

An invitation to bring healing and community change in response to tragedy

Making the Dream a Reality

Honoring Philando

Philando's legacy continues through another peaceful, community-building and healing event. The Central Honors Philando event was back this year on Sunday, August 21, 2022, held at Dunning Lot, 1221 Marshall Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104. This event was first organized by Philando's Central Highschool classmates in August of 2016 to celebrate his life, and to raise money for a scholarship in his memoriam. With peaceful gathering and dialogue, this event also seeks to prevent similarly tragic injustices from happening, while ensuring Philando's personal legacy endures.

Click to watch the Event's 2019 highlights and learn more about the scholarship.

Follow the Event's Facebook page.

Get your own T-shirt to support the Central Honors Philando event. Proceeds benefit the Philando Castile Scholarship fund.



Reimagining Traffic Stops and Passenger Safety

Before the advent of the automobile, most people did not regularly encounter police in their day to day lives. However, with today's increased ownership and usage of the automobile, traffic stops quickly became a tool to expand police power and degrade Fourth Amendment rights. Traffic stops have also become the most common form of contact between civilians and the police, and many results have been devastating, particularly for Black and brown people.

In an April 2022 report from LivableStreets Alliance, a vision and framework has been set to move toward traffic safety without police. The full report may be found here.

The Meaning Behind the Sculptures

Have you walked through the Philando Castile Peace Garden and noticed the large metal sculptures? These sculptures are actually West African Adinkra symbols. Each symbol represents its own guiding principle, and for the Peace Garden honor and signify Philando and his values.





Each symbol, carefully selected and constructed, holds a powerful message of healing and unity, the mission of the garden.

September is National Literacy Month

September is National Literacy Month, a great time for you to encourage the young people in your life to go to the library, pick up a good book, and explore new worlds. Philando enjoyed helping young people learn to read, and his death has inspired a number of books on law enforcement, the second amendment, and grief and loss. In honor of Philando, encourage a young person to read a book!

Find more information about your local library here.

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