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MILL CITY MUSINGS

One Volunteer Still Needed!

Stone Arch Arts Festival. June 19 and 20, 9:30 am - 6:30 pm. Saint Anthony Main.

The Stone Arch Arts Festival on the Saint Anthony Main riverfront features over 250 artist booths, along with a great lineup of live music and a variety of food vendors. Mill City Commons will be providing volunteers for the information booth. We need one more volunteer for the 3:30-6:30 pm shift on June 20. Please **email Emily** if you are available. This event is a wonderful opportunity to increase MCC's visibility in the neighborhood!

Many thanks to everyone who joined us for our **One-Year Hootenanniversary!** Members, vendors, friends, neighbors, and the square dance band and caller made it a lively celebration. We had great food, music, and fun. Photos will be posted on our website soon. Time to start planning for next year...

All MCC all the time!

Tonight's Members-Only Website Tutorial—To Be Rescheduled!

The MCC members-only site is up and running; now is your chance to become an expert at navigating it! Led by MCC staff, the tutorial will cover important how-to's such as: uploading photos, creating a profile, searching for vendors, joining discussion forums and more. Bring your questions, your user guide, and your laptop! Due to a lack of sign ups tonight's tutorial is cancelled. We know that the days are just packed this summer, so please let us know days and times that are convenient for you. [Click here](#) to take our rescheduling poll.

Going Green from Point A to Point B

We are on the cutting edge! An [article](#) in the New York Times from last October discusses the increasing prevalence and popularity of car sharing programs across the U.S. Drivers young and old appreciate the service, as rental costs are still much lower than combined expenses of gas, insurance, payments, and maintenance. Car sharing means fewer cars on the road and emissions in the air. For infrequent drivers, it makes good sense. We at MCC do our own version of car sharing through our volunteer driver program! We encourage you to sign up for and take advantage of our volunteer driver program. Together, we can help each other get where we need to go! If you have any questions about the program please e-mail emilyhutchinson@millcitycommons.org.

Did you know...

... that the fire station at 6th St / 3rd Ave SE offers free blood pressure checks everyday?



Mill City Marketplace Vendor Spotlight

Acoustix Audio Video is a licensed, bonded, and insured technology systems contractor specializing in low voltage applications, which include home theater, CCTV, security systems, lighting control, access control, and much more. Owners Nathan Pease and Kevin Resch have been in business since 2007 and maintain high standards of customer service. Their mission is to give guests the latest technology to fit their lifestyle at the most affordable price. They create great relationships with guests and make sure that everyone they work with will want to be a repeat customer. Nathan and Kevin's knowledge of technology enables them to install and integrate from the most basic system to very complex and custom integrated solutions for home or business. For more information on this and other vendors, log in to the members-only website.

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Neighborhood Happenings

The Next Generation of Parks Speaker Series: New York's High Line. June 16, 7 pm. Walker Art Center.

The High Line in New York City opened last summer to critical and public acclaim. One of the most unusual and stunning new public parks in recent decades, this abandoned elevated railway has been transformed into a public pedestrian greenway. Designed by James Corner Field Operations, with Lisa Tziona Switkin serving as lead designer, as well as architects Diller Scofidio + Renfro, this remarkable urban transformation was spearheaded in 1999 by Robert Hammond and Joshua David, two residents of the High Line's Chelsea neighborhood. The entire speaker series is free and hosted by The Minneapolis Parks Foundation (MCC member **Cecily Hines** is President!) in partnership with the Walker Art Center and the Metropolitan Design Center. Click [here](#) for all the details. No RSVP necessary.

Urban Playground Info Event. June 17, 5:30-7:00pm. Stone Arch Lofts (600 South 2nd St. # 704).

Learn about the spectacular urban playground that will be built at the end of 4th Avenue, right on the banks of the Mississippi! Kids will get play equipment that incorporates nature, history, sustainability, and river stewardship themes, and the entire neighborhood will enjoy more trees, picnic tables, grills, and shaded spaces. The North Loop Neighborhood, in collaboration with the Minneapolis Parks Foundation, has agreed to help with the fundraising for this exciting project. A lot of momentum has been created, including a challenge grant from the North Loop Neighborhood Association. Please join MCC Member and event host **Sue Bennett** to learn more! RSVP to Sue at 612.371.9645.

Artist Reception. June 18, 6-8 pm. Textile Center, 3000 University Ave SE.

The Textile Center is honoring MCC member **Scotty Gillette** and celebrating her long love affair with rug hooking. The evening will offer the opportunity to view some of Scotty's extraordinary rugs in Textile Center Community Gallery and enjoy refreshments with the artist. RSVP by June 11 by calling 612.436.0464.

Solstice Art Celebration. June 19, 11 am-5 pm. Left of Center STYLE, 509 1/2 1st Ave NE.

A select group of award-winning local artists and furniture makers will showcase and discuss their work at an indoor/outdoor arts celebration. Participating artists include Steve Capiz, Heidi Hoy, Gerri Summerville, Mark Laub, Richard D. Poey, David Clemens, and Kevin Southwick. Stop by for spirits, wine, and food tastings, or enjoy a special brunch with wine at Red Stag next door. Enter to win gift certificates to local businesses. Take a complimentary pedicab to and from the Stone Arch Festival. Proceeds from the event benefit the local charity Home for Life. No RSVP necessary.

Wilderness Inquiry Father's Day Paddle. June 20, 10 am-2 pm. East River Flats/ Hidden Falls Regional Park.

Used by Native American for food, trade, and water supply long before Europeans visited the "New World," the Mississippi River helped shape the Twin Cities' ecology and culture. Explore the river and its history in 24-foot Voyageur canoes, which hold 6-10 paddlers. Discover the Mississippi River's "urban wilderness" corridor of rich river habitat. Come learn about and enjoy the world-renowned river that flows through your backyard. These trips are great as creative field trip ideas, outdoor field trips for teens or adults, or anyone who wants to get outdoors. Cost is \$45. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

Solstice River XIV: Water Rites. June 20, 8:30 pm. Stone Arch Bridge.

You are invited to attend the 14th annual performance of the site-specific dance created for the beloved Stone Arch Bridge. The event is free and open to the public. Come stand on the bridge and watch as dancers on the water, the banks, on grain elevators and the Guthrie bring the river basin alive with color and rhythm. NO RSVP necessary.

International Reggae All-Stars Concert. July 2, 7 pm. Antonello Hall, MacPhail Center for Music, 501 South Second Street.

With band members hailing from Venezuela, Trinidad, Ghana to Kingston, Jamaica, the International Reggae All-Stars play reggae, dancehall and all the Bob Marley classics, featuring one of today's hottest reggae vocalists, Kingston native Lynval "Golden Voice" Jackson. For more information, call 612-321-0100. The Concert is free. NO RSVP necessary.