

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

Making the Dream a Reality

Restoration Day

Restoration Day is here and the healing has begun.

On July 6, 2016, Philando Castile was killed in a police-involved shooting on Larpenteur Avenue in Falcon Heights, Minnesota, just west of the north entrance to the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. In this location, the Philando Castile Peace was constructed to offer a place peace and reflection, honoring Philando. We are inviting all to gather with us in peace and solidarity at the Philando Castile Peace Garden on Thursday, July 6 at dusk. On this day, we will commemorate Philando's life and legacy, offer prayers of healing and in a moment of silence, remember all those that have also lost their lives in unnecessary tragedy.



Unity Day

Please join the family, friends and supporters of Philando Castile at the Falcon Heights City Hall for the annual Unity Day BBQ. This event is open to the public and all our welcome! There will be food and fun for everyone, with the goal of bringing all people together to build and restore relationships. The event will take place beginning at 5:30 pm on Friday, July 7. Please visit the Philando Castile Relief Foundation Facebook page for more details.



Minnesota African American Heritage Museum and Gallery

How much do you know about African American history in Minnesota? The Minnesota African American Heritage Museum and Gallery "preserves, records and celebrates the history, art and culture of Blacks in Minnesota through exhibitions, programs and community events" *

Among their current exhibitions is “Black Liberation: Dismantling Racism in Minnesota 1800-1960s”. This exhibit curated by Tina Burnside is an exploration of over a century of black led movements in Minnesota. The exhibit runs through December 2023. More information on this exhibit and the museum and gallery can be found at maahmg.org

*source: Minnesota African American Heritage Museum and Gallery, maahmg.org)

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 most commonly signify a tribute to Philando. Here are two examples, and more will be featured in future newsletters.





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

Follow the Peace Garden on Social Media

Are you following us on social media? You can find the Philando Castile Peace Garden on Facebook and Instagram @philandocastilepeacegarden. Please accept your invitation to these platforms to help bring healing, community change and peace. Learn more about the Peace Garden and get information on upcoming events.

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