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City Council creates interim billboard moratorium

by Jane McClure

The much-debated interim moratorium and billboard regulation study is finally underway, after months of debate at City Hall. Now the pro and anti-billboard factions will battle it out on an advisory committee, appointed in February by the City Council.



Photo by Truman Olson

One of the advisory committee members is St. Anthony Park Community Council Executive Director Heather Worthington. The neighborhood is one of the most active in the city on billboard and sign pollution issues.

The St. Paul City Council voted 7-0 on February 18 to adopt an interim ordinance regulating billboards and to call for a study of the city's existing billboard ordinance. The committee was appointed later that month.

Council members chuckled before the ordinance was adopted, recalling the many changes it has

gone through. "I have no amendments," said Ward 4 Council Member Jay Benanav, the ordinance's author. "I know that's hard to believe." At one point he had vowed to get something passed "before my term expires." (Benanav took office January 1.)

Passage of the oft-amended measure means a City Council-appointed task force will study the city's existing billboard regulations, look at the effectiveness of special sign districts, make an inventory of all advertising signs in St. Paul, study permit fees and clarify the city's existing policy of granting sign credits to billboard companies that take down signs. The credits are used to put up new signs.

The task force membership was approved February 25. It includes representatives from the billboard industry, unions, neighborhood groups, business associations, a city licensing staff member, a Planning and Economic Development (PED) staff member and a member of the St. Paul Planning Commission.

The task force will submit a report with recommendations to the City Council by August 1. The report then goes to the Planning Commission for further study. Planning Commission recommendations would go to the City Council by November 1 for final approval.

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Photo by Truman Olson

Where the black bears roam

David and Pamela Borden-Glass bring espresso drinking, community fellowship, and American Indian values to Como Park coffee house

by Laura Pritchett

When I first visited Black Bear Crossings Coffee House and Community Circle, a new café on Como Avenue, owner David Glass was throwing wood into a crackling fireplace, greeting familiar patrons, and reaching out to shake the hand of a new customer, all in the same swoop of action. Amid the laughter and chatter of friends and the aroma of freshly baked muffins, he was a flurry of movement, busy making his new shop exactly what he intends it to be — a place for the community.

There are all kinds of unique aspects to this rather eclectic establishment — customers get a free refill on the coffee of the day each time a train passes by (which occurs about 45 times per day!), birdhouses grace the entrance to each parking spot, the enormous deck outside hosts water bowls for patrons with dogs. But perhaps the most unique of all — what makes this no ordinary coffee shop — are the community rooms.

These three comfortable and spacious rooms are equipped with white boards and markers, conference tables and chairs, splendid art work and a great ambiance. Not only are they free and open to anyone who wants to use them, customers are not even asked to buy anything from the café.

The only stipulation, in fact, is that guests sign a journal that is left in

each room. Flipping through, visitors can see who has come before them, from groups celebrating birthdays, baptisms, and family reunions to the Strategic Planning Committee of District 10, the Ward 5 DFL, something called "The Artist's Way Gang," a garden club, a book club, a soccer club. The list goes on and on. Every group has left a little note about what they accomplished there, or their experience they shared.

"The journals give a living history to each room," Glass noted. "And the journals provide positive energy to those who follow." The rooms are surprisingly busy, considering how new this place is (Black Bear Crossings opened just last summer). Glass estimates that each room is used about three times a day, five days per week. In fact, he originally planned on having only one community room, but demand

"Up on the reservation, conversation always took place over a pot of coffee and rolls. I wanted to have a place here to meet, to connect. I wanted to be in a business that impacted the larger community in a positive way."

— David Glass

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Caucus night in the neighborhood

by Judy Woodward

Warren Gore can remember a time when close to 200 people would show up for DFL caucus night in his North St. Anthony Park precinct. But that was a long time ago.

The retired university professor and longtime Park resident was convener of his party's caucus on March 3 for Ward 4, Precinct 3. His group bucked a statewide trend by endorsing Mike Freeman over Skip Humphrey in the straw poll for the governor's race. But the real story lay in some other numbers.

There were 28 attendees at Gore's caucus. Although in some neighborhoods that figure might represent a substantial turnout, in this well-educated, highly political area, the numbers were a disappointment to party loyalists like Gore. He said, "DFLers are not turning out the way they used

to. Ten or 15 years ago, there might have been 150 to 180 attendees. There's been a general disenchantment with the caucus system."

Turnout was similar in the DFL's Ward 4, Precinct 2 caucus, which, like Gore's group, met at the St. Anthony Park Elementary School. John Marty led the poll for governor, according to longtime party activist, Mel Boynton.

On the Republican side, there was not even a gubernatorial straw poll to attract the party faithful. District 66B Republican Co-Chair Joy Albrecht, a lifelong resident of the Park, reported total attendance of 116 people spread over the 15 precincts in the area. "I don't think caucuses are being as well attended as in the past," she commented. "We now have a standing state platform which de-emphasizes the resolution process."

Discussion at local Republican caucuses, Albrecht reported, focused mainly on what to do with the state budget surplus. Other resolutions concerned partial-birth abortions and whether judges should receive party endorsements.

Fewer than 50 Republicans ventured out to party caucuses in Falcon Heights and Lauderdale. Unlike other party activists,

Photo courtesy St. Anthony Park Elementary School



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NEWS

Elections for Delegates to the St. Anthony Park Community Council Upcoming

Call the SAPCC office for an application at 292-7884. We are seeking three delegates from North St. Anthony Park, one delegate from South St. Anthony Park, and three alternates from both North and South St. Anthony Park. The time commitment is roughly 4 hours a month. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the neighborhood, and help guide the development of St. Anthony Park. Elections will be held at the Hampden Park Co-op from 5 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14.

Council-sponsored meetings are listed each month in the Bugle Community Calendar (see page 17). Everyone is welcome!

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Billboard moratorium . . . from page 1

introduced by then-Ward 4 Council Member Bobbi Megard last fall, are a response to neighborhood complaints that billboards are becoming larger and more intrusive in some neighborhoods. Last year the Merriam Park Community Council joined the St. Anthony Park Community Council and the University UNITED coalition to successfully oppose a large billboard erected along Interstate 94. Last fall the St. Anthony Park Community Council questioned the demolition of the old Cromwell bar and the placement of a large, two-sided billboard at that site at University Avenue and Highway 280.

Megard's original proposal for a study and citywide moratorium on new billboards was vetoed by Mayor Norm

Coleman in late 1997. Coleman said the moratorium was "anti-business."

With four new city council members, it was questionable whether Benanav could muster the five votes needed to override the veto. Instead, a compromise was worked out with neighborhood groups, Coleman's administration and the billboard industry. Deputy Mayor Tom Fabel has indicated that Coleman can support the measure passed February 18.

Under Benanav's ordinance, any moratorium on new billboards would be limited to neighborhoods that apply to be designated as special sign districts. After a neighborhood applies for the sign district designation, a temporary moratorium on any new signs

would be in effect until the sign district designation is approved by the City Council. If a neighborhood is designated as a special sign district, that neighborhood can ban new billboards or place other restrictions on billboards. District councils would review and make recommendations on special sign district requests.

Special sign districts as defined by the existing City Code also allow a neighborhood to put a number of other regulations on sign letter height, lighting and size. Grand Avenue and Highland Village are two of the city's special sign districts. Historic districts also have stringent regulations governing new signs. ■

Caucus night . . . from page 1

District 54A Republican Party Chair Skip Wolverton does not see this as part of a downward trend. While acknowledging that the abortion issue has been divisive among the party faithful, he said that, "Some old-timers have been turned off by the caucus process, but new people come."

Meanwhile, over at the Reform Party, led by gubernatorial candidate Jesse (the Body) Ventura, grass roots activity in the Bugle's area was muted. Party spokesperson Diane Goldman reported fewer than a dozen attendees at combined caucuses for Districts 64, 65 and 66. Opined Goldman, maybe some people didn't want to go to the Rondo Educational Center in the Selby-Dale area after dark.

Explanations for the decline in caucus attendance vary. Jack Christensen is a retired history teacher who has participated in DFL politics for more than 30 years. A former precinct chair in North St. Anthony Park, he spoke nostalgically of the epic Keith-Rolvaag gubernatorial nomination battle of 1966 "when we must have had 400 people in the hall." The numbers have been falling

ever since, and Christensen thinks he knows the reason. "People are so well off. They turn out for the caucus when they feel pressed. But they just don't think it's necessary when times are good."

Christensen remains a strong defender of the caucus system which, he explained, was introduced into American politics at the time of Andrew Jackson. "The caucus doors are wide open to anyone who wants to participate directly in the political system," he said.

Gore has more reservations about the system. He worries that special-interest "opportunists" are overwhelming the "civil spirit" that brought out the general voters in the past. He describes the DFL as a "steady old auto, still running although the tires are flat." He lays the blame for low turnout on "no charismatic candidates, no real issues, and no real contrast with the Republicans."

If Gore is worried about the political process, maybe he should spend some time with Sarah Robin.

Although long-time party regulars may worry about declining numbers and voter

apathy, the word doesn't seem to have gotten through to 16-year-old Robin. She attended her first caucus on March 3. While she was disappointed when she found out she was too young to vote, she was undeterred from her main goal. She introduced a resolution to revive the Equal Rights Amendment. Her fellow DFLers in Gore's precinct approved it, although they voted down her companion proposal to ban handguns.

Robin, a sophomore at Totino-Grace High School, is a veteran of the Wellstone for Senate campaign. Her reaction to her first caucus was enough to boost the spirits of any weary party loyalist. She said, "I'll definitely go again. I thought it was really very interesting. It made me feel important — like I could actually DO something. Some people say politics is a dirty business, but I believe you can use politics to do good things and make the world a better place." ■

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City parks planning April clean up



Job Corps crew prepares for April clean up. Photo by Christopher Kuhn

by Laura Pritchett

Our children sled down their slopes, our dogs run through their open spaces, our cross-country skis, footsteps, and bicycle tires have all left their marks. Now it's our turn to thank our parks. April 18 has been set aside as the day we can repay our favorite park or recreation center by cleaning it up.

The Parks and Riverfront Clean-up/Glad Bag-A-Thon is celebrating its tenth year this April. In the nine years since the event began, volunteers have removed 139 tons of litter and recyclables from parks and recreation centers.

One big improvement this year is a more thorough recycling effort implemented by the St. Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium. Hatti Koth, the recycling program assistant at the

Consortium, said that recycling bins will be available at all the major St. Paul parks for glass and all types of metal.

"We're hoping people will pick up in teams, and each can carry a bag, one for metal, one for glass, and one for the trash," she said. Unfortunately, most paper cannot be recycled as it is too soiled after sitting out all winter. In the past, tires, car batteries, and other large items have been recycled, but this is the first year that there has been an organized effort to recycle the smaller items.

Not every park will have the special recycling bins available on this day, but Koth hopes that people cleaning in the smaller parks will make an effort to recycle on their own.

Students at the Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps Center have also added to the day by building an enormous

"superbasket," a nine-foot-tall trash can. The students in the building and apartment maintenance class built the monstrous trash can, which is meant to be a visual symbol to remind us all to prevent litter. Roger Stewart, their instructor, noted that about a dozen students spent many hours constructing the trash can out of plywood and wire mesh. Because of the winter weather, students had to build the parts of the "superbasket" indoors and could not see the final product until they recently assembled it outside. It will be on display at various parks during the clean up period.

A thank you party to all the volunteers will be held in Como Park at the Lakeside Pavilion from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on April 18. Free refreshments will be provided. Patricia Freeman, the parks clean-up coordinator, noted that there will be gifts for youngsters and many informational booths as well.

The designated clean up period is from April 11 to the 25 with the big event taking place on the 18. On this day, trash bags will be provided at clean up sites and recycling drop-off points will be available. To register to clean a park, call 266-6458. ■



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New bike racks at Milton Square make cycling alternative easier

by Michelle Christianson

Anne Kapuscinski cares passionately about "sustainability." That is the ability of an environment to persist with the least amount of external input; e.g. when an environment is healthy and self-sustaining. She is a professor of fisheries and conservation biology at the University of Minnesota and the head of the Institute for Social, Economic, and Ecological Sustainability. This concern for the environment lead her to donate part of the cost of bike racks for the Como-Carter business area in St. Anthony Park.

After Kapuscinski and her husband gave up their second car in 1989, she began walking and biking to her job on the St. Paul campus of the University and became aware of just how much we organize our lives around the car.

"We discriminate in subtle

and overt ways against people who don't have or don't want to only use cars. The mass transit system is inadequate and bike riders are seen as a nuisance on the roads. I wanted to do something to encourage other ways of getting around besides using a car."

Kapuscinski also wanted to be able to do errands on the way to and from work and was frustrated by the lack of space to park bikes. She approached the St. Anthony Park Business Association with an offer to help pay for racks and this spurred them to work together to pay the rest of the cost and to install the racks. There are now four racks at the library and eight other single racks in front of other businesses in the area.

Kapuscinski believes that because we are known as a responsible community that cares about quality-of-life issues we need to encourage biking.

This is good for the economic

community as well as for the environment, as people would be more likely to do business close to home if they bike to their destinations. The social benefits of walking and biking are also great. People interact more with their neighbors and can also keep an eye on each other's property so that there is less crime.

One way that all of us can interact with each other is to take part in the Spring Forward Family Bike Ride on April 4. Participants will meet at the corner of Hamline and Como avenues at 9 a.m. and ride together to Como and Carter. There will be a dedication of the bike racks at the end of the ride with a chance to thank Anne Kapuscinski. This event is sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Business Association, which will also provide coffee and treats for all riders. There is no cost or registration required to take part in this ride. ■

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EDITORIAL

Spring cleaning

Spring cleaning is cathartic. It's a time to purge our homes of all the accumulated debris of winter and allow fresh spring breezes clear out trapped air. It's a time to reassess our lives and make time to enjoy the summer ahead. It is a time to purify our homes, our schedules, our lives. This year, it's also a time when we can look beyond our own space and do something for the public good, a time when we can broaden our scope to include our parks.

This is one of those events which depends upon you just showing up. No one is going to ask you, and you won't receive any special invitation. But your presence is still essential. So, mark your calendars for April 18, the day set aside for the St. Paul Parks and Riverfront Cleanup. When that day arrives, grab a few trash bags, family members and friends, and head out to your favorite park.

While Como Park, our grandest neighborhood green space, is highlighted in this issue, all our parks are precious and deserving of our attention. Whether your favorite hangout is Langford or College Park, or the lawns of a local school or community center, now is the chance for you to help with some spring cleaning. Spending a morning picking up the trash is a small gift to the parks which offer us so much.

To register to clean a park, call 266-6458. But registration is not required; it's really just a matter of showing up and pitching in. This event is driven by volunteer and community support, so just get out there and dedicate a morning to some cathartic cleaning. ■

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LETTERS

Bacon's lasting legacy

The small obituary for Emily Mae Bacon in the February issue of the Park Bugle should not go unnoticed by readers.

Miss Bacon was for decades South St. Anthony Park's resident piano teacher. If you wanted to take piano lessons, you went to Miss Bacon, who lived one block west of St. Cecilia's Church on Cromwell Avenue. She was so well known and respected that her students came not only from the Park but also from Minneapolis. Miss Bacon imparted a love for classical music to an innumerable group of students, giving them a life-long appreciation for Mozart, Beethoven, and Chopin. Some of Miss Bacon's students included concert pianist Leona Olson, eminent surgeon Marsha Halverson, my sister Carol, and me. Emily Mae Bacon influenced a great many young people for the better.

Rev. Darwin Dean McKillips

SAP crime prevention needs improvement

I'm writing as St. Anthony Park's newest ex-Crime Prevention Coordinator. There have been many, and there will be more. The thrust of this job is recruiting blockleaders to run blockclubs in SAP where crime rates are quite low. Persuading people to meet every two weeks to prevent the rare property crime is fruitless. A nagging feeling among the dozens of people I've annoyed while "recruiting" is that block clubs don't work. According to most surveys, they don't. It

feels good to share chili and prevention plans, but meetings can't protect a garage at 3 a.m.

Why then the push for block leader numbers? To me, it's simply because such a number is a concrete figure that agencies can measure, report, collate, and file. It is part of a process called accountability, which begins with establishing easily observable quantifiable goals. However, accountability evolved for its ease of measurement, not for the validity of its goals.

Probably my most laughable contact with accountability occurred here in SAP when I was required to tape paper flyers that described recent crimes on trees and buildings. If a crime was likely to reoccur in an area, then this practice is a good one. However, leafletting for one-shot crimes like car theft is a waste of time. When I brought up this dilemma to some SAP Council members, their response was stunning: "Do it anyway. It shows we've been doing our job."

That, in essence, reveals the core of accountability — at its worst. The process of defending but not reevaluating agency practices amounts to simply protecting positions and agencies. In this way, no one needs to answer if they are doing their job. They need only discuss whether they are meeting their goals. Big difference.

The little public moneys involved could best be spent by having more prevention workers, yet the majority of the money is earmarked for the Community

Organizer (C.O.). He/she is the council's direct contact even though the prevention worker stays more in touch with the field. Thus the council, a well-meaning group, has the potential to be out of touch with the field altogether. The council should strongly consider cutting the C.O. to a half time position or making it into a number of volunteer positions like the council itself.

Personally, I have never worked in any position with more supervisory personnel than this one. There are no shortages of bosses. The endless required meetings basically amount to doughnuts, handouts, and gossip. Like most agencies I have seen, there is too much mid-level waste. Cut this fat. But remember this: If you find a flyer on your door saying your car was stolen, I didn't put it there. I wouldn't.

Paul Paulos

Welcome new owner at Mariano's

It is with mixed feelings that I write this message. After having had the opportunity to be in business in St. Anthony Park for over 13 years, I have sold my salon — M. Mariano for Hair — to Mr. Tony Johnson, a talented and enthusiastic young man. Please help in welcoming Tony to the neighborhood.

Thank you to all my friends and former clients here in the Park for all your support and encouragement over the years. It has been a pleasure to serve you!

Maureen Mariano

Q & A

Do you do your taxes right away or do you procrastinate until the last minute? How come?

Photographs and interviews by Terry Gardner



Gaye on Bourne

We procrastinate because we never get a refund.



Bill from Holly House

I wait until the last minute. I procrastinate as far as it comes to taxes.



Laura on Hythe

We file an extension until August. We always do that.

From the Bugle archives:

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C O M M E N T A R Y



Walking

by Dave Healy

In a 13-year public school career, I never rode a bus to school. Chelsea Heights Elementary was six blocks from our house, and because we came home for lunch, I made the to-and-from trek twice daily. Murray Junior/Senior High was a two-mile hike, and though everyone else from our neighborhood rode the bus, John Hedberg and I walked there every day.

Even at the time, then, walking to school, at least by junior high days, was faintly anachronistic. Today, of course, it is even more so. My younger son, who will start high school in the fall, has never walked to school, nor have most of his peers.

Actually, it would probably not be too much of a stretch to say that walking in general has become anachronistic, at least the kind of walking that is intended to get one from point A to point B. Nowadays one walks, if at all, for exercise. Walking has become a low-impact aerobic activity. Some shopping malls open their doors early, before the stores open, to accommodate walkers. One can even buy a special shoe called a Mall Walker®. To get places, we drive. We walk to get exercise.

I got some exercise by walking to and from school for 13 years, but that's not why I did it, any more than kids ride bikes or play ball or tear around the house for exercise. In grade school I walked because everyone did; there was no alternative. In junior and senior high I walked because it seemed obviously superior to fighting traffic or riding a crowded bus. It still does.

In grade school, the walk to and from school could be either leisurely or regimented depending on who was wielding the school patrol flag at the time. Only one

street, Hamline Avenue, on which the school sat, required that flag to cross, but some patrols took it upon themselves to monitor our walking elsewhere on the route. Ellen Nace declared a certain stretch of sidewalk by Como Lutheran Church off limits and delighted in catching trespassers, whom she promptly reported to the principal. Getting "reported" was the worst punishment one could sustain on the walk to or from school, but that prospect was sufficiently foreboding to keep most of us in line.

By junior and senior high, there were no more school patrols. Our morning walk was constrained by the tardy bell, and so we made reasonably good time. The trip home, though, presented no deadline other than supper, and some days the two miles would consume an hour or more.

To get to and from Murray, John and I walked through the State Fairgrounds and the University of Minnesota's "farm" campus. In the morning, we left our settled neighborhood, crossed Snelling Avenue, and entered a strange kind of border land.

The fairgrounds were designed for teeming multitudes yet sat empty most of the year. Our route took us through a tractor-less Machinery Hill and by the vacant John Deere building, then through a gate and past the fields and animal pens of the University. Though we moved from one residential area to another—Como to St. Anthony Park—our walk provided a daily reminder of another world: rural, sparsely settled, agricultural. We walked past silos. We saw (and smelled) sheep and hogs and cattle. We might have been our grandfathers, mine from South Dakota and John's from Iowa, walking through real farm land to a country school.

That part of our route was on unplowed roads and through areas unprotected by windbreaks. Waist-high snow drifts were not uncommon in the winter, and spring reduced the unpaved tractor path by the animal pens to a half-mile stretch of mud. Overcoming these obstacles made us feel manly and strong, far superior to our citified, bus-bound peers. We entered Murray the way my Uncle Roland entered the mud room of his South Dakota farm house—stamping the mud or snow off our boots and blowing on our hands. We'd been out in the weather and had earned whatever respite was provided by brick and mortar. We were tough; we didn't really belong indoors.

Walking to get somewhere is a casualty of the industrial revolution. Because we no longer have to live close to our work or school or church, we don't. And because we drive to those places, we drive everywhere else too—even to the hardware store that's only a few blocks away. Driving atrophies not only muscles, but brains as well. When we can drive to get groceries, we might make three or four trips a week. We don't think ahead because we don't have to. We don't improvise in the kitchen because we don't have to.

But there's another kind of walking, something other than walking to school or walking around the mall. It's not utilitarian in the sense of providing exercise or getting somewhere. The goal of this kind of walking is not to increase one's heart rate or to pick up a carton of milk. The goal, if one can even speak of "goals" for such an activity, is . . . walking. It's the motivation that prompts the question, "Want to take a walk?" It's what, in some way, shape, or form, must have driven the Walker.

None of us in the neighborhood I grew up in knew the Walker. We didn't know where he lived or what he did when he wasn't walking. Our ignorance gave rise to the most fanciful fictionalizing. We theorized that the Walker was henpecked by a shrewish wife, dominated by a callous boss, ignored by ungrateful children. We peopled his life with an endless series of oppressors from whom he could only escape through his solitary, salvatory walking. But this was only speculation on our part. All we really knew of the Walker is that he walked.

In winter the Walker wore a dark gray snowmobile suit, in the rain a dirty blue windbreaker. We never saw him without a cigarette, which we never saw him remove from his mouth. The laws of combustion should have dictated that his cigarette burn down, the laws of chance that any given cigarette be in various stages of combustion when he passed our house, but in defiance of these or any laws, the Walker's cigarette always looked exactly the same.

He always looked the same, too. His gait was neither fluid nor plodding, neither purposeful nor meandering. He walked with a certain air of resignation, but his was not the stride of a defeated man. Who knows why the Walker walked? Who knows what lurks in the hearts of men?

I walk; therefore, I am. ■

Preparing our trees for the Doswell/Chelmsford street project

by Mary Maguire Lerman

St. Anthony Park won't be the same this summer. As a horticulturist and member of the Doswell/Chelmsford Neighborhood Street Committee, I am concerned about the health of our boulevard trees. Having seen injuries to tree roots in other street projects, I want to relay the following.

It is important that our boulevard trees be as healthy as possible going into the growing and construction season. An application of fertilizer to the boulevard and front yard just as the tree buds are swelling in later April will give the trees a boost before May when root injury may likely occur with construction. However, don't apply high-nitrogen fertilizers beneath your boulevard trees this spring as you do not want to stimulate top growth on the tree when its root system is going to be impacted.

However, a spring application of potassium (sulfate of potash or wood ash), magnesium (epsom salts) and minor elements would be a great assist for the boulevard trees. Potassium is the element that assists plants in stress and disease tolerance and is often found in low levels in our metro urban soils. Magnesium is not found in any fertilizer mixes but is an important macro nutrient. You may be surprised to know that most greenhouses apply magnesium in the form of epsom salts once a month to all their container grown plants. I have a magnesium fertilizer applied at the rose gardens at Lake Harriet for the entire summer and I know of other rosarians who swear by its use. Every spring I fertilize my entire yard, garden, and boulevard with epsom salts just as growth begins. You can pick up a "milk" carton or two of epsom salts at drug stores. (It's too bad Miller's is not still around. I really miss not seeing Kate's smiling face and she

always made sure to get epsom salts in stock for me in the spring.)

Incidentally, the reason for adding a minor element fertilizer is because when roots are injured by construction or they can not grow out into other soil areas because of a drought, they cannot expand into soil areas where the minor elements have not been tapped. Since I can assure you there will be some root injury to your trees, the addition of minor elements in the early spring can supply some of the nutrients that those roots otherwise will not be able to obtain this summer.

When I fertilize my yard, I use the small hand-held Whirlybird spreader (Dave carries them at Park Hardware) because it is all you need for a city yard. It is easy to scoop fertilizer into, is light weight and it stores a whole lot easier than the big fertilizer spreaders. The small Whirlybird also provides the perfect spreader width application for my boulevard without depositing fertilizer on the sidewalk or street. You want to be very careful *anytime* you fertilize that you apply it only to the gardens or lawn—don't get it on the sidewalks or street as it will wash down the storm sewer to our watershed—the Mississippi River. If you do drop fertilizer on hard surfaces, immediately get out your broom and sweep it onto your lawn or garden. Just after fertilizing, water the area lightly to help dissolve the granules.

While you are fertilizing your boulevard, check it out for anything you want to move before to early May. If you have planted any perennials or shrubs on the boulevard, April is a great time to dig and transplant those materials to another location in your yard. There will be grading occurring on the boulevards, so these plants will likely be damaged in that operation. Also, the city will be replacing or newly installing a small sidewalk from the

curb to the public sidewalk. So if you have stones that you used as your boulevard walk or that were there to accent plantings, be sure to move them before construction begins if you want to retain them. On some streets the existing "curbs" are actually large stones. If you want to save them for your own landscape use, these should be removed before May 15, the date we have been told that construction will begin.

One very critical item to prepare for in May is the protection of our boulevard trees. No matter how careful the work crews are, when the old curbs (if any) are removed and the initial street grading begins, tree roots will be damaged. When we break our body's protective skin layer, we clean it and trim back to healthy tissue and then apply a protective covering. The same should be done with our trees.

The first day you see *any* tree roots exposed, it is time to begin the healing process. Large roots may be shattered and shredded during the project. Take a sharp lopping shears or bow saw and cut the root back into undamaged root area. Small fibrous roots that are exposed will quickly die—and these are the real critical roots for the trees—they take up most of the moisture and soil nutrients that the tree requires. So, once you have trimmed back any broken roots, take your wheelbarrow to the compost pile or garden and bring some rich soil/compost to the boulevard. Carefully cover all exposed roots with at least two inches of soil. No roots should remain visible above the soil. Then slowly moisten the soil down over the roots so that you do not cause the soil to be washed away. This will eliminate air pockets around the roots. Follow up by mulching with leaves (many conveniently stayed on our trees late last fall) or straw over the soil. This will help reduce soil erosion and keep the soil cooler for the roots. Then, it is very important to keep the entire boulevard soil moist throughout the entire construction project. When your curb and street is complete, grading and sodding of the boulevard will be the final step of the project.

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St. Anthony Park Community Council — A personal look

by Pete Keith

Most of us probably realize that the St. Anthony Park Community Council is the official elected body which represents our neighborhood in matters of city government. But what's it like to be part of the community council? What kind of people serve on the council? What do they do? Why did they decide to get involved?

Here, council members (who are not up for election) speak out on their experiences being part of St. Anthony Park's Community Council.



Photo courtesy Jim Snoxell

Jim Snoxell

A resident of North St. Anthony Park, attorney Jim Snoxell represents what many may assume to be the typical profile of a community council member. Not only has he lived in the neighborhood his entire life, but Jim has lived in the same house his entire life.

Jim, who has been on the council for five years, was introduced to the council during his involvement with the residents group working on the sound wall project. Once the group got the council involved with the project, things really began to happen. According to Jim, "as a result, we now have noise abatement." Once Jim saw the impact the community council had on that project, he wanted to become a member.

Jim sees the council's role as that of a liaison and communicator between the city and the neighborhood citizens. But according to Jim, the council also needs to "be a strong advocate for our neighborhood, because nobody else is. We are a small community with relatively high property values, relatively low crime, and we are helping foot the bill for more than we get for our tax dollars."

Some of the issues facing the neighborhood that concern Jim include the looming possibility of

a new Burlington Northern intermodal hub west of highway 280, the impacts of the SEED redevelopment project, continued deterioration of the housing stock, and keeping the repaving projects on track.

Although Jim acknowledges that being on the council takes a considerable chunk of time, it is "a great way to return something to the neighborhood."



Photo by Truman Olson

Bob Arndorfer

Bob Arndorfer, a 14-year resident of South St. Anthony Park, has been on the Community Council for five years. Bob was prompted to get involved with the council primarily to help foster a sense of community in the neighborhood. "I've always tried to be involved in the community, to be more than just an owner of real estate. I really enjoy this neighborhood, and being on the council is a good chance to keep the neighborhood strong and healthy." He states that his involvement in the council "has awakened in me how important community is."

Bob sees the primary role of the community council as "an organization that promotes the community." But he also sees it as a two-way communication conduit between the neighborhood and city



Photo by Truman Olson

Sue Olson

Even though she is a relative newcomer to the community council, Sue Olson is beginning to feel comfortable with her role on the council, but is quick to add that "I am still learning."

A six-year resident of Seal Hi-Rise, Sue became interested in the community council about three years ago. She feels that "the high rise doesn't know enough about what's going on around us, and I wanted to get the high rise more involved in the community." With help and encouragement from former community organizer Abby Struck, Sue decided to run for the council last year.

Sue has been impressed with the impact that the community council has had, on issues ranging from the bad smell that used to permeate the neighborhood to quieting the noise from trucks at night. Sue believes that although the council may not have much official power, they do have tremendous impact on issues important to the neighborhood. "If we work hard enough and have enough voices behind us, we do have influence."

Now that she's seen the impact that the council can have, Sue believes that more residents need to get involved in the community. She encourages neighbors to "go to a couple of council meetings and see what they are doing." That's exactly what Sue did a few years back, and now she says that her involvement "makes me feel positive, and part of something good."

Remember to vote on April 14 for community council representatives

hall. And it is an organization that tackles specific issues that the community brings forth.

One of the significant issues that Bob is involved in is the potential conversion of land, now occupied by the community gardens, to other industrial use such as intermodal container storage. "In 1992 the community council developed a neighborhood plan for the future — an industrial parking lot is not in the plan." The community gardens have been in place for over 20 years.

As part of his council responsibilities, Bob is also on the oversight committee of the SEED redevelopment project in south east Minneapolis. That committee's role is to "help assure that development there is not detrimental to the Park," according to Bob.

While Bob sees the community council as an effective organization to help maintain and improve the quality of life in the neighborhood, he believes that more people need to get involved with the efforts of the council. "What we need is more people involved in the committees, task forces, or as volunteers on projects." Bob strongly believes the council "is the vehicle to bring the neighborhood together." ■

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was so great that he created two more out of space he intended to rent out. "The rooms have become a space where people can come together to address issues. Not all the issues are serious, but they all are adding to the community," he said.

Not only is the mission of Black Bear Crossings to provide a venue for sharing and developing community, it is also a place to celebrate positive American Indian identity. Glass, a member of the White Earth band of Ojibwe, says he learned about giving to the community from his family. "Up on the reservation, conversation always took place over a pot of coffee and rolls. I wanted to have a place here to meet, to connect. I wanted to be in a business that impacted the larger community in a positive way."

Glass and his wife, Pamela Borden-Glass, wanted a place where they could "live their values." They've also managed to pay tribute to those who have gotten them there. Each room, nook, and cranny of the establishment has been named after those who have been influential in their lives. The "Michael Donald Glass Memorial Meeting Room," named for Glass' father, is the largest of the community rooms and "Jane's Lounge," the main room, is named for his mother, who was known for making all feel welcome. One corner, closest to the railroad tracks, is named "Russell's Corner," after Borden-Glass' father, who worked for the railroad for 45 years. He is responsible for decorating it, and changes the display regularly. "Marion's Gardens" is named after her mother, who is an avid gardener. The bear has also played its part in all this — "Maakwa's Den," (Maakwa means "bear" in Ojibwe) is a quiet room reminiscent of a library with flute music piped in. And the entrance reads "Maaka de Maakwa Azha Wiskaad," which is Ojibwe for "where black bears roam."

David Glass put a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology on hold to start this business, and Pam Borden-Glass, who has a master's degree in environmental and public health, has resorted to cutting her hours at her 3M job to help get the business going. Though she says that "this was all David's idea and dream," she's been helping by providing the incredible bakery items that can't help but catch your eye when you enter the shop. The couple have been residents of the Como neighborhood for three years.

Another aspect of their mission is to provide a venue for multicultural sharing, and the "Multicultural Art Wall" has been a wonderful example of just that. Thus far, it has featured a Jewish weaver, a German-Irish painter, a Swedish photographer, and a Hmong exhibit is planned for the future. There's also an abundance of mesmerizing American Indian artwork. Various entertainment is provided most Friday and Saturday evenings, and the café also sponsors classes in conjunction with the Como Zoo.

Though David and Pamela have been working hard (though so far, they haven't been able to pay themselves), they insist that it's not David and Pamela's place, it's the community's place. Customers have been known to lend a helping hand with various repairs, others have brought in board games for the den, and another customer dropped off a bag of dog treats for the many dog-walkers who stop by. Parents have also brought in toys for the children's corner (called "Cub's Corner," which is conveniently located so parents can sip a cup of coffee while keeping an eye on their youngsters).

"People make connections here. That's the beauty of it," Glass noted. Located on the south end of Como Lake at 831 Como, Black Bear Crossings is a must see; not only for the free refill as the train chugs by, but for a unique look at the power of community. ■

Tree care . . . from page 5

One special "To Do" for April:

Do plan to replace the lead water pipe connection from your home to the street. This is a special opportunity time to have this necessary health work done and to have the cost spread out over many years on your taxes. Just ask Chris and Julia Causey on Doswell what this costs when your old lead water service line breaks and you need a plumber on an emergency basis to replace it. You will realize just what a bargain opportunity has been offered with the construction project. Check with your neighbors as you can group together with a single plumbing contractor to further reduce the installation costs.

If you've been having repeated problems with your sewer connection (i.e. tree roots), talk to the plumbers about replacing your sewer line at the same time. Unfortunately the sewer line replacement cannot be put on an assessment. However, you should seriously consider it if you make frequent calls to Roto-Rooter.

Take a close look at the mailing the St. Paul Water Utility mailed to you recently. There is a deadline date on the blue postcard. That postcard must be mailed in soon if you want to have the cost of the lead water line replacement assessed on your taxes over the next 10 years. Call Mary Hiber (917-4781) at the St. Paul Water Utility if you have any questions about this. ■

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YOUTH NEWS



Young carpenters in Mr. Glowka's woodworking class. Photos courtesy St. Anthony Park Elementary School.

Children have been able to study everything from Animal Behavior to the Klingon language. This year students in a woodworking class with parent Mietek Glowka created a blue clapboard house with a red chimney drop for pop tabs that students collect for a fund raiser.

Even teachers stay after school. An after school program recently developed by the staff at SAP school is TEAM (tutoring, enriching and mastering.) The program serves about 100 children who need extra time to work on basic skills but who don't qualify for special help offered during school. Fourth grade teacher Colleen Flaherty helps run the program works with other teachers, volunteer parents and former St. Anthony Park School students who are now in High School. Tutors work with

Staying after school

by Lisa Steinmann

Even after the bell rings and students are dismissed at St. Anthony Park Elementary School children are still chasing each other on the playground, turning cartwheels in the gym, learning a new language in the library and creating art in the classrooms. After school programs such as Discovery Club, Community Education, After School Enrichment, Tutoring, Running Club, and Gymnastics serve well over 500 children and keep the school building buzzing until 10 p.m. on most nights.

Pat Linden, SAP Discovery Club manager, believes that St. Anthony Park Elementary school is a good example of "the neighborhood of the '90s" for local children. I recently met up with Jessica Ashwini-Miller, Emma Olesen and Hannah Longley, amicable residents of this neighborhood. They showed off the friendship bracelets and anklets that they had braided together from bits of colorful yarn in the after school care program.

According to Linden, "83 percent of Minnesota parents of elementary school age children work." Facts and figures come readily to mind as she has just returned from National Public Policy Meetings in Washington D. C. as the representative for the Minnesota School Age Care Alliance. She believes that Discovery Club is the ideal program to bridge the gap between the time a child's school day ends and a parent's work day ends. Indeed this program, one of ten such child care sites in the St. Paul Schools, offers care from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. It is available on days that school is not in session and runs through the summer. Children who attend engage in a relaxed but busy atmosphere overseen by caring staff. They have time to

play, rest, snack, and do homework. They also may choose to participate in some of the other activities available in the building after school.

Recently students could be found snipping and folding beautiful Japanese papers in a creative book binding class after school. Other students were



Students of the Omnibus Enrichment Class pose in front of their State Fair blue ribbon-winning pyramid.

elbow deep in clay, or tapping the keyboards during open computer lab. These classes and more are offered by Community Education, the branch of the St. Paul Public Schools that is committed to providing learning experiences for people of every age. "We try to offer whatever doesn't fit into the regular curriculum," said Tony Smith, who coordinates for Neighborhood Community Education classes from her office located in St. Anthony Park School.

The importance of learning things outside the regular curriculum is the driving force behind the school-wide enrichment program at SAP. The effort to offer many opportunities to children has resulted in scheduling some enrichment classes for St. Anthony Park students after school. "Parent volunteers make this program go," according to Courtney Oleen, who along with Teresa Anderson coordinates the program.

very small groups of students who really enjoy the attention.

Teachers also stay after school to exercise with children. Classroom teachers Lena Mayer, Colleen Flaherty, and Judy Roe led by physical education teacher Joyce Holoubek coach the Running Club every spring. Beginning in April children and parents are welcome to meet at the school for training sessions to prepare for the first big Twin Cities race of the season called Get in Gear. Most of the children run in the 2 k (1.25 mile) Fun Run that precedes the 10 k race. The race will take place on April 25. Last year over 100 ambitious runners joined Running Club.

The St. Anthony Park Gymnastics Club offers another after school sport. There are classes for 3 year olds through teens offered daily into early evening. "We like people to know that we're here," states Head Coach Alycann Whalen. She feels that The St. Anthony Park Gymnastics Club is a convenient and well established resource. It has been warming up muscles and friendships in St. Anthony Park for over 20 years. ■

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Newell Park is located at Fairview Avenue and Pierce Butler Boulevard. For information please contact 603-6643.

Egg hunt/Spring break party

The Egg Hunt/Spring Break Party is set for Saturday, April 11,

2 p.m., at Langford Park Rec Center. All boys and girls are welcome to attend free of charge. Games and prizes for all who attend, ages 10 and under. Call 298-5765 or 298-5770 for information.

Summer sports registration

The Langford/St. Anthony Rec Centers announce upcoming registration dates for summer sports: Baseball and softball continues through April 3 and T-ball and nearball sign up runs from April 13 to May 1. Children between the ages of 5 and 14 may participate in these sports. Practices will start at the end of May. To register or to find out more information, call the Langford Park Rec Center at 298-5765. ■

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"To me, the resource center should be the heart of the entire park," said Lynn Wolf of St. Paul Parks and Recreation. Wolf has worked on the resource center plans for the past several years, with support from consultants from the St. Paul Foundation. She is also part of the group lobbying the 1998 Minnesota Legislature for resource center funding.

Wolf said the resource center would not only give Parks and Recreation the means to provide school children with a curriculum centered on the conservatory and zoo, it would also provide badly needed office and work space for staff and volunteers. The conservatory alone has 530 volunteers.

"This is a real need," said Wolf. "We really have no education space whatsoever."

The original request to the 1998 Minnesota Legislature was for \$14 million, with the idea of raising an additional \$13 million in private donations. As of deadline, the Minnesota House of Representatives had recommended \$3.5 million for the center. The Minnesota Senate's recommendation is for just \$500,000. Those two proposals now go to a House-Senate conference committee. The full House and Senate will then have to approve a final amount, which will then be sent to Governor Arne Carlson for approval. It is expected that the bonding bill, which will include the resource center request, will be approved in early April.

Representatives Alice Hausman and Tom Osthoff and Senator Ellen Anderson have led the St. Paul legislative delegation's quest for dollars. Hausman indicated that she believes that there will be funds for the resource center in 1998. She said that a strong argument can be made for funding at least part of the project in 1998. Hausman also pointed out that the request should be able to get additional funding in subsequent years.

Resource center backers agree. Even if the project does not get the \$14 million it sought in 1998, Janet Dieterich sees any 1998 allocation as giving the Como Park Resource Center "a foot in the door" at subsequent legislative sessions. Dieterich works as volunteer coordinator at the conservatory.

Resource center supporters have not only lobbied state lawmakers for funds, they also held an open house at the zoo and conservatory to show how dire their needs are. "We had a number of people in to see the conditions here," said Dieterich. "Some of them were pretty surprised."

One impetus to seek resource center funding in 1998 is the state's project budget surplus. But many capitol observers note that the surplus has also brought out a surplus of projects. St. Paul alone has requests totaling more than \$80 million, including the \$65 million new hockey arena. Given all of the controversy over arena funding, it's not surprising that the resource center request has not received as much attention.

But those in the know — volunteers, zoo and conservatory staff and most regular visitors — agree that some type of new facility is sorely needed. The zoo and conservatory currently have no meeting areas for visiting classes, tour groups, volunteers and staff. Some classes and workshops are held in a nearby garage, but everyone agrees that is not a suitable location.

Anyone with claustrophobia would probably not do well working here. Most staff work out of a cramped, brightly painted mobile home

that sit in an area between the zoo and conservatory. A boiler house is also workers and their desks.

Como Park, the zoo and the con-
been the focus of extensive renovat-
the past 20 years. At one point in the
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Representative Ann Wynia, zoo supp-
successfully lobbied for funds to imp-
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The zoo itself has had more than \$10 million in improvement since 1980. The corner of the zoo is getting a \$12 million facelift that was completed last year. It features a front verandah and a brick donor plaza.

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The quest for resource center funding is just one of the challenges facing the organization, as other recent developments in the community have shown. In 1990, the Community Council wrangled with

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Como Park is the place the Carousel ponies will call home. Our Fair Carousel Board selected the park location as the home in January. Now St. Paul Recreation staff are working with volunteers on a proposed pavilion for the 68-horse attraction.

The planned carousel pavilion located at a site between the Conservatory and the large parking lot was one of the items in their bid to bring the carousel to Como Park. Norm Coleman's staff and St. Paul Recreation staff touted the park's location as a draw for many potential carousel visitors. Como Park is the region's most-visited park, with 2.38 million visitors in 1996.

Locations in Como Park, the State Fairgrounds and the Minneapolis Apple Valley made the Our Fair list. They initially rejected proposals and the possibility of siting the center on Kellogg Boulevard.

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parking lot on Beulah Lane. The debate
wound up before the St. Paul City
Council, which supported the
neighborhood residents' concerns.
That in turn led to an updating
of the Como Park Master Plan.

One potentially divisive issue that is
not being discussed in connection with the
resource center is parking. During a recent
update of the Como Park Master Plan, the
idea of adding 400 underground parking
spaces at the lot just southwest of the zoo

and conservatory raised hackles in the surrounding neighborhood.
Neighbors contend that the parking structure would and could
pose a safety risk to those who would use it. They have long advocated
using off-site parking and shuttle buses to serve Como Park, with
Bandana Square parking lots eyed. Wolf said she believes that the
resource center and parking issues needed to be separated.

"I think people in the community who have been involved with
Como Park do see the need for new facilities," Dieterich said.

If only partial resource center funding is obtained in 1998, Wolf and
Dieterich said that resource center partners will have to then look at their
options. One idea under study is that of building the center in phases or
interconnected smaller facilities. Education and information facilities
appear to be the top priorities, with renovations to the fern room, potting
shed area and old zoo building bringing up the rear.

"Having one dedicated
classroom would be wonderful," said
Wolf. "If we had two, we would be in
heaven." ■

(Clockwise from the left) Como Park
banners welcome over 2.3 million annually,
these trailers reveal that life is cramped at
the park, meet Parky the adorable Penguin,
and the beautiful open spaces around the
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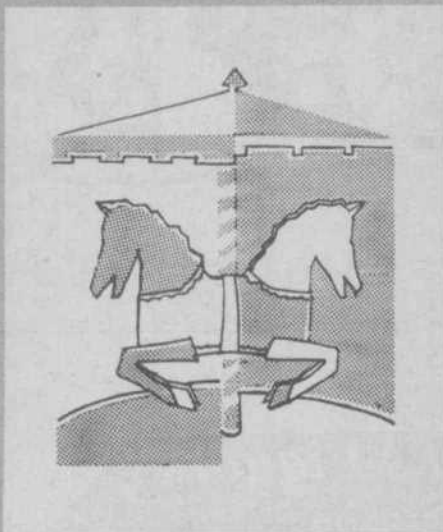


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If all goes as planned, carousel and city
officials say they'd like to get the ride up and
running by August 1. Riders will be able to take a
spin from Memorial day through Labor Day, plus
weekends only from April 15 to October 31.
The ride would be closed on Mondays. Each ride
would cost \$1.50.

The new carousel pavilion has an estimated
cost of \$900,000. Carousel benefactor and
namesake Gerald Cafesjian, the city and Ramsey
County will share in the costs of the new
pavilion.

The decision to locate the carousel at Como
Park ends many months of uncertainty about the
popular attraction's fate. The carousel operated at
the Minnesota State Fair from 1914 to 1989.
When its previous owner threatened to close
the ride down and sell the carousel in pieces,
Our Fair Carousel formed to save the

carousel and keep it intact.

The ride was moved to Town Square Park in 1990. But a
dwindling number of downtown stores and shoppers meant fewer
riders for the carousel. It was shut down in July 1996. ■

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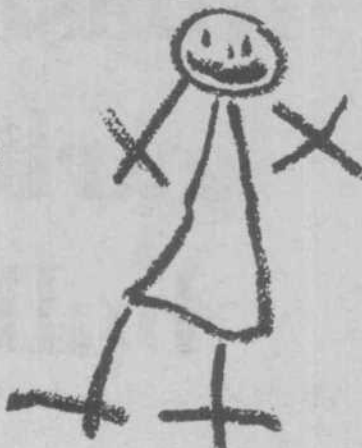
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ARTS EVENTS

POETRY

Here poets **Greggory Cullen Wagner** and **Brian Engel** at the **Prairie Star Coffeehouse** reading series on April 9, 7:30 p.m., at 2399 University Avenue.

Patricia Kirkpatrick leads a five-week discussion series called **Poetry and the Sacred** from April 2 to 30 at the St. Anthony Park Library. The series explores religious themes in the works of four modern American poets. Programs are free, although space is limited and pre-registration is required. Call 222-3242.

MUSIC

Music in the Park Series dedicates its April 26 concert to the memory of **Winston Close**, distinguished architect and musician, who along with his wife, Elizabeth, was a long-time champion of chamber music and the St. Anthony Park-based music event.

Lark String Quartet takes center stage at this concert, which is set for 7 p.m. on April 26 at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth and Chelmsford. Well known to Twin Cities chamber music enthusiasts, the Larks — Diane Pascal and Jennifer Orchard, violins; Anna Kruger, viola; and Astrid Schween, cello — return



Hear the Minneapolis Guitar Quartet on Friday, April 17

7:30 p.m., at the St. Anthony Park Public Library.

The friendly, off-beat quartet members will perform music by Bach and Telemann plus new works. With "Guitar Talk" the ensemble takes audience members

to Music in the Park Series for a concert that features the work of Haydn, Schumann and the Minnesota premiere of a new piece by former St. Paul Chamber Orchestra Composer-in-Residence Aaron Jay Kernis.

The cosmopolitan Lark String Quartet has performed on stages in Europe, Asia, and Australia. The award-winning ensemble won the Gold Medal in the 1991 Shostakovich International String Quartet Competition and the 1990 Naumburg Chamber Music Award plus top prizes in competitions held in Britain, Canada, Australia, Germany, and Italy.

Tickets are on sale at Micawber's Bookstore and the Como Avenue Bibelot, or you can call 646-5266 for tickets or more information.

Family fun rules at **Music in the Park Series' Family Concert** featuring **The Minneapolis Guitar Quartet** in "Guitar Talk" on Friday, April 17, 6:15 and

on a musical exploration by playing "Where's Waldo?" and call-and-response games to illustrate how music, like words, can express ideas and emotions.

Single tickets cost \$5 adults, \$4 children or at the door, \$6 adults, \$5 children. Tickets are on sale at Micawber's Bookstore and the Como Avenue Bibelot, or you can call 646-5266 for tickets or more information.

ARTS FESTIVAL

The **St. Anthony Park Arts Festival** invites artists and craftsperson to apply for space at the upcoming June 6 event. More than 50 people have already won approval, leaving 50 spaces available. Applications are available at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library or by calling Arlene West at 649-0481 before May 1. ■

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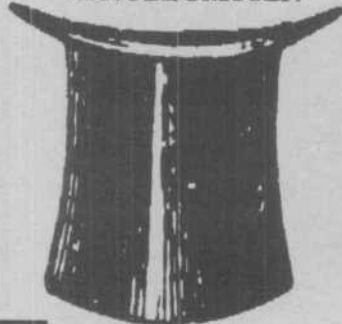
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Red House record label. Prudence fans also celebrated the release of "Little Dreamer: Lullabies for the young and old," a collection of familiar and not-so-familiar lullabies from around the world. "Little Dreamer" was nominated for a Grammy Award in 1992.

Prudence has also appeared on both stage and screen; her credits include Steven Dietz's play "Ten November," and Robert Redford's feature film, "A River Runs Through It," where she can be seen portraying a 1920s jazz singer. Johnson attends Hamline University and is pursuing a course in International Studies. She continues to play the local jazz circuit and is planning a new record scheduled for release in the fall of 1998.

For the Evenings Under Glass Series, the conservatory's no eating rule is temporarily suspended for the performance. Ginko Coffeehouse will provide food and beverages for a nominal charge. And during this show, jazz lovers will enjoy the tropical splendor of the conservatory's spring flower show. Admission at the door is \$5 for ages 3 and up and parking is free. For more information about the concert, call the Como Infoline at 487-8200. ■

Tulips and daffodils will be the backdrop for a fine evening of jazz as the Como Park

Conservatory changes their flower display just in time for their last Evenings Under Glass concert. This series concludes with a fiery glow with jazz vocalist Prudence Johnson, who will appear at the conservatory on Thursday, April 2 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Known for several years in the Midwest as the smooth and sultry-voiced chanteuse of the vocal jazz ensemble, Rio Nido, Prudence got her first national exposure through regular appearances on Garrison Keillor's "A Prairie Home Companion."

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From carefully designed and crafted works by leaders in the field, to quirky, uniquely visioned pieces by newcomers, this exhibition has something for everyone. The exhibition features 86 entries from 71 artists.

Several events and classes will be held in conjunction with this display. On April 18, participants can attend presentations by five bead artists on the inspiration, creation, and challenge of their own work. This symposium will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in McNeal Hall. On May 16 and 17, a bead bazaar will be held at the same



Goddess of Love and Laundry by Laura Leonard. Photo by Candice Christensen

location, and visitors can browse and purchase beads.

Several classes will also be offered. An "Introduction to Beadwork" class will be held on April 4, and class entitled "An Amazing Day: Creating the Beaded Maze" will take place on April 19. For more information about these events, contact The Goldstein at 624-7434. Located on 1985 Buford Avenue, room 244, McNeal Hall, Bead Dreams Future Visions runs until June 14. ■

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Sand sweeping

Volunteers are asked to sweep the sand left on the boulevards into the streets so that it can be swept up and removed by the county road sweepers. Hand raking and sweeping is the only way to remove the boulevard sand. Volunteers are encouraged to begin sweeping as soon as the snow is off the boulevards, and Ramsey County begins sweeping the roads on April 6. For more information, call 484-9104.

Benanav hosts neighborhood meeting

St. Paul City Council Member Jay Benanav is hosting a neighborhood meeting on April 18, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Hamline Library, 1558 West Minnehaha Parkway. The bill board moratorium and STAR grant program are on the meeting agenda. For information call 266-8640.

Carnival

Brimhall Elementary School PTA will be hosting a spring carnival and raffle on Saturday, April 18 from 3 to 6 p.m. at Brimhall Elementary School on 1744 W. Co. Road B in the community gym. This fun family event will include food and many fun games and activities. For more information, please call 638-1958.

Reunion

Murray High School class of 1973 will host its 25 year reunion on July 11 at the Como Park Lakeside Pavilion. Announcements have been mailed; please pass the information on to any '73 graduates. Call 489-6980 for more information.

Conservatory volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to assist in the Como Conservatory gift shop during daytime hours, any day of the week. Volunteers should have an interest in nature, retail gift stock and in helping people. Start in March or April and work until August, with time off for vacations. Call 487-8247 for more information.

Scholarships available

Residents of Falcon Heights and Lauderdale are eligible to apply for scholarships provided by the North Suburban Cable Commission and Meredith Cable. Applicants must have completed at least one year of

college or vocational training with a primary field of study in mass communication, journalism, television production or a similar course of study. Call 482-1261 for more information.

SAP Block Nurse reunion on April 19

The St. Anthony Park Living at Home/Block Nurse program celebrates 16 years of caring and commitment at a reunion celebration set for April 19, 2 to 4 p.m., at the St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church.

Staff and volunteers will be recognized during a short program at 3 p.m. Founders of the program will be especially honored — Dr. Ida Martinson, JoAnne Rohricht, Ann Copeland, Margorie Jamieson, Ann Wynia, and Barb O'Grady. Each honoree plans to place a memento of the organization's history into a time capsule, which will be opened at the 25th anniversary celebration in 2007.

The Block Nurse Program began serving St. Anthony Park elderly in 1982 with nursing care and home health aide assistance. Since then, hundreds of neighborhood seniors have been able to stay in their homes because of the support and care given by program staff and volunteers. Key members of the staff are public health nurses and all are residents of the community.

International Institute publishes directory

The Minnesota Ethnic Resources Directory is available for purchase from the International Institute of Minnesota, located at 1694 Como Avenue. Call 647-0191 for more information.



University of St. Thomas student Leia Polkinghorne prepares to zoom around the Rod & Custom Spectacular on April 4 and 5 at the State Fair Grounds.

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Open forum: Choices for the 21st century

Mark your calendars for four evenings in May, when residents of St. Anthony Park gather to discuss the far-reaching topic of "Choices for the 21st century." Warren Gore will moderate the sessions, which are set for Thursday evenings on May 7, 14, 21, and 28, at the St. Anthony Park Library meeting room. Interested people can call 292-6635 or 644-6693.

Vet Hospital open house

The college of Veterinary Medicine at the University of Minnesota is holding an open house on Sunday, April 5 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free for all activities including petting zoo, animal care seminars, animal demonstrations, tours of animal treatment centers, and food and beverages. Call 624-4747 for more information.

Family bike ride

A family bike ride is planned for Saturday April 4 at 9 a.m. to celebrate the installation of the bike racks in the retail area of St. Anthony Park and to acknowledge the \$1,000 donation made by resident Anne Kapuscinski towards this project. The ride begins at Como and Hamline and ends in the retail area at Como and Carter.

Save community gardens

The St. Anthony Park Community Council has received a letter from Catellus Management, a subsidiary of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway, notifying us that they have a potential buyer for the site currently leased for use as a Community Garden.

We will plant the Garden this spring, however, our lease can be broken with 30 days notice at any time. This garden provides important green space, as well as a buffer between the railroad and the residential neighborhood to the south of the rail corridor.

The St. Anthony Park Community Council, along with Sherman Eagles and Susan Connor who organize the gardens each year, have sent letters to local, state and federal legislators and representatives asking for their help. We urge you to speak out on this important land use issue.

The Community Gardens are used by approximately 200 people in St. Anthony Park each season. They have existed since 1981, and replaced an unsightly dumpsite that gathered criticism from residents for many years.

This is an important natural resource for our neighborhood, and we must fight to save it. The Council can be reached at 292-7884. Your support is appreciated and needed.

— Heather Worthington,
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under hollow stalks of toppled goldenrod;
but the gawky tree, new to its scaly age,
copies the reserve of its elders, titans
in the yard, who can wait forever to come back.

Not that I want you early,
like the crocus bells already fading
amid the black salad of last year's ferns;
it's only to see what you made of your sleep,
how you came through the smothering dark,
the lock of ice, to another sun; and what it is
to push new leaves our horned, purplish buds.

— TOM RUUD

Nancy Wenkel: Decades of volunteering at the Leisure Center



by Kristin D. Anderson

"My mother was willing to baby-sit, and I would get a free lunch. So it was a go," said Nancy Wenkel, and the "go" is still going, 23 years later. Wenkel's response to a church bulletin's request for help years ago has become an on-going commitment. Her son Dan is now a biology teacher instead of a three-year-old, but Wednesday mornings remain the same. Wenkel makes her way to the Leisure Center to volunteer her time directing sewing and crafts for area retired person, counting on dependable helpers to keep her from burn-out.

Located in the St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, the Leisure Center is sponsored by five area churches: St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, St. Matthew's Episcopal, Corpus Christi Catholic, St. Anthony Park Lutheran, and the host congregation. "That interdenominational aspect always draws me to this group; it's a new reason to come together," said Wenkel,

observing that neighbors don't often know each other across church lines.

At the Leisure Center, Wenkel works with a group of people, including her mom, who "have wonderful stories," and who "are keeping their bodies active and minds busy. These people have rich lives; they're talented. We always have something to learn from one another," she said.

Enjoyment is a big part of the Wednesday fellowship, but so is service. When Wenkel began helping, the group of 12 sewers was making baby clothes for St. Paul Ramsey Hospital, even hand hemming some of the diapers. Now a smaller group of active sewers focuses on school clothes, which are distributed at Arlington Lutheran by Ramsey County Social Services. Baby blankets are a popular project, as are lap robes and walker bags for St. Anthony Park Home. Those in charge of crafts keep busy with holiday table decorations, which are sold after use at the center or made for the fall bazaar.

Wenkel does her best to match a sewer's current skill level with an appropriate task, but perfection is not a major concern. If aging eyes or arthritic hands falter a bit, it isn't going to matter, but "I'm particular about whether it's going to fall apart," she added.

Wenkel's sewing interest, and the possibility of going into home economics, began early. She learned early that she worked well with her hands, and grew up watching both her mother and grandmother sewing. Her grandmother even taught her to sew quilt blocks on her treadle machine. Wenkel went on to the university to earn a degree in interior design.

But, she added, "I've always had this senior calling." She even went back to the university and completed a two year program in aging studies, doing her internship at St. Anthony Park Home.

Wenkel's volunteering experience began when she was still in high school. Thinking she might want to go into nursing, she became a certified nurse's aide as soon as she was old enough, just 15.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

28 SATURDAY

■ FARE For All distribution and registration at Holy Childhood Church, 1495 Midway Parkway, 9:30 - 11 a.m. Call 644-7495; or St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave., 8:30-10:30. Call 644-8833.

■ Rummage Sale at Corpus Christi Parish Center, 2131 N. Fairview at County Rd. B. 8:30 to 3 p.m. 644-1866.

29 SUNDAY

■ Music in the Park concert, 4 p.m., St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ.

30 MONDAY

■ Jewish-Christian Seminar, Luther Seminary, Olson Campus Center, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 641-3416.

■ AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 8 p.m. 770-2646. Every Monday.

1 WEDNESDAY

■ St. Anthony Park recycling.

■ Leisure Center for Seniors, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday. 379-8928. Every Wednesday.

2 THURSDAY

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

■ Tot Time (for 5-year olds and younger), Langford Park Rec Center, 10 a.m.-noon. Every Thursday.

■ St. Anthony Park Community Council Physical Planning Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 5 p.m.

3 FRIDAY

■ Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling.

4 SATURDAY

■ Spring Forward Family Bike Ride from Hamline and Como avenues to Milton Square, 9 a.m.

5 SUNDAY

■ Palm Sunday

■ Daylight Savings Begins

6 MONDAY

■ Como Park recycling.

■ Boy Scouts, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 7 p.m. Every Monday.

■ AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 8 p.m. 770-2646. Every Monday.

7 TUESDAY

■ Toastmasters, Hewlett Packard, 2025 Larpeur Avenue, 7:30 a.m. 645-6675. Every Tuesday.

■ St. Anthony Park Community Band rehearsal. Como Senior High band room, 7:30 p.m. Call 642-1559. Every Tuesday.

■ St. Anthony Park Garden Club meeting considers Buckthorn and Garlic Mustard Control, 6:45 to 9 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library meeting room.

8 WEDNESDAY

■ Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpeur, 7 p.m.

■ St. Anthony Park Community Council, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.

10 FRIDAY

■ Passover

■ Good Friday

■ No school for students in St. Paul.

12 SUNDAY

■ Easter

13 MONDAY

■ Park Press Inc., — Park Bugle — board meeting, ParkBank community room, 7 a.m.

■ Falconeers Senior Club, Falcon Heights City Hall, 1-3:30 p.m. Call 488-3361 or 644-0055.

14 TUESDAY

■ Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, 7:30 p.m.

■ Falcon Heights Book Club, 7 p.m., Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 W. Larpeur Avenue. Call 646-7099.

■ Dr. Patricia Lawler talks about natural health and detoxification, Holly House, 2265 Como Avenue, 6 - 8 p.m. Call 645-6951.

15 WEDNESDAY

■ St. Anthony Park recycling.

■ Langford Booster Club, Langford Park, 7:30 p.m.

17 FRIDAY

■ Music in the Park Series' Family Concert featuring the Minneapolis Guitar Quartet, 6:15 and 7:30 p.m., at the St. Anthony Park Library.

■ Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling.

18 SATURDAY

■ Lauderdale 500 Club, Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, 1 p.m.

19 SUNDAY

■ Local Community Farm Festival, Bush Center at Hamline University, 1 to 5 p.m.

■ St. Anthony Park Living at Home/Block Nurse reunion celebration, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2-4 p.m.

20 MONDAY

■ Como Park recycling.

21 TUESDAY

■ Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, 7:30 p.m.

■ District 10 Como Community Council, 7 p.m. Call 644-3889 for location.

■ St. Paul schools. Evening conferences, Senior High.

22 WEDNESDAY

■ Earth Day

■ Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpeur, 7 p.m.

■ St. Anthony Park Community Council Housing and Human Services Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 5:30 p.m.

■ St. Anthony Park Community Council Environment Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.

23 THURSDAY

■ St. Paul schools. Evening conferences, Junior High.

24 FRIDAY

■ Arbor Day

25 SATURDAY

■ FARE For All distribution and registration at Holy Childhood Church, 1495 Midway Parkway, 9:30 - 11 a.m. Call 644-7495; or St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave., 8:30-10:30. Call 644-8833.

26 SUNDAY

■ The Lark Quartet performs at the Music in the Park Series' concert, 7 p.m., St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ. Concert is dedicated to the memory of Winston Close, architect and chamber music enthusiast.

27 MONDAY

■ Falconeers Senior Club, Falcon Heights City Hall, 1-3:30 p.m. Call 488-3361 or 644-0055.

28 TUESDAY

■ Lauderdale Planning Commission, City Hall, 1891 Walnut, 7:30 p.m.

29 WEDNESDAY

■ St. Anthony Park recycling.

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O B I T U A R I E S

Esther Bunde

Lyngblomsten Care Center resident Esther T. Bunde, age 90, died on February 25. Bunde was a member of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

Preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence, and son, Lawrence Jr., she is survived by son Daryl; daughter-in-law, Shirley; eight grand-children; and seven great-grandchildren.

John Davidson

John F. Davidson died on February 15. He was 91 years of age and a former resident of Como Park, where he was a member of Como Park

Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Luella, and wife of seven years, Ila Mae. Survivors include sons, John and Roger; daughters, Eleanor Anderson and Patricia Knutson; 15 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and sister, Margie Hatling.

Eleanor Dixon

Eleanor I. Dixon died on February 20 at the age of 85. She was a resident of Lyngblomsten Care Center.

Dixon was a member of Central Presbyterian Church.

Preceded in death by her husband, Littleton in 1972, she is

survived by sisters, Lucile Jaeger and Jane Zaring; three nieces; and several great-nieces and nephews and their families.

Eugene Giefer

Como Park resident Eugene N. "Geno" Giefer died at age 30 on March 7. Giefer was a parishioner at Holy Childhood Church.

He is survived by his parents, Gene and Mary; brothers, Ron and Chris; nieces, Jessica and Erin; and many other relatives.

Marjorie Knutson

Marjorie E. Kjelstad Knutson, age 86, died on March 5. She was a longtime Como Park resident and lived recently at the Lyngblomsten Care Center.

Knutson was a graduate of University of Minnesota, a former employee of the St. Paul School district, a volunteer at

Lyngblomsten, and a member at Como Park Lutheran Church.

Preceded in death by her daughter, Jeanne Richter, she is survived by her husband of 60 years, Walter; sons, David, James, and Wally; son-in-law, Merlin Richter; grandchildren, Gwen Richter Lamot, Todd Richter, Kristin Knutson, Matt Richter, Katerin Knutson, Eric Richter, Ryan Knutson, and Kevin Knutson.

Dona Adell Olheim

Dona Adell Olheim died at age 82 on February 26 from a heart attack suffered while dancing in Mission, Texas, her winter home for the past 20 years. She was a resident of St. Anthony Park on Langford Park Place.

Olheim was a member of the St. Anthony Park Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death

by her husband, Nels, on January 2, 1997. She is survived by daughter, Gayle Nelson; son, Dana Olheim; grandchildren, Jennifer and Justin; and many nieces and nephews.

Kurt Ryberg

Falcon Heights neighbor Kurt J. Ryberg died on February 25 at the age of 88. Ryberg was a member of Como Park Lutheran Church.

Preceded in death by his wife, Rose, he is survived by son, Bruce; and grandsons, Brant and Eric.

Rudy Theis

Rudy J. Theis died on February 27 at the age of 70. He was a resident of Como Park, where he grew up on Huron Avenue. He graduated from Murray in 1947.

He is survived by his children, Michael, Cathy, and John; their mother, Jane; and other family members, Mike, Jim, Therese, Margerite, and Bethel.

Lloyd Ulyot

St. Anthony Park neighbor Lloyd L. Ulyot, age 93, died at his Roseville home on March 10. Ulyot was a former president of the St. Paul Bank for Cooperatives which helped create cooperative banking systems throughout the developing world. He retired in 1969, two years after seeing completion of the Farm Credit Banks Building at Sixth and Jackson streets. He became even more involved in cooperative development work in his "retirement."

From 1971 to 1980, he served on teams that helped build cooperative banking systems in India, Honduras, Liberia, Ecuador, Kenya, and Botswana, and served in advisory positions for projects supported by the U.S. Agency for International Development, Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance, and the Cooperative League of the USA. He also served for 15 years as an advisory member of the board of Land O'Lakes and as a 15-year director for St. Anthony Park Bank.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Agnes; sons, James and Daniel; grandchildren, Ted, Jon, Elizabeth, Lindsay, Jim, and Katie; and brother, Glenn.

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Nancy Wenkel . . . PEOPLE

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That credential enabled her to spend the following summer as an intake person for the Red Cross Bloodmobile.

Volunteering has since become a way of life. For 11 years, she and her husband, Dick, were leaders of the church youth group. Every year she and Dick go to Brooklyn Park Historic Farm where she loves to demonstrate sewing on a treadle machine, work on quilting, and do handwork. She also co-chairs the Corpus Christi rummage sale, this being the sixth year in a row for her.

Wenkel also does work that is not volunteer. She's active with her own business, "Nancy Wenkel, Seamstress. Specializing in children's aprons, bonnets, and cowboy vests." "What could be more fun," she exclaimed, "than picking up the phone and hearing someone wants a bonnet like the one they saw at Gibbs Farm?" She also works part time on the St. Paul campus at the Earle Browne Conference Center. She is the office coordinator of the computer lab, as well as speaker to groups considering holding a conference at the university.

"Always, though," she said, "I've kept Wednesday open for the Leisure Center." It is a place where she enjoys "sharing my gifts and doing for others." There seems to be something more than a free lunch involved. ■

Andrew Boss is president of the Friends of the St. Paul Public Library. The former CEO of the St. Anthony Park Bank now serves as vice chair of its Board and has been highly involved as a prominent leader in numerous organizations. Boss has been a Friend of the Library trustee since 1994 and served as vice president of the board from 1995-96. The Friends of the St. Paul Public Library is a nonprofit

membership organization that supports the library through advocacy, fundraising, and promoting awareness and use of the library.

University Grove neighbor **Barry Wark** is a finalist in the 1998 national Merit Scholarship competition. He is a student at St. Paul Academy.

The St. Anthony Park Bank announces recent promotions: **Terri Dooher Fleming**, vice president, commercial lending;

Kathy Bjerke, assistant vice president, retail banking manager; **James A. Kitsch**, assistant vice chair of operations.

The Falcon Heights-Lauderdale Lions welcomed new members at their recent meeting. Lion

District Governor Joyce Sauter inducted Falcon Heights resident **Rollin Gates, Kurt Johnson, Laura Kuettel** and **Irene Struck**. Sauter congratulated the club for their support of their community as well as Lion charities. ■

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CPLContact Ministry 644-1897
Sunday Schedule (Nursery Provided)
Rides available for 11 am worship.
8 and 11 am Worship. (Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays)
9 am Children and Family Worship
9:50 am Sunday School
10 am Adult and Youth Forums
Wednesday
10 am and 7 pm Lenten Worship Service April 11
5:15 pm - Lenten Soup Suppers served by the CPLC Youth April 11
6 pm - Children and Bell Choirs
7:45 pm - Adult Choir
Holy Week Services
Palm Sunday, April 15
8 and 11 am Worship with Communion
9 am Children & Family with Communion
Maundy Thursday, April 9
10 am & 7 pm Worship with Communion
Good Friday, April 10
10 am Children & Family Service
7 pm Tenebrae Service
Easter Sunday
6:30 am Sunrise Service
8, 9:30, 11 am Festival Worship with Communion
Easter breakfast served by CPLC Youth 7:30-11:30 am
Pastors: Paul Harris and Nancy Koester
Director of Youth and Family Ministry: Joe Sheehan
Director of Music Ministry: Thomas Ferry

◆ CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH

2131 No. Fairview at County Road B. 639-8888
Meaningful liturgies in a new worship space.
A welcoming community. Handicap-accessible
Saturday Mass: 5 pm
Sunday Masses: 8:30 and 10:30 am
Stations of the Cross April 1, 7 pm
Communal Reconciliation Services Wednesday, April 1 and Sunday, April 5, 7 pm
Holy Thursday, April 9, 7:30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday, April 10, 3 pm Passion, 7:30 pm Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday, April 11, 7:30 pm Easter Vigil followed by reception
Easter Sunday Masses, April 12, 8:30 and 10:30 am

◆ MOUNT OLIVE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH (A WELS Congregation)

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1460 Almond at Pascal. 645-2575
Sunday Worship: 9 am
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class: 10:30 am

◆ PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!
1744 Walnut at Ione. 1 block north of Larpenteur. 644-5440.
Sunday School, Adult Education and Bible Study: 9:15 am
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am, Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays
Tuesday Bible Study: 10 am
Maundy Thursday, 11 am and 7 pm Worship with Holy Communion, 11:45 luncheon
Good Friday, 7 pm Worship
Easter Sunday, 8:30 am Breakfast, 10:30 am Worship with Holy Communion
Pastor Drew Flathmann

◆ ROSE HILL ALLIANCE CHURCH

Roselawn at Cleveland. 631-0173
Sunday Worship: 9:30 am
Sunday School: 11 am beginning Sept. 7
Sundays 6 pm Sr. Hi Group
Wednesdays Jr. Hi Group & Awana 6:45 pm (Sept. - May)
Wednesday Int'l. Women's American Culture Class 12:30 pm (Sept. - May)

◆ ST. ANTHONY PARK LUTHERAN

Como and Luther Place. Handicap-accessible. 645-0371
Pastors Paul Ofstedal and Reany Lindberg
Visit our website at <http://www.sap.org/worship/sapl.htm>
Sunday Worship: 8:45 and 11 am. Nursery at both services
Sunday School: 9:50 am
Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays
Faith Chinese Fellowship 1:30 pm Sundays
信義教會 星期日下午
Men's Prayer Group Fridays, noon
Wednesday, April 1 5:30-6:45 pm Lenten Soup Supper
7 pm Worship
Lenten Theme: Prayer 101: Called to Pray Along the Way
Visitors welcome.
Maundy Thursday Worship, 10:30 and 7 pm
Good Friday Tenebrae, 7 pm
Easter Sunday Sunrise Worship, 6:30 am, Festival Worship 8:45 and 11 am
Our van is available for transportation to and from services.

◆ ST. A.P. UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

2129 Commonwealth at Chelmsford. 646-7173
Rev. Dane Packard, Pastor
We are handicap accessible!
Sunday Education Hour for all ages: 9 am
Nursery Care Provided for 9 and 10:30
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am; Fellowship: 11:30 am
Lenten Potluck/Worship Thursday, April 2, 6:30-8 pm
Palm Sunday: Faure *Requiem* Concert, April 5, 4 pm
Maundy Thursday: Meal, Holy Communion, April 9, 6:30-8 pm
Easter Sunday: Worship at 10:30 am (No Christian Ed)

◆ ST. A.P. UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE CHURCH WHERE EVERYONE IS ALWAYS WELCOME
Como and Hillside. 646-4859
Pastor Deb Walkes
Sunday Schedule
Worship 8:45 am and 10:45 am, Fellowship 11:45 am
Church School 10 am
Wednesdays 9 am - 1 pm, Leisure Center with noon lunch
Maundy Thursday, 7 pm Service
Easter Services, 8:30 and 10:30 am

◆ ST. CECILIA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Cromwell and Bayless Place. 644-4502
Sunday Mass: 10 am at church (nursery provided) and 8:30 am at Seal Hi-Rise, 825 Seal St. (handicapped accessibility)
Daily Mass: 7 am at the Parish Center
Communal Penance Service March 31, 7 pm
Morning Prayer Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, 8:30 am
Night Prayer Holy Thursday 11:30 pm
Triduum Holy Thursday 7:30 pm, Good Friday, 7:30 pm and Easter Vigil at 8:30 pm
Stations of the Cross 3 pm Good Friday
Easter Services 8:30 at Hi-Rise, 10:30 at the Church

◆ ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2136 Carter at Chelmsford. 645-3058
Sunday Schedule:
8 am Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II
9:15 am Education Hour for all ages.
10 am Wednesdays Eucharist in the chapel
Thursdays Lenten program Faith & Healing: Mind, Body and Spirit.
6:30 pm preceded by simple soup supper at 6 pm
April 19 (3rd Sunday of every month) 5 pm. Anglican Christian Fellowship
Come and see our new and expanded building.
The Rev. Grant Abbott, Rector
The Rev. Lynn Lawyer, Deacon

◆ WARRENDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship: 10:15 am (nursery provided)
Sunday Church School: 9 am
Dr. Robert Bailey, Minister

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