Margot Monson finds life under glass

by Pete Keith

THE bad news is that the Ramsey County recycling drop-off site on Rice Street closed at the end of the year. But the good news is that a new drop-off recycling location will be opening up nearby on January 2. The new site, at 309 E. Como Avenue, is actually the site of Visko Ranshul Removal and Recycling. Vuolders and the St. Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium (NEC) have partnered to continue providing St. Paul residents with a convenient recycling drop-off opportunity.

This facility will accept the following recyclable materials: steel and aluminum cans; green, brown, and clear glass bottles and jars; #1 and #2 plastic bottles; newspaper, corrugated boxes; and mixed paper—including mail, magazines,IFYC paper and boardbook (such as cereal boxes).

The Como Avenue site will not accept hazardous wastes.

Reusing drop-off location switches in January 2001

by John Marino

Robert "Bob," Megard is fond of quoting Margaret Mead. "I'll retire when I die," the famed anthropologist is reported to have said. Though Megard is only a year away from the age at which many people retire, she hasn't even considered that possibility.

Indeed, on Nov. 27, 54-year-old Megard, announced her candidacy for mayor of St. Paul. "There's a certain amount of wisdom that comes into play when you've done a lot of things," the St. Anthony Park resident said.

Megard served two terms representing Ward 4 on the City Council from 1994-1998. She launched an unsuccessful bid for the DFL nomination for mayor in 1997. That nod went to Sandy Pupkus, who was then defeated by incumbent Norm Coleman. On Nov. 25 this year, Coleman announced that he would not seek a third term.

The fact that Megard announced her candidacy two days later was merely coincidence. She had already made up her mind before Coleman's announcement. This time around, there will be some differences in her campaign to garner the DFL endorsement, she said.

I'm going to have more time to court delegates to the (DFL) convention, more time to raise money; I started earlier," she said. And not being on the City Council will give her more time to "put together an effort that will build on my citywide base and capitalize on my name recognition that is already out there."

Those materials must be brought to the Ramsey County collection site at Bay West, 5 Empire Drive, St. Paul.

While only about 700 of the over 20,000 tons of recyclables collected annually in St. Paul came from the drop-off site, the Neighborhood Energy Consortium believes it is an important component of a comprehensive recycling program.

Additionally, since this site is also a garbage transfer station, it will accept other materials for a fee, including garbage, furniture, appliances, construction materials, brush, tires, car batteries and Christmas trees.

The county decided several months ago to close the Rice St. drop-off and processing facility, according to Susan Hubbard, recycling program director for the NEC. But thanks to the partnership with Visko, the drop-off alternative will continue.

With the closing of the county facility, the NEC and the city of St. Paul also had to find alternate arrangements for storage and processing of recyclables. And at least in the short term, these arrangements have been made, which has allowed curbside recycling to continue relatively seamlessly.

Hubbard and the NEC are pleased that the drop-off alternative will continue. While only about 700 of the over 20,000 tons of recyclables collected annually in St. Paul come from the drop-off site, the NEC believes it is an important component of a comprehensive recycling program.

According to an NEC survey, residents tend to use the drop-off site when they have more materials to recycle, such as around the holidays, or if they have missed the scheduled curbside pickup.

Hours of operation at the new drop-off location are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The facility will be closed Sundays and holidays.

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St. Anthony Park entomologist explains the world of bugs

by Natalie Zett

When Margot Monson mentioned that she was an entomologist, I asked why? Although I don't know an insect from an antshock (or from an antshock), Monson's dedication instantly tapped into my life-long terror of creepy-crawlies.

Fortunately, she reassured me; "I love working with people like you and teaching them not to be afraid. In fact, when you come over for the interview, I can show you a few Nature from my collection."

Monson welcomed me with tea and homemade bread to the Ludlow Avenue residence she shares with her surgeon husband and affable tuxcat. The beautiful domicile is more akin to a bed-and-breakfast than a research facility, so I was immediately at ease.

Monson was going to change my mind about this phobia and she would do so with humor, her vast internal repository of information and her unbridled zeal for all creatures, great and small.

The future insect

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St. Anthony Park Community member and St. Anthony Park community organizer is first declarant to declare

by John Marino

Her name recognition comes not only from her four years on the City Council but also from the work she has done since then. Currently on the boards of about a dozen community organizations, Megard has kept busy, but more important, she has kept connected to the issues that will drive the campaign. If elected, her top priority, she said, would be to continue downtown St. Paul's rebirth while balancing the needs of St. Paul's many diverse neighborhoods.

"You must have a viral downtown in order to have neighborhoods survive, but we've got corridors throughout the city that are in need of attention: University Avenue and the Great Northern Corridor in the North End; Payne Avenue; Palm Corridor; and on the West Side, the River View corridor needs redevelopment, which may require transportation elements," she said. Despite being a critic of Coleman at times, her support of downtown development is a matter of record.

"Everything that is in place in downtown St. Paul, except for the Children's Museum (established in 1981), I voted for: the Weisman Bridge, the Science Museum, the new University of Minnesota, the hockey arena," she said.

"I looked at what is needed downtown but at the same time focused on what we need in our neighborhoods that is supplementary to what we need downtown. If you have a downtown that is perceived as not thriving, you've got trouble in the neighborhoods."

Bobby Megard to page 16

Wayne Barstad chairs NEC board

Ecologist representing St. Anthony Park on citywide environmental organization is elected to new post

by Dave Healy

In December, the gavel was passed at the Saint Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium. Outgoing chair Tom Montgomery from District 10 (Como Park) yielded his position to Wayne Barstad, representing District 12.

The NEC is a nonprofit coalition of community organizations serving St. Paul area residents and businesses. Its purpose is to provide information, services and programs that contribute to an environmentally responsible community.

The NEC is perhaps best known for coordinating St. Paul's curbside recycling program, an area in which it has achieved national recognition. The organization also offers programs and services in energy conservation, water quality protection and greening.

A year ago the NEC moved to a new building at Selby and Dale that is an environmental model of energy-efficient heating and lighting systems, recycled materials, green construction techniques and healthy indoor air quality.

The NEC board of directors consists of representatives from each of St. Paul's neighborhoods. Barstad has represented St. Anthony Park on the board.

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CITY FILES

Como Park
District 10 Board to meet
Residents are encouraged to attend the board meeting on Jan. 16 at 7:30 p.m. There will be a review of the status of Capital Improvement Budget projects that will affect Midway Parkway and also a discussion of the Midway-West Como Small Area Plan.
—Susan Cooper

Falcon Heights
Block Nurse Program explained
The Falcon Heights City Hall Community Room to discuss its program. All residents are invited to attend.
—Dave Hardy

St. Anthony Park
Longford Park plan approved
The Community Council has approved the master plan for Longford Park that was developed by a neighborhood task force. This plan will be used as a guide for future park projects. Copies will be posted at the SAP Library and the Council office.
—Susan Cooper

Council sets development goals
The Community Council has established priorities for the redevelopment of the H. B. Fuller site, located at Energy Park Drive and Highway 280. The Council ranked several issues as the most important ones: future development and the city should address: the ability to work with the developer to build consensus, sensitivity to environmental issues and a development of appropriate scale. Further, any development should be compatible with the

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allow the Specialty Building partnership to develop more of the building as office space and bring in more than 100 new jobs.

The HRA Board voted to buy the property in March, 1999, subject to obtaining federal assistance to clean up hazardous wastes at the site. The United States Environmental Protection Agency forced the property's previous owner to remove hazardous wastes from the building. The city is now working to obtain Metropolitan Council funds to clean up polluted soil at the site.

The city is asking Ramsey County for a six-month period to address outstanding environmental cleanup issues at the site. County staff will recommend to the Ramsey County Board that it sell 750 Pelham to the city for $120,000. The Specialty Building owners would give the city the money to make the purchase, and the city would in turn deed the property to the Specialty Building partnership.

- Ward 1 Councilmember Jerry Blakeley asked why the county couldn't simply give the city the property.

“We've tried, let me tell you,” said Ward 4 Councilmember Jay Benanias. He said the purchase price was determined by an independent appraiser and is a fair price.

— Jane McClure

**St. Paul**

City considers OP requests

Capital improvement projects for area schools are among those under consideration by the St. Paul Public Schools’ Citizens’ Long-Range Space Planning Advisory Committee (CLRSACP). CLRSACP members made their recommendations to the St. Paul School Board December 13 for projects of $100,000 or more. Smaller projects will be ranked and voted on at a later date.

There are 302 projects districtwide that are vying for $35 million in funds. The submitted projects total almost $90 million. School Board action on the larger projects is expected in February. CLRSACP will review the smaller ($100,000 or less) projects in January.

Murray Junior High School submitted seven requests including one to replace the gym floor and bleachers.

Installing musical instrument storage ($100,000) was ranked as a priority project. Three additional Murray projects will be funded with other sources: remodeling a classroom into a science lab ($220,000), replacing furniture and lighting ($55,200) and a computer lab upgrade ($10,000). A request to remodel the industrial arts area for other use ($220,000) was not recommended for funding.

St. Anthony Park Elementary has already been granted priority status for its request for $56,120 to remove accoustion partitions and build new walls.

Como Park High School submitted more than 40 requests. Three science lab upgrades, at a cost of $4,146,300 each, are recommended for funding in the large projects round. Several other projects received priority rankings, including air conditioning of the computer room ($75,000).

— JMC.
Letters

Don't letmannings close

Do your readers know that St. Anthony Park is about to lose a familiar and friendly landmark this year? Due to problems in negotiating a new lease with the property owner and an upcoming sizable increase in rent, Mannings in St. Anthony Park will be closing its doors on June 1, 2001. While Mannings relocated in St. Anthony Park or elsewhere is up in the air at this time, it is possible that it may cease operations altogether.

Mannings has many loyal and regular customers. It has a reputation for providing good food, and serves food to perfection, and at reasonable prices. We discovered Mannings five years ago and continue to enjoy its warm and inviting atmosphere. Its 50s decor and background music give it a nostalgic feel that is very hard to find these days. It is a gem that sparkles among the variety of shops around Carter and Como.

But all that will change if it moves from its present site. Replacing it with a trendy coffee house or high-end restaurant will not serve the neighborhood well. Mannings is a full-service restaurant with affordable prices that caters to the needs of most people. It's a wonderful place to meet friends, have a business lunch or dine alone.

Readers should let both Mannings and the owners of the building, Wellington Management, know that they want the restaurant to stay. Mannings has served the neighborhood and surrounding area for 15 years. If it is lost, it is highly likely that anything comparable will replace it.

Peter Abbott, St. Paul 
Patricia Merritt, Bloomington

Lightning petition drive a success

The city of St. Paul has agreed to allow historic lighting to remain on the streets that now have it in the Knapp-Hillside Residential Street Vitality Program area scheduled for 2001. The lights will be removed, refurbished and reinstated. Over 85 percent of affected property owners signed petitions to keep the historic lighting. Thanks to those who took the petitions to their neighbors and to all who signed them.

Many residents in the Knapp-Hillside area went to Raymond with expressed concern about the city's plans to install new reproduction lighting on streets that now have pole lighting. A petition drive has begun, asking the city to install refurbished historic lighting on streets with pole lighting instead of the new reproduction lighting. Marching historic lighting would aesthetically unify the entire Knapp-Hillside area.

If you are interested in having historic lighting on your street, call the city of St. Paul Lightning Division at 266-6200 and sign the petition when you visit your neighborhood home.

Lynnette Hansen
Lambert Knopke
Scrib Pearson
St. Anthony Park

Scouts wreathed in smiles

On behalf of all of the boys of Cab Scout Pack 22 at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, I would like to thank everyone who purchased holiday wreaths and garlands from our scouts. We had one of our most successful years and raised $4,000 to support our scouting programs.

Community support for the Cab Scouts and Boy Scouts has always provided the foundation for our successful programs. This is especially true in light of the recent controversy with the Boy Scouts of America, scouting's national organization.

The parents and leaders of Pack 22 want you to know that we operate under a policy of welcoming all boys and adult leaders who want to be involved and make a positive contribution to scouting. We have urged the national BSA to change their exclusionary policies. Again, we thank you for your wonderful and continuing support.

Blaine Thimble
Cubmaster, Pack 22
St. Anthony Park

Neighbors support school levy

As the parent of a child in the St. Paul public schools, I want to thank the entire community for their support of the St. Paul school referendum on Nov. 7. I have never been as proud of this community. We parents and our children owe the citizens of St. Paul our heartfelt thanks.

In the communities served by the Bugle, the referendum was supported by 70 percent of all voters. Precinct 4-2 produced the second-highest support in the city (just as in 1992), with 70 percent supporting the levy, a 7 percent increase over 1992. Unlike the 1992 vote, however, support for this year's levy was broad and deep. The levy won 93 of St. Paul's 119 precincts, compared to only 41 in 1992. This year in only one St. Paul precinct did support fall below 40 percent, compared to 35 precincts in 1992.

Support for the levy increased an average of 10 percent throughout the city and as much as 16 percent in some East Side precincts. In fact, if just 799 more voters could have been persuaded to support the levy, it would have passed in every precinct in St. Paul. The parents and children of St. Paul very much appreciate this show of community support. We will do our best to live up to your confidence.

David Russell
St. Anthony Park

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Please join us for the next Full Council meeting on Wednesday, January 10, 2001 at 7:00 pm,
Luther Seminary - Olson Campus Center Boardroom

Season’s Greetings from the St. Anthony Park Community Council!
Margot Monson • • • from page 1

advocate seemed destined for her eventual calling from birth. "Growing up," Monson recalled, "I spent a lot of time collecting bugs and doing things like raising them in my parents' basement." Fortunately, Monson's mother took her daughter's interests in stride and even encouraged her pursuits.

Nevertheless, it took some time for the mother of two (and grandmother) to connect passion with profession. Growing up in the 1950s and 60s, that type of career did not seem feasible. "I had never known any women in the field, nor was I even sure what entomologists did," Monson says. "I also knew that I really enjoyed working with people, so I found something that allowed me to do that," said Monson, who completed an M.S. in medical pathology from the University of Minnesota.

In the mid-80s, Monson decided to further her education by completing an advanced degree in medical pathology. Along the way, she also discovered that the University of Minnesota's adult special classes offered a general entomology course. She enrolled, and that was all it took to awaken the curious child within. Once that spark was rekindled, it prompted a major mid-career change. "I was so fascinated with what I learned that I just kept taking courses until I was faced with the inevitability of formally committing to entomology as a career." Her main reservation was "not being the age of a traditional graduate student." However, she needed to have worked since she was already developing fans amongst the faculty, who saw her experience, maturity and enthusiasm as vital assets. Monson received her M.S. in entomology from the University in 1994, where she still works part-time, as a research fellow.

From the onset of her studies, Monson focused on aquatic entomology, specializing in the study of caddis flies (or Trichoptera, if you must know). Those creatures spend most of their year-long lifecycle as larvae and are found in streams, lakes and ponds in Eurasia made out of rock, sand or soil held together by a silky, adhesive substance they secrete. As adults, they resemble moths.

From her in-home laboratory, Monson pointed out, under a dissecting microscope, the fine details of the various cylindrical cases and smiled appreciatively. "Esquisite—aren't they?" Hard to argue with something that truly is quite lovely.

"I had never known any women in the field, nor was I even sure what entomologists did." In terms of aquatic entomology, Monson maintains that insects are the important components of the food chain, providing food for fish and keeping the water clean by engaging in activities such as eating algae and decaying organic matter that would otherwise dog the body of water. A "healthy river is full of insects," said Monson. "It's important to understand them and to protect them in their environment so they can, in turn, protect us."

According to Monson, a day in the life of an entomologist can be quite varied. In addition to teaching graduate classes, the University also calls on her to lecture to various community groups. She's also done tours at the Insect Museum on the St. Paul campus. In addition, she's been enlisted by organizations, such as the Cass County Department of Fisheries and DNRF, to literally help them test the waters by assisting in research projects. For example, she and a group of volunteers that she trains study the bio-indicators of water quality. "Aquatic life tells you about health and the health of the ecosystem is in relation to what's happening in the larger area. It's a model for the future," Monson says. "There is no need to panic until after we've studied the causes." Two years ago, Amoco approached the St. Anthony Park Community Council with a request to purchase a run-down, convenience store at the northwest corner of Kasota Avenue and Highway 280. Monson studied the issue and attended the public hearing at the Saint Paul City Council to present her findings that this would not be a good move for the environment. As the result of testimony by her and others, the City Council denied Amoco's request. Monson often does summer projects with kids, such as creating a living laboratory at her backyard so students can study the lifecycle of the monarch butterfly. "Monarch butterflies are easier to deal with since they're more short-term." For all of us adult insectophiles, Monson shares this enlightenment: "Remember that the next time you see a spider in your house, instead of mashing it to kill it, you're eating something. They're predators—and what they're eating is probably what you don't want to be seeing. They normally don't bite unless you mess with their territories on their territory."

"We shouldn't put ourselves first. We really need to live in harmony with other species. We need to learn not just how to take but how to give back." As always, education is the key. And Monson encourages people to want to learn more, or who want to have her as a resource, to call her. You can reach her at 644-3749.

I'll never be an insect aficionado, reconstraining the time with Monson, I think twice before reaching for the Raid the next time I am something crawling around. ■

Wayne Barstad • • • from page 1

planning for the past year, the board has begun reorganizing St. Paul's recycling program, which it has managed since 1986. "The board faces some big decisions about the future of this program," Bortstad said.

One decision has already been made. The NEC will partner with Xcel to impose Recycling and Recycling to maintain a new drop-off recycling site on Central Avenue East. The site, which replaced the Ramsey County drop-off facility on Rice Street, which closed in December. The NEC is also reviewing the types of materials currently recycled in St. Paul, as well as the means of collecting those materials. Recently the hauler that picks up materials at the curb, Super Cycle, was bought by a large national company, Waste Management. According to Bortstad, the NEC has developed working relationships about how well it will function be able to protect the quality of the city's recycling program. This year is in the identification at other options for collecting and processing recyclables," he said. "The NEC may involve other parties in restructuring the recycling program. ■
SCHOOL NEWS BEAT

The Bugle will provide support and guidance as students develop their skills as young journalists—issuing press releases, working with an editor and seeing their bylines in a newspaper that is read by thousands of people.

Afer a short absence we are pleased to announce the return of the Bugle's school news feature in a new format. In the coming months, we will be inviting elementary and junior and senior high school students in the Bugle community to put their school news into their own words and to submit their writing for publication in the Bugle.

With a generous grant from the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation, editors at the Bugle will provide support and guidance as area students develop their skills as young journalists—issuing press releases, working with an editor and seeing their bylines in a newspaper that is read by thousands of people. Lisa Steinmann will serve as coordinator of the young journalists project. Steinmann, a St. Anthony Park resident, has written for the Bugle for three years. She is currently working on a master's degree in education at the University of St. Thomas. Steinmann has begun contacting area schools that might be interested in having their students participate as Bugle contributors. She will visit participating schools, recruit student writers and work with teachers to provide instruction and guidance in journalistic writing.

Previous versions of school news in the Bugle have featured news about students, occasionally supplemented by student writing. Now, however, "School News Beat" will consist exclusively of contributions from the area's young journalists. A new approach to school news reflects a growing realization that the Bugle's school-age readers are also potential writers and that they are uniquely qualified to report on matters of interest to them. If you have an interest in giving students in your school the opportunity to sound their voice in a unique and widely read community forum, please contact Lisa Steinmann at steinmann@pscej.com or 651-615-3555.

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February 24th

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If you wish to attend, fill out the following coupon and mail BEFORE FEBRUARY 15 to: Marcie O'Connor, 2168 W. Hoyt Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108 (654-2043), or email to: marcie@havem.com. Someone will call you by February 21 to confirm the course and the number of people you will host.

Name(s) (Please include the names of ALL people attending the progressive dinner)
Address

[] I/We will host a course in our home for _______ people
(This number should include yourself and any others you have listed above)
Course: first choice second choice

[] Our home is handicap accessible

(Please describe the setting and anything else that would be helpful)

[] I/We choose the appetizer course. (The appetizer course coordinator will contact you regarding choice of appetizer and amount, plus setup and clean-up of this course)

Special needs [] Prefer vegetarian entree
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Volunteers enrich the Center

Jean Andrews: Helping the Tortured Heal
By Judy Woodward

Jean Andrews remembers the moment well. As a volunteer at the Center for the Victims of Torture, she was giving a ride to one of the Center’s clients. Andrews’ passenger was a former political prisoner, a self-contained woman who rarely spoke of the physical and mental torture she had endured in her homeland. But this time it was different. The woman had just learned that a close relative had died overseas without ever reuniting with those closest to him. Her grief could not be controlled.

Andrews herself had lost her husband not long before. In delicate understatement, she remembers her reaction: “I identified with the woman and I felt her sadness.”

There’s a pause, and then she adds, “But I had to keep on driving.”

It’s that combination of deep emotional understanding coupled with a pragmatic, hands-on-the-wheel approach that has made Jean Andrews a peerless asset to the nation’s first institution devoted exclusively to healing the troubled minds and souls of the victims of government-sponsored political torture. The Center for the Victims of Torture serves about 150 clients at a time. Records are sealed, but if the origins of the Center’s clientele could be revealed, they would read like a roll call of shame of the world’s worst sites for the violation of human rights and dignity.

Since 1994, Andrews has been volunteering about 25 hours a week at the Center, located on the Minneapolis campus of the University of Minnesota.

“Beth Wickman, director of volunteer services for the Center, says, “The staff considers Jean an integral part of the Center. Her service has been extraordinary. She gives time, heart and soul to the clients. She serves the whole community.”

Andrews, a retired professor of nursing, lives at 1666 Coffman, the University of Minnesota’s condominium in Falcon Heights. Her volunteer efforts were recently recognized by the McKnight Foundation when she received a $7500 Virginia McKnight Binger Award in Human Service for the year 2000. The award cites her as an “unsung hero…who goes out of her way to help others without expecting anything in return.”

A tall, slender woman who looks as if she’d know how to handle herself in an emergency, Andrews’ soft-spoken presence belies her formidable administrative talents and her indelible dedication to the Center.

Andrews’ volunteer role has evolved over the years. Currently, she coordinates the activities of about 50 long-term Center volunteers who offer English as a second-language tutoring, provide transportation and act as one-on-one “buddies” to the Center’s clients, establishing ties of personal trust and friendship with people who must rebuild the most basic confidence in fellow humans.

Andrews thinks her nursing background helps with her present role. “I’ve always identified with client needs. In my role as a faculty member, I was teaching research students who were preparing to read nursing students.”

She credits the Center with being an ideal outlet for her talents. “I’m attracted to volunteer activities where expectations are a little higher. Many volunteer activities are not as satisfying as the Center because of lower expectations. At the Center, they make an effort to utilize the experience of
heir neighborhoods

MONTGOMERY: DOING GOOD AND DOING WELL
By Dave Healy

wrote Como Park neighborhood, but he doesn’t spend much time at home. He’s too busy going to meetings. As an
engagement spends much of his work day in individual conversations. The rest of the time, though, he usually finds
a group, talking about how to improve the lives of all kinds of St. Paul residents.

I had too much," admits Montgomery, "but I don’t have the other commitments that many people have: spouse, kids,
important thing going on, and when I hear about them I don’t like to say no. Plus, I’m an opinionated person,
voice my opinions, I better be prepared to act on them."

He takes Montgomery all over a member of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners, who helps out each summer with
civic and cultural venues for families in the East Side. He usually ends his day at home with music,
listens to the WWMX radio station. He also enjoys playing pool, and he often hosts friends at his
home. Montgomery’s spouse has been supportive of his work, but she also has her own
interests, such as gardening and volunteering at local organizations.

Y SERFAS: RETIRING INTO SERVICE
By Dave Healy

out. Once she retired, there would be time to complete her refurbishing project in the living room and dining room.

a thorough cleaning. It will not be done. And the closets? Well, how many visitors look in the closets, anyway?

planned to spend working around the house has instead found her running around town. Sometimes she’s

of St. Anthony Park’s Block Nurse Program. Other times she’s delivering a hot lunch to a shut-in for Meals-on-
the Leisure Center, or to pick up some clothes for mending at the St. Anthony Park Home, or to cook for a

food-on-wheels is a repeat engagement for Serfas, who volunteered for that organization from 1968-1975, when she and her family lived in
Rosemount. “When I drop off meals, I always ask people how they’re doing,” she says. “I enjoy chatting for a moment, but there isn’t
time for long conversations because I have other stops to make.”

Serfas has more opportunities to get to know people in her work with the Block Nurse Program, when she takes senior grocery shopping,
to doctors’ appointments—anywhere they need car transportation to get to.

“IT’s hard for people who are used to driving to lose that independence,” she says. “They’re so appreciative of having a ride to the places they need to go.
And I’ve met such wonderful people in the process.”

In addition to paid nurses and home health aides, the

Olga Berg meets Nancy Serfass for a ride to her doctor

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Recreation

The Coliseum at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds is open Monday-Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., on skate days. The Coliseum is next to the Coliseum ice skating and skating in the ¼-mile heated concourse. Special long blade skating sessions are Fridays from 9:45-11:15 a.m.

Open recreational hockey is every Friday from 1:15-2:15 p.m. Admission is $2 for adults (17 and over) and $1.50 for youths (16 and under). A season pass is available for $56. For more information, call 642-2200.

Classes and Seminars

Luther Seminary Lay School of Theology offers three courses during its winter term on Mondays from Jan. 22-Feb. 19. Classes will be held at Northwestern Hall, 1501 Pulham St.

Two classes will be held on Monday evenings from 7-9 p.m. “Christian Novels from Scandinavia” will be taught by Gracia Grzyb, professor of rhetoric. Richard Wallace, associate professor of pastoral care, will teach “From Grief and Loss to Grace Work.”

On Monday’s from noon-2 p.m., Dan Simundson, professor of Old Testament, will offer “The Not So Minor Prophets.”

Classes are for laypeople interested in learning more about matters relating to their Christian faith and life. Tuition is $40 per course.

For more information or to register, call 641-3416 or e-mail kaito@luthersem.edu. Additional information is also available on the Lay School of Theology Web site at www.luthersem.edu/lifelong_learning/layschool.

The Elders Learning Institute at the University of Minnesota, a noncredit education and service program for older adults, offers over 30 courses during its winter session.

Winter courses include “Varieties of Religion in Colonial America,” “Life Work after Retirement,” “Greek Pot!” and many more.

Classes are held during the day at convenient locations throughout the metro area. They begin Jan. 8 and run for six weeks. Courses are taught by current and retired U of M faculty, faculty from other area schools, and area business people and professionals.

The annual $195 membership fee covers participation in two or more courses each session. There are also kennel lectures, educational tours, special events and service opportunities.

For information, call 612-624-7847.

The International Institute of Minnesota offers free citizenship classes at the Institute, 1630 Como Avenue. Saturday morning and Wednesday evening classes are offered in six-week sessions. They include instruction in history and government as well as citizenship interview preparation.

For more information or to register, call Katie Pogreb at 647-0191.

Women Achieving New Directions offers seminars for all single employed mothers who are interested in career development. Other services include free child care, professional women mentors and monthly support groups.

Seminars are held at 1821 University Avenue W. on Wednesdays from 6:45 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m.-noon. For more information or to register, call Elaine at 225-8888.

Seniors

Senior exercise classes will start the week of Jan. 22 at Lyngblomsten Senior Center, Hillcrest Recreation Center and Central Presbyterian Church. For more information, call the Special Programs office of the St. Paul Division of Parks and Recreation, 266-6451.

Senior (age 55+) are invited to the South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center on Fridays from 9:30-11:30 a.m. for a variety of activities: gym bowling, dinners, cards, factory trips and lunches. For more information, call 299-5765.

The Lyngblomsten Community Senior Center, 1415 Almond Ave., sponsors health and education breakfasts the first Thursday of every month from 10-11 a.m.

On Jan. 4, Dr. Ed Rater, an instructor at the University of Minnesota Medical School, will present “How to Talk So Your Doctor Listens.” The cost is $1. To make a reservation, call 652-5332.

Families

The Northwest Midway Family Center seeks to improve the lives of families by connecting them with community resources. The Center is looking for families who will participate in a short survey about their experiences with housing, child care, employment and health care.

Everyone who participates in this first interview will be eligible for a drawing for gift certificates to Creative Kids Stuff or Target. To participate in the survey or for more information, call Julie at 917-3888.

Wonder how other moms-at-home manage during the day? Check out MOMS Club, a non-profit organization for mothers in the St. Anthony Park/West Como Park neighborhood.

Activities include children and take place during the day. An open house will be held in February.

For more information, call Samantha at 698-3772.

Arts events

Music in the Park Series presents the first three of family concerts in 2001 on Friday, Jan. 26 at 6:15 and 7:30 p.m. at St. Anthony Park Evangelical United Church of Christ, 2136 Carter Avenue (at Chemifield).

The first of three concerts in “The Music of Nature” series, the Jan. 26 event will feature Clea Galghanon, recorder, and Tony Haser, guitar. A season subscription (three concerts) is $12 (adults and children). Single tickets are $5 in advance (Bill Belhumeur and Mieczewska’s), $5 at the door.

For ticket information, call 645-5699.

Clea Galghanon and Tony Haser

St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church is continuing its concert series, “A Little Light Music,” with four hour-long winter concerts. The first of these takes place Sunday, Jan. 28 at 4 p.m. at the church, 2233 Como Avenue.


David Ryan Moberg will sing “A Preacher’s Trilogy,” his own composition set to poetry written by his brother, Glenn Berg Moberg. The piece is a cycle of three songs that are vignettes of a new pastor’s thoughts as he struggles with a new job.

Concerts are free, and a nursery is provided. Donations are accepted to defray costs. For more information, contact Maxi Espeland at 645-3680.

The St. Anthony Park Community Foundation and Music in the Park Series jointly sponsor a benefit concert by...
pianist Burch Thompson and cellist Laura Sewell on
Sunday, Jan. 7 at 4 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park United Church
of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth
Avenue.
Thompson is a former
regular on Garrison Keillor’s "A Prairie Home Companion" and
continues to make
occasional guest appearances on that show. He also hosts his own
weekly radio show, "Jazz
Originals," on KBRM FM.
Tickets are $25 ($15 of
which is a donation to the two
sponsoring organizations) and are
available at Macawber’s,
Bibler or by calling 645-5699.

Northern Clay Center presents
"Three Jerome Artists," an
exhibition culminating year-long
projects undertaken by three
Minnesota ceramic artists: Frank J.
Brown, Tetta Jesse Eldridge and
Wade Fritz.

The exhibition runs from
Jan. 12-Feb. 16. An opening
reception will be held Jan. 12
from 6-8 p.m. at the gallery,
2424 Franklin Avenue E.,
Minneapolis.

Macawber’s Bookstore presents
acclaimed Minnesota author Bill
Holen at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday,
Jan. 12. Holen will read from his
latest book, "Eccentric Islands."

The St. Anthony Park Library
sponsors Monday night book
talks. On Jan. 22 at 7 p.m.
Warren Gore, Professor Emeritus
of the University of Minnesota’s
Dept. of Rhetoric, will discuss
Wallace Stegner’s "Crossing to
Safety."

Volunteers
Como Zoo is seeking volunteers
to share information with zoo
visitors about the animals on
display. Interpretive volunteers
share facts about native habitat
and behaviors of zoo animals.

A four-part training series
for these positions begins Jan. 24.
If you are interested in learning
about Como Zoo animals,
would enjoy sharing information
with park visitors, can spend
three hours twice a month at the
zoo on a Wednesday or Saturday,
you can call to volunteer at
least until July, call 487-8252.

Collections
Falcon Heights Elementary
School is collecting unused inkjet
and laser cartridges from printers,
fax machines and desktop
copiers. For each cartridge
collected, the school will earn
points that can be redeemed for
technology equipment. The
program will continue
indeﬁnitely.

Please package used
cartridges in the original box
and drop it off at one of three
sites: St. Paul Bagley, 1702
Lexington; Inny Print, 1552
Larpenteur; Falcon Heights City
Hall, 2077 Larpenteur or
Falcon Heights Elementary
School, 1393 Garden.

SAP Community Council names
new executive director
On Nov. 28 the St. Anthony
Park Community Council
appointed Melissa Mathews
executive director of the
organization. Mathews replaced
Carol Madison, who left for a
position with the St. Paul School
District.

Mathews had been working in
the District 12 ofﬁce since
Apr. 8 as the community
organizer. One of her ﬁrst tasks
will be to coordinate; the hiring of
a new community organizer, who
will head up the Crime
Prevention program and the
Neighborhood Chore Service.

Mathews came to the
District 12 ofﬁce from a career
as a professional musician.
A violinist, she was involved in
performing, teaching and
directing several musical groups.
"Music is a noble pursuit,
and the world needs musicians,"
she said. "But it had become a bit
difficult for me, and I was ready
to do something different."

Mathews lives in south
St. Anthony Park. "I’m very
lucky to live in a neighborhood
I love and am proud of," she
said. "And working for the
community just feels like a
bonus."
Jean Andrews . . . from page 8

their volunteers well. Having been in education and administration, I was able to bring organizational skills to the Center.

"Volunteering at the Center you learn to be an active listener and to be present to the client with your whole self. I think the skill that develops that way people can apply to all parts of their personal lives. And then there's all the cultural information to be learned from clients. It's available at your finger tips without ever leaving Minnesota.

Although Andrews enjoys reading and is an active theater fan, it's clear the activity that most excites her when she's away from the Center is... more volunteering. "I've co-facilitated support groups at Chrysalis [a women's center]," she reports. "I learn from the participants' good common sense. It's a sacred hour for me when I know I'm going to learn something." Andrews, who is 73, says she's looking forward to leading Chrysalis groups aimed at women over 70. "I'm excited," she says, "that over-70 issues are much different from over-55 ones. The older group of women is a little reluctant sometimes, but they don't even know the possibilities."

But with Jean Andrews showing the way with her usual mixture of empathy and practical skill, most likely it won't be long until they do. 

Tom Montgomery . . . from page 9

run organizations can do."

Although he has a special affinity for citizen-based initiatives, Montgomery also recognizes the important role of government. Accordingly, he has been active in the Minnesota DFL party and currently serves on the State Constitution Commission.

In Montgomery's view, many governmental structures are outdated and need to be revitalized and reconstucted. Precinct caucuses, for example, though they have served as an important vehicle for citizen involvement in government, no longer draw enough people to make them truly representative. "Political parties have to adapt to a new reality," he says.

Helping people adapt may be the thread that runs through all of Tom Montgomery's volunteer involvements. Whether it's helping the elderly adjust to decreasing independence, or helping the NEC adapt to changing markets for recyclables, or helping clients in his pro

bono work through Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, Montgomery practices what he preaches.

"In our society it's too easy to get caught up in our own little world, to only know the people at work or the parents from our kids' sports teams. We need to force ourselves beyond what's convenient and comfortable and familiar. We need to remember that all of us must pull together."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1 Monday
- New Year's Day

2 Tuesday
- Tot Time (for 3-year-olds and younger), Langford Park Rec. Center (289-5765), 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Every Tuesday.
- Toastmasters (633-4155), training in effective speaking, Hewlett Packard, 2025 Larpenteur Ave., 7-6:45-8:40 a.m. Every Tuesday.

3 Wednesday
- Leisure Center for Seniors (603-8946), St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday. Every Wednesday.
- Women's Connection, a job networking organization (481-4925), Hubert Humphrey Job Corps Center, 1480 Snelling, Building #1, 8 a.m. -9 a.m. Every Wednesday.

4 Thursday
- Tot Time (for 3-year-olds and younger), South St. Anthony Rec Center (289-5765), 10 a.m.-noon. Every Thursday.
- Toastmasters (649-5162), U.S. Forest Service, 1992 Folwell Ave., St. Paul Campus, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Every Thursday.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Physical Planning Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cronwell, 6 p.m.

5 Friday
- Como Park, Lauderdale and Falcon Heights recycling
- Preschool storytime for children ages 3-5, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m. Every Friday. Pre-registration preferred (612-0413).
- Senior Citizen Fun Group (gym, bowling and dance), South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cronwell, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Every Friday.

6 Saturday
- Epiphany

7 Sunday
- bunch Thompson and Laura Sewell concert, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave., 7 p.m.

9 Tuesday
- Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., 7:30 p.m.
- Holy House Clinical Director Dr. Patricia Lawler will lead a five workshop on how to lose weight using natural and safe methods. 6 p.m. Call 649-4951.
- Tot Time (for 3-year-olds and younger), Langford Park Rec Center (289-5765), 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Every Tuesday.
- Toastmasters (633-4155), training in effective speaking, Hewlett Packard, 2025 Larpenteur Ave., 7-6:45-8:40 a.m. Every Tuesday.

10 Wednesday
- St. Anthony Park recycling
- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave., 7 p.m.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council holiday party. Luther Seminary, Olson Campus Center, Boardroom, 7 p.m.
- Leisures for Seniors (603-8946), St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday. Every Wednesday.
- Women's Connection, a job networking organization (481-4925), Hubert Humphrey Job Corps Center, 1480 Snelling, Building #1, 8 a.m. -9 a.m. Every Wednesday.

11 Thursday
- Free blood pressure clinic and health resources by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:11 a.m.
- Via Time (for 5-year-olds and younger), South St. Anthony Rec Center (289-5765), 10 a.m.-noon. Every Thursday.
- Toastmasters (649-5162), U.S. Forest Service, 1992 Folwell Ave., St. Paul Campus, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Every Thursday.

12 Friday
- Senior Citizen Fun Group (gym, bowling and dance), South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cronwell, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Every Friday.
- Como Park recycling
- Maris Luther King Jr.'s birthday observed
- St. Paul public schools, no classes, 8-12.

16 Tuesday
- Como Community Council Board meeting, 7 p.m. Lyngblomsten Care Center, 1415 Almond Street.
- Lauderdale Planning Commission, City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., 7 p.m.

17 Wednesday
- Langford Booster Club, Langford Park, 7-9 p.m.

19 Friday
- Lauderdale and Falcon Heights recycling

20 Saturday
- Langford Town Night (7th through 7th grade), Langford Park Rec Center (289-5767), 7-10 p.m. Parent permission required. Cost $3.

22 Monday
- Falconers Senior Card Club (488-5361), Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave., 6:30 p.m.
- Park Pass Inc., Park Bugle Board meeting, St. Anthony Park Block Community Room, 7 a.m.
- AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church (644-0809), 8 p.m. Every Monday.
- Boy Scouts, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 7 p.m. Every Monday.

23 Tuesday
- Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., 7:30 p.m.
- Tot Time (for 5-year-olds and younger), Langford Park Rec Center (289-5767), 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Every Tuesday.
- Toastmasters (633-4155), training in effective speaking, Hewlett Packard, 2025 Larpenteur Ave., 7-6:45-8:40 a.m. Every Tuesday.
- Chinese New Year, St. Anthony Park recycling
- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave., 7 p.m.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Housing and Human Services Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cronwell, 5-30 p.m.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Environment Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cronwell, 7 p.m.
- Leisure Center for Seniors (603-8946), St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday. Every Wednesday.
- Women's Connection, a job networking organization (481-4925), Hubert Humphrey Job Corps Center, 1480 Snelling, Building #1, 8 a.m. Every Wednesday.

26 Friday
- St. Paul public schools, no classes for secondary schools.

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Edward W. Ebert
Edward W. " Gus " Ebert died on December 1, 2006, at the age of 75. His home was in Falcon Heights. Mr. Ebert was a veteran of World War II.
Survivors include his wife, Alice Ebert; a daughter, Leanne (Mike) Knopp; two sons, Bryan (Tina) and Kevin; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a brother, Ben (Celia) Ebert; and two sisters, Elaine Voigt and Beryl Anderson. A memorial service was held at Mueller-Bles Funeral Home on December 6.
Dorothy Kroestedt-Delfs
Dorothy Kroestedt-Delfs, age 75, died on November 22, 2000. She was a former resident of the Como Park neighborhood on Atoka Street and a graduate of Murray High School in 1944. In recent years, she made her home in St. Paul Park and was a retiree of Northwestern Bell.
Preceded in death by her previous husband, Adolph Kroestedt, she is survived by a daughter, Kim Kroestedt; two stepchildren, Steve (Martha) Kroestedt and Wendy Harrett; a grandson, Joshua Harrett; and two sisters, Helen Hulbert and Margaret Delfs. A memorial service took place at the Acacia Park Cemetery Chapel on November 27.
Vincent V. Landis
Vincent V. Landis, a resident of Falcon Heights, died on November 28, 2000. He was 84 years old.
Mr. Landis was a parishioner at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church.
Preceded in death by his wife, Marie Landis, and his son, Dennis and Michael Landis, he is survived by four grandchildren, Ann Woesten, Michele Acker, Denise Landis, Mary Landis, and Christine Gramberg; and six great-grandchildren. A mass of Christian Burial was held on December 1 at St. Rose of Lima Church.
Henry A. Montillon
Henry A. "Hank" Montillon, a former resident of University Grove, died on November 13, 2000, at age 78. Born in Minneapolis, he moved to the corner of Vincent and Polkwest at the age of nine. His father, George Montillon, was a professor in chemical engineering at the University of Minnesota. Henry attended Gibbs School at Cleveland and Larpenteur.
After graduating from Marshall High School in Minneapolis, he attended the U.S. Naval Academy, where he earned a bachelor's degree in engineering. He received his second bachelor's from the University of Minnesota, then worked for a manufacturing engineering company in the Twin Cities. He retired in 1985.
He was active as a volunteer with Habitat for Humanity, Ramsey County Literacy Program, and his church, the Presbyterian Church of the Way in Shoreview. In 1944, he married Marjorie Cowine, who grew up on Knupp Street in St. Anthony Park. Their home in recent years has been in North Oaks.
Preceded in death by his brother George, and a grand-child, Lindsay Ashbach; and wife, he is survived by a son, Mark Montillon; a daughter, Laurie (Dane) Ashbach; and three grandchildren, Christopher, Ben, and Leslie Ashbach. A memorial service took place on November 18 at the Presbyterian Church of the Way.
Eugene H. Nielsen
Eugene H. Nielsen, a former resident of Lauderdale, died on November 22, 2000. He was 71 years of age and had made his home in recent years in Tucson, Arizona.
Gene Nielsen graduated from Murray High School in the class of 1946. In 1949, he married another Murray graduate, Karma Thompson. He worked for Saxon Ford in public relations. After retiring and moving to Arizona, he continued to spend the summers in St. Paul and enjoyed golfing in both states.
Preceded in death by his brother, Leonard Nielsen, he is survived by his wife, Karma; three sons, Jeffrey (Susan) Nielsen, of Shoreview, Jon Nielsen of Oakland, California, and Todd Nielsen of St. Paul; two grandchildren, Michael and Jack Nielsen of Shoreview; and many friends. Services were held in Tucson.
Vernon O. Orloff
Vernon O. Orloff, age 88, died on November 24, 2000. He was a resident at the Shalom Home in Como Park.
Mr. Orloff installed and serviced heating systems for 56 years in the Twin Cities area. His previous home was on East Como Boulevard.
He was preceded in death by a sister, Leona. Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Freda Orloff; two sons, Stan (Kathy) Orloff and Roger (Kathie) Orloff; a daughter, Judy (Chuck) Rodgers; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a brother, Orval (Dorothy) Orloff; and a sister, Vera Louden.
A funeral service was held on November 28 at the Hokanson-Henry-Boom Funeral Home.
LeRoy C. Runion
LeRoy C. Runion, age 87, died on November 11, 2000. He was a resident of Lyndahlomsten Care Center.
Mr. Runion was the owner of the Midtown Barber Shop in the Midway area for 45 years, having retired in 1982. He was a member at Central Baptist Church.
Preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Ethel Runion, he is survived by a daughter, Elaine (Byron) Burgstahler; a son, Daryl (Jan) Burgstahler; a daughter, Muriel (Bruce) Henneman; five grandchildren, Steven Burgstahler, Kevin (Jody) Burgstahler, Matthew Burgstahler, David (Emmy) Runion, and Beth (Bryan) Wells; a great-granddaughter, Branna Burgstahler; and three brothers, Lenneman, Don, and John Runion. A memorial service was held on November 12 at Central Baptist Church.
Phyllis R. Spielman
Phyllis R. Spielman died on November 21, 2000, at the age of 82. She lived at the Lyndahlomsten Care Center and formerly in White Bear Lake and Trimont, Minnesota.
Margaret Pearson was born on October 8, 1918, in Easierville, Iowa. She lived on the family farm near Sherburn, Minnesota, until graduation from high school in 1936. She attended Hamline University, then worked as a staff assistant to U.S. Senator Ernest Linder and later at the Library of Congress in Washington, DC. In the late 1940s, she and her husband Gordon Spielman became editors of the Trimont Progress-Ceylon Herald until the 1970s. She was active in the DFL Party; at age 54, she earned her degree from Mankato State. In 1972, she became a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives Labor-Management Committee. In 1979, President Jimmy Carter appointed her to the National Advisory Committee for the Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation.
Mrs. Spielman was preceded in death by her husband, Gordon Spielman. Survivors include three sons, John (O'Sullivan) Spielman and Gordon (Leno) Spielman, and Gordy Spielman; two daughters, Rose (Stephen) Jones and Sue (Conrad) Dahlgren; nine grandchildren; two brothers, Bob and Don Povinio; and a sister, Betty Mitchell. A funeral service took place on November 25 at the Mueller-Bles Funeral Home.
Catherine R. Sullivan
Catherine R. Sullivan died on November 17, 2000. She was 76 years of age and a resident at Lyndahlomsten Care Center.
Miss Sullivan was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Anna Sullivan, and her sister, Anne Geis. She is survived by her brother, Gerald Sullivan, O.C.S.O., of New Melleray Abbey, Dubuque, Iowa; two nieces, Chris Green in Bakersfield, California, and Genevieve Sullivan of St. Paul, and six nieces and nephews. A Mass of the Christian Burial was held at the Lyndahlomsten Chapel on November 22.
Bobbi Megard...
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Megard has been intimately involved in neighborhood problems, from her years as a community organizer for the St. Anthony Park District Council to her tenure on the City Council. Nowadays, she sits on the board of the Family Housing Fund, Habitat for Humanity, the Dispute Resolution Center, Citizens for a Safe Minnesota, Healthy Kids, Scenic Minnesota (ballroom removal), Midway Family YMCA, Metropolitan Council Housing, and the Land Use Advisory Committee. She also founded City Solutions, a consulting company that specializes in community development and government affairs.

"I want to create housing in all income brackets and ensure that our neighborhoods are safe, clean and family-friendly," she said, adding, "I'm continuing to do the work that I was doing both before and during my time on the City Council."

St. Anthony Park resident Mary Griffin remembers Megard from 1991, when Griffin and her Raymond Avenue neighbors wanted a stop sign placed at the intersection of Carter and Raymond.

"There were a lot of toddlers on our block," Griffin recalled. "There was a lot of traffic, including school buses speeding by real fast. We called the traffic department in St. Paul and they said, 'We don't just put in stop signs because people call up and ask for them.' So we worked with Bobbi on that."

"She guided us through the process and told us what we needed to do to get a stop sign."

—Mary Griffin

Megard was the District 12 community organizer at the time. "She guided us through the process and told us what we needed to do to get a stop sign," Griffin said. "Kind of like a good manager tells you how to do something and then lets you go ahead and do it, she didn't do it for us. She was the rudder of that, I learned how to get things done," Griffin said.

The neighbors not only got their stop sign at Raymond and Carter but also another at Raymond and Knapp, "Since they put those in, they've added more in the neighborhood," Griffin said. "She was one of those people who seemed to know everything and how to do it.

Among other possible candidates for the DFL endorsement was current Ward 4 Councilmember Jay Benavent, Megard's successor. Benavent said he would announce for the council on April 2.

"People are a little tired of politics now," he said. According to Megard, other possible candidates could be state Sen. Randy Kelly, former City Councilmember Bob Long and current Councilmember Jerry Blakey. "Rumbling against Megard will give the folks in St. Anthony Park a choice," Benavent said, adding that he believes he has an edge over other candidates because of his extensive business experience.

Megard hopes that her overall experience will convince DFL delegates and voters to support her. She has already sent out a fundraising letter and has a fundraiser scheduled for January. She can be reached at 651-659-9556 and by email at megard@wavefront.com.

Nancy Serfass...
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Block Nurse program depends on volunteers like Serfass to help seniors stay in their homes.

Serfass' aunt, Hazel Kruekel, was formerly a block nurse and later a recipient of the program's services.

"For awhile Aunt Hazel lived in a basement apartment in our house," she says. "The Block Nurse program was a nice back-up for us when my husband and I were both working."

Serfass is pleased to be maintaining an involvement with the Block Nurse program after her aunt's death three years ago.

"What goes around comes around," she says. "My husband and I hope the Block Nurse program will still be there when we need to use it. We want to stay in our home as long as possible."

Though her "retirement" has afforded Serfass more time for volunteering, she has been aware for a long time how important it is for people to share in each other's lives. When her two girls were young, part of their confirmation class involved regular visits with a resident at a local nursing home. "Some weeks it was hard for them to go, but I reminded them how much each 20 minutes can mean to someone who is lonely."

Serfass and her husband have lived in St. Anthony Park for 25 years. She's pleased that one of their daughters has recently moved into the neighborhood with her husband and child. She likes the fact that her granddaughter will attend the same school that the Serfass daughters attended.

A sense of community and continuity is important to Nancy Serfass, who has fully inhabited her neighborhood and is deeply committed to keeping it a vibrant, inclusive and caring place to live and work.

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Bethany Baptist Church
Skillman at Cleveland in Roseville. 651-631-0211
Bethany Baptist Youth Ministries 7245-3345
Sunday School 9:30 am
9:45 Wednesday Programs
Pastor Bruce Peterson
Filipino-American Worship 11 am

Como Park Lutheran Church - ELCA
1337 Hoyt Ave. W. 651-666-7217
Handicap accessible
CPL Contact Ministry 651-666-1997
Successful Sobriety - 10am Ridings
Rides available for 11 am worship (Call the church office before noon
8 am and 11 am Traditional Worship (Holy Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays)
Pastor: Martin Ericson and Philip Gollnitz
Visitation Pastor: Leonard Jacobson
Director of Youth and Family Ministry: David Walten
Director of Music Ministry: Thomas Perry

Corpus Christi Catholic Church
2131 N. Fairview at County Road B. 651-639-8808
Morning liturgy in a new worship space
A welcoming community. Handicap accessible
Sunday Mass 5:30 pm
Sunday Mass: 8:30 and 10:30 am

Emmanuel MennoNnite Church
MEETING AT THE CHAPEL OF THE CROSSTUM, LUTHERAN SEMINARY (5150 LTV, 651-646-3603)
Sunday School: 9:30 am
Sunday School for all ages 11 am
Nursery care provided
Pastor Matthew Swarts 651-796-9739

Mount Olive E.V. Lutheran Church
(A WELS Congregation)
"THE CHURCH WITH A SMILE"
Handicap accessible. Wheelchair available
1400 Almond at Pascal. 651-645-2375
Sunday Worship: 9 am
Sunday School and Adult Bible Class: 10:30 am

Peace Lutheran Church
YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!
1744 Walnut at Jone. 1 block north of Larpentue. 651-644-5460.
Sunday School and Adult Forum 9:15 am
Sunday School: 10:30 am, Holy Communion. 1st and 3rd Sundays
Tuesday Bible Study: 10 am
After School Program Tuesday & Thursday 3:30-5:30 Grades 3-6
Pastor Drew Prinsen

Rose Hill Alliance Church
Randow Park at Cleveland. 651-631-0173
Sunday English Worship 9:30 am, Japanese Worship 9:15 am
Sunday School: 11 am, Jr./Sr. Connection 5:00 pm
Monday - Sr. High Youth Group 6:15 pm
Wednesday Jr./Sr. Women's American Calvin Class 1:00 pm
Wednesday Jr. Youth Group and Women 6:45 pm

St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church
We are a community of believers called to joyfully serve God, our mother, and the world.
Como and Lorette Place. Handicap accessible. 651-645-0371
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Pastor Dar Jacobson
Sunday worship services at 845 (nursery provided) at 11 am
Coffee and Fellowship between services
Education Hour at 9:30
Pastor Dar Jacobson
Faith Chinese Fellowship at 10:00 pm

Abraham's Light Music featuring Prevailing Winds, and David Moberg, Men's Ministry Group
8:00 am Service on Fridays at 8 am
Our van is available for transportation to and from services.

St. A.P. United Church of Christ
2129 Commonwealth at Cleveland. 651-671-1437
Handicap accessible and Open and Affirming Congregation
Done Packard, Pastor; Carrie Rice Stauter, Child & Youth Director
Sunday School at 9 am and Sunday School at 10 am, Fellowship: 11 am
Nursery Care provided: 10:15 am
Jim's Store Service: Holy Communion
Jan, 21 - Ecumenical worship at St.A.P. United Methodist Church

St. A.P. United Methodist Church
"Becoming God's community on earth"
2200 Park Ave (at Como) 651-666-8457
Pastor Deb Walkes
10 am Worship Service, with Sunday School at 10:20
11 am Fellowship and Adult Forum at 11:15
Wednesdays: 9 am - 11 am Leisure Center (Senior fellowship, activities, and noon meal)
10:30 am Sunday, January 21, "Companions In The Spirit" is sponsoring an ecumenical service with the Arcanum Centennial church

St. Cecilia's Catholic Church
Cromwell and Pestals Place. 651-644-4550
Sunday Mass 5 pm at the church
Sunday Mass 5 pm at church (nursery provided) and
6:15 am at St. Hilary, 625 St. Hilary (handicap accessibility)
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday: 7 am Mass at the Parish Center

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
2130 Carter at Cleveland. 651-643-5056
Sunday Services:
8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite 1
9:15 am and Education Hour for All Ages, including an adult forum and Bible study
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite 2, with choir (All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion with us and participate in a deeper relationship with God in Christ while being named away from our Lord's table.)
Special Programs: 11 am January, Friday, January 5, 7:30 pm: Twelfth Night Epiphany Celebration and Benediction
Sunday, January 21, 10:30 am: Christian Unity Service, with St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, on the theme, "God's Tell Me Your Name," with Arthur Zanoni, preaching, 8:00 am - 10:00 am
(Companions in the Spirit)

St. Matthew's joins with St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ in creating "Companions in the Spirit"

Ministers of the Church: All the baptized members

Warrendale Presbyterian Church
2062 Parrett Ave. in Minnetonka. 651-481-8714
Sunday Worship: 10:15 am (nursery provided)
Church School: 9 am
Rev. Timothy Heldt, Minister