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Hello & Goodbye!

We said Goodbye to our project manager Jerry Werner, who retired in June of 2020. "Big Jerry" was a well known and popular face of Mutual Management, having been a full time employee of the company for 17 years.. Jerry's wife Julie, who worked in the MM office since 2011, retired with him.

Also leaving us was Jo Klein, an office assistant who had been with MM for 6 years. We will miss Jerry, Julie & Jo and wish them well in their retirement!



Our newest hire is Vicki Joan Keck, a part time office assistant. Vicki has lived in the area since 2002 and was a renter with Mutual Management until 2010. Vicki is also a part time storyteller and entertainer, having entertained with big bubbles and balloon twisting at numerous community events over the years. She is delighted to be a part of the Mutual Management Team.

Work continues on the 10th Avenue Bridge until fall of 2021

For more info and ongoing updates, see www.10thavebridge.com.



The Power of Being Counted

By April 1st every household in Cedar Riverside should have received an invitation to participate in the census. The purpose of the census is to count each and every person according to where they live. You can respond to the census online, by phone or by mail.

Since it is important that everyone be counted, those who have not responded will receive an in person visit from a census employee in the near future.

It's important for everyone to respond to the Census. For one thing, it determines how many representatives Minnesota has in



Congress. If we are under-counted, we will be under-represented. In addition, we are allocated money for things like Medicaid, SNAP, Section 8 vouchers, educational programs and grants and many other needed resources by the number of people counted in the census.

We won't get our fair share of money unless everyone is counted. For every person who is not counted the State will lose \$28,000 in funding over 10 years. Population groups such as Oromo, Somali, Native American, Latino, and people with disabilities need to be accurately counted to show their strength in Minnesota. Being counted gives us a voice.

Unfortunately, the entire Cedar Riverside neighborhood has had a low response rate in the previous two census in 1990 and 2000. It is designated as being a "hard to reach" area because a high percentage of residents did not completed the questionnaire by themselves.

The census questionnaire has just a few simple questions such as the name, age sex and number of people living in your home including children. The census will NEVER ask for your social security number, bank or credit card numbers, money or donations, or anything related to political parties.

Responses to the census are safe, secure and protected by federal law. Your answers cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way – not by the FBI, not by the CIA, not by the DHS and not by ICE. People employed by the Census Bureau take a lifetime oath to protect your information. Violation of this oath can incur a penalty of up to \$250,000 and/or 5 years in prison.

For videos in several languages with information about the census go to: <https://mn.gov/admin/2020-census/tools-resources/videos/>.

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MN Governor issues Executive

Order 20-81 requiring face coverings

Beginning July 25th, Minnesotans will be required to wear a face covering in indoor businesses and public settings. Workers must also wear face coverings outdoors when it is not possible to maintain social distancing.

Important: The order requires face coverings to be worn by all individuals in all areas of multi family dwellings, except for inside individual living units and for situations otherwise exempt, such as exercising at a fitness center or while swimming.

Application: Executive Order 20-81 applies in indoor businesses and public spaces, including when waiting outdoors to enter an indoor space.

- This requirement **does** apply to multi-family common areas, hallways and building entries
- The requirement **does not** apply inside living units, except that workers entering another persons living unit for a business purpose are required to be masked.

Exempt individuals: The following individuals are exempt for the face covering requirement:

1. Individuals with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that makes it unreasonable to require a face covering
2. Children who are 5 years old and younger
3. Individuals in the workplace when a face covering would create a a job hazard for themselves or others

Enforcement: Individual violations

Individuals violating the order are guilty of a petty misdemeanor or punishable by a fine not to exceed 100 dollars

The requirements of Executive Order 20-81 go into effect on July 25, 2020 and will continue until further notice

West Bank CDC and Mutual Management are preparing to protect the health of residents and staff of our housing in the event of a Corona Virus outbreak. Mutual will be distributing information with recommendations and resources for families. Online information can be found on the Minnesota Department of Health website at <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html>.

Mutual Management may be understaffed during an epidemic, and they will identify essential work to be completed. The health of residents and staff will be the primary consideration in establishing priorities.





Voting is a fundamental right of all citizens in a democracy. Make sure you are registered to vote to exercise your rights.

Who can vote in Minnesota? You must be:

- US Citizen
- at least 18 years old on election day
- a resident of Minnesota for 20 days
- finished with all parts of any felony sentence

There are 3 ways to register to vote: 1) online, 2) on paper, or 3) on election day. The Minnesota Secretary of State website at mnvotes.org has complete voter information in many languages including Somali, Oromo, Spanish, Vietnamese, Amharic and others. You can also register to vote and/or download a paper form to register at the site.

You must re-register to vote each time you change address, change names or do not vote at least once during a four-year period. Update your record by completing a new application. You can check your registration status online at mnvotes.org. If you are unable to check, it is okay to fill out another registration form.

Registering On-line: It's quick and easy! You will need your Minnesota driver's license or Minnesota identification card number, or the last four numbers of your Social Security number. Just go to mnvotes.org

Register on paper: You can download and print forms in English, Somali and other languages and mail them to the Secretary of State office. After you have registered you will receive a postcard in the mail telling you where to vote.

You can wait until Election Day to register in Minnesota, however, everyone is encouraged to register before Election Day.

The deadline to register in advance online is Tuesday, October 15, 2020. The deadline to register in advance on paper is to have your application received by election officials no later than 5 pm on Tuesday, October 15, 2020.

Register on Election Day: You can register or update your registration when you vote, whether that is at your polling place on Election Day or at an early voting location. **YOU WILL NEED PROOF OF RESIDENCE TO REGISTER.**

Registering on Election Day requires a photo ID plus a document with your current name and address. Approved photo IDs include: driver's license, state ID, US Passport, US Military or Veteran ID. Approved documents include a bill for phone, internet service or utilities within 30 days of the election.

A registered voter from your precinct can go with you to the polling place to sign an oath confirming your address. This is known as "vouching." A registered voter can vouch for up to eight voters.

Check the Minnesota Secretary of State website at mnvotes.org or 1-877-600-VOTE for complete information.

Residents of Riverside Homes, Sherlock Homes, Blue Goose vote at
COYLE COMMUNITY CENTER
420 15TH AVE S MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55454

Residents of Riverside Park vote at
MATTHEWS PARK (2-9)
2318 29TH AVE S

River bluff residents vote at
AUGSBURG UNIVERSITY HOVERSTEIN CHAPEL
2211 RIVERSIDE AVE

More information can be found at
<http://vote.minneapolismn.gov/>

Activities and Resources for Residents

In spite of the pandemic, there are a few activities for residents this summer sponsored by the West Bank CDC's Ileys Dariis / Neighborhood Light Program

The Timber Park Community Garden was expanded in May and now has 17 garden plots. The garden is very popular among residents who enjoy the outdoor activity and the opportunity to grow healthy food.

If you are interested in a garden plot, call the WBCDC office at 612-673-0477 and leave a message with your contact information. Your name will be put on the waiting list for next year. Community Members also gather each Thursday afternoon from 3pm to 5pm at the aqal (traditional Somali house) at 19th Avenue and 6th Street. It's an opportunity to socialize with neighbors outdoors and have a cup of tea. Everyone is welcome to come and relax with the appropriate social distancing.

In addition to these activities, WBCDC is working with partner organizations to support residents who have been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. Each Friday morning we have a food distribution from 10:30 am to 11:30 am at the intersection of 19th Avenue and 6th Street.

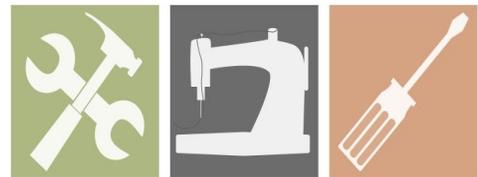
Refrigerated meals provided by the Coyle Community Center are distributed as well as bags of non-perishable grocery items provided by Augsburg University's Campus Kitchen program. Both items are free to residents in need as long as the supplies last. Call the WBCDC office at 612-673-0477 with questions. Please leave a message and your call will be returned.

Rental Assistance

If you are having trouble paying rent, we at the West Bank Community Development Corporation may be able to help you apply for assistance.

The State of Minnesota is rolling out a new program in August and we can help you prepare for the application.

If you want help or just want to let us know about your situation, please call 612-673-0477 and leave a message for Debbie



FIX-IT CLINIC

Now available: [Virtual repair assistance](#)

We look forward to holding in-person Fix-It Clinics again when we can, but in the meantime we are offering one-on-one virtual repair sessions with our Fix-It Clinic volunteers. For details contact Hennepin County at <https://www.hennepin.us/residents/recycling-hazardous-waste/fix-it-clinics>

**Are you getting
bed bug bites?
Please report bed
bugs IMMEDIATELY.
Early detection is
essential for
efficient treatment.
DO NOT DELAY!**

Quick Stats:

Color:

Mahogany to red-brown

Shape:

Flat, broad oval when unfed; swollen and elongated when fed

Size:

1/4 inch long

ACTUAL SIZE: 



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