

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

Making the Dream a Reality

"A flower does not think of competing with the flower next to it. It just blooms."
— Maya Angelou

Nurturing Peace under the Summer Sun



As summer reaches its peak, the Philando Castile Community Peace Garden continues to serve as a place of healing, learning, and community connection. July holds special significance as we gather to honor Philando's memory, celebrate the strength of our community, and recommit ourselves to the values of peace, justice, and collective care.

The garden is flourishing with vibrant blooms, pollinator activity, and the ongoing support of volunteers, neighbors, and visitors who help keep this space alive and growing. We invite you to join us this month as we come together for two important community events.

With gratitude,
The Philando Castile Community Peace Garden Team

Restoration Day Candlelight Vigil

Monday, July 6, 2026 • Philando Castile Community Peace Garden



Join us for an evening of remembrance, reflection, and community as we honor Philando Castile's legacy on the 10th year of his passing during the Restoration Day Candlelight Vigil.

The vigil offers an opportunity to reflect on the progress we've made, acknowledge the work that remains, and renew our commitment to creating a more just and compassionate world.

Bring a candle, invite a friend, and join us as we illuminate the garden with hope, remembrance, and unity.

Unity Day Get Together

Tuesday, July 7, 2026 • City Hall - 2077 Larpenteur Avenue West, Falcon Heights, MN



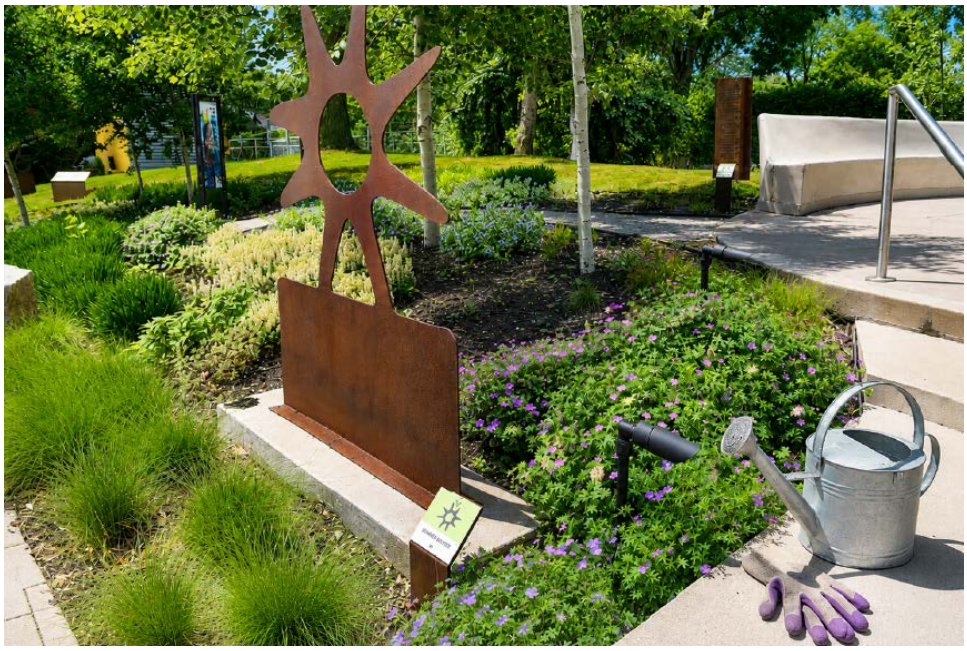
The following day, we invite community members, families, friends, and supporters to come together for Unity Day in Falcon Heights.

Unity Day is a celebration of community strength, connection, and shared purpose. Through fellowship, conversation, and community engagement, we honor Philando's life by continuing to build relationships across neighborhoods, cultures, and generations.

This gathering reminds us that meaningful change begins when people come together, listen to one another, and work toward a future rooted in dignity, understanding, and respect.

We hope you'll join us in celebrating the spirit of unity that continues to inspire our work throughout the year.

Volunteer Corner



July is one of the most vibrant months in the Peace Garden. Native flowers are in full bloom, pollinators are busy at work, and visitors can experience the beauty and purpose of a landscape designed to nurture both nature and community.

As you visit, take a moment to slow down, reflect, and enjoy the space. Every flower, pathway, and gathering area represents the collective efforts of people who believe in creating places where healing and hope can grow.

“It is always helpful if people pick up and take away any accumulated trash while they are visiting the garden.” – Sharon C., Volunteer

If you have any questions, email: volunteer@philandocastile-peacegarden.org

If you're interested in being a Philando Castile Community Peace Garden volunteer, click here: **philandocastile-peacegarden.org/volunteer**

Support the Garden



Your support helps sustain community events, garden maintenance, lawn care, weeding, watering and ongoing efforts to preserve this important space.

Whether through volunteering, sharing our mission, attending events, or making a financial contribution, every act of support helps ensure that the Philando Castile Community Peace Garden remains a place of peace, remembrance, and community for years to come.

Together, we continue to cultivate hope, justice, and belonging.

To donate, click here: **https://philandocastile-peacegarden.org**

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