St. Paul Libraries Reorganizing

by Sherree Riley

"The words 'donation' and 'fee' may be the same to you, but they're not to us," said Jerry Steenberg, director of the library system, at a meeting about the future of St. Paul libraries held Feb. 9 at the United Church of Christ.

He was responding to criticism of one of the library administration's fund-raising ideas, which was to request a donation from people registering at the library, whether at their initial registration or biennial library card renewal.

Fund raising is just one of the means the library administration is using to recover from the budget cuts that affected every administration in the city. "We had to reduce everything on our budget, line for line, except for energy expenses," which they had to increase in light of rising fuel costs, said Steenberg.

Steenberg's statements evoked reaction from his audience at the St. Anthony Park Association's February meeting.

Linda Montgomery was concerned that the idea of a free library system was in danger. "You're never going to stop asking people for money once you start," Montgomery said. She felt that requesting a donation would be a deterrent to people thinking of using the library for the first time.

Bob Prouty agreed with her. He said, "I can't believe that I'm the only person that has ever walked into the library because it was the only warm place I could afford to go into. If you want a donation, why don't you put a box at the door?"

Steenberg agreed that this was a possibility, but said there was no harm in asking for a donation at registration. He emphasized that there would be no pressure on people to donate if they didn't want to.

"But isn't this a political issue as well as a monetary issue?" Prouty asked. "Doesn't it leave you weaker, instead of stronger, when you ask for fees instead of giving back to the government and complaining? I'm more concerned that we maintain a principle to have government support," Prouty said. Steenberg responded that "it's the whole Reaganomics thing—self help, self-reliance."

Montgomery disagreed. The economy should not be used as an excuse, she said. "It's when times are hard that people keep reading."

Both she and Prouty had referred to the depression as an example of how free library service was widely used and appreciated during hard times.

In a later interview, Steenberg said he couldn't disagree with what Prouty said about government responsibility, but that "I think we would be remiss not to try to recoup some of our losses. I agree that the city is basically responsible for the services offered, but I am sympathetic to them, too. This situation literally descended upon them," said Steenberg.

"We are in hard times, and there may be people who would be willing to donate. There probably are a large enough number of people who would like to see us move ahead with our collection, develop our programs and provide the services they have requested," Steenberg said.

He added, "I'm very impressed with the support the St. Anthony Park library receives from the community, both in the use of the library and in memorial contributions. No other branch library in the system receives as much memorial support," Steenberg said. "This shows an ongoing support of the library."

The library system has had $84,000 cut from the materials budget and has had to lay off 10.5 full-time equivalent workers and reduce service hours to make up for other losses. "Service hours and staff are synonymous," Steenberg said. "The staff really is our greatest resource."

The library system may have been hit harder than other organizations because of its strict compliance with the city's budget-cutting requests, according to Park resident, Bob Hahnen, who was recently appointed to the library board.

"I worked on the (St. Paul) budget advisory committee for six months," Hahnen said at the

Library Charges Doubled

To help offset an $84,000 cut in the Saint Paul Public Library's 1982 book budget, new and increased charges will go into effect March 1 at all branch libraries.

Bob requests or reserves 50¢
Framed pictures, sculpture loans $2/week
Meeting room rental $7.50/hour
Plastic book bags 30¢

Hardcover books, $50
Paperbacks, 50¢
Phone records, 50¢
Framed pictures, $4
Magazines, 30¢

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Primaries Set

by Terri Ezekiel

Ward 4 is one of four wards needing a primary runoff on March 16 to approve City Council candidates for the April 27 general election. Voters also will have to choose among six mayoral candidates and seven contestants for three spots on the St. Paul School Board.

The candidates for the City Council seat are: DFL incumbent George McMahen; St. Paul police sergeant Bob Fletcher, who has been endorsed by Republicans; and independent Bob Dill, a former professional athlete who has been active in youth and community activities.

City councilmen serve two-year terms and the current salary is $28,530 per year.

Opposing incumbent mayor George Latimer in the primary are: Patrick Carline, a Northern States Power employee; community activist Edward K. Delaney, who led the opposition to the demolishment of Midway Stadium; I-R endorsed Mike Fitz, a former state legislator; and cab driver Glen John Mansfield.

The mayor of St. Paul serves a two-year term and the current salary is $43,742.

Courts To Re-map Districts

by Terri Ezekiel

On March 12 a federal court panel of three judges will issue a legislative reapportionment plan for Minnesota based on the Supreme Court's "one man, one vote" ruling that requires election districts to be nearly equal in population.

The State Legislature was unable to agree on a final plan by the Jan. 29 deadline imposed on it by the panel. The Senate did succeed, however, in passing a DFL-sponsored proposal before the deadline, and the I-R also submitted a proposal for consideration. The panel will consider all plans submitted before the deadline.

The Senate plan, authored by Sen. Peter Stumpf, creates three matchups of incumbent senators and nine matchups of incumbent House members. One of these would be between Park representative Ann Wynia and Rep. Kathleen Vallenga of Dist. 63A.

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Garden Plots Afoot for May

One hundred garden plots, 15 by 20 feet, will be available this spring to District 12 residents for a $10 fee.

Applications will be accepted immediately, BY MAIL, ONLY, on the form printed on this page. Applications will be numbered and plots assigned in the order received. Checks will be returned to those not receiving plot assignments.

If any plots remain after each household applying receives one plot, they will be assigned to households requesting two plots. An additional $10 must be paid before the second plot is assigned.

Before the gardens are opened for planting in early May, the soil at the site at Robbins Street and Raymond Avenue will be tested for pollutants and for soil composition, the ground will be plowed and disked, and the plots will be marked. Applicants will be notified of their plot number and the opening date for the gardens. Residents must provide tools, seeds and water for their plot.

The gardens will be a community project with the ultimate responsibility resting with the District 12 Council. A community gardens task force will set policies and mediate disputes. All gardeners are expected to work on one of five task force committees: composting, education, finance and future planning, physical arrangements, policy and rules.

Policies printed below were approved at a community meeting on Feb. 8 in the St. Anthony Park Library.

1. Garden plots will be available to residents of District 12 first. Half plots are not reserved by April 16. Residents may be allocated an additional plot. Any remaining plots will be allocated to residents of surrounding communities.

2. All plots will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis according to the order in which registration forms arrive BY MAIL in the District 12 office. Checks or money orders for $10 must be enclosed, made payable to District 12 Community Garden Account. Cash will not be accepted.

3. Plots will be assigned from the site plan in the order registration forms are received. An area will be reserved for handicapped persons.

4. All gardeners, particularly beginners, are encouraged to attend a seminar on gardening before they receive their plot assignment.

5. All monies will be handled by District 12 through its 501(c)(3) account. The funding committee will supervise all financial business.

6. Complaints, policies and mediations will be the responsibility of the task force, with District 12 Council having the final authority. District 12 will act as liaison with Burlington Northern Railroad.

7. The following plot site rules shall be adhered to:
   a. Plots will be planted (at least partially) by June 1 (or alternative date set by task force).
   b. Children will be restrained to orderly and respectful conduct at all times.
   c. Gardeners shall respect others’ plots.
   d. No pets will be allowed at plot sites.
   e. No alcoholic beverages will be allowed at plot sites.
   f. Tall (shade-producing) crops will be planted so as not to shade other gardeners’ crops.
   g. No herbicides will be used by anyone. Any task force-approved pesticides will be allowed. Prior to the gardening season, the task force will distribute a list of appropriate products with instructions and limitations for their use. Instructions must be followed.
   h. Gardeners wanting to grow sweet corn and/or sunflowers on their plot should negotiate plot location with task force.

Failure to abide by these rules will result in forfeiture of an individual’s garden plot.

8. It will be the responsibility of each plot owner to follow the task force rules and to actively serve on one of the following committees: finance, physical arrangements, education, policy and rules, composting. The area of interest should be indicated by gardener on registration form.

9. Gardens must be cleared, all stakes pulled and piled in a designated location, and ground ready for fall plowing by Oct. 15.

APPLICATION-AGREEMENT FOR GARDEN PLOT

Return to: District 12 Council Gardens
2380 Hampden Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55114

Check or money order for $10 must be enclosed, made payable to District 12 Community Garden Account.

I request ______ 1 plot ______ 2 plots ______ handicapped access

As a gardener I am ______ beginning ______ intermediate ______ experienced

I will serve on the following committee(s):

____ Composting ______ Education ______ Finance

____ Physical Arrangements ______ Policy & Rules

PRINT:
NAME________________________
ADDRESS____________________
PHONE Home:_______ Work:_____

I have read the policies printed on this page of the BUGLE and agree to abide by them in gardening on my plot in 1982.

Your Signature________________________

Check ______ M.O. ______
Plot #:___________________________

Do Not Write In This Space

This space brought to you by District 12 Community Council
Local Vet Specializes in House Calls for Pets

by Gillian Bolling

If you live in St. Anthony Park, it just might be easier for you to get a house call from its veterinarian than for you to get one from your family physician.

Since he graduated from the University of Minnesota School of Veterinary Medicine three years ago, Dr. Rich Routhe has been making house calls in his spare time for the pets of family and friends. News of Routhe's service soon spread by word of mouth and he recently got an answering service and decided to make a business out of house visits for family pets.

Routhe, who has lived in St. Anthony Park for eight years, has been working at the Minnesota Veterinary Hospital for the past three years. He plans, however, to leave that position to devote himself full time to his home visit business. By this summer, Routhe plans to start the Minnesota Mobile Veterinary Service, making house calls out of a specially equipped van.

"A clinic is often an atmosphere of anxiety for pets and for persons," said Routhe. "It's a different type of interaction when you deal with the pet at home."

On a house visit a pet is often treated in the home's kitchen or "anywhere you can think of," according to Routhe. Recently he treated a dog whose ear had been bitten by another dog. "We spread a plastic sheet over the living room couch and sewed it up right there," he said.

Although dogs and cats are Routhe's most common customers, he also has treated birds, hamsters and guinea pigs. In the atmosphere of the family home, he finds it interesting to get a firsthand look at the owner/pet relationship.

"With hamsters or guinea pigs, you see some traumatic cases due to their short life spans. Kids get so attached to them. Often a pet's death is the child's first association with death and this becomes an important aspect of their lives," said Routhe. He added that veterinarians are now devoting more time to studying and dealing with the grieving process.

Generally on his house visits Routhe does what he calls "routine veterinary maintenance care." This includes checkups, vaccinations, treating infections of the ears, skin or eyes and also helping relieve cold or flu-like symptoms such as vomiting or diarrhea. If he discovers a serious problem he will refer the owner to a veterinarian in a specialized area or to the University veterinary service for diagnostic tests.

Most calls for home veterinary visits receive same-day service from Routhe, if possible. "If it's for a checkup or a vaccination or something that's not urgent, it's often scheduled for two or three days later. But if it's urgent, I get to it as quickly as I can," said Routhe.

If emergency calls come through when his service is closed, pet owners are referred to either the Animal Emergency Clinic in St. Paul, which is open when most veterinarians' offices are closed—from 6 p.m. to 9 a.m.—or to the University's 24-hour veterinary college emergency service.

Humans form a strong companionship bond with their animals and, according to Dr. Routhe, this bond is especially strong with elderly or handicapped people. With his mobile veterinary service and his house visits, Routhe is especially interested in reaching this specialized "target group" of the elderly and handicapped.

His newspaper ad for house visits has gotten a good response from these groups and he plans to go to senior citizen programs in the area and let them know the service is available.

Forty percent of the pet owners don't seek care for their animals, according to Routhe, and a large segment of this group is elderly.

"There are several reasons they are unable to get to a vet's office, they're shut-in or they can't afford the service," said Routhe, adding that his home visits are designed especially to reach those who don't normally go to veterinarians.

Due to low overhead costs, Routhe can offer reduced fees to pet owners. While he drives to many calls in nearby neighborhoods, Routhe said, "A lot of my calls are done on foot right here in the Park. In the summer I carry my bag and walk to them. My overhead costs are for shoe leather and medications."

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An Exercise in Self-Definition

Political developments over the next several months will present an interesting challenge to the community of St. Anthony Park. Budget cutbacks, legislation reapportionment and the newly instituted ward system in the city of St. Paul all will have an important, if as yet undetermined, impact on the neighborhood. As political power is redefined in the larger scheme, local communities like our own will need to respond pragmatically in order to maintain a vital measure of self-control.

Some of the developments are close at hand. On March 12 a federal court panel will hand down a plan for reapportioning the Minnesota State Legislature. (See page 1.) Depending on how the boundaries are drawn, the political district to which Park residents belong may change significantly. It is conceivable that we will be divided from ourselves, and attached to separate constituencies, north and south.

On March 16 candidates for St. Paul school board, city council and mayor will face each other in the opening round of city elections. (Again, see story, page 1.) This year the races themselves will probably not be as significant as the new arrangements of power they will reflect.

The exact relationship that will obtain between St. Anthony Park and city hall remains to be seen, but without question it will be different. Under the ward system we will have direct leverage on only one city council member, the one elected in ward 4. Perhaps this will work to our advantage, resulting in a greater degree of control over those who represent us, and consequently a greater degree of control over our political and social destiny.

But the sword cuts both ways. If we play a larger role in the success of our councilperson, so does that official, once elected, play a larger role in the affairs of our community. It is essential that we reach an understanding with our representative as early as possible, and not allow ourselves to become serfs in a field.

A corollary issue involves the role within the ward system of the district community councils, in our case, District 12. The relationship that evolves between these two administrative structures will tell us a lot about the nature of the changes which have occurred.

The 17 community districts were intended to provide an informal civic framework roughly corresponding to existing neighborhoods. The seven wards, on the other hand, based mainly on the principle of equivalent population, have no necessary connection with or responsibility to the best interests of particular neighborhoods like our own. It will be interesting to see how responsive our elected councilperson proves to such community-centered organizations as the St. Anthony Park associations, the Arts Fora, the co-op and the Bugle, several of which maintain their offices at 2380 Harnede Ave. in conjunction with District 12.

Brizzard Blows; Branston Bustles

by Ruth Crawford

Remember the Big Snow of '82. Who doesn't? We all remember the aching muscles following hours shoveling to burrow a path to the mound of snow that turned out to be our car. We remember our dismay as the prospect of shoveling out a garage solidly socked in by the Airebrcht plow that had "cleared" the alley. But several on Branston Street will remember a far more pleasant part of that day.

Faced with the prospect of being plowed in by the city plows, Branston was a bevy of activity, with neighbors helping neighbor push, shovel and dig to get the cars moved out. After some hours of such activity, Denis Dailey remarked, "None of us can go anywhere tonight. We really ought to have a pot luck supper!" There was an enthusiastic response, especially when Dennis remarked that he had cooked a turkey! Not only that, we could gather at his house!

It was a wonderful night we'll never forget. Denis even ran out and invited the snow-plow drivers to join us when they went by the house at 7:30, to the sound of cheers. They couldn't take the time, unfortunately. A few days later the following verse from Denis was tucked into each participant's mailbox.

Branston Blizzard Banquet
(a tasteful verse)

Wine, crackers and cheese, they surely did please
The palate of every guest,
And made them all hop to the milk and the pop.

Not to Mention the C H OH quest.

Denis Dailey

opinion: Falcon Hts. City Hall

by Sandy Larson

There seems to be a great deal of concern generated by the purchase of property for the new Falcon Heights City Hall/ Fire Station/Public Works. Questions have recently arisen that indicate some people are of the mind we should have purchased Falcon Heights Elementary School for a site and used that building. We do not know definitely what we did at the time of our decision, if Falcon Heights Elementary School would (still) be closed. In person, I personally feel this is generated by people who do not wish their neighborhood appreciably changed from what it currently is, and has been. I can readily understand that feeling; however, let me state a couple of facts in this regard:

1. It is going to cost somewhere in the neighborhood of $260,000 for the site now chosen.

2. The figure we were given was somewhere in the neighborhood of $1 million to purchase the elementary school property, not to say anything about the costs of extensive renovation (that would need to be done immediately) and that the building would not be nearly as energy efficient as what the new building will be.

Remembering "Eddie of Blombergers"

by Ann Bulger

A familiar figure on Como Avenue died late in December. Eddie Westrom was known as "Eddie of Blombergers" to a generation of St. Anthony Park shoppers. Westrom was employed at Blombergers Grocery, the forerunner of the present Speedy Market. His twinkling grin and cheerful willingness as he helped Park housewives locate good buys or hard-to-find items, packed grocery bags and carried them out to the car were symbols of the personal service of a bygone day.

After his retirement, Eddie spent his days walking around the neighborhood. He was often seen at Miller Pharmacy, sharing a story over a cup of coffee at Bridgegams and greeting neighbors along Como.

Westrom grew up in North Dakota, one of eleven children. His mother, now in her 90s, still lives there.

Eddie was one of the ordinary people who make St. Anthony Park the friendly place that it is, even for those who never knew his last name.

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From salad and toppings with garlic or none
Appealing to everyone's taste.
Then squash so divine most seconds did take.
Adding inches to everyone's waist.

Scallop by corn by the ladle, until hardly able
To eat a cranberry would seem,
Plus turkey and dressing; a mid-winter's blessing.
Not to mention an over-baked bean.

All copped off with chocolate and angel food cake,
Guaranteed to leave nobody miffed.
A beautiful night, weather being a fright.
Thanks for leaving snowbody a'drift.

Sandy Larson is a member of the Falcon Heights City Council.

I trust from this you can see that it would be inefficient and, in my estimation, irresponsible, for the city even to have considered the school site, had we had prior knowledge of its closing.

Another point to remember is that the school is zoned R-1, residential only. The only things that could go in that site, should the District be interested in selling, would be school, church, library or homes — residential homes as are now part of that area of town.

Sandy Larson is a member of the Falcon Heights City Council.

Storyhours Set for March

Storyhours for children ages 3-5 will continue during March on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library.
The Sounds and Silence

by Susan Barker

I apologized to our mail carrier again the other day for the arm-breaking load he dropped on our porch. It weighed in at an awe-some nine pounds on the bathroom scale—a new record, though other mail drops have come in close behind.

There was a communique from Women in Communications. The Sirena Club wanted money. Northrup Dance Series wanted subscribers. The New Yorker and Atlantic Monthly were ready to keep us current. The Saturday Review had the latest cultural scoops on the right movies to see, books to read. The New England Journal of Medicine (and five other related periodi-cals) arrived to keep our resident professional on top of his field. Mpls.-St. Paul magazine was eager to advise us on how to live the good life in the Twin Cities.

Add to this pile our two daily papers, our Sunday magazine, other magazines and newsletters. Include the news shows and talk shows seen, the radio shows heard, the books skimming, and the sheer volume of words that bombard us daily is staggering. (The idea of bringing 100 sta-tions and computerized informa-tion systems into our home via cable TV is too mind-boggling to consider.)

Lately, I’ve felt something like Sisyphus in the losing battle with the information explosion. Just when I’ve worked my way to the summit of one day’s mass of communications, I’m swamped with another deluge of information: opinion/review/advice/analysis/solicitation. Half-digested material jams my cir-cuits. And before I know it, somewhere in this wash of pack-aged words, I’ve lost track of my own voice. What was it, anyway, that this informed and well-read citizen really thought and felt?

Perhaps it’s the awareness of this danger that explains the prodigious outpouring from local fic-tion writers and poets. Last fall as I helped ready 140 manu-scripts for outstate judges who would pick eight local writers for $6,000 fellowships, I felt wozy with the 3,000 pages of original work spread out on the floor around us. Each manuscript and project proposal cried out to be heard, to make further contribu-tion to the glut of work flowing from publishers’ presses.

It’s comforting to know that in this Age of Communication, small bands of Trappist monks continue to take their vows of silence. More than anyone, they remind me of the value in keep- ing the silence necessary for reflection and deep contemplation. And yet, silence can terrify me. Trained as a journalist, an in-cur-able word junkie, I’ve learned to revere words. When faced with our son’s moderate hearing loss (the ears about 75 percent of speech with aids) and the chance of further disintegration, I feel panicly at the thought of losing touch with him, of his being somehow cut off from the world.

But this winter I’ve learned about another kind of silence. In a weekly sign language class taught by Evie, a young woman deaf since birth, we hearing students have chafed at the prohibition against using speech. We’ve struggled to read her gestures with our eyes and to discriminate the subtle differences in the positioning of fingers and hands. And though we feel ourselves at times playing an impossible game of charades and laugh with embarrassment at our clumsi-ness, we are making headway.

Through her swift and beautiful gestures, Evie has shown me that the is another way. A fine way. Watching her working so hard to convey a simple message to us or witnessing a young deaf child struggling to communicate, I think of that other torrent of written and spoken words—excessive, so easily spent and somehow a little obscene.
LIBRARY

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meeting Feb 6, and I can tell you that the library is the only organization that made an effort to cut their budget. I think they should be commended for (their) efforts.

Even before the budget cuts, the library administration was studying how to make the library system more cost-efficient and how to better serve community needs through the branch libraries.

“We wanted each one of our branch libraries to be studied individually, said Carole Williams, the public services administrator for the St. Paul library system, “so we could tailor services and collections to each one of our neighborhoods.”

In a recent study of the St. Anthony Park Branch Library, it was discovered that only 65 percent of the library’s users checked out materials, Williams reported to the meeting. Some people use the materials within the library, while others (19 percent) use the library for a place to read and study. This was unusual compared to the other branch libraries, where only 12 percent used the library to read and study.

Library administrators plan to keep updating the survey of user needs and interests. “So, whenever you sign up for a library card,” Williams said, “you’ll fill out a questionnaire indicating what materials you’d like to use, and the information will be periodically fed into a computer program.”

Steenberg and Williams are especially excited about their improvement plans because Sept. 5 the St. Paul library system will be 100 years old. “In light of economic conditions, we will have a 100th anniversary celebration and fund drive” at the same time, said Steenberg. He said that Garrison Keillor has agreed to chair the event, and other “names” have agreed to serve on a committee.

The library will be assisted with fundraising and the organization of the celebration by the Friends of the Library group and the St. Anthony Park Branch Library Association.

The St. Anthony Park Branch Library Association, which will be celebrating its 50th anniversary, will be holding its 13th annual arts and crafts fair on June 5 this year. The money they raise goes toward improving the library. They have worked on improving the entrance to the community interests section, and recently bought and installed a new paperback rack, according to Janet Quale, president of the association.

Commenting on the association’s beginning 50 years ago, Quale said, “The library association started in the depression, and it started because of the depression. We went door-to-door, asking for one dollar donations” to save the library.

At that, Steenberg laughed and said, “And that didn’t stop them from going to the library, did it?”

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Park People in the Press

Dr. Ida Martinson, University of Minnesota School of Nursing faculty member, was awarded the “Good Person” award by the Chinese National Science Council (ROC) for her recent study of cancer in children.

Martinson did a six-month research project which examined the effects on the family when a child is diagnosed as having cancer. Martinson is internationally known for her work in this field. She did the study during her appointment at National Taiwan University in Taipei.

Martinson lives at 2303 Dosswell Ave.

University of Minnesota Faculty member, Linda Rasmussen, who lives in St. Anthony Park, performed Johannes Brahms’ Alto Rhapsody with the St. Paul Civic Symphony in a February concert. Joining Rasmussen was the University’s Men Chorus.

Dr. Shirley C. Tucker has been awarded the Boyd Professorship, Louisiana State University’s highest academic position, for her botanical research. She is the first woman to have received the award. Tucker is the daughter of long-time Park resident, Myra Cotter.

The Baptist Hospital Fund has a new public relations specialist, Robert A. Hausman. Hausman, 1447 Chelmsford St., who most recently was administrative aide to the Chief Clerk of the state House of Representatives, is an ordained Lutheran clergyman.

Arts Forum
Plans Show

The St. Anthony Park Arts Forum is sponsoring a visual arts show this coming spring in association with the grand opening of Baker Court, Raymond Avenue at Territorial Road.

Park area residents interested in submitting sculpture, ceramics, painting, textiles, photography, or other media for inclusion in the show should call one of the following people before March 10 for further information: Kathy Dedrich, 464-2493 (evenings) or Jim Brogan, 464-1059.

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Winter energy bills can be tough. And we know there are months some people simply have trouble keeping up with them. If you're afraid winter energy bills could leave you in the cold, call us at NSP. Because the fact is, we can do a number of things to help.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February

Friday/26

Family Folk Dance, St. Anthony Park School; $1.50 per person, $4 per family, 7-7:45 p.m.

MARCH

Monday/1
St. Anthony Park Foods board meeting, 7 p.m. General Membership meeting, 8 p.m., 2240 23rd Ave. N.

Tuesday/2
St. Anthony Park Recreation Center, 7-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday/3
Leisure Center activities, United Methodist Church, 10-2 p.m.

Thursday/4
D-12 Physical Education Committee meeting, 2380 Hampden Ave., 5 p.m.

Monday/8
Workshop on energy-saving window treatments, St. Anthony Park School, 7-9 p.m.

Tuesday/9
St. Anthony Park Association meeting, United Church of Christ, dinner and program, 8:45 p.m.

Wednesday/10
Leisure Center activities, United Methodist Church, 10-2 p.m.

District 19 Council meeting, 2380 Hampden Ave., 7 p.m.

Thursday/11
Parent conferences, Murray Junior High School.

St. Anthony Park School Association board meeting, St. Anthony Park School, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday/14
Turkey dinner, St. Cecelia's Catholic Church, 2357 Bayless Pl., 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Monday/15
League of Women Voters Unit 8, 109 W. Montana (484-8405), 7:30 p.m.

In-service day, secondary schools.

Tuesday/16
St. Paul primary elections.

Wednesday/17
Leisure Center activities, United Methodist Church, 10-2 p.m.

Sunday/21
Lenten Organ recital and hymn singing, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2156 Carter Ave., 3 p.m.

Wednesday/24
Leisure Center activities, United Methodist Church, 10-2 p.m.

Thursday/25
D-12 Human Services meeting, 2230 Hampden Ave., 7 p.m.

Friday/26
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Monday/29
St. Anthony Park School family roller skating party, Saints Roller Rink, 6-8 p.m.

Langford Booster Club meeting, Langford Recreation Center, 7:30 p.m.

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Time Stops at New Shop
by Nadine Malo

"Memories are sold here," said the ad. Indeed, to cross the threshold of Sugarpumps and Visions at the corner of Main and Raymond avenues is to take a trip across time to a Dickensian Christmas.

Customers are greeted year-round by a Christmas wreath, softly playing Christmas music and a Christmas tree surrounded by lights, ornaments and old-fashioned chandeliers.

The shop glitters with an array of old-fashioned gifts ranging from bone China creamers shaped like cows to Lifelike baby dolls and fuzzy Teddy bears. Each turn of the head reveals a new treasure nestled along the brick-red shelves. At the far end near the cash register is a tantalizing array of confections—button candy, sparkling rock crystals and edibles of chocolate from Goggins, Abrahams and other sources.

The owner is Sharon Soderberg, a woman dedicated to offering quality gifts and toys to those wishing to give loved ones something to cherish beyond this year's Christmas or birthday celebration.

The Christmas tree, updated for current holidays with appropriate hangings, symbolizes a year-round spirit of giving for Soderberg. Her shop is more than a store; it's a mission in life.

Soderberg is concerned about what's happening in the world today. She believes that caring about people is the heart of religion and is best captured by Christmas.

"For so many, Christmas season is rush, rush," she said. "Yet at the same time, people are friendly when everybody's shopping." It's this spirit of Christmas that she wants to preserve year-round.

One of the objectives of her

Rantapaa Bests
Older Pianists

Aaron Rantapaa, competing against some 400 other student pianists from across Minnesota in the 1982 Minnesota Music Teachers Association district preliminaries last month, placed first in the Senior B division.

Although Rantapaa is only 12 years old, the category he won was for 19- and 20-year-olds. He will now go on to the state finals, to be held at Normandale Community College in Bloomington on March 13.

shop, Soderburg said, is to have "toys that would give children a little bit of their childhood to remember instead of going into all the modern plastic toys of today." Toys found in the shop are the old fashioned, lasting kind—dolls and stuffed animals, wooden stacking boxes, paint kits, and coloring books.

Describing her merchandise, Soderberg said, "It's basically old-fashioned, because that's what I am," she added. "I just look for nice things, not the gimmicky things."

Soderberg's business is based on faith. "I am not your typical businessperson," she often says, adding that until she got her own store, she even had trouble making change. She's getting better at it, but remembers having to call some early customers to refund a few cents she inadvertently overcharged them.

Details such as inventory control and budgeting are handled informally by Soderberg, although she does keep a daily log of items sold.

Soderberg came to St. Anthony Park after an lengthy search for a location with a "homely atmosphere." She chose her present location because of its pane glass windows and its feeling of belonging in the neighborhood. After a year's preparation, she opened her doors for business last November.

Soderberg found the name and the logo for her business through faith.

"I found a spot, and I knew what business I was going into," she said, "but I needed a name. I decided to leave it up to God. All of a sudden Sugarpumps and Visions popped into my head."

Following the same pattern to find her logo, one day she "sat down and drew a picture of the bear and kite. The bear was the symbol of childhood—memories of nice things," she said, "And the tail of the kite string are bonbons."

Teaser

Repets?
Free China?
Watch for next month's special membership offer to be announced in this column.

Association Board of Directors
Meets
The monthly Board meeting will be on March 2, 7:30 p.m. at Barb and Rick Rowse's house, 2145 Knapp.

New Council Members
At the February meeting Association members elected the following representatives to serve on the 1982-83 District 12 Community Council: Greg Haley, Jack Kemp, Stewart McIntosh, JoAnne Rohricht and Barb Rowse. Lindy Westgard and Carlton Quale will serve as alternates.

Watch the Bugle next month for a special feature on our representatives.

Affordable Housing in the Park?
An early April Fool's day joke? No, it's the topic to be addressed at the Association meeting on Tuesday, March 9. A panel of experts on housing, including Park residents and a financing representative from the St. Anthony Park Bank, will dig into the problems and potential of buying, selling and developing property in the neighborhood.

Attempting to address the concerns of a wide range of residents, the panel will discuss issues such as: what can the elderly do who want to sell their large home, but would like to remain living in the Park? How can young people finance a first home in the neighborhood? What about those conversions—should the folks next door be entitled to change their home into a multi-family residence?

St. Anthony Park
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Edited by Jerry and Peggy Rinehart, 645-7627.

Buses, Trucks, Trains and You

A meeting to discuss the proposed University of Minnesota Transit-Way through St. Anthony Park has been organized by Lindy Westgard.

Although the transit-way proposal has been a part of District 12's development plan for quite some time, the reality of having buses, trucks and trains passing through the park within 60 feet of each other has reawakened neighborhood concern. The meeting will be held March 4. Call Lindy, 644-6886, for details.

Youngsters with cabin fever?

Jerry Exbold, Director of Langford Park Recreation Center, says there may still be a few spots available on fall hockey and indoor soccer teams for kids grades 2 through 10. Team assignments will be made soon. As if you need another reason to stop in soon at the recreation center to sign up.

1981-82 Board of Directors: President, Steve Wellington; Vice President, Tom Roehricht; 2nd Vice President, Barb Rowse; Secretary, Nancy Zimdars; Treasurer, Jane Deitz; Directors, Hal Dargoth, Dave Maschbitz and Charlie Films. Address: P.O. Box 80062, Como Station, St. Paul, MN 55108.

Some of these topics are controversial—adequate time will be given for questions and responses from the audience. One particular issue you might want to think about on your way to the meeting is: Should the Association take a stand on housing conversions on development in the neighborhood?

Linda Foster will be calling members for reservations. If you aren't called and would like to attend, you can make your reservation by contacting Jim or Ellen Snookell, 644-4650. (And don't forget to call if you must cancel a reservation.)

Date: March 9, 1982
Place: United Church of Christ
Commonwealth Ave.
Time: 6:00 p.m. Dinner
7:00 Program
Past Presidents To Meet

The May meeting will honor the charter members of the Association. To plan this special celebration, all past presidents of the Association are asked to attend a meeting at Gale and Elaine Frost's home, 1511 Branson St. on March 23, 8 p.m.

THIS SPACE BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE ST. ANTHONY PARK ASSOCIATION

Sharon Soderberg, owner of "Sugarplums and Visions," takes a break with some "bonbons." Photo by Nadine Malo.
Winter “Sports” Crowd Langford Park

by Mollie Hohen

After a string of bad-weather weekends, the weather for Winter Sports Days couldn’t have been better. It was, in fact, “dandy,” said Stu Peterson, who helped conduct activities. “We really hit it right.”

On Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 6 and 7, hundreds of kids and adults participated in winter sports events at and around Langford Park.

There were speed skating races for children; about 75 competed, and all received ribbons for their efforts. There were intramural hockey games. There was cross-country skiing around the park.

An unexpected hit of the weekend was the snowmobile sleigh ride. “We did a land office business,” Peterson said. “We burned out two snowmobiles.”

The Langford Running Club sponsored a two-mile and a four-mile race on what club president John Magnuson described as a very hilly course that began and ended at Langford Park. Thirty-five runners traversed the course either once (two miles) or twice (four miles).

Dan Raether was first finisher in the two-mile run. In the more popular four-mile race, Joyce Raether (Dan’s sister) was the first woman finisher, Dan Sparkman was first man to finish, and John Carter took first place in the master’s division.

On the same weekend as Winter Sports Days, St. Paul Winter Carnival speed skating championships were held at Como Park. Winter Carnival royalty made it to Langford Park on Sunday afternoon to designate local knights and royalty.
Winter in the Park

Nick Mayers is knighted by King Boris of the Winter Carnival Royalty. The Royalty made an appearance at Winter Sports Day. Photo by Jon Madzen.

Broomsballers fight for control of the ball in an informal game at Langford Park. Photo by Jeff Christensen.

Carol Mayer's first try at cross-country skiing isn't completely successful—she takes a spill in Langford Park. Photo by Jon Madzen.

Coral Hannon "races" some ducks on Lake Como. Photo by Jeff Christensen.
Como High Gym Team—Young but Spirited

by Joel Ernst

One nightmare any high school coach faces is when a large portion of his team is composed of graduating seniors, who will leave him with a young inexperienced group.

Marvin Rouse, coach of the Como Park High School girls’ gymnastics team, has nothing to worry about.

“The team I have right now is the youngest team I’ve ever had,” said Rouse. “There are no seniors on the team and only two juniors.”

Even though the team is young, they are scoring very well. Everyone on the team is learning quickly and, he says, they are showing a tremendous amount of poise.

One reason for their progress may be that everyone on the team works so well together. There is a lot of spirit among the girls that is obvious during their meets.

“Everyone on the team is friends and we all pull for each other,” said Kelly Fines, captain and one of the only two juniors on the team. "If anyone on the team has a problem we all work the problem out together.”

With all 23 team members together so often at practices and meets, they all seem to function as one big family. The trust the gymnasts place in each other and in their coach helps to increase this camaraderie.

The team’s closeness can be summed up in the words coach Rouse offered his team. “Your heart and hard work has paid off to make you one of the top. I am very proud of you all.”

Colleen McPherson practices a vault. Photo by Joel Ernst.

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We intend to continue expanding the array of banking services we offer, as regulations permit and your needs direct us. To help us achieve our goal of service to the community, we have elected three additional community members to our board of directors: Ann Copeland, community organizer; District 12 Community Council; Gordon Donhowe, vice president and treasurer, the Pillsbury Company; and William Teeter, vice president and assistant manager, Syndicate Dept., Piper, Jaffray & Hopwood.

We've also continued our Community Involvement Council, which reviews requests for financial assistance from civic groups. The Council, composed of three bank employees, one of our customers and a member of the board of directors, meets quarterly to allocate funds from an annual charitable contributions budget.

Our commitment to the St. Anthony Park community has resulted in a record of solid growth for the bank — growth with the community. And, we expect the bank and the community to continue working closely, as good neighbors do, to keep St. Anthony Park a friendly, healthy environment in which to live and work.

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Folk Dance Planned for School Night
by Gail McClure

To usher out the winter blats and make ready for the spring festivals, the St. Anthony Park School Association has planned two family nights.

On Feb. 26, a Family Folk Dance will take place from 7-9 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park Elementary School. David Leusler, the caller, assures parents that no experience is necessary, and the dances will be easy enough for the whole family to participate. Admission will be $1.50 per person or $4 per family. The school association will sell refreshments.

Linda Foster and Betty Swanson, organizers of the folk dance event, stress that it will be an opportunity to raise funds to help the school as well as provide an opportunity for parents to become better acquainted.

A similar event, a roller skating party for families, is planned for March 29. It will be held at the Saints Roller Skating Rink in Roseville from 6-9 p.m. Admission of $2.50 per person will pay for skate rental and two hours of skating. Additional information on the skating party will be sent to parents by the school association in March.

Site Survey Cites Park
by Karen Andersen

The Ramsey County Historic Sites Survey has shown that St. Anthony Park is one of St. Paul's historically significant areas.

The two-year survey, which has just passed the first-year mark, is being conducted jointly by the Ramsey County Historical Society and the St. Paul Heritage Preservation Commission.

St. Anthony Park was one of the areas surveyed in the first year, and the project identified quite a few historic sites in the neighborhood. Basically, the project involves describing the history and architecture of several hundred buildings in each planning district of the city.

"The idea is not only to collect information, but also to identify sites that merit preservation in the future and could possibly be listed on the National Register of Historic Places," said Patricia Murphy, director of the survey.

A detailed look at some of the history of St. Anthony Park uncovered by the project will appear in next month's Bugle.
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Falcon Heights Hearing
A public hearing on the proposed development by American Shelter in the Tarum Street/Falcon Woods area has been scheduled by Falcon Heights Planning Commission for March 1, 7 p.m., at City Hall.

This will be the third hearing on the project.

Naomi Frost in Concert
A program of songs and arias will be performed Sunday, March 28th, at 4 p.m. in St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, Como and Luther Place, by soprano Naomi Frost of New York City. She will be accompanied by her mother, Ivern Frost, longtime resident of St. Anthony Park. The program will include works by Wagner, Verdi, and Richard Strauss. There will be no admission charge. Donations will be accepted.

Gibbs Farm Volunteers
Gibbs Farm Museum is looking for volunteers to serve as museum interpreters and tour guides during the museum's 1982 season.

For those interested, training sessions will be held at the museum at Cleveland and Larpenteur avenues on five consecutive Monday evenings, beginning March 1, from 7 to 9 p.m.

World Day of Prayer
World Day of Prayer, an international celebration sponsored in the United States by Church Women United, will be held March 5 from 10-11 a.m. at St. Cecilia's Catholic Church in south St. Anthony Park. This annual service unites millions of people in prayer services occurring on six continents during a 24-hour period. There will also be a 7 p.m. evening service to celebrate the World Day of Prayer at the Seal Street Hi-Rise. The public is invited.

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VETERINARIAN
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Originally from Roseville, Routhe spent time with the Air Force in Vietnam and was also stationed for three years in Hawaii. He left that warm climate to return to Minnesota and attend the University of Minnesota's veterinary school, which he considers to be "one of the best in the country for small animal care."
Routhe and his wife Pamela, a recent Hamline University law school graduate, think St. Anthony Park is a "great community to live in." Routhe is active in the community as an advisor to a local Explorer Group made up of 16- to 19-year-olds. Every other Wednesday night he puts on a program for them at the veterinarian clinic where he now works. He helps them decide if they are interested in choosing a career as a veterinarian—one which Routhe himself appears to enjoy very much.

REAPPORTIONMENT
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Sen. Neil Deterich's incumbent status would be unaffected under the Stumpf proposal.
Legislators could still create their own reapportionment plan even after the court panel issues its maps, assuming that DFL and I-R members could agree and Gov. Al Quie would sign the bill. The Legislature has informally agreed to wait until the panel acts before it makes any further attempt to hammer out its own proposal.

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