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Letter from the Editor

Welcome to the November issue of North News! Yards are filled with emblems of the season – orange leaves, Halloween decorations, and signs bearing the names of all the political candidates who placed campaign ads in this paper (Page 10).

Election season is not over yet, but the finish line, November 8, is in sight. This is the political candidates who placed cam-
rations, and signs bearing the names of all

Other highlights of this issue include Mark Peterson’s behind-the-scenes photo essay on the Upper Harbor Terminal (Page 6). Part of the currently-closed-to-the-public site was recently proposed to be developed into a 10,000 seat amphitheater.

Don’t miss our North High students’ first individual news stories to run in the paper on Page 5. Several explore local news related to national phenomenon. Sophomore Tayven Smith looks at members of the North High Football team kneeling during the National Anthem. Junior Navia Grimes investigates creepy clown sightings on the Northside. Freshman Dalvin Crockett’s piece on Breaking Bread Cafe’s award winning grits begins to your right. For inspiration, flip to Page 14 for our “Neighbors” Q&A with barber Houston White, who owns H. White Mensroom at 1500 44th Ave. N. Inside his shop, he cuts hair, sells specialty coffee and clothing, and inspires Black Excellence.

We’ll be deviating from our typical last-
Thursday-of-the-month delivery schedule for the next issue; instead of delivering on Thanksgiving Day, North News will be distributed the day after on November 25.

One other piece of business – given that the North News writing/reporting team is small, and I currently write most of our stories, I’m going to stop running my byline next to every single one. If you don’t see a byline, you can assume I wrote it.

On that note – if you want to write for North News, please don’t hesitate to reach out. This is your paper, and we’d love to include your voice on our pages.

Until next time,

Kenzie O’Keefe
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Corrections

September 29, 2016 print issue
We mistakenly stated that District 2 School Board candidate Kimberly Caprini attended Benilde-St. Margaret’s High School in Edina. The school is actually in St. Louis Park. Additionally, we stated that Caprini works at Aeon. She has in fact left Aeon and now works for Your Way Flooring, a company she owns with her husband.

Corrections policy: If you find an error in our paper, please let us know. We will print a correction in the subsequent paper, and depending on the severity of the error, we may choose to announce the correction on our Facebook page as well.
Policy could bring commemorative names to North Minneapolis streets

By Kenzie O’Keefe | Editor

A street named after Prince could be coming soon to the Northside now that the City of Minneapolis has established an official policy for commemorative street naming.

The policy was revealed at the October 7 Minneapolis City Council meeting. Ward 5 City Council Member Blong Yang says that there had been some interest expressed in renaming streets in Minneapolis and after realizing that Public Works did not have an official policy for doing so, they were pushed to create one over the course of 6-9 months.

Yang was quick to note that commemorative naming is not the same as officially renaming the street, which he says is much more difficult. Commemorative naming creates a second name for an existing street.

Yang envisions streets named after Prince and Reverend Noah Spencer Smith on the Northside. “In the context of North Minneapolis, we have a large African American population and there aren’t any streets named after them up here,” he said.

According to Yang, the new policy would allow commemorative names to be pursued as soon as there is interest. He encourages interested parties to contact their council member. To his knowledge, there are no plans currently underway to rename a street.

The update to the Minneapolis Street Naming and Address Standards can be viewed at http://www.minneapolismn.gov/meetings/legislation/WCM-SP-186797

Greenway demo-route to be adjusted

After months of contention over the demonstration route, which has been in place on five blocks of Irving Ave. N since June, the City has decided to change parts of it in response to community feedback. Paint will be removed from the 3200, 3300, and 3400 blocks and normal parking rules will be restored. The intersection at 34th Ave. N and Irving Ave. N will reopen to east/west traffic, and cars will now be able to turn right on Lowry Ave. when heading south on the 3200 block. The rest of the route will remain intact for study over the winter.

New NEON landscaping business supports entrepreneurs-in-training

By Mark Peterson | Contributor

For more than a decade, the nonprofit Northside Economic Opportunity Network (NEON) has been supporting Northside businesses and nurturing entrepreneurship by providing business training and technical and financial assistance.

Their website states: “We’re a community-based organization committed to community development and helping North Minneapolis residents invest in their careers, companies and community.”

A recent example of that commitment is Property Maintenance LLC, a company set up to get “entrepreneurs-in-training” into businesses of their own.

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NJCT on track to bring 1000+ jobs to North by 2017

By Kenzie O’Keefe | Editor

The Northside Job Creation Team (NJCT) aims to create 1,000 new living-wage, environmentally friendly jobs in North Minneapolis by 2019. Assuming the successful completion of several projects currently underway, they estimate to achieve their goal early – by the end of 2017.

Most imminently, the Metropolitan Transportation Network Inc. (MTN) hopes to move into a property at 4640 Lyndale Ave. N and hiring for 70-80 positions by the end of November. Additional plans for growth at MTN could bring up to 200 jobs to the Northside.

Cut Fruit Express (CFE), which provides produce to local foodservice and retail distributors, would bring up to 135 jobs to the community if it relocates here from Inver Grove Heights as planned. Negotiations for a property are currently underway, and the NJCT hopes to see CFE close by December and construction beginning by early next year.

HISTORY

The NJCT has sought to collaboratively create economic opportunity in North Minneapolis since 2013. “It’s a loose association of people [from both the private and public sectors] interested in economic development in North Minneapolis,” said James De Sota, director of administration and projects at the University of Minnesota’s Robert J. Jones Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center (UROC), a member of the NJCT. “We’re really looking at what can be done to support North and capitalize on assets already here,” he said.

To accomplish their lofty goals, the NJCT identifies potential businesses that could expand or relocate to North Minneapolis, conducts research (through the University of Minnesota’s Carlson School of Management) to determine the feasibility and benefits (or lack thereof) to doing so, and then activates the diverse members of the collective – such as members of CPED – to implement a plan.

Bill English, an advocate for job creation in North Minneapolis since the mid-1960s, has been a consultant for NJCT since its inception and is the glue that binds the collaborative together. He sees the NJCT’s work as essential to creating a successful future for North Minneapolis. “You cannot develop a community or preserve a culture without strong institutions,” he said.

OPPORTUNITY

English and De Sota say that the NJCT’s research shows the greatest potential for food service and transportation related industry in North. Though there was an initial desire to create a maker’s district, subsequent research done by the group convinced them that it was not the right plan for North.

The latest round of research being done by the NJCT is looking at potential gaps and synergies in current North Minneapolis business offerings. In mid-October the Robert M. Schulze Family Foundation gave the group a $40,000 grant to pursue an “entrepreneurial academy” which will ensure that local entrepreneurs are capable of filling new gaps that will come with economic growth.

CHALLENGES

One of the biggest issues developers run into, said both English and De Sota, is North Minneapolis’ lack of available industrial space. English described North Minneapolis as “over commercialized and over residential-ized.” He’s looking forward to the additional space the Upper Harbor Terminal (UHT) will provide, but says that North can’t wait the 3-4 years it will take for that land to be available.

The NJCT has been public about their desire for a North Minneapolis business park, and has identified several potential locations for it. One of those locations is the UHT. De Sota says that the NJCT is concerned about the only proposal for development submitted in mid-October. “Is a 10,000 seat open air concert venue the best use of that space? From the point of view of the NJCT, I don’t think that would be the best use of the space. Mixed use is what we all want,” he said. English added that as long as the amphitheater is a part of Park Board land and doesn’t diminish light industrial and residential opportunities, he sees no issue with it.

Don’t miss

UROC’s November 17 “Critical Conversation” – Economic Development and Urban Communities: A Conversation about Quality of Life. Several NJCT members, including Ravi Norman (CEO of THOR Construction Inc.) and Craig Taylor (director of CPED) will be speaking.

NEON landscaping

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With the help of a capital loan from the Nonprofits Assistance fund, NEON’s Social Enterprise Manager Sheltonn Johnson runs the program and solicits maintenance contracts from clients. NEON and its partners provide training in both maintenance and business skills to trainees (three at present) with the aim, says NEON President Marcus Owens, “that we’ll work with them to develop a sizable business, then help them move that into their own company. We will give them a book of business as they move forward.”

The germ of the idea originated with the Innovation Team, a program within the City Coordinator’s office, which functions as consultants for the mayor’s directives which seek new approaches to improve the lives of city residents. The team is itself funded through a three-year, $2.7 million grant from Bloomberg Philanthropies. Property Maintenance LLC has purchased lawnmowers, weed cutters, trailers and related equipment, and currently has three contracts for maintenance work, including one from Minneapolis’ Department of Regulatory Services. Trainees Daryl Klutz, Mondo Oglesby, and Joseph Richards are enrolled in the program, which is actively seeking contracts for fall and spring clean-ups and snow removal.

Johnson added, “We’re saying: ‘Come work with us; we provide the incubation needed. We’ll stay with you and ensure that you get an understanding of what’s necessary to stay in business. You show up and work, and we’ll do the rest, until you’re ready to go out on your own.’”

Potential clients can call Sheltonn Johnson at 612-402-5036 or email him at Sheltonn@neon-mn.org.
Polars take a knee for their rights

By Tayven Smith | Sophomore

This football season, our biggest story hasn’t been about winning or losing, but the fact that some of our very own North High football players and cheerleaders have joined a national protest by taking knees during the Star-Spangled Banner. They are protesting the injustice that African Americans face today.

Jacques Lyles, a senior player, says, “I take a knee just because not a lot of my ancestors had the right to express themselves...and I’m trying to help out as much as I can.”

Not all of the players take a knee during the anthem. Senior player Jamire Jackson chooses to stand because he says, “I don’t really feel the need to take a knee...I just feel that it’s not a good look on me actually, definitely with me being recruited.”

Even though not everyone agrees with taking a knee, the team has still been unified together to have an undefeated season so far. They hope to return to the Minnesota state high school championship game.

Johnson shines as a Gopher

By Duvan Pigue | Freshman

North High School graduate, Tyler Johnson (‘16), who helped bring North High to the 2015 Prep Bowl, is currently playing for the University of Minnesota Gophers football team as a freshman. So far, he has been a team standout.

This season, the wide receiver is playing in a starting role and has already scored his first career touchdown.

His brother, Tayler Johnson, who is a junior at North High School, says he is proud of his brother.

In an interview by text message in mid-October, Tayler said, “I feel like he’s living his dream right now. I’m proud of him, he does something every kid wants to do.” Tayler who also plays football and basketball at North High says, “Everything he does inspires me. I watch his every move and just want to do what he did.”

The next time you can see Tyler play is on November 5th at TCF Bank Stadium against the Purdue Boilermakers.

Clowns come to the 612

By Navia Grimes | Junior

For the past month, people dressed as clowns have been scaring people across the country. Here in Minneapolis, clowns have been reaching out to people on Facebook, and seen on the streets. It seems like they are mostly interacting with teens.

One person who has witnessed a clown in North Minneapolis is resident Eileen Robinson who lives in the Lows. “I was scared; my daughter saw the clown and ran into the house to me. I seen it out of our window, and I will be calling the police if I see it again. It’s viral on Facebook, so I know it wasn’t a friend or anything like that.” Robinson’s daughter, Ashley Powell, a North High junior, said that the clown was standing at her front door but he couldn’t get in because the door was locked.

With Halloween right around the corner, copy cats will likely continue. Some stores like Wal-Mart and Target have decided not to sell clown masks this Halloween.

Street harassment plagues

By Ashley Powell | Junior

You would think you could walk down West Broadway without anyone harassing you. But no.

I asked a class of seniors at North High school how many females in the class have had an experience with street harassment. All five of them said yes. One student explained that every time she walks home people get aggressive. She wears headphones to block them out, but it still doesn’t work. Generally, the female students said that they didn’t feel safe. One of the three male students had been harassed.

I was not able to find any statistics about street harassment in North. Maybe this is because street harassment “is an under-researched topic,” according to Stop Street Harassment, an anti-harassment group.

How do we stop it? Rochelle Tanna, a student in my journalism class, has one idea. “When they stop and talk to me, I tell them my age,” she said. She says that telling them she is young stops them.

Breaking Bread Cafe has best grits in the state says WCCO

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I had to see for myself. I tried the buttery coconut cornbread, jerked shrimp, and the cheese grits with my class at North High. The grits were pretty good, but I personally like my grandmas grits a little better. Boy was the coconut cornbread good. It melted in my mouth. I was not a big fan of the shrimp but the rest of my class seemed to love it. My teacher Samuel Wilbur said “the shrimp was spicy but...very flavorful.”

My classmate Tayven Smith said the grits were the best he had ever tasted. Duvan Pigue, another classmate, said the flavor of the grits burst in his mouth.

The grits are not the only winning item on the menu. Cunningham also recommended the herb biscuits and turkey chorizo gravy. “You can’t go wrong with this dish! You could put this gravy on just about anything and it would taste amazing!” she said.

Nonviolent drug crimes leading to longer sentences

By Passion Osborne | Junior

State laws are leading to people getting more years in jail for drug charges than murder. Manslaughter could lead to up to 15 years in prison. Robbery leads to sentences of up to 10. But why is it that drug dealers look at 20 years and up for a first time offense?

Even Obama think this is a problem. Here in Hennepin County, Obama commuted a sentence of a man sentenced to life for buying two kilograms of cocaine from two undercover federal agents. That man was found guilty, while Pedro Ortiz Morales, 40, of Minneapolis, a hotel employee who snuck into a guest’s room and sexually assaulted her while she slept, was only sentenced to a year in jail. He could’ve gotten 15 but, according to the Star Tribune, he “took responsibility” for what he did.

Is this really justice?
Upper Harbor plans have begun to materialize

In mid-October, news broke that the City of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Park Board had received a proposal to reimagine the 48-acre, City-owned Upper Harbor Terminal. That proposal, submitted by First Avenue Productions along with two developers - United Properties and Thor Construction, envisions a public 8,000-10,000-seat amphitheater for the Northern half of the site.

A public meeting to officially unveil the plan is set to take place at Folwell Park Rec Center on November 3 at 6pm.

On September 29, community members were invited to tour the disused, industrial Phase 1 site (where the photos on this page were taken) and discuss future plans for it.

All photos by Mark Peterson

Let’s Talk!

What?
Please come join us for a series of conversations as we engage with elected officials regarding our housing concerns and aspirations in North Minneapolis.

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When?
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In nearly every election beginning in 2012, Ward 5, the southern half of North Minneapolis, has had the lowest voter turnout percentage among all 13 Minneapolis city wards.

In this year’s August primary, just 11.02% of registered voters in Ward 5 cast their ballots on voting day. Other wards saw higher numbers – 20.57% turned out in Ward 2. Ward 6 saw 26.39% turnout. In Ward 4, the northern half of North Minneapolis, 15.85% turned out.

Even when President Barack Obama was running for his second term back in 2012, Ward 5 tied with Ward 6 for the lowest turnout percentage – 71%. Down in wealthier Ward 13, 88% cast their ballots.

The only time Ward 5 did not have the lowest turnout percentage was the 2013 election when it came in second to lowest. Ward 5 turned out at 23.53%, narrowly exceeding Ward 4 which turned out at 23.06%. By comparison, neighboring Ward 7 turned out at 33.56%. Ward 13 turned out at 46.2%.

Why do Northsiders in Ward 5 appear to turn out at lower rates than people in other parts of the city?

Ward 5 Council Member Blong Yang believes that several factors may be contributing to the pattern. Yang says that our sizeable minority populations, such as East African and Hmong people, have not always been well engaged by candidates. Additionally, language barriers, scheduling on voting day, transportation, and other accessibility issues may impact turnout as well. “We have a number of things that make it difficult for folks,” he said.

He also noted that motivation to vote is often driven by excitement for particular candidates. “If the candidates have been campaigning hard, and it’s a competitive election, that drives turnout,” he said.

Jason Sole, a North Minneapolis community member, Hamline University professor, and Minneapolis NAACP leader, has another idea. He believes that some members of the community have lost hope in the ability of our political system to bring about the real, impactful change they hope to see. “People have seen candidates run before and had faith in them and hope that they would change everything. When that doesn’t happen, it gets people less involved,” he said.

Yang and Sole agree upon at least one voting reality – felony convictions keep some North Minneapolis residents away from the polls. “Ward 5 has a higher percentage of people with felonies,” said Yang.
Criminal records prevent some in our community from voting

1 in 13 African Americans of voting age in the US cannot vote due to a felony conviction. This rate is 4x higher than it is for non-African Americans.

In Minnesota, 7.34% of African Americans are disenfranchised, making us one of the 23 states in America that bar 5% or more of their African American population from voting.

Sole says that disenfranchisement affects more than just those who have legally had their voting rights stripped away. He says that confusion and fear over the law may lead some eligible voters not to turn out. “It’s a strategy. That’s what I feel; it’s a strategy to lower African American turnout, or turnout of people of color. And it’s effective, you know?” he said.

Minnesota is one of the more strict states when it comes to taking away voting rights from convicted felons.

When you are convicted of a felony in Minnesota, your voting rights are not restored until you serve the entirety of your sentence, which includes parole, incarceration, and probation.

Sole just had his voting rights restored after 17 years of disenfranchisement. The Hamline University professor was able to do so ten years early via a special petition. He says it’s a “bittersweet” feeling. Knowing that so many others cannot vote and may not have access to the same resources that allowed him to get his rights reinstated early troubles him deeply, and he lobbies for the voting rights of felons.

He believes that voting rights should be restored as soon as a convicted felon is back in society. “Our laws say we shouldn’t have taxation without representation, so it’s like, if I’m paying taxes, and you don’t restore my vote, it doesn’t really go together. …I don’t have a say in the democratic process,” he said.

Of the estimated 63,000 disenfranchised Minnesotan voters, only 16,000 are in prison or jail.

75% are living, and presumably working (and paying taxes), back in their communities.

“When you can cast a ballot, you can be civically engaged, and research shows that crime rates go down when you’re civically engaged. …For me, it would mean less victims.”
Informing people with criminal records about their voting rights needs to be a priority.

The Hennepin County Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation (DOCCR) appears to agree with Sole that confusion over voting rights persists among people with criminal records. Neil Ruhland, a communications coordinator for the DOCCR, says that a lack of understanding of the law may be scaring eligible voters with criminal records away from the polls. "I think that a lot of people, not just felons, but including misdemeanors, they think they committed a crime and some people think that if you commit a crime, you can't vote at all," he said.

Sole says he believes it's the responsibility of the criminal justice system to inform ex-felons that their rights have been restored. DOCRR division manager Renee Meerkins seems to agree. She says that her department has heavily distributed thousands of eye-catching, easy-to-read flyers meant to help people with criminal backgrounds learn their rights this year. It should be noted that neither the flyers nor Hennepin County officials give ex-felons explicit permission to vote. They are urged to seek legal counsel if they are unsure of their rights.

"I think it's our responsibility to make sure that our clients are aware of what their rights are and what they aren't when they're on supervision. Again, we want them to be making good decisions and choices when they're doing well and even when they're not doing so well. This isn't something that needs to be added onto their plate of challenges or difficulties or barriers," said Meerkins.

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AME: Creating pathways to educational success for MCTC’s students of color

The African American Education Empowerment Program (AME) consists of four distinct programs to create opportunities for the educational success of students of color at Minneapolis Community and Technical College (MCTC). Each AME program contributes to the retention, graduation and personal growth of students and empowers them to develop leadership skills through their education, mentoring opportunities and involvement in the college community, society, nation and world.

MCTC instructor Al Brown is AME’s Interim Program Coordinator. "To see our students develop into leaders and graduate to four-year colleges and universities lets me know that the initiative is fulfilling its mission and purpose," he remarked. "I’m so grateful to be involved in AME."

AME core values include education, success, integrity, unity, outreach, diversity and service.

AME programs provide the following benefits

- A supportive community that creates access/pathways to resources
- Academic advising services to guide students from admission to graduation
- Career development opportunities
- Mentoring
- Math and writing institutes
- Peer and faculty tutoring
- Study jams
- Service learning opportunities
- Sense of belonging

Student African American Brotherhood Brother2Brother (SAAB)
The mission of SAAB/ Brother2Brother is to embrace and support African American male students and all other students by supporting successful academic progress and character development so that every member achieves program completion while strengthening their roles as engaged members of the MCTC community. The MCTC chapter recently received the Diversity Outstanding Student Organization Award from Minnesota State (formerly MnSCU). And for two years in a row, it received one of only two national SAAB “Stellar Chapter” awards.

Student Success in Transition Education Program (STEP)
Building on a culture of excellence and inclusiveness, the STEP Program provides tailored support for the rapidly changing needs of today’s students. STEP focuses on increasing retention and graduation rates, personal development and transitional skills among ex-offenders or students moving from foster care to college.

African American Male Parity in Educational Success (AMP)
The road is filled with many obstacles that can make the college experience challenging for African American males. If you are an individual with a disability (including ADHD, mental health, physical, etc.) or are a student facing cultural and social challenges related to identity (i.e. GLBTQ or health issues), AMP's focus is on ensuring a positive, non-judgmental educational experience where students are supported as they achieve their goals. "It’s important that our students know that they are someone. They have an identity, and how they define their identity isn’t wrong," said Bobby Rott, AME Volunteer Mentor Coordinator.

Student African American Sisterhood Sister2Sister (SAAS)
SAAS/Sister2Sister supports all MCTC students with a particular focus on African American females and females of color. SAAS is a dynamic and engaged group of women who are achieving college success, strengthening career preparation and improving personal development.

Find out more about AME at MCTC’s Open House
On November 15th at 5:00 p.m., the AME Center is hosting a special program as part of MCTC’s Open House. During this event, the application fee is waived, and students can fill out an application and/or speak to advisors to identify what their next steps may be.

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Interested in upgrading your storefront? The West Broadway Business and Area Coalition has two matching grant programs that can provide up to $22,500 in matching grants per storefront. Any existing business (with property owner’s approval) and/or commercial building owner whose building are located on West Broadway between 26th Avenue to the west and the River to the east and the one block contiguous (East and West) to West Broadway are eligible to apply. More information: http://westbroadway.org/facade/ or email carla@westbroadway.org or call 612-353-5178.

The City of Minneapolis is offering free home visits from energy-saving experts to qualified households with an income less than $48,100 for two people, or up to $90,650 for eight people. If the Home Energy Squad recommends insulation or air sealing, income-qualified residents also have special access to zero percent financing to complete that work. Call 612-335-5874 or visit mncee.org/hes-mpls.

Hennepin County’s drop-off facilities in Brooklyn Park and Bloomington accept needles and sharps, at no charge to residential consumers. Unused medicines contained in sharps, such as EpiPens, should not be brought to the county drop-off facilities. More information: call Hennepin County Environment and Energy department, 612-348-3777 or email environment@hennepin.us.

EVENTS + ENTERTAINMENT
The Habit of Voting (photography by Rosa Maria De La Cueve Peterson - Chip Peterson) continues through November 8th at Homewood Studios, 2400 Plymouth Avenue North Minneapolis
Disturbances (photography, videos and writing) by Bill Cottman runs November 11-30. Gallery Talks on three successive Tuesday evenings beginning at 7pm (11/15, 11/22, 11/29) Homewood Studios, 2400 Plymouth Avenue North
Tai Chi classes, every Saturday from 9-10:30 am at Homewood Studios, 2400 Plymouth Avenue N.

10/28 – Memorial Vespers and Hymn Festival. A memorial vespers commemorating the life and ministry of Dr. Paul O Manz will begin at 5:36pm. A second event, a hymn festival featuring the National Lutheran Choir will begin at 8pm. Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 3045 Chicago Avenue S, 4:00 pm, free.
10/30 – Teddy Bear Band Free concert and refreshments. The music and fun of Teddy Bear Band is created with the intent for children to gain and maintain a positive sense of self and an appreciation of their own abilities. BRING YOUR FAVORITE BEAR! Brooklyn United Methodist Church, 7200 Brooklyn Boulevard, Brooklyn Center, 10am.
10/30 – The Cookie Cart will be hosting its 8th annual Chef’s Dinner Fundraiser at the Town & Country Club in Saint Paul. The four course dinner will begin at 6:30pm and be prepared by local chefs and culinary students from the metro area. Tickets are $150 per person and more information can be found at http://cookiecart.org/cookie-carts-8th-annual-chefs-dinner/.
11/3 – Freedom of Xpression Open Mic @ the Capri with Host, Desdamona. Bring your art to the Capri’s stage! All ages, all genres. Doors open at 5:30pm for registration and on-stage rehearsal. 6-8pm, Capri Theater, 2027 W Broadway Ave.
11/10 – SPCO Chamber Music Series @ the Capri 2016-17. Season tickets may be purchased at www.thespcoco.org or 691-291-1144. Free tickets for 11/10 concert available starting 10/10 @ www.thecaprietheater.org 7pm, Capri Theater, 2027 W. Broadway, Minneapolis, 55411.
11/12 – Join Irving Ave residents and friends from 2-4pm for a trail walk and clean up along the Northside Greenway pilot. For more information visit https://www.facebook.com/events/314028805631283/.
11/14 - Health and wellbeing: community connectedness and safety. Invest in your community by joining us for the third community dialogue to evaluate and create sustainable change around the health, safety, and overall wellness of our community. UROC, 2001 Plymouth Ave. N. 5:30-8pm.

11/19-12/17 – What Fools These Mortals Be: a critical case of Fellini-meets-the-Bard performed with interact’s take-no-prisoners style of humor and heart – shedding light on another layer of Shakespeare’s creative genius. The Lab Theatre, 700 N 1st St. $22, more information at www.interactcenter.org

11/20 – Northern Clay Center is excited to introduce its Holiday Open House and opening reception for the John Reeve exhibition. The Holiday Open House includes festive sales items, workshops, and treats. The exhibition John Reeve: Some Hidden Magic is about the juxtaposition of energy and soul, and features a special talk by the curator, Nora Vaillant, at 1 pm. 12-4pm, Northern Clay Center, 2424 Franklin Avenue E.

11/27 – Advent Procession: A Service of Lessons & Carols, Mount Olive Cantorei, David Chervien, Director & Organist. Mark the season with a solemn procession and a series of lessons and carols for Advent, and enter this season of hope in the darkest time of the year. Candles, incense and beautiful music all invite the listener to engage in this profound liturgical season. 4 pm, Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 3045 Chicago Avenue S.

11/19 – Family Storytime. Webber Park Library, 11am. For children of all ages and their parent or caregiver. Talk, sing, read, write and play together in a format appropriate for young children. Share books, stories, rhymes, music and movement.

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11/10 – Master Gardener: Care of Houseplants. Webber Park Community Building 4400 Dupont Ave. North, 6-7:30pm. Learn the basics of lighting, temperature, humidity and regular maintenance for keeping indoor plants healthy for many years. Discover the different needs and problems common to houseplants. Collaborator: Hennepin County Master Gardeners, University of Minnesota Extension. Register online or call the Library at 612-543-KNOW.

11/11 – New Hope for Children with Challenges. If you are a parent who struggles to find help for your children who are experiencing behavior disorders, learning challenges, ADHD, autism spectrum disorder, and rages, you are invited to attend a FREE lecture on Neurological Reorganization (NR) presented by renowned therapist, lecturer, and author, Bette Lamont, M.A./D.M.A. A Chance To Grow, 1800 Second Street NE, 6:30 -8:30pm. Space is limited, RSVP to actg.org/events or call 612-789-1236.

Garbage day in the week of Nov. 14 is the last 2016 City of Minneapolis collection for leaves, brush and other yard trimmings. Yard waste must be in compostable bags – paper (Kraft) or compostable plastic – or unbagged in a reusable container at least 26 inches high with sturdy handles. Yard waste is not allowed in City-provided containers. Set all yard waste next to your garbage container at least 26 inches high with sturdy handles that must be in compostable bags – paper (Kraft) or compostable plastic – or unbagged in a reusable container at least 26 inches high with sturdy handles. Yard waste is not allowed in City-provided containers. Set all yard waste next to your garbage cart by 6am. Leaves and brush must weigh less than 40 pounds.

This is the first year Minneapolis Public Schools is hosting Visit Our Schools Month. Come take a guided tour of our elementary schools from Oct. 15–Nov. 7. Families have the opportunity to learn as much as possible about our schools as well as the enrollment process. Get immersed themselves in a school’s culture and meet the people in the classrooms in order to know that a school is right for their child. To learn more about Visit Our Schools Month, visit studentplacement.mpls.k12.mn.us/visit_our_schools.

Join the Northside Singers, rehearsals are held at Patrick Henry High School in conjunction with the Minneapolis Community Education Program and the group performs for community organizations during the Winter holiday season. Music this term ranges from jazz to seasonal. Whether you read music or learn by listening all are welcome! Contact us for more information: singenforfun@gmail.com

BE AWARE
Carbon monoxide (CO) exposure incidents increase during the winter months. CO is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas that when inhaled, enters the bloodstream preventing proper absorption of oxygen, leading to illness and even death. If you suspect CO exposure, leave the area immediately taking your pets with you and tell others to do the same. Once you are safely away from the area, call 911 to report the suspected CO incident. Make sure you take proper steps to avoid exposure to CO and for more information about natural gas safety, visit CenterPointEnergy.com/BeSafe or call 612-372-4727 or 1-800-244-2377.

CenterPoint Energy is reminding customers about certain rights and their responsibilities as it relates to the Cold Weather Rule (CWR), which protects residential customers experiencing difficulty paying their natural gas bill from having their natural gas service disconnected between Oct. 15 and April 15, 2017. While the CWR does not prevent customers from being disconnected for nonpayment, customers who anticipate having trouble paying their entire natural gas bill, have received a Notice of Proposed Disconnection, or need gas service reconnected are all urged to call CenterPoint Energy to set up a payment plan. Call CenterPoint Energy to set up a payment plan at 1-612-372-4680 or 1-800-729-6164. For additional information, please visit CenterPointEnergy.com/ReadyForWinter.

You can now watch Minneapolis government meetings and other city programming in high definition. City programming has moved to new channels as of September 9th and can be viewed on Comcast channels 14, 799 and 659, and CenturyLink channel 14.

CenterPoint Energy would like to remind the public of important natural gas safety tips when there is severe weather. Following a severe storm, be alert for leaking gas. If you smell, hear or see a natural gas leak, leave the area immediately on foot and tell others to do the same. Do not drive into or near a gas leak or vapor cloud. Once safely away from the area, call the CenterPoint Energy emergency gas leak hotline at 1-800-296-9815 and 911. If the pipeline operator is not known, call 911. If natural gas is leaking, do not operate anything that might cause a spark including a flashlight or generator.

BUSINESS & DEVELOPMENT
11/16 – Neighborhood Development Center (NDC) is offering Speed Coaching for Entrepreneurs from 6-8pm. Receive free one-on-one business coaching on topics that create a successful small business. Each meeting is just 12 minutes, allowing you to meet with multiple experts. Speed Coaching will be held at: Concordia University – Buenger Education Center, 200 Syndicate Street North, Saint Paul. More info, call 651-291-2480.

The NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center expansion has moved forward. Voting as the Hennepin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, the board approved the transfer of $18 million to the authority, which will be used to purchase and clean property, and to start to develop and build the additional space for NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center and related properties, at the corner of Penn and Plymouth Avenues N.

The project aims to address the impact of a 67% increase in patient load since 2006. The project is expected to be completed in late 2019 or early 2020.

ACTION
The City of Minneapolis is hosting two interactive, family friendly open house events this October to ask Minneapolis residents, business owners, neighborhood and business organizations, community leaders and others interested in the future of Minneapolis to help the City plan for the future. The feedback will be used to update the City’s Comprehensive plan, a document that shapes how Minneapolis will grow and change. The plan covers housing, job creation, the design of new buildings, and how we use our streets. Attendees may drop in at either open house at any time between 5:00-7:30pm to take guided or self-guided tours of interactive, artist designed event stations focused on the following topic areas: transportation, jobs, housing, the environment, and a healthy and equitable city. Complimentary refreshments and food from local vendors will also be provided. Tuesday, October 25, Midtown Global Market, 920 East Lake Street, Minneapolis, 5:00-7:30pm OR Thursday, October 27, North Commons Park 1801 James Avenue North, Minneapolis, 5:00-7:30pm.

11/3 – On Friday, October 14, 2016, the City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) closed their request for qualifications (RFQ) period seeking submissions for the Upper Harbor Terminal (UHT) Phase 1 development. The UHT site is located on the west bank of the Mississippi River, from 33rd Ave. N. to about 40th Ave. N. Following an initial staff review, the submission will be revealed at a community input meeting to be held: Thursday, November 3, 6-8pm, Folwell Park Recreation Center, 1615 Dowling Ave. N, Minneapolis.

11/7 – McKinley Community hosts a discussion about neighborhood events, safety, and other issues. 7-8pm. Meet at Serendipity Spot, 3300 Lyndale Ave. N. Parking in back.

11/8 – The Minneapolis Board of Education has approved a resolution asking voters to renew an existing property tax referendum of $1,604.31 per student, which if approved will extend the funding for nine years. Property taxes for most Minneapolis homeowners are not projected to increase if the referendum passes. The renewal decision will be voted on November 8th. Resources and more information about the referendum is available at www.mpls.k12.mn.us/referendum2016.

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Please inquire for pricing if you’d like a different size than the ones listed.
Houston White transforms more than just hair inside his small, stylish barber shop at 1500 44th Avenue N. The self-described renaissance man serves specialty coffee, sells clothing and accessories, and creates an inspirational, healing atmosphere for the community through music, art, and events.

This issue, North News spoke to him about evolving as a barber, supporting young black men in the community, and his dreams to make his movement even bigger.
How did you get started cutting hair?
I’ve been cutting hair since I was 12. It kept me from doing stuff I shouldn’t have been doing. My brother in law and a lot of older friends were barbers. I was fascinated by the creativity. The business is cash based like the drug business. The better you are, the more money you make, and the more things you could buy. I could look as fly as the cat who was risking his life to make his money. It gave me freedom. Barbering has always been that for me – freedom. It’s me doing me, authentically. Now I share that freedom with people.

How is H. White Men’s Room different than Mass Appeal, your first shop which is still on Plymouth Avenue?
H. White is mature. It’s like me, now. With Mass Appeal, I wanted to show folks I had business acumen. We grew Mass Appeal from 5 to 10 chairs. At H. White it’s about community and you can also get a haircut.

How is the environment in the shop reflective of who you are now?
I’m a renaissance man. If you look at the walls, there’s art that I’ve collected from different places. Music is always playing. I can’t do anything without music.

When did you start H. White?
We closed on the building on September 25, 2008. Shone Scott helped me literally build this place. We worked every day and night until we opened on December 31 of that year.

I heard you lived here for a few years.
My wife and I lived upstairs for three or four years when we first bought the place. I promised her I could fix it up and make it something she’d want to live in. Now we live two blocks into Robbinsdale. We built our house there in 2012.

Who is the shop for?
The PC answer is everybody. This place is inclusive. It’s not a country club for the elite. It’s not a wasting ground. It’s a place to come get charged up and inspired and creative. As Biggie said – get to know us. To know us is to love us.

What is the non PC answer?
It’s for the young guy who was where I was when I was 14. The young cat who is trying to figure out what success is. How does he get it? How does he get the house, the wife, the income, the cars? What are the steps? I’ve had everything from a two-million dollar house to a $50,000 house. I’ve walked the whole ladder. I want to show them what is possible from where they are. They can’t skip the steps, but they should dream big.

Did you grow up in North Minneapolis?
I’m from Jackson, Mississippi initially. I came to North Minneapolis in 1985. My mom and father were breaking up. It was difficult. It got kind of violent, and we had to get out of the state. I was told I was coming here on vacation.

Where did you go to high school?
North High. When I was a kid I plotted what I’d wear on the first day for months. I’m big into fashion. I won best dressed at North. That was huge for me.

What has kept you here?
I love this place. It represented opportunity.

You seem like someone who never stops dreaming and building. What do you see yourself doing next?
Refinement here in the shop. I want to create more of a community schedule for things like black parties. I want to grow the coffee bar and turn it into a place that encourages people to come and have a little conversation and get charged. I’m finding that people really want to vibrate in this space.

How so?
Bill Graves [of the JD Graves Foundation] decided to launch Animate the Race here. Tasha Byers from the St. Paul Chamber of Commerce has pushed me to host a couple of game nights. I did and the response was overwhelming.

Who in the community inspires you?
Mike Spicer, who owns Dimensions on Broadway. He allowed me to come into his barbershop when I was in high school because I was fascinated. It kept me out of trouble. He was a big proponent of ownership. He is the reason why I wanted to own my shop. Other people that inspire me are Al McFarlane [of Insight News] and Nikki McComb, the photographer behind the Enough campaign. She’s behind me always pushing like a big sister.

Who makes this place possible?
Anthony Jennings – he used to be a client, now he works here. Shone Scott who helped me build it. Navontay Wilson too – he’s actually the first barber we’ve hired in over 3 years. He has such a unique range of traits.

Black Excellence, your clothing line, is available in the shop. How did that get started?
There’s a Jay-Z and Kanye West song, “Murder to Excellence.” The first half of the song is about all of the bad stuff that has happened. The second part is about the excellence – the Will Smiths, the Jay-Zs, the Oprah Winfreys. Jay-Z says at the opening of the song, “black excellence, opulence, decadence.” I was like, “I like that.” We had this event here in 2012 and when they were interviewing me, I said “we’re black excellence.” One of our clients who was going to MCAD at the time did a logo. I thought we’d do a couple t-shirts. It evolved from there. It needed to be more robust.

How did it evolve?
To me it’s a renaissance. It’s connecting artists and entrepreneurs – all these different talents and traits. It’s about starting to view ourselves through a different lens. We did a photoshoot in December 2015, and Anthony Jennings and I showed up in almost the same outfit. It was like it was planned. Cap-toe shoes. Suspenders. We both innately had a vision for what a man of black excellence could be. We started to do hats. We built a buzz. We did a lot of guerilla marketing on Facebook. Then it just kind of started to snowball. It started to evolve into this movement. We weren’t trying to capitalize on the current tension between races in America, it just happened at the same time. When Philando Castile was shot, we had a community meeting here. There were well over 100 people in this space. A lot of healing happened.

You sell hats, letterman jackets, shirts, and many other things as part of the brand. How do you come up with ideas?
I’m always writing and drawing stuff. A year ago I was drawing that jacket we sell now. Anthony Jennings and I showed up in our house there in 2012.

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