

Staff report

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- Runway Revival is a fashion show focused on sustainability that serves as a fundraiser for the Community Action Center. I am on the artist engagement committee for this year's event. The application for artists has just opened: <https://communityactioncenter.org/runway-revival-2024/>. Registrations will be accepted through June 14th. Please share with any artists/designers/sewists/etc who might be interested in showing their work for a good cause. The event is Thursday, August 22nd from 6pm-9pm at Carleton College Weitz Center for Creativity
- Sidewalk poetry locations for 2024 streets project have been identified and staff will work on placing poems—see attached news release for details on the College St and Water St reconstruction (the location of this year's poems).
 - It has been about 5 years since the last call to poets. The ACC may wish to discuss a future call to poets in 2024 or 2025.
- The Poet laureate committee will be interviewing candidates on the 9th of April and hope to announce their selection soon after. April is poetry month so this is good timing!
- If you would like to watch the 1% for the Arts report presentation to council, you can do that here: https://northfield.granicus.com/player/clip/1745?view_id=2&redirect=true
- Arts events coming up:
 - Culture Crew presents Princess Bride at the Grand on April 11th
 - April 30th is Dia de los Ninos at the Library Oasis. This is the capstone event for the SEMAC grant for the mural by Paula Rojas'.
 - Pride in the park on June 1st
- The Water Treatment Plant RFQ will be delayed slightly. Waiting for the WTP to go out for bid first.
- We have a contract to Marlena Myles for consulting related to developing public art concept at Bridge Square