



2021



## YESTERDAY & Today

Columbia Heights, MN, 100th Anniversary  
Commemorative Calendar













# JANUARY

Photo by Todd Kewatt. The City of Columbia Heights has 15 parks. Visit McKenna Park and Keyes Park for some of the City's best sledding hills.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
DECEMBER 2020 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	FEBRUARY 2021 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	 Columbia Heights Senior High School (later Columbia Junior High) was completed on 41st Ave between Jackson and VanBuren Streets and dedicated in December, 1926. It was the first high school in Anoka County. <i>Photo credit - Bootstrap Book</i>	1  New Year's Day City Offices Closed	2		
3	4	5	6  Centennial Coloring Page Contest Begins	7 	8	9
10	11  City Council Meeting	12	13	14 	15	16
17	18  Martin Luther King Jr. Day City Offices Closed	19	20	21 	22	23
24	25  City Council Meeting	26	27  Columbia Heights Historical Trivia Contest, Murzyn Hall, 7pm	28 	29	30  Columbia Heights SnowBlast
31	 One of Thomas Lowry's promotions for bringing people to Columbia Heights was his acquisition of the Abraham Lincoln funeral car (left) in 1905. He brought it to Columbia Heights where he used it for a time as a sales office and curiosity. He planned to preserve it as an historical artifact. Unfortunately, the funeral car burned in a grass fire which charred over 10 blocks in 1911. <i>Photo credit - Bootstrap Book</i>					








# FEBRUARY

Photo by Leah Mahoney. Kordiak County Park is 29 acres and was the first park in the Anoka County Parks System.

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	1	2 Groundhog Day	3	4 LAST	5	6 City Services Expo at CH Public Library																																																																																											
7	8 City Council Meeting	9	10	11 NEW	12 Chinese New Year	13																																																																																											
14 Valentine's Day	15 President's Day City Offices Closed	16 Mardi Gras	17 Ash Wednesday	18	19 FIRST	20 Minnesota Streetcar Museum Presentation Online, 1 pm Columbia Heights Lions Wrestling at Murzyn Hall																																																																																											
21	22 City Council Meeting	23	24	25	26	27 FULL																																																																																											
28	 <p>"Old Shep" stood on the icy pond in front of Al Dooies' barn in 1912. The view looks east toward Central Ave at 45th Ave. The barn became the Hilltop Stables in the 1930s.</p> <p>Photo credit - Bootstrap Book</p>				<div>JANUARY 2021</div> <table><tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td></tr><tr><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td></tr><tr><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td></tr><tr><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td></tr><tr><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td></tr><tr><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31							<div>MARCH 2021</div> <table><tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td></tr><tr><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td></tr><tr><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td></tr><tr><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31			
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# MARCH

Photo by Marie & Keith Photography. Near LaBelle Park, a shelter overlooking LaBelle Lake provides a great place for your picnic or gathering.

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	1  Columbia Heights Inaugural Snow Sculpture Contest Ends	2	3	4	5	6  Centennial Coloring Page Contest Ends																																																																																									
7	8  City Council Meeting	9	10	11	12	13  NEW																																																																																									
14  On this day in 1898, Columbia Heights separated from Fridley Township and became a village.  Daylight Saving Time Begins	15	16	17  St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20  First Day of Spring																																																																																									
21  FIRST	22  City Council Meeting	23	24	25	26	27																																																																																									
28  Passover Begins Palm Sunday	29  Spring Family Fun Night	30	31  Winter Parking Rules End		<div>FEBRUARY 2021</div> <table><tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td></tr><tr><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td></tr><tr><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td></tr><tr><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td></tr><tr><td>28</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28							<div>APRIL 2021</div> <table><tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		11	12	13	14	15	16	17		18	19	20	21	22	23	24		25	26	27	28	29	30		
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# APRIL

Photo by Steven Nodgaard. *The 49th Ave pedestrian bridge over Central Ave helps students from four nearby schools safely cross.*

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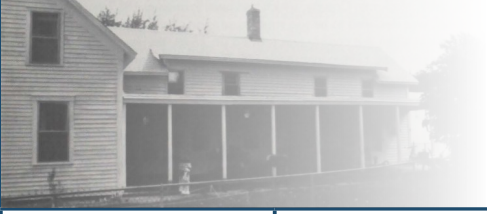







# MAY

Photo by Susan Plettner. *Silver Lake* is about 1.5 miles in diameter and surrounded by St. Anthony to the north, east, and south, and by Columbia Heights to the west.

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2	3 LAST	4	5	6 National Day of Prayer	7	8
9 Mother's Day Police Week, 9th-15th	10 City Council Meeting	11 NEW	12	13 Eid al-Fitr	14	15 Peace Officers Memorial Day Armed Forces Day
16	17	18	19 FIRST	20 Ascension Day	21	22
23 Pentecost	24 City Council Meeting	25	26 FULL	27	28	29
30 Pentecost	31 Memorial Day City Offices Closed	 <p>The former Columbia Hotel, at 3980 5th St, was built by a group of men including Edmund Walton and Thomas Lowry as a gentlemen's clubhouse. Part of the front of the building was a real estate office belonging to Walton and managed part of the time by Col. William Spain, who had many business interests in town. The property is now operating as a sober house.</p> <p><i>Photo credit - City of Columbia Heights Staff</i></p>				





PICARD 33






SCHACH

Over 100 Years of Service  
COLUMBIA HEIGHTS  
FIRE  
PRESENT



# JUNE

Photo by Columbia Heights City Staff. Every summer, members of the Columbia Heights Fire Department visit local schools and help kids cool off under the spray of a fire hose.

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 <p>Wargo Park, named for Judge Joseph Wargo and built in 1975, is the City's smallest park. It occupies a corner of 41st and Central Ave NE.</p> <p><i>Photo credit - Rita Norberg</i></p>		1	2 	3	4	5																																																																																											
6	7	8	9	10  Last Day of School	11	12 Citywide Garage Sale																																																																																											
13	14 City Council Meeting Flag Day	15	16	17	18 	19 Juneteenth																																																																																											
20 Father's Day First Day of Summer	21	22	23 Tasty Pizza Medallion Hunt Begins	24  City's Community Picnic and Art & Craft Fair, Murzyn Hall/Splash Pad Jamboree Carnival	25 Lions' Jamboree Parade, 6 pm Jamboree Carnival	26 Jamboree Fireworks, Dusk Jamboree Carnival																																																																																											
27 Lions' Waffle Breakfast Jamboree Carnival	28 City Council Meeting	29	30		<p>MAY 2021</p> <table> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td></tr> <tr><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td></tr> <tr><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31						<p>JULY 2021</p> <table> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1 2 3</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td></tr> <tr><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td></tr> <tr><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td></tr> </table>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S							1 2 3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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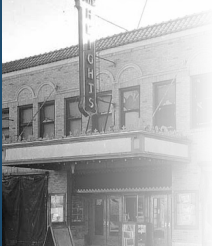












# JULY

Photo by Dave Rudolph. *The Jamboree fireworks display takes place every June in Huset Park.*

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<p>4</p> <p>Independence Day</p>	<p>5</p> <p>City Offices Closed</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>  <p>NEW</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>City Council Meeting</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>  <p>FIRST</p> <p>Centennial Carnival Event</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Columbia Heights Lions Beer, Brats, &amp; Bags Huset Park</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>  <p>City of Columbia Heights' 100th Anniversary!</p> <p>Bootstrap Book Movie</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>  <p>FULL</p> <p>Lions' Roaring '20s Dinner/Dance Event</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>City Council Meeting</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Anniversary of Officer Curtis Ramsdell, CHPD officer, killed in the line of duty July 30, 1977.</p>	<p>31</p>  <p>LAST</p>








# AUGUST

Photo by Steven Nodgaard. *The Public Safety Building was built in 2009 and houses both the Police and Fire departments.*

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# SEPTEMBER

Photo by Mackenzie Krzmarzick. *Hilltop* is one of four “mini-parks” in Columbia Heights, in addition to Edgemoor, Wargo Court, and Bruce Nawrocki parks.

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5	<p>6</p> <p>Labor Day City Offices Closed</p>	<p>7</p> <p>NEW</p> <p>Rosh Hashana</p>	8	9	10	11
12	<p>13</p> <p>FIRST</p> <p>City Council Meeting</p>	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	<p>21</p> <p>FULL</p>	<p>22</p> <p>First Day of Autumn</p>	23	24	25
26	<p>27</p> <p>City Council Meeting</p>	28	<p>29</p> <p>LAST</p>	30	 <p>The Columbia Heights Police Department, in the early 1930s, was located at 40th Ave and Quincy.</p> <p><i>Photo credit - Bootstrap Book</i></p>	









# OCTOBER

Photo by Steven Nodgaard. Sullivan Lake Park is a neighborhood park with two picnic shelters and a walking trail around Sullivan Lake.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>SEPTEMBER 2021</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4</p> <p>5 6 7 8 9 10 11</p> <p>12 13 14 15 16 17 18</p> <p>19 20 21 22 23 24 25</p> <p>26 27 28 29 30</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 2021</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6</p> <p>7 8 9 10 11 12 13</p> <p>14 15 16 17 18 19 20</p> <p>21 22 23 24 25 26 27</p> <p>28 29 30</p>		<p>Columbia Heights Field House (later Murzyn Hall) was built in 1939 by WPA. The building was dedicated for John Murzyn, who joined the park department in 1939, and became the third park superintendent in 1947, serving until he retired in 1979.</p> <p>Photo credit - Bootstrap Book</p>		1	2
<p>3</p> <p>Fire Prevention Week, 3rd-9th</p>	4	5	<p>6</p> <p>NEW</p>	7	8	9
10	<p>11</p> <p>City Council Meeting Indigenous Peoples' Day Columbus Day</p>	12	<p>13</p> <p>FIRST</p>	14	15	16
17	18	19	<p>20</p> <p>FULL</p>	21	22	23
24	<p>25</p> <p>City Council Meeting</p>	26	27	<p>28</p> <p>LAST</p>	29	30
<p>31</p> <p>Halloween</p>			<p>Columbia Heights was once home to streetcars from 1893 to 1951. One streetcar line came into Columbia Heights via Central Avenue and then turned onto 40th Ave and ran down to 5th St. Another streetcar line turned onto Reservoir Blvd and traveled north to the Minneapolis Filtration Plant.</p> <p>Photo credit - Minnesota Streetcar Museum</p>			








# NOVEMBER

Photo by Leah Mahoney. *Highland Lake is a short walk from Highland Elementary School and Columbia Heights High School.*

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	1  Winter Parking Rules Begin No street parking 2-6 am	2  Election Day	3	4  NEW	5	6																																																																																											
7  Daylight Saving Time Ends	8  City Council Meeting	9	10	11  FIRST  Veteran's Day City Offices Closed	12	13																																																																																											
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# DECEMBER

Photo Columbia Heights City Staff. *The Canadian Pacific Holiday Train stops in Columbia Heights every December and raises funds for local food shelves.*

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5	6 Hanukkah Ends	7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day	8	9	10 Harriet Blythe founded the City's first library on Dec 3, 1928	11 
12	13 City Council Meeting	14	15	16	17	18
19 	20	21 First Day of Winter	22	23 City Offices Closed	24 Christmas Eve City Offices Closed	25 Christmas Day
26 Kwanzaa Begins	27 	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	



# Columbia Heights' Centennial Celebration

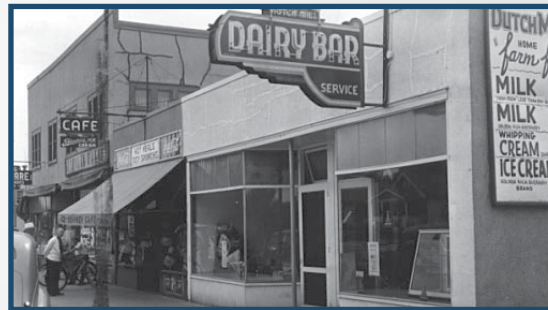
Though it officially became a city in 1921, Columbia Heights dates back to the late 1800s. In 1892, the Minneapolis Improvement Company Northeast held a naming contest with 2,281 names submitted. The name of Columbia Heights was chosen, and Olive Louise Thornbergh received a \$150 prize in gold. Fairview Park was the runner-up selection and Hazel Heights was the third choice.

On March 14, 1898, Columbia Heights separated from Fridley Township and became a village. During the early days, Columbia Heights contained 1,696 acres, 100 citizens, and 20 houses. Then, on July 21, 1921, the Charter of the City of Columbia Heights was adopted and the City was officially formed.

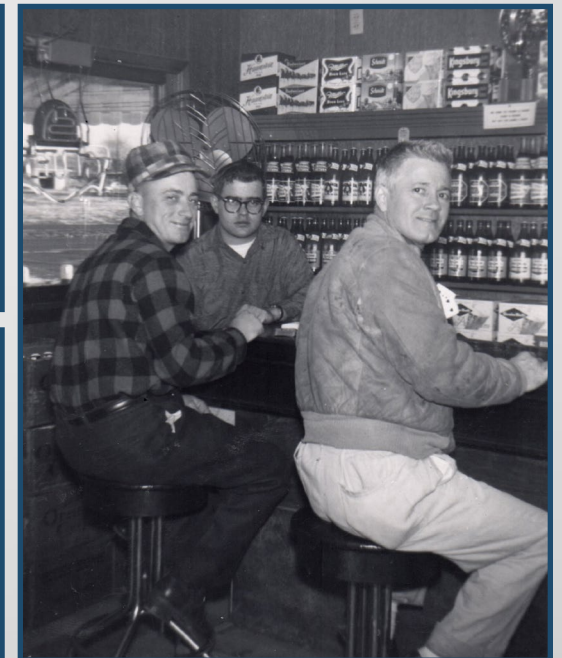
Today, Columbia Heights is an All American Award-winning City with a population of about 20,000. Find out more at [www.columbiaheightsmn.gov](http://www.columbiaheightsmn.gov)!



Above - Columbia Heights Fire Dept. in front of the "new" fire station at 40th and 7th St in early 1920s. (Photo credit - City of Columbia Heights.)



Top middle - A dairy bar in Columbia Heights (Photo credit - Hennepin County Library)  
Bottom middle - A streetcar that was operated in Columbia Heights. (Photo credit - City of Columbia Heights).



Above - Tycoon's Bar and patrons: The bar was owned by Norman and Abigail (Sullivan) Kinnan. (Photo credit - Dirk Schmitz and family.)



## CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The City of Columbia Heights is celebrating 100 years in 2021! The City will be turning 100 on July 21, 2021. We have lots of fun events in the works! Our centennial celebration events include, but are not limited to:

- Centennial Carnival
- Coloring Page Contest
- Movie Night at McKenna Park
- Snow Sculpture Contest
- Roaring '20s Dance Event
- Columbia Heights Trivia Night
- Tree Planting Ceremony

## HELP TELL OUR STORY!

A lot has changed over the years and we're looking for longtime residents to help tell the story of Columbia Heights. Call 763-706-3614. For more information about the 100th Anniversary, visit [Heights100.com](http://Heights100.com).



Above - Photo was taken in the summer of 1953 during the Columbia Heights annual summer celebration parade. This car was sponsored by Hazel's Beauty Shop on Central. The Senior Queen is Shirley Lewis and the princess is Donna Nelson. (Photo credit - Anoka County Historical Society.)



Above - LeRoy Schmitz (right) of Columbia Heights shares hamburgers and root beers with his friends at the community picnic. L to R: John Troan, Richard Ruston, James Fowler, Schmitz. (Photo credit - Hennepin County Library.)



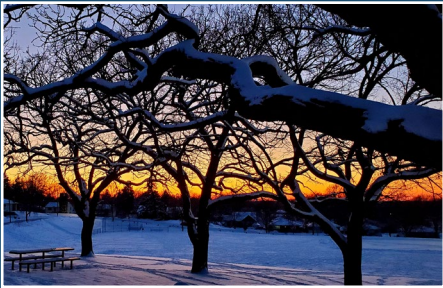


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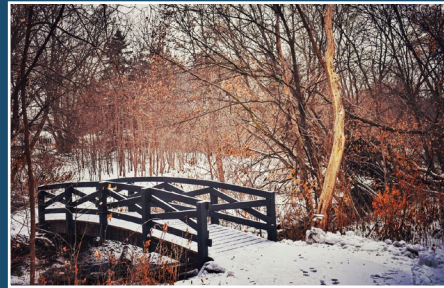


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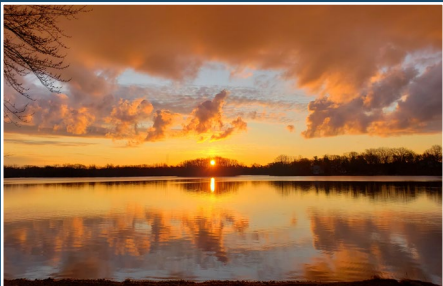


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## 100th Anniversary Edition

The photos in this calendar were selected anonymously by six judges from a group of 65 photos submitted to the 100th Anniversary Calendar Photo Contest. Judges scored the photos on a 50-point scale based on five criteria: City Representation, Overall Aesthetic, Technical Proficiency, Subject Matter and Originality, and Calendar Appropriateness. Thank you to our judges: Margo Ashmore, publisher of the Northeaster Newspaper ([mynortheaster.com](http://mynortheaster.com)); Paige Kieffer, reporter with Life Newspaper ([hometownsource.com](http://hometownsource.com)); Wendy Maybury, professional photographer ([wendymayburycomedy.com](http://wendymayburycomedy.com)); Linda Maylish, Columbia Heights art teacher; Craig VanDerSchaegen, professional photographer ([craigvanders.com](http://craigvanders.com)); and Dennis Jr Zerwas, professional photographer ([dzpics.com](http://dzpics.com)).

This Calendar also includes historical photos stretching back 100 years. Proceeds for this calendar go to fund 100th anniversary events, activities, and celebrations. The cover photo was provided by the Hennepin County Library. More info at [columbiaheightsmn.gov](http://columbiaheightsmn.gov) or [Heights100.com](http://Heights100.com).

Due to uncertainty relating to ongoing COVID-19 concerns, dates and activities listed in this calendar are subject to change.