



Riverton Newsletter

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The Official Newsletter for Members of Riverton Community Housing

We Are Better Together!



Riverton Community Housing and each one of the seven cooperatives were born out of a cooperative movement that is grounded in economic, social, and environmental justice. Cooperatives, by design, bring control to members and amplify the voice of the collective.

Riverton strives to promote the cooperative principles in spirit and practice as we support collective housing that is welcoming and inclusive to all members. Riverton strives to develop strong community leaders, foster local civic pride, engagement, and stability.

And yet, the cooperative movement is not without racial inequities mirroring other corporate and democratic institutions.

We are committed to understanding, and communicating our responsibilities to racial equity, in accordance with our cooperative principles.

As an organization, we are listening, learning and committing ourselves to find ways to be part of a solution. We also sincerely encourage each of our seven co-ops to come together for authentic dialogue and plans for action. Riverton is prepared to support our members as we move forward together. We as members of a democracy can hold ourselves and those, we elect accountable to use an equity lens for our present and future actions.

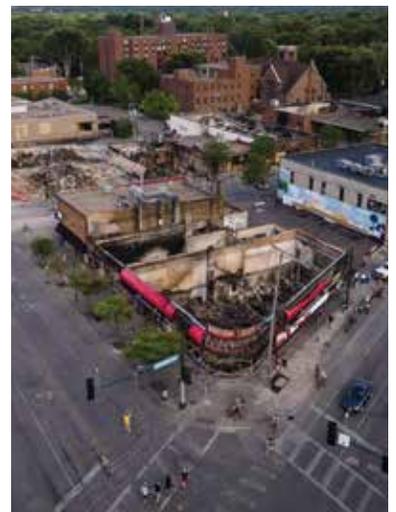
Our deepest condolences are sent to the family and loved ones of George Floyd, and the countless others whose lives have been lost to racial injustice. The Twin Cities is ripe with justice organizations and action groups with which to be engaged. The time is now to move from talk to action.

— Mary Novak, Executive Director

Be a Part of the Movement:

Please join us in supporting these organizations, which are raising funds to assist in the rebuilding of small locally-owned businesses that were affected in the wake of George Floyd's murder.

[We Love Lake Street](#)
[Northside Funders](#)
[St. Paul/Midway](#)





Announcements

Marcy-Holmes Pilot Program. Organics Recycling Shared Drop-off Site.



In collaboration with the Marcy-Holmes Neighborhood Association (MHNA) and the UMN - Office of Off-Campus Living, the University Lutheran Church of Hope (ULCH) is offering the neighborhood's first organics recycling shared drop-off site. ULCH, located on the east side of the Marcy-Holmes neighborhood near Dinkytown at 601 13th Avenue SE, has agreed to open up its property's outdoor organics recycling bin for public access by neighboring

residents who lack organic recycling service at their residence (such as large apartment residents). This access comes at no charge for users.

Interested participants who sign up will receive with detailed instructions, resource information, and the code to access the secured organics recycling bin, upon indicating commitment to carefully follow the City of Minneapolis organics recycling guidelines to prevent contamination of the ULCH shared organics recycling drop off site.

For more information visit: www.minneapolismn.gov/solid-waste/organics

Quarterly Newsletter Drawing!
Each newsletter will announce two unit winners from Riverton cooperatives that will receive a gift card! In order to receive the credit, email leasing@riverton.org with the words Summer and Community

This edition's winners are:

Congratulations!

Marshall 201 & Brook 206

In-person classes and campus experiences among plans for U of M fall semester.

The University of Minnesota has set its course of action for fall semester as the Board of Regents approved recommendations for in-person instruction and other on-campus experiences, including residence halls and dining facilities. Throughout discussions with Regents, University leaders emphasized that the fall plan includes the necessary flexibility to accommodate individuals' needs and the unique environments that exist across the University's five-campus system, as well as evolving public health conditions.





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Brook Ave Co-op Board of Directors Update:

The Brook Ave Board of Directors have been focused on enhancing the members' experience at the co-op in any way possible. Vending machines were installed in the lower level of the tower, a donation bin has been established to help anyone in need, and gift cards are being sent out to each member of the co-op to help in any way possible due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Brook continues to encourage cooperative community connection through virtual events and activities. The fitness center at Brook is also open now with limited availability to how many members can be present at a time. Please utilize the sign in sheet at Brook to ensure numbers are being recorded.

Bonchon Announces Its Third Location In Minneapolis – Bonchon Dinkytown!



We're proud to announce the opening of the Bonchon Dinkytown location. This is the third Bonchon location to hit the Minneapolis scene, serving up our world-famous made-to-order Korean fried chicken. Located at 406 14th Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414. Follow us on social media to learn more!

*"You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. Because it may be necessary to encounter the defeats, so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how you can still come out of it."
— Maya Angelou*





Chateau

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Chateau Board of Directors Update:

The Chateau Board of Directors did a food initiative to help members during these uncertain times. Gift cards were provided to those who expressed a need. This will continue through September. The board also continues to host virtual events to maintain a presence in the building and encourage a sense of community. If anyone has any ideas for virtual events that they would like to see in the future, please feel free to share them with the Board!

Alive and well in Minneapolis: Small businesses in Dinkytown want you

Georgia Sander, owner of Kafé 421 at 421 14th Ave. S.E., said she gets three calls a day from people asking whether she's still open. "When are they going to tear your building down?" they ask.

Development projects in Dinkytown have received so much news coverage that many people don't seem to realize that a vibrant community of small businesses continues to operate in the four-block business district adjacent to the University of Minnesota in Southeast Minneapolis.

Did you Know?

The Loring Pasta Bar, previously Gray's Drug on 14th Ave. SE and 4th St. SE has the name of an early owner carved in cement over the doorway: "Grodnik," meaning a small (or dinky) town. The name of the early owner was Louis Grodnik. He owned a haberdashery at that location and built the building. His brother, Hela Grodnik, always claimed that he was the one who named the area when he said that "This is getting to be a real 'Dinky Town.'" Hela then went on to work for another brother, Jacob Grodnik, at Grodnik Jewelry at 7th and Hennepin in Minneapolis. Louis also owned a haberdashery at 4th and Hennepin known as "Grodnik and Fassbinder".





Cole Townhomes

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Cole Townhomes Board of Directors Update:

The Cole Ave Townhomes Board of Directors are using this time of social distancing to help raise awareness of community safety. Another helpful thing the board has done was to give out gift cards to each member to help in any way possible. The Board hopes to plan some sort of event for National Night Out, but plans are tentative related to updates and stats with COVID-19 at that time. Details will be shared with cooperative members if any event plans are made.

"If you are working on something that you really care about, you don't have to be pushed. The vision pulls you."
— Steve Jobs

Business Spotlight: Norseman Distillery



When Norseman Distillery was forced to close during COVID-19, they had to think fast about how to stay in business. As a way to thank all first responders, including all nurses, doctors, shelters, and other care providers for their efforts to prepare for Covid-19 Norseman Distillery came up with an idea. To show their support, they have been donating all their house made sanitizer (WHO approved recipe) to EDs, nursing facilities, fire stations, homeless shelters, and other first responder organizations. If you know of a care facility that could benefit from Norseman Distillery's Hand Sanitizer, reach out for the request form on their website.

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Fourth Street Co-op Board of Directors Update:

The Fourth Street Board of Directors provided all residents with finals kit snack bags and donated to 3 local organizations. They also offered a rent relief scholarship that required writing a short essay to the board for review and approval. Four members were granted this scholarship. The board continues to focus on building security and planning ahead for the new move ins this Fall. One new addition, for building security purposes, includes timed fob access for the entry way at Fourth St. This fob access is locked from 10pm-7am daily, members with fobs will still be granted access to the building at this time.

"Whether you think you can or think you can't, you're right."
– Henry Ford

Business Spotlight: Insomnia Cookies



Insomnia Cookies is proud to introduce CookieLab – a playground for “research & dough-velopment”.

CookieLab experts will be tirelessly imagining what’s possible as they push the limits of Insomnia Cookies’ never-ending mission to be the best cookies on the planet. This test space is staffed with dedicated makers and bakers dreaming up drool-worthy desserts and crafting craveable new cookie releases you can only get at Insomnia Cookies. To kick off the launch of CookieLab, we’re releasing our first cookie creation – The Fluffemutter! Get lost in the nostalgic combination of dreamy marshmallow fluff and velvety peanut butter. Now available to order through our website, our app, or in our stores.

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Franklin Co-op Board of Directors Update:

The Franklin Board recently put together and distributed Franklin Relief Bags to their cooperative members in order to provide some relief for members during these difficult and uncertain times. The Franklin relief bags to the residents last month were a big hit. They included puzzle/coloring books, snacks, gift cards, and some small essentials. The Board has gotten three thank you cards from the community so far, and thank the members that have sent these thank you cards! The Annual Franklin Garden Party is currently cancelled for Summer 2020 due to uncertainties with COVID-19. The Board is still working on the 4-H summer program budget and approval. They hope this will be another success this summer.

"I think goals should never be easy, they should force you to work, even if they are uncomfortable at the time." – Michael Phelps

Business Spotlight: Boneshaker Books



Boneshaker Books is a volunteer-run, radical bookstore based in the Seward neighborhood of Minneapolis, MN. We aim to introduce readers to leftist politics, facilitate conversations, support ongoing movements, and collectively create a space that will grow, evolve, and respond to community needs and pressing issues.

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, our physical storefront still isn't open, but we have an amazing online bookstore via Bookshop! Buying books here is a great way to support Boneshaker until we can safely reopen.





Marcy Park

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Marcy Park Board of Directors Update:

The Marcy Park Board of Directors took action to send each unit a \$25 gift card when the COVID-19 pandemic first hit the United States. They have also been diligent in preparing and planning for a summer engagement event along with a party in the fall to celebrate all of the new members moving into the co-op. The Board encourages their members to remain aware and active, and hopes for a future event soon to get together with friendly and familiar faces.

U of M to help international students comply with ICE directive.

The University of Minnesota is reviewing its fall semester plans to make sure that international students aren't forced to leave the country under new guidance from federal immigration authorities. The guidelines from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement say international students must leave the U.S. or transfer to another college if their schools plan to offer online only classes

A Brief History of St. Anthony Falls

Native Americans were the first residents of our area. To them, the water-fall on the river was sacred and no warfare was permitted while visiting them. Father Louis Hennepin, a Franciscan priest captured by the Dakota, is credited with being the first European to see the falls in 1680. He was so taken with their beauty that he named them after his patron saint, St. Anthony of Padua. His accounts of adventures in the new world helped make this a destination for adventurous travelers in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. The falls became the center for logging businesses and by 1850 census records show the town of St. Anthony Falls with a population of 656. The first store was opened in 1847, at what is now Main Street and Second Avenue SE; the first frame houses were built in 1848 and the first school was opened in 1849.

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Marshall Board of Directors Update:

Marshall Co-op has recently been uneventful, with members focusing on self care and wellness at this time. Marshall Co-op still looks to recruit more Board Members for their Board of Directors! If you are interested, please reach out to your Community Manager today! Marshall Co-op is also open to any suggestions for future virtual events, and looks forward to a time when small gatherings are permitted and welcomed as a way to strengthen their community and cooperative.

Dinkytown has a clear sense of its history.

In a recent Minnesota Daily article about the fight over a planned apartment complex in Dinkytown, House of Hanson grocery store owner Laurel Bauer says this: "Everybody is still riled up. People don't like change. They want Dinkytown to stay exactly as it looks."

[READ MORE online](#)

Gone But Not Forgotten



After 16 years of intimate date nights, long lunches, and fresh Mediterranean flavors, the Sander family has decided to close Kafe 421 on July 31. The restaurant was a labor of love for Georgia Sander, whose emigrated from Greece as a teenager. Her daughter Antigoni Sander joined her mother in running the business and both are familiar faces to restaurant regulars.

Antigoni said the difficult decision was made as the family heads into a new era. Sander and her husband just welcomed a new baby and her mother has been excelling in the grandma department. "It was just time for the family to start a new chapter."

Fans of Georgia's food won't have to do completely without, she will continue to run a catering operation out of the location.

