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## Library makes changes to meet neighborhood needs

by Amy Causton

If you haven't visited the St. Anthony Park Public Library lately, you're in for a few surprises. It's been over a year since the library re-opened its doors at 2245 Como Avenue after a significant remodeling, and if you haven't seen it since then, you'll be struck by the difference. There have been several changes to this long-standing neighborhood institution, all of them designed to better meet the needs of the neighborhood and to move the library into the 21st century.

The remodeling was initiated to meet requirements for handicap accessibility but grew to include the addition of a children's wing, beautifully designed by St. Anthony Park architect Philip Broussard. The addition, a rotunda off the back of the existing structure, blends effortlessly with the original library building, built in 1917 as one of the Carnegie libraries and refurbished once before, in 1985.

The children's wing helped ease a space crunch in the library and made it possible to expand the collection. Currently, the library houses some 53,000 items, roughly half of them juvenile materials. Highlights of the collection include an extensive array of travel books, music CDs, and books on gardening and interior design. In the 12 months after the library reopened, about 140,000 items were circulated, which is up from 97,000 items in 1997.

Since the reopening, the library has added several significant resources, including

six Internet stations and a computer for word processing. Other additions include a video collection, which, although small, represents 10-12 percent of the library's total circulation, and a collection of audio books on CD. The library is also considering other new technologies, such as DVDs and e-books.

Keeping up with the times while not leaving anyone behind is a big challenge, says branch librarian Rosie Foreman. Libraries are facing new questions, such as how to balance the needs of younger, high-tech library users, who want all the latest technology, with those of older, traditional patrons, who want the same library they've been comfortable with for years. (After all, some people still resent the loss of the card catalog!)

Also, as Foreman points out, even ordering a book is fraught with questions: "When the new John Grisham or Stephen King book comes out, which format do you buy—book, book-on-tape, book-on-CD? Some of each? And how many of each?"

It's in these areas that libraries have to constantly adjust to the needs of their patrons. However, Foreman doesn't believe that new technologies will ever displace the good, old-fashioned book. "Nothing can replace reading a book with grandma in one of the window seats," she says.

Rather, Foreman believes new technologies will enhance the library's role by giving librarians and users new

## Lori's owner to open new restaurant

by Pete Keith

Changes are in the works for Lori's Coffee House and the adjacent businesses at 1441 Cleveland Avenue.

Lori's, an important caffeine and soup shop for nearby residents, University students and faculty, will soon be expanding, according to Mahmoud Shahin. Shahin owns the business, as well as the entire building, after recently acquiring it from his older brother Adel, who purchased the coffee shop five years ago.

With their own sweat equity, Adel and Mahmoud have been busy making upgrades to the building, installing new storm windows on the upstairs apartments, and preparing to expand Lori's into the space next door, currently occupied by a laundromat. "We're doing all the work," explained Mahmoud. "Soon, Lori's will be twice as big."

In addition to increased square footage, Lori's menu will also be expanding to include a deli and a wider array of beverages. An exact completion date is unclear, but Mahmoud hopes the new space will be ready later in the summer.

The laundromat, which

Mahmoud does not own, will vacate to make room for the Lori's expansion. However, Mahmoud feels it is important to keep the laundry service in operation, so he plans to take over the business and relocate it—either to the basement or to the space formerly occupied by Campus Barbers.

According to Mahmoud, "The laundry had to move since it's destroying the building." Numerous water leaks and a lack of maintenance had structurally degraded parts of the building. "Moving the laundry created the opportunity to expand the Lori's space," Mahmoud said.

The other big change the Shahin brothers are planning for the building is a new restaurant in the space formerly occupied by the convenience store. The restaurant, to be managed by Adel, will offer Mediterranean fare—everything from baklava to gyros to falafel to kebabs.

Adel worked for several years as a cook at Abdul's Afandy in Minneapolis. He'll be the primary cook at the new facility, at least initially. "Everything will be made from scratch," he promised.

The kitchen is nearing completion, after an investment

of several thousand dollars on ventilation and other equipment. The seating area, however, still needs quite a bit of work.

Nonetheless, Adel hopes the restaurant will be in business sometime this summer. With the summer closing of the University's cafeteria, he'd like to open the restaurant to accommodate students and faculty on the St. Paul campus.

"We believe that this restaurant will do well in this location," Adel said. "We will run it the right way, and we think the neighborhood will like and support the business."

In other local business news, St. Anthony Park Barbers closed at the end of May. Owner Sandy Daust will relocate the business in Roseville, at 2233 Hamline Avenue, Suite 213. "I will miss this neighborhood," said Daust, "and I hope it's not too much of an inconvenience for my customers."

A lease agreement with a prospective tenant is in the works for the former Manning's space but is not likely to be signed until early June, according to Steve Wellington of Wellington Management. ■

## A place for everything and everything in its place

Free Market exchange helps facilitate the giving and getting of "stuff"

by Judy Woodward

Dianna Kennedy knows what to do with your stuff.

You know what stuff we're talking about here. It's big, it's bulky and it's too good to throw away. You're too lazy to haul it off to Goodwill, and if you were organized enough to plan a garage sale, your eye wouldn't have been caught by this headline in the first place.

Meanwhile, the stuff just keeps accumulating. The old sofa would look great in somebody's living room but no longer has a place in yours. Those bikes the kids will never ride again. The waterbed. The snare drums. The list goes on, doesn't it?

Or maybe you've got the opposite problem. You're all ready for life, you look around your newly rented, unfurnished apartment and realize . . . you need some stuff!

Either way, Kennedy has the solution.

Kennedy and her colleagues at the St. Paul Neighborhood Energy Consortium (NEC) have devised an Internet-based exchange service called the Free Market. It's an opportunity for

area residents to give and get free reusable goods for their homes and yards. And when they say free, the NEC means exactly what they say. No money changes hands. There are no listing fees, no delivery charges and no purchase prices. Individuals arrange their own pick-up and delivery of items exchanged.

"The purpose," says Kennedy, "is to keep perfectly good, usable items out of landfills."

The Free Market has been available to St. Paul residents since 1998, but as of Earth Day, April 22, service was expanded to Washington and Anoka counties. Which means more listings and more potential customers for everyone.

"It went crazy when we expanded," reports Kennedy. "On our Internet site the number of visits jumped to 1600 a week."

On the Free Market website, you can browse the online catalog or post your own information. Most posters list their names and phone numbers, but there is another way to trade.

NEC will also handle confidential listings—but only for St. Paul residents.

There's another perk for St. Paul residents, as well. "We don't publicize our phone number," says Kennedy, "but St. Paul residents can use our service even if they don't have Internet access. We'll do the matching for them." All others must have an Internet connection to participate in the Free Market.

Kennedy says that most of the items listed fall into the category of "the usual suspects—appliances, electronics, and furniture."

But not all.

Kennedy notes that someone once gave away an entire house on the Free Market and that it's not unusual to find more specialized items listed as well. Recently, a staffer at NEC found herself with an oversupply of decorated gift boxes after a special occasion. She listed the boxes on the website, and within one afternoon, another woman responded. The caller was planning a wedding and figured

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## CITY FILES

### Saint Anthony Park

The Community Council voted to support the **College Park One Project** plans, with the addition of a backboard for the basketball court.

The Council has requested the City of St. Paul to implement the **traffic calming recommendations** of the Cromwell/Bayless task force:

- Block Bayless Place from Bayless to Raymond.
- Install bump-outs at stop signs at Cromwell/Bayless Place and Bayless/Raymond.
- Install speed bumps on Cromwell from Territorial to Bayless Place.
- Install "Children at Play" signs on Cromwell near the playground.
- Add "No Parking Within 30 ft." to stop signs at Bayless Place and Cromwell intersection.
- Add a sign on Territorial Road directing eastbound traffic

to Raymond/Cleveland.

- Paint permanent traffic lines on Raymond.

The Council selected their **co-chairs** for the year: Christopher Causey (north St. Anthony Park), Sherman Eagles (south St. Anthony Park), Deborah Kuehl and Connie Powell (business community).

—Susan Conner

Two dozen projects are in the running for **Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR)** small grants this spring, including one from St. Anthony Park. The 24 requests, which are for \$20,000 or less, total \$406,591. The city does not have a set amount available for small grants. Instead the STAR Board recommends projects it believes are worthy of funding.

The St. Anthony Park Business Association wants \$20,000 for its matching grant

program for exterior and physical improvements to businesses.

The grant is being sought by the Midway Chamber of Commerce, which oversees business association operations. The association has used Neighborhood STAR funds in the past for this program.

—Jane McClure

### Como Park

A controversial underground parking project at Como Park adjacent to the zoo and conservatory has been dropped. The Parks and Recreation Commission had approved an underground parking lot several years ago. But that plan will have to be scrapped because of the high costs construction and maintenance would bring.

The decision was welcome news to the District 10 board, which has a long record of opposing such a development. High costs, potential public safety issues in an underground ramp and aesthetics were concerns raised.

Don Ganje of the Parks and Recreation Department and District 10 board members agreed there needs to be more community discussion of parking options for Como Park. Parks and Recreation's current proposal calls for a shuttle bus service between the park and the State Fairgrounds. The city is seeking federal funding to help pay for the project.

The current conservatory-zoo parking lot was built in 1965

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and replaced a formal garden area. Plans call for redoing the parking area, reconnecting Estabrook to Midway Parkway and eventually recreating the formal gardens, which will be adjacent to the planned education resource center.

The parking lot reconstruction will get underway in July. It is just one of several projects planned for Como Park in the months ahead:

- Renovation of the old Como Park streetcar station building for use by park visitors. The structure had been used by park staff for many years. The renovation should be completed this summer. Space will be available for community meetings, and there will be displays and an interpretive center.

- A pedestrian bridge over Lexington Parkway, just north of Schiffman Avenue. The concrete arch bridge will have an ornamental railing and will be used by walkers, joggers and bicyclists.

- After the pedestrian bridge is built, the city will turn its

attention to a pedestrian/bicycle tunnel designed to get people safely across the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad tracks south of the park. The tunnel will be about 14 feet wide and 12 feet high. A walkway between Jessamine and Energy Park Drive will then be expanded as part of a route that will continue to Hamline Avenue.

—Jane McClure

### St. Paul

Now that new billboards are banned in St. Paul, existing signs face increased scrutiny. The St. Paul City Council adopted a resolution May 9 that sets up the new billboard monitoring program and establishes fees for annual billboard inspections.

In contrast to the intense debate billboard regulations have provoked over the past three years, the council resolution was adopted with no public comment. The resolution spells out regulatory steps the council approved last November, when it

voted to ban construction of any new billboards. St. Paul's new billboard inspection program is patterned after programs used for several years in Minneapolis and by the Minnesota Department of Transportation, which inspects signs along state and federal highways.

City staff estimate there are about 620 sign faces in St. Paul. The ordinance and resolution call for the city zoning administrator to maintain an inventory of all billboards in St. Paul, routinely inspect them and take action against any violations of the sign ordinance.

It also calls for the city to set a fee for initial billboard registration, inspection and enforcement. The fee will be \$145 per sign face per year and is based on estimated monitoring start-up costs of \$150,942, with annual inspection costs of \$73,564. The resolution gives the City Council the right to re-evaluate the fees if it is determined that they do not cover actual program costs.

—Jane McClure

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## EDITORIAL

## Celebrating commitment

In some ways anniversaries are like birthdays. Both events are annual celebrations of a cherished beginning. Both often involve guests, gifts and memories. In a base-10 system, both anniversaries and birthdays take on special significance when their number ends in 5 or 0.

But in at least one significant respect, an anniversary is not like a birthday. At some point, most people begin to have mixed feelings about their birthday. In a culture that reveres youth, being reminded of one's age is not an unmixed blessing.

Anniversaries, on the other hand, are almost always cause for untempered celebration. Something—a relationship, an institution, an association—has endured for another year, has withstood the vicissitudes of time. In a world where things fall apart and centers fail to hold, some things defy the odds and survive, and when they do, we celebrate.

Part of what we're celebrating is stability in the face of entropy. One manifestation of entropy is the tendency of systems to move toward greater confusion and disorder as time passes. Anniversaries are stays against entropy—monuments to organization, commitment, purpose and resolve.

While individuals have birthdays, anniversaries typically honor some kind of collectivity. This month marks a significant anniversary for two local institutions. The District 12 Community Council held its first election 25 years ago, and the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program got its start 20 years ago. That these organizations have endured this long is a tribute to the vision of their founders, the energy of their members and the support of their community. Because they were formed to serve a particular community, these organizations' survival serves as a barometer of that community's civic health. In celebrating their anniversaries, we celebrate our own good fortune to live in a neighborhood where public-spirited institutions thrive.

Both the St. Anthony Park Community Council and the Block Nurse Program have paid staff, but neither organization would survive without volunteers. This issue of the Bugle pays tribute to several volunteers who have demonstrated long-term commitments to those organizations. One of them, Sherm Eagles, was elected to the very first District 12 Community Council in 1976. Twenty-five years later, he's back in the saddle again. What would St. Anthony Park be like without a Sherm Eagles and others like him?

One view of entropy sees the universe slowly winding down as its useful energy inexorably degrades. A contrasting notion is that our entropic march toward equilibrium is inevitable only in a closed system, but since the universe is continually expanding, entropy's triumph is perpetually held at bay.

Is the universe half empty or half full?

Members of the St. Anthony Park Community Council and Block Nurse Program have no time for such speculative questions. They've got work to do. ■



## Job Corps thanks neighbors

Students and staff at the Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps Center wish to thank Como Park residents for their generous contributions to our annual neighborhood food drive.

Our students planned the food drive as part of National Youth Service Day. Food was collected on April 20 and delivered to the Merriam Park Community Services Food Shelf.

We also want to thank Festival Foods in White Bear Lake for donating grocery bags. With the generous support of the community, Job Corps students collected over 2500 pounds of food.

David MacKenzie  
Director, Hubert H. Humphrey  
Job Corps Center

## Author makes clarification

I appreciated the article in the April issue about me and my recent book. I want to thank Judy Woodward for the fine profile and Lori Hamilton for her photographic work. I would just like to clarify one paragraph that was unfortunately misstated.

My relatives never reproached me for having married an American. There are many reasons why I have received few visitors from Germany. None of these reasons, however, have

anything to do with any anti-American sentiments. I regret this misunderstanding and thank everyone again for the interest in my work.

Susan Nevin  
St. Anthony Park

## Follow Sandy to Roseville

St. Anthony Park, having suffered the loss of our cherished drug store and the cheerful Manning's, is now reeling from the loss of our most user-friendly establishment, St. Anthony Park Barbers.

Located, ironically, next to what was once Miller's Pharmacy, the barber emporium for many of us was the friendliest place in our endangered business district, thanks to the proprietor, Sandy Daust. Not only did she give, at reasonable prices, the best haircuts in Minnesota, she made the time in the chair fly with her witty chatter. If she didn't pick

the subject, you could offer one and away she'd go.

Sandy says she'll miss the neighborhood. We'll miss her too. But all is not lost. You can still get the best haircut going at her new place, Sandy's Barber Shop, in the Roseville Professional Building at Hamline and Highway 36, behind Dayton's Home Store.

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## Kudos to Kasota cleaners

Thanks to the neighborhood volunteers who participated in the Kasota Pond cleanup on Saturday April 28: Dan, Anna and Matthew Buechler; Suzanne Garfield; Otto and Terrence Gockman; Min Hauson; Mark, Leif and Meara Hove; Diane and Milanda Landis; Ellen Long-

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Last month's story about the Como Park Hmong festival incorrectly identified Tom Ruter, chair of the District 6 Planning Council. The Bugle regrets the error.

## COMMENTARY

## An open letter to Betty McCollum

by John Marino

Dear Rep. McCollum,

Congratulations on your election to the U.S. House of Representatives. It's truly astounding that you're the first Minnesota woman elected to Congress in half a century. When I moved here in 1993, I found Garrison Keillor's description of Lake Wobegon, Minnesota, to be true: The women were, indeed, strong. But that fact hadn't been manifested in the halls of Congress until your November triumph.

But I'm a little concerned, Rep. McCollum, that you haven't sponsored any legislation yet. Sure, you've co-sponsored about 80 or 90 bills, but where is that Minnesota pioneering spirit, that indomitable female strength? Is there a law against proposing a law?

I think you should throw caution to the wind and do something great right away.

Why bother walking on eggshells for two years? Back home here in the 4th District, I'm rooting for you to make an impact now. I'm sure that's not what the entrenched House's Old Guard would want you to do, but I don't trust them and you shouldn't either. They don't want change, so they would just hoodwink you.

Therefore, Rep. McCollum, I'd like to ask you to introduce legislation that will make the 30-hour workweek a reality. You read me correctly: the 30-hour workweek—with no reduction in pay, I might add.

Why not? This is a revolutionary idea that will have Congresspersons on both sides of the aisle talking. "Hey," they'd whisper, "that freshman Congresswoman from Minnesota is rather bold."

But this is not a suggestion

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# Sherm Eagles marks 25 years of Community Council service

by Judy Woodward



When Sherm Eagles got out of the Army almost 30 years ago, he came back to St. Paul with a self-confessed "chip on the shoulder toward people in power." He moved into a duplex on Raymond Avenue, grew a beard and voted for George McGovern for president. But most important, he got involved.

As a draftee in the Vietnam Era he hadn't seen much grass-roots democracy during his two-year Army stint, and he missed it. Missed it so much that he's devoted a good portion of his life ever since to striving to keep local people in control of the issues that affect their daily lives.

Back when Eagles first went to work on local issues, there was no St. Anthony Park Community Council. The council didn't get its start until 1976, when the federal government made the creation of formal venues for citizen participation a requirement for community development block grants.

Eagles knows a lot about the history of the community council, as well he should. He was one of the very first people elected to it. A quarter of a century later, he's back serving on the council again. With his encyclopedic recall of the many issues the council has faced over the years, he may be the closest thing to an institutional memory that the neighborhood organization possesses.

As Eagles recalls it, his life in community politics began with a "rebellion."

"In the early 70s, south St. Anthony Park was considered a declining metropolitan area. The city planned to redevelop major parts of the neighborhood, which means they were going to tear down housing and make it into an industrial area. Local residents protested big time. There were sit-ins at City Hall."

The chain of events set off by those initial community protests ultimately led to the creation of the highly

successful Hampden Square project for low- and moderate-income housing in the mid-70s. Eagles still remembers the ground-breaking ceremony, for it was one of the highlights of his years in public service. "It was the first new residential construction east of Raymond Avenue in many decades," he says.

*"I don't think that democracy in the United States 100 years from now is necessarily a sure thing.*

*So anything we do that keeps people involved in the public decision-making process keeps us practicing democracy.*

*And that's worth doing."*

—Sherm Eagles

The struggle for Hampden Square set a pattern for neighborhood activism that persists to this day, according to Eagles. "People come out to protest when they feel threatened," he says. "It hasn't been easy, but on the whole the neighborhood has been successful. The things that are really important turn out the way we want them to."

Eagles, who says he is an optimist by nature, believes that most of the initial goals neighborhood activists set for themselves 30 years ago have been accomplished.

"The industrial encroachment has been prevented. There was a successful conversion of the old Baker School to the Baker Court office/retail complex. We got the sound wall built along Highway 280. That takes a lot of the threat away from the residential area. People living in St. Anthony Park today, some of them, don't even realize there was a threat."

Eagles points to other victories as well. In recent years, the community turned back the threat of an Amoco station on Energy Park Drive and persuaded the University of Minnesota to relocate a proposed soccer stadium from a residential area to Cleveland Avenue. The hotly disputed proposals for a new playground in College Park in north St. Anthony Park also appear to be working their way toward resolution.

Eagles says the controversy surrounding College Park was the toughest kind of problem for the community council to deal with. "There was no consensus in the neighborhood. Neighborhood-level conflicts can get very

bitter. It's hard to see neighbors get really angry at each other and at the council, too."

In order to resolve the College Park dispute, Eagles suggested bringing in a professional mediation service to help the factions achieve agreement.

Thirty years after he first decided to get involved in

local issues, Eagles still lives in south St. Anthony Park with his wife of 20 years and two golden retrievers. His beard has mellowed to silver-gray, but his bright blue eyes still shine with conviction, even though they now look out from behind steel-rimmed trifocals. And when he talks about supporting the grass roots these days he may just as easily mean the St. Anthony Park Community Gardens. Eagles was a leader in the community council's successful campaign to purchase from the railroad the land near Energy Park Drive where the gardens are established.

His commitment remains undiminished. There are still issues to confront and a neighborhood to be protected. Are there plans afoot to make 280 a six-lane highway? Is there a threat to transform Kasota Boulevard into "a four-lane, 50-mph road cutting between north and south St. Anthony Park?" If so, Sherm Eagles stands ready to swing into action once more.

He says, "Political scientist Theodore Lowi argued that democracy in the United States was the result of an almost unique set of circumstances. The ruling class couldn't govern without the people in 1790, but that's not true today. I don't think that democracy in the United States 100 years from now is necessarily a sure thing. I don't care much for the idea that democracy may be on the way out. So anything we do that keeps people involved in the public decision-making process keeps us practicing democracy. And that's worth doing." ■



St. Anthony Park Community Council

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## Library . . . from page 1

resources and wider access to information. "The core is still there; the tools could be different," she notes.

As an example, Foreman cites a recent request by a patron for information from several magazine articles. Before, this would have required looking up the articles in the "Reader's Guide" and then hoping the library carried the necessary periodicals. Instead, Foreman was able to find the information on the Internet through periodical search engines and send the complete articles to the patron via e-mail the same day.

In addition to the new technology and new collections, the St. Anthony Park Library has the added plus of a temporary influx of new books. While the downtown library is being renovated, its books have been divided among the various branches. Among the items sent to the St. Anthony Park branch are a collection of world language books, biographies, and art and history books. These materials were chosen because of the library's proximity to the University's student housing, which has a significant foreign population, and to the University's Department of Design, Housing and Apparel.

The library hasn't just added new materials and computers,

however. Patrons can now access the library's home page on their home computers and search the catalog, place requests for materials and renew items they have checked out. And just in the past month, a telephone renewal system was initiated that allows patrons to check their records 24 hours a day.

But the changes are not quite finished. Aided by a generous donation from the St. Anthony Park Association, the St. Anthony Park Library Association is working on the last phase of the remodeling project—landscaping the grounds. Foreman has nothing but praise for the tireless work of the Library Association, which she calls "a really tremendous group of people."

One of the nicest benefits of the remodeling, in Foreman's opinion, is having so much more space, not only for books but for browsing and reading. The old children's area was so cramped, she says, that people had to select their books and move out of the way so someone else could look.

"Now," she says, smiling, "folks can actually stay here and enjoy the space."

The next big event for the library is the St. Anthony Park Art Fair, coming up June 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Shortly

thereafter, in mid-June, the summer reading programs start, with numerous special events scheduled throughout the summer. "We're really excited about the summer reading program," Foreman says, noting that this year for the first time there will be a teen reading program geared toward kids entering 6th grade and older, with special incentives geared for the separate age groups.

All of which adds up to a lot of new things to see and enjoy at the library. Although the St. Anthony Park Library is small, it has very high usage per capita. And, as Foreman points out, patrons aren't limited to the library's collection—they can order books from the entire seven-county area and beyond, right from the comfort of their neighborhood library.

"Think of us as an access point," Foreman says, "the tip of the iceberg."

The St. Anthony Park Library is located at the corner of Como and Carter Avenues. Hours are 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

The telephone renewal line is 292-6002; the website is [www.stpaul.lib.mn.us/](http://www.stpaul.lib.mn.us/).

For reference services or other information, call 642-0411. ■

## Free Market . . . from page 1

the boxes would be just the thing for wrapping bridesmaids' gifts.

Como Park resident Luanne Lee used the Free Market to find the solution to a massive problem that had been disrupting her happy home. Make that a really massive problem. A California king-sized waterbed with an overhead canopy mirror and an attached wooden headboard featuring built-in bookshelves and curio display space, to be precise.

"My boyfriend had an attachment to it," is how she explained the item's hulking presence in her modest first-floor duplex. But after 15 years, Lee, who says that she's now "in a downsizing mode," decreed that it was time for the waterbed to go.

But where?

Says Lee, "My boyfriend was sure he could get rid of it. We

talked to people, but nobody was interested."

It began to look as if the only possible solution would involve a grueling trip to the city dump—not to mention possibilities for back strain that would thrill the heart of an underworked chiropractor.

That's when the Free Market entered Lee's life. "We listed the waterbed," she reports, "and within two days we got half a dozen calls."

A young couple from the East Side was the first to show up at Lee's house—with a truck big enough to haul the waterbed away. Lee was so pleased at the happy outcome that she threw in her kitchen table, as well.

Lee's experience is typical of satisfied Free Market users, but even when the merchandise doesn't move as quickly as a well-built waterbed, there can be

unexpected bonuses in the exchange process.

Paul Perkal of St. Anthony Park has been trying to give away part of a Mac IIci computer for more than a month. He's not surprised by the delay. It takes a special kind of person, Perkal realizes, to appreciate the value of an obsolete, unsupported motherboard.

Once a state-of-the-art machine, his half-computer is currently worth about \$12 on the open market, he estimates. "But it's worth something to someone who needs the part," he points out.

Perkal can wait.

Meanwhile, there are other benefits. "A woman called because her Mac had died," he says. "She couldn't use my part, but I knew enough to diagnose the problem with her computer."

The woman was so impressed with Perkal's skill that she offered him client contacts for his computer tutoring business.

And so it goes with the getting and giving of stuff. If you need some or want to get rid of some, you can visit the Free Market website at [www.twincitiesfreemarket.org](http://www.twincitiesfreemarket.org).

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## St. Anthony Park Elementary competes in Destination ImagiNation

*Team of 6th graders heads to finals of problem-solving competition in Knoxville, Tennessee*

by Lisa Steinmann

Imagine the story behind one of the mysterious and ancient stone statues on Easter Island, in the South Pacific. What anonymous person carved the soft volcanic stone into a head and then positioned the statue, weighing many tons, so that it settled its grim gaze out to sea?

That was the task set before a group of seven 6th graders at St. Anthony Park Elementary School this year as part of an after-school program called Destination ImagiNation. The team put together a skit portraying the life and times of the anonymous creator of an Easter Island statue. Their efforts have taken them to first place in both regional and state levels of competition. During May they traveled to Knoxville, Tennessee, to compete at the global tournament, along with teams from 47 states and 6 nations.

The goal of the Destination ImagiNation program is to teach young students team-based creative problem solving. Andrew Kingsriter, unofficial spokesperson for the team, explains that one of the benefits of the DI experience is learning about teamwork. "It's like a basketball team. In DI you have to learn to work together with different people and different problems."

Under the supervision of 6th-grade teacher Ron Beck, the group began meeting weekly after school back in November to work on the "team challenge" that would be presented in early March at the regional tournament. Andrew pointed

Photo by Truman Olson



out that in the nine years St. Anthony Park School has been participating in the program, this has been the school's best year in competition. This year five teams from the school went to regional competition, four went on to state and the 6th grade team is the first to go to the global tournament. They are one of only two teams from St. Paul that went to Tennessee.

The team challenge this year was entitled "Anonymously Yours." The 6th graders examined a selection of artwork from other cultures and chose the image of the monolithic statues from Easter Island. They then had to research the culture and time period of that work of art and create an eight-minute performance telling the story of the anonymous person who created the statue.

*6th graders apply finishing touches to their Easter Island statue. From left to right: Andrew Hove, Kong Khang, Dejon Bonner, Hannah Worku and Andrew Kingsriter.*

The discussion necessary to generate ideas was often set in motion by team member Megan Thrasher. "I'm a real talkative person, not a leader," she said with an infectious giggle, "because not everyone wants to listen to me, but I can keep everyone on the topic."

The team read about Norwegian explorer and anthropologist Thor Heyerdahl and his theory that the Polynesian people living on Easter Island thousands of years ago may have had contact with sailors from Chile, 2000 miles to the east. They wrote a script about a shipwrecked sailor from

South America who, with the help of the Easter Islanders, carved a statue in memory of family and friends he left behind.

Team members Kong Khang, who had participated in DI before, and Alex Hewett played important roles as listeners and people who helped carry through to completion ideas that were generated. Alex conceived of the methods needed to create a six-foot tall replica of an Easter Island statue. The team used puppet-making skills they had learned with the Heart of the Beast puppeteers, who recently visited their school, and made their statue out of boxes and papier-mâché.

They were also required to add three other dimensions or "side trips" to their performance. In addition to the artistry of the papier-mâché

sculpture and creative set design, and the portrayal of team work employed by ancient artisans' use of logs to roll the heavy stone statue, team member Dejon Bonner's percussion music added both tension and a sense of awe as the heavy stone was rolled and then lifted into place.

Fast thinkers like Andrew Hove brought improvisational skills to the team. DI competitors also must respond to "instant challenges" where they have to improvise using random materials they're presented with. For example, one minute before the skit is to begin, the team receives an "improv item" to incorporate into their performance. At the state competition, the team received a deflated beach ball. Hannah Worku, who opened the skit in her role as a reporter for a TV news station, held the ball at arm's length and used it as a mirror to check her appearance. During the rest of the skit the ball changed hands, becoming, among other things, a place to sit and an implement for carving hieroglyphics in stone.

The support of the school and neighborhood enabled the group to raise the funds needed to send the entire team to Knoxville, Tennessee, in May. They are grateful to everyone who has offered support. Perhaps it is typical for this group, who clearly have taken the lessons of friendship and teamwork to heart, that they would add, "And we'd like to recognize the other teams at St. Anthony Park School for all their hard work." ■



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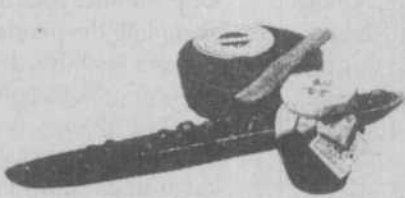


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## St. Anthony Park Association Awards

On May 8 the St. Anthony Park Association presented awards to a variety of neighborhood groups and individuals:

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- Con Overgard Award for excellence in English to: *Drew Henry*

SAPA President's Award for support of the association and its president and for continued community involvement to:

*Sherman Eagles, Brian Erickson, Ben Heller, Sandee Kelsey, David Lee, Harriet and Bill Lerman*

Grants were awarded to the following organizations:

- Music in the Park Series
- St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program
- St. Anthony Park Community Band



Murray Junior High students Drew Henry and Christa Heilman show off their Con Overgard awards  
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- St. Anthony Park Community Education
- St. Anthony Park Garden Club
- St. Anthony Park Library Association
- St. Anthony Park School Association
- St. Matthew's Art Committee

In addition, certificates and buttons were presented to home owners and volunteers who participated in the buckthorn roundup last fall. The certificate recognized them as members of the International Brotherhood of Buckthorn Busters (IBBB). ■

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## Commentary . . . from page 4

designed to garner you political points. In my mind, this is a quality-of-life issue. Time is such an important commodity that it's often overlooked. But I wish I had a dollar for every time I've heard a relative, friend, neighbor or co-worker say that he or she "just doesn't have enough time."

There's an old expression that time heals all wounds. Well, time would help heal a lot of new wounds as well. Just imagine if we had a 30-hour workweek. Parents could get off work at 2:30 instead of 4:30. They'd be home to greet their children from school. How's that for an instant solution to the troublesome problem of latchkey children?

And with the money parents would save in day care, they could invest or spend more for durable goods, services, entertainment and travel. That would constitute an instant boost to the economy. Speaking of the economy, you could increase employment by 25 percent. Instead of three people each working a 40-hour week, you could employ four full-time

workers, each working 30 hours per week.

Imagine all the stress and resultant rage we could reduce on a national scale if ordinary folks had more time for themselves and their families. We could play with our kids, thus reducing parental neglect; we could have unhurried conversations with our spouses, thus reducing resentment and loneliness; and we could better care for our elderly parents. Or we could find the time to paint the garage, knit a sweater, throw a clay pot, sing in the choir or just walk around the lake.

We deserve it, and now. According to U.S. Bureau of Labor statistics, in 1998, 40 percent of all male workers and 22 percent of all female workers worked more than 40 hours a week. Some recent numbers from the Economic Policy Institute say that in 1996, dual-income couples with children were, on average, working the equivalent of six weeks a year more than they did in 1989.

There's a real imbalance here. The interests of business are being served but not the interests of labor. We need to even the playing field.

We also need to keep wages where they are now. A reduction in working hours shouldn't mean a reduction in wages. The corporate world can afford it. It made record profits throughout the 1990s while real wages declined. An EPI report said that the inflation-adjusted earnings of the median worker in 1997 were 3.1 percent lower than in 1989.

Clearly a change for the better is needed. I want to thank you for co-sponsoring two pieces of legislation that amended the Fair Labor Standards Act. But now you must take a bolder step.

We need some relief. It's been 63 years since the FLSA established the 40-hour workweek, and almost 120 years since the Haymarket Square martyrs gave their lives in Chicago in demanding the 40-hour week.

*Imagine all the stress and resultant rage we could reduce on a national scale if ordinary folks had more time for themselves and their families.*

Nowadays, computers have sped up production, transportation and communication. The wealth of the nation is increasing exponentially. People are asking, when are we going to enjoy it? We've created a bountiful harvest of wealth for the biggest corporations, but when are working families going to relax and enjoy the fruits of their labor?

Rep. McCollum, as a member of the Education and the Workforce Committee, you know all about workers' issues such as civil rights, wages, job retraining, family leave and welfare reform. That committee is the perfect platform from which to launch your first piece of legislation. Make it a historic one.

One final word of encouragement: You wouldn't be going out on a political limb by doing this. The Full Employment Act of 1994 called for the 30-hour workweek. Of course, it wasn't passed into law, but it was a start. Seven years later, you have a chance to do the right thing. It's time to re-introduce the 30-hour workweek. Please say you will. ■

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## Volunteers turn out for Arbor Day planting at College Park



Landscape ecology students install erosion controls on the south slope of College Park. Photo by Ron Dufault

by Mary Maguire Lerman

The morning of April 24th arrived quite chilly, but by 9:30 the sweatshirts were being tossed aside as the planting of 15 bur oaks and 5 witch hazels got under way. T. K. Walling, a city forester, assisted with placement of the trees in the park prior to the arrival of volunteer planters.

Neighborhood residents Dave Stoppel, Ron and Colleen Tabaka, and Ron Dufault helped plant throughout the day, along with the St. Anthony Park Co-op Preschool and Brownie Troop 410.

The preschool class arrived in late morning with their sand pails and shovels and helped plant and water the tree at the

top of the staircase. They have promised to visit this tree on their regular park visits and water as necessary.

Since the planting, the trees have been watered only once because regular rains have taken care of most of the necessary moisture needs. One oak did not leaf out, and the nursery replaced it with two smaller oaks, so a total of 16 bur oaks were installed, primarily in the western half of College Park on the sloping hillsides.

Storms in 1998 had leveled several trees near Doswell and Chelmsford, and a number of bur oaks succumbed to stress or chestnut borer over the past two years. So, the planting of these younger oaks will help to replace

those already lost and others that may soon have to be removed.

The city forester also marked several trees for removal, including numerous mulberries (many of which are dead) and several other hazardous trees. The tree that fell near the

Hythe/ Doswell intersection was a mulberry that had internal root rot.

Sometime this season these trees will be removed by city forestry staff, and this winter the oak trees in the park will be trimmed. Further, the remnant of the grand oak tree near the sliding hill on Carter Avenue is severely decayed and will also be removed this season because of safety concerns. Trees with red marks are scheduled for removal, including several boxelders that are jeopardizing the continued growth of some of the mature oak trees.

Another huge group of volunteers arrived around 9:30 on Arbor Day. The landscape ecology class taught

by Dr. Sue Galatowitsch from the Department of Horticultural Science spent their laboratory session on site learning how to construct wattle bundles and install them on the eroded Carter slope.

A pile of dead buckthorn had been stored last fall beneath the willow trees, and this was cut and tied to make the wattles. Nearly 40 wattles were installed into the hillside to assist with erosion control. Soil was backfilled behind the wattles and native prairie grass seed was

raked in. It is hoped that this action will help prevent further erosion and that the sliding hill will be ready for use this coming winter.

The temporary fences on the slope are designed to keep summer park users from trampling the prairie grasses as they get established. Additional plugs of prairie plants will be installed in June.

Let's make it a tradition to celebrate Arbor Day in St. Anthony Park. Where shall we plant next year? ■



(from left to right) St. Anthony Park Co-op preschoolers Nathan Hamel-Snapp and Anders Sateren dig a hole to plant an oak. Jane Leach looks on while Kate Slifer provides some water. Photos by Ron Dufault

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## St. Anthony Park's Block Nurse Program

by Susan Conner

**2001** is a time of celebration for the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program, a neighborhood initiative to help seniors live at home independently. This year marks the 20th anniversary of this community-generated, community-run, community-serving organization. The story of its founding is the story of a group of women who recognized a need in society and responded with action. Their inspiration, their values, their hard work resulted in the SAP Block Nurse Program.

In 1981, professor of nursing and local resident Ida Martinson, who was serving on the National Institute on Aging Advisory Board, sought to apply her background in hospice and in-home care of very sick children to needs of the elderly. At the time, only medical services provided in institutional settings were covered under governmental and insurance regulations. Many seniors were independently, but unsuccessfully, trying to meet their medical and home care needs by themselves.

Martinson believed that communities should come together to aid elderly residents in need of basic physical and emotional assistance. Help would come from paid public health/geriatric nurses and home health aides as well as neighborhood volunteers. By receiving in-home health care, clients could stay in their homes for extended periods of time, preserving their quality of life and remaining a part of their community network while at the same time avoiding expensive nursing home costs.

In December of 1981, JoAnne Rohricht, a member of the Human Services Committee of the District 12 Community Council, wrote an article for the Bugle reporting on Martinson's participation in the White House Conference on Aging. She included a description of the "block nurse program" idea, as Martinson had described it.

St. Anthony Park's Block Nurse Program, which describes itself simply as a "neighborhood program to help seniors live at home independently," has been a viable presence in St. Anthony Park for 20 years. Along with helping neighborhood seniors remain in their own homes, the program has enriched the lives of individuals who work for the organization—both as paid staff and as volunteers. For such organizations, in fact, volunteers are often the lifeblood, serving as an extension of the paid, professional staff, which in this case includes nurses and home health aides.

However, it's also no secret that volunteerism has suffered in recent years due to the overextended lives that most people lead. Although many would like to be more involved, the time demands often seem overwhelming.

St. Anthony Park resident Chris Miller would easily qualify as the quintessential busy professional woman. With her position as a principal with the Minneapolis Public Schools, coupled with family responsibilities, Miller concedes, "I put in a lot of long hours."

Yet, Miller also wants to give back to the community and find a way to be involved with her neighborhood. So,

when she heard of the Block Nurse Program's need for volunteers, she did not hesitate to call.

That was four and a half years ago, and ever since she has served as "friendly visitor" for the program, which mostly translates into spending time with seniors and engaging in a variety of activities. She may spend an afternoon reading a book or newspaper to someone, or chauffeuring them to a doctor's appointment. At other times, she and her senior might go shopping together, or she may run errands for that individual, such as picking up groceries or prescriptions.

When asked how she juggles her work, family and volunteer responsibilities, Miller waxes philosophical. "Volunteer work is very grounding. It's so easy to get caught up in our little worlds that we forget about other

people's needs. People everyone has a brilliant just that we don't see focused on ourselves seniors in our neighborhood.

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recognized the value of the trust that exists within a neighborhood to use nurses and aides living in the neighborhood who might not be as neighborhood volunteers. As Ann Copeland, then District 12 remembers, "Immediately, Ida received calls from nurses and seniors saying, 'I want to be a part of it!'"

organizational sea further. Copeland and Ann Park's State They began to grapple with issues of structure and funding. Funding continues to be an issue. Says Copeland today, "We were so naïve, thinking the concept made so much sense that it would surely be within the reimbursement

system within 3-5 years."

Later, Martinson happened to describe the idea to a businessman seated next to her during a plane trip. He suggested that she talk with Elmer Andersen of H.B. Fuller for possible help with start-up funding. The next Sunday Martinson saw Andersen at church and broached the idea. Within a week the new organization had submitted a proposal requesting assistance, and by April 1982 they received a grant from Fuller and assistance from Medtronic Corporation, which completed what was needed to begin the project.

The founding group expanded to include Marjorie Jamieson, who had been present at the nurse's conference when Martinson initially described her idea, and Barbara O'Grady, director of the Ramsey County Nursing Service. Jamieson became the program director, and O'Grady worked closely with the program as they developed a way to pay block nurses.

According to Copeland, the new model did not fit with the county's existing system. "If not for Barb's willingness to be flexible within the government structure, the program never would have gotten off the ground," she said.

In June of 1982 the program opened, with neighborhood resident Jane Prest-Berg as the first block nurse. Prest-Berg soon recognized the need for home health aides or, in the terminology of that time, "block companions." Meg Schaefer became the first home health aide in April, 1983.

Nurses also recognized that some seniors needed social contact, so Rohricht, as the initial volunteer coordinator, incorporated other residents as volunteers to provide supportive visits to seniors. She



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**Receiving services: Clients get help putting the pieces together**  
by Michelle Christianson

ourselves and our loved ones in any situation. But the fact is, we all get older and sometimes find ourselves in situations we just can't handle on our own.

Meg Schaefer first heard of the Block Nurse Program when she saw an ad in the Bugle for someone to train as a home health aide. Although her previous job had been as an X-ray technician, she had helped a friend with terminal cancer and realized just how much "nitty gritty" work needed to be done in such situations. After a few weeks of training, she became the program's first home health aide.

At that time, home health aides were there to do just about anything around the house, as well as personal care. Schaefer found herself doing light cleaning ("and sometimes pretty heavy duty cleaning"),

painting walls and installing rails, as well as bathing clients and doing physical therapy. She became very close to many of

those she worked with, and when she quit the job in 1999 to care for her grandchildren, she really missed the contact she had with the clients. "You learn so much from older people; they have such a wealth of knowledge and wisdom," says Schaefer.

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*"I felt I was facing a puzzle and didn't have all the pieces. I was distraught. But they made Bob feel more comfortable and secure and calmed my fears. Bob was able to remain at home close to family where he was loved and cared for."*

—Natalie Gallagher

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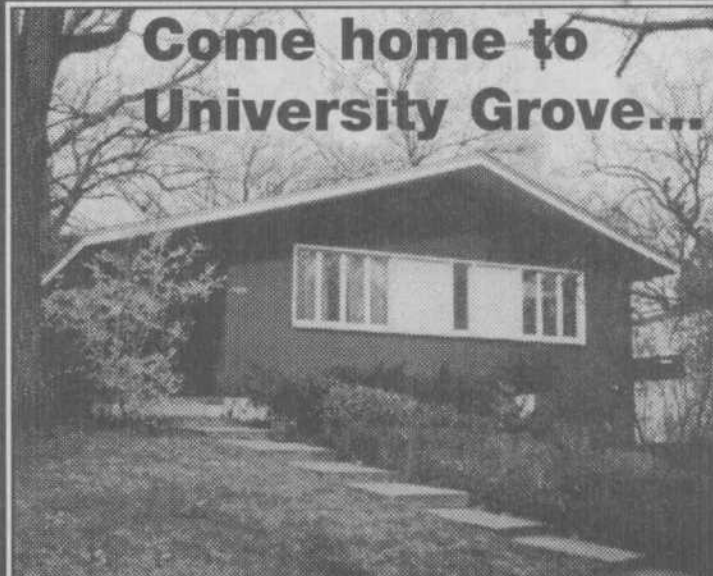
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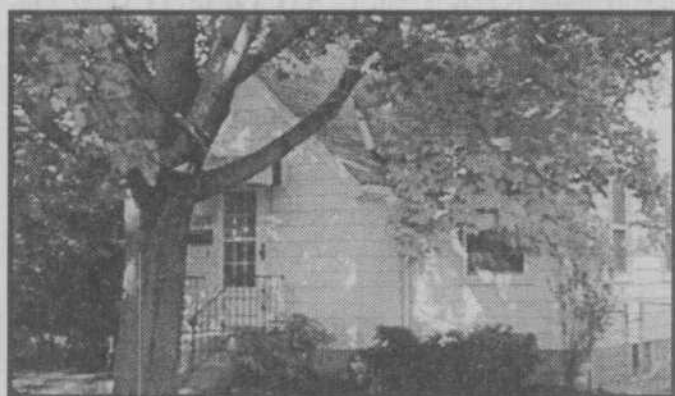
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Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 the day of the tour. Advance tickets are available at Park Hardware, Rosa Mundi and Ginkgo in the Park.

The garden tour is jointly sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Garden Club and the St. Anthony Park Association. Proceeds from the tour help fund the association's neighborhood grants program, the garden club's buckthorn roundup and other projects.

Volunteers are still needed for the tour. Anyone working a three-hour shift receives a complimentary ticket. Call Gitta at 644-3379 to find out more about volunteer opportunities.

For questions about the tour, call 647-0262.

### Arts Events

An exhibit of **young people's art** continues through August 24 at the Undercroft Gallery at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

The Undercroft Gallery is located at 2136 Carter Avenue 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.

**HELIOS**, a chamber music quartet, presents its annual concert at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ on June 26 at 7:30 p.m.

The evening will feature Tristan Fuentes' "Risas de los Incas," Alberto Ginastera's "Danzas Argentinas," and selections from Bizet's "Carmen" and Bernstein's "West Side Story." Also on the program will be jazz tunes such as Oliver Nelson's "Stolen Moments," Cleo Henry's "Boplicity," and Ray Noble's "Cherokee."

HELIOS was founded in 1994 and released its first CD, "SOLAR," in 1998. A second CD, "Creation," will be released this year.

Members of HELIOS are Troy Gardner, violin; John Jensen, piano and keyboards; St. Anthony Park resident Mike Smith, double bass; and former St. Anthony Park resident Joe Holmquist, percussion.

A suggested donation of \$10, \$5 for seniors and students, will be accepted at the door. Children under 5 are free. For more information, call 647-1148.

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1435 Midway Parkway, will sing "Messe Solenne de la Pentecote" by Emile Paladilhe on Pentecost Sunday, June 3, at the 10 a.m. Mass.

Music will also include works by French composers Andre Caplet, Alfred Bachelet, Marcel Rouher and Cesar Franck.

The **St. Anthony Park Library** will host two readings this month. On June 11 at 7 p.m., poet and local resident Gerhard Neubeck will read new poems. On June 14 at 7 p.m., Mary Sharratt reads from her new novel, with questions and book signing to follow.

### Volunteers

**America Reads** is looking for volunteers to tutor struggling readers from June 25-July 27 during the St. Paul Schools summer session. Volunteers commit to as little as one hour a week for five weeks.

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For more information contact Jill at 603-1687 or Connie at 603-1685.

St. Paul Parks and Recreation needs teenagers and adults who enjoy the outdoors to volunteer at **day camp** this summer at Lake Elmo Park Reserve. Day camp aides will work with the director and counselors, supervise children ages 7-12, and assist with special group activities such as swimming, leather crafts, scavenger hunts and canoeing. Free transportation to camp, lunch and a t-shirt will be provided.

Volunteers must attend a

training session at Hillcrest Recreation Center on July 18 from 9-11 a.m. and be available for at least one of two day camp weeks, July 23-27 and August 6-10 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Applications are available at any St. Paul Recreation Center or by calling 266-6400. They are due by June 22.

For more information, call Dave Danielson at 298-5812.

### Camp

Horace Mann Elementary and Como Park Senior High will host **Camp Invention**, a national science and creativity day camp offered jointly by the National Inventors Hall of Fame in Akron, Ohio, and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Children entering grades 2-6 spend a week exploring hands-on, cross-curriculum activities that integrate science, math, history and arts.

Camps run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and will be held at Horace Mann from June 25-29 and at Como from August 13-17. The \$175 fee includes snacks and a t-shirt. Register at [www.invent.org](http://www.invent.org) or by calling 1-800-968-4332.

For more information, call Susan Clarke at 952-937-8128.

### Churches

**Como Park Lutheran Church**, 1376 Hoyt Avenue, celebrates its 75th anniversary with a festival service at the Como Park Pavilion on Sunday, June 24 from 9:30-10:45 a.m.

The service will include participation by several former pastors and a reunion choir. A picnic will follow the service; tickets are \$5. An anniversary cookbook will be available for



### Soccer clinic draws a crowd

On May 18 the South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center hosted its ninth annual soccer clinic. The event was co-sponsored by the Langford Park Booster Club and Jim Roehrenback of State Farm Insurance.

This year's clinic served about 100 soccer enthusiasts in kindergarten through 6th grade. Professional coaches offered instruction at several different stations. Each participant received a regulation soccer ball.





David Olson, Matt Healy, Andrew Brooks and Paul Carlson shovel gravel for a Habitat for Humanity house's basement floor.

## High schoolers hit nails instead of beaches

For many high school students, spring break is a time to kick back, sleep late and indulge themselves. But for five St. Anthony Park residents, a week away from school was an opportunity to wield hammers, shovels, scrapers and paint brushes.

Central student Noel Young, Andrew Brooks of Como Senior High, along with Highland Park juniors Paul Carlson, Matt Healy and David Olson spent their vacation in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, working with other Habitat for Humanity volunteers. The trip was organized by Barbara McCauley, youth director at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

This was the second Sioux

Falls Habitat trip for Brooks, Carlson and Healy. Last year's group was larger, but according to McCauley, this year's volunteers got just as much work done. The five high schoolers were joined by McCauley, graduate student Tammy Paulson and retired missionary Don Flaten.

Habitat for Humanity helps provide affordable housing for eligible families. Home buyers receive \$45,000 mortgages with no interest. They must contribute at least 300 hours of "sweat equity." Habitat also depends on additional volunteer labor as well as corporate donations of materials and appliances.

During their four days in

Sioux Falls, the work crew painted a basement, took out walls in a former office that Habitat remodeled into a single-family dwelling and scraped paint from doors destined for re-use in another house.

The five high school students were housed in the lounge of the Methodist church where the St. Paul group stayed. They slept on couches and had access to the room's pool table and TV.

Accommodations this year were decidedly a step up from the 2000 trip, when the seven male members of the team shared a kindergarten Sunday School room.

Matt Healy is not a member of St. Anthony Park Lutheran, but when his friend Paul Carlson asked him a year ago if he wanted to accompany the church youth group to Sioux Falls, he readily agreed. This year, Healy was eager to go again.

"Spring vacation is a time when young people want to have fun and give themselves a break from the rigors of school," he said. "This trip gave me a chance to have fun and make a difference at the same time."

McCauley is hoping to take another work team to Sioux Falls next year. "One of the nice things about going back year after year is that you get to see people living in the houses you've worked on," she said. "This is a way for us to make our faith active by seeing how our efforts can make a difference in people's lives." ■

sale during the picnic.

For more information, call the church at 646-7127.

## Travel

See **Scotland** through the eyes of bicyclists Julie Norwall and Jim Johnson, who will present a slide show of their back-roads travels on June 4 at 7 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park Library.

Armchair Adventures Travelogues are jointly sponsored by the St. Paul Audubon Society and the library. For more information, call 917-0930.

## Gibbs Farm

**Gibbs Farm Museum** announces special Sunday events in June:

June 3: Animals on the Farm. Help name baby pigs and sheep. Win an animal bank.

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June 17: Fathers Day. Old-time autos on display. Fathers admitted free.

June 24: Butter your Bread. Churn butter and bake bread.

## People

**Luke Alan Tressel** of St. Anthony Park recently received the William G. Cloon and Physical Education Student of the Year awards from Hamline University.

The William G. Cloon Award is given to senior athletes who personify academic excellence and athletic participation in one or more sports, and athletic leadership and service to Hamline.

The Physical Education Student of the Year Award is given to a junior or senior with a GPA among the top three or four of physical education majors, who has completed a strong research project and demonstrates the potential to be an outstanding teacher/coach.

Luke is the son of Richard and Connie Tressel of St. Anthony Park.

**Nicole Johnson**, a sophomore at St. Paul Academy, recently scored in the top 5 percent in the state on level three of the the National Spanish Exam, "Concurso Estatal 2001." She will receive a certificate from Governor Jesse Ventura's office.

Nicole is the daughter of Toni Simmons and Rufus Johnson of Como Park.

**Sarah Barnes**, a senior at St. Paul Academy, was honored with an Athena Award on April 25. Sarah was one of 31 young women from St. Paul city and suburban high schools who received the award for outstanding achievement in athletics.

She was a four-year participant in basketball, softball and tennis. She served as captain and was voted all-conference in all three sports. In basketball she won the MVP award.

Sarah is the daughter of Mike and Sandy Barnes of Como Park.

## Invitation

The **St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program** will celebrate its 20th anniversary on Thursday, June 21 at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Avenue. A board meeting is at 6:15 p.m., and the program begins at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to the public. ■

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## Seniors Clinic

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enlisted seven residents, from ages 68 to 85, to take a 10-week training course in peer counseling. This became the first group of volunteer visitors. The Community Service Committee of the community council then helped design a system to use teens, college students, scouts, churches and service clubs in providing aid to seniors.

Malcolm Mitchell is the director of Elderberry Institute, a replication and advocacy group for block nurse programs. He describes the founding as the story of a group of women who recognized the value of neighborliness and of trusting relationships and who had a strong sense of community and a deep respect for the elderly. "They were never stopped by hearing the words 'We don't do things that way.'"

By 1983 the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program was attracting interest from beyond the local community. A Japanese film crew documented the program and showed it in Japan. Twenty representatives of the Japanese Nurses Association visited the Program in 1984. That year the St. Paul Foundation funded a professional evaluation of program results, which showed that 85 percent of clients served would have been in nursing homes without block nurse program care.

Validation and recognition of the program's value grew. A neighborhood in Oregon sought guidance in developing a similar program. Then-Governor Rudy Perpich issued a proclamation applauding the SAP/BNP. The "MAIN Agency Achievement Award" was given by the Midwest Alliance in Nursing, and the program received an "Innovations in Government" award from the Ford Foundation, which included money for assisting in replicating the model elsewhere.

In 1987 a "Spirit of Service" award and a proclamation by the Ramsey County commissioners acknowledged the role the Block Nurse Program had played with the County Public Health Nursing Service, the District 12

Council, St. Anthony Park and St. Paul in organizing cost-effective medical care and supportive services to help seniors remain in their homes as long as possible.

Over the years the program has made several changes. In 1991 it merged with Living At Home, an outreach program to healthy elders—the "intermediate frail." The Living at Home/Block Nurse Program has now been replicated in 31 communities in Minnesota and 5 in Texas.

Replication assistance is provided through Elderberry Institute in St. Paul, which also attempts to influence public policy regarding elder care. According to Institute director Mitchell, "Our role is to respond to a neighborhood call. Every program began with an individual who said, 'I want to see this happen in my community.'"

The values and principles of the original founders are thus carried on in each new program. Rohricht, one of the founders, sees the ongoing mission as "citizens reclaiming a sense of commonwealth wherein the common good of the community is the responsibility of the citizenry."

Currently, the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program has 17 nursing clients, 32 foot care clients, 40 living at home clients, 26 volunteers and some occasional group volunteer efforts. Resource coordinator Judy Probst acknowledges that it's more difficult to get volunteers these days but stresses that there are many ways to help. Some needs are short term, and there are many one-time volunteer tasks.

"The Block Nurse Program has changed since its founding, and needs to continue to change in response to current realities," says Patricia James, current board chair. Those realities include managed care limitations on services, the fact that some companies will provide services until they can no longer bill Medicare and then will refer patients to BNP; the fact that Medicare pays for less than it used to, and the fact that assisted living facilities now sometimes operate in conjunction with nursing homes.

"Pressure is always on the program to do less and to spend less time with clients," said James. Nevertheless, she affirms, the program is still committed to neighbors helping neighbors and to nurses being able to maintain good relationships with their clients.

The board today is composed of up to 18 people, all neighbors, who meet monthly to formulate policy and guide the organization. As always, they invite participation from the community. They will also be inviting the neighborhood to a 20th anniversary celebration later this month. ■

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Block Nurse Program's office at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church. Kampmeyer joined the organization a couple of years ago because she wanted direct contact with clients.

"I was doing nursing assessment by phone," explains Kampmeyer, "and I missed seeing people on a one-to-one basis."

Her days are spent making nursing visits to seniors, conducting blood pressure clinics and trying to keep up with the seemingly endless paperwork.

Kampmeyer loves working for the Block Nurse Program. "We spend time doing 'human' things with our clients, such as celebrating their birthdays and getting to know them. This is a holistic approach and the way nursing used to be once upon a time. We really work together with our volunteers to help create that. One of the most important things that happens between volunteers and seniors is that friendships are formed and sustained."

Making the right match between seniors and volunteers is an important part of the program's service. "I cannot stress enough that we are extremely careful about the match," Kampmeyer says.

Block Nurse volunteers

typically assist with transportation, run errands, pick up groceries or just visit with people. What volunteers and seniors do is limited only by the imagination.

**"We spend time doing 'human' things with our clients, such as celebrating their birthdays and getting to know them. This is the way nursing used to be once upon a time."**

—Jean Kampmeyer

For example, one volunteer, Cindy Anderson, is also a Girl Scout leader who had her Brownie troop make brownies and visit seniors at the Seal High Rise, where the Block Nurse Program has many clients and where they conduct regular blood pressure clinics. Accompanying Anderson's troop was a group of musicians, which included Anderson's husband. Before the engagement, Anderson coached the girls so they would be comfortable interacting with the seniors.

"This created a satisfying, rewarding intergenerational event," says Kampmeyer.

Block Nurse home health aide, Karen Cartwright, says that a "helper's high" occurs when people get outside of themselves and connect with one another. For her, that translated into 18 years as a home health aide. "I feel for many of us that it's probably like a calling," said Cartwright. "There is such a connection between spirituality and aging and—face it—we're all getting older! So it's good for all of us to see something encouraging in our seniors because we're seeing ourselves."

Cartwright experienced that deep connection through caring for her mother, who eventually died of cancer. This marked a turning point for her internally, as well as career-wise. Although trained as a social worker, Cartwright has received the most satisfaction doing home health care.

It's undeniable that the Block Nurse Program provides a first-rate service to St. Anthony Park seniors. However, behind the scenes, it's those who work for it (paid or unpaid) who also benefit, making their ties to their beliefs, their lives, their neighbors and their neighborhoods just a little bit stronger. ■

**Block Nurse clients . . . from page 11**

It was shortly after quitting her work with the Block Nurse Program that Schaefer's mother-in-law, diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, moved in with Meg and her husband Ken. The transition from giving services to receiving them gave Schaefer a chance to see the Block Nurse Program from the other side.

"Ken's mother had been a very independent person, and I was just the daughter-in-law to her. The nurse, Jean Kampmeyer, was able to get her to do things that I couldn't. She got her to take her medication, to move more and thus stay more mobile, and helped find a day care situation so that she could get out of the house. My mother-in-law looked forward to the stimulation of talking with somebody different, and I really appreciated the support Jean gave to all of us in our decisions about care."

When the time came, Kampmeyer helped the Schaefers find a group home for people with Alzheimer's and assisted with the transition. They are very pleased with the care she is now receiving.

Natalie Gallagher had cared for her husband, Bob, whose health was declining because of multiple sclerosis. She had assistance from aides connected with HealthPartners, but in 1999, as Bob and Natalie faced his final days, the nurse and a home health aide from the Block Nurse Program stepped in.

"I felt like I was facing a puzzle and didn't have all the pieces," Gallagher says. "I was

distracted. But they made Bob feel more comfortable and secure and calmed my fears. They reassured me that I was doing all I could to promote my husband's well-being and safety. They often referred to us as a great team."

"As I look back on those last days and weeks, I take comfort in knowing that with the professional expertise of the Block Nurse Program, Bob was able to remain at home close to family, where he was loved and cared for." He died in September of 1999.

Galagher had another wonderful experience with the Block Nurse Program. When local elementary school children wanted to plant flowers in someone's yard to make them happier, the Block Nurse Program referred them to Galagher. Thus, one day 50-60 students descended on her yard with petunias and geraniums in hand. Not wanting them to get muddy from tramping in the dirt, she had them sit along the sidewalk and plant from the relatively cleaner cement. She provided gardening tools and watering cans (tomato soup cans) for each child.

"Sixty holes were dug, sixty seedlings were planted and watered, and sixty plants survived and bloomed all summer and into the fall," she recalls. "This project promoted community involvement for all the participants and delighted passersby, who appreciated the flowers' beauty all summer."

Both Amy King and Irene Beatt used the Block Nurse Program's services for themselves,

Beatt when she broke her elbow in 1997, and King when she was recovering from knee replacement surgery in 1990. Neither woman had anyone else at home to help her, and all relatives lived out of town. Both are still appreciative for all that the block nurse did for them and speak fondly of those who assisted in their care.

Beatt looked forward to the times that the home health aide, Mary Schmitt, would come. "Her visits were not only timely and full of good spirit but really helpful, too." After she recovered the use of her arm, Beatt even had Schmitt and her husband over for dinner.

It is clear from these stories that although people appreciate the medical expertise and help with equipment, what really makes the Block Nurse Program special is the level of care and attention given to each client. There is no substitute for genuine interest in another's physical, mental and spiritual well-being. ■

**Block Nurse open house**

On Thursday, June 21, the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program will celebrate its 20th anniversary at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Avenue.

The program begins at 7 p.m., following a 6:15 board meeting. The evening will include awards, refreshments and a comedy routine on the foibles of growing old.

The event is free and open to the public. All friends of the Block Nurse Program are cordially invited to attend.

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## Franklin-Emerald plan wins preliminary approval

*New development would complement adjacent residential neighborhoods*

by Jane McClure

The Franklin-Emerald area may be one of the least-known corners of St. Paul, yet the area is facing major changes that could greatly affect the small neighborhood. Anticipating those changes and making future plans was the job for a small area plan task force set up by the St. Anthony Park Community Council and St. Paul Planning and Economic Development.

The plan won St. Paul Planning Commission approval on May 11. It will now be sent to the St. Paul City Council for final approval and eventually will become part of the city's comprehensive plan, which guides land use, zoning and public improvement decisions.

The area that was studied is bounded by University Avenue, Highway 280, Interstate 94 and Emerald Street, the St. Paul-Minneapolis border.

"There is quite a physical separation between this neighborhood and other St. Paul neighborhoods," said Donna Drummond, a city planner. "It's kind of in a tucked-away area."

The Franklin-Emerald area is a mix of commercial, industrial and residential land uses; it includes one University of Minnesota building. The zoning for most of the area is industrial.

The plan calls for that mixed use to continue and for new office, residential or light industrial redevelopment to be encouraged. One focus of the plan is to move away from businesses and industries that create problems for the adjacent neighborhood. Any new

development should create an attractive gateway for the city.

One area eyed for redevelopment is the Weyerhaeuser Lumber property. If that land becomes available, the plan suggests using the site to recreate the street grid south of Franklin Avenue.

**"There is quite a physical separation between this neighborhood and other St. Paul neighborhoods. It's kind of in a tucked-away area."**

—Donna Drummond, city planner

Any new development in the area would be encouraged to follow specific design guidelines, to complement the rest of the neighborhood.

Another focus of the plan is to create new pedestrian pathways and connections throughout the area, including an improved pedestrian link between the area and Minneapolis' adjacent Prospect Park neighborhood.

The plan also calls for the tiny Curfew Street residential area to remain intact, with new housing created to the west to link Curfew Street neighbors with Prospect Park.

"The folks who live here like living here and want to stay," said Drummond.

Speakers at the Planning Commission public hearing noted that developing the plan wasn't easy.

"It was a pretty contentious process at times," said St. Anthony Park Community Council member Bruce Kimmel. He said there were tensions over land uses in the area. But the task force and city staff were able to come up with some good guidelines that most could agree with.

"It took a while to get there but I think we did a pretty good job," he said.

Kimmel noted that the Franklin-Emerald area was divided into eight sub-areas for study. Of those areas, the land from Curfew to Emerald, north of Franklin Avenue, was one area that generated controversy. The area has mixed land use, which sometimes conflict, and has also drawn interest for redevelopment. Yet that redevelopment will have to be done with neighboring land uses in mind.

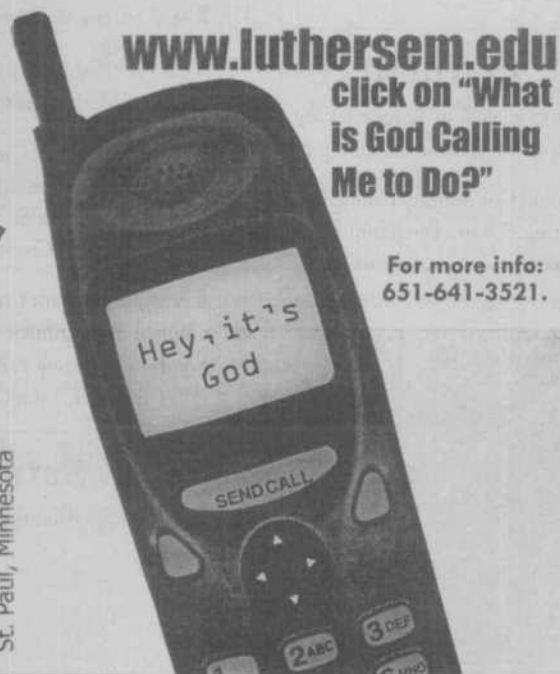
One person who addressed the Planning Commission was Minneapolis City Council member Joan Campbell, whose ward borders the Franklin-Emerald area. She said Prospect Park residents appreciated the opportunity to be involved in the plan because Minneapolis is preparing plans for its southeast industrial area.

"This is an opportunity and a necessity for both cities to work together," Campbell said.

One key issue for both cities to consider in area planning is traffic, Campbell said. Any new land uses, in either city, need to be planned so that there is minimal negative traffic impact for the other city. ■

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**1 Friday**

■ Como Park and Falcon Heights recycling.

■ Senior Citizen Fun Group (gym, bowling and darts), South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Every Friday.

■ Preschool storytime for children ages 3-5, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m. Every Friday. Pre-registration preferred (642-0411).

■ Northern Lights 4-H Club Annual Pie and Ice Cream Social. 7-8:30 p.m. at the Park Bank drive-in lot, Como and Doswell.

**2 Saturday**

■ St. Anthony Park Arts Festival, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

**4 Monday**

■ AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church (644-0809), 8 p.m. Every Monday.

**5 Tuesday**

■ Tot Time (for 5-year-olds and younger), Langford Park Rec Center (298-5765), 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Every Tuesday.

■ Toastmasters (645-6675), training in effective speaking, Hewlett Packard, 2025 Larpenteur Ave., 7:40-8:40 a.m. Every Tuesday.

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

■ St. Anthony Park Writers will meet at Black Bear Crossing, 831 Como Ave., 7 p.m. Newcomers are welcome. 645-1345.

**6 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 (481-6925), 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.

**7 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.

■ 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.

■ Murray Junior High Awards Night, 7 p.m.

**8 Friday**

■ Lauderdale recycling.

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**11 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.

■ Square Dance: Learn with Triple T Square Dance Club, Har Mar Auditorium, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Mondays. New group starts June 11. 430-2828.

**12 Tuesday**

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

■ Holly House clinical director Dr. Patricia Lawler will conduct a free presentation on non-drug alternatives for learning problems and hyperactivity in children, Holly House, 6 p.m., 645-6951.

■ St. Paul public schools, last day of school for students, K-12.

**13 Wednesday**

■ St. Anthony Park recycling.

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

■ Langford Booster Club, Langford Park, 7 p.m.

■ St. Paul public schools, last day of school for teachers and staff.

■ YMCA Camps Widjiwagan and du Nord spring garage sale, Minnesota State Fairgrounds, Merchandise Mart, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.

**14 Thursday**

■ Licensed acupuncturist and gemstone therapist Al Coffman will conduct a lecture on treating heartache and depression, naturally, Holly House, 6 p.m., 645-6951.

■ Full Council Meeting, St. Anthony Park Community Council, South St. Anthony Park Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.

**15 Friday**

■ Falcon Heights recycling.

**17 Saturday**

■ Father's Day

**18 Monday**

■ St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program board of directors meeting, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church library, 7 p.m.

■ Dr. Angela Reason will talk about integrated health care, Holly House, 6 p.m. 645-6951.

**19 Tuesday**

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

■ Como Community Council board meeting, 7 p.m., Lyngblomsten Care Center, 1415 Almond Avenue.

**20 Wednesday**

■ Langford Booster Club, Langford Park, 7 p.m.

**22 Friday**

■ Lauderdale recycling.

**23 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.

**25 Monday**

■ Como Park recycling.

■ Falconeers Senior Card Club (488-3361), Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave., 1-3:30 p.m.

**26 Tuesday**

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

**27 Wednesday**

■ 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 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.

**30 Saturday**

■ St. Anthony Park Garden Tour. See ad on page 7.

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**Gary P. Blume**

Gary P. Blume died on April 23, 2001, at the age of 55. He grew up in St. Anthony Park on Como Avenue and graduated from Murray High School in 1963. In recent years, his home was in Roseville.

Mr. Blume was a graduate of the University of Minnesota in 1970. He was a Vietnam veteran and a member of VFW #7555. He ran twice for the State Senate and was on the Minnesota State Board of Pharmacy from 1979 to 1983. He was a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Jane Blume; two sons, Jason and Ryan Blume; his parents, Lowren and Genevieve Blume; and two sisters, Natalie Blume and Leigh Ann St. Germain. A memorial service was held on April 26 at St. Matthew's.

**Jack W. Bunting**

Jack W. Bunting, age 84, died on April 12, 2001. He was a former resident of St. Anthony Park and had lived in recent years in Minneapolis.

Mr. Bunting was a retired employee of the Donaldson Company and a member of Christ Church Lutheran in Minneapolis.

Preceded in death by a brother, William Bunting, he is survived by his wife, Sylvia Bunting; a son, Jack (Darlene) Bunting; a daughter, Jill (Paul) Netland; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; four sisters, Evelyn Ernst, Phyllis Flemming, Beverly Chase and Betty Bentley; and several nieces and nephews. Services took place on April 16 at Christ Church Lutheran.

**Eugene J. Corbey**

Eugene "Gene" J. Corbey, a longtime resident of the Como Park neighborhood, died on May 2, 2001. He was 72 years of age and a 1947 graduate of Murray High School.

Mr. Corbey was the family photographer and a lover of streetcars, old trains and river boats. He was a parishioner at the Church of St. Rose.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Walter (Peggy)

Corbey; and a niece, Mary Scroggins, who died ten days earlier. Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann Lape Corbey; a sister, Elaine (Joseph) Doyle; 14 nieces and nephews; and several grand and great-grandnieces and nephews. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Rose on May 5.

**Frances M. Helms**

Frances M. Helms died on April 28, 2001, at the age of 77. She was a resident of Falcon Heights and a member of Falcon Heights United Church of Christ.

Preceded in death by her brother, Herbert Hill, she is survived by her husband, William Helms; two daughters, Sharlyn Helms and Barbara (Larry) Helms-Bot; and two granddaughters, Olivia and Victoria Bot. A memorial service took place on May 6 at the Falcon Heights Church of Christ.

**Martin L. Kromrey**

Martin L. Kromrey, age 87, died on April 15, 2001. He was a former longtime resident of Lauderdale on Malvern Street and had recently lived in Little Canada.

Mr. Kromrey was a veteran of World War II and a member of the 55-Plus Group, the St. Anthony Park Diamonds, and St. John the Evangelist Church of Little Canada.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Priscilla Kromrey; two sons, Cal (Barb) Kromrey and

Gerald Kromrey; a brother, Albert Kromrey; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on April 17 at St. John's Church.

**Mary J. Cairncross Mason**

Mary Jeannette "Jean" Cairncross Mason died on March 14, 2001. She was 97 years old and a resident of Lyngblomsten Care Center.

She is survived by her daughter, Priscilla Goelzer, and many nieces and nephews. A celebration of her life was held at her daughter's home on May 20.

**Phillip R. Poirier**

Phillip R. Poirier, age 97, died on May 5, 2001. He lived in Falcon Heights and was a parishioner at Holy Childhood Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Eugene Poirier, and a sister, Violet Wold. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Poirier; a son, Gregory (Sandra) Poirier; two grandchildren, Tracy (Dianna) Poirier and Keri (Eric) Vennemann; and six great-grandchildren, Mitch, Justin, Andrew, Allyah, Alanna and Arianna. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Holy Childhood on May 9.

**Mary E. Corbey Scroggins**

Mary E. Corbey Scroggins died on April 22, 2001, at the age of

47. She was a former resident of Como Park and a life-long member of Holy Childhood Catholic Church. Her recent home was in Eagan.

Mrs. Scroggins was a Senior Analyst at West Group for over 27 years.

Preceded in death by her parents, Walter and Peggy Corbey, she is survived by her husband of nine years, Leo Scroggins; two children JaMee Scroggins and Amy Warner; two grandchildren, Jessica and Sarah Warner; a sister, Candy (Gary) Schwartz; three brothers, Mike Corbey, Mark (Stephanie) Corbey and Jim (Kim) Corbey; and several nieces and nephews. A Mass of Christian Burial took place on April 26 at Holy Childhood.

**William A. Skon**

Dr. William A. Skon, a former resident of St. Anthony Park, died on April 19, 2001. He was 77 years of age.

Dr. Skon, a chiropractor, grew up on Como Avenue and was a graduate of Murray High School in 1942. His wife, the former Helen Wingblade, grew up on Doswell. His recent home was in Roseville, where he was a member of North Heights Lutheran Church.

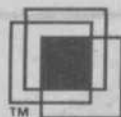
Survivors include his wife, Helen Skon; four sons, Ronald (Linda) Skon, Erik (Kathy) Skon, Dr. William (Suzanne) Skon and Brian (Peggy) Skon; a daughter, Wendy (Morris) Johnson; 13 grandchildren, Alyssa, Michael, Jessica, Julie, Nathan, Cara, Ben, Cameron, Brennan and Alison Skon, and Emily, Rachael and Elliot Johnson; a sister, Elaine Kindler; and a brother, Daniel (Gladys) Skon. A memorial service took place on April 23 at North Heights Lutheran.

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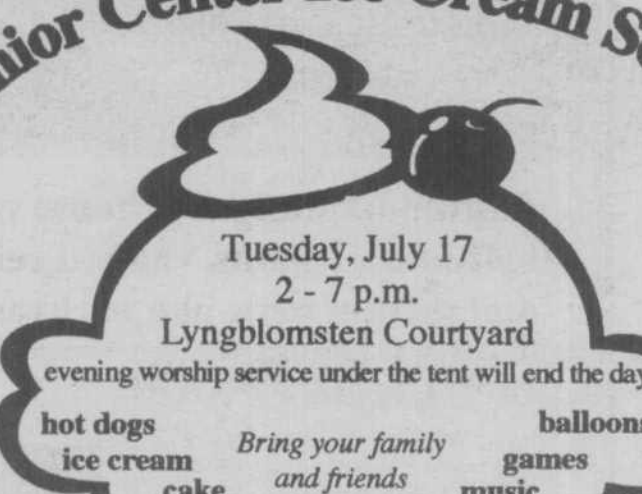
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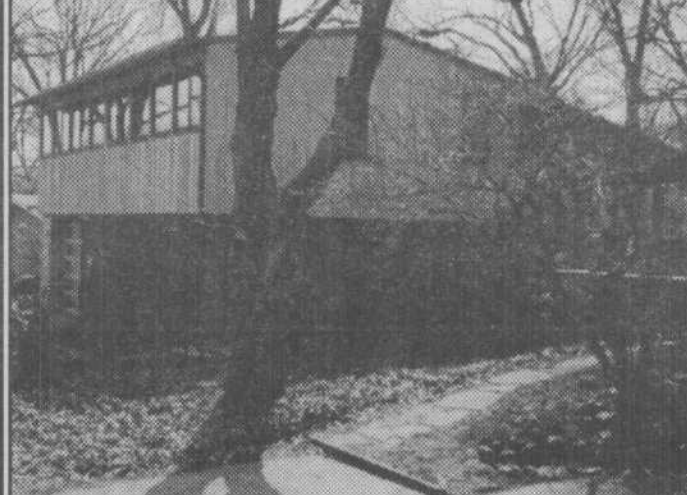
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fellow; Heather Magee-Hill; Melissa Mathews; Maddie, Paul and Laura Ranum; and Sage Passi. Thanks also to Hampden Park Co-op, the South St. Anthony Park Rec Center and Bruegger's Bagels for contributing refreshments for the volunteers.

Volunteers collected about twenty large contractor bags of trash, as well as discarded construction material, landscape timbers, tires and hubcaps.

The composition and quantity of trash has changed over the years since the council began organizing the clean-up. The first few years yielded large piles of heavy solid material, including sofas and overstuffed chairs, kitchen sets and other large items. Three and four years ago considerable garbage was removed from two camps occupied periodically by transients.

This year's harvest featured much less solid trash and considerably more road-side litter. A few days after the clean-up, several dozen tires were discarded near the north pond at the end of Hunting Valley Road. Local residents who observe littering and dumping in the Kasota Ponds area should report the incident to the St. Anthony Park Community Council at 649-5992.

Again, thanks to our volunteers!

*Karlyn Eckman  
St. Anthony Park*

## University Ave. gets cleaned

Thanks to some 200 volunteers and numerous cash and in-kind donations, University Avenue and several intersecting north-south streets were rid of over 3550 pounds of trash during an April 28 cleanup.

Several companies brought large groups of volunteers, including Banta Catalog Group, Minnesota Diversified Industries, Snelling-Hamline Community Council, Lifetrack Resources, St. Anthony Park Bank, Hmong American Alliance Church, Midway Training and Target Midway.

In addition to people power, the cleanup wouldn't have been possible without the generous support of the following Midway Chamber members: Aspen Waste Systems, Marsden Building Maintenance and Midway Training Services.

*Ellen Watters  
President  
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1376 Hoyt Ave. W. 651-646-7127 Handicapped accessible  
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before noon on Friday for ride)  
8 am and 10:30 am Traditional Worship (Holy Communion on 1st  
and 3rd Sundays)  
9:15 am - Children & Family Worship (Holy Communion on 1st  
and 3rd Sundays)  
Sunday, June 24, 9:30 am, Worship & 75th Anniversary Celebration at  
the Como Park Lakeside Pavillion  
Pastors: Martin Ericson and David Greenlund  
Visitation Pastor: Leonard Jacobsen  
Director of Youth and Family Ministry: Amy Dorumsgaard  
Director of Music Ministry: Thomas Ferry  
New Member Class, June 17, 2001 from 2 - 5 pm. Followed by New  
Member Reception on June 24, 2001 at the 9:30 am Outdoor Wor-  
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Tuesday Bible Study: 10 am  
Pastor Drew Flathmann

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Sunday School: 11 am  
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Nursery Care provided - 10:15 am  
June 3 - Pentecost/Graduate Recognition  
June 10 - Teacher Recognition  
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Nursery care provided - 9:45 am

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## ❖ ST. CECILIA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## ❖ ST. MATTHEW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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8 am Holy Eucharist, Rt. 1  
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(All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion with us  
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Ministers of the Church: All the baptized members  
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