

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

Making the Dream a Reality

Thank You to Our Community and Supporters of Philando

Thank you to all of the friends, family and supporters that came out to honor Philando during Restoration Day at the Philando Castile Peace Garden, and the Unity Day BBQ at Falcon Heights City Hall. Remembering and celebrating Philando these two days is an integral and necessary part of our community's healing process. Remember to save the dates, July 6 and July 7 for 2024. Let his legacy live on!



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Central Honors Philando 2023

It's that time of year again when the Minnesota State Fair approaches and we all start thinking about summer winding down and school starting. It's also that time of year when Central Honors Philando will hold their annual event to raise money for the Philando Castile Memorial Scholarship. Join St. Paul Central students, current and past, as well as many other supporters within the community to honor Philando at this upcoming event. There will be food, fun and entertainment, with all net proceeds going directly to the scholarship.

Sunday August 20, 2pm
1221 Marshall Ave, Saint Paul, MN 55104

Go to https://www.centralhonorsphilando.org/ for more information about the event and how you can get involved!

Have You Been to the Philando Castile Peace Garden?

In 2022, The Philando Castile Peace Garden began a renewal process along Larpenteur Avenue in Falcon Heights to honor and remember Philando. Today it is used as a place to gather and reflect, but also serves as a catalyst for change, where visitors can have open dialog surrounding art depicting social justice, equality and empathy. By visiting the Garden, we not only remember Philando, but we show in solidarity our commitment to promoting positive change in our communities. If you were not able to join others during the Restoration Day candle light vigil, we invite you to plan your trip to the Garden and be part of this movement!

The Garden is located at the cross of Larpenteur and Fry St. to the north, and Larpenteur and Underwood from the south. We encourage you to visit if you haven't already.

Volunteers and donations are always needed to help maintain the space. Get in touch with the Peace Garden today at https://philandocastile-peacegarden.org/

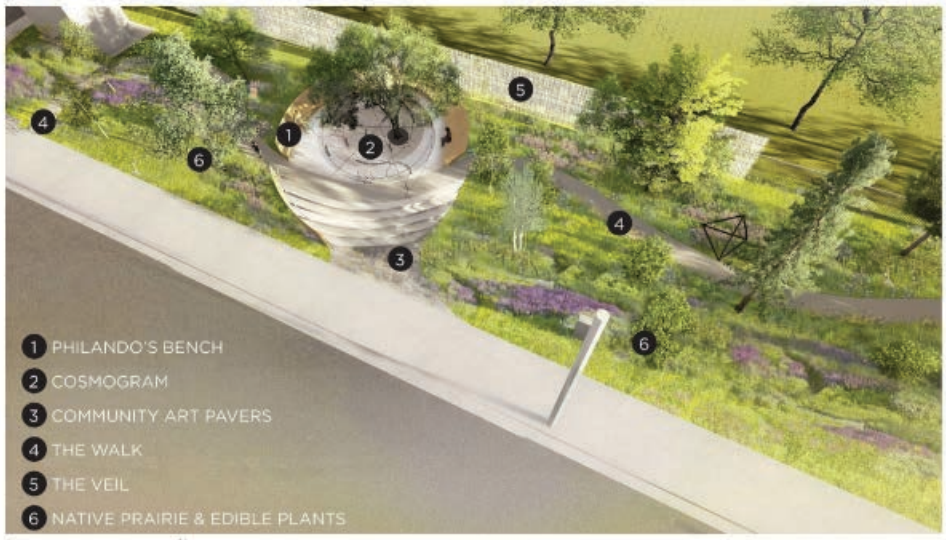


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The Meaning Behind the Sculptures

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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