District 12 supports rezoning request for Lutheran Church housing plan

by Mary Winget

The District 12 Community Council voted unanimously at its Sept. 14 meeting to approve, in principle, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church’s application to rezone its property on Luther Place to allow for construction of housing for senior citizens.

The property is the proposed site for a 19-unit condominium. The project is designed for home ownership for people who currently reside in the community but no longer can or desire to maintain a large house.

The St. Paul zoning committee has scheduled a public hearing on the church’s rezoning request for Oct. 6 at 3:30 p.m. in City Council chambers.

According to Glen Skovholt, the church’s housing committee chairperson, occupancy would be restricted to people 55 years of age or older.

Major concerns were expressed by homeowners on Grantham Street who would be most immediately affected by the new structure. These concerns included the size and design of the structure, parking facilities, the effect construction would have on water drainage, and access for service vehicles.

A brief presentation by two members of Val Michelson and Associates, the architectural firm chosen to design the project, addressed some of these concerns.

The water problem in the alley behind the Grantham Street homes would actually be improved by construction on the Luther Place site, the architects said.

Parking for the proposed plan would be underground and would be entered from the alley on Grantham Street. Access for service vehicles would be from Como Avenue to diminish noise and inconvenience for Grantham Street residents.

The number of units could go as high as 30 with a three-story structure, but because of community concern this is unlikely.

Skovholt pointed out that both the initial and the monthly cost of the individual units would decrease with a larger number of units. He assured members of the community; however, that no major changes would be made without prior discussion with the community.
Oct. 12 town meeting to discuss transitway alternative

Space age transportation in St. Anthony Park could be possible if a system developed at the University of Minnesota can be trialed. On Oct. 12, a District 12 Town Meeting will discuss the concept as part of the proposed University transitway.

The meeting will be at 7 p.m. in the community room of the St. Anthony Park Library. Dr. Ed Anderson, who developed the personal rapid transit (PRT) system, will describe it with slides and drawings and will answer questions from residents. PRT was recently considered as one of the transportation alternatives for the University Avenue corridor by a Metropolitan Council study group.

PRT is not planned as part of the University transitway at this time. The District 12 Council decided to present the idea in a town meeting so that residents would have the opportunity to look at the possibility as an alternative to the buses proposed for the route.

The University of Minnesota holds several of the patents used in the system. Dr. Anderson is on leave from the university this year, working with Automated Transportation Systems, Inc. in St. Paul, to get a test site developed for the PRT system and to work with cities interested in installing it.

Mayor Latimer will tour District 12 neighborhood

Mayor George Latimer will spend Saturday, Oct. 8, in District 12, touring the neighborhood and visiting with residents about problems and concerns.

Residents interested in talking with the mayor should come to Seal Hi-Rise at the corner of Raymond Avenue and Territorial Road at 10:30 a.m. The public meeting will be in the community room until 11:30 a.m.

When he arrives at 9:15 a.m., Mayor Latimer will go on a tour of District 12 accompanied by representatives of the district council. After the public meeting he will visit Baker Court and will have lunch at the new Mama D’s restaurant there.

In the afternoon he will accompany one of the St. Anthony Park block nurses on a visit to clients of the program.

If residents have locations in District 12 they believe the mayor should see while he is here, they should call 646-8884.

Merriam Park council offers tree stump removal to residents of District 12

District 12 residents will again be able to participate in the tree stump removal program arranged by the Merriam Park Community Council for October.

Stumps can be removed from either private property or boulevards. Those on private property must be accessible by a pick up truck. Prices include removal 6 inches deeper. Deeper grinding must be negotiated and paid for by resident.

Donations are $25 for a boulevard stump and $35 for one on private property. If excess chips are to be hauled away, donations should be $30 or $35.

Checks must be received by Oct. 10 at the Merriam Park Community Council, 2000 St. Anthony Ave., St. Paul 55104. Make checks payable to the Merriam Park Regenerating and Conservation Fund. Include also name, address, telephone numbers, and location of stump. Call 645-0349, Moille O’Rourke, if you have questions.

Course on aging set for area nurses

"Aging, a Personal and Professional Concern" is a free course that will be available to St. Anthony Park registered nurses in early November. Classes will be held at St. Mary's Rehabilitation Center from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The classes will grant up to 12 CEUs and are free to nurses in District 12 in exchange for 20 hours of volunteer time with the Block Nurse program. Class topics are:

- Nov. 1—Understanding aging in the United States
- Nov. 3—General perspectives in physiology of aging
- Nov. 8—(November 3 class subject continued)
- Nov. 10—Health promotion for the older person

Neighbors helping neighbors included: Mr. & Mrs. Carl Auferheide, Earl Bergerud, Bryant Dunshoe, Warren and Kiki Gore, Mary Margenthal, Genevieve Nakazishi, JoAnne Martin, Ginner Ruddy, Judy Sheldon, and Elvera and Joe Skovhoit. Regular drivers who continued deliveries during the summer were Dodie Benrick, Bob Bacon, Betty Quie, and Elaine Frost.

“District 12 volunteers are just great!” said Jeanne Leifeld, coordinator of the Meals on Wheels program at Merriam Park Community Center. "They are always so concerned and so willing to substitute for each other."

From comments received in the District 12 office, the residents obviously look forward to the nocturne visits by the volunteers and appreciate their efforts. Anyone able to be a substitute driver on occasion should call 646-8884.
50 years a butcher, Amos retires

Story and photo by Terry Johnson-McCaffrey

Most people in St. Anthony Park just know him as Amos, Amos the butcher. Few know his last name, Fink.

But when he retired from Speedy Market on Aug. 31 at age 68, everybody seemed to feel that they were losing a trusted friend.

One woman was heard to comment, "Are we still going to have good meat now that Amos is leaving?"

Such trust is earned by years of experience.

Amos began cutting meat when he was 18. For 20 years he had his own butcher shop near the corner of Como and Raymond avenues, until he was forced to close the shop when the State Fair needed land to expand.

From there he worked at Blomberg's Grocery for six years until it became Speedy Market in 1977. And every summer until three years ago he also worked his trade at the State Fair.

The occasion of his retirement was marked by cake and coffee at the store. Fellow employees gave him fishing equipment as gifts, and, as a special tribute, returned his old, much-used cleaver to him with an inscription expressing appreciation for his years of service.

Although he expressed regret that he would miss the pleasure of waiting on his customers, Amos appeared eager to begin his retirement. His plans include fishing in area lakes, spending four days in Las Vegas with his wife, Edna, and doing some traveling. He also intends to work at his home making knick-knacks out of wood.

Amos's replacement is Tim Faacks, who, though admitting that Amos is "a hard guy to replace," thinks he is up to the challenge.

"Amos has taught me a lot of tricks," he said, grinning.

Como News: new principals, teachers

by Ann Bulger

On Sept. 6, after one day of the new school year, two assistant principals were appointed to Como Park Senior High School at the meeting of the Board of Education.

The new administrators are Anna Erbes and Dean Sosnella, both former teachers in the city. Former Como assistant principal JoAnn McMahon will be principal at the Open School, while Richard Ashe will be assistant at Cleveland Junior High. Principal Vern Kenyon will stay at Como Park.

New teachers at Como are Nancy Solo-Taylor, French; Mary Karr, German; Bill Steinmeyer, English; Jack Biehn, English and Job Training for Trades and Industry; Renee Ransom, Youth Advocate; Patricia Hochman, student teacher in physical education, has obtained a variance so that she can be coach for the girls' swim team. Ron Stoeve has been named athletic director.

The steering committee of the Como Parent Group, chaired by Carol Kelsey, will also function as the P.E.R. Committee (Planning, Evaluating, and Reporting, Local). Bob Ratliff will represent the group at the P.E.R. meetings (PER, Central). Los Baron will serve on the district Integration Review Committee.

Open House will be held at 7:30 p.m. Parents will walk through an abbreviated class schedule, visiting the rooms and teachers of their students. There will be an activity fair in the gym prior to the classroom visitation.

Benefit set

The Alberto Diaz family, of Caracas, Venezuela, is living in Falcon Heights for a year while 5-year-old Maria Diaz undergoes treatment at University of Minnesota hospitals for kidney failure.

A benefit to help the family meet the expenses of her treatment and living here has been scheduled for Oct. 23 at the Mandarin Yen restaurant, Bloomington. Tickets are $10. For information call the Minnesota Medical Foundation, 373-8023.

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Making the district council work
In recent letters to the Bugle, District 12 has been criticized for being unrepresentative of, and unresponsive to, the interests of the majority of residents in this neighborhood. (See Joseph Brown letter in September Bugle and Sandra Berglund letter, opposite.)

These perceptions arise out of a lack of understanding about how District 12 operates. Joseph Brown wrote that he has "lived in this neighborhood for 12 years and yet (knows) almost nothing about District 12," a feeling probably shared by other residents.

Yet, District 12, like other district councils, has an important place in the city’s decision-making processes. In a recent example, Councilman Bob Fisher said his decision to support the rent repair-deduct ordinance was influenced by the fact that all of the district councils in his ward endorsed the proposal.

This concrete demonstration of the impact of the district councils on city decision-makers is not an isolated one. The councils continually are called upon by the city to provide input on a wide range of issues, such as the capital improvement budget, zoning, development and many others. More importantly, city decision-makers listen to the councils and respond to their concerns.

This kind of influence creates a dual responsibility for both District 12 and neighborhood residents. District 12 must assure that its membership represents the fullest possible range of views in the neighborhood.

This might be done by publicizing elections more widely and by more actively soliciting new candidates for the council. Also, some basic education about District 12, perhaps in the form of a special “Meet District 12” meeting, would tune residents to the impact they can have on the city by becoming involved in the council.

The effort should not come just from District 12, however. Residents can inform themselves about upcoming meetings and elections, as well as about current issues being studied by District 12, by reading District 12’s page in the Bugle (page 2) every month. Another valuable resource for information about District 12 activities is Ann Copeland, the council’s community organizer.

District 12 has demonstrated on numerous occasions that it plays an important role both as a mediator of neighborhood disputes and as a voice for the neighborhood in city decision-making. It can become an even more effective and responsive tool if it more actively educates residents about its activities. However, that effort will be without value if residents do not respond by informing themselves and participating in the council.

—Terri Ezekeil

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Letter to Editor
Was democracy lost in weeds?
The homeowners who live along Green Grass Park have reason to question the authority and judgment of the District 12 Council given in the case of weed control in Green Grass Park.

Last spring, the majority of the homeowners agreed to share the cost of a one-time treatment by Chemlawn. Shortly before the scheduled treatment, objections were raised by a few people over the use of 2,4-D in the weed killer.

The treatment was postponed and a task force formed to look into alternatives. These alternatives were presented at a neighborhood meeting, and again the majority voted for the Chemlawn treatment.

The opponents disregarded the residents’ wishes and went before the District 12 Council, where they asked for and received permission to put their favored alternative into action. We residents received approximately one-hour notice, by flyer, of their intention to go before the council.

In this case, democracy did not prevail. The majority voice was the victor, but by whose standards?

Sandra Berglund

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HEADWINDS
by James Wesley Brogan

Black and white

Almost twenty years ago, I was talking with a friend named Dan Lindsey about famous books. We attended different schools, and had met during the summers following our junior year in college. Lindsey, as I remember, had set himself the task of reading several enormous novels on a list of “great books” required for graduation.

He had read “War and Peace”; he was reading “Moby Dick”; and he expected by the beginning of the school year to have blasted his way through all seven volumes of “Remembrance of Things Past.”

I admired his dedication, if not his good sense. It was my impression that the art of English Majoring was in talking about books, not actually reading them. But Lindsey was more than an English major. He wanted someday to become a writer, and consequently was devoting his undergraduate years to thorough preparation for a great book of his own.

We talked about titles. I wasn’t nearly the reader Lindsey was, but I was good at titles. I had read a lot of them.

Lindsey was taken with titles having two bit, impressive nouns conjoined by the word and. “The Sound and the Fury.” “The Power and the Glory.” “The High and the Mighty.” Titles like that.

Irving Stone or somebody had written a book called “The Agony and the Ecstasy” which was popular at the time. Lindsey loved that one. He liked the magnificence of it, the sense of passion, and the exotic contrast between great pleasure and pain.

I think he also liked the way the words felt in his mouth as he spoke them, because he repeated them again and again, testing their impact at various volumes and speeds. “The Agony and the Ecstasy.”

He wanted his book to work such effects, and experimented with different combinations of words, hoping to arrive at a spell-casting title, the kind of thing that would look good on a movie marquee.

The best he could do, at least for that summer, was “The Misty and the Mundane.” He wanted it to encompass everything, the dreams of youth and the difficulties of real life, the soaring imagination and the tedious and hard knocks which make up the world of everyday. OK, so it’s not a great title, but it’s good enough to stick on a bestseller, isn’t it? I keep waiting for it to appear on the list of “What Minneapolis is reading.”

Me! I wasn’t going to write for a living. I was just an English major skimming over the Great Books of the Western World so I could be gibbous pantries. What would I do if I got a title, even if it did lose my mind and start writing a novel?

I’ve been thinking about it recently. I’m not sure why, trying to come up, like Lindsey, with two soul-searching words expressive of my entire life to this point, a gigantic summing up of all my obsessions.

It’s harder than you might think. I am nor sure I’ve got it exactly, yet, but I’ve been working on an autobiographical manuscript tentatively entitled: “The Lawn and the Laundry.” I’m not even half finished, and it’s already several thousand pages in length.

Suspicous woman foils burglary scam
by Mollie Hoben

An elderly St. Anthony Park woman foiled an apparent burglary scam attempted recently by a man claiming to be a police officer.

The man called her and said that police had information that her house was going to be robbed. The man wanted to know if she had valuables in the house.

The woman became suspicious. “How do I know who you are?” she asked.

“I got kind of nervous,” she said later, and she hung up. She immediately called her daughter and the Crime Watch block captain on her block, who called police.

St. Paul police have had several reports of this scheme being tried on elderly persons throughout the city, said officer Jerry Mainska, who patrols St. Anthony Park.

Mainska said that anyone receiving a call from someone who claims to be a police officer or city employee should ask for the caller’s name and department, and should call back to verify that the caller is indeed a city employee.

“Don’t tell them anything until you’ve checked,” Mainska said, “even if the call seems plausible.”

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"neutral" on the issue, voted in favor of the ordinance.

Not all issues are as clear. In such cases, Fletcher said, he relies on
recommendations from city staff
and the mayor and on his "moral
beliefs and judgment" in deciding
the best course of action.

Sometimes, he has found, "You
have to make decisions that don't
fit with some people's ideas." People usually understand this,
said, and can accept it if they
believe the communication pro-
cess is intact.

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"I am afraid to fly," she con-
fesses. "I'm scared to death."

The marriage is apparently a
study in tolerant disagreement,
as her husband, for his part,
doesn't care much for politics.
His role in the campaign, by his
own choosing, has been primar-
ily the making and putting up of
her white-on-blue signs.

Signs, printing, literature,
and literature drops. Enos
figures, make up the bulk of her cam-
paign expenditures.

"We think it's going to cost us
about $20,000," she estimates.
"We have raised about $4,000 so
far. As it comes in, we spend it.

The work is all done by volunteers.
"Everybody works for free," Enos
smiles. "This is a free campaign."

Fletcher's campaign is in good
shape financially. Total actual
expenses will be about $12,000,
he estimates. He has spent about
$5,000 so far and has $8,000 in
his campaign account, which
frees him from having to con-
duct any more major fund raisers.

Robert Fletcher, the candidate's
father, is one of his most active
volunteers, and the person respon-
sible for putting up at least 90%
of his lawn signs.

One thing Fletcher doesn't leave
in volunteer's hands is designing
his literature. "I like to play a real
active role" in determining what
the literature says and looks
like," he said. "It's my image and
my name on the line."

Fletcher is endorsed by the In-
dependent-Republican party.

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Local forum explores public access to cable programming

by Terri Ezekiel

Remember when you were a kid and someone gave you 50 cents to take to the candy store? Standing before the gleaming case with its endless rows of candy, you would wonder how you could ever choose what to buy.

Well, Continental Cablevision, which was awarded St. Paul's cable television franchise, has returned you to that candy counter, only this time your choices are from among the infinite variety of programming offered by public access to the cable system.

Some of those options were discussed at a Sept. 14 cable forum sponsored by District 12 and the St. Paul Park. An ad hoc cable community organization was formed to explore ways St. Anthony Park can best take advantage of the public access scheme proposed by Continental.

About 15 persons attended the meeting, representing such organizations as the St. Anthony Park School Association, the Library Association, the League of Women Voters, the St. Anthony Park Association and others. They saw a variety of ways that public access cable in the Park could be utilized.

Karen Hovland of the St. Anthony Park community band said she hoped the band could perform on the public access channel, but Barbara Dyball of the Library Association saw book readings and story hours for children as possible uses of the channels.

Dimitri Tsolos said he thought the channels could be used for discussions of public problems and Bobbi Megard of the League of Women Voters suggested that public access could be used to provide background information on public issues to the city.

Carlton Qualey, co-archivist of the St. Anthony Park Association's local history program, saw public access channels as a way to present local history to the community.

Three speakers invited to the forum arrayed the possibilities offered by public access to cable.

"We're sitting in a crossroads of communications," said Bill Coleman, public access coordinator for Continental. "Sure, you're not experts on television, but you don't have to be. The process of creating an identity in your community and in your station will be up to you—you're the pioneers of community access."

Linda Camp, St. Paul's cable communication officer, called cable "very much a local technology. Because it serves only a narrow geographical area, there are lots of opportunities to encourage local participation," she said.

Will Loew-Blosser, coordinator of Anoka County's Community Workshop, said a public access channel is a "free speech forum and it should be operated on a first-come, first-served basis. If it's meeting the definition of a public access channel, you should never know what to expect when you turn it on."

On Oct. 3 at 7:30 p.m., the ad hoc community group will meet at the St. Anthony Park Library. All interested persons are invited to attend.

What is public access?

Anyone can produce a program on any subject for public access cable channels. Continental Cablevision, the company awarded St. Paul's cable franchise, has set aside 11 channels in their proposed system for community access.

Continental will provide studios, equipment and training at no charge to anyone who wants to produce a program for the public access channels. You don't need to have experience in producing television programs because training will be available for every facet of program production. Programming can range from coverage of meetings to sports events to entertainment programs to religious programming—the list is endless.

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that we are considering it (purchasing Lauderdale Park)," he said.

Stefferus said that Lauderdale officials should have a better idea of the status of their proposals by the end of the month.

Lauderdale's proposal is for funds available through the L.A.W. Con program (Land and Water Conservation). Stefferus said that the grant requests are evaluated according to the population served, type of facilities provided, suitability of the site, and maintenance and recreation program factors.

He said that funds are allocated for use in different types of communities.

"We rank these projects within a planning area so that like cities compete with like cities," he said. Stefferus said that if funds are awarded to Lauderdale, the money would be made available next spring.
Citizens question board hopefuls
by Ann Bulger

“There are avenues for parental participation in the schools, but if parents don’t come, they aren’t worth a hill of beans,” stated Rosilyn Carroll, school board incumbent who is running for re-election in November.

The eight candidates who survived the primary answered questions at a public forum at Harding High School on Sept. 15. If attendance at the forum is an indication of parental participation, Carroll may have a point.

Only 95 citizens attended the forum, over half of them from St. Anthony Park. The sponsoring group, Citizens for Excellence in Education, had its nucleus in this area.

The topic was accountability, and the candidates generally favored setting up tools for promoting accountability and citizen involvement in schools.

Incumbent Bill Magunson pointed out that evaluation has to be specific, measurable and attainable. Al Oertwig suggested setting up teacher and citizen advisory boards, and not waiting until a decision has been made by central administration to organize a citizens’ committee.

Candidate Margo Fox, who is advocating school site management, mentioned the Key West Florida schools, which are run like businesses. She said the policy is in effect in six elementary schools in Rosemount, but not in any district with more than one high school. “Standards might be set district-wide, but creative ways to reach them be left to each school.”

Nancy Post said that teachers’ unions give support to staff members, but hinder them by making them feel that they have to do certain things. Retired teacher George Janisch would establish certain hours to meet with citizens and encourage the media to cover school news more thoroughly. He was disappointed not to hear the results of the school board primary on the radio.

Wayne Hanson would encourage teacher retirement at age 55 to get more “young blood” on teaching staffs.

Bill Rosenbloom said that teachers should be given compensatory time for parent-teacher conferences. “We have a lot of working parents, and the schools have to do whatever is necessary to accommodate their schedules for conferences.”

The second forum will be Monday, Oct. 10, at Monroe Community School, and the third, Oct. 27 at Central High School. Both forums will be from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 and are open to the public.
Survey results: Parents, students give Murray good marks

By Ann Bulger

The administration at Murray Magnet Junior High School made public the results of student and parent surveys, conducted by the St. Paul Public Schools at the parent/teacher/student sack lunch. The annual affair, held in the school cafeteria on Sept. 2, was attended by 200 people.

Every year the school district’s research office administers a Student Opinion Inventory and a telephone survey of parents. The results are published in the district’s PER (Planning, Evaluating, and Reporting) report to the state.

Drawing from these results, Larry Gallatin, Murray assistant principal, reviewed the survey highlights for the audience. Gallatin compared Murray’s results from 1983 with those of 1982. He also made a comparison with district results for the past two years.

Murray parents believe that Murray is doing a good job in teaching basic skills (math, science, reading). In 1983, nearly 90% of those surveyed strongly agreed or agreed with this assertion. This compares with the 1982 results of 66%. Corresponding districtwide averages for the same two years went from 65% to 79%.

When given the statement, “The total educational program offered in our school is of high quality,” 75% of Murray parents agreed or strongly agreed. This was up 10 points from 1982, while the district average went down 13 points, from 72% to 59%.

Murray parents believe that the curriculum is adequate for students planning to continue their education beyond high school. Almost 84% of those surveyed strongly agreed or agreed, an increase of 20% over 1982. The district figure for this item was 67%.

In response to the statement, “Discipline in our school should be more strict,” 49% of Murray parents surveyed strongly agreed or agreed, down 17 points from the 1982 result of 66%. The school district average for this statement went up from 58% to 63%.

On the Student Opinion Survey for 1983, 77% of Murray students surveyed were satisfied or very satisfied with Murray. The district average revealed that 65% were satisfied with their schools.

Other results of the student survey showed that 31% of Murray students used a microcomputer during the last school year. In response to the statement, “When sent to the office for discipline, the consequences are easy to predict,” 58% agreed or strongly agreed.

When asked if their teachers “really care about me,” 54% said they strongly agreed or agreed. Response to the statement, “the principal and assistant principal at Murray care about the students,” was 68% strongly agreed or agreed.

Gallatin concluded from the surveys that Murray is meeting the needs of its community, which is citywide. He cautioned that parents should examine carefully each school, rather than conclude from critical national reports on education that all schools are doing a poor job.

Child care grant

The Community Child Care Center in St. Anthony Park has received $650 from Northern States Power Company for a staff training/parent participation project.

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Open house
Chez Nous, a group home for retarded adults at 2248 Carter Ave., will have open house Oct. 9, from 1:30-4:30 p.m. Interested persons from the community are invited. The house, which has six residents, began operation in late 1982.

Fall bazaar
Fall Festival with an International Flavor is the theme of the St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church's bazaar to be held at the church, Hillside at Como, Friday, Oct. 14, 2-8 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 15, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Buffet dinner will be served, featuring ethnic and American dishes, Friday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 6:30 p.m. Continental breakfast will be served Saturday at 9 a.m.

In addition to baked goods, rag rugs, crafts, pine cone wreaths, winter clothing and white elephants, a variety of services will be sold. There will be face painting and a cakewalk for children.

Cub Scouts
Cub Scout Pack 22 will start the new year with a cleanup of Kasota pond Oct. 15.

Scouts will be selling Christmas wreaths door-to-door during the week of Oct. 8-15. Steve Schomberg is the Cubmaster. Boys interested in Scouts can call him at 644-6090.

Church festival
St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ has planned a Festival of World Ministries to occur on Sundays, Oct. 9, 16 and 23. At 9:30 a.m. each Sunday, a seminar hour for all ages will feature colloquia, small group discussions, films, special activities and storytelling.

Halloween party
Children and their parents are invited to a Halloween party at Commonwealth Healthcare Center Oct. 31, 7-9 p.m. There will be games and prizes, live music and refreshments. Costumes are encouraged.

Old-Timers meet
It will be "back to school" for many South St. Anthony Park Old-Timers when they meet in October.

Both the men's and women's groups have scheduled their meetings for Mama D's restaurant in Baker Court, which used to be Baker School, the school many of the Old-Timers attended as children.

The women's meeting will be Oct. 3 at 1 p.m. and the men's meeting will be Oct. 30. For further information, call Gladys Wagner Fischer, 484-4057, or Harold Nyman, 644-1280.

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Deaths
Al Sandberg
Al Sandberg died Sept. 13 at Lake Ridge Health Care Center, where he had lived for the past two years after suffering a stroke. He was 66.

Sandberg was president of Specialty Manufacturing Company until his retirement in 1981, after nearly 30 years with the firm. He was a former president of the Midway Civic Club and a member of Town and Country Club.

Even in a business suit and tie, Al always looked like a hockey coach, with his husky build, ruddy boyish face, Scandinavian blond hair and ready grin. And hockey coach he had been—at Murray High School from 1948 to 1952, where he taught industrial arts.

Sandberg served seven years on the St. Paul Board of Education, the second resident of St. Anthony Park to serve. He was on the board in its early days, when it was becoming established as a separate entity from the city. He was also an active member of the St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

He married the former Nancy Boss in 1951. They lived in her childhood home on Myrtle Street, and raised three children, William, Robyn, and Heidi. He always took the time to be involved in the education and activities of his children.

John Wilson
John Wilson, who celebrated his 85th birthday in June, died Sept. 1 after two weeks in the hospital. Although he suffered from leukemia the last few years, he lived a full life. When he entered the hospital, he had just returned from a six-week trip throughout the western states and Canadian Rockies. He skied in Colorado every winter, most recently last January.

Wilson and his wife Palma had no children of their own, but their home was seldom alone and were generous with their time and money. Their house was filled with relatives and friends. Palma Wilson was now a resident of Lyngblomsten Home.

John Wilson never spent much on himself, living a modest lifestyle. He worked in the yard on Saturday afternoons in his old clothes, with the radio blaring opera across the dry leaves. He loved to play grandfatherly pranks on the neighborhood children.

Wilson had two bachelor degrees, two masters, and a Ph.D. He was the first chemist hired by Economics Laboratory in 1931. Wilson became director of research and development in 1939 and vice president in 1955. He was active in the Republican party, the St. Anthony Park Association, and last year contributed funds for the Palma Wilson Rose Garden at the Minnesota Arboretum.

Myrtle Larson
Myrtle Larson, a resident of St. Anthony Park for over 45 years, died Sept. 7 following a long illness.

She was born in Swift County, Minnesota in 1910 and grew up on a farm there. She attended St. Cloud State Normal School, graduating in 1930, and then taught grades 1-8 in several one-room schoolhouses in Swift and Kandiyohi counties.

In 1936 she married Edgar Larson. The couple moved to St. Paul and settled in St. Anthony Park, where they raised three sons and a daughter.

Myrtle Larson was an active member of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church. She was involved in school activities when her children were in school, and she also served as an election judge.

She was a talented cook and especially liked to prepare Scandinavian holiday foods, which she shared with friends.

A friendly person, “She always had time to stop to talk with people,” her husband recalled.

She is survived by her husband, Edgar Larson, a brother and sister, her children Robert, Judith, John and James, and six grandchildren.

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Music series receives grant for premiers

The St. Anthony Park Arts Forum has received a $3,000 grant from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council for the forum's Music in the Park series.

The grant will be used to help meet costs of presenting four premiers this season of works by three Minnesota composers.

The Arts Forum was one of 18 applicants for grants; about one-third of the applicants received grants.

The season schedule for the Music in the Park series has been set, coordinator Julie Himmel-strap announced recently.

Oct 30: The Hutchinson Family Singers will perform in the spirit of old-time Chautauqua performances.

Jan 8: Richard Killmer, former principal oboist for the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, and Thelma Hunter, pianist, will perform the premier of a work for oboe and piano by Janika Vanderveld.

Feb 5: The Summit Hill Brass Quintet, with organist Jean Krinke, will perform.

March 4: Pianist Paul Schoenfield will perform his new work for solo piano, accompanied by Peter Howard, principal cellist for the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra.

April 1: This concert will feature the premier of a new song cycle by composer Stephen Paulus and poet Michael Dennis Browne.

May 13, 1984: A chamber ensemble of Twin Cities musicians will perform a new work by Janika Vanderveld, which is based on the "Dream Songs" of the late poet John Berryman.

Tickets for all concerts will be available at the Bibelot Shop, at Micawber's Bookstore or at the door. A series subscription is $5.50 for adults and $2.50 for students and seniors. Tickets for individual shows also will be available, and there will be a student rush line for $2 tickets.

All concerts will begin at 4 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ.

Nursing home strike averted by Diane DuBay

Olga Gasch, a 30-year resident of St. Anthony Park and a 10-year employee of Commonwealth Healthcare Center, said that the eleventh-hour ratification Sept. 18 of a new contract for non-supervisory personnel at Commonwealth was the closest she's ever come to going out on strike.

"Three years ago, under the former management, we were set to go out the next day," she said, "but a final proposal was worked out with a federal mediator."

Local 789 union members voted overwhelmingly to accept the new contract, which will be in effect for 15 months. There is no clause in the contract tying wage increases to the amount of Medicare funding received from the state.

Under the terms of the new contract, employees will receive between 15 and 70 cents per hour increases.
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday/September 30
Northern Lights 4-H Club, 1514 Fulham, 4 p.m.

Saturday/1
Recycling Unlimited Pick-up at St. Anthony Park Drive-in Bank, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Also Saturday/15, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Monday/3
St. Anthony Park Ad Hoc Community Cable Committee, library, 7:30 p.m. All welcome.

Tuesday/4
Open House, Como Park Senior High School, 7:30 p.m.
St. Anthony Park community band, Murray Junior High School, 7 p.m. (every Tuesday)
St. Anthony Park Association board, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday/5
Leisure Center, Methodist Church, 10 a.m., Dave Smith speaking and showing slides on "Tigers in the Kingdom of Nepal." Other programs every Wednesday at 10 a.m. Call 621-5855 or 645-4129 for information.

Thursday/6
Fall color trip to LaCrosse for senior citizens via Greyhound, leave Methodist Church 7 a.m., return 7 p.m., cost $29.
District 12 physical committee, 2380 Hampden, 5 p.m.
District 12 human services committee, 2380 Hampden, 7:30 p.m.
St. Anthony Park Writers' Group, 1343 Aronson, 7:30 p.m. Call 645-6090.

Friday/7
St. Cecelia's Catholic Church Antique Fair, Cromwell and Bayless, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., also Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sunday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
October Fest, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 6 p.m. Call 645-3658.

Saturday/8
Christmas wreath sale, Cub Scout Pack 22

Monday/10
Falconers Senior Club, Falcon Heights Community Center, 1 p.m.
Open Forum with school board candidates, Monroe Community School, 7:30-9:30 p.m.
St. Anthony Park Neighbors for Peace, Peace Institute, Aasgaard Hill, Como and Hendon, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday/11
St. Anthony Park Association, United Church of Christ, 5:45-6 p.m.

Wednesday/12
District 12 Council, Town Meeting, St. Anthony Park Library, 7 p.m.

Thursday/13
St. Matthew's Episcopal Church attic sale, Carter and Chalmersford, noon-2 p.m. Also Friday, 1-6 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Monday/17
League of Women Voters, 7:30 p.m. Topic: defense. 1556 Fulham.

Saturday/22
District 12 leaf compost site open, Robbins and Bayless, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Also Saturday/29, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Monday/24
Falconers Senior Club, Falcon Heights Community Center, 1 p.m.

Thursday/27
Open Forum with school board candidates, "Current Issues Facing St. Paul Schools," Central High School, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

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