A giant soap bubble appears to envelop its creator, Hailey Cook, 8, at Open Streets West Broadway.

Photo by David Pierini

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David Pierini

September 30, 2022

All of us have gone into a polling place, looked at the ballot and sworn our lives. We are always welcome. Unsigned letters will not be run.

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Remembering D-Hill

The walk North High football players make from the school to the field before each game was especially solemn Friday night. It was the first game of the 2022 season and the first at Prosper Bank Stadium. D-Hill was fatally shot in February while walking from school. The team selected his good friend, Khalil Brown, to hold D-Hill’s No. 9 jersey on the walk to the field. One-on-one with a white jersey to that? Brown held it up proudly and responded, “D-Hill.”

The Players took the field for the first play of the game with Saint Paul Johnson short a man to remember Hill. As a ref blew a whistle to signal a penalty, North’s players took a knee. The Players won the game 46-6. Photo by Azahe’la Hanson.

North Minneapolis residents needed as co-designers on 26th Avenue project

The designers and architects of Investing in North Minneapolis are setting their sites on the 26th Avenue corridor and its connection to an undeveloped area on the Mississippi and Theodore Wirth Park.

And they want you as a co-designer. Investing in North Minneapolis is a simultaneous design and community outreach project that will be implemented over the next three to six years. The project leaders seek to inform the city planning process with public input on the front end, rather than respond to the city’s visions and plans. Input will go into the creation of equitable and sustainable city’s visions and plans. Input will go into the creation of equitable and sustainable urban plans that could be referenced and implemented over the next three to six years.

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Northsiders say liquor store, gas station ‘complicit in violence.’ AG to investigate

By Acha’rsa Hanson, Reporter

Attorney General Keith Ellison has launched a civil investigation into Merwin Liquors and the Winner Gas Station to determine whether they are “maintaining or permitting an unlawful public nuisance” or “complicit in violence.” Ellison is investigating whether the businesses are acting as “hot spots” for illegal drug distribution or permitting illegal public nuisances.

The parking lots of both businesses are notorious to generations of Northsiders for being adjacent hot spots for gun violence, illegal gambling, substance abuses, and illegal drug distribution. Winner Gas is often referred to by residents as the murder station.

Ellison’s announcement on Sept. 15 followed the community’s response to a series of shootings that took place at Winner Gas on the night of Sept. 8. The next day, activist Lisa Clemons, whose great nephew survived the shooting, called residents to shut down the businesses.

“Other than a small “no loitering” sign that sits in both business windows, the businesses have received criticism for years from the community for seemingly not addressing the criminal activities on their properties.

After news of Ellison launching an investigation, Merwin Liquors announced they are partnering with “We Push For Peace to deter illegal activities in its parking lot. Merwin Liquors is excited to announce our new partnership with WPFP. It is our desire to ultimately purchase Merwin Liquors, but we are not in difficulties negotiating. We Push For Peace moved into an office space located inside of Merwin Liquors right away and has begun their work.”

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A Mother’s Love has a place to call home

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By Azhae’la Hanson, Reporter

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Welcome

This voting guide is a collaborative project to bring you, the Minneapolis voter, the distilled information you need to make informed voting decisions in line with your values on or before Nov. 8, 2022.

We have big dreams for our city, our state, and our country, and we believe that electing leaders who challenge the status quo of disparity, protect our rights, and cast visions for a more just future, is a critical component of actualizing those dreams.

We believe that voting is harm reduction. It’s an individual act that at best is motivated by a responsibility for collective care. It’s one way to change the current conditions of our communities. It is an imperfect tool and we are invested in making it better, by increasing access and fighting efforts to diminish or block turnout.

Pillsbury United Communities, a Minneapolis-based nonprofit committed to ensuring individuals and families have power, is the producer of this guide. PUC is home to three community media platforms (North News, KRSM Radio, and The Minneapolis Documenters), a policy, advocacy and civic engagement team, and robust digital marketing talent. Thanks to a generous grant from the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits, these teams were able to join forces and create one of the resources we know community needs this fall.

Thanks to all the individuals who contributed their love and labor:

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About the Guide

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Common Voting Questions

1. HOW DO YOU KNOW IF YOU'RE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?
   • You are a U.S. citizen.
   • Are at least 18 years old on Election Day.
   • Have been a resident of Minnesota for 20 days.
   • Are registered at your current address.
   • Are under guardianship unless a judge specifically has revoked your right to vote.
   • You cannot vote if a court has ruled that you are legally incompetent.

2. HOW TO REGISTER ONLINE?
   Register at mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us. You will need a Minnesota ID and an email address. If you don’t have either, please use the paper application.

3. HOW TO REGISTER ON PAPER?
   Visit the secretary.of.state.mn.us website, in the “Elections & Voting” section, you’ll find the paper application under the “Register to vote” tab. Fill out the completely and mail it to either your county election office or to the Secretary of State Office.

4. HOW TO REGISTER ON ELECTION DAY?
   On Election Day you can register at your polling place before voting. You need to bring an ID with proof of residence. You can find the proof documents for proof of evidence to present at your polling place at the QR code on page 2.

5. WHERE CAN YOU CHECK IF YOU ARE REGISTERED?
   You can check your registration at mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us under “Check my Registration”. Just enter your name, birth date and zip code.

6. DO I HAVE TO REGISTER IF I MOVE OR CHANGE NAMES?
   You need to register at your polling place once you change address, change names, or if you are not registered at least once during a four-year period. Update your registration by completing a new registration application.

7. IS THERE A REGISTRATION DEADLINE?
   Unlike many states, you can wait until Election Day to register in Minnesota. However, we encourage you to register before Election Day—it will save you time at the polling place.

8. THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS 11:59 p.m., 21 days before Election Day.
9. THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER ON PAPER IS 5 p.m., 21 days before Election Day.
10. OTHERWISE, you can register on Election Day at your polling place.
11. CAN I REGISTER WHEN I CHANGE ADDRESSES WITH THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE?
    Yes, your change of address form will be reported to the county election office.
12. DO I HAVE TO CHOOSE A POLITICAL PARTY WHEN I REGISTER?
    Minnesota does not have political party registration. Voters are not asked to publicly declare affiliation with a political party.
13. WHERE CAN I GET PROOF OF REGISTRATION?
    Proof of registration can be obtained from your county election office. Please view the digital guide for more information at the QR code on page 2.
14. HOW CAN I VOTE EARLY BY MAIL?
    To vote by mail, apply to have an absentee ballot mailed to you. You do not need to be registered to apply.
15. HOW DO I APPLY FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT?
    To request an absentee ballot for the general election (last election of 2022), you can either use the online absentee application, or one of downloadable applications. Return your completed absentee application to your county election office by mail, fax or email on election day.
16. WILL MY ABSENTEE BALLOT COUNT?
    Your absentee ballot will count as long as you receive your ballot by election day, Nov 8th, and fill out the forms correctly.
17. WHAT’S ON MY BALLOT?
    The Governor of Minnesota serves as the state’s chief executive officer and is responsible for implementing state laws and overseeing the operation of the state executive branch. Gov. Tim Walz. DFL, is seeking a second term and will run against Republican Scott Jensen, a physician and former state senator.
18. CAREER
    Minnesota’s 41st governor. Former school teacher and football coach. Relevant experience: Served 24 years in the National Guard. Former U.S. Congressman.
19. ACTIONS
    • $10 million in COVID-19 relief for small businesses.
    • $80 million in statewide economic development grants.
    • $95 million for child care.
    • $500 million for frontline workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.
    • $1.9 trillion jobs bill.
    • $1.2 trillion in middle class tax cuts.
20. NOTE
    • In March, Jensen said he favored a total ban on abortion. He has since softened his stance, later saying he supported exceptions for rape, incest and health of the mother. In September, he said a woman’s right to an abortion was constitutionally protected in Minnesota.
    • Opposed COVID-19 lockdowns, ordered the closure of all non-essential businesses.
    • $2.5 billion in middle class tax cuts.
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    • $597 million for child care.
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The incumbent Minnesota Secretary of State is Steve Simon and he is seeking a second term against Republican challenger Jim Schultz. The primary duty of the office is to provide legal representation for the state government. The office also enforces state election laws and oversees the administration of elections.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE
Former member of the Minnesota House. Served as assistant state attorney general from 1996-2001.

GOALS
• Expand access to voting and remove barriers to voting
• Streamline business services
• Strengthen protections for victims of domestic violence with the “Safe at Home” address confidentiality program.

ON EDUCATION
• During COVID-19 lockdowns, Simon developed a pandemic election strategy. Each registered voter automatically received a ballot in the mail that allowed for fewer polling places on Election Day. About 1.9 million (almost 58 percent) voted by absentee ballots in 2020.

Steve Simon
PARTY
DFL
JOB
Minnesota’s 22nd Secretary of State
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Previous government experience

GOALS
• Supports increased staffing for criminal prosecutions
• Supports legalization of marijuana for recreational use
• Ban third-party voter registration

Our right to free and fair elections is one of the most precious rights as Americans. This is why I am running for Secretary of State. Citizens from all walks of life and political points of view are questioning the accuracy of our elections, doubts about elections divide us and threaten our democratic republic.

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Republican
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Attorney
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Previous government experience
District Attorney for Hennepin County 2006-2007

GOALS
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• Opposes photo I.D. for voting

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Previous government experience
Minneapolis police officer who killed George Floyd. The case ended in a conviction for second-degree murder (and two lesser charges) and a 22.5 year prison sentence.

Supports increased staffing for criminal prosecutions

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We stand for the core values of our state: minnesotans against violent crime, fraud, and economic abuse.

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www.jimformnag.com

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**www.blahaforauditor.org**

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**AFFILIATIONS**

Former board member and Secretary-Treasurer of the Minnesota AFL-CIO, former board member of Education Minnesota

**GOALS**

• Favors auditing school districts
  • Logistic tools to counter the threat of China.
  • Nuclear deal with Iran.
  • HVAC agenda.

**State Auditor**

**Julie Blaha**

**PARTY**

DFL

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Hodan Hassan
DISTRICT 62B
PARTY | JOB  | State Representative
www.hodanforhouse.com

We have the ability to vastly improve people’s lives by advocating for policies and services to shrug the gaps in health, housing, and education.

GOALS/ACTIONS
• Create more affordable housing and incentivize existing units, protect the rights of tenants through expanded legal resources and education, and provide residents with the tools they need to have stability, to save money and to thrive.
• Equal pay for women, paid family and sick leave, and maternity leave.
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**Experiences**
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**School Board**

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- Strengthen protections from ‘last-in-first-out’ and seniority laws.
- Increase opportunities for BPOC support staff and community members to become teachers.

**Sonya Ermec at Large**

**Party**
- DFL

**Job**
- Community Organizer, Disability Advocate

**Previous Experience**
- Minnesota Board of Education 2017-2020

**Goals**
- Lobby the legislature to fully fund public education, especially by closing the ELL and Special Education cross subsidies.
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**Lisa Skjefce at Large**

**Party**
- Socialist

**Job**
- VP of Community Engagement and Impact for MN Indian Women’s Resource Center

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Due to the number of judges on the ballot and the fact that they are all unopposed, individual bios are not provided, but brief information is provided regarding each level of courts, and links are provided to find more information.

**Minnesota Supreme Court**

**TOTAL JUSTICES:** 7 | **CHIEF JUDGE:** Lorie Swenson Gliesa

**SEATS UP FOR ELECTION IN 2022:** 2 (Susan Devine & Gordon Moore)

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**Lorie Swenson Gliesa**

**AFFILIATIONS**

Endorsed by Minneapolis Fed-eration of Teachers, part of the “Safe and Stable Schools” slate

**GOALS**

- Advocate for a work environment that is safe and inclusive for students and staff.
- Work to increase access to culturally relevant curriculum and resources.
- Support educational justice for all students.

**SUMMARY**

The Minnesota Supreme Court is the court of last resort in Minnesota and hears appeals from the Minnesota Court of Appeals. The Supreme Court generally has discretion in whether to grant appellate review. Cases are heard by the full court. The Chief Justice is appointed by the Governor and serves a six-year term.

**Minnesota Court of Appeals**

**TOTAL JUSTICES:** 19 | **CHIEF JUDGE:** Susan Segel

**SEATS UP FOR ELECTION IN 2022:**

**Susan Segel**

**AFFILIATIONS**

Endorsed by the Minnesota Federation of Teachers and part of the “Safe and Stable Schools” slate

**GOALS**

- Support for challenging issues while providing space for and hearing from all voices.
- Work to make sure the system is just and equitable for all students.

**SUMMARY**

The Minnesota Court of Appeals is the first step for appeals and handles most of the appeals, which allows the Minnesota Supreme Court to spend time resolving difficult constitutional and public policy cases. The Court of Appeals handles about 2,000-2,400 appeals per year, and about 5% are reviewed further by the Supreme Court. The Supreme Court generally has discretion in whether to grant appellate review. Cases are heard by the court for the cases.

The Chief Justice is appointed by the Governor and serves a four-year term. Each of the judges serves a 10-year term, with the option of reappointment by the Governor.
By David Peltz, Editor

The Minneapolis Office of Violence Prevention has seen its budget and need increase. Violence prevention professionals are working new public safety models and consider new strategies to reduce violence.

“We need to be more creative about our work,” said Jennifer White, executive director of the Office of Violence Prevention, which focuses on education in Minneapolis. “The way we’ve been doing things—going out to find whatever this person has standing to live in a new place and asking the teacher of color who would wait until there was an actual lawsuit filed to bring a lawsuit forward.”

In a district where two-thirds of the student body is BIPOC, educators would wait until there was an actual lawsuit filed to bring a lawsuit forward. “The Minneapolis Federation of Teachers and Education Support Professionals continues to fight for policies that retain the skills and experiences that are underrepresented in our union, including the skills and experiences our teachers of color bring to their classrooms every day,” MFT President Get a Northside space. Sometimes you have a space to go to. Sometimes you need a place in community, it would be nice to have a safe space to go to. Our partners… that one of the challenges in community engagement. “We’ve heard from some of our partners that one of the challenges is when you’re engaging with different groups, it would be nice to have a space to come to. Sometimes you need to have a conversation and when we’re talking about youth, providing them a safe space is key.”

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A few days after the lawsuit was filed, union leaders were one of the main demands won after a three-week strike ends in March. The Minneapolis Federation of Teachers and Education Support Professionals negotiated a proviso to the district’s senate rule for making cuts so that schools could retain teachers of color to better reflect the diversity of students.

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Your vote counts here.
In March, the Guinness Book of World Records called 63-year-old Diana Armstrong to inquire about the possibility that she had broken a world record. She hung up. “I thought it was a prank call,” Armstrong said. “I told my daughter and she told me to call them back.”

Her daughter Raina Armstrong knew that it was very likely her mother did break a world record. In fact, most of her family suspected it years prior to the call from Guinness Book.

“This would always look like the people who held the records,” Raina said. “And just by looking at my mom’s nails, we knew her’s were longer.”

When a Guinness Book representative paid a visit to Diana’s Northside residence, it was confirmed that she had broken the world record for the longest nails in the world with the combined length of 42 feet, almost doubling the length of the previous record holder, Lee Redmond.

Although she now holds the record, Armstrong was not chasing the fame as most who end up in the book do. She held a world record and until the news broke last spring, she was also holding a secret heavier than her nine pounds of nails – grief.

“My mom always had naturally pretty nails,” Raina said. “And my mom bonded with her kids over doing her nails, especially my sister.”

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Diana Armstrong’s record fingernails are an expression of love

By Azhae’la Hanson, Reporter

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Former North booster club president charged with theft

By David Pais, StarTribune

The former president of the North High Athletic Booster Club appears in court in Hennepin County this morning after a yearlong investigation uncovered several thousand dollars from the booster club's coffers.

Corinne Marie Martin, 45, was charged with two counts of embezzlement of more than $50,000 in excess of $5,000. If convicted, she faces fines up to $10,000 and prison terms up to 10 years in prison.

The investigation began in February 2021, when the former booster club announced that its former president had been formally charged in March 2021 in Hennepin County District Court.

In an effort to be completely transparent, we have recently been notified that the former booster club President has been officially charged with felony theft: the record.

As we move forward as booster club officers, we have established new methods and new, current, and inclusive so that all members reach and received are used solely for the benefit of our amazing student-athletes at North Community High School.

Former North Booster Club Treasurer Sara Spafford was charged in connection with theft.

In the year it took to find a home, Armstrong has been in a long period of time, even going as far as residence, and avoid being in public for a brief period when someone tells her to "beanie" what she can say. But she wonders why not to be ashamed.

Parents charged in embezzlement case

Jeff Washburne, executive director of the Hennepin County Public Defender's Office, said he was not surprised to hear of another case of theft.

"The felony theft charge was expected," Washburne said. "As we move forward as booster club officers, we have a duty to all our stakeholders to hold ourselves accountable and transparent."

Ward 5 Councilman Jeremiah Ellison, who chairs the city's police policy committee, said the recent charges are part of a larger trend.

"We’ve seen a concerning trend of embezzlement in the past year," Ellison said. "It’s important that we hold ourselves and our public officials accountable for their actions."

The North Bridge is no different. Our neighbors and local organizations have chipped in to help cover the remaining loss.

"With the support of local organizations and individuals and the continued efforts of our booster club, we are confident we will be able to respond," Ellison said. "I can’t afford to put a squad in the field just because I want to, but if I do, I’ll have to be responsible with the money and they’ve paid nothing for it."

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Liquor store, gas station violence

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"The fortified public safety bill signed in June by Governor Tim Walz includes provisions for COVID-19 updates. The city will be able to distribute free food and the second and fourth Saturdays of each month from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m."

Saranon Sullins, who was killed in a car accident a few weeks ago, was a beloved "expert mathematician" on hand.

She will be missed by everyone who knew her and her students.

"We miss her hand on the fluid and her smile and her laughter and her kindness," Armstrong said. "We will remember her as a fighter and aadiator who inspired us to be better."
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