

# 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Phillips Clean Sweep another success!

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Even the cold, rain, and snow did not stop our Annual Phillips Clean Sweep from going on! Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> Phillips residents came out to clean up their neighborhood. Bethlehem Baptist brought over a tent to protect the free T-Shirts for each participant. Beth Hart and her grandson, Joe Golish and John Richard volunteered to serve breakfast donated by Allina. A little snow and cold didn't stop them!

Residents and other volunteers cleaned up areas where trash was dumped and cleaned out basements and garages of broken or unneeded household construction items, tires, metal, appli-

ances, furniture, and mattresses. This one time a year event allows residents to put out everything at no charge! The four Phillips Community neighborhoods: **Ventura Village** across the top from 35W to Hiawatha & north of 24<sup>th</sup> St. to E-94), **Phillips West** (35-W to Chicago Av. 24<sup>th</sup> St. to Lake Street), **Midtown Phillips** (Chicago Av. to Bloomington Av. 24<sup>th</sup> St. to Lake St.), and **East Phillips** (Bloomington Av. to Hiawatha & 24th St. to Lake St.) raise funds to hire city garbage trucks and provide this service for free. A Clean Sweep Planning Team meets for 9 weeks prior to the event organizing all of the details, raising money and

donations! A huge thanks to the Planning Team and all who volunteered and participated with the 2019 Phillips Clean Sweep!

Lunch followed the litter pickup at noon in Stewart Park provided by Bethlehem Baptist, Minneapolis Mad Dads, and Banyan Community.

U of M Medical students set up a Free Health Fair as a part of this year's event. They provided blood pressure testing, diabetes screening and information. A neighborhood Resource Fair also filled the Park Building. Neighborhood partners and organizations, including employment opportunities at Panera Bread located at Abbott hospital were set up, staffed, and

on display. We learned from our Census Table that \$20/hr jobs are now being offered to assist with the Census count! Many thanks to all of the participants.

Many thanks to Michelle Howard, Minneapolis Clean City Coordinator, staff at Minneapolis Solid Waste & Recycling and Alliance for Sustainability/Litter Be Gone. Other funds in addition to the 4 Phillips Neighborhoods were: DJR Architects, Wellington, Thrivent Financial, Watson Forsberg, Wells Fargo, Litter Be Gone, and LHB Architects. Somali TV produced a video on this Clean Sweep available on their Facebook Page.



COURTESY OF CLEAN SWEEP COMMUNITY

**Snow refreshes the morning Bloomington Av/Welna staging and breakfast launch**



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**School Board member Siad Ali on Clean Sweep duty**



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**V.J. Smith parked the MAD DAD Truck long enough to grill and serve at the Grill at Stewart Park**



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**Crew of 13 ready to roll**



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**Crew of four with bags to fill**



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**Men in tandem Clean Sweep**



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**A City Crew ready with compactor trucks**



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**Neighbors connecting at Clean Sweep 2019**



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**Lunch servers at Stewart Park welcome volunteers**

## CLEAN SWEEP RESULTS

### TRASH COLLECTED

- Phillips Ventura: 7,840 lbs
- Phillips West: 5,780 lbs
- Phillips Midtown: 10,800 lbs
- Phillips East: 9,960 lbs

### PHILLIPS WEST TO EAST

#### Truck 1

- 200 lbs metal, 15 tires, 6 appliances, 10 TVs

#### Truck 2

- 1,500 lbs metal, 20 tires, 10 appliances, 6 mattresses, 20 TVs

### PHILLIPS EAST TO WEST

#### Truck 1

- 100 lbs metal, 30 tires, 6 appliances, 20 mattresses, 15 TVs

#### Truck 2

- 300 lbs metal, 60 tires, 6 appliances, 3 mattresses, 30 TVs

### PHILLIPS VENTURA

- 2500 lbs metal, 13 tires, 2 appliances, 9 TVs