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Yes, your recycling cart has a microchip

By Roger Bergerson

Imbedded radio frequency identification (RFID) tags are enabling the City of St. Paul to keep track of the 80,000 recycling carts it recently purchased for use by Eureka Recycling.

This means linking carts to specific addresses, including those in the Como and St. Anthony Park neighborhoods.

(The carts that Lauderdale uses for Eureka service already contain RFID chips. Tennis Sanitation, the recycling contractor for Falcon Heights, did not respond to Park Bugle inquiries about its carts.)

Nationally, some civil libertarians have raised concerns that the cart technology could be used to determine who is and isn't recycling. The Park Bugle could not confirm that that has occurred anywhere.



Imbedded radio frequency identification tags are in all the new recycling carts that rolled out in St. Paul in January.

"The RFID tags were used by the cart company during delivery for inventory purposes, but they are not connected to our collections in either St. Paul or Lauderdale in any way," said Lynn Hoffman, co-president of Eureka.

The City of St. Paul made a substantial investment—\$3.8 million—in an effort to rejuvenate its recycling program, and a large portion of that went to fund the new carts. City officials say they have an obligation to manage these assets responsibly, being able to identify a cart if it is damaged, lost or stolen.

A spokesman for the St. Paul Public Works Department said that a city task force selected the RFID-imbedded design because it has

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Como athletes are all smiles anticipating the groundbreaking for Como's new turf field, which will be installed this summer before their senior year. Pictured from left are Donny Ventrelli, Saw Johny, Emily Forstrom, Lumin Johnson, Maria Meggitt, Law Htoo, Tu Lor Eh Paw and Robert Adams. Photo by Mike Krivit

A field of dreams

Como Park Senior High School will get new turf field thanks to Minnesota Vikings; district master plan includes more renovations at the school.

By Eric Erickson

Como Park Senior High School will host its homecoming football game this fall on its home field for the first time.

Thanks in part to a \$250,000 grant from the Minnesota Vikings through the National Football League Foundation Grassroots Program, the installation of a multi-purpose synthetic turf field will replace the swampy grass field that was deemed unsuitable for varsity games. The new field will coincide with St. Paul Public School's estimated \$40 million remodel of the school, which will begin this summer.

Como varsity football home games have been played at rival school fields, primarily at Central's Griffin Stadium, since the school opened in 1979. The new field, which will be located inside the existing track just west of the school building, will be lined for both football and soccer.

"It's going to be exciting to have that environment and walk on the field and feel like this is ours," said junior Cougars quarterback Robert Adams. "No more hopping on the bus to go to our 'home game'."

Come fall, Como's soccer teams will have a full-size field and a reliable surface to play on, instead of the

squishy ground east of the building where a small field was sandwiched between the baseball and softball diamonds. The only existing "amenities" for soccer were a few sets of three-row bleachers and a small portable scoreboard.

It was another example of a less-than-ideal setting, often criticized by visiting teams, coaches and parents. While the Como boys successfully won section championship games on that field in the 2012 and 2013

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Bugle's annual poetry contest rides again

April is National Poetry Month and that means it's time for all you writers out there to think about entering the Park Bugle's seventh annual poetry contest. The first-place winner will receive \$50 and be published in the April issue of the Bugle. We will also publish the second- and third-place winning entries. All entries will be published online.

Here's what you need to know:

- The prompt for the 2017 contest is "walls."
- Poems can take any form you choose.
- The word "walls" does not have to appear in your poem. Use it as inspiration to go in any direction it takes you.
- The contest is limited to one submission per person and it must be received by Friday, March 3.

The contest is open to all Bugle readers. Current Bugle employees and Park Press board members and their families are not eligible to enter.

Send poems to Editor, P.O. Box 8126, St. Paul, MN 55108, or to editor@parkbugle.org.

The poems will be judged anonymously by a local poet. Get out those pens (or pencils or laptops). On your mark, get set, compose!

C I T Y F I L E S

Como Park

The District 10 Como Community Council meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Historic Streetcar Station, 1224 N. Lexington Parkway. Here's how to connect: 651-644-3889, district10comopark.org or District 10 Community Council on Facebook.

Sunday Series is coming

District 10's Sunday Series returns in 2017 with a free presentation every month this winter and spring.

The series will begin Feb. 12, when Minnesota State Fair general manager Jerry Hammer, a longtime District 10 resident, gives a whirlwind tour of the history of the Great Minnesota Get Together. There will be plenty of time for questions and trying to verify how good your memory is.

The presentation is 1-2:30 p.m. at Como Docks, in the third-floor banquet hall.

- **March 19:** Learn about one of the neighborhood's best-kept secrets: the Como Woodlands Outdoors Classroom. The presentation includes a sneak peek at a new user's guide to the woodlands; 1-2:30 p.m., Visitors' Center at Como Zoo and Conservatory.

- **April 2:** Sarah Weaver from the University of Minnesota's Monarch Lab will talk about the precarious state of everyone's favorite butterfly. Her discussion will include an overview of the monarch's biology and life cycle, why the population of monarchs is crashing, and what individuals can do to turn this around.

- **May:** Landscape and Garden Design

- **June:** The Capitol Region Watershed District will unveil a new study on Como Lake's ecology.

Keep tabs on our website or on social media to get the exact days, places, and times for each event.

Learn about District 10 construction projects set for 2017

A lot of plans are in the works for construction in District 10 this year. Our website can get you up to speed on details regarding the rebuilding of Wheelock Parkway, the expansion of Hmong College Prep Academy and a host of other building news, including Como Park Senior High School, the Falls Event Center at Bandana Square, the International Institute of Minnesota and the old Shalom Home property.

Click on the "Construction" tab on our home page: www.district10comopark.org

Meet 2017 Honor Roll recipients

Paul Seeba, Debra Pursley and the neighbors who voluntarily steward the Churchill Garden have been chosen as District 10's additions to the St. Paul Neighborhood Honor Roll. The annual award is given to residents or organizations that make a sustained and lasting impact to improve the quality of life in our neighborhood and the city at large.

Seeba is being honored for his single-handed effort to raise \$3,000



Paul Seeba



Debra Pursley

to purchase and install 11 banners in the parking lot at Como Park Senior High School. The banners convert what the nomination calls "a drab and rather uninviting" space into a site that greets students every day and reflects "the enthusiasm for learning" going on inside the school.

Pursley is being honored for her years of service on the community council—both her consistent push to make sure residents' points of view are considered before decisions are

Current stewards include Erin Dooley, Gita Gheil, Mike Hass, Susan Janda, Aaron and Sandra Peterson, Maren Swenson and Bonnie Youngquist. Others provide financial support, and another rotating cast of volunteers have long come and gone, though their legacy remains.

The Como Community Council Board selected this year's winners out of 10 nominees submitted by community members.



Past and current Churchill garden stewards: Kathy Kulstad, Sandra Peterson, Maren Swenson, Bonnie Youngquist and Susan Janda.

made and her hands-on approach to getting things done behind the scenes. Her most visible role: coordinating volunteers at the annual neighborhood cleanup and handling senior citizen pick-ups for that event.

The Churchill Garden volunteers planted and maintained a perennial garden for more than 15 years at the intersection of Churchill, Van Slyke and Horton. When street reconstruction destroyed the garden, the neighbors expanded their vision. For months, they worked with St. Paul Public Works and other city departments, the Capitol Region Watershed District, Ramsey County Conservation, District 10 and others to gain approval and funding for an even larger native garden.

This new garden works hand in hand with a storm water filtration system on the site to protect water quality in Como Lake; provide an eye-pleasing gateway to the neighborhood for motorists, bus riders, cyclists and pedestrians; and provide a sanctuary for pollinators and other wildlife. The garden stewards capped it off by recruiting more than 50 volunteers to install more than 1,400 plants in one day in October.

They were honored at a citywide celebration Jan. 27 at the University of St. Thomas.

Check out activities at local park and recreation centers

District 10's website has the full schedules and registration information for winter and spring activities at North Dale and Northwest Como recreation centers. Just click on the "Local Parks" tab at www.district10comopark.org

Big progress

The District 10 organics recycling site on Beulah Lane in Como Park now has larger bins to meet the rising demand. The site, operated in conjunction with Ramsey County, has five times more capacity than when it opened last July. The unstaffed site is open 24/7 so residents can recycle food scraps and other household organics.

Upcoming District 10 meetings

- Neighborhood Relations and Safety Committee: Tuesday, Feb. 7
- Como Community Council Board: Tuesday, Feb. 21
- Environment Committee: Wednesday, Feb. 22

- Land Use Committee: Monday, Feb. 27

Community members are always welcome to attend and participate. All meetings begin at 7 p.m. at the Como Park Streetcar Station, which is at the northeast corner of Lexington and Horton.

Falcon Heights

The Falcon Heights City Council meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7 p.m. in Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur Ave. Contact information: 651-792-7600 or falcon-heights.org.

Free tax assistance offered at Falcon Heights City Hall

AARP volunteers will provide free tax assistance to low-income, elderly and handicapped individuals at Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur Ave., on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m.-noon, Feb. 2-April 13.

Volunteers will help complete and electronically file basic state, federal and rental/property-tax refund returns.

Please note: Individuals will need to provide a valid driver's license or official ID card and last year's tax returns. The IRS also requires the verification of tax documents with a Social Security card.

This is a walk-in service only.

Lauderdale

The Lauderdale City Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut St. Contact information: 651-792-7650 or www.ci.lauderdale.mn.us.

Lions Club offers scholarships to 2017 RAHS Graduates

The Falcon Heights/Lauderdale Lions Club is sponsoring two \$1,000 college scholarships for one female and one male 2017 graduating senior from Roseville Area High School (RAHS).

The only selection criterion established by the Lions Club is that the recipients be residents of either Lauderdale or Falcon Heights. The scholarship winners will be selected by the RAHS Scholarship Program committee. Information about the scholarship can be found at www.naviance.com or by contacting the RAHS guidance counselor. Applications are due Thursday, Feb. 23.

St. Anthony Park

The District 12 Community Council meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Jennings Community Learning Center, 2455 University Ave. The council offices are located at 2395 University Ave., Suite 300 E. Contact information: 651-649-5992 or www.sapcc.org.

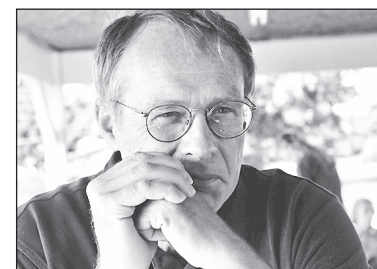
Sign up for Progressive Dinner

The 31st annual St. Anthony Park Progressive Dinner will be held Saturday, March 4. The event will begin at 5:30 p.m. at Centennial United Methodist Church at Como and Hillside avenues, where appetizers will be served and participants will receive a schedule for the evening.

For more information and participant registration, please visit sapcc.org/event/sap-progressive-dinner or send an email to progressivedinnersap@gmail.com.

Learn about the remodel at St. Anthony Park Elementary School

St. Paul Public Schools will host an open house Thursday, Feb. 16, at 6:30 p.m., at the school, 2180 Knapp St., for community members to learn and talk about the upcoming construction at St. Anthony Park Elementary School and how to work on transportation issues during that time.



Les Everett

Honorable neighbors

The St. Anthony Park Community Council has named three neighbors to the St. Paul Neighborhood Honor Roll.

Les Everett, a longtime transportation and environmental advocate, was nominated for his many years of service to St. Anthony Park. Everett served diligently for many years on the council's Transportation and Land Use committees and worked on issues ranging from bike lanes to environmental sustainability with

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Applications open for June SAP Arts Festival

The St. Anthony Park Arts Festival is accepting artist applications for the 48th annual event, to be held Saturday, June 3, at the corner of Como and Carter avenues in St. Paul.

The festival will include more than 70 juried artists, music, food, activities, a plant sale and a used book sale. All proceeds support programming at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library, which turns 100 this year.

Applications will close March 3. Artists can apply at www.sapfest.org.

SAP UCC hosts benefit concert for Center for Victims of Torture

By Kristal Leebrick

St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ (SAPUCC) will host a benefit concert for the Center for Victims of Torture (CVT) on Saturday, Feb. 25, that will include choirs from SAPUCC and St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church. Writer and poet Michael Dennis Browne will also be part of the event.

“Woven Together,” which is the theme for the concert as well as the name of one of the choral pieces that will be performed, “describes the intersection of music and words,” said Ted Bowman, longtime CVT volunteer and a member of SAPUCC. “And, as a benefit concert, it will weave those in attendance with the mission and work of CVT.”

The choirs will perform work by composers Stephen Paulus, Abbie Betinis, Craig Hella Johnson, Jacob Navrerud, Keith Hampton and others.

Founded in 1985, the CVT is headquartered in the Specialty

Building at University and Raymond avenues. The center began after Gov. Rudy Perpich directed a committee of human rights experts to research various initiatives to advance human rights. The group proposed a rehabilitation center for survivors of torture, and Perpich embraced that idea. He visited the first treatment center in the world in Denmark and then appointed a task force to determine how a similar center could be established here.

Three decades later, the CVT operates a healing center for torture survivors in St. Paul; partners with the International Rescue Committee to offer similar rehabilitative services in Atlanta, Ga.; has services in Ethiopia, Jordan, Kenya and Uganda; and trains partner organizations across the United States and all over the world.

In honor of the organization’s 30th anniversary last year, Bowman co-edited the book *It Starts With Hope*. Eighty-four authors and illustrators from throughout the

world contributed original photos, poems, essays and messages of hope to the book, which will be on sale at the Feb. 25 concert.

Last year a touring choir—Conspirare—gave a free concert for CVT staff at the CVT headquarters the night before the group performed at the Ordway in downtown St. Paul.

“I was invited and was so struck with the power of music for healing that I thought, ‘This needs to be done again,’” Bowman said. And that was “the germ of the proposal” that he made to choir director John Habermann, the artistic director of the event, and Victoria Wilgocki, pastor at SAPUCC.

The concert will begin at 4 p.m. in the UCC sanctuary and will include a presentation by the CVT. Suggested donation is \$15 at the door. All proceeds from the concert and the sale of *It Starts With Hope* will go to the CVT.

Need more information? Contact the church at 651-646-7173.



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City of St. Paul is reviewing its residential parking permit system

By Kristal Leebrick

The City of St. Paul is reviewing the city’s residential parking-permit program in an effort to improve and find “ways to better administer and enforce the program,” according to the city’s website.

The city launched a study in late summer after “years of complaints about the system,” said City Council president Russ Stark.

Those complaints have ranged from concerns about “secondary markets of permits” around colleges, particularly the University of St. Thomas, where permit holders resell permits to students who want to park closer to the school and not pay for parking, Stark said. He’s interested in establishing a system that ties permits to specific addresses.

The logistics of buying permits is “clunky,” Stark said. He would like to see an online application process established. New permit applicants must apply in person at the city’s Traffic Operations Building on North Dale Street and renewing holders have to renew in person or by mail.

And in some areas, the permit restrictions have outlived their reasons for being there or have made it hard for business needs, Stark said.

The city contracted with SRF Consulting Group to study the permit system.

St. Paul has 3,500 permit-holders in its nearly 30 permit areas, two of which are in the Bugle readership area. Area 2 is in the St. Anthony Park neighborhood and is bound by the area north and west of Como Avenue, east of Cleveland

Avenue, and south of Dudley and Hoyt avenues. Como Park’s Area 29 is west of Como Regional Park.

The city mailed paper surveys to some permit holders with the 2017 renewals in late summer. Area 29 residents were not sent the paper surveys because their permits are renewed in March, as the parking restrictions there are enforced just May 1 to Sept. 30, said Jeannette Rebar, community engagement coordinator for St. Paul Public Works.

“For Area 29, we notified and provided an online survey to the district council,” Rebar said.

Other outreach included postings on the city’s Facebook page and Twitter account and a link to the survey in Stark’s December newsletter. The city also sent 437 emails to holders who had shared their email addresses with the city.

The city launched the online survey on Nov. 22. It closed on Jan. 8.

The online survey was completed by 354 people and 850 paper surveys were completed, 125

of which came from Area 2, Rebar said. “If the consultant’s report comes back with recommendations for major changes, we would then establish a community engagement plan.”

No changes can be made in the city ordinance governing residential permit parking without public notice.

The residential parking-permit system started in the early 1980s. The districts are created when surrounding residents petition for a separate district on their blocks. Three-quarters of the area’s residents are required to sign the petition to designate the area before it can be approved by the city council.

Since the 1980s, the city has added new areas and lost some areas. There are now 27 residential restricted parking areas, and they all have distinct rules. Some allow one-hour parking for non-permit holders, some don’t allow any parking for non-permit holders during specific hours, and some restrict parking on weekends, others only on weekdays.



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Thank you!

Cub Scout Pack 22 and Boy Scout Troop 17 thank all of the supporters of our annual Christmas wreath sales. It's so heartening to come to a door and someone says, "Oh! We've been hoping you'd stop by this year!" or "Must be that time again, let me get my checkbook!"

Your ongoing support of our scouting units helps us ensure we have the supplies and resources we need to carry out our annual programming, but most important, it helps us make sure our Scouts can afford their respective summer camp experiences. Whether it's a weekend-long camp experience for the Cubs or the weeklong experience for the Boy Scout troop at our beloved Tomahawk Scout Camp near Rice Lake, Wis., these camps are the highlight of every Scout's year.

Your wreath purchases directly touch the lives of the nearly 70 youth in our two Scout units and supports them as they learn the skills necessary to be successful and involved citizens and leaders in our community and beyond.

A special thanks to Speedy Market for their generous annual support and willingness to allow us to sell our wreaths at their store. We are blessed to have them as a partner, and we are blessed to be in a community that has continued to support Scouting in this neighborhood for more than 100 years.

*Cub Scout Pack 22 and
Boy Scout Troop 17*

Progressive Dinner brings us closer together

Tree-lined streets, Luther Seminary, the Creative Enterprise Zone, the U's St. Paul campus, the Green Line, the St. Anthony Park Arts Festival, July 4, Do the Dow, our schools, playgrounds, nonprofits, breweries and vibrant business districts are among the elements that make St. Anthony Park an extraordinary place to live, work and play.

But it's our neighbors who make this place we call home truly special.

The annual Progressive Dinner, which is scheduled this year for March 4, is a centerpiece to making our strong neighborhood even stronger. Join us.

We're a group of your neighbors who are Progressive Dinner regulars and boosters. Every year, from the hors d'oeuvres gathering at the Centennial United Methodist Church St. Anthony Park to the salad course to the main course to dessert, we get to meet new people and hang out with old friends as we move from house to house and story to story.

The food is (generally!) pretty good, but the Progressive Dinner isn't necessarily a gourmet event. It is,

rather, a moving feast of community conversation.

Here's how it works: First, you sign up by Friday, Feb. 24, at this website, tinyurl.com/sapdinner. You indicate which course of the Progressive Dinner you want to serve to about eight people, many of whom you won't know. Then, a dedicated group of volunteers sorts through all of the registrations and creates a rotating set of dinner parties by a secret algorithm known only to them.

You have the salad course at one home with one group of dinner guests, and then move on to another house with another set of tablemates for the main course, and, finally, on to dessert with yet another set of new pals at another St. Anthony Park home.

It's a lot of fun and it means you get to know a whole new cohort of neighbors whom you can say hi to on your daily visit to the Hampden Park Co-op or Speedy Market.

From one group of neighbors to you, please join us for the Progressive Dinner and an evening that is quintessentially St. Anthony Park. Sign up now.

*Clay Ahrens & Jana Johnson,
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Como Park Zoo fundraiser is a midwinter celebration

As a resident of Falcon Heights and an enthusiast for Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, I would like to invite the community to attend Bouquets, a fabulous event on Thursday, Feb. 23, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Bouquets is a food, wine and beer fundraising celebration to help Como Park Zoo and Conservatory thrive.

I have been attending the event for many years and am on the planning committee. Bouquets is a highlight of the year for me, and the balmy Marjorie McNeely Conservatory is a wonderful respite from the cold Minnesota weather.

This annual event is the perfect destination for a midwinter date night, with live music and hops in the Beer Garden, more than 100 specialty pours from wine stations arrayed throughout the Visitor Center and Conservatory, and delectable samplings from top Twin Cities restaurants, caterers and gourmands.

There is also an amazing silent auction—and you get to see the gorgeous Sunken Garden Winter Flower Show, which is especially beautiful in the evening.

Bouquets, presented by Berger Transfer, is produced by Como Friends, the nonprofit partner to Como Park Zoo and Conservatory. Funds raised at Bouquets help keep Como free of charge for its 2 million visitors, improves space for the animals and expands the gardens, and adds high-touch education opportunities for visiting school children and families.

Tickets are \$65 and can be purchased at www.comofriends.org or in Garden Safari Gifts at Como.

I hope you will join me for great taste in a gorgeous setting for a good cause.

*Karen Cooley-Kistler
University Grove resident*

St. Paul appointment process messy and murky

Who are we? What are we doing here? Where are we going? These are existential questions that do not begin with us, but likely go back to our very origins as human beings and may well be pondered by our descendants through time eternal. Anyone paying attention to our world today feels these acutely as we reflect on trends, elections and their outcomes.

St. Paul Strong (SPS), while perhaps not framing the issue in those terms, has been working with the City of St. Paul with those questions in mind. Such work is evident and relevant in the citizen appointments, or lack thereof, to the city's many boards and commissions.

Citizen participation and the perspective each individual brings is the reason these formats were created. The mayor, the City Council and SPS all agree the process for citizen appointment to, and service on, the city's boards and commissions needs to be improved. Looking at the city's website it's hard to know what commissions have meetings and when, who's on the commissions, whether there are vacancies, what a member's responsibilities are, what's on the agenda and so forth.

Since February 2016, SPS has been meeting with, and bringing suggestions to, council members and the mayor's staff. Almost all of SPS's ideas about openness, trust,

responsibility, transparency and accountability have been favorably received.

Suggested improvements include an easy-to-use calendar posting when commissions meet and what's on the agenda; biographies of current commission members, what part of town they're from, how much diversity they represent and how long they've served; contact information so their fellow citizens can contact them, and in that way, more voices are heard at the table; minutes showing attendance, quorums and votes taken; enforcement of city policy to alternate morning and evening meetings for better attendance and equitable availability; clarity on the recruitment and application process to become a member, whether there are term limits, number of vacancies and a way to acknowledge receipt of an application to serve, together with the next steps in the process.

Appointments to these commissions need to reflect the makeup of our community if we hope to achieve equity in our fair city.

Consider this: census data is collected every 10 years. Some commission appointments are for three years, with a three-term limit, but up until recently, the term limits were not honored. Many folks were sitting in these seats for a decade or more.

If our appointments today don't reflect census data now, we are going to be even farther behind in reaching equity goals if these seats don't open up until after the next census is taken. That is a trend we do not want to be setting.

After a year of meetings and making suggestions with city staff and elected officials, there has been so little progress, it's time to take our campaign to the public. Please join us in our effort to make these needed changes happen.

Call or write your council member and the mayor's office. And find out more about St. Paul Strong at www.saintpaulstrong.com.

As President Obama said so poignantly in his farewell address, and President Bush before him, "The Constitution is only a piece of paper." True. It is the citizens who make it come alive and give it meaning.

Who are we? What are we doing here? Where are we going? Who makes St. Paul "The Most Livable City in America?"

Is that just a slogan we put on a piece of paper or does it mean something?

*St. Paul Strong
Steering Committee*

C O M M E N T A R Y

Rules to live by

By Adam Granger

In the early 1980s, my parents bought a microwave. On my first trip home after its acquisition, I noticed that it was unplugged and its door was open.

"Mom, is your microwave broken? It's almost brand new!"

"No, it's fine."

"Well, why is it unplugged?"

"Because I don't want the light inside it to be on all the time."

"If you shut the door, the light goes off."

"I know, but then it won't get dry."

"Why is it wet?"

"Because the instructions say to wipe it down with a damp cloth after each use."

This meant that, every time my parents wanted to use their microwave, they had to get down on their knees and snake its cord through the stuff on the bottom shelf of the cart on which it stood and plug it in, and then reverse that procedure when they were done. Thus, did this marvelous 20th-century invention—this device that revolutionized cooking, which became the mother of latter-day culinary convenience—become about as convenient as lighting birch shavings with a flint to start the dinner fire.

After complimenting my mother for her punctiliousness regarding the oven's owner manual, I suggested that this wipe instruction was in the realm of Rules No One Actually Follows, like written cautions against using rubber rafts as flotation devices. I stopped short of accusing some misanthropic copywriter of making it up out of whole cloth, bereft of any scent of true necessity.

Well, as one might guess, my parents continued this relationship with their microwave the rest of their lives. Which is fine. It was none of my business to start with, and going down on bended knee in front of the device before and after heating their food was their genuflection to technology.

Humorist James Thurber wrote about an aunt of his who religiously covered up the unused wall sockets in her house with tape because she was convinced that electricity leaked out of them if she didn't. We all have rules to which we cleave.

There are as many reasons for rules as there are rules. In addition to those of our own making, some are mandated on our behalf. We call those "laws," and many of them are as silly as wiping down a microwave after each use. For example, in the interest of safety, Minnesota prohibits texting while driving. A great idea, but a foolish law, because we still allow talking on cell phones while driving, which creates a state full of people driving with one hand while holding a phone to their ear with the other. Go figure. (I'm going to stick my neck out here and guess that the cellphone lobby had something to do with this.)

In the same vein, cars now have screens on their dashboards that display encyclopedias of good and useful information—everything from instant mileage computation to passengers' hat sizes—all accessed by taking eyes off the road. This is worse than texting because those screens are generally down and to the right of where the driver should be looking.

Unfortunately, irrational laws don't stop with driving: Minnesota doesn't allow food sales in liquor stores or liquor sales in food stores, a

law that makes absolutely no sense. Also, Minnesota doesn't allow off-sale liquor sales on Sundays: Can anyone say "separation of church and state"? And, for more than 40 years now, the United States, in its "war on drugs," has been locking up users (along with sellers), who would fare better for fewer taxpayer dollars in treatment. This has gained us absolutely nothing but the world's highest incarceration rate.

OK, I'm getting a little heavy here, which was not my intent, so let me return to lighter fare. In the winter, we rug up within an inch of our lives to go into our heated garages and get in our heated cars. Then, still coated, hatted and scarved, we shop for hours in heated malls, stores and skyways. This is more of a custom than a rule, but it makes no more sense than anything else I've written about here.

In the interest of full disclosure, I have to reveal that I, being warm-blooded, have traditionally gone out in my car in the winter laughably underdressed. The fact that this is every bit as foolish as overdressing—and more dangerous—was driven home to me this winter when, in subzero weather, my keyless fob failed me and locked me out of my car dressed only in a T-shirt, pants and Birkies. Mind you, I had by then finally wised up and started carrying winter clothes in my car in case of emergency and, boy, did they look warm and inviting piled in the back seat. I could see them clearly through the window.

Adam Granger lives in St. Anthony Park with his wife and dog, Molly, and is a regular columnist in the Park Bugle.

Breccia

By Rita LaDoux

Every day we are treated to a parade of political hopefuls ushered across the lobby of Trump Tower. The dark walls gleam and sparkle in cold, imposing splendor. What is the history of these impressive marble breccia walls?

"Breccia" is a geological term used to describe a disturbed layer of rock. Under normal conditions, rock is laid down in broad horizontal layers. But when massive bodies—asteroids or meteors or comets—plunge into the earth, the force of their impact causes these horizontal layers, especially the thinner, more fragile layers of sedimentary rock, to violently break apart, leaving behind a jumbled mass of scrambled rock called breccia. Breccia layers are the boundaries that signal to geologists major, cataclysmic, often global changes in the earth. These boundaries mark the transition between geological time periods accompanied by mass extinction events.

One such event occurred about

2 billion years ago when a massive meteorite slammed into the earth near present-day Sudbury, Ontario. At the time, iron ore was being deposited along the shores of shallow inland seas. But above the breccia boundary from Sudbury, all is changed. All deposits of iron ore stopped—worldwide.

Another layer of breccia can be directly tied to a different disruptive geological event. An asteroid struck some 66 million years ago, forming the Chicxulub crater on Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula. This event triggered the worldwide mass extinctions of 75 percent of plants and animals, including most dinosaurs. It marks the boundary between the Cretaceous and Paleogene Periods.

It should come as no surprise that the walls of the ostentatious lobby of Trump Tower in New York City are paneled in slabs of marble breccia. Perhaps reassuring is that his Breccia Pernice was formed in a much smaller event, faulting during the tectonic mountain building of

the Alps. Trump himself is reported to have traveled to Italy to choose the stone, and when the lobby was completed, an entire Italian mountaintop had been removed.

We now have a president who has plunged like an asteroid, disturbing our election process, our civil discourse and the traditions of our democratic republic. His impact may be global, or it is hoped, a smaller, more local schism. His presidency promises to be the boundary layer marking a break from our long history. And what record will be laid above Trump's breccia? One can only hope for a return to respect and honor, but that new history has yet to be laid down. We have entered a new political age.

Rita LaDoux is retired from a 20-year career as an elementary school teacher in St. Paul Public Schools, where she taught reading, writing, math, social studies (history and government), community (how to get along respectfully with others in a diverse multicultural population) and science, based on the work of scientists.

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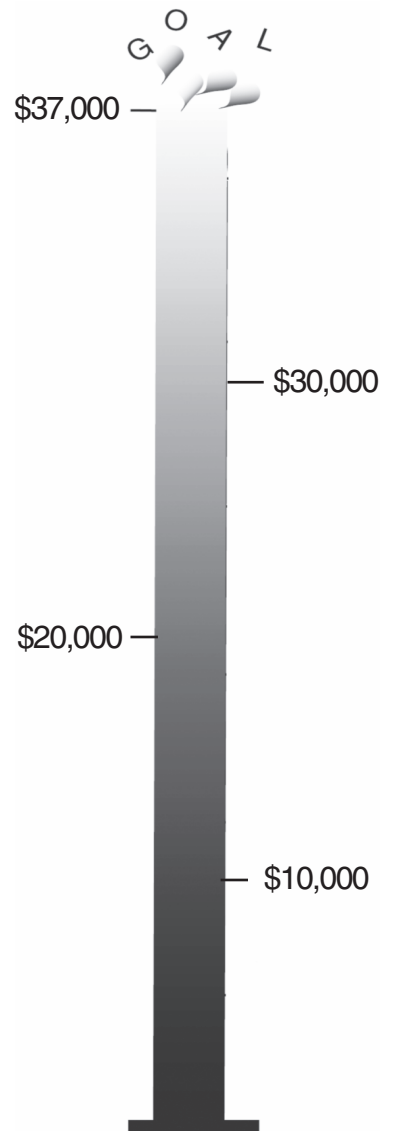
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New dining, shopping venue in works for 2017 state fair

By Kristal Leebrick

A new dining and shopping venue will open on the second floor of the Minnesota State Fair Grandstand in 2017.

The State Fair is currently reviewing applications for a single food vendor for the new site, dubbed the Veranda. “We aren’t looking for anything we already have,” said Jerry Hammer, the fair’s general manager. Hammer said they are looking at menus that would offer “small plates, food that can be shared.”

The Veranda will include dining tables inside and outside the second

floor and a boutique shopping area dedicated to “vintage, retro, repurposed, handmade up-cycled goods,” Hammer said. The renovations will also include a new elevator on the west side.

The grandstand renovations are part of \$8 million in capital improvements approved for 2017. Changes also include a \$1 increase in admission prices for the 2017 fair, which will run from Aug. 24 to Sept. 4. Daily admission for ages 13-64, will be \$14; children 5-12 and seniors 65 and over will be admitted for \$11; kids under 5 are admitted free. Advance discount tickets for all

ages will be \$11. Rising costs in fair production, guest services and facilities upkeep are the reasons for the increase, Hammer said.

Other improvements include upgrades to the Swine Barn, two new information booths, a new performance space outside the Education Building and renovations to the interior of the Creative Activities Building. The Education Building’s stage has been the “unofficial community stage,” Hammer said. “We’ve been expanding the use of that.” The fair may bring some of the more than 100 cooking demonstrations out to

that stage. Cooking demonstrations will still take place inside the Creative Activities Building, which will be renovated by knocking out a wall on the far east side of the building and redesigning the demonstration kitchen to accommodate larger viewing audiences.

All projects are funded through State Fair operating revenue and grants from the State Fair Foundation. The fair is financially self-supporting and receives no government aid of any kind.

The State Fair board met as part of the annual joint conventions of the Minnesota State Agricultural

Society, Minnesota Federation of County Fairs and Midwest Showmen’s Association Jan. 12-15 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Bloomington.

The State Agricultural Society is made up of delegates from each of the state’s 87 county fairs, plus representatives of 43 statewide associations involved in agriculture, horticulture and education. The society is a quasi-state agency charged exclusively with the production of the annual Minnesota State Fair and management of the 320-acre fairgrounds.

Gremlin to open new theater in Vandalia Tower this summer

Gremlin Theatre is renovating space in the Vandalia Tower complex to open a 120-seat theater and performing arts facility. The theater is looking toward a late spring or summer opening, said Peter Hansen, artistic director.

The Gremlin, which was located at 2400 University Ave. until 2013, will join the Independent Film Project, St. Paul Neighborhood

Network, Lake Monster Brewery and a host of arts groups and studios in the complex, located at 550 Vandalia St.

The new performance space will feature a thrust stage, a large lobby and box office, wheelchair accessibility and free parking.

The theater plans to stage full production seasons in the new space, as well as host performing arts groups

of widely varied backgrounds, keeping the theater in use year round.

Since closing its University Avenue theater four years ago, Gremlin has continued to produce work in a variety of theaters and locales in the Twin Cities. You can find out more at gremlin-theatre.org.—Kristal Leebrick

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passion, consideration and dedication.

Regula Russelle has been involved for a long time on many topics in the neighborhood, but most recently Transition Town—All St. Anthony Park. Russelle demonstrates an unfailing support for other people and genuine love of community, which she communicates in everything she says and does with other people. Neighbors remark that she defines the very idea of “neighborly.”

Workhorse Coffee Bar joined the neighborhood in 2015 but has already become an open, welcoming



Regula Russelle

and inclusive place for neighbors, employees and visitors in the community to gather. The coffee shop hosts the Smallest Museum in St. Paul, offering local artists an area to showcase their miniature works. Workhorse has woven itself into the fabric of the neighborhood, enhancing our community’s vibrancy and connectedness.

The neighbors were honored at a citywide celebration Jan. 27 at the

University of St. Thomas.

Learn about Pelham bikeway project at two District 12 meetings

Reuben Collins, transportation engineer with the City of St. Paul Dept. of Public Works, will discuss the Pelham Avenue bikeway project at the District 12 Land Use committee meeting Thursday, Feb. 2, at 7 p.m., and the Transportation Committee, Monday, Feb. 6, at 6:30 p.m. The Land Use committee meets at Jennings Community Learning Center, 2455 University Ave. The Transportation Committee meets at the District 12 office in the Sharrett’s Liquor building at Raymond and University avenues. Enter the door to the left of Keys Cafe. There is a buzzer on the left side of the door frame.

The City of St. Paul is proposing to implement bikeway improvements along sections of Pelham Boulevard and Myrtle and Raymond avenues this spring.

The project is part of the St. Paul Grand Round, which aims to develop nearly 27 miles of scenic parkways connecting parks and neighborhoods across the city with pedestrian and bicycle facilities. City staff is proposing to implement

short-term improvements that will include implementation of a two-way in-street protected bikeway along Pelham Boulevard between Mississippi River Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue and along Myrtle Avenue between Pelham Boulevard and Raymond Avenue. In-street bicycle lanes (unprotected) will be added to Raymond Avenue between Myrtle Avenue and University Avenue. The two-way protected bikeway will include flexible delineators separating the roadway from the bikeway.

Implementing the bikeway will require removing on-street parking from the east side of Pelham Boulevard between Mississippi River Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue and from the north and south sides of Myrtle Avenue between Pelham Boulevard and Raymond Avenue. There are no proposed parking impacts to Raymond Avenue.

Pending approval from the City Council, the project will be implemented in Spring 2017.

Find out more at stpaul.gov/departments/public-works/bicycles/bicycle-projects/pelham-bikeway or attend one of the meetings listed above.



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Average Home Price	\$349,072	\$377,199
Average Market Time	74 days	100 days

- The average sale price was 92% of the original price.
- The average sale price decreased 3.5% this year.
- At the end of the year, there were 2 houses for sale that had been on the market an average of 173 days.
 - 6 houses failed to sell.
- This information does not include duplexes, condominiums or townhouses.

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History:



One darn thing after another

Roger Bergerson chronicles our remarkable past

A winter carnival all our own

There's been a St. Paul Winter Carnival every year, going back to the 1880s, right?

While it's true that there has been an unbroken string of carnivals since World War II, before that there were gaps. Halfway through the longest of them—from 1917 to 1937—our area staged its own frosty frolic.

In 1928, local businessmen led by Joe Shiely started a Midway Winter Carnival with the support of about a dozen community groups, including those from Lake Park (Como), Newell Park, and north and south St. Anthony Park.

Shiely, whose company extracted sand and gravel from pits it worked on both sides of Snelling Avenue, south of Como Avenue, served as carnival chairman.

Opening the festivities on a Saturday in that first year was the St. Paul Daily News' annual dog-sled races on Lake Como, which drew a turnout estimated by the newspaper at 18,000. (An eye-popping number, to be sure, but credible in an era when there were fewer entertainment options.) At one point, the pressing crowd interfered with the racers.

An early favorite in the competition was "Collie," pulling Bernadine Downey, 12, of 1208 W. Hoyt Ave., dubbed "Queen of the Musers" for her win the previous year. This time, however, Bernadine was destined to come in second.

Each community organization sponsored a queen candidate, and Edna Bolke, 621 Curfew St.,

representing the St. Anthony Park Improvement Association, was chosen Queen of the Midway during a dance at the Odd Fellows Hall, Hampden and Raymond avenues (now the Hampden Park Food Co-op). Other candidates included Lake Park's Pearl Kolsrud, 1543 Albany St., and Mary Spellacy, 2181 Doswell Ave., representing St. Anthony Park North.

King Midway was Curtiss Bevington, a salesman with the American Radiator Co., Prior and Minnehaha avenues.

As the week unfolded, there were skating events at Lake Como, Newell Park and Langford Park and a "Snowball Carnival Dance" at the Lake Park Clubhouse, Como and Snelling avenues. Attendees were encouraged to wear white.

The Hippodrome on the Minnesota State Fairgrounds hosted ice-skating and there was dancing in the Coliseum Ballroom, Lexington and University avenues, and roller-skating in the annex next door.

On Snelling Avenue Day, an evening parade traveled Snelling from Como to St. Clair Avenue through a decorated business district.

Band music and fireworks marked the opening of a toboggan slide at Hampden Avenue and Territorial Road.

Later in the week, another parade started at the western city limits and followed University Avenue to Lexington. Afterward,



The Northern Pacific Railroad's 1928 Winter Carnival contingent posed with the company float, probably at the railroad's general offices in downtown St. Paul. *Courtesy of the Minnesota Historical Society*

Yesterday's news

Roger Bergerson shares headlines he has collected from old newspapers over the years, simply because "they're funny, bizarre, brutal, etc."

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3,500 costumed participants reveled in a Mardi Gras ball at the Coliseum.

Not surprisingly, the carnival was deemed a resounding success by its organizers.

“We have experienced a tremendous awakening of community spirit in our district which we attribute directly to the carnival,” said E. Swanson, chairman of the St. Anthony Park Improvement Association.

“It shortened the winter,” added a colleague.

In 1929, the Midway Winter Carnival was held in the first two weeks of February and started off with a gathering at the Chelsea Heights Elementary School skating rink, Hamline and Hoyt avenues, during the first above-zero weather the city had experienced in two weeks.

This carnival had a Native American theme, as suggested by the newspaper headline “Indians’

Whoopee Will Open Midway’s Carnival Tonight.” Perhaps it’s better left at that.

By 1930, the event was still being called the Midway Winter Carnival, but it had taken on a wider scope and many activities were held at Dunning Field on Marshall Avenue, with some as far away as Fort Snelling.

After that, plans to resurrect the citywide winter carnival were buried under the weight of the Great Depression.



The young couple wed at Jehovah Lutheran Church, Snelling and Thomas avenues, St. Paul. Photo courtesy Steve Williams

Romance on the rails

“Skipper” Spencer, the beloved conductor on the old University of Minnesota trolley (see the December 2016 issue of the Park Bugle) was known to take an interest in his student passengers, learning their names and keeping tabs on how their studies were progressing.

And now we learn that, on at least one occasion, he played matchmaker as well.

Steve Williams of Yorba Linda, Calif., recounts that his mother, Helen Gallaher, grew up in St. Paul’s Midway and majored in home economics at the University of Minnesota. His father, Donn Williams, a native of Price, Utah, was enrolled there as well, studying engineering.

“One day, sometime in 1941 or 1942, Skipper came up



The multi-faceted Skipper Spencer. Photo courtesy University of Minnesota Archives

to my father and said he had a young lady that he wanted him to meet,” says Williams. “They went on a date and eventually decided to marry, which they did in

December 1943.”

By then, Donn Williams had already enlisted in the military service and during World War II had a series of postings stateside. The young couple lived for a time with Helen’s parents, who had moved into a new home on Idaho Avenue in what would soon become Falcon Heights.

After the war, the couple settled in Fullerton, Calif. Donn held a series of jobs with steadily increasing responsibilities in the aeronautics industry, eventually heading Rockwell International’s electronics group. Helen was a homemaker, served on the local school board and did charity work.

Steve Williams noted that his mother died in 1988. Donn Williams, now 96, has since remarried and lives in Moorpark, Calif.—Roger Bergerson

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Finnish Bistro remodel expands dining space and puts food and beverage service all at the same counter

By Kristal Leebrick

Sandra Weise wants everyone to know that construction is over and the newly remodeled Finnish Bistro is open.

The restaurant at the corner of Carter and Como avenues in St. Anthony Park now has an expanded

dining room complete with a Murphy-bed stage that can be pulled down for evening and weekend entertainment, one service counter for coffee and food, and premium Wi-Fi.

The remodeling project was something Weise had on her to-do list since she bought the restaurant from Soile Anderson four years ago. The project began at the end of September, and within two weeks, her contractor Marv Kuiper, died in a car crash on Oct. 14.

"This was his retirement gig," Weise said. "His last one."

Weise has a set of angel's wings hanging on the north wall of the dining area in honor of Kuiper, whose brother, Ron, stepped into finish the project. Within a week of taking that on, Ron Kuiper suffered a stomach abscess, Weise said.

Throughout the remodel, Weise posted updates on the St. Anthony Park neighborhood listserv, SAPark@yahoo.com. "It has been quite shocking and sad for all of us," Weise wrote in early November. "Kuiper Specialties is a small family business" that was "a great fit for me and our neighborhood. . . . The subcontractors that worked for Marv for 30 years are all working together to get my project done and are moving along as best they can. I am

not that experienced with commercial renovations myself, but I am doing my best to keep my spirits up for my staff and all our loyal customers.

"It has not been easy, but I can hear big Marv in my head bossing me around, so that helps."

A major piece of the Bistro's remodel was to bring the coffee and food service to one counter. The café had actually been two businesses: Finnish Bistro on the east side and Dunn Bros. Coffee on the west. Customers had to access two counters and two cash registers to get coffee with their food.

Dunn Bros. moved out in late summer and Weise held three blind taste tests of 12 local coffee roasters to determine which brand to serve at the café.

"Forty-two percent picked Truestone," she said. Truestone is located on Prior Avenue, just north of University Avenue in St. Paul. Other than the coffee, the menu has stayed the same and includes breakfast, lunch and dinner items, bakery goods, and wine and beer.

Other improvements include a new two-door entry on the Como Avenue side to help with airflow and that opens to the service counter rather than the dining area, new bathrooms, quieter chairs, soft lighting and more windows.

The Finnish Bistro will host an open house to show off the remodel on Monday, March 6, 5-8:30 p.m. But you can stop in anytime. Hours are 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Weise plans to make use of the new Murphy-bed stage by adding a Jazz and Blues Karaoke Night on Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., and a Sunday



Sandra Weise, proprietor of the Finnish Bistro on Como Avenue. Photo by Lori Hamilton

night open mike, 6-8 p.m. Sunday brunch and on Friday and Saturday nights will continue. Live music during Saturday and



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The Finnish Bistro's dining area expanded, windows were added and a Murphy-bed stage (at left) can be pulled down for performances.



Yes, you can mix Froot Loops with your cocktail. Photos by Kristal Leebrick

Yes, they

Can Can Wonderland opens in former can factory on Prior Avenue.

Take a giant polka-dot mastodon, a blue toad, a few natural disasters and your grandma's 1970s living room, throw in some colorful cocktails that aim to conjure up flashes from your past (Jell-O shots? Boones Farm?), add vintage pinball machines and a soda fountain that will spin your favorite sugary cereal into your milkshake, and you've got many of the ingredients stirred into the newest, and probably most colorful, entertainment venue this side of the Mississippi.

Can Can Wonderland, the 18-hole indoor mini-golf course and multi-purpose art space, opened Jan. 12 in the former American Can Factory at 755 N. Prior Ave., just north of Menard's off University Avenue.

The brainchild of Jennifer and Chris Pennington, Christi Atkinson and Rob Clapp, Can Can has been six years in the making. These are the folks behind the Soap Factory's Haunted Basement in Minneapolis and the artist-designed mini-golf course at the Walker's Sculpture Garden. They recently hired Tonya Preston as general manager and "luminary of magnificence." Preston's resume includes the once-annual Holidayz parade and the Haunted Basement.

The space has two stages (they are thinking of adding a third "secret" stage) and a kids art area. Entertainment will include dance parties, a weekly variety act and free kids' art activities Thursdays-Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Can Can Wonderland is open Thursday, 10 a.m.-11 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-midnight; and Sunday 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Check out the website, www.cancanwonderland.com or on the Can Can Facebook page, [facebook.com/cancanwonderland/](https://www.facebook.com/cancanwonderland/), for more details.—Kristal Leebrick

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Salad Days: A cocktail, featuring the makings of an ambrosia salad, complete with grapes, coconut and Jell-O shots.



The day before Can Can Wonderland opened, Amy Sparks was busy posting mini-golf rules on the wall.



The Blue Toad is a "crowd-pleaser," Jennifer Pennington said. Golfers hit the ball up the toad's tongue and it comes out the toad's hind end.



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VENUE INFORMATION IS LISTED AT THE END OF THE CALENDAR. SEND YOUR EVENTS TO calendar@parkbugle.org by Wednesday, Feb. 15, TO BE INCLUDED IN THE MARCH 2017 ISSUE.

1 WEDNESDAY

English Conversation Circles, every Wednesday, St. Anthony Park Library, 4-5:30 p.m.

St. Anthony Park Book Club, "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio, St. Anthony Park Library, 6:30-8 p.m. All are welcome. No registration required.

2 THURSDAY

Caregiver Support Group, first Thursday of each month, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 10-11:30 a.m.

Bereavement Support Group, first Thursday of each month, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 10-11:30 a.m.

Preschool story time in Mandarin Chinese, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Dialoggers Toastmasters meets every Thursday, U of M St. Paul Campus, Northern Research Station, 1992 Folwell Ave., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

3 FRIDAY

Preschool story time, every Friday, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Walking in the Langford Park gym from 1-2 p.m. every Friday. Free and open to adults.

Kabbalah's Pillars of Health: How the Universal Kabbalah provides a system for health, Healing Elements, 7:30-9 p.m.; \$30, drop-ins accepted

4 SATURDAY

Love Your Body Yoga Series, Saturdays in February, Healing Elements, 2:30-4:30 p.m., \$115 for 4 classes/ registration required, no yoga experience required

6 MONDAY

Middle School Book Club: for students in grades 6-8, pizza and a

discussion of the Maud Hart Lovelace Division II book award nominees, "Ghetto Cowboy" by Greg Neri or "I Kill the Mockingbird" by Paul Acampora, St. Anthony Park Library, 6:30 p.m. Copies are available at the information desk.

7 TUESDAY

Baby and toddler story time, for ages 0-2, siblings are welcome, every Tuesday, St. Anthony Park Library, 9:30-10 a.m. and 10:30-11 a.m.

SAP Garden Club, "Backyard Phenology: Tracking the Season and Cycle of Nature," presented by Rebecca Montgomery, U of M Dept. of Forest Resources, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Refreshments and social time, 7 p.m.

9 THURSDAY

St. Anthony Park Area Seniors Cinema Series, "Florence Foster Jenkins," St. Anthony Park Library, 2-4 p.m. All welcome. Free.

10 FRIDAY

SAPAS Game Day, City Gables, 10 a.m.-noon. No charge or registration required.

17 FRIDAY

SAPAS Game Day, City Gables, 10 a.m.-noon. No charge or registration required.

20 MONDAY

Community Sing, Olson Campus Center, Luther Seminary, 6:30 p.m. gathering, 7-8:30 p.m. sing. The event is free, but a hat will be passed for our music leaders and to make the

sings possible. Children welcome. Co-sponsored by the District 12 Community Council.

24 FRIDAY

SAPAS Game Day, City Gables, 10 a.m.-noon. No charge or registration required.

Co-ed Drum Circle, Women's Drum Center, 6:30 p.m. \$10 at the door. All levels of experience are welcomed and encouraged. Drums provided.

25 SATURDAY

"Woven Together," benefit concert for the Center for Victims of Torture, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 4 p.m. \$15 suggested donation.

26 SUNDAY

Sunday Afternoon Book Club, "Joshua: A Brooklyn Tale" by Andrew Kane, Micawber's, 1:30-3 p.m. All are welcome.

27 MONDAY

Women's Human Rights Film Series: "Audrie & Daisy," St. Anthony Park Library, 7 p.m.

SENIOR EXERCISE

St. Anthony Park Area Seniors Mondays and Thursdays, Lauderdale City Hall, 2-3 p.m. (No class on Monday, Feb. 20.)

Tuesdays and Fridays, St. Anthony Park Library, 2:30-3:30 p.m. (Chair yoga on Fridays, Feb. 3 and 17.)

Wednesdays, Centennial United Methodist Church, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Como Park/Falcon Heights Block Nurse Program

Tuesdays and Thursdays, Falcon Heights Town Square Senior Apartments, 9:30-10:30 a.m. and Arbor Pointe Senior Apartment, 11 a.m.-noon

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Como Park/Falcon Heights Block Nurse Program:

Third Thursdays, Arbor Pointe Senior Apartments, 10-11 a.m.

Fourth Thursdays, Falcon Heights Town Square Senior Apartments, 11 a.m.-noon

Saint Anthony Park Area Seniors

Wednesdays, Centennial United Methodist Church, 11:30 a.m.-noon.

First Friday of the month, St. Anthony Park Library, 2-2:30 p.m.

Second Tuesday, Seal Hi-Rise, 3-3:30 p.m.

Third Tuesday, St. Cecilia's Church, 10:30-11 a.m.

VENUE INFORMATION

Arbor Pointe Senior Apartments, 635 W. Maryland Ave.

Centennial United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave., 651-603-8946

City Gables, 1611 Pleasant St., Lauderdale

Falcon Heights Town Square Senior Apartments, 1530 W. Larpenteur Ave.

Healing Elements, 2290 Como Ave., 651-348-6216

Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., 651-631-0300

Micawber's Bookstore, Carter & Como, lower level Milton Square, 651-646-5506

Olson Campus Center, Luther Seminary, 1490 Fulham St.

Seal Hi-Rise, 825 Seal St., 651-298-4673

St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Ave., 651-642-0411

St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave., 651-646-7173

St. Cecilia's Church, 2357 Bayless Place, 651-644-4502

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave., 651-645-3058

Women's Drum Center, 2242 W. University Ave., womensdrumcenter.org

Keeping Tabs on Your Health

Stop in to one of these locations to have a volunteer nurse take your blood pressure this month on:

Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.-noon, Centennial United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave.

Friday, Feb. 3 from 2-2:30 p.m., SAP Library, 2245 Como Ave.

Tuesday, Feb. 14 from 3-3:30 p.m., Seal Hi-Rise, 825 Seal St.

Tuesday, Feb. 21 from 10:30-11 a.m., St. Cecilia's Church, 2357 Bayless Pl.



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Questions: Contact Jon Schumacher at 651/249-9107 or on-line at jon@sapfoundation.org



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Neighbors

'Parent University' begins Feb. 7
Molly Breen, director of St. Anthony Park Community Nursery School, 2200 Hillside Ave., will present Parent University at the Urban Growler Brewery on the third Tuesday of January, February and March from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

This series is free and open to the public and will include expert presenters, interactive learning and community-building discussion for participants. Topics will include child development, play for lifelong learning and understanding challenging behavior.

Urban Growler is located at 2325 Endicott St., St. Anthony Park.

Class size is limited to 50 participants. For more information, go to www.parentuniversitymn.com.

Send your Valentine a Shakespeare sonnet or song or scene snippet

Shakespeare in St. Anthony Park, the group that's been helping teens learn about and perform Shakespeare each summer, is offering to send your Valentine an audio performance of a sonnet, song or scene snippet written by William Shakespeare and performed by some of the youth involved in the project. All you have to do is make a donation to the organization, and your beloved(s) will receive a special greeting in their email inbox on Valentine's Day. Go to sapshakespeare.org to select your literary treat.

Call for artists at St. Matthew's

The Undercroft Gallery at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave., will host the 19th annual "Celebration of Community" Art Show, Saturday, Feb. 11, to Friday, April 7. All artists, 18 and older, from St. Anthony Park and its surrounding communities are encouraged to participate.

Art can be dropped off at St. Matthew's on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Artists can submit one or two pieces. A registration form and \$10 registration fee are required. All work must be ready to hang or display and all media is welcome, including photography, oil, acrylic, watercolor, print, textile, pottery and paper.

The show will be juried this year, with cash awards given in several categories. These will be awarded at the opening reception Sunday, Feb. 12, 6-8 p.m.

For more information, contact Janet Murphy, jmurow@aol.com.

St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church hosts Sunday forums

All are welcome to Sunday morning Adult Forums at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave., at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

On Sunday, Feb. 5, Jean Larson will read from her book, *Journey of Hope*, describing experiences walking with her husband in his final journey with Parkinson's disease.

Finding a Vocational Path is the subject for Sunday, Feb. 12. Eight members of the congregation will share stories of how they discovered their vocations, the challenges they've

encountered along the way, and how they see their vocation played out in



Oil paintings by Mary Jo Van Dell (left) and ceramics by Leila Denecke (right) will be on display at Raymond Avenue Gallery through April 21

all of their daily lives. They include a lawyer, a professor and several in business. Member Sara Langworth will moderate the discussion.

A representative of the Anatomy Bequest Program at the University of Minnesota will speak on Sunday, Feb. 19.

There will be no forum on Sunday, Feb. 26.

The public is welcome to attend the forums and worship services, or just the forums. If you are coming for just a forum, enter the door marked "office" on the Luther Place side of the building and feel free to grab a cup of coffee and a treat in the narthex to bring to the forum.

Worship services are at 8:30 and

4 p.m., and Saturday, noon-4 p.m. The clay, latex sculptures and



paintings of Raymond Avenue Gallery owner and artist Joseph G. Brown will be on view in the lower level gallery.

Popular Canadian folk band, Ten Strings and a Goat Skin return

The bilingual traditional folk fusion trio from Prince Edward Island, Canada, will perform at Celtic Junction Arts Center, 836 N. Prior Ave., St. Paul, Saturday, Feb. 4, at 7:30 p.m.

Winners of the 2015 East Coast Music Association's award for World Music Recording of the Year, Ten Strings and a Goat Skin weave the music of the Irish, Scottish, Acadian, Francophone and

Feb. 10, at 7:30 p.m.

The duo will play new arrangements for 12 old songs collected in northern Minnesota in the 1920s. The concert will feature these songs along with stories and projections of historical photos. Tickets are \$14 in advance, \$18 at the door and \$5 for kids 18 and under.

One World Consort and guest Laura MacKenzie will perform Sunday, Feb. 26, at 7pm. Tickets are \$16 in advance and \$20 at the door. Go to thecelticjunction.com for more information or to buy tickets or call 612-874-8892.

The Raptor Resource Project will hold a benefit for birds of prey on Saturday, Feb. 18, at Celtic Junction. Featured guests will include Emmy award-winning producers George Howe and Tim Jacobsen and their new project "Decoding the Driftless," Vanessa Green on Osprey surveys in the Twin Cities and John Howe on the reboot of a kestrel nest box program.

Entertainment will include the Brian Boru Pipe Band, John Sjogren, Sistertree, Langer's Ball and others.

Admission is \$15 at the door and \$5 for children 17 and under. You can find out more at thecelticjunction.com or by calling Amy Ries at 276-325-2662.

Family course on mental illnesses offered in Roseville

NAMI Minnesota (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is offering a free course to help families gain a

greater understanding of mental illness, discuss resources, build communication skills, reduce stress and find support. The series is taught by family members who have walked the walk. The 12-week Family-to-Family course will meet Thursdays starting Feb. 23, 6-8:30 p.m., at North Heights Christian Academy, 2701 Rice St., Roseville. Registration is required. Call Anne, 651-653-5116, or Kathy, 651-429-0059, to register.

Local woman takes second in Chanhassen Toastmaster contest

Nancy Zugschwert, a local Toastmaster from Como Park, took second in the November Table Topics Speech contest in Chanhassen. Zugschwert competed against other Toastmasters from Minnesota and Ontario.

Toastmasters teaches members to think on their feet with a technique called Table Topics. A member is given a question and must answer it as a mini speech in one to two minutes. Each contestant was given the same question, "It is said that curiosity cures boredom. There is no cure for curiosity. Tell us, what are you curious about?"

Zugschwert is a member of Toastmaster on a Stick, a club she joined two years ago, that meets at 5 p.m. every Tuesday at Minnetronix, 1635 Energy Park Drive, St. Paul.

Celebrate Minnesota's Irish music heritage at "Gaela" fundraiser

The Center for Irish Music (CIM) will celebrate Minnesota's Irish music roots at Éigse CIM, A Gaela Event, Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Celtic Junction Arts Center, 836 N. Prior Ave., St. Paul, 55104.

Éigse (pronounced 'EG-shuh') is an Irish word for a celebration of traditional Irish music and culture. The semi-formal fundraiser will include dinner, a silent auction, a raffle, and concert featuring the Center of Irish Music instructors.

Guests have two ticket options: a sit-down dinner beginning at 5 p.m. (\$75) or silent auction reception and concert beginning at 7 p.m. (\$25). Tickets are available at centerforirishmusic.org or call 651-815-0083.

Local library's Weekly Weeders win Blooming St. Paul Award

A group of gardeners who tend the gardens surround St. Anthony Park



Ten Strings and a Goat Skin will perform at Celtic Junction Arts Center Feb. 4.

11 a.m. The nursery is staffed all morning. All are welcome, always.

Ceramics and oil paintings on display at Raymond Ave. Gallery

The Raymond Avenue Gallery will host the ceramic work of Andrea Leila Denecke and oil paintings of Mary Jo Van Dell in the show "Current Visions," which will run from Feb. 17 to April 21. An opening reception for the show will be held Friday, Feb. 17, 6-8 p.m.

The gallery is located at 761 Raymond Ave. in St. Anthony Park. Hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-

Maritime cultures and their original creations with modern and world rhythms.

Jesse Périard (guitar) and brothers Rowen (fiddle) and Caleb Gallant (percussion) play original material that maintains solid traditional elements but explores rich world flavors and pop influences.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Go to thecelticjunction.com or call 612-874-8892 to purchase tickets.

Other February events at Celtic Junction include a concert with Brian Miller and Randy Gosa Friday,

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Library that have received a Blooming St. Paul Award, an annual program presented by the St. Paul Pioneer Press and the Capitol Region Watershed District.

The program is a collaborative initiative between St. Paul Parks and Recreation, the St. Paul Garden Club and the Ramsey County Master Gardeners.

The group was presented the award Jan. 24 at Como Docksides at the Como Lakeside Pavilion.

St. Paul rec center news

Here is a partial list of ongoing activities at Langford, Northwest Como and North Dale rec centers. You can call or go into the centers to register or register online at stpaul.gov/activityregistration.

- Langford, 651-298-5765**
 Zumba for adults, begins Feb. 9, 8-9 p.m.
 Art History: Learn and Make Ancient Greek for Adults, Friday, Feb. 25, noon-1 p.m.
 Adult/senior walking, Fridays, 1-2 p.m.
 Gym bowling for Seniors, Fridays, 9:30-11 a.m.
 Tot Time, Thursdays, 9-10:30 a.m.
 Soo Bahk Do, ages 5 & up, Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Northwest Como, 651-298-5813

- Let's Put on a Play, ages 10-13, Mondays in March, 3:15-5:15 p.m.
 Senior Gamers Tuesdays, 1-3 p.m.
 Parent's Night Out, Friday, Feb. 10
 Taekwondo, ages 6-17, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

North Dale, 651-558-2329

- Finding Dory Art Class, ages 4-9, Monday, Feb. 20, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
 Electrical Engineering, ages 7-14, Tuesdays, March 7-28, 6-7:30 p.m.
 Girls Are Powerful Workshop, ages 8-13, Saturdays, March 4-18, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
 RC Robotics, ages 7-12, Saturday, Feb. 25, 9:30-12:30 p.m.
 Theater: The Sneetches, ages 9-12, Thursdays, March 9-30, 6-7:30 p.m.
 Baby Ballet, ages 3 1/2-4 1/2, begins Friday, March 3, 12-12:30 p.m.

Pre-Ballet, ages 4 1/2-6 1/2, beginning Friday, March 3, 12:30-1 p.m.

- Clowning Around, ages 3-5, Thursday, Feb. 23, 10:30-11:15 a.m.
 Parent & Tot Play Time, Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays, 9 a.m.-noon
 Cribbage Night, Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
 Pilates, Mondays & Wednesdays, 7:15-8:15 p.m.
 Adult Basketball, Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.
 Adult Pickleball, Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
 Adult Volleyball, Mondays, 1-3 p.m.
 Senior Fitness, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Special events

- Langford Spark It Up! Valentine Teen Dance, ages 11-14, Friday, Feb. 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$5.
 Northwest Como Family Skating Party & Bonfire, Friday, Feb. 3, 6-8 p.m.

February calendar is full at Roseville Library

Lectures and talks range from Islamic history to Asian Americans' role in the U.S. to Trump

The Roseville Library, 2180 N. Hamline Ave., has announced a number of talks and programs in the month of February. All lectures are free and open to the community without pre-registration.

On Tuesday, Feb. 7, U of M professor Nabil Matar will present "Islam, Coffee and Robinson Crusoe." Matar will discuss the beginnings of Islam as a religion and some of the political and theological developments that led to the Sunni-Shi'a rift. He will also focus on the civilization of Islam and two influences that left their mark on the West: the introduction of coffee in the middle of the 17th century and the inspiration for Daniel Defoe's novel *Robinson Crusoe*. The talk will begin at 12:30 p.m.

Historian Erika Lee will present "The Making of Asian America" Thursday, Feb. 23, at 11:30 a.m. Lee will discuss the little-known history of Asian Americans and their role in American life, from the arrival of the first Asians in the Americas to present day.

The Tuesdays with a Scholar series will be held Feb. 21 and 28 at 12:30 p.m. Center of the American Experiment founder Mitch Pearlstein will present "From Bill Buckley to Donald Trump: the Many Faces of American Conservatism," on Feb. 21. U of M law professor Myron Orfield will discuss how growing segregation in Minnesota's central cities and first ring suburbs has contributed to conflict between the police and communities of color on Feb. 28.

Civil rights activist J.B. Andersen will present "Martin Luther King and Me: a Personal Reminiscence of the Civil Rights Era" on Wednesday, Feb. 22, at 12:30 p.m. In the 1960s, Andersen was involved with some of the best known events of that era, including the Mississippi Summer Project and the marches in Washington, D.C.

March is Women's History Month and the Roseville Library will present the film "Equal Means Equal" on Thursday, March 9, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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John Archabal

John William Archabal, 74, of St. Anthony Park, died Dec. 26, 2016.

John's legacy is the great good he did for others throughout his life. For 35 years he made the Bush Foundation a force for good in Minnesota. A modest man who eschewed the limelight, Archabal's 20-year work with the Bush Leadership Fellows Program propelled some 1,300 mid-career Minnesotans into greater prominence as public servants. The program awards tuition and living stipends for up to 18 months of advanced academic study, allowing for either the completion of a degree or the enhancement of professional skills and knowledge. The average age of participants is 42.

Archabal is survived by his wife, Nina; son, John (Alice); and grandson, John William II. He also leaves behind his sister, Fidele (Malloy) and brother, Daniel, both of Massachusetts.

Memorials may be made payable to the charity of the donor's choice. Private services were held.

Mary Choitz

Mary Jane Steinke Choitz, 93, died Dec. 13, 2016. She was born Sept. 16, 1923, in Mishawaka, Ind., to Nancy Shoup Steinke and Fred Steinke, first among six children.

She married Walter Choitz in 1946, after they met at a church youth group. Mary and Walt raised their children in South Bend, Ind. They moved to the Twin Cities in the mid-'80s and joined St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church. For a number of years, they served as church custodians there.

Mary is survived by two children and their spouses, Nancy and Bill Lorimer (of St. Anthony Park) and Paul and Rebecca Choitz; five grandchildren and their spouses, Amanda Lorimer, Louisa and Zachary Jaehn, Carl Lorimer and Claire Theaker Brown, Nicholas and Amanda Choitz, and April Choitz; seven great-grandchildren, Christopher, Tamara and Nicholas Choitz, Grace Cuccia, Ian and Estelle Jaehn, and Penelope Lorimer-Brown; and two sisters.

Her memorial service was held Dec. 16 at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church. Memorials may be made to the church.

Suzanne Fantle

Suzanne M. Fantle, 76, of Minneapolis, died Dec. 31, 2016.

Fantle was the owner of Emil Gustafson Jewelers on Como Avenue in St. Anthony Park. She was a longtime member of the Minnesota Jewelers Association and a progressive businesswoman. St. Anthony Park residents will remember her able work at Gustafson Jewelers, now 105 years old. She had been part of the Gustafson Jewelers since 1969. Fantle bought the business in 1980 and moved it from northeast Minneapolis to St. Anthony Park.



Suzanne Fantle

Her first shop in St. Paul was in Milton Square in a storefront that had a fireplace where Fantle sometimes served sherry to customers in the afternoons. Four years later, Fantle moved to 2278 Como Ave., where the business still operates.

Fantle was a certified gemologist and registered jeweler, as is her son Joel, who designs and repairs jewelry at the shop. Everything at Gustafson's is done in-house, except the metal casting.

In a Bugle article marking the 100th anniversary of the jewelry store in 2011, Fantle said that when she started in the jewelry profession,

jewelers were "rated in the same categories as ministers and doctors. People trusted us."

Fantle was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Helen Bofferding. She is survived by her husband, Wayne Applebaum; son, Joel (Karen) Fantle; daughter, Lisa Anderson; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and brother, Robert Bofferding, Jr.

Her funeral service was held Jan. 4 at Beth El Synagogue in St. Louis Park.



Warren Gore

Warren Gore

Warren Y. Gore, 93, died Jan. 17, 2017. He had lived in St. Paul since 1968 and in St. Anthony Park since

1970.

Warren was a World War II veteran in the Army Air Corps. He graduated from the University of Missouri and earned his master's degree from the University of Iowa. He earned his Ph.D. from Northwestern University and the University of Minnesota.

Warren taught at the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the University of Cincinnati and the University of Minnesota. He taught communication in the Department of Rhetoric here.

At the U of M, he was active as an adviser of Farmhouse Fraternity and in the work of 4-H Clubs through the U of M Extension Service. At one point, he enjoyed taking a group of students to Kenya. He and the late Wendell DeBoer shared a scholarship in their names.

The St. Anthony Park community benefited greatly from his involvement. He was active in Friends of the St. Paul Public Library, St. Anthony Park Community Council and more. Warren received the Spirit of the Park Award from the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation on July 4, 2013.

Warren was preceded in death by his parents, Phlete and Byrde Gore. He is survived by his wife, Ki Ki; daughter, Lia (Frank Haluska), of

Denver, Colo.; son, Paul (Tracy Fischman), of St. Paul; grandchildren, Alex Quinones, Talia Gore and Jacob Gore; brother, Norman Gore; and sister, Virginia Shelton.

The family will be forever indebted to the staff at St. Anthony Park Home, where Warren received loving and thoughtful care while he lived there the past few years.


A memorial service will be held March 4 at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ with lunch to follow. Memorials may be made to Friends of the St. Paul Public Library, St. Anthony Park Home or St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ.

Norbert Heldt

Norbert H. Heldt, 95, died Jan. 11, 2017.

Norb was a World War II Marine Corps veteran. From the 1950s to the 1980s, he designed numerous St. Paul Parks and Recreation buildings, including the current Phalen Park complex. He was passionate about creating user-friendly park facilities for young and old.

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He was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years, Marguerite. He is survived by a son, Jim (Carol); brother, Verlyn (Marlys) Heldt; and sister-in-law, Ruth Lofthus. The family thanks the dedicated staff at Sunrise of Roseville for their compassion and care over the past six and a half years.

His funeral was held Jan. 27 at Como Park Lutheran Church, with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

John Hogenson-Rutford

The Rev. John D. Hogenson-Rutford, 58, formerly of St. Anthony Park, died Jan. 4, 2017, of an extremely rare brain tumor, which he donated to the Mayo Clinic.

He attended St. Anthony Park Elementary and graduated from Murray High School, Gustavus Adolphus College and Luther Theological Seminary.

He served pastorates in the Minnesota communities of Brandon, Grand Marais, Hovland, Plymouth and Mahtomedi and in two south Minneapolis churches, Bethlehem and Mount Olivet. He also served a chaplaincy in Bloomington, Minn. John was also a trustee at Gustavus Adolphus College.

He enjoyed his time with his family, the dogs, running, using his road and mountain bikes, driving his 1949 red truck, writing, reading the Bible and leadership books, road trips with the family, and having fun. He was well known for his sense of humor but not for his driving directions.

His favorite places were Grand Marais, Siesta Key, Jackson Hole and

being somewhere with a good friend and a good beverage.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Hogenson-Rutford (a St. Anthony Park native); daughters, Kelly (Brian) McKenzie, Jana Hogenson and Kate Hogenson; two grandchildren; brother, Matt (Colleen) Hogenson; step-mother, Gayle Hogenson; step-brother, Chris (Katy) Nelson; step-sister, Katie Gonzalez; mother-in-law, Donna Rutford (formerly of St. Anthony Park); brother-in-law, Doug (Sue) Rutford; and sisters-in-law Lori Rogers and Mary Rutford.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dennis Hogenson, and mother, Faye Cook Hogenson.

John's memorial service was held Jan. 14 at Mt. Olivet Lutheran Church.

Arthur Majerus

Arthur P. Majerus, 93, of Falcon Heights, died Dec. 11, 2016. He was a Coast Guard veteran of World War II.

Arthur was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Phyllis. He is survived by his nine children, Art, Cathy Hayne, Mary Ross, Sue, Tom, John, Steven, David and Barbara Resler; nine grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Dec. 20 at the Church of the Holy Childhood, with interment at Fort Snelling.

Richard Peryam

Richard N. Peryam, 78, longtime resident of the Lauderdale area, died Dec. 14, 2016, at Lyngblomsten Care Center. He is survived by a cousin, niece and friends. A memorial service was held Dec. 29 at

Lyngblomsten, with interment at Sunset Cemetery.

Inez Theis

Inez Ann (Carpenter) Theis, 84, died Jan. 11, 2017. She was a one-time Como Park resident.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, James (Jim) Theis; four children; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and seven siblings.

A mass of Christian burial was held Jan. 19, 2017, at Holy Childhood Catholic Church in Como Park, with burial at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Christian Wilberts

Christian W. "Chris" Wilberts, 61, of Lauderdale, died unexpectedly on the morning of Dec. 27, 2016. Chris was born July 6, 1955, in Marshfield, Wis., to Mildred "Milly" (Klinkhammer) and Henry Wilberts.

He was educated on Minnesota's Iron Range and graduated from Bricelyn High School in 1973. Chris was an avid outdoorsman and felt most at home outside. He loved to hunt, hike and camp, but his primary passion was fishing. More than anything, he loved bringing friends and family on rustic fishing trips to northern Minnesota.

When not working or fishing, Chris could be found tinkering on projects in his garage. A blue-collar intellectual through and through, he loved to create using found materials and his imagination.

Chris was preceded in death by his mother. He is survived by his father; wife, Sue; daughters, Laura and Lyrik; son, Logan; grandsons, William and Henry; and brothers, Mark (Nancy) and Craig (Carolyn).

A memorial service was held in January at St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Como Park.

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become the industry standard. If St. Paul ever decided to expand its use of it, the carts wouldn't have to be retrofitted.

"But there would be an extensive public process and the passing of an ordinance before that could happen," said Joe Ellickson, department communications director.

City ordinance requires residents to recycle, with a \$25 fine for noncompliance, but nobody in Public Works can recall the statute being enforced, and the department has neither the budget nor staff to do so.

Ellickson estimates that 75 percent of St. Paul households recycle at least once a month. With fewer newspapers being collected and lighter materials, recycling tonnage has been flat in recent years. It is hoped that the new carts and acceptance of additional materials for recycling will increase participation and collection volumes.

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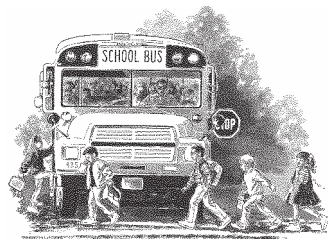
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School News

The Bugle welcomes news about students and schools in the area. The deadline for the March issue is Wednesday, Feb. 15. Send your news to editor@parkbugle.org.

Avalon School

700 Glendale St., 651-649-5495
www.avalonschool.org

Open houses announced

Avalon School, a grades 6-12 charter school that focuses on project-based learning, will host two open houses for prospective students and their families in February: Saturday, Feb. 4, at 10 a.m., and Thursday, Feb. 23, at 7 p.m.

Questions? Contact Gretchen Sage-Martinson at 651-649-5495, ext. 204, or enrollment@avalonschool.org.

Avalon wins innovation award

Avalon was one of five winners of the Charter School Innovation Award, an initiative that began this year. Avalon won for its work in Different and Innovative Forms of Measuring Outcomes, an evaluation process that holds Avalon teachers accountable to each other, their students and students' parents.

The Minnesota Association of Charter Schools presented this annual award to five schools from across the state in December. Avalon received a \$1,000 cash prize and a Charter Schools Innovation Awards banner.

The awards re sponsored by the Labrador Foundation.

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Como Park Senior High

740 Rose Ave., 651-293-8800
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French students go abroad

Eight Como French students were awarded the Xperitas (www.xperitas.org) Global Scholarship to experience immersion travel in Belgium and France in June. The scholarships cover 80 percent of the cost for the international field trip, and students will work to raise funds for the remainder.

The students will travel to Brussels, Belgium, where they will

explore the capital city and visit the European Union Headquarters and the European Parliament. From there, the students will travel to Paris and spend several days in the "City of Light" discovering cultural attractions. The experience will culminate with a weeklong stay in the city of Nantes in the French region of Brittany, where the Como students will be hosted by French families.

Government, up close

Como students Sumaya Mohamed, Kari Gurney, Josafen Sanchez, Annalaura Mendez, PaNhia Vang and Lay Lay Thoo participated in the Youth in Government Model Assembly program at the newly refurbished State Capitol in early January. The program gives high school students from across the state opportunities to serve as legislators, judges, attorneys, lobbyists, government officials and media representatives in sessions that are conducted by the youth themselves.

Senior Sumaya Mohamed served as a press secretary for the assembly, which in total had more than 1,400 participants.

"It was such an amazing opportunity," Mohamed said. "I was able to network and learn so much. I connected with NBC news correspondent Jo Ling Kent, who was an alum from Youth in Government and was covering parts of the event for NBC."

Academy of Finance news

Academy of Finance (AOF) students volunteered at Feed My Starving Children before winter break alongside Como students from the Work-Based Learning Program. Students packed more than 44,000 meals for children in needy parts of the world and built new relationships with classmates in the process.

In other AOF news, TopLine Federal Credit Union has partnered with Como with a student internship program for AOF students. TopLine is the latest community business to create internships with finance programs. Others include the BrandLab, 3M, Ecolab, Xcel Energy, the Federal Reserve, Grant Thornton LLP and The Travelers.

Music news

Freshman Amelia Schucker earned a violin seat in the Minnesota Opera's Project Opera program. This year's

production, "The Nightingale," will be staged at the Minnesota Opera Center in Minneapolis on Friday, Feb. 10, and Saturday, Feb. 11.

The Como Park Winter Instrumental Concert was held on Jan. 23 in the Como Auditorium. The concert featured the intermediate band, concert band, jazz band and orchestra under the direction of Dr. Philip Fried.

Como's Chamber Singers added spirit to Orchestra Hall in Minneapolis with a pre-concert performance for patrons of Handel's Messiah in December. All five of the Como Park choirs presented the annual Pops Concert in December in the Como Auditorium and then took the show on the road to sing for students at Hamline, Galtier and Como elementary schools on Dec. 20 before winter break.

There's still time to tour Como

Prospective students for the 2017-18 school year visited Como throughout January and attended Como's Showcase Night Jan. 19. Shadowing opportunities are still available for prospective students through the first week of February. Interested students can spend a day in school with a current Como student.

Online registration is available at comosr.spps.org under the link "Register Now: Como Park Shadow Visits 2017-18." Tours for parents and students are also available upon request through Jill van Koolwijk, parent coordinator, 651-744-3997.

Murray Middle School

2200 Buford Ave., 651-293-8740
www.murray.spps.org

History Day showcase coming up

Murray students are busy working on History Day projects and will showcase their work Tuesday, Feb. 7, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the school. This year's theme is "Taking a Stand in History." Students research at least six sources, including books, websites and interviewing historians, to learn more about their topic. Students analyze the sources and create a thesis statement that explains how their topic changed our world.

Students will show what they have learned in one of five projects: an exhibit, performance, paper, website or documentary.

Murray holds 33rd annual science

fair with help from volunteers

Murray Middle School had more than 80 volunteers come to judge more than 200 projects in the school's 33rd annual science fair Jan. 10. Murray has had a long tradition of science fairs dating back to the 1980s, when science teachers Art Payne and Johnny Bland started the Magnet Science Program for St. Paul Public Schools. Today the tradition

continues with projects in 14 categories.

The top three projects in each category will advance to the Twin Cities Regional Science Fair Feb. 24 and 25 at the University of Minnesota. Students heading to the regional fair are listed below along

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Yolanda Kondonassis and Jason Vieaux will open the 27th season of the Music in the Park Family Concert series at St Matthew's Episcopal Church.

Music in the Park announces lineup for Family Concert series

The Schubert Club's Music in the Park Family Concerts series will open its 27th season Friday, March 3, with two performances by Yolanda Kondonassis, harp, and Jason Vieaux, guitar.

All concerts are held at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave., and have two performances, at 6 and 7:15 p.m.

The series features nationally and locally celebrated performing artists in programs of folk, ethnic and classical music. Storytelling, dance and audience participation are part of

the programs, which are created for children of all ages and their families.

This year's theme, "With Strings Attached" features three different concerts with a variety of stringed instruments, including harp, guitar, dulcimer, nykelharpa, fiddle, violin, viola and cello.

The Scandinavian Trio will perform Friday, March 24. The trio features Ross Sutter, guitar; Cheryl Paschke, nykelharpa and fiddle; and Marya Hart, piano.

Daedalus String Quartet will

perform Friday, April 21. The quartet includes Min-Young Kim and Matilda Kaul, violins; Jessica Thompson, viola; and Thomas Kraines, cello.

New this year: Attendees can choose their own pricing: tickets are \$0 to \$5 per person. Advanced ticket reservations are strongly encouraged (no tickets required for babes in arms up to age 1). You can order tickets online at schubertclub.org or call the box office, 651-292-3268.



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with their category:

Animal science (zoology): Sebastian Zarkower, first place; Mira Seeba, second place; and Madeline Thompson, third place

Behavioral and social science: Nora Thomey, first place; Claire Olson, second place; and Ruby Kosiak, third place

Biochemistry: Colin Farnham, first place; Claire Fortier, second place; and Annelise Purcell, third place

Cellular and molecular biology: Abigail Rhee, first place, and Betsy Hofer, second place

Chemistry: Owen Finlay, first place; Sophia Lancaster, second

place; and Sullivan Lucy, third place

Earth science: Kaeden Warnberg-Lemm, first place; Isadora McGinley Myers, second place; and Macli Engelmann, third place

Energy and transportation: Aman Gidwani, first place, and William Nietz, second place

Engineering: Fiona Hatch, first place; Marisol Guevara, second place; and Samuel Skinner, third place

Environmental science: Marit Isaacson, first place; Janey Post, second place; and Samantha Eiken, third place

Medicine and health: Bridget Lee, first place; Hannah Hausman, second place; and Taylor Branson, third place

Microbiology: Ian McKenna, first place, and Amelia Christ, second place

Physics and astronomy: Peter Wenger, first place; Robel Hayelom, second place; and Griffin Hoppe, third place

Plant sciences (botany): Anna Gaudio, first place; Bill Lanceman, second place; and Tana Ososki, third place

Product comparison: Dixon Hedges, first place; Soren Berg, second place; and Devyn Van Puffelin, third place

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Association for a fun night with friends and neighbors to support the kids at St. Anthony Park Elementary School, Friday, Feb. 10, 7-10 p.m. at Colossal Café, 2315 Como Ave. Adults only, cash bar and appetizers. To be a co-host contact Anita Severt at akord01@gmail.com.

Science fair!

The St. Anthony Park Elementary School Science Fair will be held Monday, Feb. 27, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the school. Students in grades 3-5 will display and talk about their scientific investigations. All are welcome to attend.

School remodel meeting

An information meeting on the school's remodeling, budget and enrollment will be held Thursday, Feb. 23, 5-6:30 p.m., at the school. District personnel will be present to answer questions and address concerns. All are welcome and childcare will be provided.

Plans for the school building renovations are nearing completion. Work will begin this summer. Go to stanthony.spps.org/Page/23085 to find out more about the project.

Public science lecture

A public lecture on robotics and computer-aided environmental monitoring will be held Tuesday, Feb. 21, 7-8 p.m. at the school. The lecture is free, but free-will donations are welcome. All proceeds will go to St. Anthony Park School Association.



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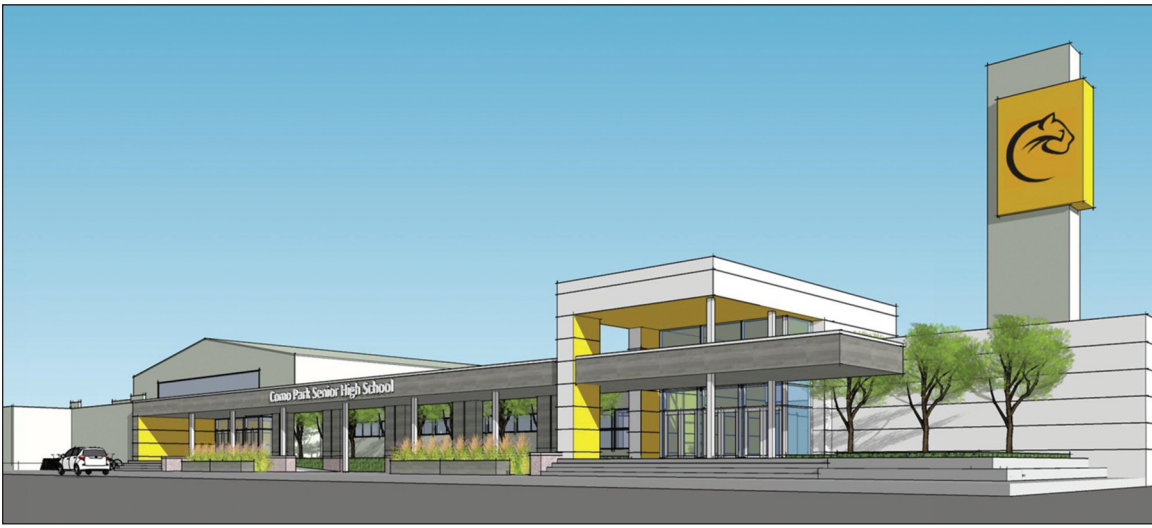
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A new entry to the high school is in the plans for Como's remodel. This shows a preliminary design for the entry by Cuningham Group Architects.

A field of dreams from 1

seasons, it wasn't without a formal request by an opposing coach to move the game to a "neutral" turf field.

"Overall, the other students will have more pride to have our games

right here in our own stadium. We, as a program, are very excited and thankful," said Law Htoo, captain of the Cougars boys soccer team.

Girls soccer captain Emily Forstrom echoed Htoo's sentiment. "I think homecoming will be a lot more meaningful and special to have

our homecoming game at our own field instead of at our rival's school," Forstrom said. "Investment into the field shines more good publicity on Como and helps build a stronger community."

The field will also be used for baseball and softball practice,

ultimate Frisbee and in-school gym classes. In addition, community partners such as the St. Paul Blackhawks soccer club can rent the space for evening practices, without the risk of ripping up sod or causing wear and tear to the field.

Synthetic turf fields have become the norm for high schools across the nation as they can serve thousands of athletes and activities with minimal maintenance.

The Como community has longed for such a field. St. Paul Public Schools (SPPS) informed Como's administration last year that their dirt-to-turf dream would become a reality more quickly if they could secure financial assistance; SPPS encouraged the school to apply for a National Football League (NFL) Grassroots Foundation Grant.

The competitive application required evidence of community support. A couple of Como teachers helped pull together letters from community leaders and stakeholders. The response was immediate: 17 letters accompanied the grant application.

Jay Schrader, president of the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation board of directors, wrote a letter explaining the foundation's goal of nurturing community assets, including the schools.

"Our mission is to secure a strong and vibrant neighborhood for future generations, and our ongoing support for schools and children is a large part of that vision," Schrader wrote. "An improved and upgraded athletic field at Como Park Senior High would benefit children across the community and allow many more events to occur in the neighborhood."

David Lee, parent of three Como alumni, said the new field will "bring tons of energy to our campus" and would be "a symbol of the pride we take in our student athletes."

Ann Commers, co-chair of the Como Booster Club, described how the field will also serve St. Paul Parks and Recreation and St. Paul Community Education programs. "With upgraded facilities, Como will finally be the gem of a high school that it was meant to be surrounded by the beautiful neighborhood in which it is located," she wrote.

Other contributors included State Rep. Alice Hausman, St. Paul City Councilmember Amy Brendmoen, Midway Chamber of Commerce executive director Chad Kulas, St. Paul Blackhawks competitive girls director Andy Barnes, Rice Street Athletic Club president Jeanne Kranz, St. Paul Parks and Rec director Mike Hahm,

former SPPS board member Louise Seeba, North Area Football Association coach Bill Metzger, School of India for Languages and Culture committee chair Mélina Mangal, Data Recognition government affairs director Lori Fritts, Como soccer parent Beth Leurquin, Como multi-sport parent Peggy Johnson, Como student Lumin Johnson and Minnesota State High School League region secretary Doug Peltier.

The Minnesota Vikings were impressed by the community's support and engagement and recommended the proposal to the NFL office in New York.

"Here we have a beautiful new U.S. Bank Stadium," said Brad Madson, the Vikings' executive director of community relations, in a recent Pioneer Press interview, "and at Como High School there's no home-field advantage for them as they're playing their games offsite, so I think it was fitting we put our efforts behind helping Como get a new field."

The Como field is part of a 10-year, districtwide Facilities Master Plan (FMP) for SPPS, which includes the remodel at the school scheduled to begin this summer.

Improvements will include a new main entrance; a two-story, 21,000-square-foot classroom addition on the southwest corner of the building; reconfigurations throughout the building, including new locker bays, classrooms and bathrooms, flexible learning spaces and an extensively renovated open commons and cafeteria area. The heating, ventilation and air-conditioning system will also be updated.

Work will be done in segments and span over two years, with expected completion in fall 2019.

For Lumin Johnson, a junior who advocated for Como facility upgrades with a letter and by speaking to the SPPS school board, the investment in Como is a game-changer.

"I think it will really make a positive difference in the future," he said. "It's fantastic that the school board decided to invest money into Como. It feels like they want us to succeed. It means quite a lot."

To find out more about the district's Facilities Master Plan, its timeline and projects for each site, go to www.spps.org/FMP.

Eric Erickson is a social studies teacher at Como Park High School and a longtime coach of school and youth sports in St. Paul.

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