness is the first step to great sleep.

SLEEP HYGIENE

Sleep hygiene refers to a series of healthy sleep habits that can improve your ability to fall asleep and stay asleep. What are your favorite rituals before bed to help you sleep? Here are some of the principles

for good sleep hygiene, how consistent are you?

- Go to bed early enough for you to get at least 7-8 hours of sleep. Stick to the same bedtime when possible.
- If you don't fall asleep after 20 minutes, get out of bed. Go do a quiet activity without a lot of light exposure. It is especially important to not get on electronics.
- Establish a relaxing bedtime routine. Turn lights down, stay away from screens or TV. Consider a warm shower or bath.
- Use mindfulness techniques to reduce thoughts and a racing mind.
- Avoid consuming caffeine in the afternoon or evening.
- Avoid consuming alcohol before bedtime.
- Reduce your fluid intake before bedtime.

INSOMNIA IS COSTLY

Insufficient sleep has an estimated economic impact of more than \$411 billion in the U.S. according to the national library of medicine. 4.8 of 10 workers say they are regularly tired during the day, and 7 of 10 say they are tired when their workday is done. One study estimates the annual cost of workplace errors and accidents linked to insomnia at \$31.1 billion. Drowsy driving is responsible for more than 6,000 fatal car crashes annually.

Up to 75% of older adults experience symptoms of insomnia including multiple physical and psychiatric disorders. Forty percent of people with insomnia may have a diagnosable mental health condition. Fifty-four percent of adults say stress and anxiety were the top reasons they have trouble falling asleep. As much as 91% of adults with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) have symptoms of insomnia.

Children who lose 39 minutes of sleep or more have a harder time coping at school and typically feel worse than those getting enough sleep. An interesting study shows that adolescents push their bedtime back by 16 minutes for every 30 minutes they spend playing video games.

You may find consulting a professional for medications, supplements, or cognitive behavior therapy useful. Make a commitment to yourself to get the best sleep possible every day. Our community needs you to function at your best.

INTERRUPTED SLEEP

Nighttime disruptions may cause sleep fragmentation and reduce time spent in deep sleep. Noise may disrupt sleep and increase production of the hormones adrenaline and cortisol, as well as increase heart rate and blood pressure.

Pain and heartburn can disrupt sleep. To minimize these symptoms, manage

your pain well. Mind what you put in your mouth before bed. Eating within two hours before bed is linked to later bedtimes, trouble falling and staying asleep, and obesity. Adults who snack on seeds and nuts before bed sleep 32 minutes more, on average, than those who snack on chips, crackers, or pretzels.

Sleep disorders such as grinding your teeth, sleep apnea, restless leg syndrome, snoring, and sleepwalking are common. Managing these types of sleep disorders requires self-awareness, proactivity, and prioritizing self-care. If you have a partner who may also be negatively affected by your interrupted sleep, request they be part of your support team.

SEASONS CHANGE

During various times in your life, you may need to adjust your sleep as life circumstances ebb and flow. Here in Minnesota, we are moving into longer darkness each day and colder temperatures. Take advantage of the changing season to prioritize your commitment for optimal sleep. You got this!

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VICTIM JAILED

the incarceration of people who failed to pay off debts. Yet, recent years have witnessed the rise of modern-day debtors' prisons - the arrest and jailing of poor people for failure to pay legal debts they can never hope to afford, through criminal justice procedures that violate their most basic rights.

"It's National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Let's talk about how women leave, find themselves in family court, go broke and lose their children," wrote advocates on the Instagram account my_family_court_story. The advocates have opted to remain anonymous fearing retaliation and punishment from Minnesota family courts - in addition to retribution from their exes.

BACK AND FORTH

After being booked and held in the Sherburne County jail, Dani was released after an emergency writ was issued later that day by the state appeals court. Judge Stanislawski was ordered to issue her written report on the contempt findings, which she did on Oct. 3. In it, she ordered Dani back to jail by Nov. 1.

Judge Stanislawski told the crowded courtroom on Oct. 2 that she didn't find Dani's testimony to be credible (family court judges are given wide berth to label a witness credible or not credible and don't need to include their evidence in their orders). Judge Stanislawski had questioned Dani on the stand in addition to allowing the two attorneys present to question her, and did not provide the re-

quired legal notice prior to the two-hour hearing that Dani would be put on the stand.

Dani's attorney pointed out that she would lose her job if incarcerated and wouldn't be able to pay the fees levied against her.

"It makes no sense to me. I don't understand," said Leigh Olson-Block following the court hearing. Her daughter, Mikayla, was murdered by father John Tester during an unsupervised visitation despite Olson-Block's statements to the court that he was dangerous.

"That was 20 years ago. Nothing has changed in family court. We're overdue."

Olson-Block asked, "What is in the child's best interest about jailing mom? I don't see how this courtroom is putting the child's best interests first. They are adding an ACE score to her life by jailing a parent."

At least 11 children have died in Minnesota during active family court cases, according to the Center for Judicial Excellence, which has been keeping track since 2008 of the number of children murdered by a parent when divorce, separation, custody, visitation or child support was mentioned in news coverage. In the U.S. overall, that number is at 966 as of press time.

There is no specific age in Minnesota family courts where a child can state that they don't want to see one parent. "Courts prioritize a child seeing their dad even if dad has engaged in domestic violence that affects mom and the children," observed advocates. In some cases, children in the United States have been ordered to have no contact with their protective parent for years and placed in "reunification

camp" with the parent they say has been abusive to them. There have been a few high-profile cases recently where the teens have barricaded themselves in bedrooms that have been reported on by ProPublica. California officially banned reunification camps in September (SB-331), stating that there was no research to back up their use except by those who profit financially from them.

Olson-Block said: "There is no oversight involving judges who handle family court cases. They are allowed to make decisions that are often detrimental to families. Children are being abused and/or murdered, and there is no accountability within the system."

JUDGES DON'T FOLLOW THE LAWS

Judge Stanislawski approved the IFP for Dani, but stated that it doesn't apply to her transcript fees, which can reach \$5,000 for court hearings and trials. Transcripts are necessary in order to file appeals. In Minnesota, an appeals court of three judges may make rulings, and then the case typically returns to the same courtroom, where that judge (who may now be angered by the new ruling against her) will follow the order to make changes to the initial ruling. The judge isn't precluded from ordering additional items - which may include ordering the payment of legal fees to the other side or other retaliatory items, pointed out Minnesota family court reform advocates. "Most people don't realize this about appeals," said advocate Bonnie Roy. "They take a long time, are expensive, and they typically put you back in front of the same judge whom you appealed in the first place."

There is a procedure for filing a complaint against a judge in Minnesota, but the number of those censured is quite low.

Judge Stanislawski was approved by a nominating committee and appointed to her role in January 2023. After appointment, judges are then on the ballot but almost always run unopposed. There is little information available on a judge's record for voters to easily access, and most leave that part of the ballot empty.

There is not currently a law requiring judges to be trained in domestic violence, coercive control, and child abuse dynamics, although federal funding is available through Kayden's Law (section XV of the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization Act) if Minnesota were to pass such legislation. The law is named after a girl who was murdered by her father.

"We stand with many protective parents across the United States just to be their voice. For anyone that really can't understand the level of confusion that goes in cases like this is another one of the reasons we're here," said Roy.

"Judges don't follow the laws. They don't follow the statutes. And women and children suffer at the hands of those judges that make those decisions."

**Editor's note: In writing these articles, I have reviewed dozens of court documents, and reports by professionals. In recognition of the sensitive nature of this article, we have opted to refer to people by their first names or aliases. We have named the professionals working on this case as their work affects other families, and the advocates who have said yes to being named.*

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

GIA COMING TO ARMATAGE

Lisa Wengler is working to open a new restaurant in Armatage next to Pizzaria Lola at 5555 Xerxes Ave. Gia will include a full-service restaurant model. "We plan to be a neighborhood-friendly dining establishment and hope to be a part of the community where neighbors gather regularly," said Wengler. There will be 65 indoor seats, along with 20 outdoor seats in the front of the building. Outdoor seating will end at 9 p.m. Gia plans to sell a full menu of rustic Italian cuisine, in addition to a full bar serving alcohol, wine and beer. There will not be any live entertainment, and the restaurant will close at 10 p.m. Wengler is currently pursuing a On Sale Liquor license from the city of Minneapolis.

TRIPPY TRIPTYCH OPENS NOV. 3

Marc Berg and Thalia Kostman, and the rest of the artists in their company Phantom Chorus Theatre (PCT), debut their latest show "Trippy Triptych, Vol I: Blacklight". This is the first volume of a recurring series: "Volume I" will be performed entirely in blacklight, full of glowing neon puppets, masks, props and costumes. This "triptych" is a collection of three different original one-act plays, each telling a self-contained story. Performances will run from Nov. 3-18,



2023 at the Bryant Lake Bowl and Theater, at 7 p.m. on Fridays and 3 p.m. on Saturdays. The show is 90 minutes long with no intermission. Tickets are \$15.

PCT is a grass-roots non-profit theatre company specializing in collaborative, experimental, original works or adaptations. Through the mediums of puppetry, movement, music, and multimedia they strive to harness the power of imagination - to make the impossible real.

More at phantomchorus.com.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

TACO TOUR ON LAKE STREET OCT. 21

The Latino Economic Development Center (LEDC) is bringing back Taco Tour on Lake Street, an annual tradition since 1999. It will be on Saturday, Oct. 21 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will featuring more than 20 participating taco restaurants, taco trucks, and Latino-owned and BIPOC-owned businesses along Lake Street.

NO HOLLIDAZZLE THIS YEAR

Holidazzle has announced that it will not be taking place this holiday season in Loring Park. This is a one-season decision that does not impact plans for the 2024 Holidazzle. "Downtown continues to see vibrancy and momentum thanks to collective uplift and significant private-sector funding and government support throughout the year, but the amount of funding available for Holidazzle was not enough to ensure the beloved holiday tradition will deliver the magical experience the community expects and deserves while keeping it free and accessible," say organizers. Go to www.holidazzle.com/connect to share your Holidazzle memories and any ideas or comments you have as organizers think about the future of this event.

WHAT HAPPENS TO ELECTRONIC WASTE?

Learn about what happens to electronics, appliances and other tech waste on Thursday, Oct. 26, 7 p.m. during an online event sponsored by the Tangletown Neighborhood Organization. Panel guests will include: Maria Jensen, Recycling Electronics for Climate Action (RECA); Amanda Cotton, Electronics Waste Coordinator, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency; and Kellie Kish, Recycling Coordinator, City of Minneapolis Solid Waste & Recycling.

CIC FUNDRAISER OCT. 28

Children of Incarcerated Caregivers (CIC) is a Minneapolis nonprofit organization that promotes the best interests of children when their parents are incarcerated or facing incarceration. The fall fundraising brunch is Saturday, Oct. 28, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 2600 Park Ave. Enjoy a performance by the inspirational Voices of Hope, an organization that provides choral singing opportunities to justice-involved populations.

RETHINKING I-94 SURVEY CLOSES OCT. 31

Don't forget to share your feedback by taking the Rethinking I-94 alternatives survey by Tue, Oct. 31. The survey, which has been open since mid-July, is being used to collect perspectives about the I-94 corridor alternatives and to understand whether MnDOT and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) should consider additional alternatives before moving forward in the process. For more information, visit MnDOT's Rethinking I-94 project webpage.

EAST BDE MAKASKA SAFETY WALKS

The goal of these weekly walks is to build bonds and send a signal that our residents are working together to take care and stay safe. Walkers will receive a free Community Safety shirt and knit cap. Join the weekly events on Saturdays, 10 to 11:30 a.m. starting from St. Mary's north parking lot (3450 Irving Ave. S.). As of Oct. 16, walks on Mondays, 7-8:30 p.m., from Duet Coffee (1477 W. Lake St.).

EAST BDE MAKASKA BOARD ELECTIONS NOV. 2

East Bde Maka Ska Neighborhood Association is looking for dedicated leaders within the neighborhood to guide the vision, growth and engagement of our community. There are a variety of skills and expertise needed as board members. If you're interested in learning more, please email info@eastbdemakaska.org. The 2023 East Bde Maka Ska Annual Meeting is Thursday, Nov. 2, 6-8:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church (3450 Irving Ave S), Terrace Room.

LYNDALE PARK ROSE GARDEN PROJECT

Informational meetings and opportunities to provide feedback on the Lyndale Park Rose Garden improvements are set for Oct. 23 and 25, with a third date to be scheduled, at the Lyndale Farmstead Recreation Center (3900 Bryant Ave. S.).

Area residents and garden lovers concerned about maintaining and enhancing the Lyndale Park Rose Garden recently applied for and received a grant from the Lawrence Family Foundation to create a master plan for the Rose Garden.

The goal of the master plan is to restore and maintain the garden for both current and future visitors, and to enhance the visitor experience at one of Minneapolis' favorite park places.

The master plan was developed by Aune Fernandez Landscape Architects (who recently restored and rebuilt Thomas Lowry Park's Seven Pools fountains). It includes:

- restoration of historic garden features
- considerations for fountain repair

and maintenance

- addition of environmental and sustainable garden features
- improvements to walking paths and seating for individuals, seniors and handicapped citizens
- a dropoff point on Roseway Road to improve garden access

Note: The same information will be shared at each session.

Community Information Sessions

- Monday, Oct. 23, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 25 5:30-7 p.m.

• November date and time to be determined

ELLIOT PARK EROSION FIX

Due to ongoing erosion, contractors working for the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board are installing artificial turf in areas adjacent to a ramp feature at the Elliot Park skate plaza (1000 E 14th St.) in October. During construction, the

ramp and areas surrounding it will be closed. The rest of the skate plaza and park will remain open.

MPRB asks the community to be aware of temporary construction fencing and stay out of fenced-off areas.

NORTH COMMONS PARK

At their meeting on Oct. 4, Commissioners for the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) voted to approve a concept design for the North Commons Park Improvements project that focuses on major renovations and additions to existing facilities.

The \$35 million project represents the largest investment in a neighborhood park in the 140-year history of the MPRB. It will renovate and expand the park's community center and add a fieldhouse, the first in the park system. In addition, a rebuilt water park will replace the existing facility that opened in 1997.

CITY BRIEFS

FALL STREET SWEEPING

The city began fall street cleaning on Oct 17. "No Parking" signs should be posted at least 24 hours before a street is cleaned. Anyone who parks on the street will need to follow posted parking rules or their cars may be ticketed and towed. People can use the city's online Street Sweeping Schedule Map to find out when their street is scheduled to be cleaned. On the weekend before each of the four weeks, the schedule for the upcoming week will show which day of the week streets are scheduled to be swept. The street sweeping is expected to be completed within four weeks.

BRYANT AVE. BRIDGE REPAIR

The city plans to begin repairs on the Bryant Avenue Bridge over Minnehaha Creek in October. The bridge has been closed since August, and is expected to be reopened in November.

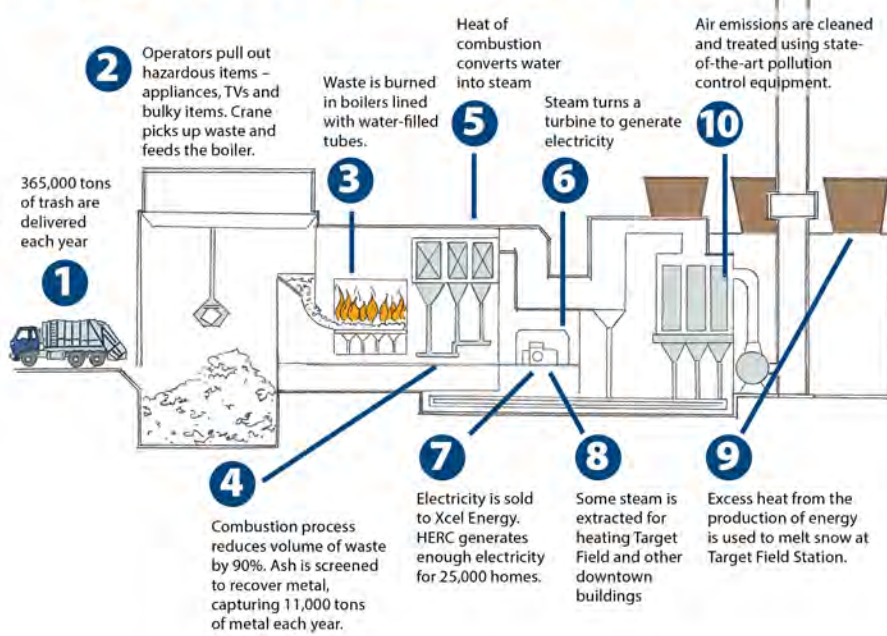
LAKE HARRIET BANDSHELL ROOF REPAIRS

The repair of the roofs of the bandshell and surrounding buildings continues. This month the bandshell roof will be replaced, then work will begin on the roofs of the other buildings with completion expected before winter begins.

SERVE ON A COMMITTEE

Through the end of October, the city is accepting applications for more than 50 volunteer-based boards, commissions and advisory committees that help shape policy, and provide a community perspective to city programs and services. Find more information about the openings on the city website - <https://lims.minneapolismn.gov/Boards/CurrentOpenings>.

How HERC works



ANTI-DISCRIMINATION HOUSING ORDINANCE

The city has announced that the housing discrimination amendments to the civil rights ordinance, approved by the city council in March 2017, that prohibits property owners from refusing to rent to people because they use public assistance, is now in effect and enforceable. This followed years of court challenges and means that landlords cannot discriminate against people using Section 8 housing choice vouchers. Renters who believe they have faced discrimination may contact the city Civil Rights Department at 311 or 612-673-3012.

CLOSING DOWNTOWN GARBAGE BURNER

Hennepin County Commissioners

are proposing a resolution to plan for the closure of the Hennepin Energy Recovery Center (HERC). The HERC burns roughly 1,000 tons of garbage per day in downtown Minneapolis that is collected from throughout the county. It is the only remaining garbage burner operating in the county. The resolution would set the closure for some time between 2028 and 2040 and was discussed at a County Board meeting on Oct. 10 with a vote expected on Oct. 24. On Oct. 10, several people from the public attended who favor shortening the time frame and for a 2025 closure date. They hope to influence commissioners to amend the resolution.

Briefs compiled by Cam Gordon.



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