

Who is running for Mayor.

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Who will be our next Mayor?

Primary is February 15th, General Election is April 5th – To serve final two years of current term.

By Vince Bushell

There are seven candidates on the primary ballot for February 15, 2022. I hope you all get out and vote.

We picked two candidates to feature more prominently in this issue.

The other 5 we list with short information on this page.

Do your own research and vote. It is a short campaign and the spring election is April 5th.



Milwaukee Alderwoman Marina Dimitrijevic

Mayoral Candidate Marina Dimitrijevic Speaks With Riverwest Currents

Interview by Austin Greenberg

Riverwest Currents spoke with 14th District Alderwoman and Milwaukee mayoral candidate Marina Dimitrijevic on January 19th. Below is the transcript of that interview, lightly edited for clarity. For context about the first question, according to the report mentioned, the city's annual pension commitments to current and former city employees is set to double, from approximately \$71 million this year to over \$145 million in 2023, and it will stay at the level for the foreseeable future. This is the primary reason for the looming budget shortfall. In terms of raising revenue, Wisconsin law prohibits local municipalities from holding referenda for sales taxes. Governor Tony Evers proposed a change to that law in his 2021 budget, but following legislature objections, it was not included in the budget that was enacted.

RC: There seems to be one issue that affects all the others – the city's budget squeeze. You've called for a sales tax, which is prohibited by state law. The Mayor's Pension Task Force's September 2021 report offered 12 "ideas for action." What are your proposals for this?

MD: You're very right about that affecting any ideas we might have. So one thing, let me put it in perspective, is we do have the largest amount of federal revenue that we'll probably ever see, at least probably in my lifetime, with the ARPA [American Rescue Plan] covid rescue funds, the infrastructure bill, and then finally, the Build Back Better, when we get that figured out at the federal level. Those are one-time sources, but I would say that those are almost borderline

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When I came to Milwaukee in 1967 Mayor Maier was in office. Followed by John Norquist who was succeeded by Mayor Tom Barrett who just resigned.

Do the math.

54 years and 3 elected Mayors.

(Not Counting 2 Acting Mayors)-

They tend to stick around. Take this election seriously.



Cavalier (Chevy) Johnson attended a meet and great at Black Husky Brewing Company on December 15th.

On Sunday Jan. 16, Acting Mayor Cavalier Johnson was the speaker at the Unitarian Church Milwaukee Sunday Forum.- Below is partial transcription of his presentation. He spoke from his office, the office of the Mayor of Milwaukee



In his own words

A short history

I was born and raised in the City of Milwaukee... I went to Milwaukee Public Schools from Kindergarten through the 12th Grade. I lived in some of the most depressed neighborhoods in Milwaukee.

As you may have heard of the 53206 zip code and the challenges that emanate from that zip code.

When I was sworn in as Acting Mayor I was fortunate enough to have my 5th Grade teacher present. She recounted before I got to her class I had been to 4 or 5 other elementary school before I got this school, which I eventually graduated from elementary school

The way that I got involved in service is from Middle School to go into High School I got recruited to go into a program that was sponsored by the YMCA of Metro Milwaukee.

Sponsor a Scholar. The goal of that program was to provide an opportunity for young people in this city from low

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Notes on these candidates compiled by Vince Bushell. Comments are Bushell's opinion.

Earnell Lucas



Lucas is currently the elected Milwaukee County Sheriff. He won this office in 2018. As he says and most would agree, he has worked hard to restore trust and integrity to the Sheriff's Office.

Previously he has worked for Major League Baseball in various capacities, including security and facility management.

Lucas attended Milwaukee Public Schools and Marquette University earning a degree in criminology and law.

He was a Milwaukee Police Officer for 25 years, including serving as a Captain.

Bob Donovan



Donovan is a former alderman from Milwaukee's 8th district, where he served for 20 years. He previously ran for Milwaukee Mayor and lost to Mayor Barrett, by a large margin 70% to 30%.

This would be Donovan's last hurrah, but it is hard to see how this gregarious and friendly politician can garner enough votes in this field to survive the primary.

Considering that he previously ran as a law-and-order candidate, those issues are still important but how he is perceived by Black voters and liberals is suspect.

Lena Taylor



Lena Taylor is a member of the Wisconsin State Senate, representing District 4. She assumed office in 2005.

Taylor ran against Mayor Barrett in 2020, an election held during the pandemic. Barrett won with 62% of the vote. Taylor also ran for election for Lieutenant Governor of Wisconsin this year. She withdrew before the Democratic primary on August 9, 2022.

Taylor is an experienced politician seemingly looking to find a home outside of the Republican controlled State Senate and assembly. I can't blame her for that but can she convince enough voters in the city that she is the best in this crowded primary.

Michael Sampson



From his website.

As someone who's been planning events in this great city for the last 12 years, I know Milwaukee is strongest when we come together.

From politicians to line cooks, police officers to sports team presidents, I've developed relationships with great Milwaukeeans from every walk of life, and I've spent that life bringing people together around common goals, even if that's just for a few beers.

I believe this city is ready for something new. I'm running as a business-minded problem solver who can bridge the divide and bring new ideas to our third coast city.

Ieshuh Griffin



On Facebook Griffin says: I Am OFFICIALLY RUNNING FOR MAYOR...Milwaukee NEEDS a woman's touch...if the people allow me the opportunity to rise to the occasion I assure them I WILL EXCEED their expectations...A VOTE FOR ME IS A VOTE FOR YOU...

Griffin does not have a website for her candidacy at this point.

She brings up grassroots issues but has no experience as an elected official.

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income neighborhoods attending MPS like me to go off to college. For many of us we are the first people in our families to go on to college.

And I went to UW Madison and studied Political Science.

The other part of the program that was understated but very clearly important was getting those same young people involved in service and giving back to the community. So that is exactly what I did as a 14 year old boy. I started helping seniors to rake leaves and shovel snow right here in our city. This service continued to snowball after another event happened that same year. 2001 when I got involved in that program, 9-11 also happened.

And many of us remember where we were at that time, so for me, as I watched what was happening unfold from 9-11m I saw the former President Bush go the the World Trade Center and instead of bringing people together during a very trying time, that's when I had a light bulb go off in my head at 14 years old.

I said, Hey I could get up and I could serve people every single day and I could use the government to be the vehicle in which to do it.. And so I continued on.... So when I got to college at UW Madison instead of spending my first spring break in Florida on a beach, I went to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina to help the folks rebuild down there...

(Continuing his service)

I went to Chile in South America to help rebuild a public school for poor kids. I went to New York city to work for a non profit, I went to London to help at-risk young people.

When I returned to Milwaukee I worked at what is now Employ Milwaukee to work with kids - at risk, kids that were at Lincoln Hills facility, trying to help them to get their life back on the right track and to help them get their first summer job. And also helping Seniors in our city to retool their resume so they can get back in the workforce again

I had run for the County Board twice. I lost (both times) but I did not give up. Because I knew that service through government was the calling I had in life. So I continued to be involved in service and with Community Brainstorming and became a member of the executive team, helping to set that important forum for our community.

Fast forward a couple years... and the former Mayor said -Hey, here is an opportunity in my office to do some community outreach work. So as a kid from 53206 who saw and experienced all the negative things we see on the news at 10 oclock, I had the opportunity to go into the neighborhoods and serve our community from that point. I did that for about two years.

I ran myself for Alderman of the Common Council for 2016, and then ran for

reelection in 2020 and also was elected City Council President in 2020. Becoming the youngest African American to be elected in 2016 to City Council and one of the youngest City Council Presidents in the history of Milwaukee in 2020. And now having the opportunity to sit in this seat - serving our City as Mayor....

I told myself if I ever have the opportunity to sit in this seat, (Office of the Mayor) it will be because I am the Mayor.

Now we're here and we have this incredible opportunity to continue to serve this City, building upon the 20 years of service starting at the grass roots level as a volunteer.

And so there are a number of things I am interested in doing. In fact a number of things we have already started to do. One of those is tackling the issue of Public Safety.

We know all too often there are reprehensible acts of violence that happen in our community.

Just this year alone, we had a 9 year old that was shot on New Year's day, we had a 16 year old who was shot and killed at work, we have a Police Officer who sprang into action, bravely so, to protect someone in our city, and is now in a hospital bed shot 3 times from somebody attempting a car-jacking. And just the other night we had an 8 year old who was shot and killed.

So the violence that we see, particularly gun violence, is affecting every sector of our community, from our babies all the way to our police.

GUN VIOLENCE

And it is important that we finally have the partnership to move things forward working with the legislature and our partners in Madison, to curb access to guns to people who should not have them in the first place.

RECKLESS DRIVING

.... Talking about the issue of reckless driving, which all of us know too well. If you are driving in the streets of Milwaukee then you see people that have decided to get behind the wheel of a vehicle and treat it like a 2000 lb missile and .. have those missiles strike and when they strike they kill.

And last year we had dozens of people that were killed due to negligent reckless driving behavior that is unnecessary, and totally irresponsible.

And so it is important for us that we tackle that issue as well, and to me public safety is not a silver bullet approach. There are going to be multiple prongs that we need to enact to address it.

To me it's education on the front end, absolutely, and opportunities for kids in our community involved in programming like I was involved in. In fact I wear this

green YMCA wristband - that is how I got my start - it keeps me grounded.

Change street design;

...as related to reckless driving, how our streets are designed, narrowing the lanes down, building actual protected bike lanes that adds another layer of safety, not just for the bicyclist, but prevents (cars) from going on the right side to pass

Utilizing curb extensions and bump outs so that when folks come on the right side of you and go through the red light or the stop sign.

Also...

Working with our partners Wis Department of Transportation ot and County Transit system on new and innovative ways to prioritize public transportation which would help them to slow down the traffic behind them that might be driving recklessly Endangering not just themselves but the public safety overall.

Enforcement

It's gotta be multi pronged, there is no silver bullet.

We have to have all these things to work together for true public safety.

I have been careful to make sure that I mention:

We can have all those things for public safety but in order to have true and holistic public safety we need the community to be our partners too.

One of the biggest assets the people who live in the neighborhoods have is to speak up and speak out when something has gone

wrong

Too often in this community when somebody pulls a trigger, they go sit on somebody's couch.

We cannot continue to have that if we want our city to be safe.

Jobs.

Another critically important item... We have a new foundation for jobs in this community

That is something we will be releasing a plan in the next couple of weeks

In order for us to have public safety the folks who live in the neighborhood have economic opportunity. They need a foundation on which to grow .

They have to have access to family supporting jobs.

As mayor I will be partnering not only with Department of City Development, but also Busines Improvement Districts and (other job development groups) to create new family supporting job opportunities That creates stability in their own lives

And if they have stability in their own lives that creates stability in their children's lives...

...Be able to purchase their own homes and not be so transient.

...Then neighborhoods are able to gel.... That's how you build true public safety in our neighborhoods.

Work with State Legislature

(Cavalier Johnson thinks he can and if so that would help a lot with the budget.)



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What Really Matters

by Tree Moore, edited and photos VBushell

Let's start out examining the word "matters," and clarifying how I wish to use it. The dictionary speaks of something that "matters" as a subject of concern, something of importance. When something matters, without it there can be numerous major consequences....

To begin my list of who and what matters, I am including living beings along with plants and animals at the top. Most of us are aware of the recent popular phrase, "Black Lives Matter." The emphasis on "black" in this case has been created because there are those who believe that black lives do not matter, this phrase helps counter act that opinion....

Let's consider a present, more mundane exception. In this old farmhouse on these frigid winter days, we are purposefully killing mice. There seems to be an unending supply of them coming in from the cold. They're hungry. Eliminating them is necessary to ensure that we humans have a sufficient supply of food unadulterated by mice droppings. If only they could promise not to multiply, we could be more compassionate and give them a daily cheese ration. HmMMM.

Continuing my choices of what really matters, I'm considering things that might rob me of joy and laughter, or good physical or mental health. I'm considering what happens to an individual existing in a situation devoid of stimulation. We will never know what life was like for Robinson Crusoe, although Daniel Defoe describes him as a man with a decent level of vitality. Or what about a prisoner kept in solitary confinement for years, never seeing another human? Individuals die of loneliness.

My list also includes relationships with other humans; ones that include receiving some form of positive attention, hopefully kindness. As a social worker, I remember a very sad, bitter, isolated client. (Not sure what in him caused him to come see me.) In my feeble attempt at providing something that could offer an actual presence in his life, I suggested he might get a plant. It would need water, and it might provide some new leaves or a few blossoms in return. On his next visit, with a twisted, triumphant smile,

even prickly plants matter



he informed me that he had gotten a very prickly cactus. HmMMM. It seemed as though nothing for him really mattered. That was his last visit.

I will widen my category of relationships to include pets. Pets that are welcome, true companions, excited to see you, wagging their tails, purring, and loving to be close.

Considering further items that matter, we especially need touch. Caring, kind touch. Even a light hand on the shoulder counts. We know that infants in some orphanages where there is a minimum of touch often don't live beyond a year.

Touch in the American culture has been dirtied. There are far too many examples of touch becoming painful and downright violent. It is tragic because stroking, holding, tickling, rubbing all send messages to our brain that we are not alone. We can feel one another. We are connected. Perhaps we are even loved.

What else might I put on my list? Movement comes to mind, especially dancing to music, a favorite of mine. To be paralyzed would seem like one of the meanest conditions. Yet one can live with it. There are incredible and inspiring stories of paralyzed persons who have lived full lives. There are numerous adaptations - lip-reading or signing.

Eyesight is not essential to live a robust existence. However, life without sight creates a huge sensory void. We cannot see shape or dimension, pattern, and for me, what would matter most would be color. I can't imagine renting a house where I wasn't given permission to decorate the walls as I wish. Then there is color in a larger world. Fall, with its blaze of red, orange, gold leaves is such a gift. And spring delights even the least observant person. My eyes have had the privilege of rainbows and even colorful northern lights.

What really matters in this world is to be present in it, connected with other lively creatures. A meaningful life needs to be filled with stimulation in as many forms as possible. The ability to think, feel and sense are essential. So greet your day with open arms to all that really matters.



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by Cari Taylor Carlson

Once upon a time, cattails, marsh grass, and wild rice flourished in the Third Ward. Beavers, butterflies, and diving beetles populated the marsh; Water Street was a swampy Indian trail alongside the Milwaukee River, a main thoroughfare, then and now. In the early 1800s, there must have been some surprised buyers when they discovered the land they had purchased in the place we now call the Third Ward was a swamp. In *This is Milwaukee*, Robert W. Wells wrote, "Milwaukee had one important asset, however -- a plentiful supply of Yankees who had a talent for selling real estate that was still covered by two feet of swamp water ..." It also had the advantage of a climate that could be depended upon to keep the marsh frozen for a considerable part of the year.

When the snow melted and the buyers discovered their properties could only be reached with diving gear, it was too late to move Milwaukee to a better location or higher ground. Instead, the high ground was moved into the swamp, filling up the great Milwaukee bog and bringing closer a day when it was possible "to move freely through the downtown district without using the butterfly stroke."

In 1836, Sylvester Pettibone brought eight oxen and a plow and started a landfill operation that transformed that boggy Indian Trail into Water Street. By 1855, small businesses lined Water Street from Juneau Avenue through the Third Ward, across the river and into Walker's Point.

East of Water Street soon became a hive of small modest frame houses, most of them built by the Irish, the Ward's first settlers, who had fled famine in their homeland. When Milwaukee incorporated in 1846, the city was divided into five wards, hence the establishment of the Third Ward, formerly known as the Irish Ward.

By the 1880s, the Irish had gained some affluence and gradually began migrating to northern neighborhoods. When the 1892 fire broke out, those modest frame houses built by the Irish, 452 to be exact, provided tinder for that raging inferno.

After the Irish departed the Ward, the Italians moved in, many of them from Sicily. Homes were cheap; the Italians were poor. Some went into the wholesale fruit and vegetable business and built warehouses to store their produce. Gradually, like the Irish, the Italians took their new wealth and moved north to the lower east side.

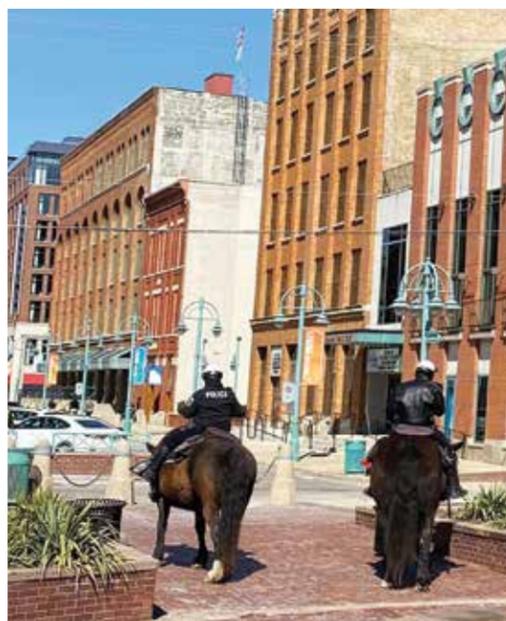
In the 1950s, hundreds of the small homes east of the river that remained after the fire were razed by the city. Again, in 1960, dozens more of those dilapidated houses were cleared to make way for Interstate 794. This continued until the population of the Ward declined from 2400 in



1950, to 258 in 1960, and a shocking low of 74 in 1980.

In 1976, a small group of business owners formed the Third Ward Association. At the same time, Milwaukeeans discovered the value of their vintage buildings, especially the ones from the turn of the century.

One by one, warehouses and other buildings in the Third Ward were rehabbed and/or repurposed, and slowly the neighborhood took on its current metropolitan personality. Today it's filled with condos instead of modest frame houses, restaurants instead of small manufacturers, and chic shops on Broadway, where fruit and vegetable deliveries once filled Commission Row.



Start this walk at Water and St. Paul at the Public Market, founded in 2005 on the site of the former Cross Keys Hotel. The hotel, built in 1853 when Water Street was still under construction, brought elegance to the neighborhood with its Italianate style and exterior balustrades. In the 100-plus years after the hotel was built, Water Street was razed five times while the hotel lobby sunk below street level, and why not, the hotel and the street were built on top of a marsh.

The hotel was demolished in 1980 after its long reign as a dance bar and a drag bar where Liberace and Milton Berle once performed. The empty corner was repurposed as a parking lot until the Public Market took it over in 2005.

Walk south on Water to Buffalo where you'll see the Marshall Building on the corner. Its boxy shape is typical of many warehouses built in the early 1900s. Its first tenant, Hoffman and Sons, were in the grocery business. Today it's an incubator for small businesses whose owners want to combine contemporary amenities with vintage charm.

Turn left on Erie where you'll come to the Milwaukee Institute of Art and Design, or MIAD, formerly the Layton School of Art. This small private college has a staff of 200 for approximately 700 students.

Turn left on Milwaukee and look for Folliard Gallery, located in a cavernous warehouse where

emerging Midwest artists show their art. This is one of more than 20 art galleries and studios in the Third Ward. Folliard Gallery is one of dozens that open their doors four times a year for Gallery Night, an art walk started in 2001 by the Third Ward Association.

At St. Paul turn left, and then left again on Broadway. At 345 Broadway, the Wicked Hop is a popular brunch site known for their outstanding Bloody Mary's. The owners rehabbed a former warehouse, conveniently located adjacent to Milwaukee's other hop, The Hop.

At 200 Broadway, Tre Rivali, a restaurant in the Journeyman Hotel, has five dining rooms, a Mediterranean-inspired menu, and a fabulous rooftop deck.

Across the street at Retique, they sell gently-used men's and women's fashions in a carefully curated Goodwill boutique. They specialize in trendy, like the rest of the Ward.

At the south end of Broadway, you'll see the Broadway Theater Center that houses Skylight, Renaissance, and Chamber Theaters. There's a 99-seat black box theater, and the main, an elegant replica of an 18th Century European Opera House.

Walk across Catalano Square, a small green oasis in the Ward. Turn right on Erie, and right again on Water, to return to where you started.

You have traveled through the heart of the Third Ward, past multiple shops and restaurants, and seen a small piece of a neighborhood that literally rose from the ashes of 1892.

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by Cari Taylor Carlson

We all have our favorite Mexican restaurants and thoughts about what's authentic or not. I've spent many happy days in Mexico City where I ate on the street and at neighborhood dives, which left me with strong opinions about Mexican food.

I don't mean the food served at high-end restaurants in that city (for example in its fashionable Condesa neighborhood); I mean street food – straightforward, everyday tacos, tostadas, enchiladas, quesadillas, and burritos. That's what you will find at La Casa de Alberto, a cozy, bare-bones restaurant like many I discovered on side streets in Mexico City. There aren't a lot of funky doodads to impress; instead, just plain good food.

In addition to their tasty food, you can expect exemplary service. As soon as you find a table, a server brings a basket of chips and three different salsas. When the hot one, a favorite, made with jalapeno and tomatillos was low, our server appeared to ask if we wanted more. She was attentive, friendly (but not overly so), competent, and efficient.

We ordered three a la carte classics, a Taco Pastor, a Pork Tostada, and an Enchilada with Chicken. Because we needed rice and beans to round out our meal, we added them from the a la carte menu. I was surprised to note lettuce, tomato, onion, and cilantro were also on the a la carte menu, but that's understandable as a reflection of Casa Alberto's commitment to "fresh" and their rising food costs.

The Pastor (pork) in the taco was more like a stew, juicy and richly flavored in a tomato-based sauce. Two corn tortillas held the filling in place along with the fresh condiments. The Tostada, an almost complete meal on a crisp tortilla, was piled with shredded pork, then smothered with a layer of refried beans and topped with more veggie condiments. It was totally delicious. The Enchilada, coated with melted cheese, was filled with tender pulled chicken, all white meat. I can't describe

the exceptional taste of the rice and beans, since both had a depth of flavor not usually found in Mexican restaurants. Often, I leave them on the plate; not this time.

Chicken smothered in dark mole is listed on the menu as simply Mole. My companion ordered the dark meat mole, then switched to white when our server said the dark meat was on the bone. The mole with its complex flavors reminded me of Mole Negro, the Oaxacan black mole with its earthy flavor, and buried in the mole was a hint of chocolate.

You can choose from many more entrees, all served with those delicious rice and beans, a Chimichanga, an Enchilada meal, a Burrito Dinner, Shrimp a la Diablo, Fajitas, and Chile Relleno. You can also come for breakfast between 11am and 2pm and order Huevos three ways: A La Mexicana, Ranchero, and Con Chorizo.

As I looked at the impressive collection of tequila bottles behind the bar, I decided they must serve a killer margarita, blended or on the rocks. Fruit margaritas sounded enticing -- strawberry, raspberry, mango, peach -- served in a single portion, a half pitcher, or the full monty. For a little more money, you could order a Top Shelf Margarita. It's Don Julio, I'm in.





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Our meeting time is Thursdays 11am-2pm.

We are located at the Jazz Gallery Center for the Arts, 926 E. Center St. Milwaukee 53212.

All people, roughly 50 and up, are welcome. These gatherings are free of charge, and refreshments will be provided! Masking is required. Proof of Vaccination (or proof of negative test within the past 48 hours) is required.

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Thursday Feb.10th,

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Saturday Feb.19th,

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What's Happening at Riverworks

by Ruth Weill

Riverworks Development Corporation (RDC) is a community economic development corporation that focuses in the 53212 area, although you or your business do not have to reside here to receive services.

RDC MISSION:

Riverworks Development Corporation (RDC) drives social and economic development by aligning residents and businesses with specialized resources that strengthen Harambee, Riverwest and surrounding communities.

RDC VISION:

Riverworks Development Corporation (RDC) envisions a vibrant and diverse community of residents, businesses, and stakeholders who jointly create and maintain a prosperous neighborhood and quality of life.

Riverworks is made up of multiple social enterprises and quasi-governmental organizations such as The Harambee Neighborhood Improvement District # 7, The Riverworks Business Development District #25 along with Riverworks Cleans, Riverworks Coin Laundry, and the Financial Clinic.

Harambee Neighborhood Improvement District (HNID) Annual Meeting, March 12

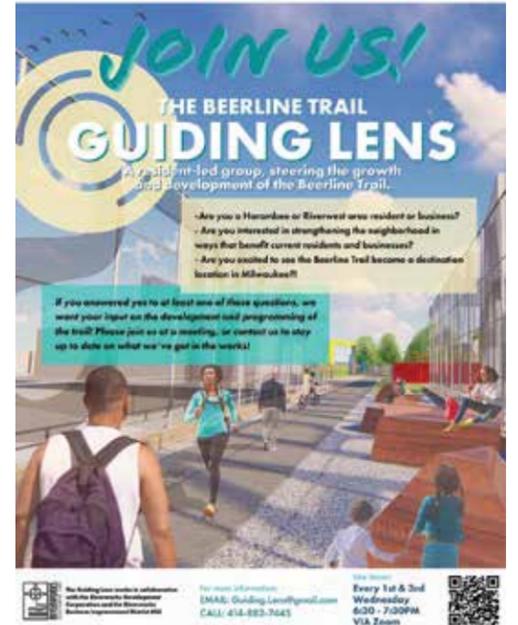
Initiated by the Harambee Great Neighborhood Initiative (HGNI) and established by residents in 2016, the Harambee Neighborhood Improvement District (HNID) falls under the umbrella of Riverworks. The HNID is a quasi-governmental entity run by a board of elected residents and property owners.

The HNID assesses \$50 per unit per year to the property taxes of all residential properties within the boundaries of the district, and pools that money to fund a home repair grant. This grant is eligible to all property owners within the boundaries, prioritizing owner-occupants with demonstrated need. The goal of the program is to provide much needed home repair resources to neighbors and provide home repair jobs to underemployed residents.

The next HNID Annual meeting is Saturday March 12, 10am-12 noon at the Ebenezer Ministry and Family Worship Center, 3132 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive. Please visit RiverworksMKE.org/harambee-nid for more information about board nominations and other information.

Guiding Lens focuses on the Beerline Trail

The Beerline Trail, once a train route for Wisconsin beer distribution, was transformed into a recreational trail by a Riverworks-led initiative. The Beerline is a catalyst for economic prosperity, workforce development, health and creativity. The trail will now be home to a major linear park development. Thanks to community input and design work by famous landscape architect Hood Design Studios out of Oakland, CA, the park will feature amenities such as a performance stage, grilling areas, exercise and playground space among other things.



With organizational and community partners, the Beerline Trail will become a premier destination in the city of Milwaukee. The Guiding Lens is a resident-led group, helping steer the growth and development of the Beerline Trail. The group is responsible for programming the trail; facilitating events, outreach, and promotion; some maintenance; being a voice for the community in development decisions and acting as a point of contact for community members and groups that want to host events on the trail.

Are you a Harambee or Riverwest area resident or business? Are you interested in strengthening the neighborhood in ways that benefit current residents and businesses? Are you excited to see the Beerline Trail become a destination location in Milwaukee? If you answered yes to at least one of these questions, we want your input on the development and programming of the trail. Please join us at a meeting or contact us to stay up to date on what we've got in the works!

Meetings are held every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30pm via Zoom. Email: Guiding.Lens@gmail.com. Call: 414-882-7445

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Sunrise Foods Expands Their Walk-In Cooler Space

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SUNRISE FOODS brings more to the neighborhood

Many a Riverwest resident visits the bodega at the corner of Locust and Weil daily. After all, at Sunrise Foods there's way more than food; you can cash a check, pay your

utilities bill, buy a bus pass, and do all kinds of other business. And soon - like, in the month of February -- there will be space for a lot more food, too.

The Sunrise crew have been busy remodeling the long and somewhat narrow store space with the addition of a room-sized walk-in cooler that now houses their even wider-than-before selection of beer and other delectable libations (like tons of White Claw!).

The walk-in is located along the south wall of the store, and the old coolers on the north wall are being replaced with new ones that will hold an array of meats and produce.

Store manager Manish Panwar (Manny) and owners Sagar (Sunny) and Bharat Bansal want you to know that "if you want us to carry anything we don't have, just come into the store or go to our Facebook page and tell us. We want to do the best we can for Riverwest."



Happy Valentines Day



Chapter Three - "Are you a Patriot"

A Serial Story of 40 Years in Riverwest

Bush Tetras (1980) Rituals

"The Rituals we observe
We turn them into Holidaaaze
With our sex and our drugs
And our endless spaaare timee

We got all our money
We got all our art
But we don't see the Beatee
The Beauty in the Love
That we sold
That we sold

This isn't any rhyme
Its just a stupid life style
When everybody says Hello
But never says I Love You
But I love You
But I love You
But I love Yoo"

"Are you Patriot"

by Vince Bushell

So the reporter asked me in Gordon Park on the 4th of July. He asked me if I was a Patriot. I capitalize it, because it carries such WEIGHT. Weight that I did not give it. It is just Heavy! Here is my answer - or is it my question.

Ok, Holidays, whether the old ones like Christmas and Easter. Those supposed to be Holy Ones as in Holy Days. Or New Years Day or even birthdays. Like the 4th of July- Independence Day. And the Flag, Yes, the flag. Red, White and Blue - Love it or leave it!

What do I say to the question? Here looking at the day, the storied 4th of July, I had spent decades giving out flags and ice cream and eventually LakeFront Root Beer. Listening to music and for a while, talent contests. It was games and play and Milwaukee Public Theater and bike and buggy decorating and Cracker Jack.

And why? Why did I help run the holiday?

Because I was a kid once. And the 4th was the highlight of the summer. And Pachy, the Pachyderm visited my school and gave out tickets for ice cream in the park on the 4th. And we would go to Grandma Adensam's house and walk to Main Street and watch the parade. Many memories and stories from my past in Racine.

One day after settling in Riverwest, in the '80's. Paula and I had our morning coffees in hand. And a band came down our street with the neighborhood following behind. Kids on bikes. Everyone waving little flags. We were called by the pipers and drums to join the parade and go to Gordon Park, gingerly holding our coffee. They gave us a flag and we stood in line for a free cup of ice cream. We were told there would be a band on the stage later in the day. We were excited about that.

We came back, and yes an oompah band was on stage. A bunch of little kids was buzzing around the drummer like mosquitos, or trying to yell in a mic. Hardly anyone was in the park. How dismal!



July 4th, 2018



the bombs
bursting
in air
gave proof
through the
night
that
our flag
was
still
there

Somehow the Alderwoman introduced us to the woman who had organized the event for a long time. It was now closer to 1990. The leader of the 4th needed to pass the baton. Like fools, we took it. Once you take the baton in your hand, it is hard to let it go. As the celebration on the 4th. in Milwaukee had started in 1911 in many of the parks.

Why? For me it was the memory of this Holiday from my childhood. We spruced it up and added more fun things. We had a good group of volunteers to run the day.

I could write a book of anecdotes: the collapse of kids with the Pinata, the family whose kids were a bit too racy for the talent contest - came back next year after counsel-ing with a program about Jesus, the sight of the parade approaching the park, the stage under the big old elm tree, Mark Shurlilla, may he rest, singing a ballad like no one else and the brave musicians who tried to back him up, Mayor Norquist on stage with his traveling band and a couple of us singing back ups to the *Beatles Tax Man*, the danc-ing singing kids with Milwaukee Public Theatre. And that is just a gleam from my memory. Kids proudly showing off their decorated bikes and some old fashioned buggies were always a staple.

I added Cracker Jack to the menu so I could feed my childhood memories.



When the stage was a platform under the old American Elm, (of course on the 4th it had to be an elegant old American tree), the performances and show would wind up, on the best of years, with a band.

How about the *Electric War Babies*, the Black leader of the band wore a large blue glove, like a smurf. They had a following. The crowd built as the sun went down. They were rocking, The crowd was jumping.

Did I mention I was against the Vietnam War?

I thought it was an unjust war. I protested on campus at UWM. I did not go to Vietnam. I respect those that gave their lives as young men and women in this American war in a place so far away. I mourn all those who died and suffered on both sides.

My tennis shoes now bear a tag "Made in Vietnam." The folly of life can be overwhelming.

Those *Electric War Babies*: they were finishing up the set and they chose Jimi Hendrix's version of the Star Spangled Banner. It was magnificent. The neighbor standing next to me, was offended, "They're just making fun". I frowned. If its not their flag as well as my flag, what good is it? Those *Babies* ended with a cre-scendo and a Black Power Salute, fists in the air.

While the fireworks began to blaze just south of us.

But I love you.
But I love you.
But I love you.

Continued from page 1 -- Marina

Marina D. shares thoughts on becoming Milwaukee's Mayor

revolutionary in that they're going to be hundreds of millions of dollars. So I do want to put that in perspective in that I think that can help us move some things around, and at least in my vision, not just change the City of Milwaukee, but the lives of the residents that live in the City of Milwaukee. So that's one thing that I think we have to talk about. In regards to the Pension Task Force recommendations, those are all, the list of 12, I think they ended up maybe moving it to ten items that would be things that we could do, but like any budget, your own household budget, you know I manage my household budget, you either make cuts, or you increase revenue. And so that's where we're at. I think we have to continue to have a real soul-searching effort of what are the services that local governments provide, and specifically the city. We have some of the best city services in the nation. Whether it be libraries, or recycling pickup, or roads and assets and public safety. But here's the thing on revenue: I do still stand by asking for a sales tax. I'm not going to give up, Austin, on the pursuit of local authority, and I'm actually going to double-down on it, and I want that authority to implement local solutions. Also, I'm not sure, but it seems as we're starting to begin to slowly gather a little bit more as people cast their votes, people are going to start voting in this election next week already via absentee, if you can believe it or not, and the week after is early vote, but I am calling for the full legalization of marijuana, and having it taxed as well, because I want that revenue. So I've got a couple of options, and no one of them is perfect on their own, but those are the ways that I'm approaching this challenge.

RC: Regarding the federal funds, I believe I saw a figure of about \$200 million, most of which has not yet been allocated, and it has to be directed to a specific area, but the city can move funds around..

MD: Yeah, we kind of do that with our firefighters as well. It's not an ideal situation, and they're one-time funds, but basically what it's done is prevented immediate cuts, it's kind of prolonged what you mentioned is a real looming crisis.

RC: Regarding the sales tax, one thing Mayor Barrett mentioned in his push for it was that he would use the funds [estimates of the revenue a sales tax would raise range from \$43 million to \$160 million, depending on the rate] to refill 60 police officer positions that had been cut. Is that something you would do?

MD: It depends. I think what I would first do is get the authority to have the sales tax. And I do want to say on the record that I just think that it's unacceptable that the republicans that are in control in Madison that are supposed to be this party of local control, don't allow us to control our local affairs. So that continues to be unacceptable and I'm not going to normalize that. But anyway, if we were to have the authority, I would first want to see what the voters are going to approve. We've talked about .5%, 1%, 1.5%, so I can't say what I would use the funding for until I know the amount, because we've got a long list of items that need to be taken care of. In fact, some of it may even need to go to pay down our pension obligation costs as well. So we've got to dig out of the hole, and then there's

some basic services that need to be funded going forward. Public safety is definitely on the table. I just don't want to commit to a number until I know what we might actually raise.

RC: Would the sales tax be based on the Wisconsin's, which I believe exempts groceries, and maybe other things?

MD: Yeah, I think it's important, I think it's those items of "need," which is obviously subjective, that is a little less regressive, but I'll admit, it's still quite a regressive tax. It does challenge working people, but the benefit of it, you have to put it on a scale, it really does help us obtain out-of-towners', and tourists' and travelers' [money], and I don't just mean out of the state. But I think, Austin, about all of the people that came in to Milwaukee and enjoyed those Bucks playoff games – if we could've gotten some money off of each beer and each business and hotel and restaurant, that really could've helped smooth the roads that they use to come in and out of the city. That's kind of the picture I paint at times, but that's what I'm thinking about, is that we get an exchange for it, that people are enjoying the amenities. And we have some of the best cultural assets and amenities – you can see a Broadway show and the world champion Bucks, all in our city! It's one of the best cities around. I think that we look at places like Chicago, and other places, which have much higher sales taxes [emphasis hers]. I'm not saying we're going to go right there, but I think we can ask for a little bit more, especially from people who are traveling and enjoying our city.

RC: Moving on to police. In March 2021 the New York Times published a report entitled, "In City After City, Police Mishandled Black Lives Matter Protests," in which they had reviewed the studies from over a dozen cities across the country regarding their law enforcement responses to the 2020 BLM protests. The studies are "strikingly similar," according to the article, and it noted that, "from midsize departments like the one in Indianapolis to big-city forces like New York City's, from top commanders to officers on the beat, police officers nationwide were unprepared to calm the summer's unrest, and their approaches consistently did the opposite." I know that there have been changes since 2020, for example MPD's Community Intervention Task Force and a new 911 call center. Has there been a similar review of MPD's response to the BLM protests, and if not, would you call for one, regardless of the outcome of the election?

MD: I think I'm one of the few candidates that's really been outspoken and clear about some of the reforms that we need in questioning the way that we've continued our business. You have one candidate that's actually a law enforcement officer, and then many others that keep pointing to increasing police patrols. And like I said, police are part of the solution. We have an increase in violence right now, an increase in gun purchases, and homicides, and reckless driving. So it is really the top issue as I go out and about, that's what I'm hearing from everybody. And I do think everyone in the city, no matter where you live, should feel safe at every moment: in your house, on the street, on the sidewalks, wherever you're going in your car, that's something that I think is critical to a thriving city.

However, I do think that we need to continue to look at how we're spending those resources. And we are still trying, and you're right, we have had a couple of studies and research, but we're still looking, I think one was something called a matrix study, but it was really trying to get at what is the right size of our police force. And my approach has been to really double-down and invest in violence prevention. I authored, along with Alderwoman [Milele] Coggs, one of the largest appropriations for Office of Violence Prevention [a part of the city's health department], and it was \$16.8 million of the federal funding – the ARPA money.

In the end it ended up being a little less because we got some state money, ... I think a great investment is trying to prevent violence from happening at all. It's less hurtful, it costs less lives, it's less disruptive, and I think getting at the root causes is what the City of Milwaukee needs to do. At the same time, this mayor, this next mayor, has very important power and control because the mayor appoints the people to the Fire and Police Commission. And I'm going to very seriously look at those appointments as they come up, and make sure that these are diverse members representative of the community, from all backgrounds. Because we do need some changes.

We need to build trust in our community, we need to really look at the community policing model, which is based, again, in neighborhoods and prevention, and work on de-escalation, and additionally, I think it's important to incorporate additional social work and reduce trauma. I think that some situations that arise, especially with juveniles, we might be able to de-escalate.

RC: (Question related to the formation, selection, and, composition of Fire and Police Commission (FPC) members and other Commissions that constitute City of Milwaukee decision making and governance bodies.)

MD: We just changed executive directors, so we have Leon Todd (FPC) now, and we do need additional resources to conduct the audits, and respond to complaints. It takes time to do that, it takes auditors. Investigators go through many of the background checks, and remember they also deal with promotions and dismissals and those types of things. It's going to need continued funding and a growth in funding if you're right, if we really want them to be able to carry out the mission that's been laid out. But yeah I do think it needs to be a mix, I don't think it should only be completely civilian or only be people of law enforcement background. I think it's important to have a great mix of career background, knowledge, race, gender, it should really reflect the community. And I also wish there was a way to provide, on many of these boards, to be real honest, in the City of Milwaukee, these boards and commissions, we have, ...

I'm still learning, I find out about, the Plan Commission, the Historic Preservation [Commission], there's all of these boards that do such great work and they're full of civilians and volunteers and citizens. But I do think that having stipends where we can – I think the Fire and Police Commission might be one that's regulated by state statutes – but this is people's time and effort, and as a society I think we need to make sure we continue to value people's time, especially when it's such a serious commitment. when we talk about the Fire and

Police [Commission], it is a matter of life and death for some people.

RC: Speaking of campaigns, do you believe they should be publicly financed?

MD: Oh, that would be great, I would like to move in that direction. Yeah, I really would. I think having some component, a percentage, that certainly would be nice in the future.

RC: Last question is about race. I'm sure you're aware, that "Milwaukee represents the archetype of modern day metropolitan racial apartheid and inequality." We come out worse in some cases than places like Birmingham and Atlanta. And Milwaukee's own [2021] report on racial equity. How do you propose to address this segregation, or "apartheid"?

MD: Yeah, I totally agree. It is, it's been, for a very long time, we've had many barriers, many are even systemic, whether it be financial, literally geographic – the actual segregation.

We've declared when I announced my campaign an antiracist agenda. And I think what that means is that you have to declare our situation and be honest and truthful about the reality, especially of our black and brown community.

And I often talk about the pandemic. That's why one of the things I want to do as mayor is get us out of this pandemic, because we know that disproportionately it's hurt especially our Latino and African-American community more than others. And most of these economic indicators in the reports that you cite just show that it is, I mean, look, that the city and the State of Wisconsin are one of the worst places for African-Americans. And it just piles on and on and on, and it feels as if, you know, if you're born into one zip code, it's hard to succeed and thrive and make change, and that's got to stop. And I think one way to get at that, at least for me, is again to be open, honest and transparent, and dedicate resources, and have a real plan, and in this mayor's race, who can actually build a coalition and deliver on those ideas.

And I believe that a lot of that is in housing. I think that housing is the right to basic, safe, lead-free, clean, affordable housing... whatnot.

We've got a problem. I mean, if we can't even provide what I think is a basic need and right, how can people support their families, go to school and succeed? So we did, in that first grouping of \$100 million – our federal ARPA money – dedicate serious resources to housing. I think that is the first of many things we need to do.

We need to increase wages. I don't think it's fair that people can have one or two people working full-time in a household and still live in poverty. But if we can really work to move the dial on the housing component, I think that's going to help with economic mobility, and education.

Public education is also huge to me. I have the majority of the school board in Milwaukee that have endorsed me, and I think that shows my commitment to being a public school champion, which is where I believe opportunity lives and exists for many of us. I'm a graduate of public schools, too. So those are some of the things I'm going to work on and prioritize as mayor, but we certainly have a lot of work to do.



Slippery

Slippery

It is a warm January day
 if 37 is a warm number
 but I am comfortable with the air
 Don and River (the dog)
 Meet me in my backyard
 As we have so many times before
 River at first barks at me
 Even though she has been here
 Many times before
 She knows my house, street, and alley
 But she barks at me for a bit
 We walk the few blocks to Gordon Park
 We walk along the trail then into the woods
 River knows the river is down the slope
 We come to the makeshift stairs
 And descend to the river level
 No significant snow this winter
 And cold enough and long enough
 to freeze the river, looking at the cracks
 at least 4 inches thick, enough to support a car
 We walk on the ice, upstream-north we walk
 I love walking on the river
 Oh - if my hip were better, I would skate
 Like I have done for years on my river
 River, true to her name, loves the river
 Loves the river as water or ice
 She is off leash now and chasing sticks
 The sticks slide along the ice
 If there was snow
 she would jump and bite the snowballs
 If there was open water, winter or summer
 she would swim to fetch the sticks
 Don says
 "River believes life is to play"
 It is the only important thing
 Well, maybe food too

I look one way and see
 some boys on the ice
 Looks like high school boys
 And then in a bit of a second
 I am flying through the air
 Instinctively my hand drops
 to brake my fall
 It tears a bit of skin off my pinkie
 and the the rest of my 200 pounds
 kisses the hard ice with vigor
 a shock goes through my body
 I lay there a minute to gather
 to gather what happened
 and to gather the state of my frame
 the strength of the shock stays with me
 for that minute
 Don asks if I hit my head
 No, I landed on my arthritic hip
 my right hip
 He helps me up
 We continue on and we move up the slope
 near Locust street
 I am limping but I can still walk
 I get home and sit on the couch
 Later I try to stand up and walk
 I can hardly walk
 I cannot put weight on my right leg
 My honey is concerned and a bit angry
 Now, I sit on the couch 16 hours later
 and ponder
 the lesson learned
 Slippery

But I still want to slide

Sturgeon! The Prehistoric Dinosaur Fish Returns to the Milwaukee River

by Ellen C. Warren

Ever on the alert for a remote location in which to wander the woods, I have been walking my dogs along the west side of the Milwaukee River, north of Capitol Drive, for several years. A wild, earthen path was punctuated by a sweet, very old wooden bridge traversing a shale-lined inlet to a small lake. The path continued to the north, first narrow, then widening into a very rutted dirt road.

In the past couple months, crushed stone has been replacing and covering the beaten dirt of the pathway. On a pre-winter hike, I spoke to a pair of fellow nature-lovers about the new path. It turned out they were some of the AmeriCorps workers involved in the project. They shared with me the plan to complete the stone bed trail, starting at Hampton Avenue and ending at Capitol.

So, a few weeks later my furry gals and I headed to Hampton to explore the new trail, starting from the north end, heading south. After we'd covered a fair amount of ground, I was surprised to find my attention drawn away from the river by an area with several sculptures and signs. An extraordinary, sculpted fish hovered above my head. It was a sturgeon!

Nearby, closer to the riverbank, I spotted a sign that informed me of the news that there is a project to return sturgeon to the Milwaukee River. Although a small population of sturgeon can still be found in some Wisconsin bodies of water, mostly north, they haven't been in our river, where they once teemed, for nearly two hundred years.



In October of 2005 the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources planted a number of mature Sturgeon with radio tags to determine their movement in the Milwaukee River. These were released near Kern Park.

In 1835 a dam was built just north of downtown on the Milwaukee River. The Lake Sturgeons' ability to swim upriver to their spawning grounds was blocked, which effectively ended their existence in the river. Now that the last of the dams are gone, this exciting project has a chance of success.

One of the primary players in the Lake Sturgeon Reintroduction Project is just upriver from us in Saukville. The Riveredge Nature Center began working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources in 2005 to help raise the fingerling sturgeon. Using riverside tanks, they acclimate the babies to the Milwaukee River water, which imprints upon them. In other words, although they may go out to Lake Michigan, they still will think of the Milwaukee River as home. Riveredge has raised and released over 17,000 young sturgeon into the river and harbor.

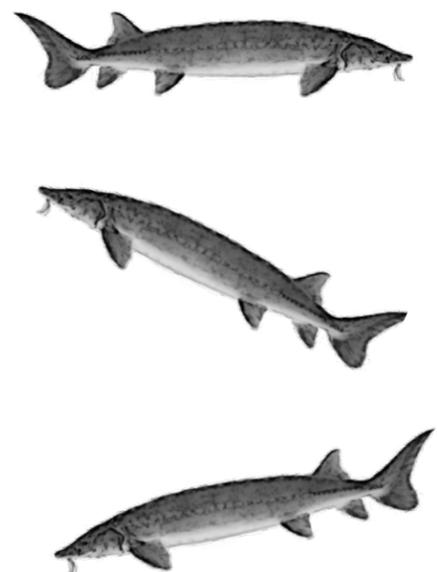
Sturgeon mature very slowly. Males don't spawn until they have reached fifteen years of age. Females take even longer, becoming sexually productive around twenty or twenty-five. With hopes growing of the Milwaukee River eventually turning into a Lake Sturgeon spawning ground, we are just nearing the time in which that may become a reality.

A few sturgeon have been netted and documented by the DNR just north of us on the river. Their sizes were 47, 50 and 60 inches. Its tags identified the 50-incher as a fish raised at Riveredge. They are here.

If you're a nature nut like me, you'll want to keep your eyes peeled for curiously bumpy and dragon-looking fish on your walks by the river. If you see one, let the DNR know.

And if you are a fishing person who accidentally catches one (they are illegal to catch), the DNR asks that you do your best to keep the fish in the water, take a picture, release it, and inform them a.s.a.p.

Welcome back, big guys!



Sturgeon! Just the name conjures up a possible monster of a fish. I was introduced to my first sturgeon in the company of Cro-Magnons in a Clan of the Cave Bear series book. (Sturgeon have been around for about 150 million years.) The image I recall was that of a humongous fish that might have been mistaken for a fallen tree near the riverbank. A younger sturgeon might be five feet long! An elder can be twenty feet or more! And they can live a hundred years!



Riveredge Nature Center let River Revitalization Foundation use their giant Sturgeon Puppet in 2016, celebrating Sturgeon Fest.





FOOD FOR THE BODY AND SOUL

by Susan and Stuart Leopold with statements by Riverwest Elders Members

New adventures, a new year, and good intentions!

We resolve to eat healthier and try new things in 2022!

A Southern vegetarian's New Year's dinner began our adventure, hosted by friends from the South. We started with veggie and fruit hors d'oeuvres, accompanied with mimosas. Next, black-eyed peas, collard greens, corn bread were served; bourbon pecan pie topped with hard sauce completed the meal.

Over tea, we discussed food preferences and preparation and were inspired by new ideas. We were encouraged to try new dishes, including a hearty lentil soup of greens, quinoa and spinach. Plus, some Corn Bread advice from JoAnn, thanks to the CaféNDak (North Dakota) Calendar! "Any corn bread recipe is better with cheese! Add a good, grated handful, say ¾ cup. Quality cheddar or pepper jack. No American slices please. Can also add some diced jalapenos or creamed corn." Experiment!

Deb's recipe:

- Chicken Casserole
- 350 deg. 15-20 min. til light brown on top
- 2 lg cans white meat chicken (left over Chicken or Turkey)
- ½ cup chopped onion
- ½ cup chopped celery
- Small can water chestnuts, chopped (don't omit, this "makes the dish")
- 1 can cream of chicken soup (low salt best)
- ½ cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup cooked rice (not instant)

Mix all ingredients together. Put in glass baking dish.

Topping: 1 stick butter, melted in saucepan, add dry stuffing mix or breadcrumbs is on hand. Spoon over top of casserole mix.

Now more Riverwest Elders share thoughts on food, enjoyment, preferences, how to try new ideas. There's a love of eating among us!

Vince and Paula share:

My Body, My Soul, Good Food is My Goal.

Good food starts with good ingredients. Outpost and Riverwest Co-op offer many choices in healthy foods. Careful shopping at big chain stores can be done as well. We find we are eating more at home and going out less. It's easy for meal planning to become a chore. I often wish I could take a day off of eating. My stomach disagrees, but a partial fast is not bad either. At home, adding a glass of wine with the meal seems to lessen my desire to go out. I like a good beer but try to limit that to times I do go out.

I am partial to a fresh salad. It doesn't take long to chop up fresh vegetables and use dressing sparingly. To give salads a bit of a punch, we have been chopping up green jalapeno olives and adding them to the mix.

I am partial to desserts. I am a Wisconsin boy and dairy products are always on my list. Ice cream is one temptation I cannot avoid. I do have some fancy ice cream parlor glasses. If we use them, I can keep the portions down, so I don't overdo it. The fancy glass seems to increase the charm and my satisfaction as well. Moderation may be the key to a healthy diet.

A dietitian's advice:

Variety seems to be key to pleasurable dining and makes healthy eating fun. Also, variety helps insure you get the vitamins and minerals the body needs to stay healthy.

Margo adds her salad ideas:

Freshen up salads with either shredded daikon radish or small cut-up pieces of dandelion greens added to your favorite lettuce and tomato. Extra tasty and keeps the system moving well, as we are more sedentary this season.

Arlene suggests adventure:

I've been trying new food combos, like new sweeteners for oatmeal such as maple syrup, jams, date syrup. Also, I put together veggies, grains, and protein, plus sauces I have on hand. We need adventure in our lives!

Tonia, with a new twist on smoothies: Use zucchini instead of banana.

Eileen enjoys a Wisconsin Favorite:

Our time in lock-down or isolation is challenging and invites creativity and imagination.

A simple Wisconsin berry dish is spiced cranberries. I buy several packages of fresh cranberries, freeze some and keep what I wish to use. Place berries in pan and cover (or almost) with water. To taste add 1/2 to 1 cup of sugar. Sprinkle with ground cinnamon or add a cinnamon stick; sprinkle with round cloves or add a whole clove. Squeeze in lemon juice and /or add pieces of cut up lemon. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and cover. Simmer until thick. Yummy on cottage cheese! Lemon pieces are edible, delicious, and healthy!

Amy writes:

I don't bother cooking much. It's no fun to cook for one, so I asked friends over for dinner. Planning the meal was tricky since one couple is vegetarian. I hauled out the 1979 Bon Appetite cookbook for ideas. For the vegetarians, I decided to try a souffle that I'd never tried before. Having enough faith in my cooking abilities, I found a delicious sounding recipe for a tomato, cheese, and chili souffle. The major ingredients besides eggs are cottage cheese, chopped tomato pulp, and chopped green chilies. The recipe was easy to make and took a short time. Everyone said they enjoyed it and, since none was left, it must have been a success.

Jacques Pepin says: "Happy Cooking!"

Submitted by Eileen Ciezki

Sometimes I Forget

I sometimes forget that
I was created for joy
My mind is too busy
My heart is too heavy Heavy for me to
remember that I have been
called to dance
the sacred dance for life.

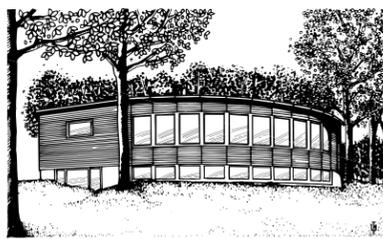
I was created to smile to love
to be lifted up
and lift others up O sacred one
Untangle my feet from all that ensnares
Free my soul
That we might Dance
and that our dancing
might be contagious

Words attributed to 12th Century
Persian poet, Hafiz

Correction from January issue

Last line was missing.

Sometimes mistakes are made.



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THURSDAY JAN. 27

JAZZ ESTATE Milwaukee Hot Club, 8pm

FRIDAY JAN. 28

JAZZ ESTATE Kenny Reichert Trio, 8pm

SHANK HALL Koch Marshall Trio NEW DATE 8pm. \$20 advance / \$25 door

SATURDAY JAN. 29

BLACK HUSKY BREWING

Inaugural Milwaukee Mayoral Firkin Tapping, 4pm. Lakefront Brewery and Black Husky Brewing have teamed up to bring all seven Milwaukee Mayoral special election candidates together for a cordial mass beer firkin tapping.

BREMEN CAFÉ Gross Load 10pm; Curbsitter 10:40pm; Scumbag Fred 11pm; DJ GOODBOI 12am

DINO'S Midnight Hound, 9pm. Don't miss the first of many live band performances in Dino's cozy back room!

LINNEMAN'S MKE Music Night XXVI -- Crème City Players, Rustbucket Rye, Ssann, Tlalok. 7pm \$10

SHANK HALL PHUN (Phish Tribute) 8pm. \$10 advance / \$15 door

Woodland Pattern Marathon see p14 Saturday & Sunday 1/29 & 1/30

MONDAY JAN. 31

LINNEMAN'S Poet's Monday! Doors 7pm, performances start 7:30pm. \$3 cover. Featured poet: Ky Cheers

1 TUESDAY (Chinese New Year -- Year of the Tiger)

BREMEN CAFÉ Karaoke w/ Trixy Mercury

JAZZ ESTATE Funk Night with Jack Reed Group, 8:30pm

RIVERWEST FOOD PANTRY, 924 E Clarke Food Distribution at St. Casimir's Church parking lot -- 4-6pm. Proudly serving the 53212, 53211, 53217, 53202, and 53203 zip codes!

UPTOWNER Dave Bayles Trio 7-9pm

2 WEDNESDAY

JAZZ ESTATE Evan Christian, 8pm

LINNEMAN'S Acoustic Open Stage -- Doors, 7pm. Sign-up, 7:30pm. Show starts at 8pm. Featured performer: Rich Travis

WOODLAND PATTERN in person MEDITATION AND READING GROUP: DhammaMKE. Led by Milwaukee musician and composer Anthony Deutsch, 6-7pm. \$Give what you can

3 THURSDAY

JAZZ ESTATE MRS. FUN w/Kris Kringle, 8pm

4 FRIDAY

BACK ROOM @Colectivo/Prospect Girls Against Boys, Poison Arrows, Facs

GATHERING PLACE BREWING, 811 E Vienna Gallery Night, 9-10pm

JAZZ ESTATE Devin Drobka Trio, 8pm

MAD PLANET Friday Night Retro Dance Party with DJ Paul H, 9pm

MIRAMAR THEATRE Pharaoh's Chamber featuring Codes. Hosted by Thomas Xavier. With Apple Country, Jet BLVCK and Phox. 18+ show.

Doors 9pm

UWM PLANETARIUM Birth of the Universe -- Explore the origins of the cosmos dating back almost 14 billion years. Two shows: 7-8pm, 8-9pm. \$6 gen admission // \$5 UWM student

5 SATURDAY

ART*BAR E.N. Leith, 9pm

BREMEN CAFÉ Alternative Radio, Silk Stranger, Lunde 9:30pm

COMPANY BREWING Golfshoe Music Presents: Valcove / R.Mann / Ottobot / Paralyze / Tarek Sabbar / Road Flare Visuals. 10pm. \$10

JAZZ ESTATE Tony Barba Quartet, 8pm // Late Night Session Luis Solis, 10:30pm

MAD PLANET Abba vs. Blondie vs. Queen! Dance party hosted by DJ Frank Straka. 9pm til close, \$7

MIRAMAR THEATRE Kick the Cat

RIVERWEST FOOD PANTRY, 924 E Clarke Food Distribution at St. Casimir's Church parking lot -- 8:30-10:30am. Proudly serving the 53212, 53211, 53217, 53202, and 53203 zip codes!

SHANK HALL Joshua Ray Walker, 8pm, \$15

STAND FOR PEACE at Capitol and Teutonia Join Peace Action of Wisconsin for a weekly Stand For Peace, noon until 1pm

THE COFFEE HOUSE, 2717 E Hampshire Rick Fitzgerald, 7:30-9pm (Currently live-stream only. Check the-coffee.house.com week of show for link to stream.)

6 SUNDAY

THREE LION'S PUB, Shorewood Three Lions 11th Anniversary Party, 4pm. Free dinner buffet for all patrons

UPTOWNER Alex Wilson Blues Band 3pm

7 MONDAY

BREMEN CAFÉ Comedy Open Mic, 8pm

LINNEMAN'S Poet's Monday! Doors 7pm, performances start 7:30pm. \$3 cover. Featured poet: TBA

8 TUESDAY

BACK ROOM @Colectivo/Prospect We Are Scientists

BREMEN CAFÉ Karaoke w/ Trixy Mercury

JAZZ ESTATE Funk Night with Jack Reed Group, 8:30pm

RIVERWEST FOOD PANTRY, 924 E Clarke Food Distribution at St. Casimir's Church parking lot -- 4-6pm. Proudly serving the 53212, 53211, 53217, 53202, and 53203 zip codes!

UPTOWNER Dave Bayles Trio 7-9pm

9 WEDNESDAY

COMPANY BREWING Deaf Trivia! 7-9pm

JAZZ ESTATE Evan Christian, 8pm

LINNEMAN'S Acoustic Open Stage -- Doors, 7pm. Sign-up, 7:30pm. Show starts at 8pm. Featured performer: Spencer Reynolds

WOODLAND PATTERN in person MEDITATION AND READING GROUP: DhammaMKE. Led by Milwaukee musician and composer Anthony Deutsch, 6-7pm. \$Give what

10 THURSDAY

BACK ROOM @Colectivo/Prospect Devotchka

BREMEN CAFÉ Wisdm Live, 10pm

JAZZ ESTATE Scott Currier Trio 8pm

11 FRIDAY

ANODYNE COFFEE Erik Koskinen with special guests Long Mama, 8pm, \$10

ART*BAR Art Opening: Mosaics // live music from The Beautiful Collide, 9pm

BACK ROOM @Colectivo/Prospect Daniel Donato, Old Pup

BAR CENTRO MORE GUITAR! with solo classical guitarist Bootz Bootzin, fingerstyle guitarist Denny Rauhen and rockabilly duo Cole Heinrich & Kevin Maher. 8pm

JAZZ ESTATE Neil Davis Trio, 8pm

MAD PLANET Friday Night Retro Dance Party with DJs Sage Schwarm and Avets, 9pm

SHANK HALL Off Broadway USA, Cabin Essence. 8pm, \$25

UWM PLANETARIUM Birth of the Universe -- Explore the origins of the cosmos dating back almost 14 billion years. Two shows: 7-8pm, 8-9pm. \$6 gen admission // \$5 UWM student

12 SATURDAY

ART*BAR Cody James, 9pm

JAZZ ESTATE B.D. Greer Jazz Quartet, 7pm

LINNEMAN'S Allman Milk plays Eat A Peach -- 50th anniversary of the album. 8pm, \$15

RIVERWEST FOOD PANTRY, 924 E Clarke Food Distribution at St. Casimir's Church parking lot -- 8:30-10:30am. Proudly serving the 53212, 53211, 53217, 53202, and 53203 zip codes!

SHANK HALL Lil' Ed and the Blues Imperials, 8pm, \$15

STAND FOR PEACE at Kinnickinnic and Lincoln Join Peace Action of Wisconsin for a weekly Stand For Peace, noon until 1pm

THE COFFEE HOUSE, 2717 E Hampshire ~~Cancelled: Jerry & Maya Danks, 7:30-9pm~~ (Currently live-stream only. Check the-coffee.house.com week of show for link to stream.)

14 MONDAY (Valentine's Day)

BREMEN CAFÉ Comedy Open Mic, 8pm

LINNEMAN'S Poet's Monday! Doors 7pm, performances start 7:30pm. \$3 cover. Featured poet: TBA

15 TUESDAY -- Spring Primary -- Special Mayoral Election

BREMEN CAFÉ Karaoke w/ Trixy Mercury

LAKEFRONT BREWERY Drag Queen Bingo, 7pm

RIVERWEST FOOD PANTRY, 924 E Clarke Food Distribution at St. Casimir's Church parking lot -- 4-6pm. Proudly serving the 53212, 53211, 53217, 53202, and 53203 zip codes!

SHANK HALL Alastair Greene, 8pm, \$15

UPTOWNER Dave Bayles Trio 7-9pm

16 WEDNESDAY

BACK ROOM @Colectivo/Prospect Ian Sweet

LINNEMAN'S Acoustic Open Stage -- Doors, 7pm. Sign-up, 7:30pm. Show starts at 8pm. Featured performer: North Regent

UWM PLANETARIUM Stars, Stories and Rhythms of Africa. Join us on the 5th floor skydeck for a night of live music, dancing, storytelling and stargazing. 6-8pm. Free. Cancelled if cloudy or below 0 degrees

WOODLAND PATTERN in person MEDITATION AND READING GROUP: DhammaMKE. Led by Milwaukee musician and composer Anthony Deutsch, 6-7pm. \$Give what you can

17 THURSDAY

BACK ROOM @Colectivo/Prospect Peter Mulvey, Sistastrings

BREMEN CAFÉ The Passion Park Experience, 9pm

JAZZ ESTATE Adam Larson Trio, 8pm

SHANK HALL Davina and the Vagabonds, 8pm, \$20

18 FRIDAY

ART*BAR Emily Zimmer, 9pm

COMPANY BREWING Black Film Trivia and 80s/90s R&B Night (Black History Month 2022), 8pm-midnight

JAZZ ESTATE Paul Silbergleit Trio, 8pm

SHANK HALL Talisk, 8pm, \$15

UWM PLANETARIUM Birth of the Universe -- Explore the origins of the cosmos dating back almost 14 billion years. Two shows: 7-8pm, 8-9pm. \$6 gen admission // \$5 UWM student

19 SATURDAY

ART*BAR Aaron Lee Kaplan. 9pm

COMPANY BREWING MKE Expanded Presents: Emmitt James - Too Cold 2 Tour 2022, 10pm, \$10-15

JAZZ ESTATE Russ Johnson Quartet, 7pm // Late Night Session with Luis Solis 10:30pm

MIRAMAR THEATRE Ripe

RIVERWEST FOOD PANTRY, 924 E Clarke Food Distribution at St. Casimir's Church parking lot -- 8:30-10:30am. Proudly serving the 53212, 53211, 53217, 53202, and 53203 zip codes!

SHANK HALL Material Reissue, Elephonic. 8pm, \$20

STAND FOR PEACE at Hawley and Bluemound Join Peace Action of Wisconsin for a weekly Stand For Peace, noon until 1pm

20 SUNDAY

BACK ROOM @Colectivo/Prospect Langhorne Slim, Nineteen

Thirteen

LINNEMAN'S Rucksack Revolution album release tour feat. Sarah Voswinkel of Dead Horses and Adamn Greuel of Horseshoes & Hand Grenades. Doors 5pm, show 6pm. \$15

UPTOWNER Alex Wilson Blues Band 3pm

21 MONDAY

BREMEN CAFÉ Comedy Open Mic, 8pm

LINNEMAN'S Poet's Monday! Doors 7pm, performances start 7:30pm. \$3 cover. Feature

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22 TUESDAY
BREMEN CAFÉ Karaoke w/ Trixy Mercury
LINNEMAN'S The 2's Day Celebration! West Nile Crows, The Nile Club, Lunde. 7:30pm, \$7
RIVERWEST FOOD PANTRY, 924 E Clarke Food Distribution at St. Casimir's Church parking lot -- 4-6pm. Proudly serving the 53212, 53211, 53217, 53202, and 53203 zip codes!
UPTOWNER Dave Bayles Trio 7-9pm

23 WEDNESDAY
LINNEMAN'S Acoustic Open Stage -- Doors, 7pm. Sign-up, 7:30pm. Show starts at 8pm. Featured performer: Gavin Gorecki
SHANK HALL Bettye LaVette, 8pm, \$35
WOODLAND PATTERN in person MEDITATION AND READING GROUP: DhammaMKE. Led by Milwaukee musician and composer Anthony Deutsch, 6-7pm. \$Give what you can

24 THURSDAY
BACK ROOM @Colectivo/Prospect Joan w/special guest Sawyer
COMPANY BREWING Open Mic Mke - Poetry. 8-10:30pm
JAZZ ESTATE Jeremy Kuzniar Trio, 8pm
SHANK HALL Tommy Cash, 8pm

25 FRIDAY
ART*BAR Jacob Slade, 9pm
JAZZ ESTATE Jerry Grillo 78th Birthday celebration, 8pm
LINNEMAN'S Moonglow, Corn On My Dinner Plate. 8pm
MAD PLANET Friday Night Retro Dance Party with DJs Sage Schwarm and Avets, 9pm
SHANK HALL Sacred Sacred, Bellevue Suite, 8pm, \$12
UWM PLANETARIUM Constellations of the Zodiac -- Delve into the mythology and astronomy behind the zodiac. 7-8pm. \$6 gen admission // \$5 UWM student

26 SATURDAY
ART*BAR The ArtBar Proudly Presents, Mr. E! 9pm
ART*BAR Eric Wennerstrand, 9pm
BREMEN CAFÉ The Milwaukee Takeover Tour w/Chicago and Milwaukee hip-hop and rap: L.H., NilexNile, J.E. Floats, Spaidez and more. 9pm

JAZZ ESTATE MYSO Quintet, 7pm // Late Night Sessions Luis Solis, 10:30pm
MAD PLANET The Salford Lads Club (A Tribute to The Smiths/Morrissey); Substance101 (The Music of New Order and Depeche Mode); BritPop! (Tribute to the sounds of Madchester and Britpop). Doors 8:30 // Show 9pm // \$12
MIRAMAR THEATRE Mickman
RIVERWEST FOOD PANTRY, 924 E Clarke Food Distribution at St. Casimir's Church parking lot -- 8:30-10:30am. Proudly serving the 53212, 53211, 53217, 53202, and 53203 zip codes!
SHANK HALL Failure To Launch,

8pm, \$10
STAND FOR PEACE at 27th and National Join Peace Action of Wisconsin for a weekly Stand For Peace, noon until 1pm
THE COFFEE HOUSE, 2717 E Hampshire Ben Mulwana, 7:30-9:30pm (Currently live-stream only. Check the-coffee.house.com week of show for link to stream.)

27 SUNDAY
KOCHANSKI'S CONCERTINA Sunday Funday - HonkyTonkitis, Doghouse Flowers and a Tribute to Patsy Cline - \$10 cover, 2-6pm
MAD PLANET The Kevin Makalarski Memorial with The Royal Malossi, The Crosses, Jayke Orvis, Noah Tyson. 3-7pm. \$10 suggested donation.

MIRAMAR THEATRE Fellow Kinsman, North Warren, Spoy, Totally Cashed. 8pm \$10

28 MONDAY
BREMEN CAFÉ Comedy Open Mic, 8pm
LINNEMAN'S Poet's Monday! Doors 7pm, performances start 7:30pm. \$3 cover. Featured poet: TBA

TUESDAY, MARCH 1 (Fat Tuesday)
SHANK HALL Jorma Kaukonen, 8pm, \$35

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2
LINNEMAN'S Acoustic Open Stage -- Doors, 7pm. Sign-up, 7:30pm. Show starts at 8pm. Featured performer: Jack Thompson
MIRAMAR THEATRE Soulfly, 200 Stab Wounds



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Q: Will the questions be about Deaf culture and sign language?

A: Nope! Occasionally we include a question or two relating to Deaf culture, but our events are just your average, general trivia. How many gallons of blood does the human heart pump per day? Who played Laurie Strode in the Halloween movies? If you know this sort of random trivia, or even if you don't these events are for you!

Q: Do I have to be fluent in sign language in order to participate?

A: Absolutely not! MSC's goal is to make bar trivia inclusive for everyone who loves trivia as much as we do. If you don't know what to do with your hands, no worries. Thanks to UWM's Interpreter Training Program, we have exceptional student interpreters at all our events. We also have a Power-Point with the questions/ answers and other info about the game.

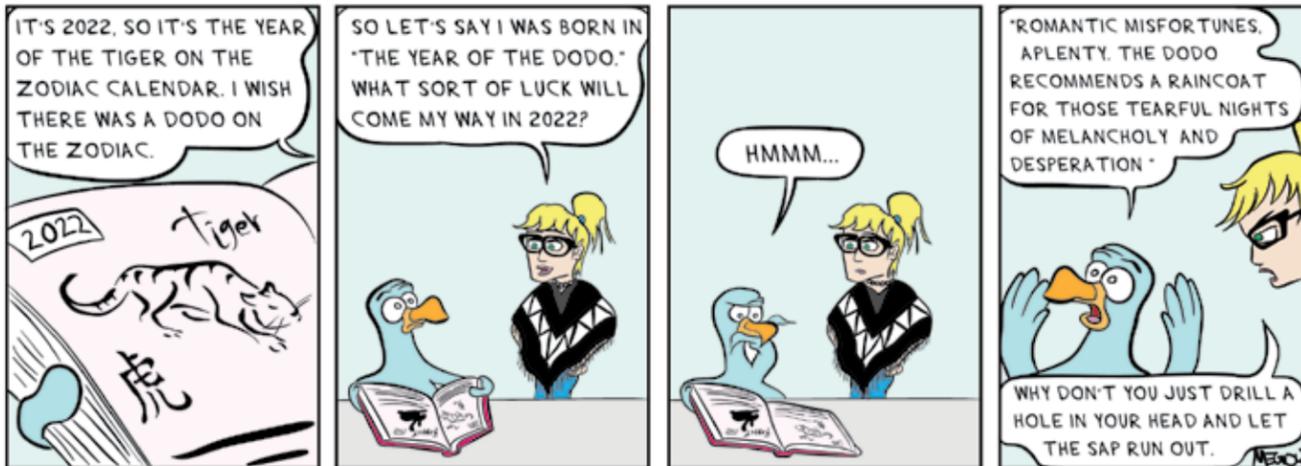
Q: Wait, so I don't know ASL, but I'm not allowed to speak. How am I supposed to communicate with anyone?

A: Even if you know some ASL, understanding other people can be a challenge. We provide notebooks and pens for people to write back and forth if they struggle with using sign - or don't want the neighboring table to steal their answers!

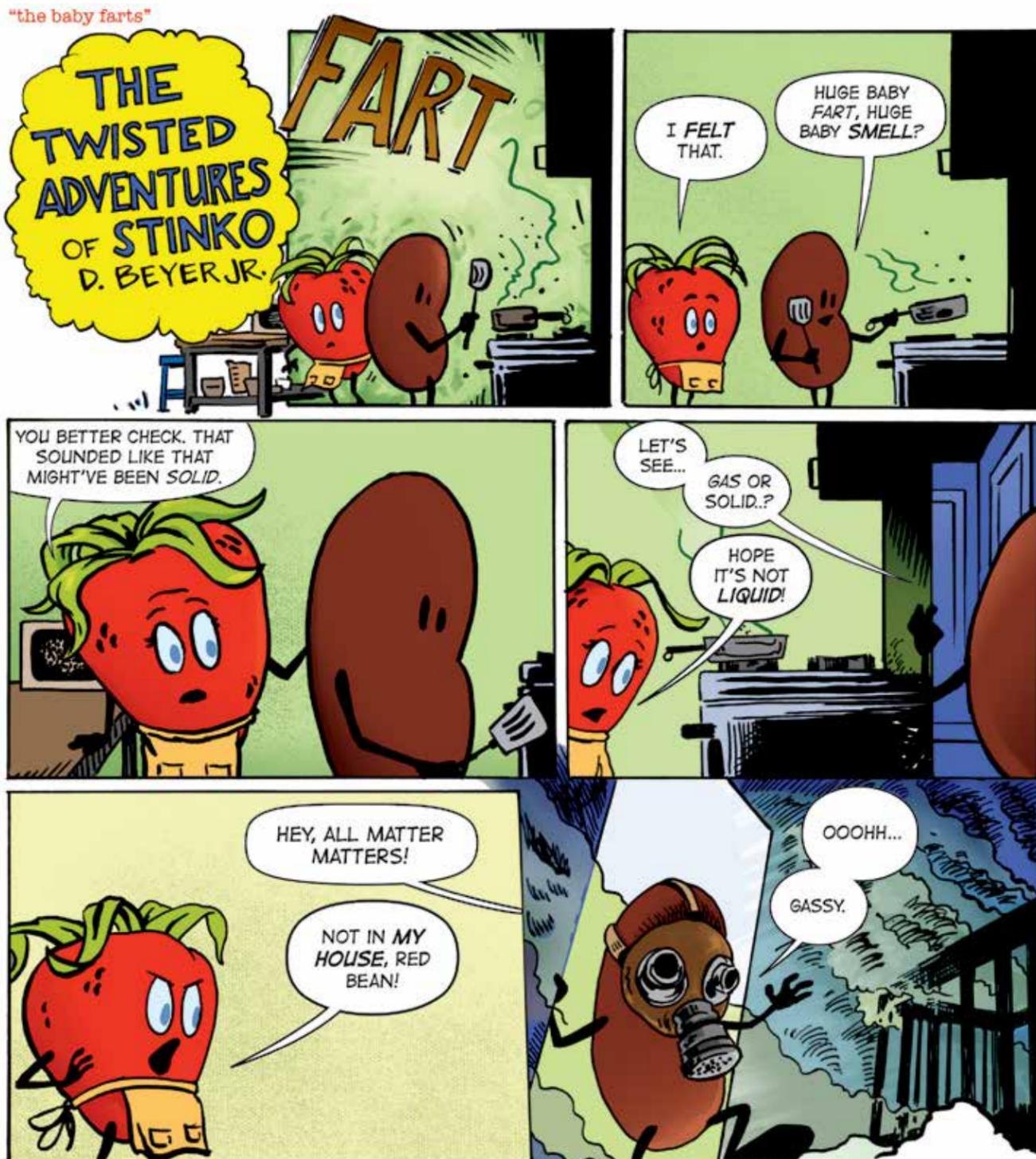
We completely understand the anxiety of being in a room filled with people who use a different language than you - trust me, we feel ya there. It can be stressful and discourages some folks from attending. We want to make everyone as comfortable as we can. If you have any questions or concerns our volunteers, hosts and interpreters will do what they can to make sure everyone has a fun time. The only thing you need to do to participate is enjoy trivia!

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