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Mary Griffin, her children Nancy and John Dietman, and their friend Sam Slifer (in middle) admire donor bricks in front of the library. See story, page 8. Photo by Truman Olson

St. Anthony Park Garden Club begins fifth year of growing

by Mary Maguire Lerman

On May 6, 1997, the St. Anthony Park Garden Club held its first meeting at the St. Anthony Park Library. However, the idea of a neighborhood garden club had emerged earlier.

Sometime during 1995, Turid Ormseth and Ann Stout began talking about forming a neighborhood garden club. Each gardener had thought about this prospect independently, but when they discussed it their ideas turned to action. Luckily, Stout was taking a year off from teaching and was just completing the master gardener training program. She felt that what should be created was a "forum for interested gardeners in the neighborhood and that its focus should be educational."

In January 1997, Stout called a meeting of St. Anthony Park residents interested in forming a garden club. The announcement was by word of mouth, and 15 gardeners showed up to talk about organizing a club.

During that first year, the garden club learned about container gardening, roses, bulbs and water gardening from speakers at club meetings. The club numbered 45, with Ann Stout as its president. Stout agreed to preside another year, and in January 1998 the garden club got off to a grand start with a Yankee Auction, directed by Judy Wehrwein at the home of Ron Dufault. This was also the year that the garden club moved into a service mode by helping plant the window boxes and garden triangle at the library.

To raise funds for future speakers and community projects,

the garden club organized a plant sale during the June St. Anthony Park Art Fair. In the fall of 1998, Judy Wehrwein directed club members in planting daffodils on the Eustis hillside near Bourne, having obtained the bulbs from MnDOT.

In 1999, Ron Dufault began his two-year direction of the club. Members not only planted at the library but also provided designs for the flower beds at Luther Seminary. Further, they planted the hummingbird-attractor bed of scarlet sage near the Celtic Cross at Luther Seminary and several other beds on the Seminary grounds. The club also made a donation to help purchase the community garden land. In July, the garden club began co-sponsoring the St. Anthony Park Garden Tour so that all the proceeds were returned to the community. Another bulb planting occurred that fall along Eustis.

Last year, the service component of the club expanded to include a neighborhood-wide campaign to remove invasive woody plants from area parklands and private lands. In November, the garden club co-sponsored a successful buckthorn roundup with the St. Anthony Park Association.

This year the garden club has committed to partially funding a roundup each fall for the next 10 years. More information about the 2001 roundup will appear in the Bugle later this summer.

In March the Minnesota Shade Tree Advisory Council gave its newly created Stewardship Award to the St. Anthony Park

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Hmong Festival organizers refine plans

Annual Como Park event continues adjusting to neighborhood needs

by John Marino

It was the calm after the storm. When community members and city officials met March 21 at the Como Park Pavilion to finalize preparations for this summer's Minnesota Hmong Annual Sports Tournament at Como Park, the tone of the meeting was calm and orderly, a far cry from last fall's gatherings.

"There were some pretty heated discussions last year. People were calling each other names. There were some racist comments made," said Tom Ruten, chair of the District 6 Planning Council. After two particularly contentious planning meetings last September and October, Ruten was asked to be a mediator for three subsequent meetings, including the last one in March.

"The job kind of landed in Tom's lap," said Kathy Cole, District 6 executive director. "After the October meeting, I approached some people who appeared to be fairly rational. He's done such a good job, keeping everybody kind of on a leash."

"Only one person spoke at a time," Ruten said of the meetings he facilitated, "and we would focus on solutions, not personal attacks."

Emotional tensions between some Como Park residents and festival organizers had been building for years because of the enormous size of the soccer tournament and cultural festival, which has grown dramatically in the 1990s. It attracts an estimated 30,000 people from around the country each year, most of whom

are of Asian descent. The soccer tournament, held on McMurray Field, and cultural festival, which occupies the grassy area along Horton Avenue between Hamline Avenue and Lexington Parkway, is

made some adjustments. We erected a fence with a gate, there's no parking on the grass by the pool and there's no left turn from Lexington onto Horton."

This summer will mark the

"I had to start questioning myself: What gives me the right to say people can't use the Park? I had to ask myself if it was because they look different."

—Kathy Kulstad

the largest single event that the St. Paul Parks and Recreation Department handles each year. And the city wasn't always prepared for it.

"We were surprised by the size of the event when it moved here," said Rich Lallier, operations manager for Como Park. "It was larger than I anticipated. Since the first Como Park festivals, we've

festival's 21st year. It was first held in Como Park in 1992, moved to Fort Snelling in 1993 and came back to Como in 1994.

This year's festival will take place July 6-7, which is good news for the city. The event has usually been held over the Fourth of July if the holiday falls on a

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Local businesses can make life easier during street construction

by Mary Maguire Lerman

Having experienced first-hand the 1998 street construction project in the Doswell-Chelmsford area, I'm prepared to share some thoughts with those St. Anthony Park residents on the other side of Como Avenue who will be enjoying the adventure this summer. I've assembled a list of items and services from local businesses that can help you survive this eventful season.

Follow the Girl Scout motto: Be prepared! If you have dust allergies, be sure to wear a mask when you're working outdoors.

Make sure you have plenty of hoses and sprinklers ready to rinse off your outdoor plants. See Park Hardware or Noll Hardware for these items.

Another option is to tear out all your plants and put in lawn ornaments. Stop and see Charlotte and George at Rosa Mundi.

Can't seem to get your windows closed tightly enough to keep out the construction noise and dust? Talk to Peter at the

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American Cancer Society continues fight against cancer

by Amy Causton

It's a sad fact of modern life that virtually everyone in America has been affected by cancer—either by having it or by knowing someone who has it. While much progress has been made in the fight against cancer, a lot remains to be done. Getting that work done has been the mission of the American Cancer Society (ACS) for nearly 90 years.

The ACS, which has its local office at Raymond Avenue and Energy Park Drive, was founded in 1913 to investigate the causes of cancer and to inform people about the disease. Its goal today is simple: to eliminate cancer.

Despite all the advances that have been made in treating the disease, it is still far from eliminated. The ACS estimates there will be over

1,250,000 new cancer cases in 2001 and over 500,000 cancer deaths.

To achieve its goal of eliminating cancer, the ACS uses four approaches: research—providing grants to people performing cancer research; education—increasing awareness of cancer, its causes, treatments and preventative measures; advocacy—lobbying legislators and other officials for policies that help cancer patients; and patient services—connecting cancer patients with the help they need.

The ACS's recent focus on colon cancer highlights the research and education aspects of their mission. "Colon cancer really is preventable," says Kara Pederson, director of marketing and communications for the local

ACS chapter. She notes that researchers have only in the last few years discovered that polyps can be found and removed before they become cancerous. This makes early and regular screening essential, but as Pederson points out, "The biggest barrier right now is social comfort in talking about that part of your body."

The fight against colon cancer has been helped in recent years by the heightened attention brought to the issue by Katie Couric, who lost her husband to the disease. With continued work, the ACS hopes to see the same success with colon cancer that they have seen with childhood cancer, where mortality rates have dropped 50 percent since 1973.

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Como Park

A Como Lake **community fair and cleanup** will be held on Saturday, April 28 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Garbage bags will be provided and canoes will be available for use by volunteers to pick up trash in and around the lake. Volunteers will need their own gloves. Each cleanup

volunteer who fills a bag will be treated to a picnic lunch provided by Black Bear Crossings. Lunch will be served from 1-3 p.m.

The "Healthy Lawns for a Healthy Lake" program aims to educate residents about watershed-friendly lawn care and ways to decrease the amount of pollution entering Como Lake from urban runoff. Ramsey County Master Gardeners will be at the fair/cleanup to answer questions about seeding, fertilizing, weed control, and other lawn and garden topics. There will be displays about the history of Como Lake, information about current efforts to improve the lake and activities for children.

The event is a collaboration of the District 10 Environment Committee, David Glass of Black

Bear Crossings on the Lake, the St. Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium, the Capitol Region Watershed District and the Ramsey County Master Gardeners.

Falcon Heights

The city of Falcon Heights is exploring a **new development vision** for the 4.6-acre site on the southeast corner of Larpenteur and Snelling avenues. The current use is an L-shaped strip mall that dates to 1947. The city is hoping for a new development to include street-level shops with two to three stories of apartments above, town homes, gathering places and a pedestrian-friendly layout. About 50 developers have been invited to submit ideas for the project.

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North St. Anthony Park
Delegates: Terrence Gockman
Rose Gregoire
Alternates: Rich Nelson
Don Stryker

South St. Anthony Park
Delegates: Sherman Eagles
Jay Johnson
Tracy Reid-Selth
Alternate: Jan Sedgewick

The St. Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium is planning a **pilot study and recycling project** in a small area of St. Anthony Park. The project

will experiment with picking up household waste that is currently not being recycled.

The Council has agreed to support the **St. Paul Grand Round Master Plan** with the following condition: "We note that Raymond Avenue, which cannot support both parking and a bike path, remains a problem. Since this leg of the Grand Round will need to be revised in the future, we give our support with the proviso that any changes to Raymond Avenue be such that the Council will support them. As a council, we recommend instead the development of an alternative route through the neighborhood."

The Grand Round Master Plan proposes a 29-mile recreational greenway for bicycling, walking and in-

line skating. It will connect neighborhoods, regional parks and the Mississippi River through a system of boulevards and trail facilities.

The annual **Kasota Pond Cleanup** will be held on Saturday, April 28 from 8 a.m.-noon. Call the Council office (649-5992) for more information.

A **block worker organization meeting** will be held May 18 at 7 p.m. in the community room at the South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center, 890 Cromwell Avenue.

The meeting is for both new and existing block workers. Information packets will be distributed, and the block worker network will be updated.

—Susan Conner

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EDITORIAL

Groups as laboratories of civic life

According to some observers, the health of social groups in the United States is waning. Harvard professor Robert Putnam claims that by most measures, Americans' participation in all kinds of groups—civic, religious, fraternal, social—has declined markedly over the past 40 years. In his book, "Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community," Putnam documents shrinking membership in everything from labor unions to PTAs to Lions Clubs. Even bowling, says Putnam, follows this trend. Though more people bowl now than ever before, participation in league bowling has dropped 40% in recent years.

Putnam argues that group membership is a primary means of maintaining social connections, that social connections nurture civic engagement and that civic engagement strengthens public life. Even as mundane a measure as bowling leagues, then, may be an important barometer of what Americans value and a symptom of our national health.

Putnam offers several explanations for the national decline in group affiliation. Of equal interest, though, is what motivates those of us who *do* belong to groups to join them.

Sometimes a common interest brings people together. It might be reading fiction or watching movies or playing a game.

Some people unite to pursue a shared goal such as learning a language or improving their writing.

Some groups form around a common identity: Finnish-Americans; or parents of teenagers; or gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender individuals.

Sometimes groups enable people to do things they enjoy but would be unable to pursue alone: You can't play Dungeons and Dragons by yourself.

Other groups provide a social dimension for pursuits that are by nature solitary. People almost never write in groups, but sharing one's writing with others can provide both reinforcement and challenge.

Sometimes a group is a place just to enjoy being with kindred spirits. Our daily lives oblige us to interact and get along with people who are very different from us. A group with whom we have something important in common can affirm our identity and energize us for the challenges of the rest of our lives.

The most engaging groups are usually the ones we choose to join. Being part of a team at work or a small group in school carries the burden of obligation: We *have* to learn to get along with those people.

Learning to get along with others—especially those who seem different from us—is the central challenge of civic life. But it may be that participation in voluntary, like-minded groups provides the experience and the support and the energy required to sustain productive human interaction in the wider world. ■

Letters



Catering close to home

Are you planning a special celebration that requires food? Our neighborhood businesses are very accommodating and provide great food at competitive prices.

My wife and I recently celebrated a significant birthday. In preparing for our party, we had the enjoyable experience of working with Tim of Speedy Market and Bishara and Isabelle of Abu Nader. From them we obtained meat, veggie and cheese trays and wonderful Middle Eastern delicacies including spinach pies, stuffed grape leaves, tabouli, fresh pita bread with hummus and our favorite dessert—baklava. Bishara ordered a keg of root beer that was very popular at our party!

I want to encourage other neighbors who are planning an upcoming graduation, birthday, anniversary or other celebration to look into what our local businesses can provide. If we want these businesses to thrive in our neighborhood, we need to spend our money in our neighborhood.

Bill Lerman
St. Anthony Park

Parkview: home-style cooking

With the loss of Manning's in the Park nearly two months earlier than expected, I've been busy searching for similar restaurants to try. The Parkview Cafe, located at 930 Raymond Avenue, isn't too far from the old Manning's and offers home-style cooking at very good prices. An added bonus is their free sundae offered with the purchase of a meal. If you're a meat loaf connoisseur like I am, you'll want to check out the Parkview.

Originally, the Parkview was a drug store/soda fountain. Some of the original wall units remain, filled with antique canisters and other kitchen memorabilia. Besides its cozy atmosphere, the restaurant has a view of the park across the street, making for pleasant eating. So far, I've had some great meals there. The Parkview's only drawback is that it's not open for dinner.

Peter Aleshire
St. Paul

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COMMENTARY

Honoring Mother Nature

by Mary Maguire Lerman

Start a new tradition with the new millennium! In addition to picking out a special gift for your mother for Mother's Day, do something to make life easier for that great mother of us all—Mother Nature.

Over the last three centuries plants have been brought to our country from other parts of the world. Many have been excellent additions to our landscape and are enjoyed for their beauty. However, a few have become "eco-terrorists" in our country.

Throughout the United States invasive plants are destroying native ecosystems. These plants have advantages that even Mother Nature cannot control:

- * They have extraordinary growth rates.
- * They lack natural predators.
- * They have a longer growing season than native plants do.

Here in Minnesota buckthorns have been invading and threatening our native woodlands and wetlands. Common, glossy and fernleaf buckthorns are now restricted noxious weeds in Minnesota and can no longer be sold or planted. Nevertheless, buckthorn is already a pest throughout our state. We can remove it from our city landscapes, but it is difficult to do that in the expansive acreage of state and national parks.

If we don't control buckthorn, the future of our

woodlands is severely threatened. Our children may not have the opportunity to enjoy camping or hiking in an oak woodland because such areas may not exist in the future if we do not take action now.

Our best solution for controlling buckthorn is to find a predator in its native lands (Europe, Russia, China) that can be safely released here. That predator will then control buckthorn by preventing its rapid growth and reproduction. However, to find that predator takes time and research.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Exotic Species Program has paid for the first six months of preliminary buckthorn research at a cost of \$20,000. These funds will run out by June 30. Another \$100,000 is needed to fund additional research to find and study all potential predators.

Your donation to the DNR Exotic Species Program will help fund additional research. All donations are tax deductible and will be greatly appreciated by the native flora and fauna of Minnesota, not to mention Mother Nature. Please help out this Mother's Day by making a contribution:

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Heather Magee-Hill joins District 12 staff

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by Dave Healy

When they needed to hire a new community organizer recently, the District 12 Community Council didn't have to look far. Heather Magee-Hill had already been working for the Council part-time on the DNR-Metro Greenways grant they were awarded last June. Magee-Hill saw the community organizer position as a natural extension of the work she was already doing, so she applied for the job. The position had been open since November, when former community organizer Melissa Mathews was hired as the Council's executive director.

Magee-Hill continues to work on implementing the

Metro Greenways grant. In addition, she oversees District 12's Senior Chore Service and Crime Prevention program. She also serves as the staff resource on the Council's Environment and Housing/Human Services Committees.

A New York native, Magee-Hill graduated from Cornell University in 1998 with a degree in agricultural and biological engineering. A fellowship offer from the University of Minnesota's soil science department brought her to the Twin Cities, where she has been pursuing a master's degree that she hopes to finish by August. An internship with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency whetted her appetite for doing environmental regulatory work, an area she may eventually pursue as a profession.

Right now, though, she's immersed in untangling the intricacies of city government. "Every day I learn something new about the resources available for neighborhood residents," she said.

Magee-Hill said the most energizing thing about her new job has been working with residents on problems and seeing results. "The Community

Council is the most empowering structure I know of for making decisions about local issues," she said.

Local issues are of more than just professional interest for Magee-Hill, who has lived in south St. Anthony Park for almost three years. "I love living close to where I work," she said. "It's also great being near wild places like Kasota Pond. Just the other day I took a walk over there and saw all kinds of interesting things, including a salamander and red-tailed hawks."

"The Community Council is the most empowering structure I know of for making decisions about local issues."

—Heather Magee-Hill

Magee-Hill has been a welcome addition to the office, says Mathews, who was a one-person staff for several months. The two have successfully sorted out the office's many responsibilities and have developed a close working relationship. ■

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Congratulations New Council Members!

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South SAP Delegates:

Sherman Eagles

Jay Johnson

Tracy Reid-Selth

North SAP Alternates:

Rich Nelson

Don Stryker

South SAP Alternate:

Jan Sedgewick

January-March 2001 Crime Statistics for St. Anthony Park (and January-March 2000)

Auto Theft: 13 (9)

Theft from Auto: 25 (2000 data unavailable)

General Theft: 33 (52 but 2000 statistics also include Thefts from Auto)

Unclassified Burglary: 2 (2000 data unavailable)

Commercial Night Burglary: 3 (2)

Residential Day Burglary: 0 (1)

Residential Night Burglary: 1 (4)

Robbery: 1 (2)

Vandalism: 14 (15)

Aggravated Assault: 1 (2)

Domestic Abuse or Rape: 1 (2000 unavailable)

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What about the dust that gets in your hair? See the staff at Ann McCormick's, Anthony's Park Salon, D & M Beauty Salon, St. Anthony Park Barber Stylists, Theresa's Hair or Williams' Barber Stylists for a

shampoo and haircut.

Your car will get dusty too. Plan to change its air filter once or twice during the season. See Ned at Park Service or Chuck at Como-Raymond Amoco.

Or maybe it will be easier to leave the car in the garage all summer and ride your bike. All that extra exercise might result in a slimmer waistline. Now your clothes need altering! No problem—just take them over to Kimly Tailor.

Drink plenty of fluids. If you get bored with water, hike over to Ginkgo in the Park, Lori's, Prairie Star, Roasting Stones or Taste

of Scandinavia and check out the fine coffees, juices and beverages—and have a pastry to boot!

To relieve tension, check out or purchase a book on primal scream therapy or other stress-relieving approaches. See Rosie at the library or Annie at Micawber's. If the tension reaches muscle spasm levels, stop in and see the massage therapists at Open Hands or Holly House.

When you think you're losing your mind because you can't keep track of all the time this street project is taking, take your watch to Suzanne and Joel at Emil Gustafson Jewelers to have them replace the battery.

Splurge occasionally by letting someone else do the cooking. Enjoy a great snack or meal at Abu Nader, Bascali's Brick Oven, Bruegger's Bagel Bakery, Campus Sports Grill, Caravelle, Chet's Taverna, Key's, Muffuletta, Parkview Cafe or the Egg and I. Another option is visiting the deli at Speedy Market to have Harriet, Carol or Myrna custom-design a great sandwich for a picnic lunch at College Park.

If you feel you must document this summer's experience for a future novel or play, stop by Bibelot for a journal. Want to share with others what is happening to your neighborhood this summer? Check out the all-occasion cards at Hearts and Vines or the Minnesota Women's Press. If you need to send a longer message to many friends, copies can be made at the Alpha Print Copy Center or Rapit Printing. Don't forget to see Tim and Annette at the post office for stamps.

Find that you're grinding your teeth over the street project? Stop in at Bjorn Dahl and Dodds, Grossmann and Kierkegaard's Family Dentistry or Dr. Steen on Como Avenue for a consultation. Or maybe you just need something to help you sleep. Stop by Hampden Park Co-op and check out the St. John's Wort and Valerian herbal products.

If you need a little sparkle in your life, check out the large selection of suncatchers and glass prisms available at J. Ring Glass Studio.

Need a better way to entertain yourself other than watching the street crews? Stop by the Country Peddler for a quilting project.

Do your neighbors want to party the day the construction crew completes and opens your street? Drop by Sharrett's for a touch of the bubbly.

If all else fails, you can always leave town. Call Cindy, David or Darrel at Como Rose Travel for suggestions, and see Christine at Park Bank to pick up traveler's checks.

As you can see, our neighborhood businesses can satisfy your needs during this difficult time and all year round. ■

Dos and don'ts for this summer's street construction season

Do:

Do strictly follow the Japanese tradition of removing your shoes at the entrance to your home. This will prevent some of the dust from being carried indoors onto floors and carpets.

Do keep your windows and combination storm windows closed at all times during construction hours unless rain is settling the dust.

Do walk your pets in the early morning or late evening hours when the wind is lower. Keep them indoors at other times.

Do clean and/or change the filters on your air conditioner.

Do compliment the workers on the project when they do a good job. They will enjoy the feedback and you just might find that work progresses a bit faster.

Do keep your sense of humor. During the 1998 street project, one family had fun re-decorating every weekend the construction crew's satellite toilet.

The contractor was amazed at how many employees were anxious to get back to the job each Monday to check out the new design.

Don't:

Don't even think about washing your windows this spring. Wait until the construction is over; then they will really need a cleaning—as will your entire house and garage exterior.

Don't paint your house until the street construction is finished.

Don't plan to sleep late this summer. The crews will start work early, around 7 a.m., and may go as late as 5 or 6 p.m. each day. Depending on the contractor and the project's progress, crews may also work some Saturdays.

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Lawn furniture restorers need projects



Dan Coughlin's special ed class students learn how to be expert painters. Photo by Truman Olson, 1996

Though the class has now moved from Murray it retains its ties to St. Anthony Park. They continue to maintain the benches at Milton Square as well as doing any snow shoveling and raking needed by the Square. "We always had a good response from the community. This class would not exist if St. Anthony Park had not been willing to have these students work on their furniture," said Coughlin.

The class has now moved with Coughlin to 1919 University Avenue as a part of the St. Paul Public Schools Community-Based Program for Social Development. The current students are young people age 16 to 21 who are coping with serious emotional and behavioral disorders such as bipolar disorder, schizophrenia or depression. The class is designed to teach basic work skills such as showing up on time, sticking with the job, working as a team, doing top-quality work and being polite to customers. Students also benefit from an increased sense of competency in society. Coughlin hopes they will realize that they now have skills to use as they look for work in the world of adults.

Though the site and the students have changed, the class business remains the same. The donation requested is still \$10-\$15 per item. Coughlin will bid on other projects (fences, for example). Students make a bit more now, \$3 per hour. If you have a project for this class, call Dan Coughlin at 293-6596 or voice mail at 293-6560, box 5269. ■

by Susan Conner

The St. Paul Public Schools Community-Based Program for Social Development is seeking lawn furniture in need of repair or paint. Students will be taught how to repair and paint the furniture for customers in the community. All work is supervised and taught by a professional housepainter/teacher to ensure quality workmanship. A donation of \$10 to \$15 per item will be accepted.

This service to the community was developed six years ago at Murray Junior High School by teacher (and professional house painter) Dan Coughlin. His class was seventh

and eighth graders with serious emotional and behavioral disorders whom he saw in need of life and work skills and constructive interaction with a community. Students were paid \$1 an hour. They delivered advertising flyers, picked up and returned the items, and did all the work. Once a month the students were paid by check.

"That was always a great day," says Coughlin. "The St. Anthony Park Bank was very supportive and would let them cash their checks without an ID. On payday we would all walk down to the bank at 8 in the morning to cash those checks. The kids were pretty excited."

Letters . . . from page 4

Calling all neighborhood bird watchers and feeders

I am seeking help in learning the home ranges and other information about blue jays in St. Anthony Park and adjoining municipalities.

If you see blue jays with colored leg bands, I would be grateful if you would phone or email me as much of the following information as you can: 1) where and when you saw the jay (street address is probably the best locator), 2) the colors of the bands and whether they were on the right or left leg (most birds will have two colored bands, one above the other, on one leg), and 3) what the bird was doing (e.g., feeding, nesting, etc.).

The color combinations are often difficult to see, but the fact that you saw a banded bird would provide important information even if you could observe nothing more.

This past winter I began a study of blue jays in St. Anthony Park. My ultimate goal is to learn as much possible about why blue

jays have so many different calls. This requires gathering as much information as possible about the sex, age, reproductive status, home range and resident/migratory status of both callers and potential listeners. As a first step I am banding as many jays as I can, giving each bird a unique combination of colored plastic leg bands on one leg and an aluminum U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service numbered band on the other. I am banding at a feeding station in my yard at 1498 Grantham Street. I hope also to band many nestlings this spring so that I can follow them throughout their lives.

I will be grateful for any information that you might provide. Please call me at 646-0253 (please leave a message with your name and phone number if no one answers), or email me the information at <phill001@tc.umn.edu> if that is more convenient.

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Library supporters revealed

One of the pleasures of a Minnesota spring is remembering what the ground looks like after the snow has melted. However, this spring's thaw uncovered one sight that most people will not remember. Last November 184 paver bricks were installed in front of the St. Anthony Park Library. Almost immediately the season's first snow fell, and the bricks have been hidden until recently.

Each brick represents a \$250 contribution to the fund drive that helped pay for the library's new addition. Bricks are inscribed with donors' names—individuals, families, organizations and businesses.

According to reference librarian Rosie Foreman, contributions from the community enabled the library project to retain some features that the architect had included but that became threatened by rising construction costs. Much of the detail work was important in matching the new addition to the original structure, and without the extra funds provided by the neighborhood, some of those details would have been sacrificed.

"The community seems very happy with the new addition," said Foreman, "and so are the staff." Although an expanded children's section is the most obvious result of the addition, improved accessibility for patrons with physical disabilities was also an important component.

Gardening

The St. Anthony Park Garden Club will meet May 1 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the St. Anthony Park Library.

Club members Ardys Moen, Ann Stout and Mary Maguire Lerman will present a slide tour of several mid-Atlantic gardens: Monticello, Sir John Thouron, Dumbarton Oaks, Leonard Buck and Longwood.

The program is open to the public.

The St. Anthony Park Garden Tour will be held Saturday, June 30. Volunteers are needed to assist with selling and collecting tickets. Volunteers who assist with a three-hour shift will receive a complimentary ticket for the tour. Call Gitte at 644-3379 for more information.

The Como Ordway Memorial Japanese Garden opens for the season on Tuesday, May 1 at 10 a.m. The Japanese Garden was designed by ninth-generation master gardener Masami Matsuda of Nagasaki as a gift to the city of St. Paul.

The Japanese Garden is

etc.

accessible through the Como Park Conservatory, which is open daily from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information, call 487-8200.

Arts Events

Midway Initiative Gallery presents "Weak Architecture," an exhibit featuring new work from Javier Cambre (NYC), Omer Fast (NYC), J. Heikes (Minneapolis), Patrick Hill (LA) and Jennifer Ramsey (Chicago).

An opening reception will be held Friday, April 20 from 6-10 p.m. The gallery is located at 2500 University Avenue West, C-2.

An exhibit of **young people's art** runs from May 6-August 24 at the Community Gallery at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

The Community Gallery is located at 2136 Carter Avenue in the church undercroft and is open Monday-Friday from 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday by appointment and Sunday from 8-11:30 a.m. For more information, call 645-3058.

An exhibit of watercolors and monotypes by St. Anthony Park artist **Bettye Olson** will run from April 21-May 28 at the Dorothy Berge Gallery of Contemporary Art, 301 W. Myrtle Street, Stillwater, Minnesota. An opening reception will be held April 21 from 2-5 p.m.

The **Nancy Hauser Dance Co.** performs its 39th Anniversary Spring Concert May 10-12 at the Student Center Theater on the

St. Paul Campus, 2017 Buford Avenue. Performances are at 7 p.m. on May 10, noon and 8 p.m. on May 11, and 8 p.m. on May 12.

Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$12 for seniors, students, children and MDA card holders. The May 12 concert is a benefit; tickets for that performance are \$35.

For more information, call 612-871-9077.

Families

The **Northwest Midway Family Center** is currently seeking parent representatives to join an advisory team. Advisory team members meet monthly to help assess the needs of area families and to provide input on Family Center programs and activities.

The Family Center is a resource for families and a vehicle for them to make positive changes in their community. It offers a variety of programs, including one for single parents and for families with newborns.

For more information about the advisory team, call Julie Pinomaki at 917-3888.

The Family Center and Merriam Park Community Services will host a summer program information fair on Tuesday, May 1 from 6:30-8 p.m. at 2000 St. Anthony Avenue in St. Paul. Area youth agencies and recreation centers will be available with information about summer camps and activities for kids. To RSVP or for more information, call Suzanne Witte at 603-6648.



Secretary of State Mary Kiffmeyer and Peter Ooten pose in front of the State Seal during Ooten's visit to the State Office Building in March

Lauderdale resident takes a page from the Legislature's book

Lauderdale resident Peter Ooten served as a page at the state Legislature during the week of March 19-23. In addition to running errands for representatives, Ooten observed several conference committees in action. He and other pages then formed their own committee based on their observations.

Ooten signed up for the legislative page program through his 11th-grade social studies class

at Roseville Area High School. Applicants for the program were selected by a random drawing.

Ooten described his experience as a good chance to meet legislators and see the inner workings of state government.

"More people should know about this program," he said. "It's a great opportunity to see what happens behind the scenes and to get a feel for what it's like to be in politics."

Photo by Truman Olson



Gerald McKay and Robert Munson

U of M honors two outstanding alumni

In April two St. Anthony Park residents were honored by the University of Minnesota's Board of Regents and the College of Agricultural, Food and Environmental Sciences. Both Gerald McKay and Robert Munson received the University's Outstanding Achievement Award.

Gerald McKay received a bachelor of science degree in agricultural education from the University of Minnesota in

1939 and a master's degree in agricultural education and agricultural journalism in 1949.

McKay taught in Isanti and Brainerd for 10 years before coming to the University as an extension specialist in audiovisual education in 1945. In the 1950s he served as an audiovisual education consultant for the Marshall Plan in central Europe and the United Kingdom. He retired from the University in

1974. Since then he has volunteered at the University and for many community organizations. Recently he retired from the St. Anthony Park Library Board after 40 years.

Dr. Robert Munson graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1951 with a bachelor of science degree in agronomy and plant genetics. He received a doctorate in soil fertility and plant nutrition and agricultural economics from Iowa State University in 1957.

Dr. Munson was a leader in the fertilizer industry for three decades. He facilitated communication and working relationships among producers, growers and researchers. He also promoted national development of soil and water resources for enhanced productivity and environmental protection.

In 1980 he wrote a technical bulletin for the International Fertilizer Development Center, a project that involved travel in Europe, Mexico and Central and Latin America.

Since his retirement in 1986, Munson has served as a consultant for individual and governmental clients. In 1985 and 1991 he lectured in China, and in 1993 he served as a consultant in Bangladesh.

St. Anthony Park Elementary School will hold its **Spring Carnival** on Friday, May 4 from 5:30-8 p.m. at the school.

Gibbs Farm

Gibbs Farm Museum opens for the season on Sunday, May 6 from noon-4 p.m. The historic farm includes a furnished farmhouse, two barns with antique farm implements, a one-room schoolhouse, pioneer and Dakota gardens, a bark lodge and tipis, and a re-created sod house, the first dwelling of the Gibbs family.

On Saturday, May 12 at 1 p.m. a sanctioning ceremony will be held for the new Dakota encampment at Gibbs Farm. Members of the Eastern Dakota community will participate in the celebration.

The museum is located at Larpenteur and Cleveland Avenues in Falcon Heights. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for children. For more information, call 646-8629.

Seniors

Charles Tindell, author of "Seeing Beyond the Wrinkles," will speak on the positive aspects of aging on May 3 at the **Lyngblomsten Community Senior Center**, 1415 Almond Avenue. The cost is \$1. This is a collaborative project between the Como Park Living at Home/Block Nurse Program and the

Lyngblomsten Community Senior Center. For more information, call 642-1127.

The **St. Paul Parks and Recreation Department** offers several programs for seniors in May.

May 10: Spring Fling dance from noon-3 p.m. at the Minnesota Music Cafe, Payne Avenue and East Seventh Street. Admissions is \$5.

May 10 from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Sally Staggert from the mayor's Advisory Council on Aging will host an affordable housing tour. The \$25 fee includes coffee break, lunch and transportation.

May 17 at 9:30 a.m. Joan Kennedy, author and professional speaker, will present a self-esteem seminar at Central Presbyterian Church, 500 Cedar Street. The seminar will be followed by lunch at 11:45 a.m. and social activities at 12:30 p.m.

Call 266-6451 for more information about any of these events.

The **Metro Area Paint-A-Thon** is seeking elderly and disabled homeowners whose houses need painting. During the weekend of August 4-5, more than 200 homes will be painted by 6,000 volunteers from corporations, congregations, civic groups and schools.

To qualify, homeowners must meet several qualifications:
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and occupied by a person 60 years of age or older, or by a person of any age with a permanent disability.

* The house must be a single-family dwelling.

* The house must be in need of paint, structurally sound and not in need of major repairs.

* Homeowners must meet income guidelines: less than \$1392/month for a household of one; less than \$1875/month for a household of two.

The Metro Paint-A-Thon is a program of the Minneapolis Council of Churches.

Those interested in having their house painted should call 612-721-8687, ext. 303. The application deadline is May 31.

Food Drive

On May 12, letter carriers in more than 10,000 cities and towns will collect **non-perishable food donations** left by mailboxes and in post offices. Food will be delivered to local food banks, pantries and shelters.

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Conversation and culture: International women learn to speak American

by Judy Woodward

Suppose you were a young wife and mother, and one day you found yourself whisked away from your own country and set down in Minnesota, a place where you had few acquaintances, no adult relatives and only the vaguest notion of local customs, manners and language. What would you do?

If you were lucky, you'd find your way to the classrooms at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in St. Anthony Park, where you'd join a host of other foreign women in exactly the same situation.

English conversation classes for international women have been a fixture in St. Anthony Park for over 30 years, offering English lessons and friendship to women from around the world. Most of the women are married to foreign students and visiting scholars at the University of



Minnesota, but the classes are open to all international women.

The English instruction is free, but the friendship is priceless.

On a recent Thursday morning

in April, a group of 25 women met in the church hall for tea and animated conversation before breaking into their individual instruction groups. Many of the women are from Korea, but there are also visitors from Turkey, Russia, Japan and Indonesia.

Eun Soon Lee of Korea, who lives in Lauderdale with her husband and three children, is typical. The family expects to be in Minnesota for about a

Participants in the English conversation class (photo above from left to right) Yeliz Celiker and Ok Hee Park, with Kay Chu in back; (photo to right) Anna Yushchenko, Miwa Matsuura, Kay Chu, and Irina Sheshukova. Photos by Lori E. Hamilton

Meeting your neighbors through the arts: Local writers group moves into its third decade

by Todd Boss

A group of writers has been meeting in St. Anthony Park monthly for the past 20 years. A 1980 COMPAS grant (the same one that provided funds for founding Music In the Park Series) is what got the group started.

The workshop's initial grant supported the hiring of poet/playwright Marisha Chamberlain as instructor for several years. Funding was not reinstated for the project, but that didn't mean the end of it.

It's hard to keep good writers down. The group continued to meet without a formal overseer. They went on to publish a book showcasing members' work and held a reading at the St. Anthony Park Library during the annual spring art fair.

"It's a good way to meet your neighbors through the arts," said Marjorie DeBoer, one of the group's original founders. DeBoer, with six published historical romances to her credit, still serves the workshop as its informal director. She is also involved in two other writing collectives in town. The Minneapolis Writer's Workshop has 50 or more dues-paying members, meets in area hotels and

puts on an annual conference. And Midwest Fiction Writers is a branch of the Romance Writers of America. DeBoer says it's important for writers to find support among other writers.

Since its early days, the St. Anthony Park group's membership has continually evolved; and like changes in the drafts of a work in progress, each member brings something new to the mix, shifting the group's dynamics.

On a recent evening in a room at Black Bear Crossings Coffeehouse, members offered encouragement and feedback to one another despite their vastly disparate interests in different genres of writing.

Perry Kidder read a moving account of the pre-World War II culture of American door-to-door delivery, a memoir, really, of

Members of the writers group (left to right): Marsha Hoffman, Peter Stucki, Thomas St. James, Marjorie DeBoer, D. Perry Kidder, June Bergerud, Herb Noble, Dadee Reilly, and Katherine Lange.

Photo by Truman Olson

year while her husband was a mechanical engineer at the University. A middle-aged teacher in her own country, she learned English. "When I went to school, I learned English," she contemplates the difference between "school" English and the streets of Minnesota, but not enough to speak. After 45 minutes of conversation, it's time to divide into structured lessons. Each member leads her small group in rooms that flank the church hall. Teacher Marcia St. James, a woman with a mass of dark hair, is a resident of 1666 Como Avenue. A faculty retirement center, it has a clutch of pussy willows.



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order to prove to her doubtful students that spring eventually comes, even to Minnesota.

Her students say that she teaches a class of "four and a half" learners. The "half" is 5-year-old Katia, who colors placidly in a corner while her mother, Anna Yushchenko, from Russia, listens intently to fellow student Kay Chu of Korea. Chu is unexpectedly providing a key to a mystery that has intrigued some of the teachers. How do the Korean women find out about the English classes? Koreans are by far the largest group in attendance.

Chu explains that she has set up an Internet website for Korean visitors to America. "I am introducing the story of being in America to Korean people," she says. Chu adds that, among other tips for Korean newcomers, she has posted information about the English conversation

classes at St. Matthew's.

Her classmate, Jee Yeon Ku, offers convincing evidence that Chu's website is popular among Koreans living in the Twin Cities: "I often visit Chu's website. Every day, it is developing."

Chu says that the goal of her website is to introduce "American life and culture to Korean people." She has found herself following some interesting cultural byways in service of this goal. For one thing, she may be the first person in Korean history to acquaint her fellow citizens with one American cultural icon in particular.

Thanks to Chu, Oprah Winfrey is now on her way to becoming a household name among the Korean community in America. Chu posts regular updates of Winfrey's

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Cooking with mid-career professionals: Local GLBT group provides fellowship and support

by Natalie Zett

The party began and ended in the kitchen, although there was a huge house to share. At first glance, this gathering of St. Anthony Park neighbors seemed ordinary. The group, mostly middle-aged women and men, was discussing careers, speculating about precisely when winter would finally end, and swapping garden and home care tips in anticipation of the spring thaw. Occasionally a couple of teenagers, children of one of the couples, wandered in and out of the kitchen—and conversation.

At once commonplace and extraordinary, this is a group for whom the designation "survivor" applies in a way that most of the temporary castaways of television fame couldn't possibly fathom. For each of these individuals, there is no island to leave and no prize at the end.

Although some may eschew the survivor label, claiming it too extreme, all have experienced or most likely will experience discrimination or even harassment. "It goes with the territory," chuckled one of the men. This also is the main reason that most requested anonymity for this article.

Yet there is also a particular type of intimacy—the by-product of living in a larger world with mixed results—that creates a connection among everyone in the circle, strengthening existing friendships as well as welcoming newer group members.

Introducing the St. Anthony Park gay/lesbian/transgender/bisexual group.

This assembly, which began meeting last December, was born as the result of a requirement that Nancy Johnson-Maloney, attorney and seminary student, needed to fulfill for a "self-expression in leadership" seminar.

"I was to evaluate a community that I was part of and then attempt to transform that community—to make it into something exciting," said Johnson-Maloney. "That meant to identify and organize a group. Well, I already knew and was part of a loosely knit crowd of gay and lesbian people in the neighborhood, so I needed to expand that and open it up."

Although many members are involved in politics, including the St. Anthony Park Community Council and various committees, the main purpose of this group is social. They meet the first Friday of each month at members' homes, sharing a potluck dinner and fellowship.

After five months, the group is still going strong, if not by numbers (there are

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show on her website, remarking, "The Winfrey show contains many exciting things to Koreans. Most of all, I like it."

In an advanced class that meets next door to Sundquist's, teacher Polly Cartford and her students are exploring an even more intriguing aspect of American culture. Why is it, they wonder, that Americans find it so difficult to apologize?

"In Japan, you apologize if you bump into people. But before I come to America, people at home warn me, 'In America, don't apologize because people might sue!'"

—Miwa Matsuura

Miwa Matsuura, of Japan, notes, "In Japan, you apologize if you bump into people. But before I come to America, people at home warn me, 'In America, don't apologize because people might sue!'"

Cartford tries to provide some guidance in a tricky area. "In the U.S.," she explains, "admitting responsibility is admitting liability. If you ask

forgiveness, it means you're guilty of something."

This emphatically is not the way things are done in their homelands, and the women, who are all Asian, remain politely bemused by this curious native folkway of the inscrutable Occident.

A visitor suspects this may not be the first time they've found themselves puzzled by American ways.

For many of the women in the English classes, in fact, the United States as a whole may remain a cultural mystery to be tackled gamely but never totally solved. But in one area, anyway, their understanding is crystal clear. Congenial fellow students and friendly volunteer teachers, says Anna Yushchenko, who could well be speaking for many of her classmates, "make me feel I am not alone in a foreign country."

English conversation classes for international women meet Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11 at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church on Carter Avenue in St. Anthony Park. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information, contact lead teacher Abby Marier at 645-8902. ■

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genre in which writers create stories using others' characters. Peter Strucki writes literary fiction. And Bill Davies recounts scientific exploits and experiences as a young architect studying at Taliesin West.

The atmosphere is congenial, supportive and generously honest. Members listen attentively and respond carefully. There is a lot of note-taking and enough discussion and dissent to keep things interesting. News and announcements are shared regarding literary opportunities of note. All in all, it's a delightful way to spend a weekday evening. "It's helpful," said cat-lover

Hoffman, "just to bounce things off someone else." She's been coming to the workshop for three years. "I get a lot out of this group," she says. Hoffman posts chapters of her current serialization online at sopathcat.com.

The group averages six or seven at each meeting, though the list currently includes about 15 writers of varying backgrounds.

Membership in the St. Anthony Park writer's workshop is open to anyone who wishes to share work with like-minded others. To get involved, call Marjorie DeBoer at 645-1345. ■

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probably 15 or so members), by sheer dedication of members to show up.

As with any cross-section of St. Anthony Park residents, the occupations of group members vary: university professor, social service worker, attorney, courier, writer, information technology professional. So far, women predominate and most members are in their mid-30s and up.

The group's biggest challenge has been getting the

publicity out to other GLBT people in the area as well as coming up with a name. "We were going to be called, 'Cooking with Queers,' but that didn't sit well with a few folks, so we're back to square one," laughed Johnson-Maloney.

For more information about the monthly gatherings, call Nancy Johnson-Maloney at 645-5104. ■

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Grand Round organizers work to complete bike route

Master plan includes Como and St. Anthony Park neighborhoods

by Dave Healy and John Marino

In the last 100 years, bicycling in St. Paul has come full circle. Well, not quite full circle. But if organizers of the St. Paul Grand Round have their way, a vision conceived over a century ago will soon be realized, as St. Paul fills in the remaining portions of a bike route connecting Como, Phalen and Indian Mounds Park with 13 miles along the Mississippi River.

The Grand Round runs through the St. Anthony Park and Como neighborhoods along Como and Raymond Avenues. That part of the route was the subject of a grant request submitted last year by the city of St. Paul to the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT). The Como Avenue Bikeway Project would have provided striped bike lanes on that portion of the Grand Round.

After much discussion, MnDOT rejected the city's proposal. At issue was the effect of the proposed bike lanes on portions of the route. Richard Arey believes that eventually the city and MnDOT will work out an acceptable arrangement and that the Saint Paul Grand Round will be able to use Como and Raymond Avenues in a way that fulfills the route's original spirit. Arey is the coordinator of the St. Paul Classic, an annual bike tour that uses the Grand Round to route cyclists along a 31-mile loop that begins and ends at the University of St. Thomas.

According to Arey, one problem with St. Paul's proposal

for the Como Avenue Bikeway Project was its all-or-nothing nature. When problems surfaced along portions of the bikeway, the whole project was jeopardized.

"MnDOT decided that it had to be all or nothing," said Arey. "Because we weren't able to work out agreements for striped lanes along the entire stretch, we had to scrap the whole thing for now." However, Arey and other Saint Paul Grand Round enthusiasts are already planning their next proposal, and he's confident they will be successful.

Saint Paul's Grand Round was first envisioned over a century ago by a landscape architect named Horace William Shaler Cleveland. Cleveland urged city leaders to set aside land for parks, as well as a series of parkways to connect them. Parkway were to be wider-than-average streets, often with a median, that would run between the city's major parks. Wheelock Parkway, for example, was constructed to link Phalen and Como Parks.

Cleveland's vision was only partially realized. Minneapolis has a fairly complete system of parkways. St. Paul's, on the other



hand, is more patchwork. That disparity irks Richard Arey.

"Minneapolis has its own Grand Round," he noted. "But where they spend millions of dollars on it and get national recognition and national urban scenic bikeway status, in St. Paul we struggle to have anybody even pay attention to us."

According to Arey, one problem St. Paul has is the lack of paid personnel at City Hall. Arey is also a member of the St. Paul Bicycle Advisory Board, which has pressed the city to hire a full-time person responsible for

bike and pedestrian issues.

"The reason Minneapolis gets more money than we do is because they have better support from their mayor, City Council and Department of Public Works," he said. "And one reason they have that support is because they have several people on staff who are writing grants and lobbying for bike and pedestrian concerns."

Arey's sentiments were echoed by Dan Krivit, another member of the Bicycle Advisory Board. Krivit noted that Minneapolis has two paid bicycle/pedestrian people on staff, and Portland, Oregon, a comparable city, has seven. "We've missed out on opportunities because we don't have a voice at City Hall," he said.

Krivit pointed to the recent Kellogg Boulevard renovation near downtown's RiverCentre, where there could have been striping for bike lanes as well as additional pedestrian walkways.

"That kind of project involves many city departments that must coordinate their work," he said. "We need someone who could attend those meetings and be a spokesperson for biking and

pedestrian interests."

Arey, Krivit and others are hoping to further tap a resurgence of interest in biking among St. Paul residents. That interest is reflected in the steady growth of participation in the St. Paul Classic.

According to Jennifer Wicklund, executive assistant at the Saint Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium, one of the event's sponsors, the Classic has grown from 2800 riders in 1995 to almost 5500 registered participants in 2000.

The current interest in biking has historical precedent. The 1890s witnessed a boom in bicycling in St. Paul. The 1897-98 "Annual Report of the Board of Park Commissioners" noted that parts of Como Avenue had 7-foot-wide bike lanes, and there were 1500 bike racks in Como Park.

Arey thinks the time is right to recapture the biking spirit of yesteryear and fulfill Horace Cleveland's original vision. "The Grand Round is part of the Parks and Recreation Department's comprehensive plan for St. Paul," he noted. "It also has the support of all the district councils."

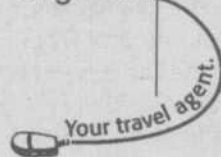
The next step is to get a master plan approved by the City Council, which Arey hopes will happen this spring. Then signage would be posted along the entire route, followed by bike lane striping wherever feasible and amenities such as bike racks, benches, lighting, tire pumps and drinking fountains. ■

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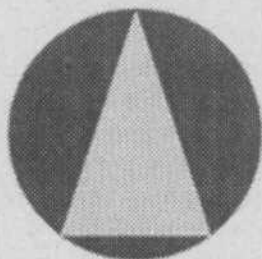
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Nature watchers document local flora and fauna

Volunteers welcome for area projects

by Karlyn Eckman

Neighborhood volunteers have been observing the parks, ponds and woods in St. Anthony Park during the past month as part of a DNR-sponsored natural resources inventory. Sightings have included two white-tailed deer at Kasota Pond, a family of foxes, salamanders, skunks and raccoons as well as many species of migrating birds and waterfowl. Three nesting pairs of hawks have been spotted within the neighborhood or near its borders.

Several other environmental activities will take place in coming weeks. The Kasota Pond cleanup is on April 28, and volunteers are still welcome. Vegetation surveys are now taking place as well as soil and water sampling. Volunteers will continue identifying aquatic insects and invertebrates and will also conduct a basking turtle survey. Neighborhood bird watchers continue to be on the lookout for migrating and nesting birds. If you are interested

in participating in any of these neighborhood environmental activities, contact Heather Magee-Hill at the St. Anthony Park Community Council, 649-5992.

DNR Metro Greenways Planning Grant funds have helped SAPCC document existing species, plan for long-term conservation of our natural resources, identify ways to protect and expand habitat corridors with other neighborhoods and organize a volunteer monitoring program. The first public planning workshop was held October 17, 2000. The second and final public planning workshop will take place on Thursday, June 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Luther Seminary. Members of the volunteer team will present their survey findings to date and will make recommendations for enhancing natural habitat in St. Anthony Park. Watch next month's Bugle for details about this important upcoming neighborhood workshop. ■

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As an example of ACS's advocacy efforts, Pederson points to current efforts to get the state legislature to provide funding for treatment of breast and cervical cancers. These cancers were chosen, she says, because they are ones in which early detection and treatment can make a major difference between life and death. Last fall, President Clinton promised matching federal funds to states that provided such funding.

Pederson states that while screenings may be free, those with low incomes or no health insurance do not have the money to pay for treatment. They may find out they have cancer but be unable to do anything about it. As a result, the ACS fears, some may not bother to get a screening at all—hence, the importance of access to treatment.

In the area of patient services, the ACS's work is widespread. They can connect cancer patients with support groups, transportation to doctor appointments and cancer survivors who can share their experiences and offer support. They also have on-site services that provide wigs, hats, scarves and breast prostheses as well as a wealth of information.

Pederson feels ACS's biggest challenge lies in getting its message out to a wider range of people. While they have had success reaching middle-class, white people, "We are not as strong at reaching people of other races and incomes. We need to reach all people."

To accomplish this, the ACS is recruiting people of color as volunteers, developing partnerships with organizations in communities of color and

launching an ad campaign targeted to those communities. As Pederson notes, serving a larger constituency can come down to as small a thing as having African-American wigs to provide to patients.

As for other challenges, Pederson admits that sometimes the arrival of a new disease or health scare can distract people from the urgency of ACS's struggle. "We're able to do our best work when cancer is at the top of people's minds," she says.

In addition, there are still people who resist screenings and other early-detection measures because they're afraid of getting bad news, and still others who seem resigned to the inevitability of cancer and think there's nothing they can do. "If people feel complacent, it's because they feel helpless," Pederson says. The ACS's message is that with early detection, many cancers are treatable, and the sooner you discover it, the better your chances are of beating it.

The ACS welcomes volunteers. "We depend on volunteers to do our work," Pederson says. Volunteers can help out in a number of ways, from helping with fundraisers like the recent "Daffodil Days" to writing legislators and marching at rallies. Their efforts helped raise over \$8 million in the Twin Cities last year. Pederson says that the Midwest region is one of the strongest fundraising areas in the country for the ACS. "We're very proud of that."

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Left to right, Michael Max, acting president, MSTAC; Dave Sundmark, St. Paul Parks and Recreation-Forestry; Mary Maguire Lerman, vice president, St. Anthony Park Garden Club; Ron Dufault, president, St. Anthony Park Garden Club.

The garden club invites experienced and novice gardeners to join, learn and serve their community. Those not interested in joining the club can still assist with its community projects.

The club's major fund-raising effort each year is the plant sale held during the June Art Fair, now a fixture at the Park Service parking area on Como Avenue. Local gardeners can invest in their community on June 2nd by purchasing plants. On June 30th, everyone is invited to participate in the St. Anthony Park Garden Tour, which will feature 12 neighborhood gardens. Funds raised from this biennial garden tour are returned to the community through grants and projects.

To join the garden club, contact Gitte at 644-3379. If you have project ideas for the garden club, contact ardys@qwest.net. ■

community in recognition of last fall's buckthorn roundup. Ron Dufault and Mary Maguire Lerman accepted the award at MSTAC's annual meeting in Golden Valley. The award, a photograph of the Spirit Tree on Lake Superior, will be displayed at the St. Anthony Park Library.

So what will the club think of next? This year, under the direction of president Ardys

Moen, the club provided funds for an Arbor Day planting at College Park. Club monies were matched by a UniTree grant. Another potential project is a native plant restoration along Eustis Street on MnDOT land in cooperation with the St. Anthony Park Community Council. In addition, the club plans to assist the library with its landscape plan, which will include a "garden room" along Como Avenue adjacent to the new addition.

What began as an educational forum for its members has expanded to include a significant service focus.

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- St. Anthony Park Garden Club, St. Anthony Park Library, 6:30 p.m.
- St. Paul public schools, parent conferences, Murray Junior High, 3:30-6:30 p.m.

2 Wednesday

- St. Anthony Park recycling.
- 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 (481-6925), Hubert Humphrey Job Corps Center, 1480 Snelling, Building #1, 8 a.m. Every Wednesday.
- Parent-child class, Central Park Elementary School, 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Every Wednesday.

3 Thursday

- Tot Time (for 5-year-olds and younger), South St. Anthony Rec Center (298-5765), 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 Cromwell, 6 p.m.



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Librarian Rosie tells a story to a rapt audience of preschoolers.

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- Cinco de Mayo

7 Monday

- 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.

8 Tuesday

- Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., 7:30 p.m.

- St. Anthony Park Association Awards Event, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, Como and Hillside, 7 p.m.

- Clinical Director Dr. Patricia Lawler will conduct a free workshop on avoiding and reversing osteoporosis, Holly House, 6 p.m. 645-6951.

9 Wednesday

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

10 Thursday

- Free blood pressure clinic and health resources by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program, St. Anthony Park Library, 10-11 a.m. Funded by the St. Anthony Park Association.
- Full Council Meeting, St. Anthony Park Community Council, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.

11 Friday

- Lauderdale recycling.

12 Saturday

- Langford Teen Night (7th through 9th grade), Langford Park Rec Center (298-5765), 7-10 p.m. Parent permission required. Cost \$3.

13 Sunday

- Mother's Day

14 Monday

- Como Park recycling.
- Park Press Inc., Park Bugle Board meeting, St. Anthony Park Bank community room, 7 a.m.
- Falconeers Senior Card Club (488-3361), Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave., 1-3:30 p.m.

15 Tuesday

- St. Anthony Park Community Band rehearsal (642-1559), Como Senior High band room, 7:15 p.m.

- Como Community Council board meeting, 7 p.m., community meeting, 8 p.m., Lyngblomsten Care center, 1415 Almond Avenue.

- Holly House cliniton Dr. Angela Reason will conduct a free workshop on natural and safe weight loss, Holly House, 6 p.m. 645-6951.

16 Wednesday

- St. Anthony Park recycling.
- Langford Booster Club, Langford Park, 7 p.m.
- YMCA Camps Widjiwagan and du Nord spring garage sale, Minnesota State Fairgrounds, Merchandise Mart, 11 a.m.-8p.m.

17 Thursday

- YMCA Camps Widjiwagan and du Nord spring garage sale, Minnesota State Fairgrounds, Merchandise Mart, 9 a.m.-8p.m.

18 Friday

- Falcon Heights recycling.
- YMCA Camps Widjiwagan and du Nord spring garage sale, Minnesota State Fairgrounds, Merchandise Mart, 9 a.m.-8p.m.

19 Saturday

- FARE For All food distribution and registration at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church (644-8833), 2323 Como Avenue, 8:30-10:30 a.m.
- YMCA Camps Widjiwagan and du Nord spring garage sale, Minnesota State Fairgrounds, Merchandise Mart, 9 a.m.-noon.

21 Monday

- Victoria Day
- St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program board of directors meeting, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church library, 7 p.m.
- Warren Gore will talk about "The Chief: The Life of William Randolph Hearst" by David Nasaw, St. Anthony Park Library, 7 p.m.

22 Tuesday

- Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., 7:30 p.m.

23 Wednesday

- 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 Park Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 5:30 p.m.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Environment Committee, South St. Anthony Park Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.

25 Friday

- Lauderdale recycling.

28 Monday

- Memorial Day
- St. Paul public schools, no school, K-12.

30 Wednesday

- St. Anthony Park recycling.

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Betty Jane Anderson Bryan

Betty Jane Anderson Bryan died on March 15, 2001, at the age of 72. She grew up in the Como Park neighborhood on Wynne Avenue and was a graduate of Murray High School in 1946.

In recent years, she had lived in New Haven, Kentucky, where she was a parishioner at St. Catherine's Catholic Church.

Mrs. Bryan was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Bryan. She is survived by a son, Mike (Kathy) Bryan; three grandchildren; a brother, Glen (Pauline) Anderson of Roseville; two sisters, Delores (Jerry) Ludden of Sumner, Washington, and Darlene (Dick) Tatum of Stockton, Missouri; a sister-in-law, Dottie Morris; and a brother-in-law, James Bryan. The funeral was on March 19 in Kentucky.

Frank J. Charles

Frank J. Charles, age 84, died on March 21, 2001. He was a resident of Lyngblomsten Care Center.

Mr. Charles was a member of the Marconi Club, St. Anthony Society and St. James Catholic Church.

Preceded in death by his wife, Anne Mary Charles, four sisters, and two brothers, he is survived by two daughters, Kathy (Thomas) Emery and Joanne (Gregory) Sowada; three grandchildren, Dawn Haynes, Patrick Emery, and John Emery; two great-grandchildren, Eric and Rachael Emery; and several nieces. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on March 21 at St. James Catholic Church.

Lillian Fox Flaherty

Lillian Fox Flaherty, a longtime resident of St. Anthony Park on Raymond Avenue and Como Park on Montana Avenue, died on April 4 at the age of 96. She had recently lived at the Presbyterian Homes in Arden Hills.

She and her husband, Patrick, were pioneers in the bowling business, first with Flaherty's Rec, then Flaherty's Lanes, and finally, Flaherty's Arden Bowl. She was the oldest surviving Charter Member of Corpus Christi Catholic Church.

Preceded in death by her husband, Mrs. Flaherty is survived by two sons, Dick (Alice) Flaherty of Shoreview and Patrick (Beverly) Flaherty of Arden Hills; eight grandchildren, Nancy (Chris) Biehn, Tom (Laura) Flaherty, Lisa Murphy,

Tim (Kelly) Flaherty, Pady (Dennis) Regnier, Terri (Jeff) Johnson, Dan (Lynn) Flaherty and David Flaherty; 16 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Lucille Hylland and Gerry Fox; and a sister-in-law, Mim Fox, all of South Dakota. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on April 7 at Corpus Christi Church.

Jerome H. Gammel

Jerome H. Gammel died on March 29, 2001, at the age of 62. He grew up on Almond Avenue in Como Park and was a member of the Class of 1956 at Murray High School.

Mr. Gammel was a Ramsey County Master Gardener, Adjutant of American Legion Post #572, a board member of District 6 Planning Council, a volunteer at Children's Hospital and St. Paul RSVP, and a member of Como Park Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his longtime partner, Rosemary Casey; a daughter, Gayle; a son, Keith; a grandson, Jordan; and three brothers, Roger (Judy), Marty (Nancy) and Ray. A memorial service took place at Como Park Lutheran Church on April 3.

Howard A. Gerbig

Howard A. Gerbig died on February 4, 2001. He was 92 years old. He had recently lived at St. Anthony Health Center in St. Anthony Village and for the 12 years prior to that on Keston Street in St. Anthony Park.

Mr. Gerbig is survived by his wife of 55 years, Norma Gerbig; two sons, Bruce (Karen) Gerbig of Lauderdale and Ralph (Sue) Gerbig of Dawson, Minnesota; and five grandchildren. Services were held on February 10 at Roseville Memorial Chapel.

William H. Green

William H. Green, age 65, died on March 15, 2001. He lived in the Como Park neighborhood.

Mr. Green was retired from Indianhead Trucking and was a parishioner at Holy Childhood Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine Corbey Green; a daughter, Sheila Kleve; two grandsons, Joseph and Alex Kleve; and several sisters and brothers. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on March 21 at Holy Childhood Catholic Church.

Rebecca Hartman

Rebecca Hartman died on March 21, 2001, at the age of 92. Her home was at Sholom Home East on Midway Parkway.

She was a member of Mount Zion Temple.

Mrs. Hartman was preceded in death by her husband, Martin Hartman; her parents, Samuel and Ethel Talchinsky; and three sisters, Minnie, Bessy and Molly.

She is survived by a son, Lawrence (Judy) Hartman; a daughter, Marjorie (Lloyd) Sussman; five grandchildren, Elizabeth Hartman (Bob Brodie), Jennifer Hartman, Chayh (Kent) Burghard, David Sussman and Joan Hartman (Liam Shay); a great-grandson, Matthew Burghard; two brothers, Louis (Francis) Tallen and Jack Tallen; and a brother-in-law, Harry Gass. A funeral service was held on March 23 at Mount Zion Temple.

Jon L. Lunde

Jon L. Lunde, age 58, died on March 31, 2001. He was a resident of Falcon Heights.

Mr. Lunde graduated cum laude from the University of Minnesota Law School in 1971. He served in private practice with Watson and Lunde and later with HUD. He spent four years as an employment compensation judge and 22 years as administrative law judge for the State of Minnesota. He was a member of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church.

Preceded in death by his father, Lawrence Lunde, and his sister, Constance Moliter, he is survived by his wife of 36 years, Rochelle Lunde; a daughter, Holly (Bill) Lindsey of Eagan; two sons, Zachary and Kristopher Lunde of St. Paul; a granddaughter, Cassandra; his mother, J. Helen Hanson of San Diego; and a sister, Sally Wise of Phoenix. A Memorial Mass was celebrated on April 5 at St. Rose of Lima.

Charlotte K. Martinson

Charlotte K. Martinson, age 94, died on March 18, 2001. She and her husband, Harold Martinson, spent many years working as missionaries in China and Hong Kong. Since 1970, she had lived in St. Anthony Park.

Mrs. Martinson was a member of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband and her brother, Anders Rosendahl. Survivors include three sons, Andrew, Paul

(Ida), and Harold (Sara); a daughter, Charlotte (Milo) Gronseth; seven grandchildren, Lisa (John) Mittelsteadt, John (Betsy) Gronseth, Daniel Gronseth, Anna, Peter, Haldan and Anders Martinson; and eight great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held on March 22 at the St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

Harold R. Meier

Harold R. "Bud" Meier, former reporter and news director at KSTP-TV, died on March 1, 2001. He was 77. He was raised in the Como Park area on Almond Avenue and graduated from Murray High School in 1941. In recent years, he had lived in St. Anthony Village.

Mr. Meier was a graduate of the University of Minnesota and started as a reporter at KSTP in the mid-1950s. In the summer of 1964, he left KSTP, where he had risen to news director, and joined the 3M Company in public relations. He later worked in public relations for the Carlson Companies and Champion International before retiring in 1985. After retiring, he did free-lance writing and had been a fishing columnist for the Stillwater Gazette for the past 10 years.

He was a founding member of Muskies Incorporated and was well-known as a bass fisherman. He is survived by his wife, Melba Meier; a son, Paul, of New York; a daughter, Barbara, of St. Paul; and two nephews, David Larson and Keith Larson. A memorial service took place on March 23 at Peterson-Stohlberg Hillside Chapel in Minneapolis.

Chris C. Parry

Chris C. Parry died suddenly on March 21, 2001, at the age of 35.

He was a lover of music and movies and a member of the University Lutheran Church of Hope.

Survivors include his wife, Shelly; two children, Jayce and Ariel; his parents, Jack and Donna Parry; a sister, Jackie; brother-in-law, Gary Peterson; father and mother-in-law, Herb and Shirley Lardy; and many other relatives. The funeral service was at University Lutheran Church of Hope on March 26.

Ruth H. Reed

Ruth H. Reed, age 83, died on March 1, 2001. She was 83 years old and a resident of Lyngblomsten Care Center.

Preceded in death by her husband, Merton Reed, two brothers, Martin and Edward, and a sister, Ethel, she is survived by three sisters, Aggie Pfeifer, Velma (Herbert) Berzelius and Betty (Wally) Diekmann; a brother, David (Phyllis) Bullert; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services took place on March 7 at Lyngblomsten Chapel.

Doris A. Rusin

Doris A. Rusin, age 84, died on March 25, 2001. She made her home in Como Park and was a parishioner at Holy Childhood Catholic Church.

She graduated at 16 from Pine City High School and attended Rasmussen Business College. She worked for 20 years at the St. Paul Mutual Insurance Company and for 11 years for Midway National Bank. She was a volunteer at Lyngblomsten, Holy Childhood, and many other organizations.

Survivors include her husband of 52 years, Stanley Rusin; two daughters, Connie (Peter) Kappel and Diane (Roger) Falardeau; a grandson, Andy; and many other relatives. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Holy Childhood.

Keith Schottler

Keith Schottler, a former Como Park resident, died on March 18, 2001, at the age of 78.

His present home was in Roseville.

Mr. Schottler grew up on Simpson Street and graduated from Murray High School in the Class of 1941. He was a 50-year member of Tussler Masonic Lodge and a member of Como Park Lutheran Church.

Preceded in death by his son, Jeffrey, he is survived by his wife of 52 years, Jackie Nelson Schottler; a daughter, Tara; and a granddaughter, Courtney. A memorial service took place on March 22 at Como Park Lutheran Church.

Wayne E. Weig

Wayne E. Weig, a retired attorney and administrator, died on February 28, 2001. He was 62.

Mr. Weig was a resident of St. Anthony Park.

He is survived by his wife, Gail Weig; three sons, Scott Weig, Adam (Mary Cochran) Weig and Paul (Audrey Speiss) Weig; daughter, Kim (Chris) Weig Anderson; granddaughter, Sarah Weig Anderson; his mother, Signa Weig Nesja; sister, Barbara Vigil; and mother-in-law, "Sis" Tews. Services were held at Morris Nilsen Chapel in Richfield on March 3.

Nelly E. Williams

Nelly E. Williams, age 99, died on March 14, 2001. She was 99 years old and resident of Lyngblomsten Health Care Center.

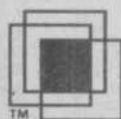
Mrs. Williams was preceded in death by her husband, Harry, and her son, Robert. She is survived by several nieces and nephews. A service took place at the Bradshaw Funeral Home on March 17.

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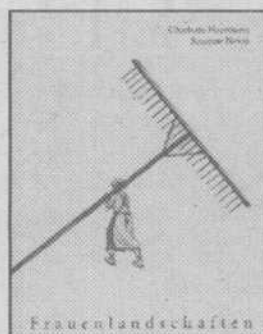
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weekend. That stretches city resources between the festival and the Taste of Minnesota event, which is always held over the Independence Day holiday.

With Ruten facilitating the last three organizational meetings, the group has prioritized problems and come up with solutions.

* Traffic density. There will be a traffic cop stationed at the corner of Lexington Pkwy. and Horton Ave.

"The people who live near the State Fair have to deal with that for 12 days. Only two days out of my life aren't so bad."

—Kathy Kulstad

* Scarcity of neighborhood parking. An additional 3,000 spaces will be leased by festival organizers Lao Family Community of Minnesota at the State Fairgrounds. Last year, 3,000 total spaces were leased at the fairgrounds.

* Overflow trash in the park and surrounding neighborhood. Additional trash cans will be placed in the park and surrounding neighborhood.

* Noise. Vendors have been playing their radios at 6 a.m. while setting up booths. Ruten suggested that festival organizer William Vang of Lao Family Community require vendors to keep their radios off until 9 a.m. Vang said he would include that in the vendors' contracts.

Despite the raucous meetings last fall, there appears to be less discontent among residents than in years past, according to one city official.

"When I started in 1994, there were over 100 people at those meetings," said Maureen Watson, special events coordinator for the city's Parks and Recreation Department. At the March 21 meeting, there were four residents present.

However, that doesn't mean all hard feelings are gone.

"When they take over the park, it takes everybody else out of the equation," Churchill Avenue resident Nyals Kittel said at the meeting, explaining that he doesn't like the two-day event being held on the Fourth of July. "It's not my holiday anymore."

Lallier countered that "it's their holiday also," referring to the Hmong-Americans who flock to the event. The Hmong are a Laotian tribe that helped the United States militarily during the Vietnam War and became political refugees in its aftermath.

"Everyone is invited," said William Vang, president of Lao Family Community. Vang moved to the United States in 1976, after communists took control of his native Laos.

"You talk about noise," Vang added. "For 15 years, a B-52 bomber dropped a bomb on my

country almost every night. My country was destroyed, so now this is my country."

Lao Family Community of Minnesota is a non-profit organization that helps recent Hmong immigrants to Minnesota adjust to American life by offering job training programs, employment placement, chemical dependency treatment and other services. Vang said Hmong people are attracted to Minnesota because "there are a lot of jobs, good schools and friendly people in Minnesota."

When asked if the people living around Como Park were friendly, Vang said, "Most of the Como Park people are friendly."

Kathy Kulstad, another Churchill Avenue resident, has learned to live with the festival. "I had to start questioning myself," she said, "to say 'what

gives me the right to say people can't use the park?' I had to look at myself and ask myself if it was because they look different."

In the end, Kulstad adopted a philosophical stance. "The people who live near the State Fair have to deal with that for 12 days. Only two days out of my life aren't so bad. I think the city is bending over backwards to accommodate everybody."

The city and Ramsey County are hoping to develop a new area to hold the soccer festival and may have found a location at Sandy Lake. Just on the Maplewood side of Larpenteur Avenue and Rice Street, it's currently undeveloped water utility land. Two years ago, the county set aside \$500,000 per year for five years for the soccer complex. As the Bugle went to press, the city was meeting to decide its role in the development. ■



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LIFE IN THE CHURCH: COME AND SHARE

❖ BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Skillman at Cleveland in Roseville. 651-631-0211

Bethany Baptist Morning Worship 10:45 am

Sunday School 9:30 am

6:45 Wednesday Programs

Pastor Bruce Petersen

Filipino-American Worship 11 am

Pastor Sanny Olojan

❖ COMO PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA

1376 Hoyt Ave. W. 651-646-7127 Handicapped accessible

CPL Contact Ministry 651-644-1897

Sunday Schedule (nursery provided)

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

8 am and 11 am Traditional Worship (Holy Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays)

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

Pastors: Martin Ericson and Philip Gotsch
Visitation Pastor: Leonard Jacobsen

Director of Youth and Family Ministry:

Director of Music Ministry: Thomas Ferry

❖ CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC CHURCH

2131 No. Fairview at County Road B. 651-639-8888

Meaningful liturgies in a new worship space.

A welcoming community. Handicap-accessible

Saturday Mass: 5 pm

Sunday Masses: 8:30 and 10:30 am

Stations of the Cross every Wednesday 7 pm

❖ EMMANUEL MENNONITE CHURCH

MEETING AT THE CHAPEL OF THE CROSS, LUTHER SEMINARY

1501 Fulham St. (Northwestern Seminary Bldg)

Sunday Service: 9:30 am

Sunday School for all ages at 11 am

Nursery care provided

Pastor Mathew Swora 651-766-9759

❖ FALCON HEIGHTS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

1795 Holton St., (at Garden) Falcon Heights 55113

651-646-2681; (FAX) 651-646-1677

Daily Devotion Line: (952) 903-4037

Worship Schedule:

8:30 am - Service of Word and Sacrament

10:30 am - Public Worship

Faith Education for all ages: 9:15-10:15 am

Office Hours: 9 am-5 pm Monday-Friday

❖ MOUNT OLIVE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

(A WELS Congregation)

"THE CHURCH WITH A SMILE"

Handicap-accessible. Wheelchair available.

1460 Almond at Pascal. 651-645-2575

Sunday Worship: 9 am

Sunday School and Adult Bible Class: 10:30 am

❖ PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!

1744 Walnut at Lone. 1 block north of Larpenteur. 651-644-5440.

Sunday School and Adult Forum 9:15 am

Sunday Worship: 10:30 am, Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays

Tuesday Bible Study: 10 am

After School Program Tuesday & Thursday 3:30-5:30 Grades 3-6

Pastor Drew Flathmann

❖ ROSE HILL ALLIANCE CHURCH

Roselawn at Cleveland. 651-631-0173

Sunday English Worship: 9:30 am, Japanese Worship: 9:15 am

Sunday School: 11 am

Mondays - St. Hi Youth Group 6:15 pm

Wednesday Int'l. Women's American Culture Class 1:00 pm

Wednesdays Jr. Hi Youth Group and Awana 6:45 pm

❖ ST. ANTHONY PARK LUTHERAN

We are a community of believers called to joyfully serve God, one another, and the world.

Como and Luther Place. Handicap-accessible. 651-645-0371

Pastor Del Jacobson

Sunday worship services at 8:45 (nursery provided) & 11 am

Coffee and Fellowship between services

Education Hour at 9:50 am

Faith Chinese Fellowship at 1:30 pm

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Men's Prayer Group Fridays at noon

Our van is available for transportation to and from services.

❖ ST. A.P. UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

2129 Commonwealth at Chelmsford. 651-646-7173

Handicap accessible and an Open and Affirming Congregation

Dane Packard, Pastor; Carrie Rice Sauter, Child & Youth Director

Sunday Worship & Sunday School at 10 am, Fellowship: 11 am

Nursery Care provided - 10:15 am

Wed. May 9, 1 p.m. - Women's Fellowship Spring Tea

Sun. May 20, 10 a.m. - Choir Concert Worship

❖ ST. A.P. UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

"Becoming God's community on earth"

2200 Hillside Ave (at Como) 651-646-4859

Pastor Deb Walkes

10 am Worship Celebration, with Sunday School at 10:20

11 am Fellowship and Adult Forum at 11:15

Wednesdays: 9 am-1 pm Leisure Center (Senior fellowship, activities, and noon meal)

❖ ST. CECILIA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Cromwell and Bayless Place. 651-644-4502

Saturday Mass: 5 pm at the church

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

8:15 am at Seal Hi-Rise, 825 Seal St. (handicapped accessibility)

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

❖ ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2136 Carter at Chelmsford. 651-645-3058

Sunday Services:

8 am Holy Eucharist, Rt. 1

9:15 am Education Hour for All Ages, including an adult forum and

Bible study

10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rt. 2, with choir

(All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion with us and no person seeking a deeper relationship with God in Christ will be turned away from our Lord's table.)

Ministers of the Church: All the baptized members

Clergy Who Support the Ministers: The Rev. Grant Abbott, Rector, and the Rev. Lyn Lawyer, Deacon

❖ WARRENDALE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1040 Como Ave. at Oxford. 651-489-6054

Sunday Worship: 10:15 am (nursery provided)

Sunday Church School: 9 am

Rev. Timothy Held, Minister