Neighboring Langford Park reopens

by Rose Gregerie

Langford Park has a long and unique history within St. Anthony Park. It is a special place for family and community gatherings among its open green spaces and large trees. However, last year St. Paul mayor Melvin Coleman tore up Langford Park as one example of the benign neglect into which St. Paul neighborhood parks have fallen. A list of issues, including the role of the park in the community, aesthetics, conservation of green space, tree planting and drainage concerns have cropped up over the years concerning Langford Park. A local citizen's group, made up of local residents, community leaders and businesses called SAPLING, hopes to change all that.

SAPLING is beginning the process of developing a master plan for the park in an effort to renovate and enhance the natural beauty of the park.

The timing for the plan couldn't be better. Starting in spring of 2001, the streets around Langford Park will be torn up and repaved as part of the city's ongoing residential street paving project. The issues involved in that project coincide neatly with many of the park issues. Street widths, on-street parking, curb cuts, sewer connections, and lighting, to name a few, will be finalized by the city this autumn in order to allow for engineering and budget planning for 2001 construction.

SAPLING hopes to use the opportunity timing of the street project to renovate the park, while protecting and integrating the structure of the park into an overall plan. Anchored on one end by a busy elementary school, and at the other end by a well-used recreation center, Langford Park also features rolling open meadows, an unfragmented historic bandshell, a seasonal wetland, and prairie, butterfly, and peace gardens. The unusual mix of active and quiet spaces, learning environments and reflective settings, and composed and unstructured areas is part of the unique appeal of the park. SAPLING's goal is to balance the needs of the various users of Langford Park with the special qualities of the park and its rich history.

Information from surveys conducted during July/August activities last summer and this fall emphasize the importance of the unique character of Langford Park, preserving green spaces, improving access by developing settings in which the park can be used more (for instance, the bandshell, gardens, meandering pathways) and addressing the sensitive play area issue at both the north and south ends of the park.

SAPLING has outlined four stages for its master planning process, with community input planned at each stage.

* Stage 1: PROGRAMMING: Volunteer resident landscape architects from the neighborhood are merging various maps to develop a usable map of Langford Park. Survey information and meetings with various community organizations will solicit preliminary information and ideas. This work is anticipated to be completed in February.

* Stage 2: SCHEMATIC DESIGN: Local professionals and SAPLING members will use information gathered to develop various design schemes or concepts for people to consider. The material will be posted in the St. Anthony Park Library and community room, Langford Park recreation center, and St. Anthony Park School. A community forum to discuss the information sketches, survey results, and to receive specific feedback on the schematic designs will be held. This task is anticipated to be conducted in March and April.
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Another sign of the culture shock these women experience is pointed out by two of ISAW’s other goals to conduct training against the practice of female genital mutilation and to provide support and assistance for victims of domestic violence. According to Nivatangko, the majority of women ISAW helps are victims of domestic abuse and come from a culture where such abuse is accepted.

“We give them an outlet and a place where they feel safe,” she says.

So the next time you’re in the area, drop by the Global Women’s Center and check out all they have to offer. For the shop or Global Beads, call 646-3954; for Renowned Fashions & Travel, call 647-1555. For more information about ISAW, call 612-692-8440.

Light Rail Transit...from page 1

because of greater accessibility and greater potential for associated neighborhood development that LRT would spur. Studies of LRT in other cities suggest that within the first five years after an LRT line is built, most redevelopment of the surrounding area occurs within 1/4 mile of stations locations.

The Planning Commission envisions two adjacent LRT tracks running down the center of University Avenue, six inches higher than the street and protected with rounded curbs. The curbs will prevent vehicles from drifting into a train but would be surmountable by emergency vehicles.

The projected 28-foot-wide track would accommodate two lanes of traffic and one of parking in each direction, except in the vicinity of a left-turn lane or station, where no parking would be allowed.

A center right of way LRT line would reduce the current number of left-turn lanes along University Avenue. Stations would probably be located every mile or so — for example at South, Snelling, Lexington, and Dale. They would be designed to encourage access from a signal-controlled crosswalk.

Frequency of LRT service on University Avenue would vary between peak and non-peak times, much as bus service currently does. Typically, during rush hour trains would run every 8-10 minutes and every 15-20 minutes during non-peak times. Some kind of bus service, probably with smaller buses, would likely continue along University Avenue.

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College Park playground update
On January 13, approximately 55 neighbors attended the first of two facilitated meetings about plans to replace playground equipment in College Park. They heard a detailed description of the plans, asked questions, made observations and suggestions and identified key issues to be addressed at the next meeting. A new possibility, that of using a portion of the existing tennis and basketball courts for a part of the playground, was raised and discussed. The second meeting, to be held on January 27 at Luther Seminary, will provide an opportunity for small group discussion of the key issues.
— Sherman Eagles

JLT site plan under consideration
The St. Anthony Park Community Court agreed to hear an appeal of a JLT site plan for property it owns at Vandalia Street and Territorial Road was upheld. The decision by the St. Paul Zoning Committee means that JLT is free to continue with its plans to put up a mixed-use building with 47 truck docks on the site. The Council opposed the site plan because of concerns about increasing truck traffic in that area, with attendant effects on safety, air quality and noise levels. The council did win one major concession, however. Territorial Road will be posted as a non-truck route between Cadetson Street and Highway 280. Also, JLT will post a sign at its lot for instructing truck drivers to use the approved truck route — Vandalia to University Avenue.
— Dave Haasy

Cromwell traffic debate
About 25 neighborhood residents turned out for a January 6 town meeting held at the South St. Anthony Recreation Center to discuss traffic mitigation on Cromwell Avenue between Territorial Road and Bayless Place. Residents had expressed concerns about increasing traffic in the area. Those who spoke at the meeting were overwhelmingly against a proposal to block that stretch of Cromwell to vehicular traffic. The St. Anthony Park Community Council will appoint a task force to study the issue.
— D.H.

Madison leads community council
Heather Worthington, executive director of the St. Anthony Park Community Council since May, 1997, resigned effective January 14 to take a new job. Worthington will be assistant city administrator for the city of Falcon Heights.
At its January 12 meeting, the council voted to appoint Carol Madison as executive director. Currently Madison serves as SPA’s crime prevention coordinator and also oversees the neighborhood senior choir service. She will continue those duties in her new position as well as assuming some of the outgoing director’s responsibilities for event organizing, budgeting, and planning. The council will hire a community organizer to assist Madison and hopes to have that position filled by March.
— D.H.

Falcon Heights

Former mayor
Wills Warkentien dies
Former Falcon Heights mayor Willis Warkentien died January 3 at age 86. He spent 11 years on the Falcon Heights City Council and the next 16 as mayor. First elected in 1957, he finished his last mayoral term in 1983.
Mr. Warkentien grew up on the West Side of St. Paul, attended Macalester College, and graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in business. He served as the Golden Gophers’ student football manager in 1938. Starting in 1940, he bought Gopher tickets for 60 years.
He retired after serving as credit manager of Lindsay Water Conditioning and had worked for Mobil Oil. He was a 50-year member and past master of Midway Masonic Lodge No. 185. He helped to celebrate the 50th birthday of Falcon Heights last April. He was a member of Roseville Lutheran Church.
Mr. Warkentien was preceded in death by his first wife, Margaret, and brother, Milton. Survivors include his wife, Cornelia (Corky); daughter, Shirley Spectre; sons, Bruce and Milton; step-daughter, Teila Maria Hurley; and seven grandchildren.
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Heather Worthington deserves thanks

Author Worthington deserves praise for her work as executive director of the St. Anthony Park Community Council. Stopping an Amoco station from being built on Kazota Pond, ensuring the community garden's long-term survival, and advocating residents' concerns about the University of Minnesota's women's soccer field stand as Worthington's legacy. She is now working as the assistant to Sue Hoyt, city administrator of Falcon Heights, where her expertise of government's costs and benefits will benefit the city and its residents.

Youthful role model

Kids get a bum rap nowadays and that's unfortunate. There are exceptions, however. Como High School senior Jonathon Farnsworth is our cover profile this month because of his academic, community, and athletic contributions. His round-the-clock schedule defies the stereotypes of the alienated and apathetic teen. Farnsworth is a role model for today's, but adults too.

Due to a late start of winter, the Bugle's Snowman Contest deadline is extended to February 29.

Look in the December Bugle for rules and an application form.

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Support College Park plan

Let's talk about the two-steps of the Bugle regarding the playground plan for College Park. I beg your pardon, at least from me. I have only been personally involved with the process but have strong feelings that I would like to express. The process that was followed to arrive at this plan was well conceived and executed. It was long and convoluted, and many individuals were interested in a chance to offer input, however many chose not to become involved, including the Bugle's editorial staff, until the plan was in its final stage. Some folks at the Council meetings protested their lack of invitation to the planning sessions, which probably means they didn't see the information in the Bugle or other avenues by the letter by accident. Most, however, (and I hope paraphrase accurately) who oppose the playground plan said that they had "no idea that the changes would be so extensive." Well, unfortunately, I did the people who attended the planning sessions. It becomes an embarrassment for the council not to get involved in the process. I want to keep the Council from falling apart. It is the result of a process that actually started 10 years ago and is the result of diverse community input, by both lay persons and professionals. The Council hasn't shortened the debate, as stated by the Bugle, rather, had lengthened it by sending the process to mediation. That was a Council decision that allows for those who continue to protest the plan as well as those who worked hard to obtain it.

A more effective strategy by both the Bugle and the opponents of the current College Park playground plan, for having input into this process would have been involvement in and the reporting of last summer's meeting of the Council and calling the plan flawed is inappropriate and undermines the spirit of voluntarism. We weren't as loud or angry at the Council meetings, but those of us who support the process and the plan (with some tweaking) are out here too.

David Lee

Park task force okay

I attended the College Park Dispute Resolution meeting, January 13 to learn about the current University of Minnesota Council's task force developed. Clearly a lot of research, analysis, communications, and sensitivity went into the plan. I think we should be second-guessing the task force, who spent a lot more time studying the issues than anyone else.

We all had multiple opportunities to be involved in the planning, Community Council solicited and responded through the Bugle, personal letters, and reminders. The work was done by those who showed up.

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Letters... from page 4

I don't know if the task force plan is perfect, but it's the best plan developed by neighbors we trust who cared enough to spend months working on it. We should accept it and let the bidding and building process begin. Let the neighborhood children have a new playground before they're too old to enjoy it!

Karen Lilly

Worthington bids farewell

On my last day as the Executive Director of the St. Anthony Park Community Council (SAPCC), I want to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to the residents and business owners of St. Anthony Park, the board of directors of the council and ad hoc committee members, your friends and neighbors. Working here has been rewarding, challenging, and educational. Together, we have accomplished a great deal. Indeed, without your huge commitment of time and talents, this neighborhood would not be such a desirable place to live and work. I have enjoyed working closely with many of you on issues such as the Kanasta Amoco Station, the Community Gardens, and the U of M Women's Soccer Stadium. With your involvement as a community, your concern and teamwork, these issues were resolved in a manner beneficial to this neighborhood. I also want to tell you that I leave the Council in the capable and compassionate hands of our new executive director, Carol Madison. The Council hired Carol in April 1999 as program coordinator for crime prevention and the Neighborhood Senior Choice Service. Many of you have met her at a block club meeting or spoken to her on the phone. Again, thank you to everyone who has made my time with the SAPCC so rewarding. I look forward to seeing you around the neighborhood and working with you on issues of mutual concern in my role as assistant city administrator at the City of Falcon Heights.

Heather Worthington

Save St. Anthony Park oaks

Have you noticed dead oaks or oaks dying back in your part of St. Anthony Park? It's not surprising. Oak Decline Syndrome is very evident in our neighborhood and contributors include the two-lined chestnut borer, ameliorata root rot, and our landscaping practices.

Come hear Gary Johnson from the University of Minnesota's forest resource department talk about our oaks, what we can do to help them in their battle against the decline syndrome, and why we should begin planting replacement oaks on Tuesday, February 1, 7 p.m., at the Minnesota State Horticultural Society's Center for Northern Gardening, 1755 Pine Avenue North, Falcon Heights.

Mary Maguire Lerman

Ornamental tree tops fine

A letter in the January Bugle from Pete Keith reinforced the popular misconception that spruce "tops" used in outdoor Christmas decorations are actually the tops of wild spruce trees, and therefore, removal of these tops is injurious to the trees. Some news reports have used the term "decapitated spruces."

We would like to quote from an article by Margaret Purcell and Mary Henry in the December issue of Minnesota Horticulturist. These "tops" are "shoots that emerge from the root systems of a specific type of spruce tree... growing in spherical bags. These black spruces develop an extensive surface root system spreading far from the parent plant... These root sprouts are what are harvested and sold as "tree tops." When they are harvested in a careful manner, little or no damage is done to the parent trees."

"In Minnesota most of these dogs are owned by the state, which closely monitors and regulates the harvest... Enough root sprouts are left to help support the parent trees, keeping them productive."

We in St. Anthony Park can continue to use spruce "tops", along with our winter lights, and feel that we are not harming the environment.

Bill and Ann Daily

Lions express gratitude

On behalf of the Falcon Heights Lauderdale Lions, I wish to express sincere thanks to all those who patronized our annual Christmas Tree Sale and made it a rousing success. We sold out our inventory of over 500 premium trees by December 19, despite un-Christian-like weather and commercial competition.

It is heart warming and humbling to experience such great community support for our efforts to raise money for good causes in our area.

Equally inspiring is the hard work and commitment of the Lions who take time from their busy lives to make the sale work. They are a tribute to the Lions International organization's motto, "We Serve."

The Falcon Heights-Laurelde Lions look forward to playing a key role in maintaining the vibrancy and sustainability of our communities as we face the challenges of the next millennium. We know we can count on our wonderful neighbors to support our fundraising events.

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Visions of a large budget surplus and unlimited project funding are dancing in Minnesota Legislators heads as the first session of the millennium convenes on February 1.

But even with the state's booming economy, many legislators are already being encouraged to shorten their funding wish lists and to tighten their belts in order to meet the $400 million Capital Bonding Bill cap set by Governor Ventura (bonding is the long-term indebtedness that the state engages in). A spending cap, the Governor has vowed to maintain and one that may leave area-specific projects, like those for our neighborhoods, in the dust.

"I think everyone is feeling a certain amount of frustration," says Representative Alice Hausman (DFL, 66B) of her Minnesota House and Senate colleagues. "My argument, even separate from the bonding issue, is that the whole group of policy-makers is not being very long-term as far as how well the economy is doing."

Representative Ellen Anderson (DFL, 66A) agreed and noted that she expects more cooperation between the House and Senate in the upcoming session as a result of last year's regularly vetoed bills from Governor Ventura.

"Ventura's honeymoon period is over with much of the legislature," reports Anderson. "House leadership is saying that we should pass our bills, adjourn early, then see what is vetoed. Then, go back and work together to pass the bills."

Anderson's sentiment was shared by several area legislators, including Senator John Marty (DFL, 54B). He reported that many House and Senate members were awed by Ventura's freshman popularity, but that this year, less people are intimidated by his presence.

Regardless of political and financial tensions, neighborhood area representatives are eager to usher in the 82nd legislative term and are confident of their legislative agendas. Marty, a staunch supporter of campaign finance reform, would like to see a "ban on all soft money" and a "clamp down on campaign money in politics." He plans to challenge a recent court decision allowing independent parties to contribute unlimited and unregulated amounts of campaign money by introducing legislation which would reinstate the ban and create a penalty for individuals who violate it.

"The public will never say it is the most important issue, but most will admit that it is one of the most important things that we do in politics," says Marty.

How to reach your legislators?

He also authored a bill which would require weapon owners to pass a safety training course in order to be licensed. The licensing information would then be used to set up a computer database for tracking purchased weapons. But Marty acknowledges that, while the public seems dissatisfied with existing gun laws, it, like campaign finance reform, will be an uphill battle.

Meanwhile, closer to St. Anthony Park, Hausman is lobbying support from her House colleagues for a bill that she introduced at the end of the last session. The bill, still calls for increased funding for the state's fastest growing sport, shares international opportunity sport for Minnesota. The bill was introduced in the state Transportation Finance Committee as "the biggest issue session. "We have to come up with a compromise on this issue, interest groups, and getting people to agree on this issue.

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er to deal with traffic
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work," Hausman says.

She also supports Governor Ventura's recently
introduced transportation legislation which
proposes lowered tab fees and emphasizes
transportation choice of both cars and mass
transit.

"No one mode of transit will solve
transit problems — it requires us to build
choices," reports Hausman of her support for
the governor's transportation plan.

Improving the Como Park Education
Resource Center is also at the top of
Hausman's and Anderson's to-do-list.
Both are
adamant that the resource center is in dire
need of proper classrooms, lunchrooms,
and administrative facilities for the staff.
Anderson is also seeking additional
funding to build infrastructure improvements
and roads surrounding the Great Northern
Corridor Industrial Park. The project, soon to
be referred to as the Great Northern Business
Park, is part of an effort to revitalize the area
where Como Avenue and Dale Street meet.
The project received almost $3 million for
cleanup last year and Anderson hopes that
additional funds will create "hundreds of new,
well-paying jobs for area residents."

"I think the bills (to be included in the
Keeping track of legislation? Call the
House hotline (296-9283) and
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copies of bills through the House
(296-2314) and Senate (296-2343).

$400 Bonding Bill cap) have a good chance of
passing in the Senate," Anderson says. "We're
trying to get more than $400 million and
especially, with the surplus, now is the time
to make some infrastructure improvements."

Representative Mary McGuire (DFL,
5A) agreed that now is the time to make
improvements, especially in the areas of tax
reform, education, and early childhood
development, but she also noted that she
experiences some disappointments.

"There is going to be a difference in what
I want and what I think will happen," says
McGuire. "I'm worried that we might not use
the surplus funds in areas of need like
education, child care, and health care... I
want to work on property tax reform and a
budget surplus is the perfect time."

Besides her passion for early childhood
development and higher education, she would
like to expand last year's tax rebate to include
people who were previously excluded — social
security recipients and students.

"I'm basically concerned about our state's
infrastructure," concludes McGuire. "It's been
indicated to me that it's going to be a short
session and I am concerned that we are not
investing in our state's infrastructure when we
have a surplus and are not willing to work on
any new issues that deserve attention."

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Goldstein show
Paper: Trivia and Treasure is on view at the Goldstein Museum this month. The exhibit features the almost 2000 year history of paper, and how it is used in many of its creative, imaginative, and utilitarian ways. Find the Goldstein on the university's St. Paul campus, 244 McNelis Hall, at 1985 Buford Avenue. Call 624-7234 for information.

Senior Valentine's
Community Network for Seniors is hosting the fifth annual "Honoring the Seniors" party on Sunday, February 12, 1 to 3 p.m., at Corpus Christi Catholic Church. Cheryl Sawyer, a Finnish storyteller who uses magical effects and balloon figures, is the entertainment highlight. The complimentary fare includes refreshments. Reservations can be made by calling Angie Hoffman-Walter at 639-9421 before February 4. The church is located at County Road B and Fairview in Roseville.

Gardening club
Gary Johnson of the Forest Resources Department at the University of Minnesota is set to speak on the "Risk Management of Oak Trees" at the St. Anthony Park Garden Club meeting on Tuesday, February 1, 6:30 p.m. The meeting takes place at the Center for Northern Gardening, 1755 Prior Avenue North, Falcon Heights. Call Mary Maguire Lerman at 644-7388 for information.

Music in the Park
Music in the Park presents three programs this month, including one family concert.
- Friday, February 4, 6:15 and 7:30 p.m., St. Matthew's Episcopal Church: "Dare to Breathe" is the series' family concert highlight. You'll hear songs about nighttime, creeping and creepy babies from movies such as "Mary Poppins" and "Hans Christian Andersen." Wear your favorite pajamas, jump in the singing, and compose a new lullaby.
- Call 644-4234 for tickets. $5 in advance, $6 at the door.
- St. Matthew's is located at 2136 Carter at Chelmford avenues.

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- 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 meeting at 1281 Cleveland Pk. February 1. Newcomers welcome. 646-4343.

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

3 Thursday
- Toastmasters, U.S. Forest Service, 1992 Falwell Avenue, St. Paul Campus, 11:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. 645-5162. Every Thursday.
- Tot Time (for 5-year olds and younger), South St. Anthony Rec Center, 10 a.m.-noon. Every Thursday. Call 298-5765 for details.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Physical Planning Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cunow, 6 p.m.

4 Friday
- Falcon Heights and Lauderdale Recycling.
- Music in the Park Series Family Concert, Due to Breathe, St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, 2136 Center at Chelmfont Avenue. Call 644-4234 for tickets. 6:15 and 7:30 p.m.

5 Saturday
- St. Paul public schools, Parent Information Fair, Roy Wilkinson Auditorium, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Tennis Meeting with Senator John Marty from 1-2:30 p.m. Roseville City Hall at Lexington and County Road C. For residents of District 54A, including Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, and portions of Roseville.

6 Sunday
- Music in the Park Series, Arnedos Trio, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. Chelmfont Avenue. Call 645-5699 or 644-4234 for tickets. 4 p.m.

7 Monday
- Como Park recycling.
- AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 6 p.m. 644-0809. Every Monday.

18 Friday
- Falcon Heights and Lauderdale Recycling.

21 Monday
- Presidents’ Day
- St. Paul public schools, no classes
- Como Park recycling.
- Falconers Senior Card Club, Falcon Heights, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 1-3 p.m.

22 Tuesday
- St. Anthony Park recycling.
- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur, 7 p.m.

23 Wednesday
- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut Street, 7:30 p.m.

26 Saturday
- FARE Fair All food distribution and registration at Holy Childhood Church, 14745 Medina Parkway, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Call 644-7495 or St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Avenue, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Call 644-8833.

27 Sunday
- Music in the Park Series, Peterson String Quartet, 4 p.m., St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. Chelmfont Avenue. Call 645-5699 or 644-4234 for tickets.

28 Monday
- Falconers Senior Card Club, Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur. 1-3 p.m.

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* STAGE 3, DESIGN DEVELOPMENT: Based on information gathered, a final proposed master plan will be developed, posted at the library. St. Anthony Park school and students, with assistance from a landscape architect, will implement the plan.

* STAGE 4, APPROVAL PROCESS: During the autumn of this year, the master plan will be finalized and presented to the community, including the Landmarks Commission, for approval.

* Be a part of the process! SAPLING needs your input to make this park a reality. Send or drop your comments off with Martha Ruedner, chair of SAPLING (2117 Duluth, St. Paul, 55108; ruedner@svisi.com) or other SAPLING members, Laura Fritz (2111 Knapp, loriferred@prodigy.net), or myself (2110 Knapp, gregg0180@tc.umn.edu). In addition, check next month’s Bugle for the date of the final community forum, and updates on the project.
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Number of Houses That Sold

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$35,000 $39,900

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$348,000 $337,000

Average House Price

$175,454 $187,413

Average Market Time

21 days 20 days

The average Sale price was 99.4% of the List Price.

There were only 3 houses that failed to sell this past year, compared to 10 in 1998.

The problem with statistics of our neighborhood is that the number is so low that the results can be badly skewed by a small number of high or low priced homes. The home that sold for $35,000 was actually condemned, so we took it out of the average calculation. The lowest sale price was $96,000, and two homes sold for this price. What the statistics still show is that even in the very vigorous market that we had last year, selling a house was not necessarily simple or easy. Please call us if we can be of any assistance to you regarding your home.

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Junior High students are reading thousands of books as part of the Murray Reads Program. At the end of November, 52 students who had read 12 or more books by that point were rewarded with a pizza party.

The Spelling and Geography Bee results are in: first place in the Spelling Bee went to Wln Olsen and second place to Sunny Thao. These students will go on to compete in the District Spelling Bee. The winners of the Geography Bee were first place winner Nate Wells and second place winner Will Olen. On February 10 there will be a special fundraising event for Murray Junior High School at the Barnes and Noble Bookstore at Har Mar Mall. Student groups will be performing and 20 percent of the book sales during the evening will go to the school.

The Como Park Elementary School the Como Park site based council is underway. On February 9th the group had a regular meeting at the Como Park Library. Ongstal won the Como Park Spelling Bee. Thanks to Allen Dobrzenski "tutor recruiter" for bringing in many volunteers from RSVP Como is a great place to volunteer. Home schooling families from Como Park and the larger community experience are welcome. Call Michelle Senjem at 292-8223.

Who says school lunches are boring? At Brinmuhl Elementary School the menu for students recently included sausage potato casserole from Croatia, couscous from Algeria, Israeli vegetable salad, cucumbers in sour cream and green beans almondine from Morocco, Libyan herb roles and Egyptian chocolate cake.

— Lisa Steimann