U of M busway takes next turn

By Kristin Copa

Construction forged ahead smoothly on Phase Two of the University of Minnesota's busway between the Minneapolis and St. Paul campuses.

Phase Two will extend the existing busway, which now crosses Energy Park Drive through St. Anthony Park and the St. Paul campus to the University Avenue stop at the University of Minnesota State Fair in 1993, when the busway and its parking facilities could be used by faculty, staff, and visitors. The project is scheduled to be complete by 1993.

The current route between the two campuses takes 20 minutes, but that time should be cut when the entire route is complete. Service begins at 7:30 a.m. and continues at varying intervals throughout the day until the last bus leaves its lot at 11:30 p.m. Morning routes leave every 5-10 minutes, afternoon routes every 10-20 minutes, and in the evenings the buses leave every 20 minutes.

Busway to 3

Celebrating 75 years of reading

St. Anthony Park Branch Library celebrated 75 years of service with a party on the library lawn on July 25. Columnist David Morris spoke of the historical importance of public libraries in America. Andrew Carnegie listened quietly. So did neighbors and friends who said on the lawn to be one of the few July days without rain, the music of the Lazy River Jazz Band and ice cream cones.

The library lawn was graced with two 1917 autons. This young ice cream vendor found the running board to be an ideal spot for a treat.

New Job Corps leader takes on new discipline

By Amy Causton

The Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps Center has found new leadership now that Greg Redmon has taken over the position of center director. Formerly held by Mike Ryan, who resigned in March, Redmon, formerly deputy director of the Humphrey Program in Des Moines, Iowa, began as director of the Humphrey Center in early July.

He took over from Joe Duda, national director of Job Corps Operations for the Vinson Corporation, which has a contract with the Department of Labor to run the Job Corps Center. Duda had come in as acting director when Ryan resigned.

Ryan departed under controversy after incidents involving students on the Job Corps campus sparked neighborhood complaints. There are approximately 300 students at the center, which provides vocational training for underprivileged youth. Reports of drug use and sexual assault between students as well as a couple of shooting incidents caused a great deal of concern in the surrounding community. Many held Ryan responsible, arguing that the former director was not using stringent enough disciplinary measures and that he refrained from expelling students in order to maintain high retention rates.

As a result of these problems, Redmon has made discipline a top priority. At the incoming students' orientation, rules and disciplinary procedures are stressed. If a student commits a minor rule infraction (such as skipping classes), the student is put on probation contract, but if he or she violates the contract, the student will be expelled. Major infractions are automatic grounds for expulsion. The disciplinary code "is being enforced a lot more stringently," Redmon says.

In addition, the center will be hiring an off-duty police officer to help on weekends. Redmon and Duda have also taken steps to improve community relations. They have set up voice mail for people to air their concerns and complaints and have started a newsletter to keep neighbors abreast of center activities. In addition, they are holding monthly meetings with the Job Corps Neighborhood Advisory Committee and the Department of Labor.

Redmon's work directing the center is overseen by the Department of Labor, which monitors several indicators of the program's success, such as GED attainment, average length of stay, job placement, learning gains in reading and math, and weekly termination rate. The termination rate was a source of some controversy.

Primary elections Sept. 15

Legislative candidates in Bugle area for September primary:

- Senate 5E: Falcon Heights and Lauderdale
  - Bob Cardinal, Joanne Cashman, Pat Igo
  - DFL—John Marty
- Senate 6E: St. Anthony Park and Como Park
  - DFL—Ellen Anderson, Tom Collins and Peter Stumpf
  - IR—no candidates have filed
  (Gary Carlson has filed as an independent, but his name will not appear on the primary ballot.)

Legislative candidates for November election:

- House 54A:
  - IR—Sheldon Christenson
  - DFL—Mary Jo McGuire
- House 60B:
  - DFL—Alice Hausman
  - IR—John Krenik

Polls are open 7 a.m.—8 p.m., Tues., Sept. 15.

P polling places in the Bugle area: Falcon Heights City Hall, Falcon Heights United Church of Christ, Lauderdale City Hall, Luther Northwestern Seminary Student Center, St. Anthony Park Elementary School, Holy Childhood Church, Lyndaleomen Healthcare Center, Seal Hi-Rise.

Call 266-2171 weekdays 8 a.m.—4:30 p.m. to verify polling place.
Call 266-2188, 24 hours/day, to request an absentee ballot.
Growing pains on Midway Parkway

By Natalie Zett

In the June 1992 issue, the Bugle featured an article by Joel Schurke discussing the ongoing conflict between Midway Parkway neighbors and Lyngblomsten Home, a large senior care facility. The controversy centers around Lyngblomsten's desire to demolish its original nursing home at the intersection between Midway Parkway and Pascal Avenue and construct a seven-story (165-unit) assisted living apartment for seniors.

While few people object to supporting good senior housing, the neighbors are beginning to feel claustrophobic about this expansion. How much more can the neighborhood bear? It's not just the expansion, after all, but also that the facility will need more parking to accommodate staff, residents and visitors. The facility is already overburdened. Besides Lyngblomsten, parking is also a problem for the Sholom Home, another large senior facility on Midway Parkway. In addition to these facilities, also vying for precious parking space are the Como Zoo and the State Fairgrounds.

As a result of this growth, Paula Maccabee, District 4 councilmember, contends that the neighborhood is simply "overwhelmed by all the success." What is viewed as "success" by some is certainly perceived differently by many neighborhood residents. To them, this tremendous development in a relatively small space is robbing them of their quality of life.

Since the June article, the expansion has not settled down, perhaps testified by the fact that the majority of people interviewed for this article either did not wish to comment or preferred to comment anonymously. One neighborhood representative stated that "The neighbors feel pushed around by Lyngblomsten. Instead of having a quiet neighborhood where they can raise their families and retire, they are going to be subjected to more traffic congestion, noise from construction."

MTC challenged to improve local service

Sometimes being good isn't enough. At least that's what the St. Anthony Park Community Council told the Metropolitan Transit Commission (MTC) earlier this year. Community council members noted that MTC service may need to be changed in order to meet changing needs of a city neighborhood. The community council then challenged MTC chief administrator, Mike Christenson (also a Park resident), to work with them to examine transit in St. Anthony Park.

Sparked by the council's enthusiasm and challenged by its members' willingness to roll up their sleeves and work with the MTC assigned staff to work with neighborhood and business representatives to improve public transit, Mike Christenson, "We see in this project the seeds of a neighborhood transit model that can make a difference for the Park and for other communities as well." Michael Russellie and Jack Sheldon, co-chairs of the task force on public transportation, have carefully included all stakeholders in the meetings. The active committee includes residents, businesses, First Bank St. Paul, Dayton's, Bandana Square, business associations like University UNITED (a coalition of neighborhood and business groups along University Ave.), the St. Anthony Park Association and the Midway Civic and Commerce Association. Representatives from the City of St. Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development, the Regional Transit Board (RTB) and the MTC also participate.

The group plans to review the results of several recent transportation surveys to incorporate grass roots ideas into any suggested changes. According to Sheldon, the neighborhood finally has an opportunity to connect directly with the MTC and RTB and provide input about the buses that serve them. In the meantime, the group has already put several ideas into action which will route information posted in private bus shelters, increase the number of MTC convenience fare outlets in the community and change the present 40-minute route to better serve the businesses along Energy Park Drive. Anyone interested in working with the task force to achieve improved public transit for the St. Anthony Park, West Midway and Energy Park Drive area can contact Michele Levenson, marketing specialist for the MTC (644-7355), Michael Russalie (644-3620, evenings) or Jack Sheldon (644-6067).
Two area schools get new principals

By Kathy Malchow and
Mary Mergethаль

Two area schools, St. Anthony Park Elementary
and Como Park High School, will open this fall headed by
new principals.

St. Paul School System. Her immediate past job was at
Johnson High School, where she was assistant principal for
three years. She has also been at St. Paul Central, the
Open School and at Como when it was a junior high.
Her background is as an
English teacher.

McHugh says she realizes she has "big shoes to fill" as
Joan Sorenson’s successor, but says she hopes to
continue programs Sorenson advocated. (Sorenson was
appointed to be principal of the new
Expo-Midway School in the
Midway area.)

"I’m very happy to be at
Como," she said. "I’ve been
impressed by the quality of
caring the teachers have for
the students here." McHugh
encourages community
residents, parents and
students to visit the school
and says volunteers from the
community are always welcome.

One of her goals is to
maintain a "caring, humane
environment in which the
kids take pride and
ownship in their school."

St. Anthony Park principal,
Tom Foster

Tom Foster says it feels
like "coming home" to be
assigned to St. Anthony Park
Elementary School. He
taught there about 15
years ago as a 3rd and 4th grade
teacher. But before that,
when he was in school himself, he attended
Guttersen School and
Murray Junior/Senior High School.
Foster used to be a hockey
coach at Langford Park and
his brother, Bill Kocon, still is.

After teaching at
St. Anthony Park, Foster
was a math coordinator for
St. Paul Schools and then
principal of Ames, Webster
Magnet and Hayden Heights
Elementary Schools.

He replaces Hope Lea,
who retired last spring. Foster is
particularly glad to be here,
because he chose this school.
"It’s unprecedented," he said.
"No superintendent until
Cumran Gaines has allowed
principals to vie for school
placement. When I heard this
one would open, I knew it
was where I’d love to be.
Seven others wanted to come
here, too. Lucky for me, I was
the one selected."

Foster remembers this
school as one with high
parent involvement and
community participation.
He’s counting on that still
being the case and plans to
do what he can to encourage it.

Foster lives in Como Park.
His daughter Ann is a student
at Como Park High School;
another daughter Emily
attends Murray. Two older
children, who also attended
St. Paul Public Schools, now
live in Chicago.

Meanwhile, Sanchelli says
there will be no action on the
local front until new US.
Postmaster Marvin Runyon
has "our corporate structure in
place."

Long-term status of Como
post office still in question

When the post office makes
decisions, they aren’t made
close to home. In fact, they’re
often made in Washington.
Such is the case with current
and possible future changes in
the status of the Como
Station of the St. Paul Post
Office.

When changes for the sorting of
local mail and the location of
mail carriers were announced
this spring, the cutting of
Saturday services and the
unavailability of mail boxes
that day were not anticipated,
St. Paul area manager, Michael
Sanchelli, insists.

Now, Sanchelli says that
"everything is on hold for at
least 90 days." In St. Anthony Park,
"everything" includes
improvements to the present
post office, if it is retained,
plus decisions about finding
smaller space in the area.

The post office leases its
building (the lease extends to
1995). Sanchelli indicated that he
has received inquiries about the
availability of the Como space,
should the post office move to a
smaller facility.

Busway from 1

25th and Como Ave. In S.E.
Minneapolis will not be cut
totally, but fewer buses will
run between the lot and both
Campuses.

"We’re still taking a look at
Como Avenue service and
trying to maintain at least
30 minute service from the
Como lot to the St. Paul
campus," Hous said. He said
service from the lot to the
Minneapolis campus would
also be cut, but not by as
much.

Some people are happy
about the changes. St. Anthony Park resident
Lucy Olson, who originally voiced concerns about the
noise and landscaping accompanying the busway,
which runs by her house, has been on the whole pleased
with the operation so far.

"The buses don’t bother us
a bit," she said, though they
pass her house all day.
"It keeps the buses off
Raymond and it’s a lot safer."

Olson thought the
landscaping also worked well,
for awhile. "I think it’s going
to be beautiful," she said. She
enjoyed the trees and shrubs
that were put in but said the
grass put in to hold up the
embankment is now growing
so fast it covers up the trees.
Watching for unauthorized
vehicles using the busway from
the start, Olson said
lately she has seen just buses.
Bus drivers, on the
other hand, are not happy about
the number of bicyclists and
rollerbladers on the narrow
busway, said.

Buses travel 30 mph around
intersections and reach
40 mph on the straightaway.
Although bicycles are not
prohibited along the route,
Hous said they are not
advertising for increased use.
The bus drivers’ concerns
were recorded on a survey
which will be turned over to
the University Department of
Health and Safety to examine
speed limits and policies.

There have been a couple
more accidents since the
one earlier this year when
a worker at a plant in the
area was hit by a bus after
making a "quick stop" at an
intersection, Hous said.
He said in all accidents
the driver of the private
vehicles were found at fault
for making similar quick stops at
intersections across the
busway—where buses have
the right-of-way.

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The calendar below lists events of interest.

Sept 8 Fall quarter begins

Sept 9-10 Japan Mission Centennial
Program for the day, $6.00; evening banquet, $10.00.
For more information, call Global Mission Center, 641-3457.

Sept. 19 "Human Sexuality and the Christian Faith"
A discussion/bearing sponsored by ELCA Division for
Church In Society and the Regional Center for Mission.
5:30 p.m. in 409 p.m. Call 224-6833 or 870-3060.

Sept 28 Lay School of Theology classes begin.
Call continuing education, 641-3416

Oct. 9-11 "Religion, Spirituality and Aging
in the 21st Century"
$65.00 per person. Contact Katherine Werner, 641-3455.

Oct. 9-21 "Faith, Hope and Love"
A special Klarion continuing education program focusing on
| Corinthians. $30.00 per person. Call 641-3416.

Chapel services from 10:00-10:20 a.m. every weekday and the
Service of Communion at 9:00 a.m. every Sunday in Chapel of the
Incarnation are open to all. Holy Communion on Wednesday.

For more information: Public Relations, 641-3451
Letters

A bike lane after all

A recent article in the Park Bugle by Kathy Malchow reported on the Cleveland Avenue reconstruction from Larpenteur Ave. to County Rd. B in Roseville. It was specifically mentioned that a bicycle lane would not be included in the plans.

Because the University of Minnesota owns the property along both sides of Cleveland Avenue there is no possibility of acquiring additional roadway.

Instead, the county is constructing a 1.5 lane road, which includes a turning lane in the center lane. In addition to the three lanes there will be five feet on each side of the road. The intent is to slow traffic down. This space will be striped for bicycles and will provide a safer space for bicycling. This design will be similar to both Lexington and Hamline Avenues where there are three lanes.

Neil Frazer
President, St. Paul & Ramsey County Friends of the Parks and Trails

Glad to have Boomerangs

I’m very happy that the Boomerang resale shop has come to our area. The clothes are just right for my two children (ages 4 and 6). This gives me an opportunity to recycle their outgrown wardrobe. As we become more aware of saving our earth as a family, “making do” and “using up” are some of our small contributions to simplifying life and being happy with less.

Sandra Miller

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I didn't do too good in school. (That sentence stands as evidence of its own veracity.)

So I don't quite understand my son. This past summer he sold me a book. Very no book report, no assignment, no quiz. He read it because he wanted to. He also borrowed a book from me.

The book that my son read of his own free will was Charles Dickens' A Tale of Two Cities. I can remember that the only way my high school English teacher got me to read that book was under threat of the guillotine. But later, as an adult, I had rather enjoyed the story when I experienced it again — on TV. When my son was finished with the book, I told him that I thought I had videotaped the television production and that he might like to watch it while the book was still fresh in his mind.

He reported to me the next day that he had found the tape labeled A Tale of Two Cities. But we had taped over it. "It's okay though, Dad. Now it's The Simpson!"

So, some of my genes are present after all.

My son had been reading A Tale of Two Cities while we were on our family vacation. He happened to be sitting next to a stranger on the airplane. An adult. A businessman. At one point he turned and noticed what my son was reading. The man gave the boy a knowing wink and said, "You don't really have to finish that, you know. All you need to know is that first paragraph. Words of wisdom, passed along from one generation to another. It makes me proud."

I can remember feeling the same way one day last spring. That day had been a strong wind the night before, so there were a lot of small branches littering the neighborhood. As I was driving along College Park, I could see a husband and wife in their yard up ahead. They each picked up an armful of sticks that had fallen from their own trees. And as I watched, they biffly walked across the street and dropped their bundles of sticks onto the grass of College Park.

(Gee, Warren, that's an interesting story. And it makes me kind of mad. But weren't you telling us about your son and his book and your summer vacation? Did you lose your train of thought, or what?)

No, I am not lost. Just lost my train of thought. The story of the videotape and the story of the businessman and the story of dumping sticks in the park are the same thing: school.

The beginning of the school year still holds a certain excitement for me, even though I've been away from classrooms for — well — longer than you need to know. While autumn is a time of endings in nature, it is a time of new beginnings for students. New clothes. New classes. New teachers. That lasts about three weeks. After that, school isucky, right?

Well, you and I are going to change all that. Well, some of it, anyway.

Several times over the past few years I have consented to give little presentations to students at the local schools. (I tell you this to show that I am a better person than you are.) I draw pictures for a living, and I work for myself, so I have some degree of flexibility in my schedule. Thus when my daughter's teacher asked if I would come down to school sometime and talk about what I do, I said okay.

I was a little nervous about it. The teacher wanted me to fill an entire period, about 50 minutes. What could I possibly have to say to a classroom full of antsy kids that would keep their attention for that long? I went through my storage closet and pulled out some old ads and billboards that I had designed, and off I went.

It's humbling to stand in front of a roomful of kids and realize that you are scared. But there I was, so I had to make it the best of it. And you do know what happened? Two things the time ran out before I was done; and I loved it. Surprised? Yes! Here I had been afraid that I wouldn't be able to fill fifteen minutes, but I ended up disappointed that the time ran out before I was through. I had actually been having a good time.

And I think the kids had a good time, too. They listened very well. They asked a lot of questions. Not dumb questions either. Good questions. Insightful questions. Better questions than I have been asked by some adults. They were actually interested in what I had to say. And in the end I think they actually learned something. Not about the French Revolution, or the periodic table or the formula for the circumference of a circle. But I think they learned something that was valuable, even if it didn't come out of a test book.

After that first time, I was asked back. Other teachers wanted me to come. And so I have done my little song and dance about eleven times over the last few years. And I have come to look forward to being asked. (Oh boy, what am I saying now?)

So there it is, proof that I am a better person than you. But by the time you finish reading this, that will have changed. You will have become a better person too. Because I am asking you to do what I have done. Get involved in your neighborhood school.

Oh, I know. Kids don't want to hear about what you do for a living, right? Well, I think there's wrong. I think that kids would be interested in what you do (unless you sell life insurance or something). And if it's not your job, maybe it's your hobby, or your family tradition, or your record collection. The point is that you have something to teach, and you have a responsibility to teach it.

But isn't that what we have teachers for? And schools and books and principals and all that? Okay, who can guess what my answer is? Raise your hands. That's right! The story of the storm-strewn branches. How did you feel about the people who gathered the twigs from their own yard and dumped them in the public park? That story was true, but it also serves as a reminder that the debris from our current educational deficit falls on all of us. It affects us all, whether we have children in the school system or not. And so it is our responsibility to do what we can to clean up the mess.

So it's the beginning of a new school year. And maybe it's time for ALL of us to go back to school. Our teachers need our help. Call them up. Volunteer. No, you don't have to give a speech. You don't have to share the joy you get from studying actuarial tables. Maybe you can just loan a teacher your coin collection. Or help put up bulletin board materials.
Two new pastors begin service in St. Anthony Park

By Vickie Gilmer

It may seem odd to some that a former forester and a former urban planner have both become clerics, but the history of the church in St. Anthony Park is rich and varied. With these two new clergy men relocating here this summer, that tradition carries on.

Pastor Paul Ostledal moved to the Park from Willowton, N.D., in July and is heading up the ministry at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church. And at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, Mark Kennedy, relocating from Connecticut, has taken a position as associate minister.

Ostledal grew up with the influence of his father, who was also a pastor. "When I was about thirteen years old, one day he said to me, 'What do you think you're going to be when you grow up?' And I said well, maybe an architect, or maybe a forester, and I think I said then, maybe a pastor. And he said, 'Well, just make sure that if you ever become a pastor it's for a better reason than the fact that I am one.'" Ostledal said this made him feel he was "off the hook," and didn't have to follow his father's footsteps.

He added, "You have to feel that God is calling you. Well, I tested that out over the years. I tried a lot of things and I finally sorted it out and concluded that 'I think I'm supposed to be a pastor.' And you know, it's hard to describe how that really happened, it's something that's kind of mystical," he said.

Between working in the mountains in Idaho and pulling a stint in a road construction crew, Ostledal finally headed for Luther Seminary in St. Anthony Park (now Luther Northwestern), and was ordained in 1992.

But it wasn't his tie to the local Lutheran Church that brought him here. "I worked in a number of other churches, and I never did come to this church. Kind of odd, isn't it?" Ostledal says. "When I was being interviewed here, one of the people said, 'Well, what was your experience with [this church], when you were a student?' And I had to say that I never was in the building. So, I think God has a great sense of humor."

But Ostledal's extensive work in ministry (this is his fifth parish), his work at the seminary with youth and choirs, and his experience at a district church office in Iowa, made him the right candidate. Preparing for his first sermon on Sunday, Aug. 9, Ostledal said he was "excited—a little apprehensive. It's going to be very different: new building, new people, new sound system, new word processor, everything is new. A lot of new names and faces."

While his new parish consists of about 950 people (his old parish in Willowton had more than twice that amount), at St. Anthony Park he has a staff that helps run much of the education and youth and choir activities. This allows Ostledal more time to focus on "an emphasis that every member is a minister, and [I want to] help them discover their ministries, not only in their church life, but in daily life—to help them sense that God wants them to see every place they enter as a place for ministry. That's really going to be a value and emphasis that I hope to share."

Perhaps the biggest change Ostledal will face is that he is the only pastor at the church. He has previously had a "team" of pastors he worked with at other churches. "It was fun to have that kind of team. I'll just have to develop a different way of teaming up here with others who will be peers, and even mentors," he said. "My concept is that this is their parish church, and that I will give leadership to it. And I want to lift them up so that they know these are leaders too. And we will make decisions together. I am not an autocrat." Ostledal added that the parish is unique in that many people have a history of membership with the church, ranging from missionaries, to lay ministry leaders, to seminarians from the seminary. He looks forward to tapping into this resource.

Ostledal and his wife have settled in the Park (the move was "wild" he says), but added he feels very comfortable with the area, is grateful for the help of some parishioners, and is glad that three of his four children live in the Twin Cities area.

Ostledal will be installed by Saint Paul Area Synod Bishop Lowell Erdahl on Sun., Sept. 27, at both services (8:45 and 11 a.m.).
Lauderdale Park to be revamped

By Corinna Nelson

Softball, hockey, and tennis players, as well as playground denizens, may see a drastic improvement in Lauderdale City Park as soon as 1994 if Cindy Wheeler's park, which she plans to expand and improve. Wheeler, a Lauderdale council member, coordinates the community development project—combining community initiative, possible grant monies, and her experience in recreation planning gained as a field operations manager in the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources: Trails and Waterways division.

Using an enlarged aerial photo, Wheeler began drawing designs for a new park (located at Fullam St. and Roselawn Ave. across from the University of Minnesota golf course), including enlarging the present softball diamond to regulation size; re-orienting the diamond to make it more direct in players' eyes; upgrading the picnic shelter; building year-round restrooms and a warming house; upgrading the tennis courts; and improving parking and drainage. The whole park, in short, is being considered for upgrading or alteration except for the small forest in its northeast corner.

Lauderdale currently has $1500 in donations from the Lions club for playground equipment, and has a list of prospective volunteers whom Wheeler hopes to recruit for involvement in a Park and Recreation Committee. The committee will generate ideas for park development to culminate in a proposal for a LAWCON grant by Sept. 1, 1993.

These federal grants, administered through the Minnesota Department of Trade and Economic Development, are targeted for city park improvements.

Bluegrass, Folk, Ragtime, Swing

Powdermilk Biscuit Band veteran Adam Granger plays it all on his collection of guitars. Granger supplements his amazing talent with really funny and on-target lyrics. He stays busy of late by touring, teaching and co-hosting the “Cedar Social” TV show with Pop Wagner. Among other wonderful things to say about Granger, he lives in the neighborhood and is planning to kick off the St. Anthony Park Association’s “Dinner in the Park” series.

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**Language and citizenship classes**

Registration for the fall session of English as a Second Language and Citizenship class will be accepted in person at the International Institute of Minnesota, 1694 Como Ave., on Sept. 15 & 17 from 7-9 p.m. These evening classes meet Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m. for 12 weeks starting the week of Sept. 21.

These pre-citizenship classes prepare applicants for their naturalization examinations. Topics include the Constitution, history, and government of the U.S.

Registration for the September/October session of English as a Second Language classes will be accepted in person at the Institute on Sept. 9 & 16 from 9-11 a.m., or by appointment thereafter.

Classes meet every day from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., starting Sept. 23. Intensive classes are available for adults who need to improve their language skills. All classes include instruction in listening, speaking, reading, writing and aural comprehension.

Evening classes in Finnish, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish will be offered at the International Institute starting the week of Sept. 21 and continuing for 15 weeks. Beginning, intermediate and advanced levels will be available. Registrations will be accepted through Sept. 14 or until classes are filled.

For more information on any of these programs, call 647-0191.

**Lutheran Church in Japan's anniversary celebrated**

Lutheran Northwestern Seminary will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church with a day of special events Sept. 10. The event begins with a chapel service at 10 a.m. and continues throughout the day with historic videos and movies, lectures, a panel discussion and a 6:30 p.m. banquet.

The celebration recalls the first Lutheran missionaries to Japan in 1892. During the 1960s as many as 300 Lutheran missionaries were working in Japan. Today, the Japan Evangelical Lutheran Church has 21,000 members.

Reservations for the Sept. 10 events are required by Aug. 31. Cost is $6 for the daytime events, $10 for the banquet. Call Call Lutheran Mission Institute, 641-3487, for more information.

**ST. ANTHONY PARK**

**Gymnasts wanted**

ST. Anthony Park Gymnastics Club offers USGF instruction throughout the school year for girls and boys ages 4-18. Classes are held at ST. Anthony Park Elementary School Mondays through Thursdays. SAPGC is a nonprofit Community Ed-sponsored program with experienced coaches, small classes and an affordable monthly tuition. Goals are to improve each participant's strength, coordination, fitness and self-confidence in an atmosphere of encouragement, fun and safety. Call Lynda Odhuy 698-0000, or for more information.

**Complain at seminary**

The ancient monastic prayer service of complain will be offered every Sunday evening at Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary beginning Sept. 13 at 9 p.m. The service will be held in the Chapel of the Incarnation, Campus Center, Hendon at Fullham.

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Learn to cook at Muffuletta

Muffuletta in the Park restaurant will offer a series of informal food and wine classes on Sundays, Sept. 20, Oct. 11 and Nov. 1. The classes will be taught by chef Carron Harris. The lesson schedule will include pasta making and sauces, fish and seafood, and soups. Each student will receive recipes as well as “hands on” experience in the kitchen. Also each week two different wines will be served with the food.

Class times are 7-9 p.m. Cost is $20 per person. For more information, call Carron Harris at Muffuletta, 644-9116.

For youth on Friday nights

Beginning Fri., Sept. 11, Youth Activity Night begins its second year at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside at Como. All youth in grades 7-12 are welcome to participate from 7-10:45 p.m. every Friday evening.

French Alliance anniversary

The French Alliance of the Twin Cities (Alliance Francaise) invites the public to an open house on Sun., Sept. 27, noon-4 p.m., to celebrate its tenth anniversary at Baker Court, 821 Raymond Ave. The event will be part of the second annual Midtown Arts Open, a celebration of art and culture at Raymond and University Avenues. French classes, demonstrations, French videos and music will be presented. Fall classes begin the week of Sept. 21 and are scheduled for day, evening and Saturday morning hours. Children’s classes are held from 9-noon on Saturdays.

The Alliance Francaise is a nonprofit organization that encourages the study of French language and culture. It is supported in part by the French Foreign Ministry. For more information, call 644-5769.

TRAM riders

Harriet Leman, age 9, and her father, Bill, rode a tandem bicycle in The Role Across Minnesota (TRAM), July 26-31. This was Harriet’s first TRAM, and she managed to raise $500 for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. Bill, who has ridden two previous TRAMS, advises that this trip may not be as tough as the 2-day MS150 to Duluth, since TRAM riders averaged only about 50 miles per day across the southern Minnesota route.

Harriet will be in the fourth grade this fall at St. Anthony Park Elementary School. She says she wants to try TRAM again next year.

Storytimes

There will be storytimes for 3, 4 and 5 year olds on Friday mornings at 10:30 from Sept. 1-11-Oct. 9 at St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 2245 Como Ave. Register at the library or call 252-6633.

Dexter gets around

We heard a report that excerpts from Michelle Christianson’s article in the August Bugle about Al Dexter were read on WCCO radio by Steve Cannon during his weekday afternoon show. Cannon gave credit to the Bugle and Michelle.

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Sunday School: 10:15 am, 9:30 am beginning Sept. 13
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August 30 one Sunday Worship, 10 am at Como Pavilion
Sept 6 Worship: 8:30 and 10 am
Sept. 13 Rally Day. Fall Worship schedule begins:
8:30 and 10:45 am
Communion first and third Sundays
Education Hour for all ages: 9:30 am
Nursery provided 8:15 - 11:15 am, until noon beginning Sept. 13

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH
2131 No. Fairview at County Road B. 659-8868
Saturday Mass: 5:00 pm
Sunday Masses: 8:30 and 10:30 am

MOUNT OLIVE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH (A WELLS Congregation)
"THE CHURCH WITH A SMILE"
1460 Almond at Pascal. 645-2575
Sunday Worship: 9 am

PEACE LUTHERAN 2 LAUDERDALE
Walthon atIonic. 644-5440
Sunday Worship: 9:30 am, 10:30 am beginning Sept. 13
Eucharist 1st and 3rd Sundays
Sunday School and Bible Class 9:15 am
Wednesday Worship: 7 pm

ROSE HILL ALLIANCE CHURCH
Roselawn at Cleveland. 631-0173
Sunday Worship: 8:30 am and 6 pm, 8:30 and 11 am
beginning Sept. 13
Sunday School 10:45 am, 9:45 am beginning Sept. 13
Sunday School 6 pm Sr. Jr. AYF
Wednesday Info! Women’s American Culture Class 12:30 pm
(Sept. - May)
Wednesday 6:45 pm conversational English class
Wednesday Awana & Jr. Hi. AYF 6:45 pm (Sept. - May)
Thursday University Graduate Student Lunch and Bible Study noon

ST. ANTHONY PARK LUTHERAN
Como and Loring Place. 645-0371
Sunday Worship: 8:45 and 11 am. Nursery at 8:45
Communion first and third Sundays
Sunday School begins Sept. 13, 9:45 am; Adult Forum and Adult Bible study begin Sept. 20, 9:50 am.
Sept. 27 Installation of new pastor, Paul Ofstedal, at both services

ST. A.P. UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
2129 Commonwealth at 2052 Oxford. 645-7173
Sunday Worship: 9:30 am
Sunday Education Hour for children, youth and adults: 10:45 am
Nursery Care provided all morning
All visitors welcome. Call church for further schedule details
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Rev. Mark Kennedy, associate minister

ST. A.P. UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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Como and Hillside. 645-4859
Sun. Sept. 6, 9:30 am Worship. Child care provided
Sun. Sept. 13 Rally Day. Join our celebration of the beginning of the church school year!
9:15 Church School
10:45 Worship
12:00 Potluck Dinner
Child care provided
Sundays Sept. 20 and 27:
9:30 Church School, 12:45 Worship, child care provided
Tue., Sept. 1. All Church Roller Skating Party. 6:30 - 8:30.
Call church for more information
Beginning Fri., Sept. 11, 7:10-10:45 pm Friday Youth Activity Night.
All youth in grades 7-12 welcome

ST. CECILIA’S CATHOLIC CHURCH
Cromwell and Bayless Place. 644-4502
Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.
Sunday Mass: 10 a.m. at church (nursery provided) and 8:30 a.m. at Seal St-Hi-Rise, 825 Seal St. (handicapped accessible)
Daily Mass: 7 am at the Parish Center

ST. MATTHEW’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
2136 Carter at Cleveland. 645-3558
Sunday Schedule:
8 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:15 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
Nursery and child care at both services
Activities during the sermon at second service
Beginning Sept. 13 Education for all ages 9:15 am
Sept. 13 registration and orientation for preschool - sr. high
Sept 27 St. Matthew’s Day Celebration
The Rev. Grant H. Abbott, Rector
The Rev. Dr. Marilyn Salmon, Priest Associate

WARRENDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1040 Como Ave. at Oxford. 489-6654
Sunday Worship: 10:15 am (nursery provided)
Sunday Church School: 9 am
Dr. Robert Bailey, Minister

Life in the Church: Come and Share
have succeeded in getting a traffic light installed at the intersection of Como and Eustis.

St. Anthony Park Community Council and Group Health, Inc. announce the public celebration of this victory on Thurs., Sept. 10, at 10:30 a.m. at the northwest corner of Eustis and Como. City, county and state public officials will be invited to participate in the program. The intersection houses several major employers:

Group Health, Goodwill Industries, Luther Northwestern Seminary and the Children's Home Society. (Plus Lutheran Social Service will be there soon.)

Several accidents involving pedestrians at Como and Eustis have been reported during the past several years and a recent Public Works survey showed that there were 8,200 vehicles per day on Como and 6,400 per day on Eustis.

“We hope the traffic light will increase safety for drivers and for pedestrians at this busy intersection,” said City Councilmember Paula Maccabee.

Corpus Christi to honor former principal

Sister Josine Winter will be honored at a celebration at the new Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 2131 North Fairview at Co. Rd. B, on Sun., Sept. 13. Mass will be said at 10:30 a.m. followed by a reception from 11:30 a.m.-noon.

Sister Josine is celebrating the Golden Jubilee of her profession as a School Sister of Notre Dame. She has served at many schools during her 50 years as a nun and was the principal at Corpus Christi School for 12 years, from September 1977 until the school closed in June 1990.

All former students and their parents are invited. For more information, call the parish office at 639-4888.

For parents of kids with epilepsy

A special back-to-school meeting for parents of children with epilepsy will be held Mon., Sept. 14, at the South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center conference room, 980 Cromwell (at Territorial Road), 7-9 p.m.

Sheila Merzner, a licensed psychologist who specializes in services for children with disabilities, will be one of the presenters. Barb Sorum, a parent advocate/trainer at PACER Center, Inc. will discuss changes in special education rules which went into effect this year (especially those rules affecting learning disabilities and other health impairments).

For more information or to indicate that you will attend, call Jenna at the Epilepsy Foundation of Minnesota, 646-8675.

FALCON HEIGHTS

College graduate

Kent York received an M.B.A. degree in marketing from the University of St. Thomas in May.

Gibbs Farm programs

A ‘Family Reunion Workshop’ will be offered at Gibbs Farm Museum on Sat., Sept. 12, 10 a.m.—noon. The workshop will be conducted by Audrey Weldon Johnson in the museum’s one-room country schoolhouse. Through trial and error, she has found what works—and what doesn’t work—in planning family reunions, and will share this with participants. Cost is $15 and each participant will receive a copy of Johnson’s book, The Road Back Home. Call 646-8620 to register.

On Sun., Sept. 13, noon—4 p.m., the museum explores why “A Woman’s Work Is Never Done,”—at least why it wasn’t at the turn of the century. Though often referred to as the weaker sex, women were expected to perform a great number of hard, physical tasks around the house. Cooking on a wood burning stove, doing laundry with a clothes boiler and scrub board, and making lye soap were a big part of the farm wife’s life. This event is designed to demonstrate these tasks and look at the way things used to be done.

“Neighborhood History Day” is the featured program on Sun., Sept. 20, noon—4 p.m. What do you know about your neighborhood? Who were its first residents? Which houses are historic? Significant? Learn from a number of local groups about their efforts to preserve the history of their areas.

The Gibbs Farm Museum is located at the corner of Cleveland and Larpenteur Avenues. Hours are Tues—Fri., 10 a.m.—4 p.m., and Sun., noon—4 p.m. Admission is $2.50 for adults, $1 for seniors and $1 for children. For more information about any of the museum’s programs, call 646-8629.

Pencil Power

Teri Thayer-Graham will teach personal note-writing in workshops called “Pencil Power for Busy People,” on Sept. 10, 17 and 24 at Gibbs Farm Museum, Cleveland at Larpenteur. Graham, based in Roseville, has a business called “Write Connections.” In teaching the “lost art” of writing personal notes as correspondence to family and friends, she reviews, for example, guidelines for sympathy, apology and thank you notes.

Cost for the 2 1/2 hour workshop is $15. Call 646-8629 for more information. Graham will also teach “Pencil Power for Busy Teachers,” at Gibbs Farm during teachers’ convention weekend, Oct. 15, 16 & 17.

Minnesota Horticultural Society purchases building

The Minnesota State Horticultural Society (MSHS) has purchased a building in Falcon Heights to be its new headquarters. Located behind Falcon Heights City Hall at 7755 Prior Ave., the building will provide much-needed space for MSHS to expand its activities and

Officers of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society are shown at the celebration of the purchase of their new headquarters building at 7755 Prior Ave., Falcon Heights. The facility will be open to the public following renovation, approximately in January 1993. Pictured are Dorothy Johnson, executive director; Diane Emerson, immediate past president and fundraising chairperson (from St. Anthony Park); and Jerald Shannon, current president.
services. It will also be the first permanent home of the 125-year-old organization.

“Our new building will be a horticultural center for whole state—a center for northern gardening,” commented Diane Bason, past president of the society. “We will have a library, a viewing place for videos and slides and regular classes on gardening.”

MSHS is the largest such society in the nation with 16,000 members statewide. The newly-purchased building is one-and-half mile north of current MSHS headquarters on the St. Paul campus. The brick building was constructed in 1896. Half of the building is occupied, but the other half—the projected MSHS headquarters—has not been finished. MSHS will move its offices into the new headquarters when construction is completed, probably in early 1993. Both floors of the new facility have handicapped-accessible entrances and ample parking space. A boulevard between the parking lot and the street offers a small area for demonstration gardens, which will be an added feature of the new headquarters.

CTV picnic
North Suburban Community Television will hold a picnic (rain or shine) for its volunteers on Sun., Sept. 20, 24-1 p.m., at Falcon Heights Park, Roseville & Cleveland Circle. Joan Joan at 481-2654 by Sept. 15 to R.S.V.P.

LAUDERDALE
College graduate
Jeffrey Tengwall received an M.A. degree in counseling psychology from the University of St. Thomas in May.

Namekagon canoe trip
Members of Boy Scout Troop 254 in Lauderdale went on a canoe trip on the Namekagon River in Northern Wisconsin Aug. 7 & 8. The river lies just north of Tamahawk, Indianhead council’s Boy Scout summer camp.

Five Scouts: Kris Helm, Josh Carroll, Scott Good, Ryan Nelson and Andy Wallin along with seven adults: Steve Good, Jeff Nelson, Jennifer Nelson, Ken Cota (Scouts) Rolloe Gates, Ken Rogers and Mark Lehner, paddled the river in the activity on one of this summer’s only hot and humid weekends.

COMO PARK
Twin Cities
Hearing Center opens
John Rutledge has opened Twin Cities Hearing Center at 1359 Como Ave., near Snelling. The center offers a full range of hearing services, including evaluations, hearing tests, hearing aid fittings, ear plugs, musicians’ instruments, listening devices and telephone equipment for those who don’t hear normally. Hearing evaluations are free.

Rutledge was manager of a hearing aid center in Roseville before coming to Como Park in April.

He says hearing loss awareness is becoming increasingly accepted, but estimates that of the 25 million Americans with a hearing loss, only 1 in 4 do something about it.

Seniors can reduce auto insurance
Those over 55 who take an eight-hour classroom course on driver improvement are entitled to a ten percent reduction in their auto insurance premiums for three years, according to Minnesota law.

AAA is offering such a class at Como Park High School, 780 Rose Avenue W., on Sept. 7 & 10 from 6 to 10 p.m. The fee is $20 and preregistration is required. Call 287-2406 for more information or to enroll.

The Minnesota Safety Council is also giving the Defensive Driving class on Sept. 17 & 18, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at Lymington Senior Center, 1258 N. Pascal. Cost is $15 and there will be a one hour lunch break. Those interested may call the Minnesota Safety Council, 291-9150, and must ask for the Lyngbytown registration form.

College graduates
James Bunde, Terese Cooper and William Norris received degrees in May from the University of St. Thomas. Bunde earned an M.B.A. degree with a major in finance, Cooper received a B.A. degree in telecommunications, while Norris received a B.A. in journalism (advertising and telecommunications).

Spinal care classes
Como Chiropractic Health Center presents a series of free spinal care classes on Tuesdays, Sept. 8, 15, 22 and 29 at its offices, 1884 Como Ave. Topics will include stress reduction therapy, back pain prevention and nutrition. For more information call the Health Center at 454-8393.

AARP meeting
Midway-Highland Chapter 930 of the American Association of Retired Persons will meet at 1 p.m. on the 1st of Sept. 17 at the Lymington Senior Center, Pascal at Midway Parkway. Sue Seder of the Foundation for Health Evaluation will speak on "Knowing Your Rights." Everyone is welcome. A social hour will follow.

Lakeside worship
Como Park Lutheran Church will hold Senior worship outdoors on the Como Park Lakeside Pavilion on June 28, 10 a.m. A folk liturgy will be featured, led by a musical ensemble.

Public hearing notice
Gabe's By The Park, 991 N. Lexington, has applied for a Class B gambling permit to allow the Highland area hockey program to lease space for the sale of pull tabs and tipboards. The hearing will be held on Thurs., Sept. 24, 5 p.m., at St. Paul City Council Chambers, 3rd floor City Hall.

CONSUMER SAFEGUARDS
Consumers today are looking for more safeguards in their home purchases. There are hundreds of things that can go wrong with a home structure or home systems. When making a home purchase, buyers and sellers have anxiety and fear of buying and selling a home with undisclosed problems. If you are a seller and know about a defect, assume your buyer will find out. Buyers may even find new problems, unknown to sellers, and lawsuits result. No one needs this. The cost in time, energy, human relationships and money can be greater than the actual repairs.

How can a buyer or seller protect themselves from this headache? Your concerns can be dealt with in one or more of the following procedures:

- Have an independent, qualified home inspection
- Purchase an appliances/system repair contract from Minneapex
- Sellers should fill in detail a disclosure from noting any and all defects
- Buyers and sellers need to communicate
- Sellers should keep property in good repair, keeping defects and excessive costs to a minimum
- Buyers need to understand that most homes are "used," not perfect, and will have some defects

If you have a need for more information regarding any of these procedures please call: Carol Wurtz, 636-2299 or 644-2592.

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By Jane McClure  
Neighborhood News Service

The prospect of more funding for district planning councils, coupled with a push to save the Neighborhood Partnership Program, could help ease the financial burdens faced by many of St. Paul's neighbor-
hoods.

But planning began for the 1993 St. Paul city budget, many district planning council members, neighborhood volunteers and community organizers were openly concerned about what the budget might bring. The possibility of a second year of funding reductions loomed as the city considered the elimination of some district planning council programs.

In a letter to City Hall signed by several district council presidents, it was noted that... with the budget process for 1993 beginning, we feel that it is vital to express the importance of the survival of funding for the community council structure.

The presidents also pointed out that their funding makes up two-thirds of one percent of the total city budget. "There is no substitute for our citizen participation funds," the letter added. "No other city program does so much for the city's vitality at so little cost."

The summer of 1992 has not been an easy one for some of the city's district planning councils. Three community organizers, in Summit-University-Payne-Phalen and Merriam Park, lost their jobs. Some other neighborhoods have already had to drop proposed programs, or cut back current programs.

In Merriam Park, the search is on for outside funding for the community council. Without it, the community council will have to run largely by volunteers until year's end. Council President Bob Johnson points out that Merriam Park, like other councils, has lost grant and foundation support this year that kept the council office operating in 1992.

A number of district council presidents and community organizers met with Mayor Jim Scheibel last July to ask that their city funding not be cut in 1993. Scheibel's stance at that time was to say he'd hold the line on district council funding, and not make any more reductions. But with no increase in light of inflation, some district council representatives contended that holding the line is itself a budget cut.

And with a part-time City Council taking office in 1994, many district council leaders are predicting an increase in constituent service requests, said Highwood Area Community Council President Scott Bunin. He and other leaders are lobbying to get some of the funds saved by the part-time City Council switched to district planning council operations.

It appears now that the councils may see a slight increase in funding next year. But whether the 2.7 percent funding increase proposed by Mayor Scheibel survives the City Council budget review won't be known until later this fall. When he presented the budget to the City Council Aug. 13, Scheibel spoke of how St. Paul is in effect becoming two cities, one of strong neighborhoods and the other a place where people are at risk. By focusing on neighborhoods and on families, he contends that the city can reverse trends of increased crime, poverty and racism.

The $6,876 addition to general levy dollars for citizen participation is combined with special fare collections and transfers to support neighborhood and family-based programs. Funding earmarked for the 1992 Office of Neighborhoods is being moved into the "Families First" initiative.

"Families First" is an effort to "promote the strength of our neighborhoods by reinforcing families," said Scheibel. A major part of the "Families First" effort is to make city government more responsive to families and their needs, through increased access to city services for non-English-speaking families, and the possibility of evening hours for some city services.

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hoods and the other a place where people are at risk.

"Families First" may also become a part of working more closely with district planning councils, Scheibel added. He is recommending that more than $130,000 be set aside for "Families First." How district planning councils will work with the "Families First" initiative isn't known, and isn't explained in budget documents. But the shift from the Office of Neighborhoods to "Families First" may win some support simply because many neighborhoods have questioned what function the planned Office of Neighborhoods would have.

St. Paul is divided into 17 planning districts, and has 19 councils. District 13 has three smaller community councils within its bound-
aries: Levant Lake-Rainier, Snelling-Hamline and Merriam Park. Each planning district receives about $30,000 per year from the city—in tax levy dollars, Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds or a combination of the two sources. St. Anthony Park (District 12) Community Council received its funding from CDBG dollars, while the One CSA (Community Services Association, District 10) Community Council is funded by tax money.

District planning councils use city funds, city and outside grants, and other income to support a wide variety of neighborhood programs and services.

But because grant funding has become more and more scarce, city officials are having to increasingly rely on other sources of income. Am Copeland, who runs the Neighborhood Services Citizen Participation program for the city notes that the main problem with grant and foundations dollars is that fewer funders are willing to supply operating funds for general council operations, or even for specific programs or funding increase for specific programs.

"It's a real challenge for some of these groups to find funding," she said.

Some councils, such as the Summit Hill Association, spend considerable time on fund raising. Summit Hill hosts a neighborhood home tour every two years to raise generating income. Other neighborhoods raise funds at yard sales and community events through fund drives.

Virtually all of the district council representatives who spoke to Scheibel last July said they've seen increased operating costs, including rent for office space and postage. But for councils funded with highly restricted CDBG dollars, there isn't even money available to cover the time and costs of grant-writing and fundraising. Dayton's Bluff Community Association's Alan Omoto noted that she does such work on her own time. "That's crazy," Scheibel replied.

Other budget changes that are expected to help district planning councils and other neighborhood-based groups include increasing the Neighborhood Partnership Program (NPP) funding from $250,000 to almost $700,000. NPP has funded a wide range of projects, from streetscape improvements to neighborhood organizing programs. NPP has been slated for elimination, and the round of grants recommended for approval in August by the St. Paul Planning Commission was expected to be the last batch of NPP projects. Funds from crime prevention and unpleasant community development block grants will be phased out to the revised NPP budget.

Jane McClure is a reporter for the Neighborhood and Community Association's Neighborhood News Service.
Oak wilt and pest problems threaten neighborhood trees

By Betty Seitzer

The sight of a tree being felled always draws a crowd. Many will speak sadly of the loss of a majestic member of the community.

How often do we take our shade trees for granted? They have been here as long as we can remember and it seems they will always be here. The sad fact is there are many forces that can destroy our largest trees.

In St. Anthony Park many elms were lost to Dutch Elm disease not so very long ago. Now the oaks are in danger.

Oak wilt is not the only hazard the oak trees face. Diagnosis can be difficult; deciding what course of action to take can be even harder.

A meeting will be held at St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Ave., on Thurs., Sept. 3, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., to present information covering the disease and pest problems of oak trees. Diagnosis and treatment will be discussed by experts.

Large trees are often ignored until someone notices a few leaves have changed to fall color early, or perhaps an entire branch has died. The alarmed homeowner looks for answers and finds that the care and feeding of a mature shade tree is a very complicated and costly matter.

At this point, it is important to have the facts in order to weigh the best course of action. Should the tree be removed immediately? Should it be watered and fertilized in the hope of keeping it alive or possibly even fighting off the disease or pest? Or perhaps the best course of action is to do nothing for the existing tree but to immediately plant new trees to take its place?

To make these decisions regarding an oak tree, one needs to know the specific variety of the diseased oak. When a red oak becomes infected with oak wilt, it will very quickly succumb to the disease, often dying within a few weeks of first symptoms. Oak wilt is always fatal for red oaks.

Red oaks should be removed quickly, but not before some sort of barrier is created between its roots and the roots of neighboring red oaks. Oak wilt spreads mainly through root grafts—that is, neighboring oak trees of the same variety will have roots in the same soil. Those roots will grow together forming a graft and the trees will share parts of their root systems. These grafts form only between the same varieties of oaks. Red oaks will graft with red oaks but not with white oaks. A barrier between grafts must be created either mechanically or chemically.

Both methods require professional installation and must be carefully planned to be effective.

Minnesota also has white oaks and burr oaks. White oaks will not succumb as quickly as red oaks and may live quite a few years after infection before they finally die. Often, individual branches will die and be trimmed out until there is finally so little left of the tree that it will be taken down.

White oaks do not very often recover completely. Burr oaks have about a 50% chance of recovering and living a normal life span.

For trees in the white oak group (which includes burr oaks), professional pruning, fertilization and watering can improve the trees’ odds of surviving and prolong the lifespan. This action coupled with planting young replacement trees is often the best choice for a homeowner who has nothing but mature oak trees on his or her property.

Fall is a good time for planting many varieties of trees. It is also an appropriate time to prune oak trees.

For those who cannot attend the Sept. 3 meeting, there are a number of good publications available from Ramsey County Extension Service at a nominal charge.
New attractions at the State Fair

Several new exhibits and attractions are featured at this year's Minnesota State Fair. A 25-ft. tall "Enchanted Sand Castle" has been constructed out of 300 tons of sand on Machinery Hill across from the 4-H building. Life-size storybook characters, including Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, Jack and the Beanstalk and Beauty and the Beast were constructed by California sculptor Todd Vander Pluy and his team.

California sculptor Todd Vander Pluy and team began sculpting castle details from the top down.

The sand castle glows with thousands of internal lights and is constructed in such a way that rain will not affect it.

A "must" stop for history buffs is the Minnesota Historical Society's booth in the Grandstand. In celebrating the upcoming grand opening of its History Center, the Society has planned a booth that presents new museum exhibits, the Research Center, its gift stores and colorful characters from historical sites around the state. The booth is located immediately to the left of the main entrance to the Grandstand.

At the Historical Society's booth, visitors will be able to try on a corset, learn Victorian etiquette, watch a beadwork demonstration, find their great-grandmother's name in Minnesota census records, recall the beginnings of historical events in Minnesota through an interactive, 3-dimensional timeline of Minnesota history, or take home a State-On-A-Stick lan.

And for the first time ever, fair visitors will have an opportunity to see actual veterinary surgery performed. A new surgical center, open to public viewing, will be in operation at the State Fair's Pet Center on Machinery Hill.

The Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association will perform four surgeries per day. Operations will include spaying and neutering of dogs from humane societies throughout the Twin Cities area.

Also featured at the Pet Center is a display by the Minnesota Purebred Dog Breeders Association. A variety of dog breeds will be shown and free demonstrations will be offered four times daily. Other exhibits include displays by the Cat Fanciers Association and the Animal Humane Society of Hennepin County.

To Your Credit

Community news from your neighborhood Norwest bank

Community partnerships earn Norwest top honor

"It is our mission to be an outstanding community bank, recognized not only for our products and services but for our commitment to the needs of our neighborhoods and communities," says Shirley Strande, Managing Officer, University-Midway Office.

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"We didn't do it alone," says Strande. "This recognition reflects the strength of our partnerships with many public and community organizations that recognize the need to build programs that will have a long-term, positive impact on our communities. We are proud to share the honor."

The OCC commended Norwest for:

- $25 million in loans to first-time home buyers with low to moderate incomes in targeted Minneapolis and St. Paul neighborhoods;
- 16 workshops with 485 participants from 55 inner-city neighborhoods to discuss community needs;
- Non-discriminatory loan application practices and ongoing analysis;
- Community volunteerism and charitable contributions.

"Employees of the University-Midway Office helped support the Eastside Neighborhood Service by donating time and gifts to the Christmas Store so children from low-income households could buy gifts for their families," says Strande.

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**Raymond Avenue Gallery:**

**Artists Exhibition:**

Gallery artists will exhibit their work through Sept. 19. The exhibit features a variety of media, including paintings, sculpture, photographs, and mixed media. The show is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 644-2300 for information.

**Northern Clay Center:**

The exhibit **"Through the Looking Glass"** features works by 20 artists who have been inspired by the theme of an Alice in Wonderland. The show is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Music**

The **Midtown Arts Open** features a variety of musical performances throughout the weekend. Performers include the **Midtown Arts Open Band**, who will perform on Saturday, Sept. 19, at 3 p.m.

**The St. Anthony Park Community Band** will perform on Sunday, Sept. 20, at 3 p.m.

**The Minnesota Women's Press** is featuring their fall issue, which includes interviews with local authors and artists. The issue is available at local bookstores and online.

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Linnea celebrates 75 years with drive for new elevator

By Kathy Malchow

Older folks needing a lift will most likely find one next year at Twin City Linnea Home. In its 75th year of operation, the boarding care home for seniors will soon launch a campaign to raise $200,000 to construct an elevator for its two-story building on Como Avenue. The home’s administrators hope the addition of the “lift” will help recruit additional residents. Linnea Home currently does not admit those who use wheelchairs.

Administrator Keith Johnson says the Linnea Home is licensed for 71 residents; it presently has 61. “We are drawing from a diminished market,” he says. “Older people are able to stay in their homes longer because of home health service availability. We hope the addition of an elevator will increase our clientele.”

Even though the home is not a facility for very sick people, round-the-clock nursing care is available.

The number of residents in the home has remained stable over the years, ever since a group of twelve Swedish women founded the Twin City Linnea Society in 1904. Men were allowed into the society in 1916 and the first phase of the present facility was erected in 1917, under the auspices of the Lutheran church. The building’s wings were added in the 1920s and by 1929 there were 86 residents.

Originally the plan was to use the home as a “safe haven” for immigrant Swedish girls or needy older women (the Linnea is a delicate flower) but, according to Johnson, it was never used in that way. Instead, he says, it opened as a home for retired pastors and/or their widows. Now anyone may apply to be a resident. It has been Lutheran-affiliated all along, and since 1968 has been run by the Board of Social Ministry of what is now called the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Construction of the elevator is expected to begin in February, 1993. It will be located behind the building, facing Linnea’s back yard. Anyone interested in more information about the fund raising campaign may call Keith Johnson at 646-2544. He and his staff hope to announce 75th anniversary celebration activities later in 1992.

The Twin City Linnea Home in St. Anthony Park was built in 1917 as a home for immigrant Swedish girls, but has always housed the elderly.
Community Calendar

SEPTEMBER

1 Tues.
Toastmasters, Hewlett Packard, 2025 W. Larpenteur, 7:30 a.m. Call Jon Hunstlock, 641-9708. Every Tues.
Family gym night, South St. Anthony Rec. Center, 890 Cromwell, 6:30-8 p.m. Every Tues.
St. Anthony Park Association Board, Langford Park Rec Center, 7 p.m.

2 Wed.
St. Anthony Park Merchants & Professionals Association general membership meeting, Muñifcitas, 8 a.m.
Parent-child play group, So. St. Anthony Recreation Center, 890 Cromwell, 9-11:30 a.m. Every Wed. Call 646-6986.
Vietnam Veterans of America, St. Paul Chapter 320, HI-Bob Corps auditorium, Arlington & Snelling, 7:30 p.m.

3 Thurs.
St. Anthony Park Community Council Physical Planning Committee, 890 Cromwell, 5 p.m.
Meeting to discuss oak tree disease, St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Ave., 6:30-8:30 p.m.
St. Anthony Park Community Council Human Services Committee, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.

4 Fri.
Falcon Heights/Lauderdale recycling day.

6 Sun.
We Care, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave., 8 p.m. Call 641-1664. Every Sun.

7 Mon.
AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 8 p.m. Call 647-9446 or 770-2646. Every Mon.

8 Tues.
Classes begin, St. Paul Public and Roseville Area Schools.
St. Anthony Park Association, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave., 9 a.m. social hour, 9:30 a.m. dinner; 7:30 p.m. program.

9 Wed.
St. Anthony Park recycling day with food shelf pickup. Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.
Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 7 p.m.
St. Anthony Park Community Council, Library community room, 7 p.m. Town meeting on traffic issues.

10 Thurs.
First day of school for kindergartners in St. Paul Public Schools.
Program for installation of traffic light at Como & Eustis, 10:30 a.m.

11 Fri.
Storytimes for 3, 4 & 5 year olds, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m. Fridays through Oct. 9. Call 292-6603 to register.
Drop off used sports equipment at Langford Rec Center, 5-9 p.m. (To sell at tomorrow’s exchange/sale.)
Youth Activity Night for 7-12th graders, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 HiIlside, 7-10:45 p.m. Every Fri.

12 Sat.
Sports Equipment Exchange/Sale, Langford Park Rec Center, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
St. Anthony Park community garage sale, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Call the Community Council, 292-7884. Register to participate by Sept. 5.

13 Sun.
Children’s Museum 10th birthday party, 1217 Bandana Boulevard, noon-5 p.m. Free.
“A Woman’s Work is Never Done,” Gibbs Farm Museum, Cleveland at Larpenteur, noon-4 p.m.

14 Mon.
Como Park recycling day.
Park Press, Inc. board of directors, ParkBank, 7-7:55 p.m.
Falconers Senior Club, Falcon Heights City Hall, 1-3:30 p.m.
Women for Scriverity, St. Anthony Park Library, 5:30 p.m. Call 224-0328. Every Mon.
Boy Scout Troop 17, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave., 7 p.m. Every Mon.
St. Anthony/Minnesota Park Community Education Advisory Council, St. Anthony Park Elementary School, 2180 Knapp St., 7-9 p.m.
St. Anthony Park Branch Library Association, Library, 7 p.m.

15 Tues.
Primary election day, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.
District 10 Community Council, Lyngsombsten Senior Center, Midway Plwy. & Fascal, 7 p.m.

16 Wed.
Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.
Block Nurse Program, Inc. board of directors, Park Back, 2265 Como, 4-6 p.m. Call 339-7774.
Langford Booster Club, Langford Park, 7:30 p.m.

17 Thurs.
AARP Midway-Highland Chapter 930, Lyngsombsten Senior Center, Pascal at Midway Parkway, 1 p.m.

18 Fri.
Falcon Heights/Lauderdale recycling day.

19 Sat.
St. Anthony Park neighborhood cleanup, Energy Park Drive east of Raymond, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. or until dumpers are full. Call the Community Council, 292-7884.
Contra dancing, Oddfellows Hall, 2990 Hamden, 8 p.m. Call 642-9118.

20 Sun.
“Neighborhood History Day,” Gibbs Farm Museum, Cleveland at Larpenteur, noon-4 p.m.

23 Wed.
St. Anthony Park recycling day.
Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.
Bookmobile at Hamline & Hoyt, 12:30-5:30 p.m.
St. Anthony Park Community Council Housing Committee, Library community room, 5 p.m.

24 Thurs.
First day of classes, University of Minnesota.

25 Fri.
Bookmobile at Seal Hi-Rise, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

26 Sat.
Fare SHARE distribution and registration for Oct., St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 8-10:30 a.m., call 644-6803; Seal Hi Rise, 10 a.m.; Holy Childhood Church, 10 a.m.-noon. Como Park neighborhood cleanup, Fairgrounds parking lot, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

27 Sun.
Midtown Arts Open, University at Raymond Ave., noon-4 p.m.

28 Mon.
Como Park recycling day.
Falconers Senior Club, Falcon Heights City Hall, 1-3:30 p.m.
Cub Scout Pack 22, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, Como at Hillside, 7 p.m.
St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program Board of Directors, St. Anthony Park Library, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

30 Wed.
Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.

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Frances Frye
Frances M. Frye, a resident of Lymghold Care Center, died on July 22, 1992. She was 86 years of age.
Mrs. Frye is survived by her daughter, Betty Pat Leach of St. Paul; her son, L.M. (Kenny) Frye of Joliet, III.; six great-grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Lulu Jesness
Lulu S. Jesness, a longtime resident of St. Anthony Park, died on Aug. 2, 1992, at the age of 101 years. She had lived in her home on Chelmsford St. for over 60 years and was a member of St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church.
Mrs. Jesness was preceded in death by her husband, Oscar R. Jesness, who was a professor in agricultural economics at the University of Minnesota. She is survived by a sister, Edna Steiner of Red Wing; her great-grandchildren, Bradley and Nioren of St. Paul; and four great-grandchildren, as well as a nephew and niece.

Eldred Hunt
Eldred M. Hunt, former executive director of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society, died on July 8, 1992, at the age of 83. He lived for many years on Hillside Ave. and was active in founding the Landscape Arboretum.
Mr. Hunt was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Bengston Hunt, whose family had lived on Dudley Ave. He is survived by his son, Todd Hunt of New Jersey; daughter, Holly Hunt of St. Paul; and granddaughter, Gayle Bedbury Bergven.

Marjorie Healy Johnson
Marjorie Healy Johnson, a former St. Anthony Park resident, died at age 57 on July 31, 1992. She had grown up on Dudley Ave. and was a graduate of Murray High School, Class of 1953. In recent years, she had lived in Roseville.

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Lead levels in St. Paul water higher than recommended

By Jane McClure Neighborhood News Service

When the hazards of lead poisoning in the environment became evident more than a decade ago, we began to think of soil contaminated by paint chips and motor vehicle emissions. But another potential hazard as close as your kitchen sink goes largely unaddressed: the lead levels of soil in St. Paul’s municipal water supply have been found to exceed levels looking for solutions.

Test results released recently indicated that drinking water in 48 of 180 St. Paul homes tested exceeded the lead standard of 15 parts per billion of lead in a water sample.

In comparison, 16 of the 19 homes tested in Minneapolis were in excess of the federal standard.

While city and state public health officials say that overall lead levels in the Twin Cities’ water supply pose no immediate health hazard, they also note that it is easy to overlook potential tasks.

“When you turn on the tap, the water for 30 to 60 seconds is going to be yellow, noticeably colder to the touch,” said Roger Mohr, division manager of the St. Paul Water Utility.

Allowing the water to run flushes standing water out of your hot water tank plumbing, and is especially advised when water has been in the pipes for five or more hours.

Hot water directly from the tap should not be used for drinking or cooking purposes, according to Mohr. When hot water runs through lead pipes, the water continues to leach lead out of the plumbing and into your cup or pan. Parents of infants and young children should never use hot water from the tap to mix infant formula, instant foods or hot drinks. Heat the water on a stove or in a microwave oven.

The environmental hazards of lead and lead poisoning have received considerable attention in recent years. Such groups as Lead Free Kids have formed, to promote public awareness of lead and lead poisoning issues. The City of St. Paul’sline of Gillisfors and Jacobson, which has represented Twin Cities families in lead poisoning cases, has even started publishing a newsletter, Lead Lines, on the topic.

Damage caused by lead poisoning can be irreversible. Pregnant women and children 6 months to 6 years of age are considered most at risk.

High lead levels in children can stunt growth and cause mental retardation. Lower levels of lead poisoning can cause a drop in IQ tests, learning disabilities and various physical problems.

More awareness of the dangers of lead poisoning is seen as a major impetus for the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to toughen its water purity standards. The EPA has also mandated a series of steps that cities must follow to reduce lead levels in water. The steps could take years and may have major cost implications for some cities. Thus far, at least one legal challenge has been filed against the new standards.

St. Paul and other cities with excessive lead levels must make plans to reduce the lead content of the water supply. That process could take several years and may have high costs for the city.

“It could be expensive,” Mohr said. “There are long-term considerations with just about anything you look at.”

If further tests continue to show excess lead levels, the city has several options. The city could use chemicals to control the corrosion or Ph levels.

If chemical treatment doesn’t work, the water utility may have to look at modifying the 27,000 lead service connections still in place in St. Paul. Service connections are the pipes linking a home’s plumbing to the water mains below the street.

—by Jayne McClure, Neighborhood News Service

ST. ANTHONY PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Council seeks help muffling 280 traffic noise

by Michael Russell

Highway 280 is busy. Based on a 1990 survey, about 50,000 vehicles pass on it each day. An additional 2800 heavy commercial trucks rumble by daily.

And it is getting busier. More cars will travel on 280 after the construction of the $1.6 billion Previously Burlington Northern Intermodal Transfer Hub facility is built in the train yard west of downtown. In addition, Burlington Northern projects truck traffic will increase to over 2,000 trips per day within 15 years. And plans are being developed of heavy commercial highway to a freeway, which will bring even larger numbers of vehicles.

Residents of St. Anthony Park have complained for years about the constant noise. In 1993, a Burlington Northern project will begin work on the noise of trucks accelerating and decelerating on the ramps.

Noise walls are out of the question because they cost about one million dollars per mile to install.

An alternate approach is to plant vegetative barriers. Members of the Environment Committee of the St. Anthony Park Community Council are working with planners at the Minnesota Department of Transportation to design plantings that, over time, will provide sights and sound barriers between the residents and the highway. The appearance of 280 will be enhanced by adding these natural elements and by providing visual separation from the houses and businesses.

Vegetative barriers are mosteffective at attenuating noise on highways. These are often planted along highways but are not practical along the 280 project because the highways between the highway and residential spaces include an aesthetic improvement in background noise (such as hunting leaves and birches), reduced visual impact of highways on residents, and improved visual boundaries to the neighborhood.

But the task is not easy. Plans for converting the highway to a freeway necessitate sonic shields, which will destroy plantings in the affected areas. There is little room to plant, because sidewalks can be maintained only for safety reasons. Shrubs and trees also must be placed beyond the throw of the snowplows. Relatively few plant species are tolerant of heavy traffic by a quarter mile.

Species more tolerant of salt include spruce, balsam fir, Austrian pine, arbor, maple and bown oak.

And, finally, there is the problem of resources. Nursery stock is expensive to purchase, plant, and maintain.

Still, Environment Committee members are working to get the job done. They are concentrating on the highway bordering South St. Anthony Park, because it will not be involved in major reconstruction after 1995. They are seeking help of all kinds, including donations of time, money, and planting materials. Interested individuals and businesses can contact the Community Council office at 229-7884.

Annual fall cleanup is Saturday, Sept. 19

On Sat., Sept. 19, St. Anthony Park residents will be able to dispose of trash and garbage at the annual council-sponsored fall cleanup.

The council will charge $2 for the first trip for cars and $6 for other vehicles; vandalism permits must pay $5 for the first trip; $15 second; trucks $25 first trip, $50 second trip. A $6 fee will be charged for appliance pickup, for example, $25 for other items. Because of the amount of materials collected, residents should be aware that the site may close early if the number of contracted dumpers is filled before 4 p.m.

Dum puberty are scheduled to be available from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at the clean up site on Energy Park Drive, tires, general refuse, batteries, appliances and scrap metal.

Brush and wood waste will not be accepted this year.

Each household in District 12 will receive a flyer which will serve as the voucher and proof of residency for entry to the site.

The community council will organize volunteers to help residents. Other community groups—youth groups, booster clubs and those with community service experience—are encouraged to form crews to take advantage of this service.

The council office will take calls now (229-7884) from seniors who want to make reservations for assistance or from those who wish to volunteer to help.

Contribute food on Sept. 9

After last year’s successful food shelf pickup, the St. Anthony Park Community Council is planning the date this year to coincide with our Sept. 9 recycling day. Food collected will be delivered to the council volunteers to the Merrim Park Food Shelf at 5000 E. Anthony Avenue.

The directions are simple: put canned or boxed food (no milk or other breakable items such as dishes, mugs, plates, silverware, or glassware) in a paper bag or box, tape it closed, mark it FOOD SHELF and place it at the curb no later than 7 a.m.

Residents must have recyclable materials at the curb in order. Food food pickup is 10 a.m. Any group of volunteers can deliver the Merrim Park Community Center Food Shelf. The Food shelf phone number is 645-0349. Anyone willing to help with the sorting on Wed. Sept. 9 is asked to call the community council, 229-7884, to volunteer.