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Off-Raymond Rendezvous

Neighborhood artisans and artists open their studio doors on November 19 and 20

by David Anger

Photo by Truman Olson



Michael Pilla is busy restoring the prairie-style windows for the historic Redeemer Baptist Church in south Minneapolis, which is famous because of its forward-thinking design by William Purcell. Besides this project, Pilla, a partner in Monarch Studios, is responsible for rescuing Tiffany windows for Ascension Episcopal Church in Stillwater and for crafting contemporary original work. His south St. Anthony Park workshop in the Dow/Singer Building at 2242 University Avenue is a delight for anyone interested in stained glass as well as art and architecture.

Come Saturday, November 19, noon to 9 p.m., and Sunday, November 20, 10 to 5 p.m., Pilla, along with over 50 of his colleagues, plan on opening their studio doors as part of the Off-Raymond Rendezvous, which spotlights artisans (and their creations) who work in the Dow/Singer, Chittenden, and Singer buildings along University Avenue. This art crawl began rather modestly, when painter Catherine Reid Day organized an open house for the Dow/Singer Building. Later, she circulated a survey around the Chittenden and Triangle buildings, which led to the first Off-Raymond Rendezvous last spring. That event was such a bang-up hit that artists are capitalizing upon its success by encouraging greater artisan participation.

So, in one full swoop, you can see Nell Morningstar's handmade dolls, Alice Olsen's environmental sculptures, Marjorie Magidow's clothing, and Carolyn Brunelle's paintings. "People are really

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Community Council narrowly reaffirms College Park plans

Residents' outcry leads Community Council and neighborhood to mediation process

by Judy Woodward

A motion to rescind approval of the plan to redo the play area in College Park narrowly failed to obtain the necessary two-thirds majority vote, when the St. Anthony Park Community Council met for its regular monthly session on October 13. The vote followed nearly two hours of debate and heated questions from an overflow audience.

Almost 75 people turned out to hear renewed discussion of the

plan, which would relocate and expand the play area from its current site to a flat area closer to the tennis courts in the popular north St. Anthony Park facility.

Although most speakers conceded the need for some playground equipment for College Park, the crowd seemed divided along generational lines when it came to approval of the current plan. Young parents, many with their babies and toddlers in their arms, spoke in favor of the plan as presently approved. Older residents and parents of school-age

children had reservations about it.

Fred Foster, a nearby resident, spoke for many of the protesters when he questioned the size of the proposed play area. Contending that the proposed play area would be larger than play areas in either Langford Park or South St. Anthony Park Recreational Center, Foster asked, "Why [does the plan call for] putting so much equipment in? Is the scope of the project driving relocation of the equipment?" Foster spearheaded a petition drive that, in the last month, has collected more than

140 signatures from area residents opposed to the plan.

The Community Council originally approved the playground plan at its September meeting on the recommendation of a community task force. Members of the task force spoke at the October meeting, defending the four-month-long process that had produced the new plan. Said Mark Sherman, task force leader, "Nothing new is [being said tonight] that wasn't brought up in

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Talk with Congressman Bruce Vento on Saturday, November 6, when the 11-term legislator hosts a Town Hall Meeting at Langford Park Recreational Center, St. Anthony Park, from 11 a.m. to noon. Tax reform, affordable education, social security concerns, and environmental issues, among other matters, are on the agenda. Call 224-4503.



Don't pick up that phone on New Year's Eve

by Dave Healy

Although most businesses and service providers have spent the last year assuring us they are "Y2K compliant," US West is anticipating widespread phone outages on December 31 and January 1. If you try to place a call on New Year's Eve or early New Year's Day, you may have trouble.

The problem isn't the typical Y2K glitch resulting from a computer's inability to distinguish between the years 2000 and 1900. Instead, the system could overload as a result of too many people trying to use the phone at the same time.

If the phone system is overloaded, callers will not hear a dial tone when they pick up the phone. That would be a minor annoyance for those who simply want to wish their friends and loved ones a happy new year. But for someone who needs to make an emergency call, an overloaded phone system could be a serious problem.

Both US West and local governments are recommending that people not use their phones, modems, or cell phones on New Year's Eve or early New Year's Day, except for emergencies. Even picking up the phone or hitting the dial tone button will add to the burden that the phone system experiences during peak use.

In anticipation of the

potential unavailability of emergency 911 service on December 31 and January 1, the City of St. Paul has established a contingency plan. A network of community relay sites throughout the city will be staffed by city employees equipped with radios that use police dispatch lines. By walking or driving to one of these sites, residents will be able to place an emergency call.

Beyond specially designated sites, all police and fire stations will be open from 9 p.m. on December 31 until 5 a.m. on January 1 to handle emergencies. Bugle readers can go to Fire Station No. 20 at 2179 University Avenue or Station No. 23 at 1926 Como Avenue. A map with these and other community relay sites will be mailed to all city residents by November 15. No resident should have to travel more than six or eight blocks to reach a phone emergency site.

Heather Worthington, executive director of the St. Anthony Park Community Council, urges Bugle readers to look out for their neighbors on New Year's Eve, especially the elderly and those with disabilities. "We're not anticipating any serious problems, but this will be an important time to watch out for each other," she says. "Party responsibly, watch out for your neighbors, and postpone

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Billboards' future on ballot

Ad biz sought to pull plug on anti-billboard vote

by Jane McClure

St. Paul voters will get to decide the fate of the city's billboards November 2. A billboard industry attempt to quash a billboard ballot question was dismissed October 12 by U.S. District Court Judge David Doty.

The Scenic St. Paul Coalition, which is campaigning for the ballot question, was pleased with the ruling, says anti-billboard activist John Mannillo. "We knew that the case for the ballot question was solid and that the city would prevail," says Mannillo. But he notes that the coalition, which has only managed to raise a few thousand dollars, will be greatly outspent by the billboard companies in the days ahead.

In the wake of the federal court decision, billboard companies vow to wage an expensive, high-profile battle to defeat the ballot question. Eller Media's local president, Lee Ann Muller, has indicated that the billboard companies will spend about \$500,000 to sway the city's voters. That expenditure is also indicated in court documents.

Nor have billboard companies ruled out future legal challenges, regardless of the election's outcome. Documents filed in federal court indicate the billboard companies' belief that the ballot question, if approved, would violate state zoning laws and multiple provisions of the U.S. Constitution, including violation of lawful commercial free speech rights and denial of equal protection under the law.

If the ballot question is approved by voters, many billboards in St. Paul could be declared public nuisances and removed. Billboards in many neighborhoods would have to be taken down and no new

billboards could be erected. It would not affect billboards governed by state or federal laws, such as billboards along interstate highways.

U.S. District Court Judge David Doty ruled October 12 that the billboard question could stay on the November 2 ballot. Doty rejected billboard industry

The vote on billboards' future in St. Paul is set for November 2

and St. Paul property owners' claims that the ballot question violates the U.S. Constitution and state zoning laws, as well as city zoning regulations. The judge also indicated that the plaintiffs had not shown how they would be damaged by the November 2 vote. But, Doty went on to note that barring the ballot question would hurt the Scenic St. Paul Coalition, which gathered more than 7,000 signatures to get the question before the voters. Doty also noted that absentee ballots are already being sent in.

The judge did not rule on the questions of violation of federal and state law, which could allow a future challenge on those grounds.

Eller Media, which owns most of the billboards in St. Paul, Delite Outdoor Advertising, and the Outdoor Advertising Association of Minnesota filed the lawsuit in September, along with two St. Paul property owners.

Eller owns more than 490 billboards in St. Paul and claims 275 of its signs could be affected by the ballot question. "The consequences to Eller Media if it were required to

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CITY FILES



The non-baseball stadium ballot question: Anti-billboard forces of Scenic St. Paul Campaign are circulating this photo collage of dire billboards with the hopes of convincing voters to ban such advertising methods in St. Paul. The vote takes place on Tuesday, November 2.

St. Anthony Park

Grand Round bicycle lanes could affect parking

St. Paul's Grand Round bicycle lanes project could affect parking in the St. Anthony Park neighborhood. Grand Round is a joint effort of St. Paul's Bicycle Advisory Board and Department of Public Works to create a continuous route of striped bike lanes that would more or less circle the city. In certain areas, adding bike lanes would eliminate some existing on-street parking.

In St. Anthony Park, the proposed route for Grand Round includes parts of Raymond and Como avenues. The St. Anthony Park Community Council has sent letters to all residents and businesses that would be affected

by potential changes in parking policies along these streets.

Community Council Executive Director Heather Worthington stresses that both the City and the Council are committed to finding creative solutions to the parking issue.

"The Council is on record as supporting the Grand Round concept," says Worthington, "though we have not taken a position on the Raymond/Como portion of the project. We know that parking is already a problem in some parts of our neighborhood, and we want to be sensitive to residents' parking needs."

— Dave Healy

Graffiti isn't pretty

St. Anthony Park Crime Prevention Coordinator Carol Madison reports that the neighborhood has recently been

plagued by a new round of graffiti, most of it in the industrial area around south St. Anthony Park and at Como Avenue businesses near the city limits. "We noticed a spurt last April and May," she says. "Now we seem to be in the midst of another one."

Madison stresses the importance of removing graffiti as soon as possible. Prompt removal has been shown to reduce the incidence of repeated "hits."

Madison urges residents to call 911 if they see graffiti in progress. After the fact, residents can call the Citizen's Information Office at 266-8989 to report graffiti. Such reports are necessary so that police photographs can be taken for evidence.

"It's an owner's responsibility to remove graffiti from private property," Madison says. "However, for a fee the City will assist with removal."

— D.H.

Don't keep on truckin'

At its October meeting, the St. Anthony Park Community Council voted to appeal a site plan submitted by the JLT Group for development at Vandelia Street

and Territorial Road. JLT, which already owns the property, wants to put up a mixed-use building and 47 truck docks.

The Community Council, citing concerns about increased truck traffic in the south St. Anthony Park neighborhood, asked JLT to limit truck access at its proposed facility to Vandelia Street. When JLT refused, the Council voted to appeal JLT's site plan.

According to Executive Director Heather Worthington, the Council sees JLT's plan potentially affecting noise, safety, and air quality in what now serves as a buffer zone between commercial and residential property.

"This is a land use issue," she reports. "We're asking whether JLT's plan is the best use of that land. Truck traffic is already a problem in the area. We don't want to see it get worse."

The Council's appeal will be considered by the St. Paul Planning Commission. If the Commission votes to deny it, the Community Council can then appeal to the City Council.

— D.H.

Falcon Heights

McGuire at West Point

State Representative Mary Jo McGuire (DFL) recently spoke at West Point U.S. Military Academy in New York about

legislative politics. McGuire talked about her path to public office, the legislative process, constituent service, and interaction with the executive and judicial branches. She has been a member of the Minnesota House since 1988.

Red Barn move complete

The Ramsey County Historical Society recently completed moving and interior enhancements to the 1958 Edwin Lundie-designed Red Barn at the Gibbs Farm Museum. These changes provide visitors with three restrooms and the staff with a demonstrations preparation room. The barn was picked up, turned 90 degrees, and set down on a new foundation. Furthermore, the move will eliminate serious drainage problems around the original Gibbs White Barn and the school house.

Five candidates vie for 2 city council seats

The departure of incumbents Jan Gibson-Talbot and Sam Jacobs from the Falcon Heights City Council led five residents to run for the seats. Neighbors Tim Ryan, Peter Lindstrom, Barb Heideman, Rick Talbot, and Reed Grano are competing against each other in the hotly contested election.

Gehrz running for reelection

Sue Gehrz is running unopposed for reelection as Mayor of Falcon Heights.

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During the last three years, Gehrz reports that she has worked effectively with the University of Minnesota on land issues, such as the controversial women's soccer stadium. Additionally, the Mayor cites maintaining the city's tax base as a principal challenge for the community. She has served on the City Council since 1990 and as mayor since 1996.

Mayor Gehrz, age 56, owns and operates a consulting company that specializes in qualitative research, and is a founding member of the Mayor's Commission Against Drugs and the League of Women Voters. She is married to Robert Gehrz, professor of physics and astronomy at the University of Minnesota. The couple are the parents of Alex, age 23, and Andrea, age 21.

Even though she is running unopposed, Gehrz intends to door knock the entire community.

— Kristin Anderson

Como Park

Humane Society updates

The Humane Society of Ramsey County is undergoing renovations that aim to save animal lives. The \$550,000 project encompasses a new heating and air conditioning system, flooring in kennel area, and ceiling in adoption area, and lighting for cat area, as well as new exterior doors, sidewalks, and parking lot paving. Construction ends in January. The society's building is 46 years old and has undergone additions in 1964, 1978, and 1988. Its adoption rate is one of the highest in the country with 89 percent of adoptable animals placed into new homes. Find the Humane Society at 1115 Beulah Lane.

Lauderdale

Four neighbors run for two city council seats

Even though Mayor Jeffrey Dains is running unopposed, four Lauderdale residents are running for city council. Incumbents Jack Barlow and Karen Gill-Gerbig face challenges from Lois "Moose"

Gower and Richard Dean Miller. Also, school board elections for Roseville District 623 happens on election day in Lauderdale. Vote on November 2 at City Hall, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

St. Paul City Council

Parking for Specialty Building

Plans for the Specialty Building at University and Raymond keep moving ahead. The St. Paul City Council approved a memorandum of understanding between the city and the 2356 University Avenue Limited Partnership to develop a parking lot at 750 Pelham Avenue and make related streetscape improvements. This allows a project that has been on the drawing boards for more than a year to go forward and outlines steps for the project. In the future, a more detailed development agreement will go into place.

The parking needs to be in place because the building developer is finalizing a lease for a building tenant that would bring 80 to 200 new jobs to St. Paul.

The developer has already put \$2.5 million into converting the once-dilapidated manufacturing-warehouse building into office space and self-storage. Last year the city gave the project a \$125,000 Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) loan to develop the parking lot. An \$82,000 STAR grant was also awarded for streetscape improvements along Myrtle Avenue to create a pedestrian link between the parking lot and the building.

The city is also helping the developer acquire some of the parking lot property through an

eminent domain or condemnation process. One of the biggest challenges for the University-Raymond area is that of adequate off-street parking.

— Jane McClure

J. Ring grant is a STAR idea

The highest-ranking area project for funding by the Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) Board is J. Ring Glass Studio's request for a \$53,355 grant. The studio, owned by Joseph Ring, plans exterior improvements, a repaved parking lot, landscaping and lighting for its building at 2408 Territorial Road. The project ranked second overall.

Twenty-eight projects are recommended for funding. The largest share of funding, \$3.2 million, is directed toward housing rehabilitation or construction projects. That reflects the city's commitment to improving and increasing its housing stock, reports Bob Hammer of Planning and Economic Development (PED) staff. In addition, \$2.4 million is recommended for economic development projects and \$598,000 is earmarked for parks, playgrounds and youth-oriented projects.

Fifty-four project proposals were submitted to St. Paul Planning and Economic Development (PED) staff by the July 14 deadline. Grant requests totaled \$9,590,363 and loan requests totaled \$8,339,142. It is the largest number of Neighborhood STAR Program proposals the city has ever received.

— J. M.

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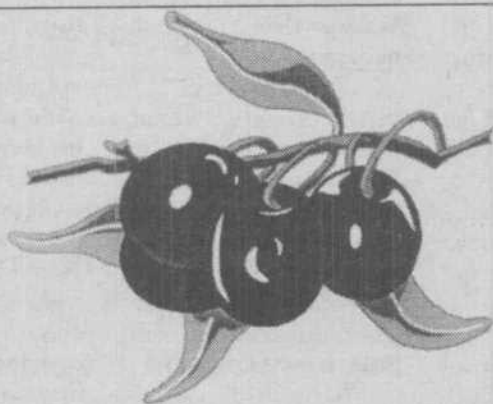


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Compared to many parts of a house, a lovely front door can be relatively inexpensive (usually under \$400 installed). Certainly, when it comes time to sell your home, you will be concerned with curb appeal and making a good first impression, but don't wait until then. Put on a new front door to enjoy for yourself and to proclaim your welcome and creativity to your neighbors.



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EDITORIAL

Enhancing College Park

Landscape architect Horace Cleveland gave St. Anthony Park a beautiful streetscape with curvaceous roads and open spaces, namely College Park. He said that parks are about "beauty, democracy, and recreation." If we, as guardians of Cleveland's legacy, are to honor his intentions, the controversial playground design begs for revisions.

The current proposal, handed down from the College Park Task Force and the St. Anthony Park Community Council, is flawed. It is out-of-scale with the park and its environs. People opposing the current design, who are considerate of the park's beauty, are not anti-child. To seek a better course isn't operating out of "fear, uncertainty, and doubt," as one playground plan proponent said. Instead, critics are asking the task force and council to seek a solution that embraces the ideal that College Park isn't merely a museum showcase, but a public space with a past that is to be both used and seen.

College Park's landscape stems from the 19th century tradition that parks mimic natural forms and serve as escapes from the whirl-wind of urban living. Meanwhile, during the 20th century, parks have become more inclusive, reflecting the creed that "parks are for people," by showcasing postcard-worthy scenes, alongside tennis and basketball courts, softball diamonds, swimming pools, and playground equipment for kids.

Even so, not all parks are alike. Some parks are principally recreation centers, as is the case with Langford and South St. Anthony parks, while others are quiet getaways. College Park is primarily the former. Opponents of the task force's recommendation are asking the Community Council to entertain the notion that the playground must marry contemporary needs with its landmark design. After all, if "parks are for people," then College Park must welcome children and adults, and reflect the past and present. ■

Support the playground

As a member of the task force that facilitated the design for the new pocket playground in College Park, I think I should offer a response to the issues raised by John Wright's September Bugle editorial, the petition circulated by Wright and Fred Foster, and objections offered at a recent St. Anthony Park Community Council meeting.

The petition's concerns are location, size and so-called "unresolved" issues, so I will use them as an outline.

Location: The worry is that locating the playground at the west end of the tennis courts will destroy a vista from the Tennis Courts. Fact: the vista will remain. Most of the equipment is pretty small, and what isn't is concentrated at one end of the playground.

Why locate at the west end of the tennis courts? There are many reasons. It is a safe location and not next to a street, but close to crosswalk access. It is next to existing pathways so we weren't required to plow up more of the park for paths. It is near an existing noise source (the tennis and basketball courts) confining the boisterous behavior to one area, which should help to maintain the reflective nature of the rest of the park. It is one of the flattest available areas, minimizing earth moving. It uses a small portion of a grassy area that is underutilized and frees up a shaded area where the existing play equipment is located. It is farther from the houses on Doswell than both the existing equipment and the other flat area along Doswell, and being below grade, less distracting to the Carter side of the park.

Leveling the site will require a berm on the downhill side. The concern is that grass won't grow on it. Since the park has many steeper hillsides with grass on it, and this will be in full sun, it should grow just about anything. And the berms will be a great place to start a roll down the hill, or a super-long sled run to the bottom of the park. Knowledgeable sledders will tell you that the current slope isn't steep enough to start a run from the tennis courts.

Full sun for the berm also means full sun for the children in the summer. This brings up an unfortunate and hard reality: building a safe playground requires excavating to put in a resilient surface, in this case, sand. Excavation under trees



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kills them. To save the existing trees in the park, we need to locate the new equipment out from under existing trees. The new plan calls for planting trees, so we will get shade in due course. Some of the new play equipment will also provide shade.

Size: The new park is half again as big as the current location, according to the petitioners' size estimates (6,400 square feet). Why is it bigger? For one, we are trying to keep one set of swings in the existing location. This requires a safety zone twice the height of the swing set. That's a tall swing set and so it adds a lot of square footage. The task force kept it because they offer a great view of the park and they are a fun set of swings. Secondly, the playground will now serve young children. It will have equipment for children under three, under six and under ten years. The equipment is separated by age group to make it easier for parents to protect the young children. Two thirds of the equipment is for the lower age ranges. We did that because the park already offers a lot of diversions for older children, but almost nothing for our young citizens. Thirdly, a lot of the space is taken up by proper spacing of the new equipment as well as a new wheelchair access path through the middle of the play area. The current equipment, if positioned according to current safety considerations, would take up a lot more space, so comparing the existing size to the new size is inherently misleading.

The petition says that the play area is "out of scale for a park as small as College Park." Let's put it in perspective: the playground is around 35 percent of the size of the existing tennis and basketball courts. And it's less than 3 percent of the park's square footage.

"Unresolved" Issues: Maintenance and retaining walls — the City Parks and Rec's landscape architects designed the site. They also are designing the grading and retaining walls.

A mostly buried concrete ribbon will be built to hold the sand. We hope to get the garden club to establish plantings between the tennis court and the play

area. Parks and Rec has committed to maintaining this playground along with the rest of College Park.

Use levels — at the District Council meeting, petitioners wondered if we knew how many people use the current playground. No one really knows. Some people wondered if we were overbuilding for the potential demand. Others seemed more concerned that there would be a flood of new park visitors. The petition even suggests that we were remiss in not providing for water and toilets!

I don't know what the rest of the task force thinks, but I personally think that there will be more use from families with young children. Some may even drive to the park. I think our slightly jaded older children will use the new equipment designed for them, but that most of them will be from within walking and biking distance of the park. I doubt it will become a city-wide magnet, as parking is difficult around here. I think many of the seniors in the neighborhood will enjoy a safe walk on the path to use the benches and watch the children play.

I joined the task force because I wanted to make sure that the park would provide better amenities to our children. I like the park for its wide open spaces. Our design preserves them, and creates a new shaded area at ground level. I didn't get all of the things I wanted out of the redesign. But I did get others — new equipment for the youngest ones, and for the older kids, equipment to strengthen the upper body.

A new safe play area is not adding a new function to the park. The playground has been there for at least a half century. Some — not all — of the opposition is from people who want the play equipment removed and not replaced or replaced with only a few pieces and crowded into the same location as the existing equipment. They are trying to turn back the clock, and in the process would damage neighborhood vitality and families with young children. Everyone has their own opinion about what will happen with the new equipment, but for my tax money, a more useful park is a win for the neighborhood.

Mark Sherman

Revamp playground plan

We delight in St. Anthony Park's many children and want the architecture of our neighborhood to tell them clearly that they are loved and are important to the community. Ideally, every child should have a playground within walking distance of home. The playground in College Park needs renewal, and a task force worked to consider differing points of view, weigh the options, and develop a plan to use long-sought Capital Improvement Budget funds to achieve this goal. Having served on various community task forces, we know how difficult this work can be. We appreciate and respect their dedication.

During the course of their work, however, the planned outcome became not just to change equipment, but to alter the "built environment" and character of the park. Their plan evidently was approved with little or no discussion by the St. Anthony Park Community Council. As news of this plan spread, over 140 neighbors signed a petition asking the Council to rescind its decision, to allow time for more thorough public review, and to explore different options.

The standing room only crowd at the October Council meeting demonstrated people's affection and passionate concern — affection for our neighborhood and our children; passionate concern for preserving the great natural beauty of College Park.

Statements from the public and Council ranged from calm to agitated, some hard words were spoken, and a few were misled into thinking this disagreement reflected a "neighbor against neighbor" dispute. The Council apparently did not anticipate this issue would be so important to the residents, and provided neither sufficient space nor time for discussion and reflection.

Although some Council members did seek common ground, in the end, the Council did not act to build understanding, consensus, and community. We were saddened by the tone, approach, and outcome of the meeting. We appeal to the task force and Council to revisit the plan, invite new ideas and involvement, and create a design that builds not only a wonderful new playground, but crafts a stronger community, as well.

Michael and Regula Russelle

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OPINION

Visualize our neighborhoods without billboards

by Bobbi Megard

Billboards detract from the natural beauty of city neighborhoods. St. Paul has approximately 600 billboards and most of these are in neighborhood residential and commercial areas. In fact, St. Paul has more billboards than any other Minnesota city. St. Paul has too many billboards unevenly distributed throughout the city. Billboards advertise few local businesses, depress surrounding property values, and are so poorly maintained that they are eyesores in our neighborhoods. On the western edge of the city along Highway 280, I-94, and University Avenue, the proliferation of billboards detract from the gateway image to the capital city.

The Scenic St. Paul Campaign inventoried billboards in Ward 4 last summer. Billboards were surveyed within district council boundaries. There are huge variations among those areas. Although there are also significant differences in the geographic size of the district council areas, these differences did not account for the differing number of signs. While downtown (District 17) is the smallest geographic area, it has the third largest number of

signs. Maintenance on downtown boards was among the worst in the city with 58 percent of downtown boards having visible maintenance problems. Some of the shabbiest boards are located near some of the most attractive downtown areas.

One hundred and eighteen billboards were found in Ward 4, the second highest in the city. Although city council wards do not break down precisely along district council boundaries, they are quite close: Como Park (District 10) had eight, Hamline-Midway (District 11) had 33, St. Anthony Park (District 12) had 45, and Merriam Park, Snelling-Hamline, and Lexington-Hamline (District 13) had 40.

Arizona-based Eller Media dominates the local market with 80 percent of the boards, while Delite/Midwest is a distant second with 13 percent. Eller completely dominates the large and mid-size boards with 91 percent of the 400 to 700 square foot billboards.

Shoddy maintenance plagued 44 percent of Eller's boards. According to our findings, the most common problem was peeling paint. Other problems include rusting posts, decaying

wood, missing end caps, warped frames and a few had been heaved from the ground by the freeze-thaw cycle. One board has an open electrical box at the 3-foot level. Scenic St. Paul found knee-high and chest-high weeds, debris on the ground, and graffiti on the support structures or on the signs themselves. The lighting systems on some boards appeared to be so bent as to focus on the general vicinity rather than on the board's message.

Eller had nonprofit messages on three percent of their boards. Although Midwest/Delite had slightly more charitable boards, many of these signs were peeling so badly as to convey no message at all.

Local businesses seldom use billboards. Eight percent of Eller's boards contain messages for local businesses. (A business was considered local for survey purposes, even if it was a national or international company, if it had a local address listed on the board.) The few local businesses that did advertise on billboards tended to use only one or two boards located close to the business site.

Property values are affected by billboards, too. Billboards

depress adjoining property values, occupy scarce inner-city land which could be used for housing or other commercial development, shine glaring lights into windows of nearby residents, and diminish the quality of our neighborhoods. Billboards make St. Paul less appealing to residents, tourists, home buyers, commercial investors, and developers. In fact, the largest developer in St. Paul — the Port Authority — does not allow billboards in newly developed industrial parks.

Visualizing St. Paul without billboards is an exercise of the imagination for us. Residents of Maine, Hawaii, Vermont, and Alaska have enjoyed a billboard-free environment for years. Many of our suburban neighbors from Stillwater to Wayzata have ensured that billboards don't mar the natural beauty of their communities. Hundreds of cities have set this agenda, including Washington, D.C., Boulder, and Martha's Vineyard.

Scenic St. Paul Campaign asks neighbors in Ward 4 to vote yes on #2 to ban billboards. ■

Bobbi Megard is vice chair of the Scenic St. Paul Campaign and a former City Council member.

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Keeping track of homework assignments is easier now thanks to the advent of school websites on the internet. For 7th and 8th graders at **Parkview Center School** in Roseville, daily assignments are posted on the school's website. Other District 623 schools such as **Brimhall** and **Falcon Heights elementary schools** have Teaching and Learning Pages at their websites. Links to resources in children's literature, history and geography are provided. Another good idea is the after school study help program now underway at Parkview Center School. Students are able to stay after school every Wednesday and work on homework assignments with teachers.

Como Park Elementary School has a small PTA and a great need for support of its 800 students. The next PTA meeting will be on November 16 at 6:30 p.m. The school is located at 780 West Wheelock Parkway near Como Lake.

St. Anthony Park Elementary School is conducting a meeting of the St. Anthony Park School Association (SAPSA) on

November 11 at 7 p.m.

Honors abound at **Murray Junior High** this month. Anna Bishop, a former Murray student now at **Central High School**, traveled to Washington, D.C. in October as one of 40 finalists in "Discovery Young Scientists Challenge." Murray science teacher Art Payne has been invited to attend the NASA Education Workshop in California for two weeks this fall. He will be meeting with some of NASA's top officials and will be collecting curriculum materials to bring back to Murray. Student Alison Bey recently received the Library's Youth

Service Award for Youth Corps Volunteer of the Month. Two Murray English Language Learner staff members were recently honored: Mr. Neng Xiong was voted Minnesota Bilingual Assistant of the Year by a committee from Hamline University's ELL Department. Ann Mickelson, English as a Second Language teacher, was voted by students to receive the first annual Lettering for Excellence Teacher Achievement Award given by the Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation. ■

— Lisa Steinmann

Homework help at St. Matthew's

Computer websites offer many resources for students but you can't beat a warm meal and a warm body when you need help with your homework. St. Matthew's Episcopal Church on Carter Avenue in St. Anthony Park was offering both recently when I visited to check out the study help program there. Every Monday and Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Beatrice Garubanda oversees a relaxed but studious atmosphere

in the church's new annex. She also serves up snacks midway through the evening. On this occasion it was hot soup and bread. She has kept the program running since it was started several years ago to assist members of the international immigrant community. The program is informal and open to all children in grades 1 to 12. Garubanda is looking for more volunteer tutors and snack donations. Call her for more information at 489-8797. ■

— Lisa Steinmann



Beatrice Garubanda (far right), tutors and students gather on Thursday evening at St. Matthew's Church. Garubanda says, "It is my pleasure and joy to do this." Photo by Lisa Steinmann

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remove its signs in the City of St. Paul would be substantial," court documents state. Eller recently purchased Universal Outdoor Advertising for more than \$35 million. Removal of the St. Paul signs could have a cost in excess of \$3 million, with loss of annual revenues of \$3.5 million. Eller claimed that the loss of income would make it harder for the advertising company to compete against other media, such as radio, television and newspapers.

Delite has 58 billboards, but did not estimate its potential losses in the complaint filed against the city. Mayor Norm Coleman, the St. Paul City Council, City Clerk Fred Owusu and Ramsey County's Property Records and Revenue Department were named as defendants. The county was sued because it conducts St. Paul elections. Doty rejected the Scenic St. Paul Coalition's argument that it should be allowed to intervene in the case and be a party to the lawsuit. ■


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nonemergency phone calls. That should help make for a safe and enjoyable New Year's celebration."

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Letters . . . from page 4

Reconsider College Park playground for all neighbors

College Park is St. Anthony Park's crown jewel. It's beautiful, historic, a place for recreation, and reflection. For these reasons, major changes to the park ought to be made carefully, with love, insight, and full public review. But in discussing new playground plans for the Park, the October 13 District Council meeting appeared to close the doors on full, thoughtful public review.

As a community, we can't afford to end this discussion now. Here's why: Over the summer, a task force met with city parks and recreation designers to decide how to use a large Capital Improvement Budget grant to replace playground equipment at College Park. Many people did not attend these meetings because they believed the meetings addressed play equipment only. They had no idea that the plan would involve re-engineering the park. When these neighbors began to realize the plan's likely effects, they reacted with alarm. Some 150 people petitioned the council to rescind their September decision to support the plan, asking for more time to review, discuss, and revise it.

The city's plan involves moving the children's playground from its current location on level ground surrounded by oak trees. City designers told the task force that building a new playground on the site would endanger the tree roots. Instead, they recommended placing a very large play area just west of the tennis courts. It's much the same design used in parks with no visual or historic character. The plan presented at the meeting seemed to show steep slopes, concrete walls, more paved areas, and other design elements that would involve a major redesign of College Park's east end. Such a

design could cause erosion. It would certainly change the park's character. The neighborhood needs more time to consider such a change.

Although the Council voted 5 to 4 in favor of rescinding the September decision supporting the plan, the meeting chair ruled that changing that decision would require a two-thirds majority. Three of the four people who voted against rescinding were from south St. Anthony. Four of the five delegates from north St. Anthony voted in favor of rescinding approval and taking more time. But, despite our neighborhood's past success in working together on street design and in relocating a proposed soccer stadium, neighbors were not given a chance to review the plan, to obtain objective expert advice, or to push the city to come up with plans that better fit the site and character of the park.

The question is not whether or not people like children or playgrounds. The issue is not one of pitting neighbor against neighbor. It's a question of taking responsibility as members of a democratic society for our stewardship of public space.

Changes in the public realm need time for evaluation and discussion. Everyone in St. Anthony Park has a stake in College Park's future. On an issue so near to the hearts of our neighbors, we must take the time to review this plan, subject it to knowledgeable critique, and debate the issues fairly. We must preserve College Park's beauty, even as we provide children with a safe new playground.

*Barbara and Gordon Murdock
Carole Zellie and Lance Neckar*

SAPA's contribution to the Railroad Park and Garden

Last month's edition contained an ad thanking donors to the Railroad Park and Garden in south St. Anthony Park that did not list the St. Anthony Park Association (SAPA) as a contributor. Lest any of the many individuals who participated in SAPA's December 1998 fundraiser be misled, we want to assure them that the Association did, in fact, donate the net proceeds from the dinner and silent auction (generously calculated to total \$2,530.61) to this effort. We are sure that St. Anthony Park Community Council would join us in thanking the many individuals who chose to make their contribution to this neighborhood project through SAPA.

Please join us as well for the SAPA's 1999 holiday celebration on December 14, when we will once again host a silent auction and festive dinner featuring neighborhood musicians, this time to raise planning money for renovation and needed equipment in Langford Park.

*Ron Dufault, president and
Mary Ann Bernard,
board of trustees,
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Northwest Como Booster Club

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Barb Riordan

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Please join me in supporting Richard Talbot for the Falcon Heights City Council.

Mary Hess

Billboards are a blight

We who live in the St. Anthony Park and Como Park neighborhoods can be proud of the beauty of our community. But the first impression we give to those who drive into the community along Snelling Avenue, Highway 280, University Avenue, and I-94 is not beauty, but a proliferation of billboards crowding our highways.

These billboards are in sharp contrast to the views in the suburban communities to our north. Our suburban neighbors have enacted controls which prevent or significantly limit the presence of billboards. This supports an image of progress, cleanliness and order, while the billboards in St. Paul create an image of clutter, deterioration, and blight.

It is time our highways reflect the pride we have in our community. I urge my neighbors to vote yes on November 2 to control billboards in our community.

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the task force process. We've already made compromises." Sherman accused opponents of the plan of dealing in "FUD," which he defined as "Fear, Uncertainty and Doubt." He said, "FUD is used to keep things from happening. Somebody is spreading FUD tonight."

Many of the protesters agreed that they had not participated in the original planning process, but they contended that was because they had not originally understood the magnitude of the changes planned. Neighborhood resident Carole Zellie said, "It's no big deal to switch playground equipment, but the engineering concerns [of the proposed plan] speak to much larger issues."

Heather Worthington, executive director of the

Community Council, noted that College Park has the oldest playground equipment of any park in the city and that it took almost a decade of applications before update funding was finally approved for 1999. She also pointed out that current funding will expire on January 1, 2001. "Something must happen before then," she said.

After the vote, several of the neighbors spoke with 4th Ward Councilman Jay Benanav, who attended the meeting but did not address the audience. Benanav did not have a position on the issue, citing his unfamiliarity with the arguments, but agreed to use the resources of his office to explore other ways to resolve the controversy. ■

A letter from the St. Anthony Park Community Council

The playground equipment at College Park needs to be replaced because it is old and unsafe and doesn't meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The replacement of this playground equipment has become a controversial issue. We would like to provide a chronology of events that have taken place.

1. The neighborhood has been requesting funds to replace the playground equipment for years.
2. The money was awarded by St. Paul this year in the Capital Improvement Budget.
3. St. Paul Parks and Recreation is responsible for installing the new playground equipment. They requested direction from the St. Anthony Park Community Council regarding what equipment is desired by the neighborhood.
4. The Community Council solicited people to work on a task force to provide that direction.
5. A request for participation was put in the Bugle.
6. Residents living adjacent to College Park were sent letters notifying them of the formation of a task force to propose new playground equipment.
7. The Community Council was requested by the task force to provide a person to facilitate meetings of the task force.
8. The task force met repeatedly over the summer. Several reminder letters were sent to residents adjacent to College Park. An update appeared in the September Bugle.
9. The task force completed a recommendation for a plan for new playground equipment in September.
10. The plan was brought to the Community Council meeting on September 8. After hearing public opinion the Community Council voted to accept the plan. (Voting members of the Community Council are elected from community residents and businesses.)
11. Following that meeting, the Community Council received a petition requesting them to reconsider their action.
12. Public testimony was taken at the October 13 Community Council meeting. Following that public input, the Community Council voted not to change their previous position.
13. Recognizing that the concerns expressed at the October 13 public meeting have not been resolved, the Community Council has requested assistance from the Dispute Resolution Center to work toward a solution that could be genuinely acceptable to all involved. The City of St. Paul will mail information about the Dispute Resolution Center, and the mediation process that will be followed, to all St. Anthony Park residents in the next two weeks. We expect the meeting to take place in the first week of November. If you have questions, please feel free to call the Council offices at 649-5992. We hope that everyone will take advantage of this opportunity to resolve concerns regarding this project.

Alice Magnuson and Sherman Eagles
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


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Something's brewing in

by Abby and
Donald Marier

We knew something was brewing in the Park from the first day we moved in a year ago. As we were unpacking our first load of boxes, neighbor Christy Myers invited us to enjoy a beer with some of the neighbors. What a welcome! What a beer! We not only met our new neighbors, but also learned the Park has a number of enthusiastic brewers.

Gordon Myers, David Lee, Jerry Wallace, and Bill Sippel are among a small group of home brewers living in St. Anthony Park. All are successful in brewing a variety of exceptional beers, but each has a slightly different approach. Gordon is more "scientific" and likes to keep records, while Dave and Jerry like to "eyeball" each batch. Bill prefers to do his brewing at a central location, leaving some of the process to be done by others.

CREATIVE FERMENTING

But all agree brewing your own beer is a creative hobby. "It's a little like cooking," Gordon says. "It's like magic. You never know what the outcome will be." The goal is to recreate a beer they have tasted before and make it even better. "You add little changes each time," says David. They sometimes end up creating new beers. Brewing beer can be more difficult and complex than fermenting wine. "There are over 160 yeasts available for beer making," says Jerry. Dave has added such spices as coriander, bitter orange, cinnamon, nutmeg, and cloves to his batches. Add together several varieties of yeasts, hops, malt, numerous flavoring ingredients, and the variations in time and temperature of brewing and you get an almost infinite number of beers that can be made. Creativity extends to labeling also. Gordon is known for his "Stubborn Male" labels featuring a mule as the logo on his amber ale bottles.

Peruse just a few of the homebrewing publications such as *Brew Your Own* or *Midwest Beer Notes* and you may get the impression that homebrewing is about buying expensive gadgets. "Many brewers are gadgeteers," observes Jerry, "but you don't have to be." In fact, he says you can get started with a kit costing just \$120. Woodworking is typically a much more expensive hobby. Ingredients for making beer



cost about 50 cents per bottle — not counting the hobbyist's labor, of course. No permit is required to brew up to 100 gallons per person, per household, although it is illegal to sell home brewed beer. All the brewers commented that their hobby soon becomes known among their friends and gift giving becomes a satisfying part of their hobby. Jerry made

batches of four different beer types this summer and gave a mixture of each to his friends. Gordon has developed a recipe for "beer bread" made from the leftover grain and gives it to friends who appreciate the hardy flavor.

ANOTHER APPROACH

Not everyone has the time or inclination to brew his or her own beer at home. Bill Sippel found an alternative approach at the Vine Park Brewery on West 7th Street in downtown St. Paul. There, he chooses from many recipes.

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WHAT IT

One are the days when beer pretty much all tasted the same — today, there is no other country which makes available such a wide range of beer, ranging in style from rye beer to oatmeal stout, from the hoppiest beers to the spiciest. Certainly the relaxing, social aspects of beer drinking are as important as ever, but beer aficionados are interested more in taste, and less in having our thirsts quenched or our senses dulled. And for many people, beer is more accessible than wine, seems less snobbish, and is something we can all talk about. Take a sip, savor the flavor, talk about it. (That's not to say the beer world doesn't have its own snobs!) And now, some very creative brewers in St. Anthony Park are making their own delicious brews.

And as with all things homebrew, fun and creativity tend to be contagious. Experimentation is half the fun. Home brewers have access to a tremendous array of malts, roasted grains and unmalted grains, dozens of varieties of hops, hundreds of strains of yeast, and, of course, pure water.

Barley malt is germinated barley that has been dried, releasing sugars which the yeast needs in order to ferment/create beer.

Hops are a vigorous vine. In the late produces flower "hop cone" shape. The bitterness it balance and i There are over the two species strain has its own Especially for a the flavor of the

Most beers water, and water flavor of beer. mineral content suit their needs pilsner a brewer while a pale ale salts to the water

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call Bill to come in and bottle his beer. That's it. Usually a batch makes six cases, with twelve 22-ounce bottles in each case. Brewing costs about \$100 to \$120 per batch, or a little over \$1.00 per bottle. Bill feels the benefit of brewing at Vine Park is that many of the steps are taken care of, which is important for someone who has little time but enjoys being

involved with the brewing process. And he has some great beer!

Wednesday night is brew club night at Vine Park. Anyone can come but twelve people is the limit. Each person is charged \$55. The group starts a total of six batches of beer. At the end of two weeks each person in the group goes



home with one half case of each of the six beers. Vine Park Brewery is expanding its plans, and will become a licensed brewpub and restaurant sometime next spring. Brewpubs, by the way, are establishments brewing their own beer.

Brewers in St. Anthony Park and others interested will have an opportunity to meet others with like minds on November 5 at 8 p.m. At that time, David is hosting an assembly of brewers and tasters — people experienced or interested in the home brewing tradition — at his home. The newly formed group plans to have three to four meetings annually, and there is the possibility that the group could buy in bulk to receive discounts. Phone 603-8541 for details. Stay tuned for more creative brewing in the Park. Enjoy! ■



Brewing or bust — Dave Lee (upper left) toasts the neighborhood; Dave Lee, Gordon Myers, and Jerry Sippel gather for a homemade beer tasting party; Gordon Myers demonstrates the brewing

craft; and beer and brats go together like love and marriage. Photo on left by Truman Olson; all others courtesy of Abby and Donald Marier.

Abby and Donald Marier

WIKES TO BREW

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Brewers in the Park report making a variety of ales, lagers, stouts, and pilsners. Lagers ferment at cooler temperatures than ales and take more time. Stouts contain more barley. They are "warming" and "good for watching someone shovel snow," says one brewer. Pilsners are lighter beers, good for lawn mowing time.

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Bashing Buckthorn

by Mary Maguire Lerman

Have you heard that woodlands and wetlands in the metropolitan area and throughout Minnesota are pleading for their lives? An alien has invaded and threatens their very survival. It may also be invading your landscape! This invader's arsenal includes a

The woodlands and wetlands in the metropolitan area and throughout Minnesota are pleading for their lives. Buckthorn invades and threatens their survival.

decade another selection of Buckthorn has been sold, called Fernleaf Buckthorn. In mid-September of this year, a new addition to our state's noxious weed law placed these Buckthorns on the Noxious Weed List and by 2001 you will not be able to purchase Columnar or Fernleaf Buckthorn. Common Buckthorn has not been in the nursery trade since the 1930s.

The woodlands and wetlands of St. Anthony Park, the Metropolitan area, and greater Minnesota, are asking for your help.

Homeowners and businesses are now being encouraged to remove Buckthorn in their neighborhoods. Public park areas need you to have this invader removed as soon as possible from your property. Why? If we don't remove Buckthorn now, our children and grandchildren will not have the opportunity to enjoy the flora and fauna of woodlands and wetlands. Why? Buckthorn suppresses native plants, so that native trees and shrub seedlings are not developing in these areas. When a severe windstorm or other disaster destroys the mature trees in these areas, all that will remain are Buckthorn thickets. It is not only the issue of Buckthorn destroying an ecosystem, it is also a safety/visibility issue. Buckthorn thickets are so dense that many park users do not feel comfortable walking in areas infested with these shrubs.

How can you help? Check your landscape now while Buckthorn is easily visible so that you can determine if you have any on your property. Please help the effort by removing Buckthorn from your property. Until Buckthorn is removed from all residential and commercial properties in the cities, we will

Call the Minnesota Department of Agriculture at 296-8328. They will forward you information on how you can help in the battle of the Buckthorn.

have a fruitful source for constant reinfection of parklands by birds. If you want information on how to effectively remove Buckthorn, how to prevent the stumps from resprouting and how long you will need to monitor your yard for Buckthorn seedlings, there is help. Call the Minnesota Department of Agriculture at 296-8328. They will forward you information on how you can help in this battle of the Buckthorn. ■

Visit the University of Minnesota's campus to witness buckthorn in action. Find buckthorn hedges in the University of Minnesota trial lots on the east side of Cleveland Avenue, between Folwell and Larpenteur avenues.

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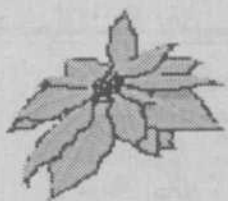
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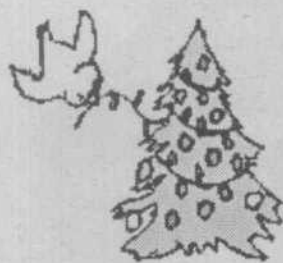
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vigorous root system, a symbiotic root fungus, no predators, a long growing season, hungry birds and natural chemicals that reduce growth of surrounding plants. Say what?

Buckthorn is everywhere. Look around your yard and block. Many of you have Common Buckthorn growing in your yard. It was probably planted as a hedge 70 or more years ago either in your yard or somewhere nearby. Since 1930 it has been out of the nursery trade, after research showed that it was the alternate host of crown rust of oats. However, someone forgot to instruct the songbirds that it should not be planted.

As a result, the birds have spread this plant so that it can now be found in every county in the state. Birds have limited landscaping skills and they plant it wherever they stop to perch or feed. You will find Buckthorn growing up through fences, under roof gutters and overhead lines, and among other fruiting shrubs. Unfortunately, the birds forget to limit their landscaping to private residences and businesses. You will find Buckthorn growing in woodland and wetland areas. Birds perching in the park trees have left behind their droppings with Buckthorn seeds included. Once the seeds in their droppings get established, the Buckthorn multiply and form "Buckthorn Brigades" and begin their invasion throughout the our neighborhoods.

Woodlands in the metropolitan area are infested with Common Buckthorn. Here in St. Paul, you only have to drive a short distance to Como Park or the Mississippi River Road bluffs to see how it has invaded and become the dominant vegetation. It is easiest to spot now, in the late fall, when most trees and shrubs have dropped their leaves. You will notice shrubs that have green leaves often persisting into December. If it is not an evergreen, it's likely Buckthorn.

Since 1960 a different Buckthorn has been planted in the Midwest. Now that Tallhedge or Columnar Buckthorn has been planted for 30 years, we are seeing its effect on wetland communities. This species of Buckthorn prefers more moist soils and has found them with the help of the birds. Also, in the past

ARTS EVENTS



Vienna Piano Trio comes to neighborhood

Music lovers will feast their ears on works by four Viennese masters, when Music in the Park Series presents the brilliant Vienna Piano Trio in its Twin Cities debut on Sunday, November 7, 4 p.m., at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ (2129 Commonwealth and Chelmsford avenues).

Wolfgang Redik, violin; Marcus Trefny, cello; and Stefan Mendl, piano, comprise the celebrated trio. Educated within sight of the Danube, mentored in America by the Beaux Arts Trio and Isaac Stern, the Vienna Piano Trio gained critical accolades from the *Washington Post*, who called the musicians "one of the

world's leading ensembles of violin, cello, and piano."

For its St. Anthony Park performance these young musicians bring their ardor and insight to Mozart's *Trio in C Major*, Haydn's *Trio in E-flat Major*, Beethoven's *Piano Trio in G Major*, and Anton Webern's violin-piano and cello-piano duets.

Berliner Allgemeine reports that the Vienna Piano Trio exemplifies "the enchanting beauty of sound" and you can purchase tickets by calling 645-5699 or at the door. Tickets are also sold at the Bibelot Shop on Como Avenue (646-5651) and Micawber's Bookstore (646-5506). ■

Pianist Laura Caviani debuts CD in Park

Music in the Park series presents "Holiday Jazz in the Park" — a concert and CD release celebration featuring pianist and St. Anthony Park neighbor Laura Caviani and vocalist Lucia

Newell — on Sunday, November 28, 4 p.m., at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ (2129 Commonwealth Avenue).

A rising star on the world jazz scene, Caviani tours internationally

The Vienna Piano Trio (left to right, Stefan Mendl, piano, Marcus Trefny, cello, Wolfgang Redik, violin) makes its Twin Cities debut at Music in the Park Series on November 7.

and has performed and recorded with jazz greats, such as Karrin Allyson, Toots Thielemans, Dave Liebman, and Bob Mintzer.

The concert honors the release of Caviani's latest CD — *Angels We Haven't Heard*. Caviani's accomplishment spotlights farflung musical creations from *Toyland* to *Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming*, to an original composition based on Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite*.

Singer Lucia Newell and jazz musicians Peter Whitman, Joe Cosgrove, Tom Lewis, and Phil Hey join Caviani for the event. You can buy tickets by calling 644-4234, a special number for this Music in the Park Series presentation. Tickets are also sold at the door and at the Bibelot Shop (646-5651) and Micawber's Bookstore (646-5506). ■

Literature

Near Diane Glancy host "Native American Voices" at Black Bear Crossings, 831 Como Avenue, on Thursday, November 18, 7 p.m. Flautist Gary TenBear and poet Nakia TenBear join Glancy.

Theater

St. Anthony Park neighbor Jefferson Tholen is appearing in Tom Stoppard's *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead* at the Theatre in the Round Players (TRP) through November 14. Stoppard's landmark work tells the story of Hamlet through the viewpoint of two minor characters, the college chums of the Prince of Denmark. TRP is located at 245 Cedar Avenue, Minneapolis, (612) 333-3010.

Visual Arts

The Raymond Avenue Gallery is presenting *Intimate Fibers*, an invitational exhibition, through November 20. A reception is set for Friday, November 18, 5 to

8 p.m., during the Off-Raymond Rendezvous. The exhibit spotlights the work of textile artists Beth Barron, Joan LaVine, Pam Schloff, and Krista Spieler. All artists are members of the Textile Center of Minnesota. The gallery is located at 761 Raymond Avenue.

Mixed media work by Baofeng Wang is on view at the Larson Art Gallery on the University of Minnesota campus, 2017 Buford Avenue. The gallery is open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m.

May Clutter's artwork takes centerstage at the St. Anthony Park Home from November 17 to November 27. Much of her work possesses a holiday theme and she won a blue ribbon at the Minnesota State Fair last August. You can see her work on the lower level hallway outside the Occupational and Physical Therapy room. The home is located at 2237 Commonwealth. ■

Dance in Falcon Heights

by Amy Causton

A local arts organization is getting bigger and better. After five years in the basement of the Falcon Crossing Mall, Midwest Youth Dance Theatre (MYDT) is expanding into the space at 1557 West Larpent Avenue (formerly J's Liquors). Besides the two studios located in the basement of the mall, MYDT now has an

additional studio, dressing rooms, an office, and a reception area in the new space.

Dance Theater is a school which offers a wide range of dance classes to students of all ages. Its success made the expansion necessary — since the studio opened, it has grown to a faculty of ten and a student population of over 250.

Janet Blacik, co-owner and business director of the school,

says, "We try to maintain a strong sense of community at MYDT. The additional studio and space allow us to have more classes with fewer students so that we can maintain that feeling of community." MYDT acquired the new space August 1 and the addition was open at the beginning of the fall session September 7.

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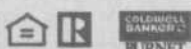


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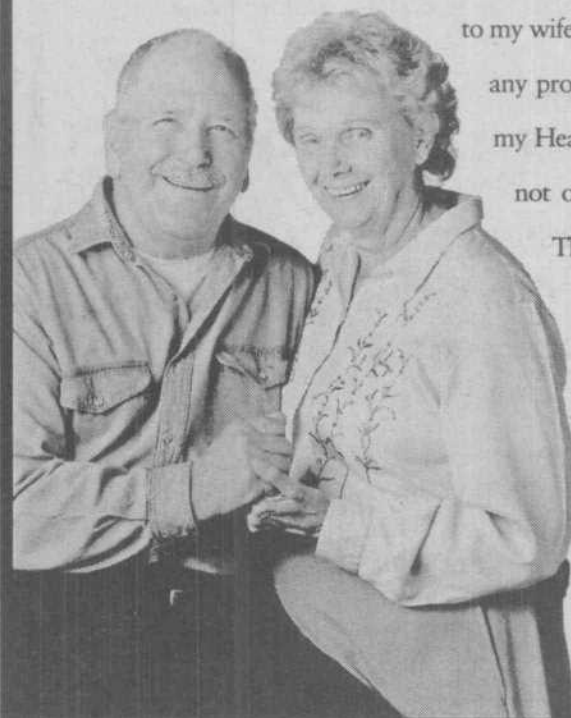
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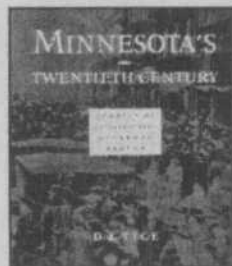
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reading

The **St. Paul Public Library's** bookmobile swings through **St. Anthony Park** on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The traveling library will stop in front of the St. Anthony Park Branch Library, Como at Carter avenues, until the library reopens.

shopping

Como Park Conservatory Gift Shop is hosting its annual **holiday shopping event** on Wednesday, November 17, and Thursday, November 18, from 5 to 8 p.m. Miniature conservatories, hand-painted tree ornaments, bud vases, gardener's bath and body product, and apparel are inventory highlights. Meanwhile, Judith Klingsick, author of *A Japanese Garden Journey: Through Ancient Stones and Dragon Bones*, will sign her book and George Maurer will offer musical melodies. The shop is located at 1325 Aida Place and its phone number is 487-8260.

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parenting

The Art of Breastfeeding and Avoiding Difficulties is the topic at the **Como-Midway La Leche League's meeting** on Tuesday, November 9, at 7 p.m. Call Jeanne at 644-0302.

worship

Emmanuel Mennonite Church holds Sunday 9:30 a.m. services at Luther Seminary's Chapel of the Cross. Over 50 people attend services, and share the mission of being a peace church engaged in local and global outreach. The congregation is led by Matthew Swora, who also served with his wife, Becky, as a missionary in Burkina Faso, West Africa. Call the pastor at 636-9303.

socializing

Join the **ParkBank Diamonds** on **Saturday, November 27, when the organization visits the Chanhassen Dinner Theatre** for its 14th Annual Holiday Revue. The bus leaves at 10 a.m. from the ParkBank drive-in and returns at approximately 4 p.m. Call Mark Chapple at 523-7850.

Lutefisk, Swedish meatballs, homemade lefse, and krumkaka spell off-da at the **St. Anthony Park Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star's 43rd annual Scandinavian Dinner** on Saturday, November 6, 4 to 7 p.m., at the Fairview Community Center, 1910 West County Road B, Roseville. The dinner costs \$10 for adults and \$3 for children. For information call Jenelle Brumm at (612) 421-7122.

gardening

Timothy McCloskey talks about bromeliads for home and office at the **St. Anthony Park Garden Club meeting** on Tuesday, November 2, 6:30 p.m., at the Langford Park Recreation Center, 30 Langford Park. Call Mary Maguire Lerman at (612) 313-7726 (o) or 644-7388 (h).

honors

The new animal science library at the University of Minnesota is known as the **Robert N. Shoffner Library** in honor of St. Anthony Park resident and U of M professor emeritus Bob Shoffner. Additionally, Shoffner was recognized at the North American Colloquium on Domestic Animal Cytogenetics and Gene Mapping for his "outstanding scientific contributions to cytogenetics."

environment

Street sweeping's sweet. Rivers in the Twin Cities are unhealthy because they contain excess phosphorus (P) and oxygen-consuming materials (BOD). **Help improve river water quality — don't sweep grass and tree leaves into the street**, and reclaim leaves that blew there. Our storm sewers provide an express route for P and BOD to the Mississippi River. So, make a clean sweep, compost or mulch leaves at home or at the Ramsey County compost site, and help Mother Nature keep her house in order.

sculpture

A dead elm tree on the lawn of the St. Anthony Park Branch Library was transformed into a work of art in early October. Nationally acclaimed woodcarver Dennis Roghair spent about a day and a half carving the stump into a boy reading a book. There's an owl perched above his head on a tree stump, and the slogan "Read — A Wise Choice" is carved into the base of the sculpture. The St. Anthony Park Library Association used proceeds from the annual art fair to fund the sculpture.

It's worth leaving the house!

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really like a jet and of course at the potter's wheel yet.

And make great meals every day no, indeed she has no feet of clay.

So here is my love to Ruth who forsooth

is celebrating this milestone birthday. Hip, hip hurray, hip hip hurray!

— GERHARD NEUBECK

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The St. Anthony Park Home invites carolers to entertain its residents this Christmas season. Additionally, the residence seeks gift donations that Santa can deliver on Christmas Eve. If you would like to arrange a visit or need a gift idea, please call Susan at 646-7486.

rec center news

Langford Park Recreation Center outings include a movie

and pizza at Cinema Cafe in Woodbury on Monday, November 22, 11 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., and indoor mountain climbing on Tuesday, November 23, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m., at Vertical Endeavors.

Registration for instruction basketball, ages 6 to 8, is set for Monday, November 22, through Friday, December 10. Call 298-5765 and 298-5770 for information. ■

ST. ANTHONY PARK HOME



Thanksgiving is a good time to reflect and give thanks to those who have helped us throughout the year. We are especially thankful to our many volunteers. This is also the time of year that we ask our friends and neighbors to remember us this Holiday season when your community groups are organizing caroling schedules and visits. We also appreciate your donations of gifts for Santa to pass on Christmas Eve. If you would like to arrange a visit or need a gift idea, please call Susan at 651-646-7486.

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by David Anger

Resourceful small businesses and friendly shopkeepers make University and Raymond avenues in St. Anthony Park an all-American main street retail experience that delights even the most cynical shopper.

Get a jump start with a cup of coffee at **Prairie Star Coffee House** (2399 University; 646-7827), where the aroma of organic beans fills the air. Besides offering specialty coffee drinks, the cafe sells quality soups and sandwiches. Get-in-line early for Prairie Star's turkey and chutney sandwich. If you're craving a manwich, not a sandwich, head for **Key's** (767 Raymond; 646-5756), the neighborhood's home cooking leader. Ask about its daily specials, order fresh soup, and rave about Key's famous homemade breads. Meanwhile, urbane diners head to **Chet's Taverna** (791 Raymond, 646-2655), where inventive Italian cuisine spells "buon appetito." The starters and pasta dishes are menu amazements, although the specials are worthwhile too. A quality wine list completes the dining experience.

University and Raymond caters to all generations. **Fobia** (2500 University, 647-0097) is totally cool for teenagers with snowboarding equipment, t-shirts and Van's, while **Handi Medical Supply** (2505 University, 644-9770) is a neighborhood-based resource for nursing mothers, people with special needs, and older folk too.

Then, head for Greece

without buying an airplane ticket at **Spiros Mediterranean Market** (2264 University Avenue, 645-4607). The five-month-old enterprise is the Athens of Midway, selling 20 varieties of imported olives, ten types of imported feta cheese, and 20 different sorts of olive oils. Pastries, fig preserves, and lavender soaps complement the inventory.

Roasting Stones (2388 University Avenue, 644-1645) makes hunting for handmade things breezy. This is the place to find wonderful homespun and palmed-sized bags with beaded embellishments. Made with elk, moose, and suede these delights, a sure-fire hit with young and mature women, are made by Thunder Star, an Ojibway pipe carrier living in St. Paul. Margaret Kaeter, a south St. Anthony Park neighbor, also showcases her beautiful beaded necklaces that possess a small pouch for good luck charms. They sell for \$23, even though each necklace involves four to five hours of labor. The same shop sells Aromaland, such as patchouli and lavender, that don't sneeze CK I. Before departing, drink a cup of Fair Trade Coffee and ogle the handwoven African baskets.



Think ahead toward dinner and visit **Sharrett's Liquor Store** (2389 University Avenue West, 645-8629) — a Park institution — that peddles quality wine and beer. Spirits and all the fixings are also sold. And, when in doubt over what to give dear old dad for Christmas or the guy down the street who snowblows your driveway, reach for a bottle of Scotch, but don't skimp. Glenlivet and Glenmorangie are top-shelf selections at Sharrett's.

The American flag flies proudly in the window of **Herbst Food Market** (779 Raymond, 644-7592), a thoroughly old-fashioned market that sells hair nets and panchos for 99 cents. Their shelves are full of such culinary delicacies as canned Mandarin oranges, peach slices, sweet peas, and jello, jello, jello. Meat and dairy staples stand guard in Herbst's vintage refrigerators.

Continue your yesteryear journey at **Mairzy Dots** (763 Raymond), where memories from grandmother's attic and pantry rule. Precious painted dishes, Martha Stewart-worthy kitchen prizes, and '30s-style linens make this new-kid-on-the-block a winner. Go groovy at **Succotash** (781 Raymond, 603-8787), a mid-20th century design star. Discriminating chefs, always searching for practical yet elegant serveware, love the store's selection of Arabia enamel bowls. Get set for your retro fondue party with a mint-condition Rubel fondue set (\$22) complete with its original box.

Walk into **Noll Hardware** (789 Raymond, 646-5408) and fulfill all your hardware store fantasies. The family-run enterprise is the dominion of Steve Garfield, who bought it found his father 10 years ago, and his brother, Mike. When the toilet overflows, the Garfields will hand over the proper hardware, sold in American and metric measurements, since the store is a nuts-and-bolts mecca for the manufacturing and commercial real estate trade. Additionally, the Garfield brothers perform in-house window and screen repairs.

Diane Revoir and Jerry Musburger of **Bargain Upholstery** (797 Raymond, 642-1838) encourage people to rescue older, well-made furniture from the dumpster and have it reupholstered to reflect your taste. So, what constitutes a good sofa? Heavy wooden frames and sturdy cushions that can endure the teenager's romp. The seventeen-year-old business holds fast creating "something that looks good," meaning the fabric runs the same direction, cushions fit properly, and patterns line up. ■



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1 Monday

- Como Park recycling.
- AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 8 p.m. 644-0809. Every Monday.
- Boy Scouts, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 7 p.m. Every Monday.

2 Tuesday

- Election Day
- 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.-1 p.m. Every Tuesday. Call 298-5765 for details.
- St. Anthony Park Writers' Group meeting, 2403 Carter Ave., 7:30 p.m., 645-6970.
- Timothy McCloskey talks about bromeliads for home and office, St. Anthony Park Garden Club meeting, 6:30 p.m., Langford Park Recreation Center, 30 Langford Park. New members welcome!

3 Wednesday

- St. Anthony Park recycling.
- Leisure Center for Seniors, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday. 603-8946. Every Wednesday.

4 Thursday

- Toastmasters, U.S. Forest Service, 1992 Folwell Avenue, St. Paul Campus, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. 649-5162. Every Thursday.
- Tot Time (for 5-year olds and younger), South St. Anthony Rec Center, 10 a.m.-noon. Every Thursday (There will be no Tot Time on Thanksgiving Day). Call 298-5765 for details.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Physical Planning Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 6 p.m.

5 Friday

- Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling.
- Guy Fawkes' celebration, Lincolnshire Larks Limited, Milton Square, Como at Carter avenues.

6 Saturday

- Arts and Crafts sale with hand-wovens, handknits, and stained glass, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 1524 Fulham Street.
- Scandinavian Dinner, St. Anthony Park Chapter #212 of the Order of the Eastern Star, 4 to 7 p.m., Fairview Community Center Cafeteria, 1910 West County Road B.

7 Sunday

- Music in the Park Series presents the Twin Cities debut of the Vienna Piano Trio, 4 p.m., St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 4 p.m., 2129 Commonwealth at Chelmsford avenues.

8 Monday

- Park Press Inc., — Park Bugle — board meeting, ParkBank community room, 7 a.m.
- Falconeers Senior Card Club, Falcon Heights, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 1-3:30 p.m. Call 488-3361.

9 Tuesday

- La Leche League discuss "The Art of Breastfeeding and Avoiding Difficulties," 7 p.m., call 644-0302 for location.
- Patricia Lawler talks about reducing muscle aches and pain, naturally, 6 p.m., Holly House, call 645-6951.
- Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, 7:30 p.m.

10 Wednesday

- 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.

11 Thursday

- Veterans Day
- Remembrance Day celebration, Lincolnshire Larks Limited, Milton Square, Como at Carter avenues.
- Evening parent conferences at area senior high schools.

13 Saturday

- St. Anthony Park Business Association's Holiday Lights Dinner and Auction, Baker Court Conference Center, 861 Raymond Avenue, call 917-3207.

15 Monday

- Como Park recycling.

16 Tuesday

- District 10 Como Community Council, 7 p.m. Call 644-3889 for location.
- Lauderdale Planning Commission, City Hall, 1891 Walnut, 7 p.m.
- Evening parent conferences at area senior high schools.
- Mounds Park Academy's open house, 7 to 9 p.m., 2051 East Larpenteur Avenue, Maplewood.

17 Wednesday

- St. Anthony Park recycling.
- Como Park Conservatory Gift Shop's holiday shopping event, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., 1325 Aida Place.
- Langford Booster Club, Langford Park, 7:30 to 9 p.m. All residents are invited to attend.

18 Thursday

- Flautist and storyteller Gary TenBear and poet Nakia TenBear join writer Diane Glancy for "Native American Voices," 7 p.m., Black Bear Crossings, 831 Como Avenue.

- Como Park Conservatory Gift Shop's holiday shopping event, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., 1325 Aida Place.

19 Friday

- Falcon Heights and Lauderdale recycling.
- Off-Raymond Rendezvous, Art Crawl at Dow/Singer, Chittenden, and Triangle buildings, University Avenue, noon to 9 p.m.

20 Saturday

- FARE For All food 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 Avenue, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Call 644-8833.
- Off-Raymond Rendezvous, Art Crawl at Dow/Singer, Chittenden, and Triangle buildings, University Avenue, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Darts Contest, Lincolnshire Larks Limited, Milton Square, Como at Carter avenues.

22 Monday

- Falconeers Senior Card Club, Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 1-3:30 p.m. Call 488-3361.
- St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program Board of Directors meeting, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church library, 7 p.m.
- No school, kindergarten — conference preparatory day.

23 Tuesday

- Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, 7:30 p.m.
- No school, kindergarten and elementary — preparatory day; evening conferences.

24 Wednesday

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

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

- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 7 p.m.

- No school, kindergarten and elementary — conference day.

25 Thursday

- Thanksgiving Day
- No school.

28 Sunday

- Music in the Park Series presents "Holiday Jazz in the Park" featuring a concert and CD release party for St. Anthony Park neighbor Laura Caviani, 4 p.m., St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth at Chelmsford avenues.

Photo by Ann Marsden



Laura Caviani

29 Monday

- Como Park recycling.

30 Tuesday

- St. Andrew's Day celebration, Lincolnshire Larks Limited, Milton Square, Como at Carter avenues.

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Grace Anderson

Lyngblomsten resident Grace E. Anderson, age 90, died on October 12.

Mrs. Anderson is preceded in death by her husband, Arthur Anderson. She is survived by daughters, Eleanor Heuer and Carolyn Bonniwell; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Gertrude Green

Gertrude M. (Ruby) Green (nee Podd) died on September 29, at the age of 91. She lived at Lyngblomsten Care Center.

Survivors include her husband, Harold; sisters-in-law, Gladys Green and Geri Griebonow; and a brother-in-law, Charlie Green.

Robert Kjelland

Falcon Heights neighbor Robert C. Kjelland, age 84, died on October 3.

Mr. Kjelland was an employee of St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company for 42 years and a member of Falcon Heights United Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, Alice; sons, Steven and Joseph; grandchildren, Christine and Jim; great-grandson, Bjorn; and a sister, Josephine Edstrom.

Ann Krantz

Ann C. Krantz, a former resident of St. Anthony Park, died in her sleep on October 3, in Las Vegas, Nevada. She was 67 years of age.

Miss Krantz grew up on Carter Avenue and graduated from Murray High School in 1950. She was an avionics specialist at Honeywell.

She is survived by sisters, Katherine Steven, Peggy Biniek, Alice Linnerooth, and Josephine Dolan; and brother, Fred Krantz.

James Larson

James P. Larson, age 70, died on September 20. He was a former resident of Falcon Heights who lived in Minneapolis in recent years.

Mr. Larson graduated from Murray High School in 1946. He graduated from Humboldt Institute and worked as a florist with Greenleaf Wholesale Florists.

He was preceded in death by one brother and one sister. Survivors include his wife, Virginia; daughter, Monica; two granddaughters; three step-children; five step-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; and brother, Dennis.

Dorothy Geddes Longley

Dorothy Geddes Longley, age 73, died on September 17. She was a former resident of St. Anthony Park on Doswell Avenue and had made her home in Forest Lake in recent years.

She was a graduate of Murray High School in the class of 1944.

Mrs. Longley was preceded in death by a son, Alan Longley of Blackfoot, Idaho. She is survived by her husband, Allan, of 53 years; sons, William, Brian, Ted, and Craig; five granddaughters; two grand-sons; and one great-grandson.

Grace Weisser Mentes

Lyngblomsten Care Center resident Grace Weisser Mentes, age 78, died on October 1.

Born in Elrosa, Minnesota, on April 6, 1921, she married Douglas Mentes from St. Paul in 1944. He died in 1963.

Mrs. Mentes was a parishioner of St. Andrew's Catholic Church.

Survivors include sons, John and Alan Mentes; daughters, Mary Beth Neska and Catherine "Cami" Rice; and five grandchildren.

Leo Ohman

Leo S. Ohman, a former resident

of Falcon Heights, died on September 16. He was 94 years old and had recently lived at Lyngblomsten Care Center.

Mr. Ohman was a member of the Falcon Heights United Church of Christ.

Preceded in death by his wife, Jean, he is survived by daughters, Joanne Carlson and Faith; and three grandchildren.

Evelyn Palmer

Evelyn Palmer died on October 14. She was 92 years of age. Mrs. Palmer was a former resident of Falcon Heights who had recently lived in Roseville.

She was a member of Falcon Heights United Church of Christ.

Preceded in death by her husband, Gerald, and a sister, Rezia Gaunt, she is survived by sons, Robert and Ralph; daughter, Lucy Plier; and three grandchildren.

Kyle Peterson

Kyle Peterson died at age 68 on October 7. He was a former resident of Como Park who had lived for several years in Little Canada.

Mr. Peterson grew up on Arona Street and was a 1949 graduate of Murray High School. He was in the advertising business and a founder of the Twin Cities Jazz Society, but was probably best known as a founder of the Mariucci Inner City Hockey Association, which gave children ages 6 to 8 an opportunity to play hockey at no cost.

He had been a hockey star at

Murray and at the University of Minnesota. He convinced Ramsey County to donate ice time, the St. Paul Parks and Recreation Department to donate buses, and the Riedell Skate Company to donate gloves, pads, and sticks. The Mighty Mites program gave inner city children of all races the chance to get used to the ice and learn fundamentals.

Mr. Peterson was also a longtime member of Como Park Lutheran Church.

He is survived by his wife, Marilyn; sons, Dana and Derek; three grandsons; brother, his mother, Alice Peterson; two step-children; and three step-grandchildren.

Josephine Olson Radefeldt

Falcon Heights resident Josephine Olson Radefeldt, age 89, died on October 2.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles, daughter, Sandra, and son, James. She is survived by son, Gregory; daughter-in-law, Barbara; three grandchildren, Daniel, Libby, and Kelly; and sister, Inger Wermage.

Janet Rose

Janet Rose, a former St. Anthony Parkite, died at age 55 at her home in Elk Mound, Wisconsin.

Janet Rose was employed at Miller Pharmacy for many years. She also worked at Dynequip and was a member of NAO (Neighborhood Assistance Officers). She was a member of St. Katherine's Lutheran Church in Menomonie, Wisconsin.

Preceded in death by her sister, Carol Haff, also a longtime Miller Pharmacy employee, she is survived by sisters, Mary Kiekhafer and Shirley McKelvey; brothers, Norman and Richard; and many nieces and nephews.

Lorraine Zechmann Rueckert

Lorraine Zechmann Rueckert, a former resident of Como Park, died on September 17 at age 70. She graduated from Murray High School in 1946.

Mrs. Rueckert worked as a cashier for Penny's and had lived in Maplewood.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence "Chuck." She is survived by sons, Rick and Rob; daughters, Patricia, Penny, and Pamela; and grandchildren, Stephen, Rachel, Becca, Nick, Sarah, and Hayley.

Lois Elliott Tesch

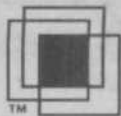
Lois Elliott Tesch, age 70, died on September 21. She grew up in Lauderdale and graduated from Murray High School in 1946. Her home was in New Brighton.

Mrs. Tesch and her husband, Gerald, a native of St. Anthony Park, had celebrated their 50th anniversary two years ago. Survivors include her husband, Gerald; daughters, Linda Sommerfeld and Nancy Pagel; sons, Jerry and Paul; and 10 grandchildren.

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JOIN US FOR NOVEMBER EVENTS at Lincolnshire Larks Limited: English Antiques, Teas, & Tours, Milton Square. Starting Friday 5th: Guy Fawkes Day Celebration. Saturday 6th: Frumpy Dress Contest and Irreverent Tea. Thursday 11th: Ghost Hunters' Evening. Saturday 13th: Remembrance Day, with Stan Turner. Saturday 20th: Darts Contest. Friday 26th: Christmas Celebrations at Milton Square. Tuesday 30th: St. Andrew's Day Celebration. Plus Tuesday Teas at 4:30 p.m.! Call 651-645-1112 or stop by the shop at Milton Square for information and reservations.

Employment

STAINED GLASS SUPPLY STORE. Retail Sales. Store opened in September at 2408 Territorial Road. Call 612-379-0920 at J. Ring Glass Studio. Ask for Susan.

WANTED: ASSISTANT MANAGER and FT BARRISTAS for busy, full-service coffeehouse. Pleasant environment, opportunities for advancement, competitive wages and benefits offered. Independently owned. Send resume to 1375 Van Buren, St. Paul, MN 55104, or call 651-659-9734.

LUTHER SEMINARY - Several part-time positions available in Dining Services. This would be a great job for a mom with school age children. Flexible hours. Earn extra cash while your kids are in school. Also, evening and week-end shifts for college and high school students. FMI please call Kathy Richardson, 651-641-3213.

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WANTED: OLD TOYS-cast iron, die cast, tin. 651-644-1866.

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Instruction

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St. Anthony Park Community Council

NEWS

Thank You!

In last month's advertisement thanking residents, businesses, and community donors for their donations to the purchase of the Community Garden, we neglected to thank the following donors. We apologize for this omission and thank them for their generous donations in support of the Garden Purchase:

**St. Anthony Park Association
St. Anthony Park Garden Club**

These organizations held two fundraising events that raised nearly \$4,000. Without their continual support, volunteer resources, and community spirit, we could not have realized the dream of the neighborhood to own the Community Garden. Thank you!

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

Office: 890 Cromwell, St. Paul, MN 55114

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Executive Director: Heather Worthington

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Members: Bob Arndorfer, Christopher Causey, Ron Dufault, Sherman Eagles, Karlyn Eckman, Ron Edlund, Suzanne Fantle, Terrence Gockman, Scott Hamilton, Connie Hillesheim, Mary Jackson, Deborah Kuehl, Alice Magnuson, Bill Miller, Sueann Olson, Kristina Stierholz, Robert Straughtin, and Natalie Zett

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Art crawl . . . from page 1

surprised to see how many artists work in the neighborhood," reports Olsen, who is also a St. Anthony Park resident. In fact, the quantity and quality of surprises even artists themselves. "I am very amazed to see how many people work in these three buildings and how different the artwork is," says Magidow. Adds Pilla, "As artists we work in isolation, so it's also an opportunity for us to get to know our neighbors."

Off-Raymond Rendezvous possesses a sort of ad hoc aura too. For instance, a women's artist group will showcase their work outside of Olsen's Chittenden studio. This is the spot to discover Fern Kenniston's handmade beads, Marcy Nelson's jewelry, and Liz Dodson's greeting cards. Meanwhile, upstairs the Weaver's Guild of Minnesota — a long-time building tenant — is hosting its annual holiday fiber show and sale. In the same space, textile artist Kathleen Lustig will also present her silk scarves, along with some of her colleagues.

There are also Off-Raymond Rendezvous activities happening outside of the buildings. Prairie Star Cafe and Roasting Stones coffee house are open for business. And Raymond Avenue Gallery invites people to discover its exhibition during the art crawl.

Off-Raymond Rendezvous is a not-to-miss event. In our era of mass produced everything from McDonald's milk shakes to Prada handbags, there is a craving for things handmade. These south St. Anthony Park-based artisans create objets d'art and functional pieces that challenge the mall-is-more ethic. Even so, running an artisan business isn't easy. Neighbors can do their good deed by "experiencing the Off-Raymond Rendezvous," concludes Olsen. ■

Youth Dance Theater

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Ballet, Pointe, Jazz, Musical Theatre Dance, Tap, and Theatre Arts (acting). Their students range in age from preschool to adult. Now the theater is expanding its schedule to include classes in modern dance, lyrical dance, stretching, classical ballet variations, and additional preschool programs.

The school's philosophy is that all children can succeed in dance, commensurate with individual desire — a philosophy that has served them well. Says MYDT co-owner and artistic director Kim Martinez, "The staff is amazing, and the students are happy, well-trained, and phenomenal performers. It's exciting to me that we are gaining an audience and reputation beyond that of the parents and relatives of our students."

For more information on MYDT's fall schedule, call 644-2438. ■

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Sunday Schedule (Nursery Provided)

Rides available for 11 am worship (Call the church office before noon on Friday for ride)

8 am & 11 am Worship (Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays)

9 am Children & Family Worship (Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays)

10 am Sunday School, Youth and Adult Forums

Contemporary Worship and Bible Study Saturday 5:30 pm

Nursery provided

Thanksgiving Eve Worship and Pie Social Wednesday Nov. 24 7 pm

Pastors: Wally Obinger and Meg Sander

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Tuesday Bible Study: 10 am

Pastor Drew Flathmann

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Sunday English Worship: 9:30 am, Japanese Worship: 9:30 am

Sunday School: 11 am

Wednesday Int'l. Women's American Culture Class 12:30 pm (Sept. - May)

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Awana 6:45 pm

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Sunday School and Adult Education 9:50 am

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Cromwell and Bayless Place. 651-644-4502

Saturday Mass: 5 pm at the church

Sunday Mass: 10 am at church (nursery provided) and

8:30 am at Seal Hi-Rise, 825 Seal St. (handicapped accessibility)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 7 am Mass at the Parish Center

❖ ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2136 Carter at Chelmsford. 651-645-3058

Sunday Services:

8:00 am Eucharist, Rite I

8:45 am Breakfast

9:15 am Education hour for all ages

10:30 am Eucharist Rite II

11:45 am Coffee Hour

Healing services in the chapel follow both Sunday services on 1st and 3rd Sundays.

Wednesdays: 10:00 am Eucharist

Thursdays: 1:00 pm Caregivers Respite Program

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The Rev. Lyn Lawyer, Deacon

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Sunday Church School: 9 am

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