Latchkey Locked Out

By Peggy Mann Rinehart

Latchkey, St. Anthony's extended day program [see page 7], will be asked to move out of its present room at SAP school, it was decided Friday September 22, in order to provide room for an additional kindergarten class.

When SAP demographers predicted low kindergarten enrollment—enough students for only two classes, one morning and one afternoon—Latchkey was offered the use of the second kindergarten class. Unfortunately, the demographers were wrong, and after the beginning of the school year, SAP administrators discovered that there would be an additional class of 18 students and hired a second kindergarten teacher, Beth Hadley.

On September 22, some 25 parents, PTSA members and concerned neighbors met with Weldin to discuss the situation. The group expressed concern that SAP elementary give priority to educational programs rather than to community education. Most seemed to feel that Latchkey was not an educational program, but a tax supported day care center. When Beth Hadley explained that she had taught some 28 kindergarten students in a similar sized classroom at Hancock Elementary, one parent explained, "We can't be compared to other schools. This is St. Anthony Park and we expect more."

"I don't have any doubt in my mind what the correct decision is," says a frustrated Weldin. He has been a long time supporter of Latchkey. Weldin explained that it wasn't until this meeting that he knew there were only ten children in the Latchkey program between 12:30 and 3:30. His initial decision had been based on the overall enrollment of 40 in the Latchkey program. Diana Diers, director of Latchkey, did not expect such pressure from the kindergarten parents. "My Latchkey parents haven't even been talked to yet. I wonder how they will feel." A meeting with Latchkey parents was scheduled for a time after the publication of this month's Bugle.

Weldin explained that it would be impossible to locate the ten Latchkey kids in the room presently occupied by the third kindergarten. "For one thing, the clubhouse structure," built by Latchkey parents and volunteers, "would be impossible to move. Also, we would have trouble keeping materials separate."

Diers explained, "Each room has a separate atmosphere, and should have. We want to create special environments for our kids. That would be impossible if we were sharing facilities."

Weldin explained that "there is no other space here for Latchkey. We moved all the fourth graders upstairs and out of the crowded library area."

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1:15 p.m. **Road Rescue Inc., 2161 University Avenue**
This meeting will be devoted to the problems and concerns of the business community. It will be the only business stop of the day.

2:45 p.m. **Tom Stack home, 2203 Scudder Avenue** (formerly the Gov. McGill home). It is anticipated that the mayor will discuss the recent improvements and other North St. Anthony Park concerns.

3:30 p.m. **Joe Skovholt home, 1430 Raymond Avenue**. This home is in the heart of the acute non-residential parking problem. It is also near the College Park erosion area.

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**George Latimer: Saturday Afternoon Live!**

By Joe Skovholt

Mayor George Latimer will visit District 12 (North and South St. Anthony Parks and W. Midway) on Saturday, October 21. The purpose of the Saturday in the Neighborhood Program is for the Mayor to see and hear first hand what the problems and the concerns of the community are.

The day's schedule will be as follows:

10:00 a.m. Rolls and coffee will be served at the District 12 office, 2380 Hampden at the corner of Raymond and Hampden in South St. Anthony Park. Discussion of District 12's General District Plan will be held.

11:00 a.m. Walking/riding tour of District 12
Noon Lunch - served at side door of the Muffuletta (dutch treat)

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General District Plan a Milestone

The General District Plan for District 12 has reached an important milestone. The District 12 Community Council, at its September 13 meeting, approved a preliminary draft of the plan and recommended that it be distributed for community review.

Most of the work on the plan was completed by an ad hoc task force headed by Gred Haley. Starting last April, problems and needs were identified, goals and objectives were developed, and finally, recommendations were made for improvements. The task force was open to all residents and others interested in improving the community.

The following proposals were recommended by the Council.

Physical Development

Land Use and Zoning
- In the area between the railroad tracks, develop housing between Highway 280 and Raymond, and industrial uses east of Raymond.
- Re-zone Buford-Cleveland businesses from RM-1 to B-2.
- Re-zone the area west of Highway 280 and north of Dowsetter to I-1.

Transportation
- Complete Kasota Avenue extension and Transfer Road extension.
- Improve the Transfer Road to Vandalia Street, Territorial Road to Transfer Road, Hunting Valley Road to Kasota Avenue and Pelham Boulevard to Raymond Avenue connections.
- Develop the Fifield Street outlet in conjunction with development of vacant property.
- Continue the Residential Street paving program. The first priority for paving should be the area bounded by Eustis, Como and Carrier.
- Narrow the Raymond-Hampden intersection after Raymond is no longer a truck route.
- Conduct a pedestrian and traffic count at Raymond-Bayless-Long.
- Adopt the Residential Permit Parking Ordinance, and establish a permit area near the St. Paul Campus.
- Improve north-south bus service through the district.

Housing
- Make housing information more widely available.
- Create an Identified Treatment Area (ITA) east of Raymond and south of Como if sufficient interest develops.
- Privately develop medium-density, multi-family housing at Fifield and Brewster.

Design and Environment
- Replace all diseased boulevard trees by late 1980.
- Install sound barriers along Highway 280.
- Replace mercury vapor street lights mounted on telephone poles with ornamental lighting in St. Anthony Park southwest of Como Avenue. Retain green lantern style.

Commerce & Industry

University Avenue
- Increase parking enforcement on Raymond and near University and Pelham.
- Remove parking restrictions from Territorial Road between Raymond and Highway 280.
- Investigate the need for additional off street parking.
- Relocate loading areas off University and remove unused track and deteriorated buildings.
- Prohibit parking on the north side of University between Carlton and LaSalle.

Economic Development
- Establish a local development corporation of businesses and industries throughout District 12.
- Develop commercial and industrial uses east of Raymond along the Kasota Avenue and Transfer Road extensions.
- Work to establish a supermarket, a quality restaurant and a cinema.
- Develop a public parking lot to serve Como Avenue businesses.
- Reverse deterioration of Buford-Cleveland businesses.

Human Services

Parks and Recreation
- Improve Langford Park.
- Replace trees in Langford Park.
- Solve the erosion problem at College Park.

Community Facilities
- Retain the St. Anthony Park Public Library and make needed improvements to the building.
- Renovate Baker School building for housing, retail or office use.

Police
- Enforce on street parking limits near St. Paul Campus.

Social Services
- Develop a directory of available social and health services.

Health
- Work to correct rodent problems in West Midway industrial area.

Upcoming meetings to discuss the District 12 plan:
- St. Anthony Park Association-Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00-Elementary School.
- South St. Anthony Park Association-to be scheduled.
- Midway Civic and Commerce Association-to be scheduled.
- District 12 Community Council-Wednesday, October 11 at 5:00 p.m.-2380 Hampden.

Copies of the full plan are available at the District 12 office, 2380 Hampden, or at the meetings. If you have any questions, call Dave Black, City Planner, at 298-4510.
You Can't Get There from Here

By Gail McClure

Classes resumed on the St. Paul campus this week, and for once the upperclassmen were just as bewildered as the freshmen.

"I can't get to my class," a junior cried as he gazed through the tall fence blocking off the massive construction site. Started in June, construction has closed portions of Buford Ave. to traffic and has created a one-way loop around the mall (Carter to Eckles to Buford). Scheduled for completion early in 1980, the construction will eventually involve the Student Center, the Library, Coffey Hall and Bailey Hall.

Currently, students, staff and faculty are required to wind their way along the construction site and ferret out the temporary entrances and exits which have had to be established. However, most University officials find little to complain about. Such inconveniences are merely the by-product of ten years of often frustrating, but ultimately successful, attempts to provide for the needs of a growing campus.

The largest portion of the construction involves the St. Paul Student Center. The main goal in the planning was to "retain the soft, open appearance typical of this green campus," said Charles Rausch, assistant director of the St. Paul Student Center. To realize that goal, most of the space was added underground. Once complete, the site will be restored so that the boulevard will look almost identical to what it did before construction.

Although the surface of Buford Ave. will be restored within 18 months, below street level will never be the same. A new enlarged bookstore, an equipment rental store, and construction and graphic facilities for the center will be housed under the street. A major feature of the expansion will be a 330-seat, slant-floor theatre. "It will be the only University theatre with a theatrical dance floor," Rausch said. Between the theatre and the bookstore will be an underground terrace-lounge area. A sundek and a brick terrace will face the south at street level. The cafeteria on the first floor will be expanded. A new circular kitchen has been designed to provide faster service.

A library addition is also underway (but not underground), and students have found the circulation desks temporarily relocated in what used to be their lounge area in the Classroom Office Building. The lounge has been re-labeled to the halls.

In a few weeks, residents of Bailey Hall will experience additional confusion as ground breaking will occur for expansion of the dormitory. Steve Markowitz, Planning Coordinator for the St. Paul campus, said most of the Bailey Hall construction will not interfere with vehicular traffic; however, he did say that flagmen may be necessary, periodically, as equipment and materials are moved to and from the site.

Markowitz emphasized that the interim traffic patterns in no way affect the University's commitment to encourage increased parking at the state fairgrounds. Similar to last year, the University will run a shuttle bus from Eckles Ave. to the fairgrounds. "We've eliminated a few runs during mid-day because we weren't getting riders during that time, but we will continue to run the shuttle daily during the peak hours so that more students and staff will park at the fairgrounds."

Evidently, the cement shortage has not interfered with the St. Paul construction. Rausch said they are currently ahead of schedule, and Markowitz said he did not anticipate any problems. "The shortage is not affecting the big contractors as much as the small independent contractors," he said.

Gail McClure founded the Bugle and was editor for two years. She is presently Assistant Professor and Publications Editor in the Department of Information and Agriculture Journalism at the U. of M. McClure, husband Nick Bra- baker, and family live on Cromwell.

Church Goes Bazaar

This year's Fall Bazaar at the St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, to be held on Tuesday, October 17 from 2 to 8 p.m., has some new features.

Jami Cook will demonstrate making stained glass articles and will offer them for sale. Dried plants for fall flower arrangements will be available for the first time.

Regular attractions include a pantry with home baked and canned foods, a silent auction, exceptional white elephants, crafts, house plants, and articles made by the Leisure Age group.

The church's catering group offers a chicken dinner at 5:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Advanced tickets may be secured at the church office.

Marion Hartwick, who chairs the event, invites everyone to take an afternoon coffee break and come to the church between 2 and 4 p.m. for a home-made specialty.

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That takes care of our commitment to write for you. Now how about more of you writing for the Bugle? We are currently formalizing operating policies for the Bugle, and it has become apparent that only a few people actually take an active role in the production of the paper. That’s unfortunate; it really creates an overworked, underpaid situation for the present staff.

We know for a fact that many talented writers and photographers live in this area. Why don’t more of you get involved with the Bugle? The commitment can be as flexible as it needs to be to suit your schedule. For instance, if you participate one month, it doesn’t mean you’re committed for the next month. However, it does mean that you would be helping the Bugle reflect community goals and interests, and that’s our major concern.

If you’re reluctant to get involved because you don’t feel you write well or if you’ve never written as a journalist before, relax. We don’t pay much either. Besides, our editor is a journalism instructor, and she’s extremely patient and wants to work with a wide variety of people in the community.

Every issue of the Bugle gives the time and location for a staff meeting. All you need to do to join this amorphous group is check the time and attend the meeting. If you can’t make the meeting, call the editor. You’ll have an assignment before you can hang up.

Gail McClure

Oops! Our Mistake(s)

Stew McIntosh is the manager of Park Hardware, Roxanne Freece, the Bibelet. Fortunately, both understand the problems involved in running a small newspaper and were quick to understand the mistake in October’s On Como Avenue.

And Lars Harrisville is better known to us all as Lars Harrisville. Lars begins his freshman year at college, while his parents are spending the year in Middleton, Vermont. Our apologies, Breck Woods, An Anachronism was written by Lars Harrisville.

Letters

The following letter is a response to a letter written by Jim Christenson and printed in the September Bugle. Christenson stated that District 12 is “a bureaucratic means of putting the public’s stamp of approval on the expenditure of revenue sharing funds.” P.M.R.

There continues to be a mis-perception about the purpose and function of District 12 Community Council.

District 12 Community Council is a coalition of two neighborhood associations and a business association. The Council is only as “representative” as the representatives of the three associations make it. Each association handles its own elections and it is up to the representatives to carry out the important report and communication functions.

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The Park Bugle

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Editorial

Latchkey, St. Anthony Park Elementary School’s extended day program has faced opposition since it began a year ago. "They're so unorganized," "They let the kids run wild," "We shouldn’t have to support that kind of program," are just a few of the criticisms leveled against the program.

And it seems that Latchkey faces even greater problems this year as a group of parents have demanded that their kindergarten kids take over the only space available at SAP to the Latchkey program.

Sure, parents are unhappy. Their kids are meeting in a room that was designed for first graders. "They’re right off the library and can’t make any noise," one mother complained. "My son has to make all his pictures in orange because all they have is one box of crayons," another complains.

The kindergarten teacher, working at two different schools and hired after the start of the year, has had no time to order and organize materials.

And Director Dianna Diets and Latchkey parents are again caught in the middle. Some of the unhappy kindergarten parents have successfully gotten Latchkey located out of the building completely. "Afterall," one mother complains, "Our first priority should be educational programs. I don’t consider that an educational program."

But, after a year of dispute, I can’t help but believe there are those who would be opposed to anything Latchkey does. When mothers complain that parents working outside the home are getting special treatment, it is easy to hear the implied, "afterall, we stay home and take care of our kids. We don’t let other people raise them."

The problems facing the kindergarten teacher and kids meeting in the first grade class could have been solved if only SAP parents would realize that good education doesn’t come from the room; it comes from the teacher. If only SAP parents would recognize the other issues surrounding the Latchkey Kindergarten dispute.

Because the dispute runs deeper than facilities. Until working parents show respect and appreciation for parents who stay home, and until homebound parents recognize that working parents are not abandoning their children, SAP’s Latchkey and other programs like it will unfortunately, face problems of acceptance.
By Martha Saul

Greg and Nancy Haley first lived in the Park as students. For the past seven years their home has been at 2258 Commonwealth. The living room of their 74-year-old home, with its striking contemporary furnishings and green plants, is an appropriate background for this handsome couple and their two children, Joanna, age four, and John, age eight.

A South American wall hanging in the dining room reflects Nancy's interest in fibers. She is a member of the Weaver's Guild and active in its school. Nancy does volunteer work at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts where she is helping to catalogue its collection of Peruvian textiles.

Nancy also teaches English as a Second Language in evening classes at a Minneapolis community school. "You can see your successes and failures very dramatically," she says of her English classes. "And you learn so much about other people and their cultures."

Nancy appreciates life in the Park. "You have a full, rich life with your children and still have time for yourself," she says. "I don't like to spend a great deal of time driving. I have many more interesting ways to spend my time."

"Also, in the Park there are people of all ages, and from all backgrounds. I know it is good for my children to see and know older people who lead busy, active lives. Here in the Park there is communication and a unique cross of age lines that my children would not experience in other neighborhoods."

Communication is important to Greg Haley too. As an architect, he works with neighborhood groups and is keenly aware of neighborhood quality and neighborhood involvement. Greg is president of the St. Anthony Park Association, delegate on the District 12 Community Council, and chairman of that group's physical planning committee.

"I'm looking at this year as a year in transition," Greg says of his work with the Association. He is pleased with the decision to print the Association's bulletin in the Bugle each month to make people more aware of the Association and its activities. "There has been a problem," he admits. "Nobody knew just what the Association did."

Greg sees the Association as a vehicle to hear people's concerns, to reflect the needs and wants of the community and to improve communication within the community. He wants the Association to be a catalyst for socializing the neighborhood.

The Association has started to form a network of blockworkers. The community has been divided into seven areas, of seven to twelve blocks each. There will be one or more blockworkers in each block.

"This will also be a two-way information network and a means for people to talk to each other," Greg says. "And through the network, regional concerns such as the seminary expansion, on-street parking, a new water tower or a noise barrier on Highway 280 could all be handled by the residents in each local unit of the network."

The Association also plans to publish a membership and community services directory. "Like a small town telephone book, is the way I envision it," Greg says. "It will be especially useful to new members of the community, and it will improve our role in getting information to people."

Concern for neighbor and neighborhood is obvious from the Haley's activities. "We like the friendliness of our neighbors and the small town atmosphere. We like the diversity of age and economic groups, the old houses, the sense of history and continuity," they both said, almost in unison.

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At Home

By Gina Antonello

“Don’t buy the house; buy the neighbor.” So goes the Russian proverb. Mrs. Jean Ruotsinjoa of 2131 Doswell Ave. agrees. “The area comes first, the house second.” Ruotsinjoa is the third generation in her family to live in St. Anthony Park. Her mother and father Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gallagher live at 2274 Hillside, and her grandfather, Herbert Gallagher lives across the street at 2279 Hillside. Six years ago, when Jean and her husband Ed were looking for a house, the Park had little for sale. Hearing about this house through a friend, they immediately called the realtor. “We walked in the front door, walked out the back door, and signed the contract. It was the first house we looked at, and we bought it in ten minutes.”

Jean teaches Home Economics at Mounds View High School, and she laughs, “It’s exactly what I advise my students not to do: buy without comparative shopping. Afterwards it was an adventure finding out what we owned.” Built in 1935, the two-story brick house stands on a hill overlooking College Park. The traditional facade covers a contemporarily designed interior. “For an older home it has a very open feeling.”

Jean and Ed share their house with a University student, Lynda Steinbeck. For the past few years they have had students live-in. “I don’t like an exchange of money, but rather an exchange of skills. A little babysitting or housekeeping, for example, for room and board. Lynda fits in like a member of the family.” Jean continues, “That’s one of the reasons I love it here; there is a lot of exchange of talents in this neighborhood. People helping others. One neighbor gives us produce from her garden in exchange for grass clippings. I shampooed my neighbor’s rug while she was pregnant. It seemed small, but it means a lot, money not always being the exchange item.”

Jean talks more about the attractiveness of St. Anthony Park, about pride in a community that is not all “paper-doll people.” She says, “Part of the charm is being able to walk to the grocery or library or post office. And it is so nice in the evening, with neighbors out walking, listening to the chimes from the church. It really has a small-town warmth.” She smiles. “The house could be nothing and I’d still live here.”

The Ruotsinjoa’s decorated the house in a soft modern style, with Jean’s passion for bargain hunting making it affordable. She has often risen at 4 a.m. to attend a Dayton’s warehouse sale. “In an hour everything worth buying is sold. I feel better about furnishing a house on a low budget. If I had unlimited funds I might have done things differently, but I honestly can’t say for sure that I would.” The house is filled with the art and handwork of friends, and much that Jean has done herself (including a large Rya rug that took her hundreds of hours to complete).

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Learning Before and After School

By Kathy Stuart

St. Anthony Park Elementary School houses a child care program for school age children called Extended Day. Nationally, this type of program is known as Latchkey, symbolic of the children who wear house keys around their necks to enable them to let themselves in to empty homes after school. SAP's Extended Day Program has three sessions established to give working parents an alternative to having their children stay alone at home before and after school.

The morning program opens at 7:00 and runs until 8:45 a.m. to give parents time to drop off children and get to work or class. Breakfast is provided and the children participate in the fixing. Recently, they made homemade applesauce and pancakes. Depending on their energy levels, children can choose activities ranging from reading, games and puzzles to early morning jogging.

Kim Vogensen, head teacher for the afternoo kindergarten session (11:30-3:45), feels it is quite important to establish a balance of quiet time and active time for 5 year olds. She hopes to use Extended Day time at school to expose kindergarteners to as many enriching community experiences as possible. Twice monthly projects are planned with nursing home residents at Linnea Home. Activities in a typical week might include touring a bakery, setting up a bakery play center, purchasing ingredients at a grocery store, and making bread.

The after school program starts at 3:45 and runs until 6:00. Dianna Diers, director, hopes to gear the program towards the individual interests of the children. With the help of an assistant, children have the opportunity to plan their own activities. Weekly swimming outings, disc golf or skating, an apple orchard visit, social and creative dramas are some of the suggestions being implemented.

The club house theme has caught on in the Extended Day room, and helpful parents are in the final construction stages of a multilevel structure. Park people of all ages who have skills or energy to share with school age kids are encouraged to come and share their time. Perhaps you would be interested in helping several children learn to make gingerbread men during the holiday season, or having children participate in your pumpkin harvesting. An open house is soon to be announced for Extended Day.

As the SAP Extended Day program grows, Ms. Diers would like to encourage families to inform her of upcoming needs as soon as possible. A few spaces for children are left, but they are filling fast. Remember, Extended Day exists to serve you and your children. For information call Diana Diers 645-2456.

Kathy Stuart was the first director of the SAP Latchkey extended day program. She is an active member of the community.

Important Bits and Pieces

BULLETIN previously published monthly by the St. APA has been discontinued. This space is purchased monthly from the Bugle and will highlight Association news. Tune in to turn on to this space each month.

A WELCOME to new members. Memberships are offered as single or family. Welcome Lynn Basich and Mike Basich, Ceci & Penny Chally, David & Karen Davis, Kiki & Warren Gore, Larry & Linda Holmberg, Malcolm & Margaret MacGregor, Also Stoffel & Tricia Keitman, Gerald Rinehart, Ardis & Donald Rowe, David Settergren and Kathy & Ted Stuart.

District 12 Plan will be discussed and voted upon at the October St. APA meeting. Come prepared. Information on the Plan is highlighted on page 2 in the Bugle.

Block Workers will meet immediately after the October membership meeting. Agenda includes discussion of surveys and future plans.

A Special Thanks to neighbors who worked so hard to make the fall steak fry a delight. Tom Freiling, Warren Gore, Stew McTobst, Jack Pearson, Sta Peterson, and Brad Risem. Our special thanks to Langford Park staff and Keith Brown, manager of Como-Snelling Rent-all for use of equipment.

Attendance at the September meeting was a gage of new year member enthusiasm. One hundred ten persons shared dinner and conversation. Twenty-five children bounced in the Child Care Room. Energy tips shared by Ned Hoffman of Ouroboros East were timely.

Join Us

I would like to know more about the St. Anthony Park Association and its activities.

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Mail this inquiry to Bill Paist, Membership Chairperson, 2298 Commonwealth Avenue, or call him at 645-3182.
By Mollie Hohen

As the large suburban shopping centers grow larger, and stores and restaurants from chain operations proliferate along major highways, many neighborhood shopping areas are finding it difficult to survive. In light of this trend, the fact that St. Anthony Park recently lost three businesses has raised questions about the current health of the Park commercial area and its future.

However, conversations with local business people suggest that the commercial climate in SAP today is healthy, and, in fact, the area is experiencing a period of unprecedented vitality.

Richard Slind, owner of the building at 2278 Como, is a lifelong resident of the Park who has watched the commercial area go through several up-and-down periods. He described the area now as, "significantly better than it's been in the time I've known it—and that goes back to the early '40s."

The individuals interviewed by the Bugle say unanimously that the recent closing of LaTartlette, Threadbenders, and Tobak should not be taken as a danger signal. To the contrary, they assert, the area as a whole has experienced an upswing in the past 4 to 5 years that has stimulated a flurry of new shops and expanded activities.

They point to the successful establishment of new businesses such as the Carter Avenue Frame Shop, Four Seasons, Muffuletta, and Speedy Market, and the increased growth of already established businesses such as Bibelot, Park Hardware, and St. Anthony Park Bank.

Frequently cited as another indicator of good health is the high demand for commercial space in the Park. "Business people fight to get into this area," explained Dick Dimond, manager of Speedy Market.

What factors contribute to this healthy economic climate?

One factor commonly identified by the owners and managers themselves is the cooperative spirit that prevails among the merchants. Although there is not an active merchants organization in a formal sense, a strong tradition of informal cooperation seems to exist.

"There is harmony here that is very nice," is the way Andrew Boss, President of St. Anthony Park Bank, explained it. Susan Miller, describing her reception from the business community as "wonderful" when she opened LaTartlette last year, recalled that, "the other owners were very accepting and helpful."

Roxana Freese, owner of the Bibelot, cited this attitude as an important advantage of a Park business location. "The businesses here support and complement each other," she explained.

In addition to this cooperative approach, the area has benefited from the efforts of several individuals to influence development in a positive way.

Andrew Boss is one such individual. In 1974 his concern about the vitality of the business community led him to call together several local residents to discuss ways to stimulate development.

The outcome was that the group acquired the building on the corner of Como and Carter, which housed a drugstore on the street level and was largely vacant upstairs. The group refurbished the building, encouraged Bridge and Goose to locate there, and quickly had the entire building rented.

Boss also was instrumental in the Bank's acquisition of the corner site at Doswell and Como for its drive-up facility there.

As one business person described it, these two developments helped "anchor the block" and provide a stability which encouraged other developments.

Another individual who exerts a major influence on the commercial area is Mary Ann Milton, owner of Milton Square. Because of the large number of commercial spaces she controls, her decisions directly affect the content of the area.

Milton believes that businesses in the area must be "complementary not competitive," and uses this as a criteria in determining to whom she leases. She is willing to turn away business that she views as not providing "service to the community."

Another individual identified by many of the business people as playing a key role in the area's development...
Roxana Freese. Her establishment of Bibelot 12 years ago is viewed as a pioneering influence in the development of the area's special "ambiance," as one business person termed it.

Her colleagues refer to her personal encouragement of continued expansion and the stimulus her shop provides for business generally as important factors of the area's business climate.

Other factors contributing to the area's commercial good health are the strong community ties maintained by area businesses. Many owners and managers live in the neighborhood. Almost all of them employ local residents. Whether they live here or not, et's first 11 months of operation, "not one uncollectable check came from neighborhood residents."

Merchants readily acknowledge the active community support they receive. Freese was echoing other owners' sentiments when she stated, "This neighborhood cares about its shopping area."

Ironically, this mutual appreciation between merchants and neighborhood may be approaching a period of potential strain, created by the very growth and prosperity it reflects.

Many merchants believe the shopping area must grow and attract more customers from outside the neighborhood if it is to continue as a viable commercial area. Neighborhood support, although highly valued and seen as necessary, is not considered sufficient.

"The community is dependent on a certain percent of outside trade to keep business vital," Boss believes. Several local businesses are recognized among the merchants as already drawing numbers of customers from out of the area, especially the bank, Bibelot, and Muffuletta. The other owners view this as beneficial for their own businesses.

Growth, however, intensifies two major problems that concern the merchants. The problems are limited parking space and lack of space for new commercial development. All the merchants interviewed by the Bugle mentioned the limited parking space in the area as a major concern. Reportedly there has been much informal discussion and exploration among the merchants of possible solutions to the problem.

Attempts to identify existing space for more off-street parking have not been successful so far. The possibility of a parking ramp has been mentioned, although community resistance to such a plan would be anticipated, should it be pursued.

The other major problem many merchants list is the limited space available generally for new commercial development. The bank, for example, is facing increasingly severe space needs but can find no room for expansion in the immediate area.

Again, as with the parking problem, merchants perceive community resistance. Many merchants believe the community desires to keep the commercially-zoned area limited in size in order to preserve the flavor of the neighborhood. But to the owners and managers, this is seen as an obstacle to development.

Nonetheless, as difficult as these problems may become, what seems clear is that the businesses and the neighborhood are closely linked by mutual need and respect. The owners and managers interviewed by the Bugle recognize this relationship and express their desire to preserve it.

Dimond's statement of purpose is typical of the sentiments expressed by other merchants: "We are trying to meet community needs and make a living while doing it."

Mollie Hoben is the Bugle news writer. She works for School District 287 [Suburban Hennepin] teaching visually impaired children. She moved to her home on Grantham in June.

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District 12 Community Council receives funds from the City for citizen participation; its activities are advisory in nature. Not only do they plan, but they also advise on a wide range of issues and concerns. For example, at its September 13 meeting, District 12 Community Council made recommendations on two proposed City ordinances—one relating to billboards and the other to residential parking permits—and guidelines for redevelopment of Fire Station 13 and Baker School. District 12 has representatives on a number of advisory committees: Mayor's budget, Como Zoo, Crime Prevention, Historical Preservation, Capitol Improvement Budget and School District planning, to name a few. The Council worked to get meals delivered to the homebound, to provide a forum for public art projects and to improve public transportation, especially for the elderly and handicapped.

Representatives from the neighborhood associations have discovered that they do share many of the same goals and objectives with the industrial/commercial representatives. There is a basic concern about the City's tax base and housing supply and maintenance. When positions differ (the proposed stadium site off 31, for instance), the difference is openly recognized and is so stated. When an issue like the residential parking permit ordinance is considered, the approach is to tell the City that the major impact of the proposal is on one segment of the coalition (in this case North St. Anthony Park) and to continue working with that neighborhood's committee.

The success of District 12 Community Council is dependent on maximum acceptance of responsibility from each of the associations and representatives. The coalition (District 12) is only as strong as its parts. District 12 is not a single entity but a sum of its parts.

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Community Organizer

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After several hours of padding forward, backward, and sometimes sideways, the group managed to get to the first night campsite. Canoeing and portaging went much better on Monday, but then the rain started. The rain continued until Thursday morning, when all clothing was dripping wet. Despite the ever-present rain, the spirit of the group was far from dampened.

Thursday was a beautiful day, sunny and hot, and the group took advantage of the drying rays of the sun by spreading all of their clothing on clothes lines and rocks. The camp site that day resembled a Chinese laundry before the invention of the electric dryer.

Friday came too soon and it was time for the group to leave the trail. Friday night was spent at the camp where dry beds were welcome, hot meals were good and the group was given the chance to meet youth from other canoe trips.

Films and Fun

Films and Fun at St. Anthony Park Library begin on October 5, at 4 p.m. with the films "Ghosts and Ghouls," "George and the Puppet Show" "Ghosts and the Great Pumpkin." Children ages 3-12 are welcome.

On October 19, Halloween Crafts will be offered to kids ages 6-12 at 4 p.m.

Story Hour

Story Hour has started! Preschool children ages 3 to 5 are invited to join us Wednesday mornings, from 10 until 10:45 to share stories, folktales, legends and fairytales, as well as crafts, films and puppet shows.

This series of story hours at St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 2245 Como, will end December 27th. Please come!
Bugle Artists
& Photographers

John Currie is a freelance artist and cartoonist. "It's not a job, it's an adventure."

Don Svendsen is a free lance photographer who owns his own business, Svendsen Photography. He and his family have lived in the Park for four years.

Paul Currie is a senior at the U. of M. working towards a B.A. in English.

Muskog Church, located on the grounds of Lutheran Theological Seminary, was designated an Historic Preservation Site by the St. Paul City council in a hearing on September 12.

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Elections: Interest in the primary brought out 545 voters. Eleven ballots were invalidated because of improper voting. Ninety-five new residents registered. To avoid such long waits on November 7, new voters may pre-register at City Hall from 1 to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, until October 17.

Absentee ballots may be obtained by a registered voter by making application in writing to Ramsey County Department of Property Taxation, Office of Elections & Licenses, Room 185, Courthouse, St. Paul 55102. If you are not already registered, you must also request a voter registration form to be returned with the ballot.

High interest in the District 2 County Commissioner race was evidenced by the rainbow of campaign signs. Results were: Salverda 170, MelEroy 125, McKee 89, Mayer 77. 71 ballots were blank, and 2 invalidated.

Filing of affidavit for candidacy for local vacancies closes October 10. Three City Council terms expire in December: Mayor (2 years), and two Council positions (4 years).

The School Board of District 623 voted to close Lake Owasso Elementary School in June, 1979, and approved use of the building as a Community Resource Center. Plans for district use and leasing of some space will be administered by Jim Klassen, Director of Community School Services. Herb Johnson, president, and Gil Engel, vice president, of the North Suburban Senior Council will be following up on the proposal for the Senior Center. Mounds View school district 623 has just opened its new Senior Center in the New Brighton Elementary School Resource Center.

The City Council reluctantly accepted the resignation of Willard E. Anderson as Zoning Administrator, effective November 14. Willard has a demanding position in Honeywell’s Research & Development Division; he is a classic cars enthusiast, and his collection includes an unusual Bricklin; he has served a number of years as president of Civic Club, and has always had a deep interest in civic affairs of this village. It is doubtful that most residents really appreciate how abundantly Willard has given of his limited free time in assisting citizens through the maze of planning & zoning regulations. For four years of conscientious, tireless, and unpaid devotion, Willard, this community does thank you.

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At the open meeting to discuss the City of Roseville recreation proposal, parents had a number of good questions for Turn to page 15

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One resident would oppose the proposal if the contract would require an increase in property taxes. Another felt the fees would be charged at a higher rate of the costs.

The annual roast beef dinner at Peace Lutheran Church, normally held in November, has been re-scheduled to the last Saturday in October, the 28th.

Jane Lindberg is a member of the Lauderdale City Council. She has been writing for the Bugle for 3 1/2 years.

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