Food charities work hard year-round

Assistance and donations available in the area

by David Anger

It’s a familiar yet necessary plea — food charities need community support throughout the year, not just during the Christmas season.

“Food demands actually increase in the spring and especially during the summer, when kids are out of school,” said Roberta Roberts, food shelf coordinator at the Merriam Park Community Center. “Yet, donations decrease after the holidays because most people aren't thinking about poor people being hungry.”

With entitlement programs coming to an end, the role of food services are certain to increase. Still, many people are reduced to food banks especially if they live in more affluent neighborhoods. Even so, a sizable number of people living in the 55108 zip code — which includes Como Park and St. Anthony Park — benefit from food shelves.

The Fair Share program and Merriam Park Food Shelf are two main food charities in the area. The Fair Share program accepts distribution and registration on a monthly basis through Holy Childhood Catholic Church and St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church. A listing for this service appears in the community calendar in every issue of the Bugle.

The Merriam Park Community Center Food Shelf serves St. Anthony Park as well as Macalester-Groveland, Merriam Park, Highland Park and Midway. The charity maintains a central food shelf at Jehovah Lutheran Church at Snelling and Thomas. It is open Monday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Merriam Park’s service is accessible and easy to begin using the food shelf, clients call to make an introductory appointment. There are no income qualifications, but some forms need to be completed to qualify.

“We are finding that single and two-parent working families are having a hard time making ends meet,” said Roberts. “Large heating bills and unoccupied cars can really throw a tight budget out of whack. And money for food is often sacrificed because paying bills is so urgent.”

The Merriam Park Food Shelf benefits from donations through several neighborhood organizations, including the Hamden Park Co-op as well as St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, Lutheran churches and St. Cecilia’s.

To make an appointment for service or donation at Merriam Park, call 645-0349.

Barbara Henn (c) with her daughter, cellphone Henn (h), and daughter-in-law, Kay Henn (l). Photo by Norman Blake

Veteran restaurateur Barbara Henn walks five miles in nothing flat, whips up fantastic batches of cinnamon rolls without wincing and never tires of asking, “Was everything okay?”

She is, of course, the heart and soul behind Key’s Restaurants, now featuring nine outlets throughout the Twin Cities. Born on November 12, 1937, Henn is the mother of four and the grandmother of 16.

Being the quintessential Scorpio, chatty and charismatic, she is the hands-on 5’4”, 100-pound force who started the Key’s venture at Raymond and University avenues 23 years ago.

A slap-dab college of snapshots, awards and bibelots pervades the place. Regular customers and long-time staffers know each other by name. The fixtures, including the lights and booths, are vintage. And the place is always humming. Still, Henn isn’t complacent. Last year Key’s underwent a complete renovation, which encompassed building an upstairs private stainless steel kitchen and freezer storage.

“I’ve never had an office,” explains Henn, who works six to seven days a week. “I’m always up front and all around. So, I’m part of the staff more than the boss.”

Find her tending the cash register, grilling sandwiches, and, yes, washing dishes. Henn and her direct management style are all a part of that certain unassuming je ne sais quoi that makes Key’s, Key’s.

There’s no chichi here — no pesto this or chutney that. Instead, the down-home menu of hamburgers, meatloaf and potatoes, breakfast and more breakfast is dedicated to the egalitarian proposition that homemade food keeps customers happy. They are. “I like the customer to feel that they’re in charge,” remarks Henn. “The customer is king.”

When someone questions something, I’ll side with the customer — it’s just easier.”

In keeping with Key’s friendly and populist creed, customers seat themselves and menu substitutions are always taken with a smile.

Paul Wellstone, George Latimer, Rudy Perpich, Diane Sawyer and Alan Page have all eaten here. Yet, it’s not the big wigs — although they’re welcome — that Henn adores, but the regulars. “One customer came in twice a day, but recently

Stanfords endow Holyoake program

by Laura Pritchett

A new international study scholarship fund at St. Olaf College has been established in the name of Robert and Karen Hoyle, local residents for 20 years.

Edward and Marevete Stanford set up the fund. Though they are not graduates of St. Olaf themselves, they believe that the Hoyles, who are friends and neighbors, “Live the goals we admire and have fulfilled the St. Olaf mission.”

St. Olaf is well known for its international program. In fact, more than one-half of each graduating class at St. Olaf has studied internationally. The fund will provide a scholarship for a student or students who need financial assistance to participate in a St. Olaf Study Abroad program.

The Hoyles have been active in helping foreigners for years. The Stanfords felt that the gift would be a tribute to their careers and life-long dedication to others.

The Hoyles have been active in helping foreigners for years and the Stanfords view the endowment as a tribute.

“Since they were graduates of St. Olaf College and had benefited by the college’s international study program, we thought a gift to the college to help others participate in that same program would be our tribute to their careers,” said Edward Stanford. “My wife and I were never able to go abroad ourselves. St. Olaf has developed a wonderful international program, and this gift was something we could do now to make a difference. The Hoyles have opened their homes to many different people, because they know that the opportunity to learn about other cultures is so important in this world.”

Bob Hoyle, a 1961 graduate, was one of the nation’s first Peace Corps volunteers, setting a trend of participation by that college. Recently, the college was honored by the Peace Corps for having more graduates serve than any other four-year college in the nation. He is now the Hoyles’ program to page 16

Tiden Park face-lift

by John Marino

It’s a small slice of St. Paul’s 1998-99 budgetary pie, but a mere $60,000 would go a long way in upgrading Tiden Park. Such is the sentiment of west Como Park residents who presented a preliminary proposal to the city in its capital improvement budget process on February 21.

A full proposal to make Tiden a more user-friendly neighborhood park will be submitted by the March 28 deadline, complete with design details.

Getting the city to fund a capital improvement project is a very competitive process. There are dozens of other neighborhoods also vying for approximately $49 million in city funding over the next two years.

“It all depends on the community,” said Angela Menz, director of the Northwest Como Recreation Center, who is helping to spearhead the Tiden Park improvement.

“That’s what the capital improvement budget process is all about,” she said. “It’s kind of like the squawky wheel.”

The small neighborhood
Council actions at a glance:
- Voted to recommend approval of the variances on the lot coverage and setback requirements for St. Matthew’s Church.
- Heard a proposal for renovation of the Specialty Hospital on Raymond and University.
- Voted to request funding from the St. Paul Foundation to bring in a consultant to help with strategic planning.
- Designated two projects for the Capitol Improvement Budget process: playground equipment for College Park and increased lighting on Territorial Road between I-35 and Clarkson Street.

Community Council elections — March 11 deadline for filing
Elections are set for April 8.
The Community Council is a wonderful way to meet other concerned neighbors and learn about local issues. Council members have commented on how the things they learn from their Community Council activities translate into better understanding of issues at their work. Some Council members have even admitted to having fun in their capacity as elected representatives of their neighborhood. The Community Council, provides citizen participation and opportunity for involvement in local and city issues. The Council makes recommendations on zoning changes, variances and other city actions that effect the neighborhood.

On April 8 two delegates and two alternates are to be elected for North St. Anthony Park and three delegates and two alternates will be elected for South St. Anthony Park. Business delegates and alternates are appointed through the St. Anthony Park Business Association and the Midway Chamber of Commerce.

You can become involved by running for Community Council elections, call the Council office at 292-7884 for information.

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Barbara Hunn stands outside of Key’s, a South St. Anthony Park institution since 1973. Photo by James Olson

 recalled yourself. She also appreciates the image she shares in Roseville with her life partner, Karl Miesen. The restaurant fills it with the things she loves: furniture, crystal, art, mementos from overseas and top-notch cotton sheets. “My home is my retreat.”

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Barbara Hunn . . . from page 1

he passed away,” Hunn says while holding back tears. “I miss him. People like him, well, they’re the Key’s story.”

Hunn’s restaurant odyssey began in 1973, when she and her boyfriend, Beverly Olsen, opened Key’s. Back then Hunn made her home on Cromwell Avenue in South St. Anthony Park and worked at the Dairy Queen during the summer and at Park Hardware in the winter. Life wasn’t easy, especially being a mother of four youngsters — Carol, Jean, Roy and Celine.

The kids are now grown and run Key’s of their own. “We grew up together,” Hunn remembers. “All the kids worked here. They’d make buns before school and then catch the bus to Murray. Sometimes I’d yank kids out of school to wash dishes — I would be thrown away for that now. But no one else had this kind of experience.”

“My son Roy started eating at the counter at age 10, reading the newspaper and talking with people. Everybody knew him. He now owns the Lexington.”

Key’s continues growing. Hunn remarks, because of her family. When asked if she thought she would be such a smooth entrepreneur. Hunn sings lightly, “Absolutely not.

Success — I’m not certain I know what that means. All I do know is that when I help open another restaurant, I’m making jobs for my kids.”

Besides Key’s and family, travel is her principal passion. Customs stamps from India, Egypt, Thailand, Israel, Russia and Italy, among other farflung locales, fill her passport. This month she’s traveling to Australia.

“I don’t play cards, I don’t like going to the movies. I don’t like going to plays. I don’t like going to the theater. I love traveling.”

Reflecting on her infectious travel bug, Key’s is actually named after Key West. Before the restaurant opened, Hunn and her partner were going to the bank for a loan, when they asked each other, “What should we call the place?” Since Olsen was about to depart for Key West, they thought — why not Key?”

Being a true water sign, she swims daily. Her secret to good living: “Value yourself and take
Fresh trees coming to the Park

by Pete Keith

St. Anthony Park will be home to many new trees this spring, thanks to the Tree Trust's Uniteer program and help from various community council members.

There are actually two separate programs that will be bringing the new trees into the neighborhood. One is a series of community-sponsored plantings on various properties throughout St. Anthony Park, and the other an individual homeowner program open to applicants in numerous neighborhoods who wish to plant a new tree in their yard.

The community-sponsored plantings will take place on May 17, with site preparations occurring one week earlier. Eight sites within St. Anthony Park have been selected to receive trees: St. Anthony, Murray Jr High School, Langford Park, the Minnesota Graduate Club, the north side of Murray athletic field, St. Anthony Greens condominiums, Energy Park Crossing, and 970 Raymond Avenue.

"In all, over 130 trees and shrubs will be planted as part of this effort," said Ron Dufault, the community council member responsible for leading the effort to get the trees planted. A wide variety of trees and shrubs will be planted, including blue spruce, Austrian pine, oaks, dogwoods, and azaleas.

The selection of trees and the locations of the plantings are generally geared towards helping energy conservation, but also with aesthetics in mind. To select areas, "we looked at sites that were relatively barren, where new trees could provide wind breaks and shade," said Dufault.

Dufault and several others associated with the council applied to the Tree Trust for fall and spring plantings. "We would like to do these plantings every year, until there is no more room to plant any more trees," said Dufault.

The Tree Trust's Uniteer program will be providing the trees themselves, but the community must assist in the planting and long-term care of the trees. Ron Dufault is also spearheading the creation of a community volunteer organization called "Friends of the Park," which would help with the planting and care of these trees, as well as beautifying many of the other parks and small public spaces throughout St. Anthony Park.

Anyone interested in helping with the May 17 planting, or in becoming involved in "Friends of the Park," should contact the community council office at 292-7884, or Ron Dufault at 647-0262.

The other tree planting program this spring is for individual homeowners in many neighborhoods, including St. Anthony Park, Lauderdale, Falcon Heights, and Como Park (west of Hamline Avenue). Homeowners interested in obtaining a tree from the Uniteer program may apply to receive one eight-to-ten-foot tree valued at $150-200 for just $15. These trees are provided for purposes of energy conservation, so the trees should be used to provide shade to the house. Three types of trees are available: river birch, beech, oak, and red splendor crab.

Applications must be made by April 15 in order to qualify. To receive an application or further information, contact Gail at the Tree Trust, 920-9326.

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Food is the great equalizer in this crazy world. Everyone possesses a favorite dish and recipe. And if you don’t have one this issue of the Bugle will really help.

Walk into the kitchen of Muffaletta—a 20-year-old St. Anthony Park tradition—through writer Judy Woodward’s glorious account of an evening at one of the Twin Cities’ most beloved eateries. Here, readers find out that it’s not just the food that makes Muffaletta sing, but the whole show from the chefs to the servers. Not all neighborhood chefs claim such a fine dining establishment. They’ve been serving great pasta dishes since 1977 and it’s one of the many perks that makes St. Anthony Park a prize-winning place. Congratulations to Muffaletta on its 20th anniversary, which is no small feat in the top-notch restaurant business.

About a five-minute drive away from Muffaletta sits a different sort of dining experience. The place is called Key’s Original, a casual hideout known for its rocking backwheat pancakes, hearty meatloaf and more. Since Key’s inaugural year in 1973 the establishment has grown to include eight other outlets and it’s now a Twin Cities standard. Behind the Key’s success story is owner Barbara Hunn, who is profiled on the front page. Meet her and learn that food isn’t just about nourishment, it’s about community.

Restaurants bring all sorts of people together under one roof. When we pay the bill and leave our (generous) tips on the table, we visit isn’t over. Food memories linger and inspire us to make great dishes of our own. So, learn about what’s cookin’ in your neighbor’s kitchen on page 12, which showcases recipes from not-so-famous yet immensely talented chefs. ■

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“Do you serve bugs?” by Natalie Zett

A great stir happened when the Chinese Restaurant opened in our neighborhood. This was quintessential southeast Cleveland in the early 60s—light years away from any type of political correctness. There was also nothing much for little kids to do. To me, it was the most boring place in the world. So, I spent lots of time listening to adults in conversation.

In the summer of 1961, something got the adults up in arms. “They’re not Amer-ta-tic,” cried Mr. ’s. “We’re Amer-ta-tic!” He postulated, “And we don’t void any foreigners in our neighborhood.”

At home, we settled into a dinner of chicken paprikash, pierogies. We kids complained about the main courses and wondered why we couldn’t have pizza instead of this junk. The adults discussed the Chinese restaurant. While my parents were a little more rational about the issue, they were still not likely to partake of strange un-American foods.

I knew all about Chinese restaurants from movies and TV. Although I thought eating grasshoppers might be interesting, the Chinese restaurant had something else that I obsessed over: fortune cookies! “Can we go to the Chinese restaurant? I have to go!” I pleaded with my folks. I had never seen a cookies with a fortune, and I knew, somehow, my life would not be complete without this experience. I soon convinced my sister that they were equally essential to her well-being.

Through sheer willpower and some manipulation, our parents capitulated. They took us there for dinner and to an evening of surprises. For one, the restaurant’s exterior was painted red. I had never seen a home or a building painted in any color, except white. Once through the bright red door, I could see that the walls were even more red! Colorful papier maché adorned with black, gold, and of course, red dragons draped over each table. The wait staff and restaurant owners hovered over us, making sure we understood what we were ordering, and that we got what we wanted.

“Do you serve bugs?” I asked the waiter who just smiled and shook his head. My parents cringed. There were no insect dishes on the menu, but plenty of chicken and beef entrees, which allayed any remaining fears. I don’t remember what we ordered, except that this was a meal that everyone, even the kids, enjoyed! At the meal’s conclusion, each kid received a handful of fortune cookies! I was excited! I had never seen cookies that looked like little hats. I relieved each paper message— “You will have a happy life...” and “Your lucky numbers are 5, 6, 12, and 29” —with the utmost reverence.

This was also when a peculiar trend developed. If I had an idea that turned out to be good, my parents claimed it as theirs. Such was the case of the Chinese restaurant. My parents returned home with an air of sophistication about them. They had lived to talk about it and lauded its wonders. Unconvincing, Mrs. Z. was sure we’d all die, and my grandfather blathered on about what they did to us in WWII and how could we be such traitors.

At least once a month for the next 30 years after, my parents became regulars at the Chinese Restaurant establishing lifelong friendships with the owners.

The Chinese restaurant was not just about the food, or about the triumph of children over adults. Until then, my world was our neighborhood. I thought all people looked alike and spoke alike. For the first time, I got an inkling that the world was a vast and fascinating place. I began a lifelong affair with other cultures. I also began dreaming about my future. Someday, I promised myself that I would venture beyond my neighborhood and see places where buildings and doors were painted any and all colors except white. ■
Sacred Time
by Michael Rogness

braham Joshua Heschel, one of America’s most revered rabbis, noted that when the Ten Commandments were translated into English, one word had no English equivalent — shabbat, “sabbath.” The translators had to use the Hebrew word itself.

The same thing happened when the Bible was translated into hundreds of other languages. Other societies did not observe one holy day in the week, so they had no word for shabbat, so the Hebrew word “sabbath” became part of all world languages.

What is “sabbath”? Rabbi Heschel observed that different religions consider various things as holy.

Some religions have holy places. Whoever built Stonehenge on the Salisbury plain clearly thought that site was holy. Some religions consider elements of nature as holy. The sun was holy for the Egyptians. Other people look upon mountains, trees, or rivers as holy. Some people think of objects as holy — statues or buildings, for example.

Many religions think of particular people as holy. Christians believe Jesus is the son of God. Buddhists reverence Siddhartha, their founder. Roman Catholics address the pope as “Holy Father.” Some religions think of their writings as holy. Almost all Bibles printed have “Holy Bible” imprinted on the cover. Muslims believe the Koran is the direct revelation from God.

Judaism added a new concept of what is “holy” — time itself, the Sabbath, the seventh day. This one day in a week, according to the Law, is to be a holy day of rest.

When the Law was given, Moses was told to tell the people that the Sabbath was a great and holy day.

The Law also stated that on that day, the people were not to do any work.

But how do we measure this time? What does it mean to be holy?

Some people observe the Sabbath by planning a whole day of rest and relaxation. Others observe the Sabbath by playing games, cooking a special meal, or going to church for worship.

The Sabbath is a time of rest and worship. It is a time for families to spend time together. It is a time for us to remember the gift of creation and to thank God for all that he has given us.

The Sabbath is a time to remember our relationship with God and to strengthen our relationship with our families. It is a time to reflect on the past and to look forward to the future.

The Sabbath is a time to remember our connection to the world around us and to the people who share our lives. It is a time to be grateful for all that we have and to share our blessings with others.

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Speedy Market: A little Byerly’s in the Park

by Michelle Christianson

On a mission to write about the joys of Speedy Market, I thought that I know everything about the place. After all, I’ve lived in this neighborhood for 21 years, and certainly I could rattle off the stock that would produce a great dinner without even looking at the shelves. But, just to be sure, I thought I should go through each aisle checking out what’s available.

The first thing I noticed was that Tim Faucks and Tom Spreig have taken up the slack left by Miller’s departure. The health and beauty section of the store is larger, there are more magazines and cards for sale and the store offers photo processing to its customers. O.K., I expected something like that.

What I didn’t expect was the range and variety of other goods stocked at this one little market. Do you want tea food? How about hot dogs, sausages, egg rolls, soups (two kinds plus chilli on that day), barbecued beef, sandwiches, salads, desserts and a wide variety of items from the Old City Cafe. Beverages include pop, juices, waters, coffee, cappuccino, hot chocolate and milk.

But what about fixing dinner at home? Well, produce is a good place to start. How many convenience stores carry rutabagas, yams, turnips, grapefruit, peaches, kiwi fruit and more? For my dinner, I may just want lettuce, carrots and potatoes, but I will have to decide between large or small, peeled carrots, iceberg or romaine lettuce and raw, mashed, whole peeled or hash brown potatoes. Phew!

For the main course, I could go to the frozen case and pick up meats, fish, poultry or prepared dishes such as meatloaf, hamloaf! Salisbury steak or ham patties. (This case even has frozen dog bones in it!) In the small freezer case nearby I found commercially prepared lasagna, fettucine Florentine with chicken, buffalo wings and chicken breasts. But on this day I’m not up for freezing.

We could have sandwiches. Since adding an oven in the back of the store, Speedy Market offers bread baked on the premises as well as breads and rolls from the Toast to Bread and St. Agnes bakeries, along with breads, rolls, breadsticks, focaccias and crackers from many other commercial suppliers. I could fill these with a wide variety of meats and cheeses from the cold cases or the deli case.

Now we’re on familiar grounds. The deli case. Prepared and unprepared foods from this case have graced my table many times. Great meats! I think I’ll get steak. (It’s fast and easy.) But what kind of steak? Round, sirloin, T-bone, rib-eye, cube or sirloin tip? Or on the other hand, I could get pork chops (three kinds including smoked), chicken (whole or parts) or ... wait, it’s just stick with sirloin steak.

I’ve pretty much got my dinner ingredients now, but I think my family would be pleasantly surprised with some dessert. I would like ice cream — choosing from Ben and Jerry’s, Haagen-Dazs, Edy’s, Starbucks, Healthy Choice and Fairmont’s — supplemented with cookies. Many of their packaged cookies are imported, with labels from Germany, Scotland, Sweden, Belgium and Canada.

Guiltily, I think I had better variety of products. How could such a small operation support such a wealth of options, labels and variety? The answer: the neighborhood demands and supports it. There is a good turnover of just about every item on the shelves.

“People always come in and begin their request with ‘You don’t carry ...’ (whatever unusual product they are looking for) and most often we do carry it,” said Spreig. “We try to stock what people want. The volume of certain products supports some others that don’t move as fast.”

One such popular item is the whole coffee beans. What began as four feet of shelf space expanded to eight feet within four months. The price remains competitive with the supermarkets because the fast turnover allows them to buy in quantity.

On my way out the door, I run into my friend, Tom Lister. (One other benefit of shopping in

In search of a great steak, writer Michelle Christianson inspects the meat counter at Speedy Market. Photo by Bob Christianson
Wholesome foods found at Hampden Park Co-op

by Laura Pichette

A local store is threatening the tradition of high-fat, cholesterol-laden, prepared, cellulose-wrapped food. And the establishment is certainly a menace to our faceless, nameless approach to obtaining food; for this group insists upon working as a cooperative. It's a place where customers strike up conversations and laugh with their friends.

Hampden Park Co-op is the rascal responsible for providing healthy, wholesome foods in a friendly, neighborhood atmosphere. And this little store is thriving. The aisles are packed with organic and commercial fruits, bins of bulk pastas and grains, and rows of fresh vegetables. The organic milk is all free of the growth hormone BGF and ethnic foods are in abundance. There's a deli front, offering various items, from freshly-made apple butter to a wide variety of homemade sandwiches and soups. And if you look close enough, you'll find some Ben & Jerry's ice cream and a small row of delightful-looking candy— the perfect reward for a healthy diet. Crammed in between all the food items are unique gifts, cookbooks, greeting cards, housewares, and jewelry.

Helen DaFauld, the general manager, believes that people come to Hampden Park Co-op because they like to feel a sense of community that big-name stores just can't supply. Shoppers stop to share recipes, food ideas, and just chat.

Customers also enjoy the ability to buy the quantities they need—a tablespoon of a particular spice, for instance, instead of a one-size-fits-all bottle. And of course, one big draw is the large assortment of healthy foods. DaFauld said that the store is selling plenty of organic items, which are getting cheaper as they become more available. "People are more concerned about what they're putting in their bodies," she said, and "there are now more certified organic farms."

Hampden also features a variety of special diet foods—a life-saver for those with allergies. Soy milk, for instance, is a big seller. "We have lots of items that other stores just don't carry, and we're always willing to order specific foods for people with special dietary needs," DaFauld said.

There's also something for those of us who are too busy to prepare healthy meals. The store's deli offers a huge variety of items for people on the go. Three or four varieties of soup are served each day, and most of them are made completely from scratch. Sandwiches and salads are also popular. In the summer, many people stop in to grab some deli items and have a picnic in the park across the street.

The Hampden Park Co-op also integrates the values of many of its customers. The store offers products that are unprocessed, minimally packaged, fresh, healthful, and organic. You don't have to be a member of the co-op to shop there, of course. But many shoppers do decide to become members and take an active role in the store. There are almost 1,000 members and the numbers are increasing steadily. After paying a small fee and attending an orientation, anyone can enjoy the benefits of belonging to the cooperative, including the dividend refund if one is declared at the end of the fiscal year—and there has been a distribution of allocated profits every year since the store became a co-op. Also, members receive a discount on food if they volunteer to work at the store for at least three hours a month—and the more one works, the bigger the discount.

It's not every grocery store that has shoppers who meet to play volleyball every Thursday night. Other activities, such as the stockholder's meeting and the annual MayFest, a festive potluck featuring foods, music, entertainment, prizes and dancing, present an opportunity for the community to gather together.

So if you're a junk-food addict, beware of the Hampden Park Co-op. They're converting people by the hundreds, trying to make the community a healthier, happier and friendlier place.

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Dill Cheezy Cream of Potato Soup

Helen DaFauld notes that this soup—one of her favorites—has no formal, written recipe. You'll need to adapt the amount for your needs and vary according to taste.

Peel potatoes, cover with water, and boil. Mash the potatoes in the water (so that the mixture is fairly nice, but it doesn't have to be smooth). If the mixture is thick, add a little milk).

Add sauteed onions, dill weed, salt, and pepper according to taste.

Add chunks of cheese (anything mild will do)—cheddar is a good choice—and stir.

Adjust seasonings. Garnish with fresh dill.

It's ready to serve! Enjoy!

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Attracting “Flutterbies” To Your Garden!

Learn about the flowers you can grow here in St. Anthony Park to attract these winged wonders to your yard—Join us at the St. Anthony Park Association Dinner Meeting, Tuesday, March 11.

Mary Maguire Lerman, SAP neighbor and Coordinator of Horticulture Programs at the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, will talk about the plants you should grow to feed the caterpillars that evolve into "Flutterbies." A discussion of pest control techniques (that won't harm these beauties) will also be included.

Please Join Us!
Tuesday, March 11
St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, Hillside and Como Avenues
Dinner will be catered by the St. Anthony Park Nursery School Social Hour: 5:45 p.m.; Dinner: 6:15 p.m.; Program: 7:00 p.m.
Dinner: $6 for members, $7 for nonmembers, $2.00 for children 5-12, children 4 and under are free.
Childcare is provided.
To confirm or cancel reservations, call 645-9053.

1997 Garden Tour Volunteer Meeting
Tuesday, March 18, 7:00-8:30 p.m., Community Room, St. Anthony Park Library Meet with your neighbors to plan the July 5 Garden Tour Questions?? Contact our co-chairs, Ron DaFauld at 647-0262 or write Mary Maguire Lerman, 2161 Dowse Avenue.
Kids learn the art of cooking well

by Barbara Claussen

This year cheerfully shreds cucumbers in preparation for a high English tea that will take place within the hour. "I've never eaten a cucumber sandwich," giggles another 6th grader. Several other students agree. At the other end of the table, Richard sits up an omelet destined to be glazed with powdered sugar and jam. On a gray, mid-winter Tuesday afternoon, the kitchen at the St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church exudes a festive atmosphere.

Lisa Letounneau enthusiastically coaches her eight pupils. She simultaneously gives directions for concocting gingerbread bars and shortbread wedges. Letounneau was the first parent volunteer to teach cooking in St. Anthony Park Elementary School's Enrichment Program. Her six-week course taught basic skills that facilitate self-sufficiency.

"My mom says I do not know how to cook," confided Tyra. "I set off the smoke detector a lot." She thinks the class has been a great opportunity. "When I get to junior high and take home ec, I will already know the basic stuff!"

Richard wants to learn how to cook, so that when his parents aren't home he can cook on his own. Kaying signed up because, "I just like cooking. I do it at home."

Lynn had never cooked before she started Letounneau's class. Now she knows how and thinks it's fun.

Richard will need help with the omelette. Without being asked, Kaven industriously starts washing dishes. Several students set the table. Tyra folds paper towels artistically around the silverware. Someone turns on the radio. A couple of proper "high English tea hats" appear. The class becomes an elegant British social event, although perhaps slightly less genteel.

Letounneau explains the tradition to them. "They have a lot of things to eat. It's like a meal. You sit down and you talk." She reminisces about eating watercress sandwiches while she was studying fashion and textile design in northern England.

She was born in Holland and grew up in Geneva, Istanbul, and Athens. The first time Letounneau lived in the U.S. was in 1982. She moved from Athens, population 4 million, to Charles City, Iowa, a small town with a population of 8,000. She and her husband joined a gourmet cooking class to meet people. They later spent a year in France where their daughter, Emily, was born.

Letounneau learned about French cooking.

Letounneau's effervescent personality, along with her genuine love for cooking, inspires people. "I think cooking is great," she said, "because people have it in common, they are always interested in sharing."

Her daughter Emily, now 12, was inspired by her mother's enthusiasm. When Letounneau was studying occupational therapy at St. Catherine's Emily would sometimes make dinner.

One of Letounneau's goals has been to focus on foods that her students can make at home for snacks. They have made vegetable pizza, pasta dishes and monkey bread, and biscuits rolled in cinnamon, sugar, and nuts or raisins.

She plans recipes that can be prepared in an hour. "Our goal is set down and eat what we have made. It provides a sense of community."

Each child receives computer printouts of the recipes. "They'll have the start of their own cookbook, so they can do it at home." Several students reported that they have already made the dishes for their families.

"These youngsters mix up a stew through St. Anthony Park Elementary School's Enrichment Program."
Kindergarten Round-up
The St. Anthony Park Elementary School Association is hosting a Kindergarten Round-up on Thursday, April 3 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. Children who will be 5 years old by September 1 and their parents are invited to meet the principal and teachers. Please bring your child’s birth certificate and immunization record. For information call 298-5765.

Murray student wins Spelling Bee... again
Murray Junior High student Dan Parker, age 13, won the St. Paul School District Spelling Bee title for the second consecutive year. He correctly spelled kalekake and velodrome to retain the championship position. He now advances to the regional semi-finals.

Youth registrations
- Registration for Langford Park-South St. Anthony baseball and softball, girls and boys ages 9 to 14, runs from March 14 to April 4 at Langford Park.
- Sign-up for t-ball and nearball, boys and girls ages 5 to 8, begins on April 14 at Langford Park.
- Spring activities registration is set for March 17 to 27. Langford Park activities include after-school gym, chess club, pencil drawing with Lena Rothman and pre-school tumbling.
Call 298-5765 for information.

Youth activities
- Langford Park and South St. Anthony rec centers are hosting a Family Gym and Swim night at Arlington High School on March 26 and a tour of the Ford Motor Company assembly plant on April 10.
- St. Anthony Park youngsters, age 10 and under, are invited to a free Egg Hunt on Thursday, March 27, 2 p.m., at Langford Park. For information call 298-5765.

Mounds Park Academy honor roll
A handful of Como Park and St. Anthony Park students topped the honor roll recently at Mounds Park Academy. 9th graders Carolyn Beck, Mark Fredrickson and John Zapfel, sophomore Rachel Bowers, juniors Katie Reaney and David Steffes; and seniors Kimberly Zapfel, Megan Bridges, Heather Budi, Chas Beek, Katerine Steffes and Nadia Asancheyev.

Northwest Como Rec Center
A wrestling tournament, family gym and swim outing, Walt Disney’s world on ice and egg hunt top the list of kid-friendly activities available through the Northwest Como Rec Center. For dates and information call 298-5813.

Funding running dry
Sheri Boom of the St. Anthony Park Community Council recently reported that funding for the Teen Night program is running dry. The council is seeking a grant from the Civil Organizing Partnership Program to keep it alive for another 18 months.

Annie Schoenecker — the hugging volunteer
Ask Annie Schoenecker about her volunteer job at Lyndaleomen Health Care Center and she answers, “I’m in charge of hugs.” Schoenecker, a 2nd grade student at Holy Childhood School, spends her spare time visiting residents at the facility, which is across the street from the school. Besides Schoenecker, several other Holy Childhood students volunteer at Lyndaleomen.

— Kathy Audette

St. Anthony Park’s young and informal royal family: Anna Berk, Per Hanson and Katia Comstock. Photo by Lauren Skelley.
The article contains a variety of events and activities. Here is a summary:

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tion of the names of classic St. Louis than to the rarefied sensuous language of flavor and a Flynn — he is word perfect. His profession. He acknowledges that, if necessary, I can't compromise state has my name on it.” Flynn in his profession. “Community is breaking bread,” he says. “That's what it's all about, and Flynn sets out two side to side in the kitchen. The Flynn's nightly rituals, “the tasting of grilled wahoo fish and a pasta called chilete chili butter. Soon expressing, “Yum!’ One server the “wow factor, Kelley,” she he quality that elevates a good sty in dark pants, white shirts and aprons tied over all. Individual side at which they lack their large. As they wait for the inevitable line around 7 p.m., the servers dispel to be known as servers or, in a dated term as “stewardess” or is on the right and wrong ways for a your fingers or yelling “Waitress!” to great service. “I don't respond to server declares flatly. It's extremely Catch the server's eye and say, usually accompanying your remark e are “the ones who won't listen. people think that the wait staff is out etta staffer. One server deals with I lose my tables at high level of times we get people just want ways.” I claim that none one. “Other wait
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cold room or the walk-in-closet-sized oven, but for the most part their movement is restricted to the flick of a wrist whipping the sauté pan across the open flame or the piece of their upper bodies as they turn from stove to counter. Conversation tends to be terse “on the line.” These are serious men with a mission to accomplish. Aaron, whose tone wither rides low on his still adolescent-smooth forehead, explains that every chef brings his own knives to work. He gestures to two wicked-looking specimens. “They need to be nice and sharp. When you know they're your own, you take care of them.”

Behind the line, on the other side of a wall, is the clean-up area. Here the atmosphere is more relaxed. There's a radio going, and the language is Spanish, much of it Minnesota accented as the rest of the staff tries out their “Amigo” and “May biern” on Ecuador-born Cebio and Hugo.

By 8 p.m., the evening's course is set. Although the Muffuletta will be open another two hours, the restaurant has found its rhythm for the evening. Soon Flynn will leave for the day. He's been at the Muffuletta since 8 a.m., when he arrived to take delivery of the wahoo from the airport. Before the evening ends, his staff will clean and restock the kitchen, so that the entire cycle can begin again the next morning.

From the dining room comes the contented buzz of a roomful of satisfied eaters. There's a multi-generational family party with a 2-year-old gourmet who toddles with determination in the direction of all the good smells. His older cousins are repeatedly dispatched to retrieve him from the threshold of the kitchen.

By now, the nervous prom-gowns have relaxed a little over their burgers and coles. The food is good, and they seem to have realized that the server (isn't) going to humiliate them in front of their dates. At the front desk, Gregory echoes on the pleasures of his work. “I console myself that this is not brain surgery. You can have fun. People are coming out to have fun, and you can go with that.”

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Taste of Scandinavia. Spinach Parmesan, Sali Anderson's Swedish rice, and baguette are top-selling favorites at this Milton Square eatery. Also Snickers, noodles, Norwegian almond bars and lemon zest rocks. Hours: M-F 7 am - 6 pm, Sat & Sun 7 am - 5 pm. 2233 Energy Park Drive, St. Paul; 646-9590.

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* COFFEE HOUSES *

The Coffee Grounds. Relaxing hideaway above J.T.'s Feathered Dreams and across the corner from Bloomberg's Pharmacy. Great coffees plus good sweets and soups. Hours: M - F 7-4:30 am - 9 pm, Fri, and Sat. 6:45 am - 11 pm, and Sun. 8 am - 9 pm. 1579 Hamline Avenue North, St. Paul; 646-9959.

Lori's Coffeehouse. Across the street from the St. Paul campus, this store-front cafe uses high quality beans for great coffees. Excellent home-made soups. Hours: M-F 7 am - 11 pm, weekends 9 - 11 pm. 1441 North Cleveland, St. Paul; 647-0833.

Taste of Scandinavia. Old world atmosphere prevails here, tucked under Milton Square. Good basic coffee yet weak on specialty cappuccino and espresso. Go for the baked goods. Hours: M-F 7 am - 6 pm, and Sat 7 am - 5 pm. 2233 Como Avenue, St. Paul; 646-9181.

* DRINKS *

J's Liquors. Competitive prices, friendly service, free home delivery, large selection of micro beers defined that liquor establishment. Hours: M - Thu 9 am - 8 pm, weekends 9 am - 10 pm. 5555 West Larpenteur Avenue, Falcon Heights; 646-6675.

Sharerets. Neighborhood liquor store at University and Raymond with top-drawer selection of domestic and imported beers, including single bottle sales. Good selection of wines. Home delivery available. Hours: M-Thurs 9 am - 8 pm, weekends 9 am - 10 pm. 2389 University Avenue, St. Paul; 646-8629.

* CONTINENTAL *

Muffuletta. A first-rate Park favorite since 1977, Muffuletta at Milton Square specializes in homemade pasta. Also enjoy the restaurant's fresh seafood, grilled meats and poultry. Beer and wine service. Hours: M-F 11:30 am - 2:30 pm, M-Thurs 5 - 9 pm, weekends 5 - 10 pm, and Sunday brunch 10 - 2 pm. 2260 Como Avenue, St. Paul; 646-9116.

* HOME COOKIN' *

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Embers. Still going strong, this family-style restaurant features char-broiled burgers plus full menu service, including breakfast. There's a little bit of everything here — Remember the Embers' Hours: 24 hours daily. 1700 North Snelling, Falcon Heights; 645-8802.

Key's. Home-made mashed potatoes and gravy, fresh breads and rolls make Key's so cozy. A fixture at University and Raymond for 23 years — good food, character and history keep it hopping. Hours: M-F 6 am - 3 pm, Sat 7 am - 2 pm, and Sun 8:30 am - 2 pm. 1170 St. Bonnet Avenue, St. Paul; 646-5756.

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* ITALIAN *

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Panino's. Situated in the old Baker School, this South St. Anthony restaurant spotlights its Panino sandwich, which comes in all sorts of shapes and sizes. Hours: M-F 6:30 pm. 821 Raymond, St. Paul; 645-0209.

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Humane Society benefit

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Como High alumni seeks nominees for hall of fame

The Como Site Council is seeking nominations for its first members into the Como Park Hall of Fame. Nominations must have graduated at least 10 years ago and be noteworthy for their community contributions, workplace success and meritorious achievements. Submit nominations to Jeanne Kranz 293-8800 or via fax at 293-8806 by March 7.

Como Park teas

Enjoy a variety of delicious sandwiches, scones, cakes and cookies and tea in the tropical splendor on the Como Park Conservatory on Thursday and Friday, April 3 and 4 at 12:30 and 3 p.m. A tour of the spring flower show follows. Tickets cost $15. Call 487-8272 for reservations.

Defensive driving course

The Lyngblomsten Community Senior Center is hosting "55+" defensive driving four-hour refreshers course on Wednesday, March 6 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a one-hour lunch break.

This course is taught by professional safety instructors and costs $13. The class is open to people who have taken the one-hour course. To register call the Minnesota Safety Council at 291-9150 and ask for the Lyngblomsten registration form.

To order lunch call the Senior Dining line at 647-4695 by noon on Tuesday, March 5.

ST. ANTHONY PARK

St. Cecilia’s parish dinner

The Church of St. Cecilia invites friends and neighbors to its annual parish dinner on Sunday, March 9 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the church basement. This home-made dinner features roast turkey with all the trimmings. Tickets are a bargain at $6 and children under age 8 eat free. Besides dinner, the event spotlights a raffle, including a first prize of $500. The church is located at 2357 Bayless Place.

The Coffee Grounds at 1579 Hamline Avenue serves more than a good cup of coffee — here members of Como Community Council gather for a meeting. Photo by Jo Ann Grimmel

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If you have questions about the Energy Assistance Program, please call the

Minnesota Department of Economic Security at 1-800-657-3805.

For more information about ways to save money and energy, call NSP at 282-1234.

Town meeting on March 12

The St. Anthony Park Community Council is holding a Town Meeting regarding community gardening on March 12, 7 p.m., in the library’s community room. The evening features presentations from Friends of Alden, Friends of St. Paul and Ramsey County Parks plus officials from St. Paul Parks and Recreation. In addition to these groups, a local gardening expert is set to discuss how residents can enhance green spaces and in turn strengthen neighborhood bonds.

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Richard Brown, ParkBank president, says that the two
Watch for the Bugle’s Home Issue this May

Caravelle’s manager Hang Thaug proudly displays some of the restaurant’s best loved dishes, such as spicy chicken wings. Photo by Tomas Gluck

FALCON HEIGHTS

Book club growing
Residents are invited to join the area’s growing book club, which is sponsored by the Keeping Connected Team. The book club meets at the Coffee Grounds, Hamline Avenue and Iowa Street, on Tuesday, March 18 at 7 p.m. Call 644-5050 for more information.

Citizenship workshop
“One-stop shopping” workshop for people applying for U.S. citizenship is set for Thursday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the International Institute of Minnesota, 1694 Como Avenue (across from the State Fair). Eligible applicants receive help with forms, photographs and fingerprints, meet immigration officials and submit their applications. The workshop costs $15. To register call 647-0191.

Butterfly gardening
Mary Maguire Lerman, coordinator of horticulture programs for the Minneapolis park system, is set to talk about garden plants that attract butterflies on Tuesday, March 11, 7 p.m. at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, St. Anthony Park Association’s dinner and social hour precede talk. Call 645-9053.

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executive director for the International Institute of Minnesota. Karen Hoyle, who graduated from St. Olaf College in 1958, is now a professor and the curator of the Kerfan Collection of Children’s Literature at the University of Minnesota. In 1994, she was awarded the Distinguished Alumna award. She has recently become more involved in the international exchange of children’s books, as well as translations and books by immigrant authors.

The Hoyles have hosted over 20 foreign exchange students throughout the years and have devoted countless hours toward fostering understanding among people from different countries and cultures.

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**ARTS EVENTS**

The Schola Cantorum of the Church of the Holy Childhood sings ancient chant at Palm Sunday Mass, March 23, 10:30 a.m. and at Holy Thursday Mass, March 27, 7 p.m. For Easter Mass, March 30 at 10:30 a.m., the Schola Cantorum is accompanied by orchestra for a performance of work by Charles Gounod, including “March Pontificale.” The church is located at Midway Parkway and Pascal Street in St. Paul.

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**EXHIBITS**


Installations by Steven Thurston and Janet Williams can be seen at the Northern Clay Center beginning Friday, March 14. The center is located at 2375 University Avenue West and the gallery is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday to 7 p.m.

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**CONTESTS**

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is sponsoring a poetry contest open to Twin Cities residents who are 18 years and up. First prize wins $150. Contestants must submit three copies of each poem plus separate pieces of paper, including the author’s name, address and the first line of each poem. Pieces cannot exceed 50 lines. Mail entries by March 17 to Poetry Contest, AAUW, 990 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, 55105.

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**TALKS**

Artists Steven Thurston and Janet Williams talk about their work and the development of their ideas at the Northern Clay Center — 2375 University Avenue West — on Saturday, March 15 at 10 a.m.

The St. Anthony Park Writers’ Group meets at the Como Park Conservatory on March 11, 7:30 p.m. at Como Lake and Como Avenue North, 4-A. Call 644-4343 for information.

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**Music**

Music in the Park Series presents the acclaimed The Verbum Ensemble on Sunday, March 9, 4 p.m., at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ. The concert features Marion Verbruggen, recorder; Christine Brandes, sopranino; Mary Springfield, viols da gamba; and Barbara Weiss, harpsichord.

Single tickets cost $11 (advance) or $13 (door). 56 student rush tickets are available. Advance tickets are sold through The Bibelot Shop and MacMurray's Bookstore. For information call 646-5266.

Catch Strawberry Jam — featuring autoharp, mandolin, guitar, fiddle, banjo and upright bass — at Music in the Park Series Family Concert on Friday, March 14, 6:15 and 7:30 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park Library. Sing and clap as Strawberry Jam shares the rich history and folklore of bluegrass music from around the world. Tickets cost between $5 and $6 for adults, $4 and $5 for kids. Advance tickets are sold through The Bibelot Shop and MacMurray's Bookstore. For information call 646-5266.

Mark the calendar for Thursday, March 6, when Cliff Bronczek and his Golden Strings Jazz Quartet take center stage at the Evenings Under Glass Concert Series at Como Park Conservatory. The group consists of a violin, string bass, accordion and is a spin-off of the Golden Strings Jazz Quartet. The series continues on Thursday, March 13 with a presentation by the Prudence Johnson Trio and on Thursday, March 20, hot jazz vocalist Debbie Duncan performs.

All concerts are held from 7 to 9 p.m at the Como Park Conservatory and cost $5. For information call 487-8200.

The well-known piano duet team of Helen and Paul Baumgartner are performing on Sunday, March 2, 3 p.m., at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church to benefit the Global Mission Institute of Luther Theological Seminary. Call 645-0731 for information.
COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1 SATURDAY
- St. David's Day
- Teen Night, South St. Anthony Park Rec. Center, 7-10 p.m.

2 SUNDAY
- Helen and Paul Baumgartner's benefit piano recital, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, free-will offering, 3 p.m.

3 MONDAY
- AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 8 p.m. Call 770-2646. Every Monday.
- Boys Scouts, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 7 p.m. Call 644-4175. Every Monday.

4 TUESDAY
- Precinct Caucus night
- Toastmasters, Hewlett Packard, 205 W. Larpenteur, 7:30 a.m. Call 649-4265. Every Tuesday.
- La Leche League meeting, 7 p.m. Call 644-0302 or 489-6359 for location.

5 WEDNESDAY
- St. Anthony Park recycling day
- Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Every Wednesday.
- "Ask Us" Block Nurse, First Bank, University and Raymond, 11 a.m. to noon.

6 THURSDAY
- Parent-child play group, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell Avenue, 10 a.m.-noon. Every Thursday.

7 FRIDAY
- Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling day.
- Youth Activity Night — grades 7 to 12 — St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 7-11 p.m. Every Friday.

8 SATURDAY
- International Women's Day
- Teen Night, Langford Park Rec. Center, 7-10 p.m.

9 SUNDAY
- St. Cecilia's annual parish dinner, 2357 Bayless Avenue, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

10 MONDAY
- Como Park recycling day
- Park Press, Inc. — Park Bugle — board meeting, ParkBank, 7 a.m.
- Falconeers Senior Club, Falcon Heights City, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 1-3:30 p.m.

14 THURSDAY
- Strawberry Jam performs at Music in the Park Series” Family Concert, St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 6:15 and 7:30 p.m.

15 SATURDAY
- Teen Night, South St. Anthony Park Rec. Center, 7-10 p.m.
- Lauderdale "500" Club, City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, 1 p.m.

17 MONDAY
- St. Patrick's Day

18 TUESDAY
- Lauderdale Planning Commission, City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, 7:30 p.m.
- District 10 Como Community Commission, 7 p.m., call 644-3889 for location.
- St. Anthony Park Garden Tour Meeting, St. Anthony Park Library, 7 p.m.

19 WEDNESDAY
- St. Anthony Park recycling day
- "Ask Us" Block Nurse, Park Bank, Como and Carter, 11 a.m. to noon.
- Langford Booster Club, Langford Park Rec Center, 7:30 p.m.

20 THURSDAY
- Spring arrives!

21 FRIDAY
- Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling day.

22 SATURDAY
- FareSHARE distribution and registration at Holy Childhood Catholic Church, 1435 Midway Pkwy., 9:30-11 a.m. Call 644-7495; or St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Avenue, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Call 645-0371.
- Teen Night, Langford Park Rec Center, 7-10 p.m.

23 SUNDAY
- Full Moon

24 MONDAY
- Como Park recycling day.
- St. Paul school's week-long spring vacation begins.

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Milton Chase
Milton D. Chase died on January 17. He was 70 years old and a longtime resident of Shaloms Home on Midway Parkway. Chase was the owner of Chase Furniture Land. He is survived by his wife, Naomi; daughter, Nancy; sons, Richard, Michael, and David; three sisters, Marian Susanin, Harriet Goldberg, and Sharon Levenson; and several grandchildren.

Donn Dexter, Sr.
Donn D. Dexter, Sr., age 72, died on February 11. A resident of Shoreview, he grew up in St. Anthony Park on Raymond Avenue.

Dexter was past Commander of Rosetown American Legion Post 542.
Survivors include his wife, Rita; daughter, Linda King; three sons, Donn, John, and Douglas; their mothers, Solveig and Theresia; six grandchildren; sister, Dorothy Gayer; and brother, Al Dexter.

Mary Hamilton
Mary T. Hamilton, a resident of Lyndholmen Cafe Center, died on February 11. She was 92 years of age. Preceded in death by her parents, Matt and Rose Turner, her husband, Wilford, and brothers, Mike and Joe Turner, she is survived by daughters, Evelyn Jorgensen, Donna Andrews, and Mary Jane Clark, son, Allan; brother, Paul Turner; 15 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Charles Harding
Charles K. Harding, a resident of Como Park for most of his adult life, died at age 87 in February. He was a longtime leader and legislative lobbyist for the American Legion as well as a volunteer at Veterans' Hospital. Harding served as commander of Lester Tjensland Post 451 and as Fourth District commander and legislative chair. For six years, he served on the Legion's National Child Welfare Commission.
Born in St. Louis, he grew up in White Bear Lake and attended Carlson College. After his marriage to Marie Peckowski in 1934, he moved to Como Park. In the Navy, he was a radar operator.
After World War II, Harding worked as an agent for Prudential Insurance for 35 years. He was instrumental in unifying the agents in the Twin Cities. Preceded in death by his wife, Marie, he is survived by daughter, Beverly Randall; sons, Walter and Robert; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Frances Hunt
Frances L. Hunt died at age 78 on January 22. She and her husband of 57 years, John DeVere Hunt, made their home in North St. Anthony Park.
Hunt was an active outdoor enthusiast and gardener who enjoyed birdwatching at the Audubon Center of Northwoods. She was a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. Born Frances Lawton on July 25, 1918, in St. Paul, she moved to St. Anthony Park after her marriage to John Hunt. She is survived by her husband; daughters, Judith Locshek, Susan Hunt, Nancy Weiman, and Joan Abbass; sons, James; and five grandchildren.

Helen Koelsch
Helen Koelsch, age 81, died on January 27. She lived in University Grove with her husband of 58 years, C. Frederick Koelsch, who is a professor emeritus of chemistry at the University of Minnesota. Koelsch grew up in Thief River Falls and was a graduate of the University of Minnesota. She was a member of St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ.
She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Donald Hermanson, sister, Lucie DePeters, and son, Charles. In addition to her husband, she is survived by daughter, Karen Hanson; son, John; and five grandchildren.

Milton Lindgren
Milton Lindgren, a former resident of Como Park, died on February 4 at the age of 68. He grew up in the Como Park neighborhood and was a graduate of Murray High School in 1946. He graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1950 with a degree in mechanical engineering.
In 1949, he married Murray classmate Jean Stoven. In recent years, they lived in Indianapolis, Indiana. Lindgren was the chief design engineer of the T56/501K engines for Allison Gas Turbines, a division of General Motors.
Leisure pursuits included writing about the Civil War, portrait painting, and traveling around the world with his wife.
Survivors include his wife; two daughters; four sons; 19 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

Evelyn Pearson
Evelyn M. Pearson, former principal at St. Anthony Park Elementary School, died on January 2 at 89 years. Pearson was principal there from 1951 to 1963.
Pearson's term as principal began at the old Guttenberg School, located at Como and Hillside, now the site of a parking lot. In the early '50s, she was instrumental in developing the plans for the new school located by Langford Park.
Her home in recent years was at the Lake City Nursing Home in Lake City, Minnesota.

Howard Schewang
Howard M. Schewang died at age 81 on February 6. He was a former resident of the Como Park area.
Schewang owned Schewang Studio in Minneapolis for 42 years. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 435 and a parishioner at St. Agnes Catholic Church.
Preceded in death by his wife, Marie, he is survived by his brother, Peter; sister, Gladys Hendrickson; stepson, Lyd Hendrickson; three step-grandchildren; 10 step-great-grandchildren; and three step-great-great-grandchildren.

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park, located on the former site of Tilden Elementary School just east of Shuffling Avenue and one block north of Como Avenue, needs upgraded playground facilities. Among other items, residents hope to get two structures built, one that will be conducive to smaller children up to age 5, and another that will accommodate kids aged 6 to 12.

"Right now, it's a safety issue," said Mens, referring to the severely weathered and splintering wooden structures currently in place. "In terms of census planning, this neighborhood is number one or two in the city with families with small kids."

Mens said the chances are good that the city will fund the project because it's reasonably priced, and nothing can be taken for granted because of the competition. There are other projects from District 10 alone that also will be considered. One has a $2 million price tag to build an entirely new North Dale Recreation Center and the other is a $1 million plan to widen and landscape Midway Parkway from Snelling to the Como Park entrance on Hamline.

"It's important that people show up," said Mens. "There are a few key meetings in the process where people must show up to demonstrate their support."

The first such meeting comes in early March when neighborhood residents who favor the plan and community organizers can meet with city staff to review and clarify their proposal.

Then in early April, a special task force, which will be made up of people chosen by the District 10 Community Council, will review all District 10 proposals. Members of the task force must be chosen by the March 14 deadline.

One resident who is ready to help show her support is Lori Hill-Devlin. She said that although her family has thought about moving to a bigger house, they continue to stay on Almond Avenue because of the park.

"I think it's nice to have a neighborhood park that your kids can go to," Hill-Devlin said. "You can see what's going on and be involved with what they're doing."

During the summer months, she said that her 10-year-old son Andrew "literally plays in the park all day until it's dark. I would like to see a skating pond in the winter as well as a field for baseball and football. I mean, there's a field there now, but there's a picnic table in the middle of it. Something more structured would be good."

If the proposal is funded, construction may begin in either next year or during 1997, according to the Como Community Council at 644-3889.