Event Honors Hale-Field School Desegregation

By Terry Mazig, Chair, Education Committee, and Carrie Shidla, Communications Committee

On Thursday, November 9, the community celebrated the 45 years of the Hale-Field school partnership at Field Community School. This historic pairing merged together Field School, which had a majority African-American student population, with Hale School which was predominantly white. The pairing of the two schools was part of a district-wide effort in 1971 to desegregate Minneapolis schools, which was the result of housing segregation. Hale and Field schools were among the first in Minneapolis to desegregate thanks to years of activism by leaders in our community, teachers, and parents.

This wonderful event included music by the Hale and Field choirs, an introduction by Minneapolis School board member Nelson Inz, a panel discussion, and a poster presentation by Field 6-8 grade AVID students on the history of integration in south Minneapolis. There was also time to honor the elders and leaders who participated in the merger of these two schools.

The panel consisted of Hale/Field parent and education organizer Greg King, former student Heidi Adelsman, former student Cindy Booker, and parent Zamara Cuyún. The panel praised the work of past generations and used the night as a rallying point to address issues that still exist today, with all the panel members pointing to the fact that today many areas have re-segregated to levels not seen since 1971. They also tackled difficult issues of housing affordability, and what it means to bring “your whole self” to school when you come from a minority background that can make a child feel different and sometimes unwelcome.

The event was put on by the Field Regina Northrop education committee in partnership with Hale and Field staff. The event and the elders were praised by Senator Amy Klobuchar in a video recorded in Washington and shared via social media. In it, Klobuchar says, “Everyone attending the Hale-Field event shares this belief, that you should be able to achieve your dreams and grow into healthy, happy adults and you should receive a good education and it should not depend on who you are, what you look like or the Zip Code you were born into. All children deserve the right to receive a quality education.”

Field students researched and produced more than 25 posters on topics related to racial segregation in south Minneapolis.

The Making of a Neighborhood Celebrity

By Adam Webster, Carrie Shilda, and Sue Filbin, Communications Committee

As we put together this issue of Close to Home, one thing is certain: our inspiring, hard-working leader and fellow neighborhood resident—Chris Schommer—has a lot on his (already-busy) plate.

By day, Chris works at the library at Macalester College, a position that

*Please do not let in the cat*

His name is Max. Max is nice.

His owner does not want Max in the Library
We do not want Max in the Library.

President’s Letter

Hello FRN,

We are at the end of 2017, another year has almost passed. We have seen so many changes occur in our world and in our Neighborhood as well. Some changes

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presents with unexpected opportunities. Few have been more unusual than those resulting from a series of run-ins with a frequent campus visitor, a neighborhood cat who made a habit of attempting to gain access to the library. Chris took it upon himself to more fully communicate to the public that cat’s immeasurable charm and lack of borrowing privileges. The cat in question? Max. Yes, that Max the Cat.

Late Night with Seth Meyers, and many other outlets.

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By Patricia Jones, Chair, Business Committee; Corrie Perez, Business Committee; and Stearine Rucker, Program Director.

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New Rapid Bus Line Planned

By Scott Janowiak

The D Line is a planned rapid bus line that will substantially replace the current Route 5 between Brooklyn Center and Bloomington, and follow the same alignment along Chicago Avenue.

Over the past year, Metro Transit has been developing recommended station locations to include within the upcoming draft D Line Station Plan. This draft Station Plan identifies the intersection and intersection corner for proposed D Line platforms. The draft Station Plan will be released in early 2018, and an open comment period will offer opportunities for the general public to provide feedback.

The Metropolitan Council is anticipated to review and approve a final D Line Station Plan in the summer of 2018. Sign up for the D Line newsletter on the project website to stay updated on the D Line project, including the upcoming release of the draft D Line Station Plan and recommended station locations in the Field Regina Northrop neighborhood. Metro Transit is interested in your feedback on recommended station locations.

The D Line corridor’s existing Route 5 is the busiest bus route in the region, with about 15,000 riders each weekday. The D Line will offer a faster, more comfortable trip for riders. For more information, visit the project website at https://www.metrotransit.org/d-line-project. You can also contact Scott Janowiak from the project staff at scott.janowiak@metrotransit.org or 612-341-5733 for more information.

Expect to see the draft D Line Station Plan in early 2018. 

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have been positive, and some have been negative. We have seen some old businesses close on Chicago Avenue, and we’ve seen some new businesses open in their place. We have a new bakery on 46th and Bloomington, too.

We’ve seen longtime business owner, Joe Minjares, who will be closing his Pepitos restaurant. Joe has been very active in our community through the years. He has been very sick of late, and we want Joe to know that we’re thinking about him.

This past November, Hale and Field School taught us in the community all about the history of our neighborhood. The young people did a lot of research about our community and educated both themselves and us, about how our neighborhoods were once segregated by design, and what it took to unify and desegregate our schools and neighborhoods.

We’ve talked about crime in our community, and how we can do something about it. FRN you have talked about forming walking groups, and walking together, with the strength of unity, looking out for each other.

This November, we voted for a lot of local elected positions that have a direct impact on our community. This new year, we will have two new City Council Members: Andrea Jenkins and Jeremy Schroeder. We are looking forward to working with both of them and having them to hear our concerns for our communities, and working on our behalf. They will be replacing our previous Council Members, Elizabeth Glidden and John Quincy, who gave so much of themselves to preserve and improve our communities. To them we give our appreciation.

FRN, we have work ahead of as we begin the New Year 2018. How do we work with our local schools to help keep our kids engaged and wanting to stay in school? What is it that we can do to assist those families who need help, in fixing their homes and properties up, when they’ve fallen into worsening disrepair? When do we start the walking groups in our neighborhoods? Who will help organize these group(s)? How do we make sure we are including all our new businesses, in our conversation about the commercial plans and hopes of our community? We need to work with McRae Park on community building, in planning activities for our young people and teenagers. We have our newsletter publication, Close to Home, and we need people to continue to write articles for the paper. We have a great production team for the newsletter, who have won several awards and recognition for being an outstanding newsletter. Let’s continue to share our enthusiasm and talents to maintain this asset.

FRN I’m up to the challenge for 2018 and I need your help to make these things happen. Please consider joining one of our committees that interest you, and making 2018 the best for FRN.

If you have new neighbors, please introduce yourself and welcome them to the neighborhood. Be safe and be aware of your surroundings: always lock your car doors, garage doors, and house doors. If you have an elderly person living next door to you, check up on them periodically, to make sure that they’re OK. Practice the Golden Rule.

I wish the Best for you this coming Year 2018, FRN,—Willie
Addressing neighborhood burglaries

By Marty Koessel, Chair, Community & Safety Committee

There was great attendance at the October 24 meeting of the community and safety committee, largely spurred by concerns about an up-tick in burglaries this year in the Northrop neighborhood.

Through October 22, there were 59 burglaries in Northrop, notably between 8-10 p.m., compared to 47 during the same period last year. (Similar increases were not observed in Regina and Field). Although a number have been crimes of opportunity, some have been forced entry, especially through garage and back doors and often with the burglar using a shoulder to break through doors. According to Scott Zierden, a Third Precinct investigative lieutenant, this method is quieter than kicking in doors. The burglar (or burglars) has been careful to avoid direct confrontation with homeowners, though they haven’t been shy about breaking into places during daylight hours or when a neighbor is present. This indicates careful casing of the neighborhood, and together with the use of the shoulder to break down doors, leads to an assumption that the burglar is experienced and smart.

Citizen concerns

Several residents voiced a concern that despite doing everything requested by police, including 911 calls, there is a sense that the police aren’t acting on the information given. Lt. Zierden explained that all calls coming into the dispatch center are stored, but reports are logged only when a police officer goes out to the scene. Non-logged calls aren’t visible to Lt. Zierden and other officers when reviewing crime information. Questions were raised about the possibility of systemic problems with the way information is handled by the police. Council member John Quincy explained that he holds regular meetings with the police to review crime issues in Ward 11 and emphasized the importance of calling the police, rather than just announcing crimes and responses on Nextdoor, the neighborhood social networking website.

Willie Bridges, president of the FRNNG board and Lt. Zierden explained that because we are generally a low-crime neighborhood, during most of the day there is only one squad car on patrol in each of Precinct 3’s four districts, with some supplementing by Park Police, State Patrol, and Transit Police. More attention is paid to higher-crime areas such as Lake Street and surroundings.

Despite the efforts of police, a few residents stated that they felt less safe in their neighborhood than they did five or 10 years ago, and several pointed to drug sales in their vicinity. One resident asked if perhaps small problems were sliding because of the effort devoted to larger ones. Another asked about preventive police measures, such as stopping and checking suspicious persons. Both Council member Quincy and Lt. Zierden discussed the constitutional issues with stopping persons without good cause.

These general concerns break down into two key areas

1. There is a common perception that our neighborhood is growing less safe over time. Is this a result of a temporary spike in burglaries and individual experiences, or do statistics bear this out?
2. Is it possible to identify systemic issues with the way the police handle information received from residents and do a better job communicating with residents? Lt. Zierden said that technology for receiving and storing information is strong and that the police do a good job communicating between precincts. A resident suggested finding a way to pool data received from various sources and sharing more effectively with residents.

Council member Quincy stated that, in fact, other cities often look to Minneapolis for best practices. Can the police improve how they triage responses by lining up teams designed for various types of incidents? Since there is always a problem with resources, much of the focus must be on efficiency rather than on increasing police numbers, though great progress has been made in that area as well since the attrition caused by the budget crisis of the Great Recession.

A few people stayed beyond the official end of the meeting to review a proposal from ISSI Security for installing cameras at 43rd St. and 4th Ave. The proposal relates to the area of a shooting earlier in the year and came about both in response to the shooting and because of concerns about drug dealing. Support at the meeting led to official approval during the FRNNG board meeting on November 15. Six cameras will be installed in December.
Housing Loans Available in Field & Regina

By Nate Lansing, Chair, Housing Committee

Recently, the City of Minneapolis updated the city’s Rehab Support Program to include the neighborhoods of Field and Regina. The Rehab Support Program was created by the City of Minneapolis to help improve housing and boost the housing market in neighborhoods that had seen high foreclosure rates or aging housing stock. Including Field and Regina, 23 neighborhoods are eligible for the program. The program works with the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency’s Community Fix-Up Loan to provide low-interest home-improvement loans.

Eligible borrowers may borrow up to $30,000 at 2% interest with repayment terms up to 20 years. Funds can be used for a variety of home improvements, including any code-enforcement orders, kitchen and bath remodeling, new siding and windows, permanent landscaping features, and many more projects.

Eligible borrowers must reside in the home or duplex where the work will be performed. Borrowers must also meet certain income requirements. Borrower’s income cannot exceed 115% of the area median income (AMI) which is currently $98,700. If borrowers do not qualify due to the income limit, the Field Regina Northrop (FRN) neighborhood loan program (which has no income limitations) may still be an option.

For more information on the loan program or to see if you qualify, email Jennifer Camacho-Schalo at jennifer.camachoschalo@minneapolismn.gov or call 612-673-5174. For more information on the FRN home-improvement program, contact Nate Lansing at housing@frnng.org.

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Lastly, during the meeting, St. Joseph’s Home for Children submitted a letter providing background for their request for street signage (specifically “Children at Play” and “Speed Limit 30 MPH”) near the St. Joseph’s driveway entrance on 46th Street. There was a collision with a child last August that, fortunately, didn’t result in injury. When council member-elect Jeremy Schroeder attended the November 15 board meeting, the community and safety committee chairperson spoke with him about the St. Joseph’s request and handed him a copy of the letter. The committee plans to follow up in January, when the council-member baton is officially placed in Jeremy’s hands.
Greetings Field Regina Northrop neighbors! Thank you so very much for providing me with the opportunity to represent you for the next four years as your park commissioner. 2018 brings four new planning projects, some with implementation occurring to park properties in the area. The planning projects are for the Minnehaha Creek Corridor, Hiawatha Golf Course property within Nokomis-Hiawatha Regional Park, shoreline restoration at Lake Nokomis, and improvements at Phelps Park. Each individual project will have a project page at https://www.minneapolisparks.org/park_care__improvements/park_projects/current_projects/ Minnehaha Creek Corridor planning will help direct capital expenditures and improvements during the next 25 years and is being done in conjunction with the City of Minneapolis’ Public Works division and the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District. This project is anticipated to begin in January of 2018. The Hiawatha Golf Course property is being master planned around a reduced pumping scenario in January of 2018. A Community Advisory Committee will begin meeting in January with additional outreach efforts coinciding with this series of public meetings. More information about this project and the planning process can be found on the project page. Capital funds are available for improvements at Phelps Park, located at Chicago Avenue and 39th Street, in 2018 and 2019. Planning for improvements is anticipated to begin in early 2018 with implementation to follow. My newsletter, the 5th District Dispatch, is a great resource for more frequent updates about the parks that I send out once or twice a month to help keep my constituents informed. You can subscribe at http://eepurl.com/QZ_-9. Happy New Year and I’ll see you in the parks!

Council member Glidden’s summary will be available in the March/April issue of this newsletter.
I was overwhelmed by the incredible power and lasting impact of the Hale–Field partnership even 45 years after the fact. Hopefully Minneapolis Public Schools can work with community leaders as we battle the re-segregation of our schools in the present. It is obvious to me any lasting solutions need to be led by our community with support from MPS and the school board.—Nelson Inz, Minneapolis School Board, District 5 Director

Volunteers Needed!
Please consider volunteering in the AVID classroom at Field School. Volunteers are needed to help check student binders and assist students with organization.

Tuesdays or Thursdays
Period 1: 8:30-9:30 a.m.
Period 2: 9:30-10:20 a.m.
Period 3: 10:20-11:15 a.m.

Education Committee: education@frnng.org
1st Thursday of each month at 8:30 p.m., McRae Park Arts & Crafts Room

Chris Schommer contributed to this article.
Happy New Year! My name is Andrea Jenkins, and I am deeply honored and humbled to represent the 8th Ward and the Field Regina Northrop neighborhood on the Minneapolis City Council.

I am a poet, artist, oral historian, and a long-time Ward 8 resident. As many of you may know, I also worked with the previous City Council Member, Elizabeth Glidden, for 10 years. I want to thank her for her vision, wisdom, and service to the 8th Ward and the City of Minneapolis. As your new City Council Member, I intend to carry forward many of the policies and initiatives that Council Member Glidden has brought forward.

Since our historic election, it’s been quite the media ride, as it has inspired hope and faith in our democracy. We have inspired other women to seek public office and bring attention to marginalized voices. We must be engaged in our communities if we want to create the world we want to live in.

I am excited to take office. My office will be deeply engaged in the equity and inclusion work across the City to bring more equity for people of color, African Americans, and other marginalized communities.

I am pleased to announce that I will be maintaining the current staff, Sara Lopez and Deebaa Sirdar.

My team and I will focus on providing responsive constituent services to address issues of concern in the ward. I intend to work with community members and the Police Department to address misunderstandings, promote stronger police accountability, and improve police-community relations.

One of the goals of my term is to continue positive economic development along East 38th Street as well as throughout the community. There are some exciting projects being considered to promote economic development and healthy communities. I look forward to fostering this growth.

As an artist, I am interested in continuing to elevate the arts as a broad tool for economic development and supporting artists as entrepreneurs and income generators and contributors to our growing creative economy.

I look forward to working with my new colleagues to continue to implement the Clean-Energy Plan, to support and promote a Zero-Waste culture, and to ensure that we are creating a cleaner environment in Minneapolis and beyond.

I want to thank all of you for your support. I look forward to continuing to build positive relationships over the next four years. We will be announcing community office hours and opportunities for engagement and input in the near future. Until then, please feel free to contact my office by phone at (612) 673-2208, or you can reach me via email at andrea.jenkins@minneapolismn.gov.

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Propinquity is a funny word that means, “A state of nearness; of being close to someone or something; affinity or relationship.”

Propinquity is a fitting word to describe what Patricia Jones brings to her relationships with clients and people in our community. Relationships form the foundation of Patricia’s work as a financial advisor and money manager in her own firm—Jones Financial Group.

Propinquity suggests geographic proximity. Patricia’s office on 48th & Chicago is located just nine blocks from her home in the Bancroft neighborhood. Patricia and her husband chose their home 14 years ago partly because they saw

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Sift Gluten Free Bakery Opens Doors

By Carrie Shidla, Communications Committee

After months of construction, Sift Gluten Free Bakery opened its doors on December 8 at 4557 Bloomington Avenue.

Proprietor Molly Miller, who developed a dedicated following from the Kingfield and Mill City farmers markets over the past four years, has been working since July to realize her dream of opening a brick-and-mortar bakery to serve her customers.

The extensive build-out boasts a large commercial bakery in what has been a long-empty space that was formerly a doctor’s office, and a retail space in the former Sisters’ Sludge Coffee Café.

The retail space is open and bright, with a cozy and warm feeling, which Miller credits to her father and brother, who lent their skills as finish carpenters to the custom maple woodworking. “I wanted it to be an inviting, welcoming space for people who are gluten free to enjoy—and people who aren’t can also enjoy it just as much. It’s exactly what I imagined—my dream come to life,” says Miller.

The corner will likely see a lot of activity. In the final stages of finishing the renovation, potential customers knocked on the doors and windows every few minutes, anxious to sample the offerings. The bakery menu features a farmers’ market favorite, cinnamon rolls, along with scones, muffins, breakfast bites and donuts. Molly hopes in the future to also add some savory items such as bread and pizza. She’ll also feature a beverage program featuring coffee from Bootstrap Coffee Roasters out of Saint Paul.

Miller hired 10 new staff, many from the immediate neighborhood, as bakers, baristas and front counter staff. The retail space, which offers free wifi, is open Tuesday-Friday from 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 7 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sunday 7-2. Sift will be closed on Mondays.

“I’m just so excited,” said Miller. “It’s a long time coming. Minneapolis has such a vibrant food scene and it’s great to be part of it, and part of this neighborhood.”

4557 Bloomington Avenue.

http://siftglutenfree.com/ or on Facebook at Sift Gluten Free.

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Patricia wants to connect businesses and residents. She knows that every business owner wants residents and patrons to feel safe and welcome. Residents need the products and services that neighborhood businesses provide, and thriving commerce adds vitality to the community. And naturally, businesses need people to patronize their establishments. As Patricia says, “When we support each other, we all prosper.”

Patricia senses that both residents and business owners are willing to get involved and “give back” to the neighborhood. When her children were younger, she volunteered in their classrooms but couldn’t volunteer for community activities. Now that her children are older, she has more time and energy to devote to community activities. Patricia believes that she can’t ask for a great community and not contribute to it.

Since joining the neighborhood board of directors, Patricia says she is “constantly surprised by how much people do. There is so little recognition for the board and people on committees, but they are really working hard for the good of the neighborhood. They care. I hope readers get involved and care with us and get to know who we are. When someone wants to get involved, I hope they know there’s a place for them to get involved. It’s about lifting up a community.”

By Sue Filbin and Patricia Jones
10 Questions

Tom Goetz, Proprietor, Tom’s Popcorn Shop

By Adam Webster, Communications Committee

1. Tell us how you got into this line of work. How’d you find yourself here?

Tom’s has been around in more or less its current form since 1979, but it’s actually an offshoot of a previous store, Dave’s Popcorn, which until the late 1960s occupied the lot where the Super America is now. When the owner passed away, it changed hands and moved a few storefronts north. It stayed that way until 1979, when my father walked in the door and offered to buy the place as-is. My sister and I helped out from the earliest days, since my father didn’t have the time to make it a full-time business. My dad is still involved, but I assumed many day-to-day responsibilities in 1983. I’ve been here ever since.

2. 34 years! What’s changed in that period of time?

Popcorn was a pretty straightforward thing once: 3 flavors—caramel, plain and cheese. In the early 1980s, my father came up with cinnamon popcorn, and that fourth flavor was a big innovation for us. In the mid-1980s, I switched us over to plastic packaging, which is good for shelf life and made it possible to make, package and sell nearly 50 different flavors of popcorn that are available in different seasons. I should also say that we’ve also expanded some other offerings, like ice cream. And since I don’t “sit well,” I’ve even gotten into firewood sales and chainsaw carving, both of which I sell from this location, too.

3. You have a unique perspective on this neighborhood, and on small business ownership in general. What perspectives on the area or your livelihood can you share?

While I’ve worked here for a long time, it’s not the only job I’ve had. And I’ve seen many other businesses open and close along this stretch of Cedar in those years. The stores, restaurants and service stations at this intersection have evolved. I don’t think there have ever been this many differently priced dining and dessert establishments here, and that’s only going to continue with the new Starbucks opening up soon. Personally, I know I’m fortunate. Popcorn and ice cream are happy foods, which means most people who walk in the door are in a good mood. I work alone a lot of the time, but I only average a robbery attempt every ten years, so I think I’m doing okay. I’ve had some other close injury calls over the years, but I have customers who are friendly and often want to chat. I’m pretty sure this is a lot better than working alone at a gas station.

4. This is good popcorn, way better than I can make. What’s a secret you can share that would improve the quality of the popcorn we eat at home?

Popcorn and moisture don’t mix well. Clarified butter and airtight storage are good starting points. But the single best thing you can do? Buy your popcorn from me! 

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Rosie Posie Adds Style to 48th and Chicago

By Carrie Shidla, Communications Committee

There is a new shop open at 4802 Chicago Avenue for women looking for stylish, interesting pieces for both the home and themselves. Rosie Posie opened its doors in the neighborhood on October 14.

Shop owner Jenny Osborn strives to offer a unique collection of clothing, jewelry, home décor, accessories and gifts. In fact, Osborn so enjoyed the offerings of Rosie Posie that she has transitioned from customer to employee, to now being the owner.

“I always loved to shop at the old location in Prior Lake, and eventually I started working there. When I found out they were going to close, I just had to find a way to keep it open!” she shared.

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Jenny Osborn shopped at Rosie Posie for unique jewelry, reasonably priced women’s clothing and accessories, and home décor before becoming the shop’s owner.

“I purchased the store in July of 2014 and moved it to Edina to be close to home, but was looking for an area with more retail shopping business...I also wanted to be in a location that had a neighborhood feel and not a lot of chain stores.” She learned from a friend about the vacancy in the former Sassy Knitwear space, and it was a perfect fit.

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Floral Art by Tim

By Sue Filbin, Communications Committee

When Tim Boken visited a friend whose business is located at 48th and Chicago, he noticed the “Space for Rent” sign posted in the window at 4851 Chicago Avenue. He also observed the number of people spending time at the intersection. They walked, drove, biked, and hopped off buses to shop, eat, meet friends and family, take a class, or keep an appointment at one of the many professional services that have offices in our neighborhood.

All of that activity convinced Tim that the vitality he observed would contribute to a good location for his shop, Floral Art by Tim. Fortuitously, the pleasant, narrow space that was available had been occupied for the past 12-plus years by two other floral/home-décor shops. Twiggs was followed by Spruce Flowers & Home, which had the pleasant problem of outgrowing the space.

The artistry in Tim’s business name refers to his approach to create one-of-a-kind arrangements for his clients. He asks about the purpose behind the gift and what message the gift is intended to convey. By selecting the fresh flowers immediately available in his shop’s cooler, or by purchasing special specimens from a local wholesaler, Tim creates memorable, artful floral arrangements. He looks forward to creating “non-traditional” presentations for Valentine’s Day—along with special bouquets of a dozen red roses.

In addition to the arrangements shown on the shop’s website, Tim creates flowers for weddings, and bouquets for funerals, events, and any occasion. Delivery throughout the entire metro area is available. Tim is also ready for spontaneous purchases, with arrangements available in the cooler or stems selected by a customer that become a “handtie.” Tim creates a portable bouquet on the spot by tying an assortment of fresh-cut flowers together, then cutting off their ends. The result is a gift that’s ready to place in a vase at home or to present to a delighted host or hostess.

Stop in at Floral Art by Tim to meet Tim, view his evolving selection of handcrafted gifts from local artists, pick up some spontaneous fresh flowers, have Tim create a special arrangement, and to literally “smell the roses.”

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Osborn says that the shop has always been known for unique jewelry pieces, but for the new location she is working hard to source beautiful clothing and accessories that are reasonably priced. She is excited to share her finds with the neighborhood.

“The best part of owning my own store are the relationships you build with customers, and I am so excited to be a part of this charming neighborhood! Everyone I have met has been so welcoming and encouraging to me. I am truly grateful be here!”

4802 Chicago Avenue
Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-6:30 pm.
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