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The Dynamic Dolls Dance Team march up West Broadway Avenue North during a parade that kicked off a Juneteenth block party on June 19th. Photo by Azhae'la Hanson



# **DOJ** report shows MPD has a long road to reform

The U.S. Department of Justice report examining the practices of the Minneapolis Police Department will leave the reader sick.

An investigation that began following the police murder of George Floyd, the 92-page report is filled

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with troubling examples of how MPD used excessive force and committed "egregious discriminatory misconduct" against Black, Brown and Indigenous people during enforcement activities advantage of the technology. We have over the years.

and Mayor Jacob Frey says the consent decree the city will enter with the justice department gives officials a tool to transform policing here.

Ideally, accountability will be standard procedure and not something that only occurs when an act of brutality like Floyd's murder is caught on cellphone MPD officers applied racist decorations to

red flags, such as racial slurs and other dehumanizing language, a frame of Popeyes. mind that can turn even the most routine encounters into a powder keg.

In the presence of investigators, conceal their attitudes.

So how can a consent decree tackle the ingrained bias, bigotry and contempt that permeates the department's culture? "It's a sign of the reality of what exists

told North News. "There are issues of bias and racism in police just as there are

. . . in society as a whole. We can take body-worn cameras and we can ensure The findings were released lune 19 every interaction that an officer has, particularly during an enforcement, is feeling the weight of the work that is recorded and that a process is in place having to take place but I am optimistic for routine review and hold officers accountable when there is some sort of micro aggression or outwardly clear violation of policy."

During the Christmas season of 2018, a tree in the lobby of the Fourth Precinct The report left me wondering how station. Among traditional ornaments police leadership going forward will treat were a pack of Newport cigarettes, malt liquor cans, police tape and a cup from

> "In essence, they're calling us trash," one witness told DOI investigators.

The officers involved were fired once some offending officers did nothing to the community learned of the tree. The inspector of the precinct was caught laughing about the tree on video and was demoted (the fired officers were reinstated after an arbitration hearing).

Sadly, the report noted that officers

in policing," police Chief Brian O'Hara today view the Christmas tree incident as overblown and "just a joke."

> "There doesn't need to be an extended debate as to whether we need an early intervention system," Frey said. "To get to the root of these issues is going to take years and millions of dollars. I am we can make the change."

#### Correction:

An article in the April 28 edition on City Council candidate Victor Martinez's bid for the DFL nomination mischaracterized his vote for President Donald Trump as unapologetic. Though Martinez, running against Ward 5 incumbent Jeremiah Ellison, admits voting in the Republican primary, Martinez said he does not publicly discuss the candidates he votes for.

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# North Minneapolis at a glance

# Grants available for Black prosperity

**NEWS** 

On luneteenth, St. Paul-based Nexus Community Partners unveiled a new multimillion dollar fund to help descendants of the African slave trade living in Minnesota and the Dakotas build prosperity.

The \$50 million Open Road Fund is designed to help Black communities cultivate wealth and prosperity. Over the next eight years, the fund will award \$50,000 grants to some 800 applicants to be used for wealthbuilding-projects in areas that include education, financial well-being, housing and economic justice. The fund is resourced through the Bush Foundation.

There are no income caps or minimums Black people, age 14 and up, especially the formerly incarcerated, single parents, senior citizens, LGBTQ+ and those living with disabilities are encouraged to apply. The Open Road Fund will accept individual applications but groups devoted to building long-term wealth in their communities

should also apply.

www.nexuscp.org/open-roadon July 28.

"Nexus has a chance to provide a return on the investment Black folks have long made to this country and create Black wealth," said Repa Mekha, president and CEO of Nexus Community Partners. "When we have access to an abundance of resources, we can cultivate healing, safety, care and liberation on our own terms."

# **Bush Foundation** recognizes local leaders

A Henry High School educator and a founder of a Black maternal health care center based in North Minneapolis were among 24 community leaders recently

Alexander Leonard, a dean of students at Henry, is the co-founder of the Community Connected Academy, which

has produced encouraging graduation rates. In just five years, the academy has fund to apply. The application period closes bolstered graduation to 99.8 percent. With his fellowship, he plans student Somatic Abolitionist methods in education and hopes to form a collective of Black and Brown educators.

> Rebecca Polston founded Roots Community Birth Center, 1901 44th Ave. N, which is one of only five Blackowned accredited birth centers in the U.S. The model of care is culturally based to reduce and heal disparities and increase practitioners of colors. The center's C-section, breastfeeding and serious health issue prevention rates are lower than the overall rate for the Twin Cities. according to the Bush Foundation. She will travel the U.S. and to other countries to study how other Black birth centers have adopted anti-racist and cultural practices for maternal health.

There were nearly 600 applicants from Minnesota and the Dakotas. Each fellow receives grant money to cultivate new skills Now is the time to register to vote.

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Mason Voss, 11, and his sister Aubrey Voss, 10, set up shop In June on a corner in North Minneapolis to sell Kool-Aid. It's their first month of many summer days the sibling duo plan on flagging down cars for a sweet and cold beverage. They made \$75 dollars on one of the hotter days but that did not stop them from sampling their own product. Photo by Azhae'la Hanson



# Convicted of murder, Marvin Haynes seeks to proves his innocence in lawsuit

By Azhae'la Hanson, Reporter

Marvin Haynes, serving a life sentence for murder, is fighting to obtain crucial information he believes will prove

Havnes was 17 when he was convicted as an adult and sentenced to life in prison for the 2004 murder of Randy Sherer, who was fatally shot while working at his family's flower shop in North Minneapolis.

Aided by new counsel, Haynes, 35, filed a lawsuit against Hennepin County and the City of Minneapolis, accusing of physical evidence linking him to the them of suppressing essential evidence in his case. Haynes is seeking to compel compliance through the Minnesota Government Practices Act (MGDPA) which states government entities are required to comply with data requests.

According to the lawsuit, "The MGDPA requests Mr. Haynes sent to Minneapolis and Hennepin Country sought records that would assist him in conclusively demonstrating he was framed or used as cousin Isiah Harper, who was 14 at the accept that answer. They kept pressuring

a scapegoat for a crime he did not commit time of the arrest. by certain members of the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) and Hennepin County Attorney's Office (HCAO)."

May 2023 marked Haynes's 19th year in prison. His sister Marvina Haynes said he's been working to prove his innocence since his conviction.

"He's dedicated since day one to his wrongful conviction," Marvina said. "All of his time since the age of 16, he has spent researching his case and trying to bring it

In the lawsuit, Haynes cites a lack

Despite the lack of tangible proof, he was convicted based on eyewitness testimonies. According to Haynes and his lawyer, these witnesses were either have since recanted their previous claims, raising doubts about the accuracy of their original accounts.

In 2022, Harper signed an affidavit recanting his testimony to Marvin's confession. He says a confession never happened, and Marvin is innocent.

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Marvina Haynes, sister of Marvin Haynes

"Minneapolis police officers contacted coerced into providing false statements or me for information suggesting that Marvin was the perpetrator. At first, I told them the truth, which is that I did not know anything about the murder," Harper said One of the witnesses was Hayne's in the affidavit. "The officers would not

me and threatened me with criminal charges if I did not cooperate."

The Great North Innocence Project, which investigates wrongful convictions, took on Marvin's case in March to advocate for his exoneration.

According to a Star Tribune report on March 4, Nancy K. Steblay, emeritus professor of psychology at Augsburg University, evaluated Havnes' evidence for the Innocence Project. She said "poor identification procedures may have contributed in this case to eyewitness identification error and false eyewitness confidence."

Despite the evidence indicating Marvin's case was mishandled, Mike Furnstahl, now retired prosecutor on Marvin's case, told the Star Tribune that he remains adamant that the right person was found quilty. He was a prosecutor on another case, that of Myon Burell, who was 17 when he was convicted for murder in 2002. Burell's sentence was commuted in 2020.



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## Can car thefts by kids be prevented? Leaders look for a holistic solution

By Azhae'la Hanson, Reporter

**NEWS** 

community leaders in Minneapolis because of who is behind the wheel -

One recent police pursuit of a stolen car in North Minneapolis ended in a crash, a damaged bus stop and several injuries to kids inside the vehicle..

The alleged driver was 12.

Just how to prevent youth from thefts and dangerous joy rides was the subject of two separate news conferences held at the Hennepin County Government Center on June 14, following the Northside crash.

At one, Hennepin County Attorney Mary Moriarty announced a new hotline that offers social worker intervention for parents struggling with a child's troubled behavior. She also spoke of changes in the juvenile court process and how youth offenders are charged.

Following Moriarity's conference, civil rights attorney Nekima Levy-Armstrong convened a coalition of Black parents and youth outreach groups to call for partnerships with government entities and the juvenile justice system to support at-risk youth with various interventions and community caregivers.

Minneapolis Public School Board Chair Sharon El-Amin says kids are crying for help from grappling with trauma and having nothing to do.

"We have to take a holistic approach," El-Amin said. "We need our hands wrapped around our children."

With about 4,100 cases, this year's total is already more than double from last year, police said.

A significant portion of the carts stolen are Kias and Hyundai because many models lack electronic immobilizers, which prevents starting the engine without a proper key.

Word on how to hot wire these particular cars has spread on social media and youth are enticed by online

In Minneapolis, the average age in these car theft cases are 15.

Levy-Armstrong says the public can not turn a blind eye to socio-economic conditions and the role that they may have played in the uptake in youth offenders.

"We have to remember that not only did they deal with the crisis of the COVID 19 pandemic, they also are in the city in which George Floyd was brutally

murdered at the hands of the Minneapolis Police Department," Levy-Armstrong A rash of car thefts has alarmed said. In addition, when we think about the effects of COVID-19 we know that it has had mental health impacts, emotional health impacts, as well as financial impacts for too many families that were already struggling before the pandemic even happened."

> conference, Moriarty proposed strategies of prevention that include social worker intervention and a change to the court process for arrested juveniles.

signs that a child is headed down the wrong path," said Moriarty.

Hennepin County families to use for support if they are overwhelmed with a child who's having mental or behavioral issues. This call will also include a visit from a social worker within an hour of the

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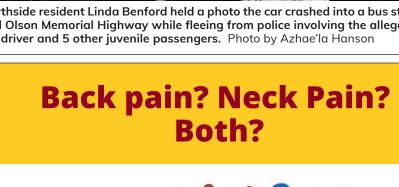
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Minneapolis City Council members LaTrisha Vetaw (Ward 4) and Jeremiah Ellison (Ward 5) were inaugurated in January 2022 and January 2018, respectively. We have invited them to keep in touch with the community through this monthly column in our newspaper.



WARD 4: LaTrisha Vetaw

Hello. Ward 4!

great June and were able to take advantage of all the amazing community events to address this problem. for Juneteenth, Pride, and the my busiest month yet, but I celebrating.

update on something exciting opportunities. the Ward 4 Office has been working on.

#### Crossings

the Canadian Pacific Railway crossings. I agree with all of

in communication with U.S. Sen. 2026. I hope everyone had a Amy Klobuchar as well as our friends over at MnDOT to learn Infrastructure and Safety about what opportunities exist Improvements (CRISI) Program

are working with the senator's year through 2026. I would like to share an office to pursue these funding

The Elimination (RCE) Grant Program Program funds road, rail, transit, provides funding for rail crossing and port projects that promise Canadian Pacific Railway improvement projects that to achieve national objectives focus on improving the safety My office receives a constant and mobility of people and stream of complaints regarding goods. Eligible projects include \$1.5 billion in funding available grade separation/closure, track each year through 2026. relocation, and the installation you that the current situation is of protective devices. There is awards grants for multimodal unacceptable, and needs to be around \$500 million in funding freight and highway projects of

The Consolidated Rail funds projects that improve We have discovered there safety, efficiency, and reliability start of the summer. This was are quite a few federal funding of intercity passenger and opportunities for improving freight rail. There is about \$1 loved seeing all of you outside rail crossing infrastructure. We billion in funding available each

> The Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability Railroad Crossing and Equity (RAISE) Grant and have a significant local and regional impact. There is around

The INFRA Grant Program 673-2204 or email ward4@ addressed. My office has been available each year through national or regional significance

unanimously at a recent

working conditions,

to improve the safety, efficiency, and reliability of the movement of freight and people in and across rural and urban areas. There is around \$1.5 billion in funding available each year through 2026.

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If you are looking for a way to help, we would love to hear some of your testimonials that we can use to emphasize the urgency of this issue to state and federal partners. If you are willing, please send a testimonial of how the blocked intersections at Humboldt, 45th, and Lyndale have impacted you to our email at ward4@minneapolismn.gov.

Again, never hesitate to reach out to our office by phone 612minneapolismn.gov. Looking forward to hearing from you!



WARD 5: Jeremiah Ellison

community events and seeing our neighbors gather, especially for celebrations of Black culture, Sickle Cell Awareness Day to implement mold remediations history, and excellence during on June 19 by passing a by updating current ordinances Juneteenth. Our people celebrate resolution honoring the sickle to be more effective in reducing Juneteenth to commemorate the cell warriors who are out mold hazards and providing emancipation of our African American ancestors and to to raise awareness, advocate owners and renters. Exposure to honor stories of resilience, for systemic change, promote mold can cause a range of health courage, and hope. As we research and collaborate with problems, including respiratory reflect on their stories, I want healthcare professionals to issues, allergies, headaches, to acknowledge there is still eliminate harmful disparities and even neurological problems. work to be done to end systemic associated with the disease. I Mold can create unsafe living racism, discrimination, and want to give gratitude to all the and achieve collective liberation. I am health care professionals who particularly if left untreated committed to continue working work relentlessly to manage this for a prolonged period. It can for our people to achieve disease and to all the advocates, weaken the structural integrity collective liberation and pass support groups and non-profit of buildings, creating hazards holiday and to Sen. Bobby Joe attention. It was an honor to costly property damage. If you minneapolismn.gov. Champion for his advocacy in bring forward the resolution. have mold issues in your home,

to establishing Juneteenth as a see Northside's brilliance, state holiday so that all Black I authored a mold ordinance our city staff will respond. creativity, and culture shine at Minnesotans can celebrate our which the council passed

there. There is a serious need more information to property

Council member Vetaw and reach out to 311 to report it and

The city is excited to host its third-annual Black Business My office also recognized meeting. This ordinance seeks Week, It takes place July 24-30. August is National Black Business Month. To start it off. we're having a wide range of events and activities. To learn more, visit the city's website and search Black Business Week.

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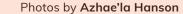
# Northside, **We Outside**

**NEWS** 

Food trucks, business vendors, and cars of all shapes and sizes met in the parking lot of the Davis Center on West Broadway Avenue North in a show of sweet wheels during the 'Northside We Outside' family event Saturday, June 3.

The event was sponsored by U.S Bank Access and the City of Minneapolis to promote community peace, safety, and non-violence.

Car show spectator Aj Flowers, 15, came with a group of his friends, "We didn't have nothing to do today so I was excited when I saw this," he said. "Sitting in the car and revving up the engine was my favorite part of the day."







Clockwise from top:

Fred Davis, right, strikes a pose with his Ford Mustang.

Caleea Spurlock, right, shows off a painting she created to Stormy Ayers at one of the vendor's tables.

This Chevy Camaro won best car in show. Owner and Northsider Harold Palm began renovating the car in 2020 after a lung transplant. His wife, Norma Palm, encouraged him to put his energy into something he loves.



## **Xcel Energy** pulls funding for **Resilience Hubs**

By Azhae'la Hanson, Reporter

Xcel Energy canceled a \$9 million project that was planned for the installation of microgrids and solar arrays at community centers that serve diverse they have been focused on supporting the

In 2022, Xcel Energy announced it would begin a project called "Resilient Minneapolis" to work with community organizations to install solar and battery microgrids with Minneapolis community centers. The projects came about as a joint effort between the City of Minneapolis's Sustainability Division and Xcel Energy to address long-standing inequities in communities that have been disproportionately vulnerable to climate

"Resilience Hubs" were intended to be a crucial lifeline for communities when facing unexpected disruptions in power supply. These stations would have served as reliable sources of electricity, providing critical support to residents in times of need, such as severe weather events or natural disasters.

Xcel and the city partnered with community organizations to lead and create a plan for the Resilience Hubs, one of which was Renewable Energy Partners (REP), the solar developing company in North Minneapolis led by Jamez Staples.

While REP is a developer, Staples says Northside community in case there was another major power outage like in 2011 when a tornado devastated the Northside and left residents without power for

The battery microgrids would have been placed throughout the community at three Minneapolis Public School buildings, Franklin Middle School, Elizabeth Hall Elementary and the Nutrition Center on

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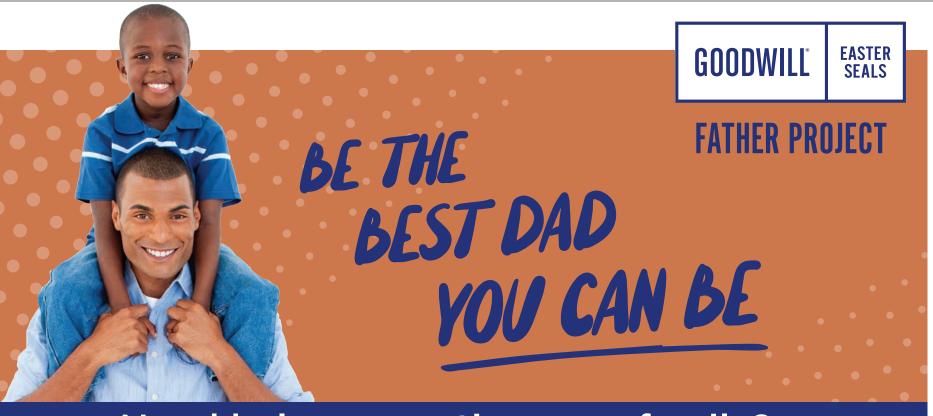
Senator Bobby Joe Champion, Autumn Frazier-Cotten, and Seitu Jones share stories about Camp Katharine Parsons, Phyllis Wheatley Community Center's outdoor oasis for generations of Northside youth, founded in 1956 and run each summer for nearly 50 years.

Join us as we give an update on the restoration of Camp Katharine Parsons and curate an oral history of former campers' memories of time spent at the Carver County camp. Camp alumni are encouraged to bring pictures and stories to share.

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# Northsiders reflect on an extra special Juneteenth

By **Alanee Wright**, North News intern

Joseph Sutton has celebrated

For the first time, the day marking the official end to slavery in America was recognized as a Minnesota state holiday.

"It is important for us to feel the importance of having our voices heard, and having this holiday recognized," said Sutton, a Northsider his entire life. "This holiday is huge for people to realize that this is a day of celebration. It is a Black people's Fourth of

Juneteenth weekend with several events. People marched in the streets, sang chants, Juneteenth all his life but this year feels extra and highlighted Black businesses. People it became a federal holiday. were recognizing the generations before

> 1865 when, union soldiers informed slaves Minneapolis. in Galveston, Texas they were free. They were the last group of slaves to learn of their freedom some two and half years after President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation celebrating freedom within our communities

North Minneapolis celebrated the freedom and the joy that followed. Over the Juneteenth celebrations. years, it became a holiday celebrated by Black Americans across the nation. In 2021,

On Feb. 3 Gov. Tim Walz signed a Juneteenth commemorates the day in Bobby Joe Champion, who represents North

"First of all, we want to thank the for so many generations," said Lee Henry Slaves celebrated their newfound Jordan, a long-time organizer of local

"So, the story has always been and will always be there within the community and within our families."

It is a holiday dedicated to the triumph them that sacrificed so much for Black bill making Juneteenth a state holiday. It of knowing that until all of us are free, none was a bill sponsored in the Senate by Sen. of us will be free. Juneteenth is a long-term reflection and action on the fight for freedom that Black ancestors died for.

> This June 17 celebration is a testimony government for making Juneteenth a to the impact of recognizing the parts of (state) holiday but know that we have been American history that have been left out.

> > Minnesota is taking steps to

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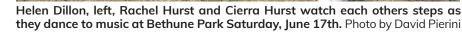
A drummer himself, L.A Buckner snaps to the beat of the drumlines passing by with his daughter. Photo by Azhae'la Hanson

With a fan in hand, Martha Holton Dimick showed she's a fan of North Minneapolis during a June 17th parade. Photo by David Pierini

You could find food at nearly every intersection on West Broadway June 19th. Photo by Azhae'la Hanson









Helen Dillon, left, Rachel Hurst and Cierra Hurst watch each others steps as At Bethune Park on Saturday, actors portraying Civil War-era figures re-enacted the day Maj. they dance to music at Bethune Park Saturday, June 17th. Photo by David Pierini Gen. Gordan Granger informed the last group of slaves that they were free. Photo by David Pierini

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# **Living Healthy** with Medicare **Benefits**

By Jetta Wiedemeier Bower, Senior LinkAge Line and Trellis

Staying healthy is important, but many older Minnesotans aren't taking care of themselves as well as they could. Isolation during the COVID-19 pandemic is partially to blame. Added to that, the fear of catching the virus kept many from their annual medical appointments and screenings.

The reality is simple: Changes in your lifestyle can get you back on track, and your Medicare benefits can help. Your annual check-ups and screenings are free, so there's no reason not to care for yourself.

#### **Diabetes**

Type 2 diabetes has been on the rise in the United States. According to the Minnesota Department of Health, about 90-95% of all Minnesota diabetes cases are type 2, and around 24,000 new cases are diagnosed yearly. In addition, one in three adults in Minnesotan has prediabetes and many do not know they do, greatly increasing their health risk. Without lifestyle changes, many pre-diabetics could develop type 2 diabetes within five years.

With type 2 diabetes, the body can no longer use insulin or the pancreas does not produce enough insulin to manage blood sugar levels. Type 2 diabetes can make you sick if not monitored and treated, leading to heart disease, stroke, end-stage kidney disease, blindness and even death.

The good news is that you can work with your doctor, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner to prevent and control diabetes. If you eat healthy, exercise and get annual physicals and screenings, you can manage it. If you are prediabetic, you may be able to prevent developing type 2

#### Obesity

Obesity is also on the rise. Minnesotans who are obese are at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19 and other serious health conditions, including heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes and some

Obesity is associated with poor physical and mental health, so now is the time to focus on your well-being by eating healthy and being active. Movement is important because it releases endorphins - think happy chemicals - in your brain and nervous system that can increase your feelings of well-being.

#### Get in the habit

Taking care of your physical and mental health starts with setting healthy habits. Many Medicare plans offer extra benefits that help you stay healthy such as gym memberships and access to health promotion classes. Reach out to your Medicare insurance plan's customer service or benefits department to find out what is covered. You may be surprised to find out it's more than you thought!

#### Important Medicaid / Medical Assistance update

The pandemic was a health emergency in the United States. so if you received Medicaid (called Medical Assistance in Minnesota), you could maintain your coverage throughout the pandemic without reapplying. However, as of April 1, 2023, that has changed and when your reapplication date comes up you will need to reapply to maintain your health insurance. You will receive a notification about reapplying in your mail. Don't ignore this notice! If you have moved since you first applied for Medical Assistance, learn how to update your contact information at mn.gov/dhs/mycontactinfo.

Your Medicare benefits can help you get access to checkups, screenings and treatments and help prevent disease. Get the knowledge and support you need for a healthy lifestyle.

Jetta Wiedemeier Bower has a master's degree in public policy. She is the volunteer and outreach manager for the Senior Linkage Line, a free service of the Minnesota Board on Aging, delivered by Trellis and other Minnesota Area Agencies on Aging.

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### Parks board resolution buys time to find hardship funding for ash tree

By **David Pierini**. Editor

removal

**NEWS** 

The Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board is holding off on levying property assessments for the costs of mandated tree removals until officials can exhaust a search for funding solutions to help cash strapped residents

The resolution delaying the tax levy comes after months of pressure from North Minneapolis activists and residents, many on fixed incomes, who criticized the forestry department for its aggressive approach to removing trees infested with emerald ash borer.

"For me, it is a small victory," said artist and activist Amoke Kubat, who has organized Northsiders financially impacted by ash tree orders. "We got their attention, we've got eyes and ears on this and the community is rolling up their sleeves. Good intentions are not good enough. We need some physical action on this. This system is broken."

Commissioners voted 7-2 on May 24 to postpone assessments for tree costs until Oct. 4. Board President Meg Forney, who joined Commissioner Steffanie Musich in casting no votes, told board members she was afraid of giving residents false hope that funds could be

Despite efforts by the board to lobby lawmakers this legislative session, spending bills did not provide funding specifically for needy homeowners. There is potential for federal relief funds recently awarded to the Department of Natural Resources. The board would have to go through a grant application process, which offers little to people already billed.

Staff told commissioners it is unlikely funding will be made available to provide relief for those who already incurred tree organization, Metro Blooms, paid one removal costs.

President Pro Tempore Alicia Smith, a tree condemned and removed. one of the seven who supported the delay, urged staff to keep trying to find hardship

resolution. "Right now, our community they're making each and every day. This is not a false hope, it is saying we are exhausting every option we know how and if we come up short, at least we go and is currently concentrated in North

Some fixed income residents felt blind-sided by the condemnation orders and were upset over tree removal bills that ranged from \$2,500 to \$6,000. The park board gives residents the option to spread the costs over five, 10 or 20 years on their property taxes with interest.

Once a tree is condemned residents have 60 days to find their own service or indicate they are not able to pay. Do nothing and a service can show up to

Harrison Neighborhood Association ran out of a special fund helping homeowners. One non-profit

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man's back taxes that grew after he had

After months of complaints, Parks officials held listening sessions with residents in April. During one meeting, the "An ounce of hope goes a long state's equity chief said she would bring way," said Smith, who co-sponsored the the issue to the attention of Gov. Tim Walz. At other meetings, representatives is devastated by real life choices that from the city and the Department of Natural Resources offered feedback.

> Emerald ash borer was first discovered in the Twin Cities around 2010 Minneapolis, where hundreds of trees have either been removed or marked for removal. The ash borer is a shiny beetle that lays eggs in the ash tree. The larvae feast on a layer of the tree that transports water and nutrients to the tree.

While treating healthy trees is possible, forestry officials say removing infested trees is critical to preventing further spread. The longer a dying tree sits, the more expensive it can be to remove, forest officials say.

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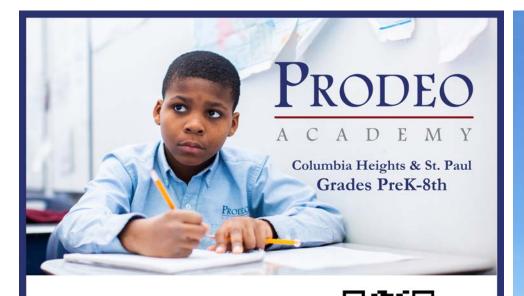
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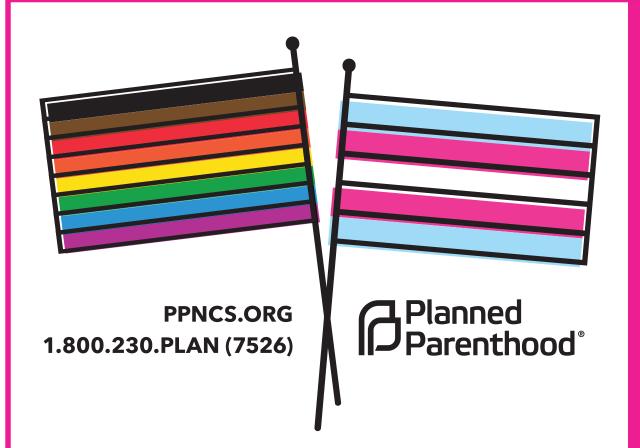
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# INTRODUCING THE VALEDICTORIANS

## **Tenacity** earned **Mishima Padilla North High** valedictorian honors

By **Azhae'la Hanson**, Reporter

Unlike most, this year's valedictorian says he wasn't even working for the honor. His parents gave him gentle reminders to do his best. When the pandemic hit, Mishima Padilla took advantage of online classes to soar above his classmates.

"Starting high school in a pandemic, I knew I had to be self-driven because I had to figure things out on my own," he said.

That's not uncharacteristic of this year's valedictorian, whose philosophy since he was young has been hard work paves the

He transferred to North High his junior year from a small town in Northern Minnesota because his family was struggling financially. As a kid who was aware of his family's struggles, Padilla steered away from wanting the latest toys. His biggest desire was to have a future that was financially stable.

During his time at North, Padilla was unable to gain the plethora of club engagements that decorate the typical valedictorian's resume. Once school let out, he headed across town to work his 5 to 10 p.m. shift in retail.

"You get tired but I got to work for what I want," Padilla said. "My parents don't force me to contribute financially, but I want to because it makes me feel better, and I want



Mishima Padilla will be attending the University of Minnesota Twin Cities in the fall to study computer science. Photo by Azhae'la Hanson

to go to college. It's expensive."

He grew an interest in computer science and the STEM wing at North High quickly became his favorite place to be, specifically the classroom of his favorite teacher, computer science teacher Ken Nelson, who he's had both years he's been at North.

"He's one of the best students I've ever had," Nelson said. "He has the maturity of someone older than I am and he puts everything into his work no matter if he likes it or not. Whatever he decides to do

Padilla thinks what separates his work ethic from others is that people want the others. reward, but fear making mistakes. That's

test performance, mishaps at work, and sometimes struggling socially. He pushed through. He says he works hard to take advantage of the grace given to young people for making mistakes, so when it's his family with groceries, making his time to be an adult, he is ahead of the parents proud, and someday obtaining

"What I've realized is when you're putting in the work you also have to understand that it's not all about the reward," he said. "Everything is a lesson. You've got to have experience to be better.'

He also believes in sharing success with

"If you're super successful and you're what Padilla thinks is the reason why some taking from others. That's not a good

fail. Some of his failures included poor person," he said. "People who are successful should definitely want to return

To Padilla, success is receiving a paycheck for a job well done and helping a computer science degree. He wants to develop software that helps people in some

Padilla is ready to continue his education at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities

He is hoping he will find the courage to talk and meet people, but most importantly,

### **This Henry** trio stayed organized and finished with straight A's

By David Pierini, Editor, and Victoria Mustin, Henry High School

Every valedictorian has a close call. As they allow the accomplishment to soak in, they remember the class, teacher or busy schedule that nearly kept them from achieving a perfect grade point average.

But it wasn't a tough class or stickler for rules that nearly upended Henry High School's three valedictorians, each leading the class of 2023 with a 4.0 grade point average.

Lija Vang, Molly Minnema and Sofia De Jesus Hernandez-Limas conquered the quagmire of remote learning during a historic pandemic.

The world shuttered nearly all its public spaces, including schools, in 2020 as a containment strategy for COVID-19. A system they were mastering as freshmen suddenly switched over to an uncertain and hastily organized method of remote

Teachers have described this period as "building the plane as you fly." For students, virtual classrooms and the home isolation fraved focus and delicate psyches. Grades dropped for many students, some of whom went silent and off-camera after signing in.

Even for Lija, Molly and Sofia, COVID proved their biggest challenge. They each had three guarters under their belts when the pandemic changed school routines.

A self-described Type-A personality, Molly was a kid who always loved math. Trying to learn it remotely, she fell out of love with it and math grades nearly slipped.

warm and attentive in conversation, sees relationship building as key to her success. She said she felt unmoored her sophomore year not being able to directly meet and interact face to face with her teachers

Lija said she had grown used to being supported by a network of family and friends. Asked three words that described her freshman year, she responds, "Hard,



Sofia De Jesus Hernandez-Limas, Lija Vang and Molly Minnema

Photo courtesy of Alex Conover

depressing, lonely."

"It was the hardest time, but we also learned a lot from that, too," Lija said. "We all have come so far. I believe everybody should be valedictorian."

Wearing red robes and square caps, 191 Henry seniors crossed the stage of the Minneapolis Convention Center on June 11 in the ceremonious passage into fun. early adulthood.

the customary valedictorian speech.

Lija and Sofia may bump into each other over the next four years on the campus of the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities, where Sofia already is taking classes. Lija will study business while Sofia takes a love for robotics, cultivated or aeronautical engineering.

Molly will play college volleyball and study exercise science at the University of Sioux Falls in South Dakota.

possible to reach college. Achieving valedictorian was not always in their sights. Sofia may have felt a slight Henry's valedictorian in 2020.

"My mom was kind of like, 'OK, now you also have to be valedictorian." Sofia said.

Molly became more aware of her shot Lija opted to let Sofia and Molly give her junior year. A natural competitor and goal setter from playing volleyball, Molly excelled through school and sports with a white board, jotting down goals and and just be you. You shine the brightest obligations for each day of the month.

"I've always been an athlete and I knew since middle school that I wanted to work in." pursue volleyball in college," Molly said. "If since the third grade, to study mechanical I kept my grades high, then more college coaches would look at me as academically and athletically successful."

The three valedictorians each walked their own path yet operated with the for college. Each set out to get the best grades same work ethos. This was their advice:

Molly: "Just write things down. That's what works for me because I don't want to forget anything. Stick to certain expectation since her sister, Nayeli, was due dates, try to do a little bit everyday and communicate with your teachers, especially if you're struggling."

Sofia: "I wouldn't say I was as "It wasn't really pressure. It was kind of organized but it helped to keep a planner with me and writing things down helped me to remember. It's never easy to get good at stuff. Keep trying. Don't give up on the experience.

> Lija: "I would say don't procrastinate when you are you and you work hard. You can cry, you can stress, but just get your

> Editor's note: Co-author and North News student contributor Victoria Mustin was among the 191 seniors to graduate this year from Henry. She is headed to Texas

#### **COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

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**Music:** Registration is now open for Hopewell summer camps. The camps include: Northside United Summer Band Camp, July 10-21; Steel drums, July 31-Aug 5; drop-in choir camp at Webber Library starting in June and drop-in bucket drum camp, Webber Library, starting in June. Visit www.hopewellmusic.com/2023-summercamps to register

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call, which Moriarty claims will help with de-escalation.

Services are free and available from 10 a.m to 10 p.m by phone at 612-979-9511.

In addition, Moriarty stated that charging decisions for youth apprehended for auto theft will be made in days rather than weeks, as well as mandatory detention for children who flee the police.

Levy-Armstrong said Moriarty's initiatives take steps in the right direction, but caution that parents with troubled youth may be hesitant to call a hotline because of historically culturally incompetent practices between social workers and families of color.

#### **Xcel Energy Continued from page 8**

Plymouth Avenue North.

The project was expected to be active

abruptly announced that they have pulled the funding for the projects. Xcel says inflation is to blame for the program's discontinuation. As project costs increased more than 70 percent and that supply chain issue created issues with the

Staples says he was blindsided by the news and is disappointed, but will still prepare the Northside buildings to be capable of storing batteries for when they are able to make the hubs a reality.

"We're disappointed about it, but we believe we can still make the project happen," Staples said. We still intend to make these places resilience hubs, it just will look a little different and take longer."

#### Juneteenth Continued from page 10

acknowledge, remember, learn, and act towards the continuous fight for freedom that Black Americans still face.

Hassan Qai As-Sidig said he appreciates the state recognizing Juneteenth but said in late 2023, however in mid June Xcel that the day should be more about Black that could be used to remove

empowerment than a day off from work.

"I think that maybe we should think about how we can promote Black businesses down the white economic enterprise," he progression of the Black community."

a condemned tree.

"I don't know that we can be responsible for this but (the resolution) on Juneteenth as opposed to just shutting is going to encourage us to create those systems with the city and collaborate with said. "I think that does a disservice to the the county to see if we can provide some relief to homeowners in difficult situations."

#### **Park Board Continued from page 15**

mark and condemn trees for removal. The delay also buys time for residents to hire a tree service, which is often cheaper than those on contract with the parks board.

District 1 Commissioner Billy Menz hoped the resolution would spark possible partnerships with the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County and other entities to assist homeowners. Currently, the city offers a zero interest loan for eliaible homeowners



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