City ponders Urban Village at University & Raymond

by David Anger

A letter from the city of St. Paul — considering the development of an Urban Village at Raymond and University avenues — is the talk of the town in south St. Anthony Park. City planner Donna Drummond sent Raymond and University avenues.

The city is investigating the possibility of developing an Urban Village at Raymond and University avenues, mixing residential and retail space on the same city block.

University business owners upset letter on April 12, which detailed St. Paul's exploration of mixed-use development that combines housing and retail on the northwest block of Raymond and University avenues.

Interest from a developer, who believes that the scheme may be eligible for special funding from the Metropolitan Council's Livable Communities program, is sparking the city's interest.

In the letter read: "The Raymond/University Urban Village project would create a new mixed-use infill development of residential over office/retail uses on an under utilized portion of the block, just west of the Raymond Avenue businesses. This new development, fronting on both University Avenue and Territorial Road, would include interior structured parking to serve the new development and the existing retail.

"The new housing would serve a mix of incomes and household types, including seniors wanting to stay in St. Anthony Park and individuals looking for living and work options."

"This mixed use development would create an ideal transition between the commercial uses along University Avenue and the south St. Anthony Park neighborhood. The Raymond Avenue retail buildings would be considered for rehabilitation or possible new construction, strengthening this pedestrian-oriented neighborhood retail block that would serve the new residential development as well as the existing south St. Anthony Park residential area."

Watch for the Bugle's follow-up story. Comments are welcome. Call city planner Donna Drummond, 266-6556, or via e-mail: donna.drummond@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

A visit with Bob Olsen

Falcon Heights resident makes community service a top priority

by David Anger

Falcon Heights neighbor Bob Olsen's round-the-clock schedule makes the lackadaisical plop back into bed and even the civic minded sigh, "How does he do it?"

Olsen — who shares a birthday with Steven Spielberg, Keith Richards, and Betsy Grable — is fond of mammoth projects. Life is written large. He appreciates grand designs.

thinking in far-reaching terms without overlooking the details. His work and volunteer achievements are often as long as they are broad and deep. Being still simply isn't part of his vocabulary.

Besides working with approximately 500 non-profit clients at Western Bank in Ferguson, Olsen sits on several boards, including the Ramsey County Historical Society, Face to Face, and the St. Paul Foundation's Clarence Wigington Initiative.

Then there his Falcon Heights involvements, which range from helping the Gibbs Farm Museum to serving on the city's 50th anniversary committee, and singing in the choir at Falcon Heights United Church of Christ.

What motivates the activist? "My dad instilled in me the importance of community," said Olsen. "I was born in the town of Blomming Prairie, Minnesota, and moved to West St. Paul at a young age. Dad never forget his small town roots. Through his work he helped smaller communities gain municipal financing. He traveled the state and I went with him."

"Consequently I know every small town in Minnesota."

Not surprisingly, then, Olsen enjoys the small town atmosphere that defines Falcon Heights, which sits on the cusp of urban St. Paul and suburban Roseville. "There's something warm and cozy about this city," he explained. "People walk on the sidewalks, at least on the bowling alley and vote. There's nothing pretentious about it."

Here, he shares a life with his wife — Margot, who is the theater director at Roseville Middle School. They call a "Leave it to Beaver"-type residence home, which they bought seven years ago because of its proximity to the couple's work and Falcon Heights UCC, where the duo stars in the choir under the direction of Joel Johnson. Reflecting Olsen's prairie heritage, three of their four boys are named after small towns: Tyler, age 21, studies theater at Benedict State; Jordan, age 17, enjoys music and theater; Alex, age 14, loves his social life and Senor Paul (which possesses a hint of St. Paul), age 10, is the family's only athletic hopeful.

For being of Danish heritage, there's nothing particularly reserved about Olsen. The capable, expansive, and persistent Olsen is a what-you-see-is-what-you-get gentleman who talks almost as quickly as his schedule runs wild.

But even the worker-bee Olsen takes time for a break. He named the Mai Village at his favorite restaurant ("like hot food"), returns to the North Shore, plays the French horn, and visits with his fellow worshippers in the music of La Manche soundtrack, and never (he says) watches television. Where does he hide for a meditative moment? Find him daydreaming in the backyard behind the garage.

So, the 67-year-old views life basically. "I try to activate my life philosophies into everything I do from work to church and community. I don't separate work and life. Instead, I'm interested in supporting things and organizations that create values in our society, such as education, the arts, and architecture."

"My work is about non-profits," he continued. "I start the day with the Girl Scouts and end it by talking with a symphonies' board. It's a call, even working here in Fergusien, where the bank serves poor and moderate income people. I'm just doing what I think is right."

High school for future ag workers of America? Falcon Heights may be location

by Judy Woodward

Falcon Heights may become the home of a new agricultural high school that will draw students from all over the metro area, according to plans to be presented for consideration in the next few weeks at a meeting of the Minnesota Agricultural Education Leadership Council.

The council, a nonprofit umbrella group that unites agricultural interest groups from academia to the legislature, and industry, is looking at several potential sites for the school. Patrick Plonski, executive director of the council, said that Falcon Heights, with its easy access to the University of Minnesota Agricultural Campus and the State Fairgrounds, would be an attractive place to locate the school. But he urges caution in response to early reports that the school would be located in the former headquarters of Harvest States, situated at the corner of Snelling and Larpenteur. "Harvest States," he said, "is becoming a less and less viable option." He stressed that developing an educational plan for the school must be the council's first task. "We need to find what is most essential for the curriculum, and then find a site that meets those needs," Plonski added. He hoped that the city of Falcon Heights might recommend additional sites for the school, if the Harvest States location does not prove workable.

Plonski said that, although an urban agricultural high school would be something new for Minnesota, there are already 19 similar schools located throughout the U.S. One of the best of them, he pointed out, is located in the decidedly rural setting of big-city Chicago. The Chicago High School of Agricultural Science is particularly well run, according to Plonski, attracting more than 10 applicants for each opening. He thinks it could be a model for what his group would like to accomplish in Minnesota.

There are those who say that an urban school of agriculture is something of a contradiction in terms, but for Plonski, that kind of thinking is as old-fashioned as a horse-drawn plow. "More than half the state population now lives in the Twin Cities," he argued, "and it's clear we can no longer meet the labor needs of agricultural business by focussing exclusively on recruiting outskirts."

Plonski said that agricultural education is increasingly moving beyond "the production model" and, although the school he envisions would offer plenty of chances for inner-city kids to get to raise farm animals, it would not necessarily train those kids for
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Specialty Building owners have searched for a parking solution for several months, so that more of the building can be used for offices. The parking lot project received a Neighborhood STAR grant in 1998. Applications for large Neighborhood STAR loans and grants will be taken later this spring, with grants and loans awarded in the late summer or early fall.

— Jane McClure

STAR grant competition

Only one St. Anthony Park project is competing for 1999 Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) small grants. The St. Anthony Park Business Association is seeking $20,000 for its commercial property improvement program. This is a program that has been funded in the past. It provides grants for commercial property work in the neighborhood. The grant would target nodes of businesses in the community.

Every two proposals with a grand total of $716,115 were submitted prior to the March 18 deadline. The Neighborhood STAR Board has already completed a preliminary review of the projects and hopes to make a decision by the end of April. The St. Paul City Council and Mayor Norm Coleman will then approve the projects. Between $300,000 and $400,000 are available for the projects, meaning that about half of the requests will be turned down. Small grants can be for up to $20,000. All projects require a contribution of dollars, donated materials or labor. Funds are for capital improvement projects only. Projects funded with Neighborhood STAR dollars must have a life of at least 10 years.

FALCON HEIGHTS

50th birthday celebration

Balloon bouquets, a six-piece brass band, flowers from Hermex, cake and ice cream, oodles of momentos, city luminaries, and over 100 well wishes made Falcon Heights' 50th birthday celebration sing on April 1, even though the weather outside was wintry and gloomy. Inside, the band played "Lost in Space" and "Sing, Sing, Sing" as Mayor Sue Gehrz recalled the city's 20th century history. It began in March of 1949, when residents voted 5 to 1 in favor of incorporating as a town rather than becoming part of Roseville or St. Paul. Now, 50 years later, Falcon Heights is known throughout the Twin Cities as one of the most livable suburbs, marrying urban and suburban qualities in a small town atmosphere.

Gehrz recognized several citizens, including Ted Loe of Gibbs Farm, 50-year resident Leonard Harkness, and former mayor Tom Baldwin.

— David Anger

ST. PAUL CITY COUNCIL

Trimming billboard proliferation

For the first time in more than 10 years, the St. Paul City Council has approved a special sign district. And it encompasses all of District 12, St. Anthony Park. Despite protests from the billboard industry, the City Council approved the St. Anthony Park Special Sign District April 7 on a 5–1 vote. Mayor Norm Coleman has not signed the measure, but the five yes votes means he cannot veto it.

The sign district plan means that no new advertising signs or billboards will be permitted in District 12, except signs on transit shelters and courtesy or curbside benches. Nor will roof signs advertising products, service or entertainment be allowed unless the sign identifies the name, logo and nature of the business in the building. The regulations do not apply to state or federal highway billboards, which are governed separately.

Welcome our new City Files section, which aims to bring you up-to-the-minute reports that directly affect your neighborhood from district council developments to city council plans.

Existing signs will be considered non-conforming signs, and cannot be altered, replaced, relocated or reconstructed if more than 30 percent of market value is lost due to damage. An example of damage might be wind or fire damage.

The plan also considers ways to eventually remove existing billboards, though amortization or other means. Because a bill prohibiting cities from amortizing billboards and other undesirable land uses has been approved by both the State House and Senate this spring, city staff have been asked to look at alternative ways to gradually remove billboards.

St. Paul Planning and Economic Development (PED) staff recommended approval of the sign district. It was also supported strongly by Ward 4 Council Member Jay Benavte, the St. Anthony Park (District 12) Community Council, and the St. Anthony Park Association.

Other sign districts are downtown, in Highland Village, on Grand Avenue, and on Smith Avenue on the West Side. All of St. Paul City Council to page 13

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On the Urban village

A friend in South St. Anthony Park gave us a copy of the April 12 letter that made front-page news in this issue. We’re talking about the urban village development on Raymond and University’s northwest perch. This grand scheme is appealing, especially the pledge to wed housing with street-level retail establishments. Our biggest worry is preservation, namely the maintenance of the existing enterprises that enliven the busy intersection. The hodgepodge of buildings is home to Prairie Star, Sharrett’s, Key’s, the Women’s Press, Chet, among others. It would be terrible to displace these vital, neighborhood-based endeavors with another Lowry Gap.

Even so, the promise of additional housing is most pressing, particularly since urban housing is at a premium. Let’s proceed with cautious enthusiasm, protecting St. Anthony Park’s character while enlarging our idea of place.

Welcome Ginkgo’s

Just as the Bugle went to press Kathy Sundberg, who keeps her efforts present for St. Anthony Park residents. Sundberg owns Ginkgo Coffeehouse on Snelling Avenue and her gift to us is the late May opening of a streetfront cafe on the southeast corner of ParkBank’s drive-thru facility. Look forward to ordering hot and cold coffees and teas as well as smoothies and shakes. You can also munch on wrap sandwiches and cakes. The snug 350-square-foot space will be appointed in earthy sand and green tones, enhancing the Prairie School aesthetic set forth in architect Joe Michels’ original design. So, plenty of outdoor seating equals pure urban bliss and the arrival of the Champs Élysées on Como Avenue. A cappuccino si voilà plaisant.

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LETTERS

Help keep the Mississippi dean

Did you ever stop to consider you live on river front property? Storm water from snow, run and sprinklers that runs off our yards, streets, sidewalks and alleys goes down a storm sewer and flow directly to the Mississippi River.

This means that anything that happens in our front yards, back yards, driveways, alleys or sidewalks can impact the Mississippi river.

The river becomes polluted when storm water picks up things such as grass clippings, leaves, pesticides, motor oil, pet waste and trash and flushes them from the storm sewers directly to the river.

Many people think of water pollution as an industry problem with pipes discharging pollutants to the river. While these point sources of pollution are significant, maybe even more significant are the small bits of pollution each of us adds.

Leaves and grass clippings that fall into the storm, oil leaks from cars, pet waste that doesn’t get put in the trash, fertilizer inadvertently sprinkled on the sidewalk all add up to a pollution problem.

The good news is we can all be part of the solution to cleaning up the Mississippi River.

* Compost leaves and grass clippings in your back yard or take them to a Ramsey County compost site. Call 773-4455 for hours.

* Leave grass clippings on the lawn. They provide valuable nutrients. Grass clippings left on your lawn are equal to one fertilizer application per year.

* Sweep up and recycle clippings that fall on the sidewalk, driveway, alley or street. Sweeping clippings into the street is just like sweeping them into the Mississippi River.

* Never leave pet waste on the driveway, street, sidewalk, lawn or boulevard. Decaying pet waste carries disease-causing bacteria that make water unsafe for swimming and drinking. Throw it in the trash, flush it down the toilet or bury it.

We all will benefit from a cleaner river, whether it is by enjoying a walk or a bike ride along the bluffs, fishing for walleye or knowing our children will inherit a better river. And persons living downstream from us,

In Red Wing, Winona, LaCrosse and towns further south, will appreciate having cleaner drinking water.

Shelby Soref
Natural Resources Program Manager
St. Paul Neighborhood Energy Conservation

The Bugle is great

Just want to tell you how much I enjoy the Bugle, every issue. The most recent one was wonderful reading — so many happy things were to write about. I don’t even live in the Park, though I shop and do quite a few other things there. We’re not too far away in Roseville. (Have you ever seen our community paper?) So, thanks for such excellent reporting of community events. I guess you’re fortunate in having good things to write about, too, aren’t you.

A Roseville fan

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Q & A

Illustrator Louis Soffer through his wealthy archives and found this 50-year-old prize, which still abounds — "Thank spring!"

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Red Light, Green Light

by Warren Hanson

I feel so honored! There are more and more Really Important People living in our community all the time. It seems like I run into another Really Important Person almost every day.

Well, not actually "run into." Not yet anyway. But almost. Why, just yesterday I had to take something over to Tressel's house. They live on Carter, on the other side of Como from my house. So I drove down Carter and stopped at the stop light at Como.

When the light turned green I started out into the intersection, but I had to stop abruptly! Another car, driving along Como, had decided that, even though the light in that direction had already turned red, there was still time to scoot through the intersection.

My customary displeasure quickly melted into admiration. Why, that must have been a Really Important Person driving by! I hadn't had a chance to see who it was, but I'm pretty sure that it was probably a face that we have seen in the newspapers or on TV. Someone who makes big decisions and who absolutely has to be on time for appointments or the very world might stop spinning. Oh sure, by having to stop I lost a few seconds of my time. But what is my mealy, meaningless time, compared to the precious seconds of every precious minute of every invaluable hour of a Really Important Person?

So I got to Tressel's house. A mini-mile later than planned. So what? Big Deal! I would gladly sacrifice entire half-hours, or even more, to ensure that this Really Important Person would not be late.

And, yes, my heart skipped a beat when I saw that car going into my field of vision. And hurrying it was! When that light turned red, that Really Important Person put the pedal to the floor, in order to get through the intersection as quickly as possible. I think it was actually an act of courtesy. I think that Really Important Person wanted to cause me the least possible inconvenience, and so chose to get out of my way really, really fast. How thoughtful!

What is my one missed heartbeat, compared with such a big-hearted gesture as that? Why, I would gladly give up the occasional sparse heartbeat if I could learn to be that generous. Besides, my heart was racing so quickly afterwards, I'm sure I made up for that.

But, yes, I did have to slam on my brakes in order not to be in that Really Important Person's way. But am I going to glibly write over a little rubber left from my tires, or a little extra wear on my brake pads? Of course not! That would be petty. My sacrifice was small compared to the contribution I'm sure I made to humanity by letting that Really Important Person through the intersection unprompted.

I feel that the toll my car COULD have paid if I had NOT slammed on my brakes, the small loss to my tires and my brake pads is trivial.

All of these things were going through my head as I recovered and proceeded through the intersection to Tressel's house. I was only there a second, dropping something off. Then I got back into my car and headed back up Carter toward home. And, well, you're never going to believe this . . . It happened again!

I'm not kidding! This is the absolute truth! Not two minutes after the first incident, the same thing happened again, right there at Como and Carter. How lucky could I be! To have been in the presence of TWO Really Important Persons in such a short time?

On the way back from Tressel's, I thought you are truly blessed! Twice I was privileged to sacrifice a little bit of wear on my car, a few seconds of my meaningless time, and a heartbeat or two of my paltry life, in order to make sure that those Really Important Persons got, well, wherever, on time.

I will gladly give you a few of my tires and brake pads to ease the way for a Really Important Person. But I don't especially want to see my car totaled. I won't miss a second or two of my time, but I don't really have time to lie in a hospital bed for very long.

Now, the only thing remarkable about what I have told you is that these two incidents happened in such quick succession. The truth, as you probably know if you drive at all, is that this kind of thing happens all the time these days. But the other day, for instance, I had the honor of allowing a Really Important Large Truck to speed through the intersection after the light had changed. I don't know what its cargo was, but I bet it was really, really important. Maybe even crucial to national security. On why would the driver have imposed upon me one that way? Surely if it is a matter of national security, I am proud and happy to serve in any way I can.

Well, almost any way.

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I can spare a heartbeat or two, but I really don't want my heart to stop. After all, I may not be a Really Important Person, but to my family, at least, I'm important enough that they want me around a while longer.

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wishing to hurt or kill for whatever reasons or illnesses) for all these reasons, it certainly does not make sense to me to sell toy guns (anywhere) with which children can play and practice. There are so many fine and creative toys available these days for all ages of children, but even if there were not guns, have no place in the grocery store. I am reasonably certain that Rainbow sells enough other items to remove the guns from the store and never even miss the sale. I would go as far as to get a petition signed in the neighborhood. I feel very responsible for the protection of our young children in areas where we can have some influence. We all need to be advocates no matter how old our children are.

Mary Zychycki
Early Childhood Special Education Teacher

Support Early Childhood education

On Wednesday, March 10, the State Capitol Rotunda echoed with the voices of parents and their preschool children. "Building blocks for success, Help All children do their best," was a theme of the Rally Day participants were eager to share their message in support of Minnesota's nationally-recognized program Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE).

ECFE holds rally day at the Capitol each spring, which gathers participants from throughout the state to thank Minnesota legislators for their support. Parents encourage increased funding each biennium in order to serve more families.

Several St. Anthony Park families participated, representing their respective ECFE sites. St. Anthony Park Elementary School and Charles B. Reed Elementary School each have housed Northwest Minneapolis ECFE classes in the past, but were forced to relocate in the early '80s due to a lack of space.

The Northwest community is now represented at the Galile Elementary School on Hamline Avenue, where most residents of this area now meet for ECFE. Additional funding could enable the establishment of more ECFE sites, one of the goals of funding requests each year.

Under current funding, ECFE serves 42 percent of all families in Minnesota with children from birth to age 5. ECFE is a family education initiative administered through schools. Besides, in family education initiative administered through schools.

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Globe trotting with Omega Travel

by Michelle Christiansen

When Marsha Boie was a little girl growing up on a farm outside Big Lake, Minnesota, the only places she visited were those the family could reach in time to be back for evening chores, but she always wanted more than that. Her 10 years in business with Omega Travel have helped her and many others expand the radius of travel possibilities far beyond that which ever imagined by that little farm girl.

After graduation from the University of Minnesota at St. Cloud, Boie taught English and reading at Big Lake Middle School.

A trip to Europe convinced her that she wanted to become more involved with travel, so she took a year off teaching art class and travel school to travel at a journey in Friday, where she continued to work part-time even after returning to her teaching job. In 1980, an underserved travel advisor in the Midwest that had to vacate its premises became available and Boie bought it. Her friend Ray Nisnail arranged to her to St. Anthony Park and Omega Travel was born. "I liked the area, it was a convenient 10-mile drive from my home in New Brighton and there was a need for a travel agency in a busy area," she said.

She worked both her teaching job and full-time at Omega until she retired from teaching in 1995.

"The clientele for Omega includes neighborhood people, employees of other businesses in the area, and friends of satisfied customers. She has a high percentage of professional people and educators for this reason."

Manager and travel consultant Cindy Brown chimed in, "Dr. (Herbert) Wright is responsible for my knowledge of geography." She added that Wright is a geologist, who likes to ride his bicycle on his trips, the last of which was to Tibet in Siberia.

Omega Travel, as well as its tourism consultants, Paula Ackerman and David Swedlund, along with receptionist on the Colorado, Schwiger, form a tightly-knit group that loves their business and their clients. "One of the benefits of being such a small operation is that we really get to know our clients and their preferences," said Boie. "We try to understand their backgrounds, their interests, and how we can best serve them."

"We often visit the office with hundreds of dollars because we know they will be well treated." People often visit the office with their dogs, too.

Because Omega is a retail business, Boie doesn't set up tours for groups herself, but purchases services from wholesalers, such as MCI Vacations, Travelocity Vacations on the Colorado, and cruise lines. Omega does use local wholesalers at as much as possible.

Some of the more exotic Vacations Omega has planned have been the Antarctic trip and to Baffin Island for whale watching.

Omega Travel staff celebrates 10 years of business: (seated) Marsha Boie, (1 to r) Paula Ackerman, Cindy Brown, David Swedlund, and Sara Schwiger. Photo by Steven Shee
Robin Fox, book troter

by Mary Maguire Lerman

M y husband arrived home from his run the other day and said, "Have you seen that unusual house up on Hyche that is set way back by the alley?" I said, "Sure, that's the home of Robin Fox — our piano tuner." In fact, it's not hard to imagine his profession, as Robin was one of the few residents who was able to install a message in his newly poured concrete carriage walk last summer. The first section next to the curb reads: MAKE MORE MUSIC. Then the section closest to the public sidewalk reveals Robin's other love — plants. He was able to press some great leaf prints of jack-in-the-pulpit, maidenhair fern, wild ginger, and perfidious bellflower into that concrete portion under the watchful eyes of the cement crew.

Like many plant lovers, Robin learned about native plants from his Quaker mother and grandmother. In fact, Robin told me that Quakers are often interested in native plants and there have been many well-known Quaker botanists. However, his interest in native plants and the development of his garden featuring native wildflowers did not occur until some years later in life. He began his career in academia teaching at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design (MCAD). Then in the early '70s he became fascinated with indoor plants while living at the West Bank School of Music. Robin's plant interests expanded and he began reviewing ecology books. Then he took the Field Botany course taught by Don Lawrence. He spent a great deal of time reviewing available botany and related ecology books. When he asked Dr. Lawrence what else was good to read, he recommended that Robin come to graduate school. This being his second term partaking in graduate school, Robin found it much superior the second time around.

Similar to the famous plant preservationist and botanist Eloise Butler, Robin's studies drew him to the plant life of bogs. In fact, Robin said he "fell in love with bogs" and his master's thesis focused on bogs. Following graduation, he worked with the UMR on a peat inventory in Northern Minnesota this was during the time when Governor Perpich was examining harvesting Northern Minnesota peat as a potential energy source. In the late '70s, music became another interest in his life and he began playing fiddle in Scandinavian and Appalachian styles. Later, in the mid-'80s, he began studying piano tuning and service and many of us in the neighborhood now count on him for keeping our pianos in condition.

In 1986, he moved into the brown house on Hyche that was originally a machine shed back in the 1890s. According to Robin, it first appeared on the tax rolls in the 1890s and has had numerous owners. Four separate additions have been made to the original machine shed over the years. While some think it unusual for the location of the house, Robin stresses the house's strengths:

"Most homes are sited in a most unlighted location on lots right in the middle. That way the lot has a useless front yard, non-existent side yards and a cramped back yard. Homeowners are dealing with lower light and privacy levels in homes because they are sited next to each other. If homes are offset on the lots, they can benefit from increased light levels and also a much larger expanses of yard."

So, how did Robin's wildflower garden develop? He began designing and planting it soon after moving into his Hyche home. He obtained plants from an elderly neighbor, buying and trading at the Native Plant Society plant sales and through friends. Over the years he accumulated to the level where he now has 60 common wildflower species in his yard. Of course, late April and May is the peak time for spring ephemeral wildflowers.

Come Honor Some Special People In Our Community

Enjoy refreshments and honor some of the folks whose contributions to St. Anthony Park have helped make it such a special place at the St. Anthony Park Association May meeting! SAPA will present honorary lifetime memberships to individuals who have made significant contributions to St. Anthony Park, its 1999 Community Grant awards, Library Memorials (honoring deceased SAPA members) and the Con Overgard Awards for Excellence in Social Studies and English (given yearly to two Murray Junior High School students). The 1999 SAPA Board election will follow.

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Anticipating summer vacation

Bucig player Lisa Steinmann stopped by Nancy Plagzn's journalism class at Como High School, asking the largely 11th and 12th grade students the question: "How do you plan to spend your summer vacation?"

"Looking ahead toward the summer, I plan to both get a job and just have fun. Summer is a time of freedom and happiness, and I plan to enjoy every minute of it."
— TONY G., grade 10

"This summer should be one of the best ever. I hope to learn how to banjo fiddle. I’m taking lessons at the Park Academy and learning the tuning of a guitar. I plan to visit with friends and family at our lake cabin, improve my tennis game, go fishing, and mow weeds for extra money."
— JONATHON ENVESWORTH, grade 11

"I don’t have plans for this summer but I do want to see the Planning to me is sometimes disappointing and a failure when it doesn’t work out. I’ll say, let the wind blow and follow with the flow."
— ZONG XIONG, grade 11

"Since I have an extensive work schedule, much of my summer will be spent working to pay for expenses (Having a car, a girlfriend, and college bills kind of force me into this predicament.) In my spare time I am planning a camping trip and spending some time fishing with my father. Finding relaxation will be my biggest goal."
— CHARLIE

"My plans for the summer include getting a job and having fun with my friends before we all go off to college. This summer I hope to get a job somewhere outside, so I can get a tan. Also, I hope to go out with my friends often. It will be harder for us to get together when we are all in college. So, hopefully we’ll make this the best summer ever."
— SAMANTHA, grade 12

"My plans for the summer are simple: I am definitely going up north. I plan on having fun and enjoying the summer."
— ANDY WARD, grade 11

"This summer I plan on working at Park Hardware to save enough money for a trip to Mexico with my church and for a car. I hope to see you in the store soon."
— ADAM OGDEN, grade 11

"Well I don’t really have plans but I’m looking forward to maybe buying a car and spending time with my girlfriend. I want to make her proud of me. I may go to Colorado and have fun. Since we have a July 4th tournament, I also want to play soccer."
— TIMOTHY YANG, grade 12

"This summer is going to be busy fishing and decorating my house. The best part of it is that my dad is going to pay me. So, in the end I’ll have a nice home and a lot of money. Then I can have more fun with this summer with the money I earn. Another plan is to wake up as late as I want. Other jobs wouldn’t allow me to sleep in and I need my sleep."
— JON STADN

"My summer plans are not very interesting. I need to get a full-time job, unfortunately. Travel? I doubt it. What am I looking forward to? Sleeping in. Still, what I dread the most is going away to college in early August."
— KEITA, grade 12

"Over the summer my parents plan to take a family trip to my grandparents cabin in Grand Marais. My friends and I are also going to go camping and tubing at the Apple River."
— BRANDON, grade 11

"This summer I’m traveling to Mexico with my family. We plan to go to as many places as we can squeeze into two weeks. I’ll also be working at the Children’s World Learning Center this summer. I love children, so what a great way to spend my summer. There are also little things like Valleyfair, the State Fair, hanging out with friends on University Avenue, and lots of movies. Summer is the best — why not make the most of it."
— TONY, grade 11

"While everyone is lounging around the beach and shopping at the mall, this summer, I am going to be working hard and as the same time trying to relax. During the summer I will also be going to a journalism camp for yearbook. My summer will mostly be full of work, but it will help me out in the long run to go to Metropolitan State."
— SAMANTHA BOSCH

"My summer plans are to travel and spend time with friends and family. The highlight of my summer will be a trip to Costa Rica with a group of Spanish students from Como High School. I can’t wait for summer!"
— EMILY PETTERSON, grade 11

"One of my favorite activities to do over summer is to go to the lake — not to swim, but to catch the rays. It’s so nice on a sunny day to pack a lunch and throw on a swim suit and shorts and head for the lake with my friends."
— DAWN SULLIVAN, grade 11

"I don’t know exactly what I will do this summer. I’ll most likely end up working most of the time so that I can pay my way through college at the U of M. When I get some spare time I’ll do what I always do in the summer, play golf, and go out with my friends."
— KEVIN RISLOW, grade 12

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Murray assistant wins
Neng Dennis Xiong, educational assistant at Murray Junior High School, recently won the Bilingual Minnesota Paraprofessional of the Year award. He has worked at Murray for nine years, teaching groups of students in English as a second language and tutoring pupils in math, science, health, and social studies.

Six years ago, Xiong co-founded the Hmong Parent Association at Murray. He helps plan the monthly agenda, locates speakers and resources, and interprets for Hmong-speaking and English-speaking participants. He also interprets for Hmong parents at parent-teacher conferences.

In 1975, Xiong fled with his family from Laos and across the Mekong River to a refugee camp in Thailand. One year later, his family arrived in Green Bay, Wisconsin, and from there came to Paul. He graduated from Central High School in 1981. He attended Century College. Since the autumn of 1997, Xiong has been a Public Safety Community Affairs Volunteer Officer for the Ramsey County Sheriff. After an extensive training course, he assists teen runaway, truant, and curfew-breakers. He also helps children with homework, school events, and Boy Scout events.

The Multicultural community is proud of Neng Xiong and his award, and is grateful for the consistent support that he gives to Murray students, staff, and parents.

—from Audubon

Como High’s choral concert
Set aside Thursday, May 20, 7 p.m., for Como Park High School’s annual choral concert — Music with Style — featuring the music of the men’s, women’s, concert, and jazz choirs. Admission costs $2 for adults and $1 for students and seniors.

Summer at Gibbs Farm
An old-fashioned schoolhouse experience for children entering grades 2 through 7 is being held at Gibbs Farm Museum on Tuesdays through Fridays from July 6 through August 13. Children spend a day in the museum’s authentic one-room schoolhouse and recreate a 1900 school experience by reciting from 19th-century readers, using slate blackboards, competing in spelling bees, playing Victorian games, and participating in a unique antifire hunt at the farmhouse. Sessions are held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is $15 per child with discounts for families and members of the Ramsey County Historical Society. An afternoon session for making corn husk figures with an ice cream treat will be held from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at an additional $3 per student.

While not required, students are encouraged to wear turn-of-the-century costumes, with girls’ bonnets available in the museum gift shop. Each child will receive supplies and a grade-appropriate school book that is a copy of a book that the child might read in school. Children should bring bag lunches. Lemonade provided. To register call 666-8629.

Science chumps at Murray
Murray High School sailed through the Minnesota State Science Fair last month. And most of the students live in the neighborhood. Congratulations to Ann Bedo. “A comparison of the antibacterial effectiveness of different varieties of floral honey”; Anne Frederick, “Mellow cells”;

Forming in the city
School age children will have an opportunity to interact with lambs and calves and share farm experiences this summer at a new University of Minnesota day camp.

This week-long camp is called “Farm in the City: A Hands-on Interactive Experience.” It’s open to kids who have completed 1st through 5th grade.

The camp introduces farm animals, farm animal fun facts, farm and ranch history and traditions, and food production and processing. Planned activities include feeding and caring for calves and lambs, tours of the university’s animal barn and veterinary hospital, hands-on activity centers, and a camp cook-off with parents and children.

The hands-on activity center features general animal health care, food product processing, and learning about foods and food sources.

Participants can choose from one of five camp sessions: July 12-16, July 19-23, July 26-30, August 2-6, and August 9-13. The camp costs $100 per child.

For information call Ted Radinatz at 612-624-1835. The Web site www.animal.agr.umn.edu/daycamp also has information about the camp.

Anne of Green Gables at Como
Como Park High School students are presenting L.M. Montgomery's classic, Anne of Green Gables, on Thursday, May 6, 7 p.m., Friday, May 7, 7 p.m., and Saturday, May 8, 7:30 p.m. The play costs $5 for adults and $4 for students and seniors.

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1843, Stephen Desmoyer settled in Rose Township . . . 1849, The Gibb settle their farm . . . 1858, Rose Township is incorporated, including Falcon Heights . . . 1870s, Ramsey County Poor Farm is established on land that later becomes the State Fair . . . 1873, Gibb school house built . . . 1882, Minnesota declares 200 acres as an "outdoor laboratory" for the university . . . 1885, Minnesota State Fair is established on its current site . . . 1939, Falcon Heights UCC is built . . . 1940, the Blomberg’s Pharmacy opens . . . 1949, The Village of Falcon Heights is incorporated . . .

basement, and to stake a claim on one of the six stools at the soda fountain. Hot summer days and cold ice cream combined to keep those stools filled as the fans whirred to induce and illusion of coolness. Bonnie Blomberg, Bob’s wife, did the books in those days, and is still a "regular" at the pharmacy.

Don’t forget about the Quonset huts, Curtiss Twin City Airport, Gibb’s school house on Cleveland and Larpenteur, and University Grove. And people say an empty squad car “kept things tame” at the Flameburger’s closing festivities. Shopping center fire. All these things and more are noted and remembered. But it’s really the spirit of the Falcon Heights people that is being celebrated, a widespread spirit of caring, knowing your neighbor, recognizing the diverse communities while maintaining togetherness, serving one another, and delighting in life.

The early years at University Farm; The Avenue of Flowers grew many businesses, including St. Paul Nurseries at Fry and Larpenteur; Pioneer days at school; And remember our old Flameburger restaurant at Larpenteur and Arona. Photos courtesy of the City of Falcon Heights.
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May Readings

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Gerald Vizenor
Saturday, May 22, 2-3:30 pm
Nodin Press is releasing two haiku books this month by Gerald Vizenor. Raising the Moon Vines was first published 35 years ago. Vizenor will also be reading from his new book, Cranes Arise, haiku scenes throughout the seasons.

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Ag High School... from page 1

Ag High School careers down on the farm. The school, he said, would prepare students for job opportunities as "veterinarians, agricultural market analysts, loan officers and financial planners for agriculture, food inspectors, garden center managers, food industry employees and florists." He forecasted only half-jokingly, "Maybe the next Norman Borlaug, (the agricultural genius who invented the Green Revolution) is growing up right here in Falcon Heights."

Plonski added that, although farms may be few in these parts, with the presence of the St. Paul Campus of the university, the State Fairgrounds, Land O'Lakes, and Cargill, "Ramsey County is one of the most agriculture-dependent counties in the state. Most kids in the Future Farmers of America don't come from a farm background."

Several financial hurdles stand between Plonski's organization and the realization of their educational plans. The group will need to raise $350,000 in start-up funds from the State Legislature. Within the next few weeks, the group will know if that request will be funded and whether they will be able to move ahead on efforts to get a planning grant and other private funds. "Realistically," said Plonski, "we're at the preliminary stages. The sooner we could possibly proceed would be May of 2000, if we get the funding."

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ECFE's strength is its parent involvement. The average weekly ECFE class is divided into two components: a parent/child interaction time led by an early childhood teaching team, with circle storytelling and songs, followed by creative activities for the children to do with their parents. The next hour is dedicated to parent discussion, allowing parents to gather and cover topics of their choice, facilitated by a Parent Educator. The children stay in the playroom with the Early Childhood Teacher and enjoy developmentally appropriate activities.

Parents are thrilled to find this sense of community at ECFE, meeting their neighbors and sharing their struggles and accomplishments as parents. Information distributed by the ECFE Parent Educator often helps parents learn how to better communicate with their children and deal with their conflicting feelings. Several parents have been known to say that they start the program for their children and stay for themselves.

The premier of early childhood education is based on increasing evidence that children begin learning from birth. Infant brain development research shows that rich and varied interactions have a strong, positive impact on the brain. Perhaps even more important than this are the long-term effects of parent involvement. Parents are the first and foremost teachers of their children and interest in their children's development from day one gives children the self-confidence they need to maintain the will to learn. Studies by the Minnesota Department of Children, Families and Learning find that parents who are active in education issues from the start will stay active in their children's education and support them in learning throughout their life. To learn more about the ECFE programs at St. Paul, call 793-5410. If you are interested in investigating the return of an ECFE site to the St. Anthony/ Como Park area, I would be honored to help you. Call 646-3072.

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St. Paul's historic preservation districts are also considered special sign districts. The districts allow neighborhoods to prohibit the erection of new billboards and advertising signs, and set design guidelines for any new signs.

Benanav said the district's move was warranted because of the many billboards already in and around St. Anthony Park. The district was approved under current city special sign district regulations. New billboard regulations are under study by the St. Paul Planning Commission. Although the regulations are meant to reduce the number of billboards in residential neighborhoods, St. Anthony Park's mix of commercial, industrial and residential zoning would make the community one of the few places in the city where even more signs could go up.

"The major reason why we brought this district forward is because of the prevalence of billboards in the community," said Heather Worthington, executive director, St. Anthony Park Community Council. "We have billboards that literally light up residents' backyards."

"We're not asking that the billboards be removed immediately," Benanav said. "We're saying 'Enough is enough.'"

Eller Media lobbyist Michael Cronin asked the City Council not to approve the special sign district, saying it is "very exceptional" in size and that its sole purpose is to get rid of billboards. He said that industrially and commercially zoned streets in the neighborhood are appropriate places for billboards.

"If you take St. Anthony Park off of the table, you really restrict your options in the city (for more billboards)," he said.

Cronin's comments that the city should work with the billboard industry instead of passing the special sign district idked Benanav. "We'd be willing to work with the billboard industry if they were honest and forthcoming. But that hasn't been the case," he said.

"It's your lobbyist doing an end run on us at the Capitol," said Benanav, referring to the amortization bill. "And then you tell us you want to work with us — it's unbelievable."

The St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce and development consultant Paula Macabaco also testified against the district. Macabaco testified on behalf of a client who has a billboard on his building.

The St. Anthony Park Community Council and St. Anthony Park Association presented testimony on behalf of the special sign district, as did St. Anthony Park resident and developer Robert Straughn. They spoke about how reducing the number of billboards would make the neighborhood more attractive and less cluttered.

Straughn pointed out the blighting impact billboards have on the community's gateway streets and highways, including University Avenue, Territorial Avenue, Raymond Avenue, Como Avenue, and Highway 280.

Straughn also said that St. Anthony Park is home to 10 percent of all of the jobs in St. Paul, with about 17,000 jobs here. The area is evolving from its historic industrial/warehouse roots to a commercial/office hub. Straughn said that modern office and light industrial parks, including those developed by the St. Paul Port Authority, are few, if any billboards.

Since 1997 St. Paul has studied more stringent regulations for billboards. A task force made several recommendations last year, which were sent on to the Planning Commission. The commission then set up its own task force, but laid off further work on the billboard regulations until the Minnesota legislature and Governor Jesse Ventura take final action on the bill that would prohibit cities from amortizing or gradually eliminate land uses, including billboards. —
St. Anthony Park Home

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Plant sale on May 15

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Cubs turn 50

Cub Scouts Pack 22 celebrates its 50th birthday on Sunday, May 16, at the Como Park Pavilion, beginning at 5 p.m. Former scouts, den and pack leaders, and parent volunteers are invited to tell and hear stories. Call Eric Welfering, 644-5183; Blaine Thraisher, 644-4794; Dave Sylvester, 644-2613.

Falcon Heights

Golden Jubilee continues

Falcon Heights' 50th birthday festivities continue on May 22, 1 p.m., with the Parade of the Decade. People are encouraged to wear clothes from the '60s, '70s, '80s, even the '90s. The parade begins at Falcon Heights school.

Lauderdale

City garage sale on May 22

Find your next treasure at Lauderdale's city-wide garage sale on Saturday, May 22, starting at 8 a.m. Before touring the neighborhood get a map at City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street. Residents must call James at City Hall, 651-0300, by Friday, May 11, to register your sale.

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Volunteer at Gibbs Farm

The summer offers many volunteer opportunities, including interpreter positions at Gibbs Farm Museum. The farm seeks to document 19th-century pioneer farm life, and the ways of the Gibbs' friends, the Dakota, who visited the farm. Training is provided and volunteers must spend four hours or more on the site. Benefits include opportunities for personal growth and learning history, lectures and programs, free parking, gift shop discounts, and membership in the Ramsey County Historical Society. Intrigued? Call Ted Lau or Jim Erickson at 646-8629.

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Applications for artists are available until May 1. Almost 80 artists have already been accepted. This year, due to construction at the library, more than half of the artists will be located at the Luther Seminary grounds at Como and Luther Place. Food booths, games, and booths highlighting neighborhood organizations will line the stretch of Como connecting the two parts of the art fair.

The arts festival is co-sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Business Association and the St. Anthony Park Library Association. Arlene West

Hog speaks on May 3
Dr. William Hog is set to speak about "Agriculture: What's Ahead" on Monday, May 3, 1:30 p.m., at the St. Paul Campus Center's theater.

The University of Minnesota professor emeritus will discuss where Minnesota agriculture has been, where it is now, and what is needed for farming to survive.

Islam seminar begins May 24
Luther Seminary's Islamic Studies Program is hosting its third biennial conference on Islam—Muslim and Christians: "Friendship and Faith"—on May 24 through May 28 at Luther Seminary.

World-renowned scholars of Islam from Christian and Muslim backgrounds will speak.

Additional highlights include Roland Miller speaking on friendship and faith issues, Yvonne Yatbock Haddad on Muslim responses to secularization, and Nelly van Doorn-Harder on women of faith.

Call Nicole Mason at 641-3451 for additional information.

PEOPLE

LAURA ROBERTS, St. Anthony Park native and Murray High School graduate, is appearing in Alma in Tennessee Williams' play, "Summer and Smoke," at the Guthrie Theater.

LIFETIME St. Anthony Park resident SARAH BROWN graduates from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington on May 23.

Central High School senior BRIAN MUGNION won the Huskyline University Trustee Scholarship.

KRISTA MATCH WYNN — a soccer, basketball, and softball star at Como Park — is an All-Conference Award winner, honoring outstanding female athletes.

Earlham College student JEFFREY WELLINGTON, son of Stephen and Katherine Wellington, is spending the spring semester studying in Northern Ireland.

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Beloved Twin Cities pianist Hunter, a longtime series favorite, premiers a new work composed by Minnesota's own Stephen Paulus. The work was commissioned in honor of Music in the Park's 20th season. And the trio's program, which also features works by Lecuona and Martinez, concludes with Mendelssohn's Trio in C Minor. Call 654-5099 for more information.

Nature in word and song
Listen to the music of mezoo-
soprano Jeneke Barton, pianist Mindy Echarder, and vocalists Marla Gilbert on Sunday, May 2, 7 p.m., when this trio presents, "Nature in Word and Song" at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ. Barton's credits include performances at the Marlboro Music Festival, the Santa Fe Opera, and the Boston Pops, while Echarder accompanies the Vox and Out Loud chamber choirs. The Rev. Gilbert is minister at Table of Grace United Church of Christ. Admission is free, although free will donations assist the Russian Youth Delegation's Twin Cities visit. Call 644-7173 for information.

Helios on Friday, May 7
Enjoy music from Helios — an ecclesiastic church music group with neighbourhood roots — on Friday, May 7, 8 p.m., at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ.
Spring concert highlights range from Durufle Milhaud's pastoral and jazzy "La Creation du Moe" to Ernesto Lecuona's "Malaguena."
A new composition by Helios fiddler Eric Lars Peterson and Tristan Fuentes enhance the program. Admission is accepted at the door.

EXHIBITS

Lloyd family exhibit
Visit the Raymond Avenue Gallery for "Vessels," an exhibition of wood fired stoneware and porcelain by Stephen Lloyd and raised copper by Timothy Lloyd.
Stephen Lloyd has been working with clay for 12 years. During this time he developed an interest in the process of wood firing and a devotion to the handmade vessel. He received his B.A. from Beloit College and a M.F.A. from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville in 1995. His father, Timothy Lloyd, creates small copper vessels that have been raised and fold-formed from flat sheet metal. Details in silver and gold enhance the work, reflecting his interest in Japanese vessel. Lloyd holds a B.F.A. from Kent State University and a M.E.A. from the School of American Crafts at Rochester Institute of Technology. He teaches at Carleton College in Northfield, where he maintains a studio.
The gallery is located at 761 Raymond Avenue. Call 644-9200 for information.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

3 MONDAY
- Como Park recycling.
- AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 8 p.m. 770-2646. Every Monday.
- Boy Scouts, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 7 p.m. Every Monday.

4 TUESDAY
- Toastmasters, Hewlett Packard, 2025 Larpenteur Avenue, 7:30 a.m. 645-6675. Every Tuesday.
- Tot Time (for 5-year-olds and younger), Langford Park Rec Center, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Every Tuesday. Call 298-5765 for details.
- St. Anthony Park Community Band rehearsal, Como Senior High band room, 7:15 p.m. Call 642-1559.

5 WEDNESDAY
- Leisure Center for Seniors, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday, 603-4946. Every Wednesday.

6 THURSDAY
- Tot Time (for 5-year-olds and younger), South St. Anthony Rec Center, 10 a.m.—noon. Every Thursday. Call 651-298-5765 for details.
- Como High School’s Spring Play — Anne of Green Gables — 7 p.m., 740 Rose Avenue West.

7 FRIDAY
- Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Planning Committee, Olson Student Center, Luther Seminary, 7:30 a.m.
- Spring Carnival, St. Anthony Park Elementary School, 5-8 p.m.
- Como High School’s Spring Play — Anne of Green Gables — 7 p.m., 740 Rose Avenue West.

8 SATURDAY
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9 SUNDAY
- Mother’s Day.

10 MONDAY
- Park Press Inc., Park Bugle board meeting, Olson Student Center, Luther Seminary, 7 a.m.
- Falconhearts Senior Card Club, Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 1-3:30 p.m. Call 488-3561.

11 TUESDAY
- Dr. Patricia Lawler discusses natural approaches for avoiding or reversing the effects of osteoporosis, 6 p.m., Holy House. Call 645-6951 to register.
- Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, 7:30 p.m.
- St. Anthony Park Association honors special people in our community: Murray Junior High School Library, 7 p.m.

12 WEDNESDAY
- St. Anthony Park recycling.
- Full Council Meeting, St. Anthony Park Community Council, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.
- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 7 p.m.

13 THURSDAY
- Horticulture Club plant sale, St. Paul Student Center, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

14 FRIDAY
- Horticulture Club plant sale, St. Paul Student Center, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- County Folk Art Craft Show, State Fairgrounds, 5-9 p.m.
- La Leche League of Falcon Heights Garage Sale, 711 West Wheeler Parkway, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. No presales.

15 SATURDAY
- Horticulture Club plant sale, St. Paul Student Center, 8 a.m. - noon.
- Como Park Conservatory's perennial and bulb sale, 8 a.m. - noon, at the conservatory.
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16 SUNDAY
- County Folk Art Craft Show, State Fairgrounds, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

17 MONDAY
- Como Park recycling.

18 TUESDAY
- Lauderdale Planning Commission, City Hall, 1891 Walnut, 7 p.m.
- District 10 Como Community Council, 7 p.m. Call 644-3889 for location.

19 WEDNESDAY
- Langford Booster Club, Langford Park, 7:30 to 9 p.m. All residents are invited to attend.

20 THURSDAY
- Como High School’s Spring Choral Concert, 7 p.m., 740 Rose Avenue West.

21 FRIDAY
- Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling.
- Dani Werner and Doug Beasley’s studio open house and photography exhibit, 1026 Central Avenue NE, Suite 1, Mpls., noon - 6 p.m.
- University Grove walking tour, 10 a.m. Space is limited. Call 647-6601 for reservations.

24 MONDAY
- Victoria Day (Canada)
- Falconhearts Senior Card Club, Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 1:30-5 p.m. Call 488-3561.
- St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program Board of Directors meeting, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church library, 7:15-9 p.m.

25 TUESDAY
- Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, 7:30 p.m.

26 WEDNESDAY
- St. Anthony Park recycling.
- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 7 p.m.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Environment Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Housing and Human Services Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 5:30 p.m.

31 MONDAY
- Memorial Day

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OBITUARIES

Catherine Bryant
Catherine M. Blanchard Bryant died at 86 years on April 6. She was a resident of the St. Anthony Park Home. Bryant was preceded in death by her husband, Loyal; her sisters, Lorraine and Shirley Blanchard and Beverly Coleman. She is survived by her sister, Mary Ellen Nelson.

Wayne Davies
Wayne Davies, a longtime resident of St. Anthony Park, died on March 31. He was 93 years old and had lived on Chelseaflour for over 35 years. Davies, a native of Butte, Nebraska, retired in 1970 as Executive Vice President of the West Publishing Company. He was active in the St. Anthony Park Association and the Ag Retirees- St. Paul Campus and was a member of the St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Marion Davies; daughter, Susan Currier; sons, Thomas and John; and five grandchildren, Matthew and Sara Currier, Andrew, Morgan, and Lauren Davies. The family expresses their appreciation for the Respite Care Program at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

Lucille Duggan
Lucille "Gib" Schaeff Duggan died on April 8 at the St. Anthony Park Home. She was 86. Duggan graduated from Ohio University and taught in nearby schools. She met her future husband, William Duggan, at Notre Dame, and traveled with him and their son David to foreign service posts in South Africa, Denmark, and Canada. She later moved to Minnesota and studied at the University of Minnesota and taught English in local schools. Following retirement, she returned to South Bend, then in 1993, she moved back to St. Paul to be near her son David. She lived at the St. Anthony Park Home for the last four months. Preceded in death by her husband, William, and sisters, Mildred Schaeff and Katherine West, she is survived by her son, David of St. Anthony Park; grandson, Peter; and several nephews.

Marjorie Dvojak
Marjorie "Honey" Dvojak, a longtime St. Anthony Park resident, died on March 19. She was 74 years old and had lived on Como Avenue for over 30 years. Dvojak was a pctitioner at Corpus Christi Catholic Church. She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Edward "Mill" children, Debbie Dexter, Donna Koran, and Keith Melgaard; five grandchildren, Mike and Jeff Dexter, Tony and Bev Koran, and Keith Melgaard; and two great-grandchildren, Danielle and Bailey Dexter.

Elizabeth Giesen
Elizabeth Haley Giesen, age 81, died on April 7. She was a former Launderdale resident, who had recently been at the Lynbrooksten Care Center. Giesen was a member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Peter, and foster sister, Beverly Koshmenia. Survivors include her sister, Edon Miley; a niece, Nancy Wendel, a nephew, Tim Miley; and a great-nephew, Dan Wendel, as well as other nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Gertrude Komorek
Gertrude A. Komarek died on March 27 at the age of 95. She was a resident of Como Park on Hamline Avenue North. Komarek was a parishioner at Holy Childhood Catholic Church. Preceded in death by her husband, Joseph, and daughter, Dorothy Eck, she is survived by sons, Arthur and Joseph; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and a son-in-law, Richard Eck.

Karen Morris
Karen L. Morris, 62, died on March 31, in Tucson, Arizona. She had lived in St. Anthony Park on Chelseaflour Street for many years and then in Launderdale. Her home at Stonest Lawn was in White Bear Lake. Morris was a member of the Board of the Eastern Lutheran Church in Shoreview. Survivors include her husband, Jack; daughters, Kim Thompson; sons, Nathan, Jonathan, and Jeff; four grandchildren, Zachary, Karis, Inac, Tucker; Maggie, Henry, Savannah, and Wheeler; brother, DaleMoson; sisters, Margaret Stahl and Lesa Lind; and sister-in-law, Mary Morris Mengenthal.

Ruth Nier
Ruth Eleanor Nier died on March 17 in Alexandria, Virginia. She was 85 years old and a former teacher of University Grove on Hoyt Avenue. Nier was a native of St. Paul and a graduate of Humboldt High School in 1931. She worked at West Publishing Company until she married Alfred Nier in 1937. He was a physics professor at the University of Minnesota, who later did physics research at Harvard and worked on the Manhattan Project, the forerunner of the atomic bomb. They divorced in 1960. She continued living in the Grove until moving to Virginia in 1997. An active member of Plymouth Congregational Church in Minneapolis for over 50 years, Nier helped to create the renowned set of huge crewed emboideries produced there over the decades. She was a longtime member of the U of M Faculty Women's Club, the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, and the Science Museum in St. Paul. She was an enthusiasm bridge player and an avid traveler. She is survived by a daughter, Janet Marx; son, Keith four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Rover Novak
Roger A. Novak died in Panama City, Florida, on March 21 at the age of 69. He lived most of his life in the Como Park area and most recently in Shoreview. He was a longtime member of Holy Childhood Catholic Church. Novak is survived by his wife, Bob Novak; and Bob; grandchildren, Justin, Ashley Kristin, and Alex; and brother, Vern.

Evelyn Ryan
Evelyn Daisy Ryan, age 91, died on March 22. She was a resident of Como Park. Ryan was an underwriter with St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company. Preceded in death by her husband, Bill in 1983, she is survived by daughter, Marlene; son, Robert; daughter, Maureen; and seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Dorothy Wegner
Dorothy Elizabeth Stanger Wegner, a longtime resident of Launderdale, died on April 8. She was 85 years of age. Wegner was an active member of Corpus Christi Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elton, in 1967, and seven brothers and sisters. She is survived by sons, Dale and Joe; daughters, Diane Nemo, Judy Ehrman, and Joni Lange; 21 grandchildren; and 25 great-grandchildren.

Yvonne Wolfe
Yvonne Wolfe, manager of the Como Park Zoo and Conservatory, died at age 68 on April 12. She worked with the Parks and Recreation Department for 26 years, beginning as a recreation leader. She later served as community education coordinator and head of community education for the department. Her home was in Woodbury. As manager of the zoo and conservatory, she was also responsible for the Japanese garden. She learned Japanese and visited Japan. She also coached softball and was active in the athletic careers of her children at Hill-Murray High School. Survivors include her husband, Tom; son, Timothy; daughter, Heather; parents, Ron and Sharron; nieces; and nephews, David, Mary, and Sarah. Services are to be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the American Legion on Cesar Chavez.
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