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Community Council decisions affect Langford Park

New playground will serve elementary school

by Susan Conner

At a September 13 meeting, the St. Anthony Park Community Council voted to approve a plan for a playground for St. Anthony Park Elementary School. The playground would be located at the northeast corner of Langford Park on land that the St. Paul School District would lease from the Parks and Recreation Department. This plan will next be reviewed by the St. Paul Parks and Recreation Department and then by the Parks Commission.

The detailed plan was a result of a community planning process that began with the acceptance on December 13, 2000 of the SAPLING master plan for Langford Park. SAPLING (St. Anthony Park Initiative for a Neighborhood Good) was an ad hoc group of city representatives, neighborhood organizations and local residents.

The SAPLING master plan emerged from meetings held in 2000 with various groups in St. Anthony Park, as well as two community meetings to which all neighborhood residents received a written invitation. In the SAPLING plan that the Community Council approved, the details of a playground for the elementary school were not spelled out.

At the request of the Community Council, last spring the school's Site Council formed a Playground Committee, which worked with the Earl F. Anderson Co. to develop a detailed plan for the playground. Their plan was

presented at a community meeting on July 12, 2001.

According to neighborhood resident Martha Russell, there was a "wide range of opinions, both positive and negative," in response to the school's proposal. At the July 12 meeting, a task force was formed to further revise the

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—Sherm Eagles, cochair, District 12 Community Council

playground plan in response to community input. This group was open to anyone who wanted to participate. The Community Council asked Gordon Murdock to chair and facilitate the task force on behalf of the council.

The playground task force met six times before presenting their final recommendations at a community meeting on August 30. At that meeting it was requested that any further comments be sent in writing to the council for their review.

Task force recommendations were presented to the council's Physical Planning Committee on September 6. The committee voted unanimously to recommend adopting the task force proposal, which then advanced to the full council.

Written comments from the community were distributed to

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Sidewalk will be added along East Langford

by Dave Healy

A recent decision by the St. Anthony Park Community Council means that a planned concrete sidewalk will be installed along the east side of Langford Park. At its September 13 meeting, the council voted against a motion from the Housing and Environment Committee that a

discuss the sidewalk issue.

At the September 13 meeting, several residents spoke against the planned sidewalk.

Nancy Plagens said that at the November 9, 2000 SAPLING community meeting, there was opposition to a sidewalk. She asked that the council remove the sidewalk plan from the SAPLING master plan.

Jim Stout said that at the November 9 meeting, there was consensus against a concrete sidewalk.

Ann Stout expressed concerns about aesthetics and safety of a concrete sidewalk.

In response, two SAPLING members defended the master plan and the process that led to its adoption.

Martha Russell said that additional public comments were solicited after the November 9 public meeting and that none of the comments received then addressed the issue of a concrete sidewalk. She asserted that people have had ample opportunity for input into the planning process.

Russell said that initial recommendations for a sidewalk came from St. Anthony Park Elementary School. She characterized the sidewalk as a safety issue: "Without a sidewalk, people walk in the street."

Rose Gregoire said that at early SAPLING meetings, public opinion initially supported a sidewalk around the entire perimeter of Langford Park. Subsequent meetings, she said, resulted in a proposal to add a sidewalk only along East Langford Parkway between the existing playground and the elementary school.

Council member Sherm Eagles also defended the SAPLING process. "In 30 years of experience with neighborhood decision making, I've never seen a more consistent effort to get maximum input than SAPLING put forth," he said.

Council member Suzanne Garfield asked why those who opposed the sidewalk had not come forth earlier.

In response, Lynette Hansen, whose back yard faces the park, said she was surprised when she learned that the sidewalk was due to be installed in September.

"I understood that the SAPLING plan was to be a general guide," she said.

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Barefoot in the park—with batons

by Judy Woodward

Ever feel as if you're juggling the daily tasks of life? Career, family life and a little time for yourself—all your obligations floating precariously like so many airborne teacups? They're poised in midair, perhaps, just waiting for one slip-up from you to come crashing down to earth?

"It's a good feeling when you can accomplish things at midlife that I thought you had to be in your teens or 20s to do."

—Mark Brancel

St. Anthony Park resident Mark Brancel knows the feeling. Only for him, it's not just a metaphor.

Brancel is well known to passersby on the streets of St. Anthony Park for his daily exercise routine. It's a unique outing that features an eye-popping juggling technique involving three leather-fringed, baton-like sticks. Think of the best drum major you've ever seen, then multiple the twirls by three and you've got an idea of Brancel in action.

The only difference is that, so long as the mercury stays above 50, Brancel juggles while jogging barefoot.

That is, of course, unless he's juggling while riding his unicycle instead.

Brancel, 47, is a man who has never worried much about appearances. An agreeable, sandy-haired fellow who believes in heroic measures when it comes to wringing the ultimate amount of

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Protecting the Mississippi River and those who live downstream

by Mary Maguire Lerman

Even though the Bugle delivery area is located several miles from the Mississippi River, our landscape and home maintenance practices have a direct impact on the water quality of this great river. How? Our community is part of the Mississippi River watershed.

What is a watershed? Imagine a funnel with our community located at the top. When it rains or snow melts, the runoff from our yards and buildings flows down the inside of the funnel (our streets, sidewalks and driveways) and then drops into storm sewer drains. But that's not the end of the journey. These drains connect to a storm sewer system that flows

directly to the Mississippi River.

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droppings down a storm sewer, that waste, full of E. coli bacteria, goes straight to the river with the next significant rain.

When we hear about beaches and lakes being closed because of

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CITY FILES

Como Park

A community meeting with the District 10 Environment Committee will be held on October 18 at 8 p.m. at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 1465 N. Victoria. The committee will present and discuss both the Capitol Region Watershed District watershed management plan and the St. Paul Como Lake shoreline management plan. The public is welcome.

St. Anthony Park

At a Community Council meeting on September 13, Karlyn Eckman reported on the DNR Metro Greenways Project. The field work has been completed and a final report has been printed. Copies can be seen in the St. Anthony Park Library reference section.

This report includes observations that were done in all of the major park

areas of District 12 as well as recommendations for the future.

Falcon Heights

On September 12 the Falcon Heights City Council held a public hearing to consider the establishment of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district for the Snelling/Larpenteur Southeast Corner Redevelopment project area.

The council discussed the plan and asked questions of the consultant, Jim Prosser of Ehlers & Associates. The public hearing was continued at the September 26 council meeting at 7 p.m. A decision by the council is pending.

Establishing a TIF district does not necessarily provide assistance to a specific developer, according to Heather Worthington, city administrator. "Any assistance from this district would be negotiated in an

agreement with the developer at a later date," she said.

On October 13, during Fire Prevention Week, the Fire Department will host an open house for the community from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fire Department building, 2077 Larpenteur Avenue.

The department's new fire truck will be on display. There will be fire prevention information, prizes for children, coffee and punch for adults, and demonstrations of fire fighting equipment.

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—Susan Conner


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DNR study makes recommendations for neighborhood

by Karlyn Eckman

A team of neighborhood volunteers and environmental professionals has completed field work undertaken in conjunction with a Metro Greenways planning grant. Their report has been submitted to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the St. Anthony Park Community Council. It summarizes a year of research in neighborhood parks, Breck Woods, the Kasota pond complex, local parks and other public spaces.

The report cites the Kasota pond and wetland complex as the most important ecosystem feature of the area.

The report's recommendations center on conserving and protecting key local habitat remnants. The report cites the Kasota pond and wetland complex as the most important ecosystem feature of the area, yet notes that it is the most threatened by traffic, encroaching industry and new development.

The Kasota ponds are situated at the intersection of two habitat corridors—an east-west corridor following the railroad yards, and a north-south corridor that parallels the Bridal Veil watershed. If no action is taken, the report warns, the ponds and other remnants will likely

continue to decline and may eventually lose ecosystem function.

The report's recommendations include not only suggestions from the study team but also from members of the public that attended two community workshops, as well as input from University of Minnesota students.

* Increase public involvement and awareness in managing and monitoring the sites (public education, annual cleanups, citizen-based monitoring of priority sites, follow-up community meetings and establishing a habitat working group).

* Increase collaboration with neighboring communities on habitat protection and linkage (share findings with other community councils, initiate follow-up discussions with other communities, etc.).

* Seek funding to continue habitat work, and set up a local fund to support habitat work at neighborhood sites.

* Pursue collaborative site management with public agencies, businesses and private owners (collaborate with city arborist, discuss management with owners of key habitat parcels, encourage warehouse owners to reduce mowing and to manage for habitat, find opportunities to reduce litter and dumping, explore reconnection of Skonard Spring to Kasota Pond East).

* Initiate hands-on activities

to enhance, protect and conserve habitat fragments (closely monitor plans for new roadway and bridge by ponds; control sediment and runoff from Highway 280 into the ponds; control shoreline degradation, dumping and filling by ponds; remediate shoreline with native plants and turtle basking sites; eradicate buckthorn; repair and add new nesting boxes; discuss mower and pruning injuries to park trees).

* Improve existing habitat corridors and establish new linkages (discuss options with DNR to integrate local habitat corridors into larger Metro Greenways plan, discuss options with neighboring communities and property owners, create GPS database, explore purchase of key parcels to create publicly owned corridors and greenways).

While many of the recommendations will need detailed planning and funding, others can be started right away at little or no cost. Partnering with local schools, clubs, businesses and neighboring community councils will be a major focus.

A positive start has already been made by the committed volunteers who took part in the baseline study. The report's recommendations will be taken up at the next meeting of the St. Anthony Park Community Council. A copy of the report is available to the public at the reserve desk at the St. Anthony Park Library. ■

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Calculating place value

Among many things that events of the last few weeks have dramatized is the importance of place. The targets chosen for the terrorist attacks of September 11 had obvious symbolic significance: an emblem of the commercial/financial enterprise and the symbolic seat of American military power.

When the president learned of the terrible events on the East Coast, his immediate impulse was to return to the White House—even though there was some reason to believe that location had been an initial target. The president sensed that speaking to the nation from its symbolic center would resonate far differently than would an address delivered from some anonymous command center.

Again and again as the days unfolded after the attack, commentators asserted that "we're all New Yorkers." Many with no direct connection to anyone who happened to be in Manhattan on the morning of September 11 still felt a kind of kinship because they recognized that an attack on that place was an attack on the entire country.

Deciding how to respond to the attack has been complicated by place as well, though in this case it's an absence rather than a presence. How does a nation retaliate against an enemy that's not place-bound?

Our relationship to places is influenced by a felt sense of distance. News of atrocities regularly reaches us from around the globe, but unless we know someone there, our sympathies can be difficult to arouse. Even the East Coast often seems far removed from Midwestern lives—until a threat serves to bridge the psychic distance.

On a much smaller and less consequential scale but closer to home, what happens in a cherished landscape, like a park, can arouse strong emotions from those who feel a sense of attachment and psychic nearness to that place.

For example, concerns about Langford Park and Como Park addressed in this issue reflect deep feelings about how those places are used. One reason a park can arouse strong emotions is because parks are symbolic places: They represent our values.

What *do* we value in a park? Open spaces? Accessibility? Quiet? Activity? Natural beauty? And what if the answer is "all of the above"? What if different people value different things?

A park is land that's held in common, and so decisions about a park's future ought to reflect the common good. But what is the common good?

Americans have had occasion to reflect at length on that question in recent weeks. What do we have in common as a nation? What binds us regardless of race or religion or socioeconomic status? What do men and women and children, Southerners and Easterners and Midwesterners, blacks and whites and browns have in common? What commonalities of American life may serve to arouse the hatred of others? What should be our common response to threats that symbolize our shared life?

Symbols help define what a people have in common. Places are symbolic to the extent that they reveal our values. What do the places that were attacked on September 11 reveal about what we value? What do our discussions about the places we value reveal about us?

We know how to protect that which we believe is our own. Shared ownership, on the other hand, moves us into less familiar waters. Yet it may be in managing our relationship to the places we hold in common that we best manage our relationships with each other. And it may be that our vision of what we hold in common must continue to expand as the world we share continues to shrink.

The editor is in

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EDITORIAL

Letters

Change Festival coverage

I am writing regarding last month's article, "Hmong festival neighborhood parking still a problem."

I have been a resident of Falcon Heights for four years, and each year I have been disappointed by your coverage of this festival. Instead of talking about the significance of having such a unique cultural event in our neighborhood, your writers have repeatedly focused on the difficulties associated with such a large-scale event, such as trash, parking problems, etc.

As someone living right next to the State Fairgrounds, I find it difficult to understand why the Hmong festival is the brunt of repeated negative publicity by your staff. This event is only two days long and involves only those neighborhoods immediately surrounding Como Park. In contrast, the Bugle never mentions the parking problems, trash, disorderly conduct, etc. caused by the Minnesota State Fair, which is *ten* days long and whose effect is much more widespread.

Why repeatedly and negatively cover the one event and completely ignore the other? Is it because the majority of attendees at the Hmong Festival are Hmong, while the majority of attendees at the State Fair are Caucasian? Your message seems to be that we can tolerate festivals of "our own," but disruptions caused by "outsiders" festivals are unacceptable.

Your most recent article included quotations from residents in the area of Como Park complaining about people parking in front of their homes and leaving garbage in the surrounding area. Although I sympathize with these



complaints, I find it hard to believe that two days of such difficulties necessitate a front-page article in your paper year after year.

In our neighborhood, during the State Fair we have found it necessary to organize nightly volunteer patrols from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. in an attempt to reduce the rise in crime associated with the influx of people (mostly Caucasians) to the area. Intoxicated individuals have to be escorted away from our homes, theft increases, and despite the well-placed garbage cans in the neighborhood, litter is much more common. I do not outline this in a spirit of complaint. I merely wish to emphasize that the difficulties highlighted in your article accompany *all* large-scale events.

Overall, I feel that your coverage of the Hmong Festival is overwhelmingly and disappointingly negative. I suggest that in the future you might instead address how events such as the Hmong Festival can enrich our lives through their diversity. Your writers might want to attend the festival and find out why it is of such importance to the Hmong people. You could even include a brief history of the Hmong people to educate your readers about this incredibly strong, resilient and beautiful people.

Please do not continue to focus on garbage and parking problems because this only assists in perpetuating untrue

stereotypes about this and other minority cultures.

"Ua tsaug" (Thank you).

Cambria Reading
Falcon Heights

Look inward, seek justice

What horrible times we've experienced since September 11. We grieve for the loss of those precious lives, for their friends and family, for our own sense of security and trust. We are distracted, dispirited and deeply tired.

We also burn with anger at those who planned these exquisitely calculated acts of violence. But justice, not retribution, should be our goal.

We need open hearts and clear minds, even in this time of grief, loss and anger. It is so easy for us to stereotype an enemy, as we did in World War I with German Americans, in World War II with Japanese Americans and at numerous times before and after those dark years. Our enemies are few; our friends are many.

Like us, these friends hold the rule of law dear and abhor the vigilante's noose. All lives are precious. Many more innocents will die and suffer in a military response.

Let us, instead, use our corporate strength, creativity and sense of justice to unravel the spiral of violence. These were unspeakable crimes against humanity that should be prosecuted by the International Court of Justice.

And we should look inward, too. Disputes have two sides. Why are we targets? What can we do to take away the occasion for outrage against us? How might we become better neighbors in the community of nations?

Peace be with us.

Michael and Regula Russelle
St. Anthony Park

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council members before the September 13 meeting. At the meeting, after a presentation of the task force plan and recommendations, there was a period of questioning and discussion by council members before the vote was taken.

According to Theodore Lee, a landscape architect and

SAPLING member who was asked by the Community Council to supply background information, the playground would take up .045 acres (1965 sq. ft.) of park land. The total area of Langford Park after the new curbs are completed will be 9.56 acres—an increase of 0.1 acres from before the new

curbs were installed.

Fundraising for the playground installation has begun. "It is the total responsibility of the school to raise the money for the playground," said St. Anthony Park Elementary School principal, Andrea Dahms.

The task force plan and recommendations can be viewed at the Community Council office, 890 Cromwell. ■

Sidewalk . . . from page 1

"I thought each specific part of the plan would get further input."

After discussing the proposed width of the sidewalk (five feet) and its color, the council voted to approve installation of an ADA-compliant concrete sidewalk along the east side of Langford Park and to ask the Parks and Recreation Department to consider color alternatives to a conventional white sidewalk. ■

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C O M M E N T A R Y

The places that sustain community

The shops of St. Anthony Park do need our patronage, as writers urged last month, and yet I wonder if we miss something when we think of them strictly in commercial terms. What I most value about the retail area along or near Como Avenue has less to do with what it sells than with the community life it sustains.

Consider the bulletin boards in several of the stores. There, the neighborhood's endearing quirkiness comes through loud and clear: services that will walk your dog, watch your kid or give you "movement therapy"; notices for additional roommates, lost cats or upcoming rummage sales; lessons in yoga, Japanese or piano.

And it isn't just the bulletin boards but what takes place in front of them that makes them so central to this place. I was recently standing at the bulletin board in Speedy Market, reading the array of requests, when the person next to me needed a pen to write something down, which led to a search through the store for one and a chance encounter with a neighbor that led to a further conversation about a community concern.

The commerce that occurs in St. Anthony Park's shops has as much to do with social relations and political discussion as it does with the exchange of money

for goods.

That enlarged meaning of commerce has all but disappeared

"The commerce in St. Anthony Park's shops has as much to do with social relations and political discussion as it does with the exchange of money for goods."

—Thomas Fisher

from our cities and suburbs. With zoning policies increasingly based on the legal definition of property as either public or private, most municipalities have squeezed out the myriad semipublic and semiprivate spaces in which communities thrive.

As a result, increasing numbers of Americans spend their days moving from one private realm to another, via private cars, through public streets devoid of people. This isn't privacy; it's privation.

And the one place in the suburbs where chance encounters with neighbors might occur—the enclosed shopping mall—has resolutely resisted the bulletin board. Too unkempt, perhaps, or

too unpredictable, since many mall owners, insisting on their private property rights, have prohibited political speech and banished unauthorized assembly, killing the very community they hope to attract.

Most of the shop owners in St. Anthony Park have wisely rejected such rigid definitions of public and private. Instead, they provide private spaces that serve a public purpose, such as the bulletin boards and information tables and conversation areas in the shops up and down Como Avenue. And in exchange, public space has been borrowed for private purposes, such as the sidewalk tables and chairs at Ginkgo in the Park, the outdoor stalls at Micawber's Bookstore, and the lawn mowers and snow blowers outside Park Hardware.

All of this sends a subtle but important signal. In a community, as in a family, little is ever totally public or private, and most of life worth living occurs in the semipublic and semiprivate spaces that never show up on any legal document. It is that idea, and its ample evidence in our midst, that we need to protect as much as the shops themselves.

Thomas Fisher is dean of the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture at the University of Minnesota and a resident of St. Anthony Park.

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Juggler . . . from page 1

wear from his jogging clothes, he dons shoes as a special concession to an interview.

He took up juggling two decades ago while a college student in Madison, Wisconsin. The "devil sticks," which is how Brancel refers to his signature batons, were a gift from his sister-in-law about five years ago. "In the last three or four years," he says, "they've become a passion."

And this is where the metaphoric juggling in his life, as opposed to what he does with the devil sticks, comes in.

Brancel grew up in the African nations of Angola, Zimbabwe and Zaire, where his parents were Methodist missionaries. As a result, he's always felt most natural running barefoot through life. That's not exactly an attitude that's encouraged at HealthPartners' Riverside Clinic, where Brancel is a family practice physician, so he's always made time for a daily barefoot jog.

"When I took up sticks," he explains, "I knew I'd have to practice it every day, but the only time I had available was while I was running."

Juggling and jogging? It took him a month of intensive practice before he was willing to take his juggling on the road. Before long, though, he found that he was pretty handy at performing both activities simultaneously.

In winter, juggling time also becomes family time. When his two children were younger, Brancel got his daily exercise by chasing his kids around the dining room. "My juggling sticks were my handicap," he says.

Nowadays, his daughter, 13, and his son, 9, are more likely to join him in what he calls "exchange juggling," where Indian clubs get passed back and forth between the participants. As jugglers, he reports, "My kids are soon to surpass me in skill, which thrills me."

So why is juggling Brancel's passion?

Although he doesn't appear to take himself too seriously, Brancel has thought about the answer to this question rather carefully.

"I'll be approaching retirement in 15 to 20 years, and I feel everyone needs some kind of passion as they age," he says. "Besides, it's a good feeling when you can accomplish things at mid-life that I thought you had to be in your teens or 20s to do."

If that isn't enough, the doctor has a medical reason as well for his pursuit. "There's some medical evidence," he says, "and I've got a hunch that dexterity helps you age better and more gracefully and live longer. We'll see if I turn out to be an octogenarian unicyclist, but juggling is more likely to take me into old age than either unicycling or jogging."

"If you're not making money at it, why on earth would you do it?"

—a curious neighbor

As to the reaction of those he encounters on his daily barefoot juggles, Brancel is nonchalant. "I've never had a negative reaction," he says, adding, "Nobody's expressed one, anyway."

Brancel's definition of what constitutes a positive reaction may be somewhat elastic, however. He recounts once being stopped by a gentleman of late middle age when he was out for his daily run. After observing Brancel's technique with the devil sticks, the man asked if he made his living as a juggler. Brancel

Photo by Truman Olson



responded that he'd never earned a cent at juggling, which provoked the man to ask, "If you're not making money at it, why on earth would you do it?"

Brancel comments laconically, "You can ignore what people think, at times."

Brancel says his ultimate goal is to be able to control five devil sticks simultaneously. If he can master that feat, he says modestly, "I'll be the only one in the world who can."

Even if he never makes it to those rarefied levels of accomplishment, juggling has already transformed Brancel's view of life.

He explains, "There was a time when I believed in the American Dream, that you could do whatever you wanted. No limits. But in most things there are limits. In juggling, though, you can get to be as good as you want, accomplish what you want, and there's no one saying, 'You can't do that; you have to get a degree first.'"

Mark Brancel, master juggler, moving on through a world that seems just a little more colorful, thanks to his passage. ■

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More buckthorn to bite the dust

by Mary Maguire Lerman

Last fall the St. Anthony Park Association and the St. Anthony Park Garden Club sponsored and partially funded the first buckthorn roundup in our neighborhood.

On October 27, the second roundup will be held. In addition to buckthorn, mulberry and Tartarian honeysuckle will also be eligible for pickup this fall.

In addition to St. Anthony Park, other metro-area communities are sponsoring a roundup this fall or planning one for the near future. St. Anthony Park's nearest neighbor to the west, Prospect Park, is one of four Minneapolis neighborhoods organizing a roundup this fall.

The Arden Hills community borrowed a display board about the St. Anthony Park event, and their education efforts resulted in a roundup that also includes the Bethel College property.

Several St. Paul neighborhoods have been in contact with SAPA president Ron Dufault, indicating that they are planning similar roundups.

In addition, a federal USDA Forest Service grant was recently awarded to the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and St. Paul Parks and Recreation. This grant will provide funding for public education and will assist with removal of woody invasive species from parklands and private lands in the two cities. The focus for this first-time grant is the parkland along the Mississippi River and the neighborhoods that border it.

Woody invasive removals are being considered for other parklands where communities are assisting by removing these invaders from nearby private

lands. The focus is to provide an "invasive-free zone" near the parklands in order to allow for restoration of native plant communities.

Some volunteers are already on board to assist with the St. Anthony Park roundup this fall, but more are needed. On Saturday, October 13, Boy Scout Troop 17 will assist by pulling buckthorn and mulberry seedlings from College Park, mulching the oak trees planted on Arbor Day and planting some additional oak trees. The Boy Scouts will also help property owners during the week of October 22 by hauling and stacking their cut brush.

Other volunteers will be available on Saturday, October 20 to assist elderly and disabled residents with cutting and stacking buckthorn, mulberry and honeysuckle. If you need help or can volunteer, please send in the form below.

A licensed tree service will come through the neighborhood on October 27 to pick up cut brush. There is a small fee to participate since the association and garden club's sponsorship covers only part of the costs.

Property owners are responsible for registering for the roundup and for cutting and stacking their brush. To register, complete the form below and mail so that it is received by October 20.

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<input type="checkbox"/> I have a large quantity of buckthorn to be removed, contact me for a yard visit so that a rate can be determined	

Participation forms must be postmarked no later than October 20th to allow time to arrange for no parking signs and schedule the pickup. If you need assistance, your form must be postmarked no later than October 15th.

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The forum will be held from 7-9 p.m. on October 25 at Metropolitan State University's Great Hall, 700 E. 7th Street. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Volunteers

Individuals and families are sought to form friendships with **international students** attending conversation classes at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. Get to know students and their families. For more information, call Abby Marier at 645-8902.

Como Zoo seeks volunteers to help with **Zoo Boo**, its annual nonscary Halloween event. During Zoo Boo, families trick-or-treat along an outdoor path through the zoo that features over 100 costumed characters.

Costumed volunteers pass out treats. Noncostumed work includes distributing refreshments and supplies, supporting the park-and-ride areas, and setting up or taking down displays.

Volunteers who can work from 4-9 p.m. on October 20-21 or October 26-28 should contact Karen Kendall at 487-8252 or karen.kendall@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

Arts Events

Luther Seminary joins Augsburg College, Central Lutheran Church and Lutheran Brotherhood in presenting the opera "**Luther**." The production runs from October 25-27 at Central Lutheran Church and is part of Luther Seminary's annual Reformation Festival.

Renowned baritone Esa Ruuttunen of the Finnish National Opera will play Martin Luther. He will be joined by five other soloists from Finland who play leads in the English-language premiere of this work.

The translation of "Luther" was done by Gracia Grindal, professor of rhetoric at Luther, who will also serve as artistic director for the performances at Central Lutheran.

For tickets, call 612-343-3390.

A new exhibit opens Friday, October 12 from 6-9 p.m. at **Midway Initiative Gallery**, 2500 University Avenue, Room C-2. "Drawn from LA" features works by nine emerging Los Angeles artists. The exhibit runs through November 17.

Tara Christopherson, professor of fine arts at Augsburg College and St. Anthony Park resident, will exhibit "Watercolors from French Travels" October 19-November 30 at the Undercroft Gallery, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church. An opening reception takes place October 28 from noon-3 p.m.

Recently, Christopherson exhibited "le Soleil d'Hiver," a water color from the series "Provence to Paris," at the Minnesota State Fair juried fine arts show. Also, ten of her watercolors were exhibited at the Twin Cities Alliance Francaise in conjunction with the 2001 Bastille Day celebration.

Sales

YMCA Camps Widjiwagan and du Nord will hold their annual fall garage sale October 10-13 at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds in the Merchandise Mart building. Hours are 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and 9 a.m.-noon Saturday. For more information, call 644-4725.

The **Como Park Lutheran Church** fall bazaar will take place October 27 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 1376 Hoyt Avenue. Hand-crafted items and baked goods will be for sale. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

The **Senior Association** holds a craft and bake sale October 20 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at 901 E. Como Blvd.

People

Catherine Holtzclaw of Holtzclaw & Associates, LLC has been named a Super CPA by the journals Minnesota Law & Politics and Twin Cities Business Monthly. Holtzclaw's office is in St. Anthony Park.

Marjorie Jamieson, RN, MS has been elected to the board of directors of Global Health Ministries, an organization that supports Lutheran health care work in other countries. Jamieson lives in St. Anthony Park.

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What are the two most numerous bird species reported in St. Anthony Park? (answer on p. 13)

Findings: Red-tailed hawk in Murdock's yard (Michael Russelle)
Owl in Hampden Park (Karlyn Eckman)

Informational Meetings

hold informational meetings on September 9 and 18 from 7-8:15 p.m. at the District 12 office, 2257 Doswell Ave. We will talk about how she and her family create a business to preserve family traditions. Meetings are free, but reservations are required. Call 999-0111.

Seniors

The Community Senior Center will host a 55+ Defensive Driving course on October 10 from 9-11 a.m. with a one-hour break for lunch.

For more information, call the Minnesota Department of Transportation at 91-9150. The cost is \$13. The Senior Center is \$3. To reserve, call 632-5332 by noon.

Open Meeting

The District 12 Store will host a town hall meeting at 7 p.m. at the District 12 Library. Share your thoughts on the neighborhood bookstore community.

Gardening

The meeting of the St. Anthony Park Garden Club, Mary Hockenberry Meyer will be the guest speaker. Meyer is an expert in horticultural science at the University of Minnesota and also coordinates the gardeners program. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the

meeting room of the St. Anthony Park Library and is open to the public.

Lecture

Dr. Kim-Kwong Chan will speak on China's entry into the World Trade Organization and its implications for the church. The address takes place at 3 p.m. on October 20 at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Avenue.

Dr. Chan has lived and worked in China since 1979. Currently he serves as executive secretary of the Hong Kong Christian Council. He has worked for both the U.S. and Canadian governments as an expert on religious affairs in China. ■

Embellish La Maison to open in Milton Square October 3

October 3 marks the opening of a new shop in St. Anthony Park. Embellish La Maison takes over part of the space formerly occupied by Country Peddler in Milton Square, 2230 Carter Avenue.

Embellish will offer a varied selection of collectibles, but will focus on painted furniture revived from the past. The store will feature the style that has come to known as "shabby chic."

According to owners Lisa Wynn, Lanette Loring and Marilyn Voigt, shabby chic emphasizes unusual or quirky pieces and aged or distressed finishes.

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Miami String Quartet kicks off Music in the Park season

Music in the Park Series opens its 23rd season with a return engagement of the Miami String Quartet, who will be joined by violist Nokuthula Ngwenyama. The quartet consists of Ivan Chan and Cathy Meng, violins; Chauncey Patterson, viola; and Keith Robinson, cello.

The Miami String Quartet recently won the Cleveland Quarter Award. They also just completed two years as resident ensemble of Lincoln Center's Chamber Music Society.

Violist Nokuthula Ngwenyama won the Young Concert Artists International Auditions at age 17. Since then she has enjoyed a career as orchestral soloist, recitalist and chamber musician in the United States and abroad. She is making

her Twin Cities debut.

The musicians will present a program of music from three centuries, including works by Ginastera, Mozart and Dvorak.

Mozart's String Quintet in B flat major was written when the composer was 17.

Antonin Dvorak composed his Viola Quintet in E flat major while living in Spillville, Iowa. The work draws on folk melodies from his native Bohemia as well as from Native American music.

String Quartet No. 1 by Argentinean composer Alberto Ginastera was also inspired by folk music.

The concert takes place October 7 at 4 p.m. at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Avenue.



Photo by Susan Wilson

Nokuthula Ngwenyama

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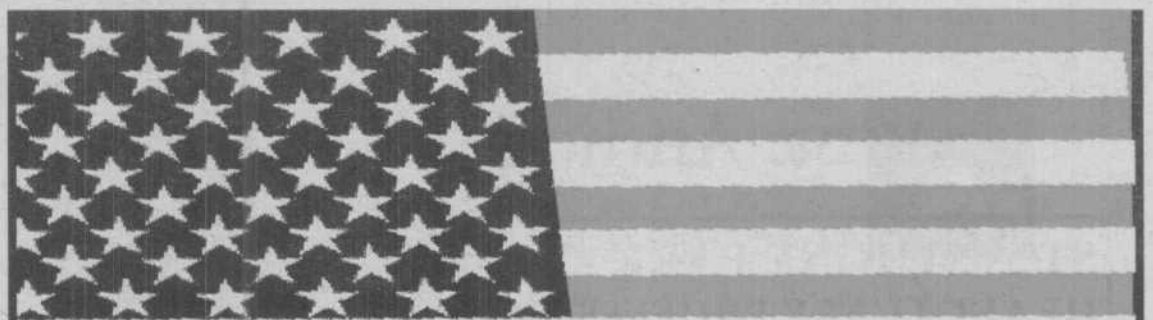
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Since 1966, Bibelot has expanded several times. The second floor was a dairy lab and offices before Bibelot moved into the space in the early '70s.

The new area first featured designer fabrics, a pottery gallery and La Tartelette Bakery. Now it houses women's and children's clothing and a sale gallery.

Cutting the atrium opening to the second floor completed Bibelot's expansions on Como Avenue.

Bibelot has grown from one employee with a hand-cranked cash register to a multisite business networked with computers and custom software.

With stores in St. Anthony Park, Linden Hills, Grand and Lexington, and corporate offices at 1114 Grand Avenue, the Bibelot Shops now employ up to 225 employees during the holidays. Artists, designers, actors, teachers, college students, young parents, nurses and technicians are among those who

work in the office and behind the counters at the Bibelot Shops.

Being a good neighbor in the community is important to Bibelot, says owner and president Freese. She notes that many local charities, schools and community events have offered gift certificates and other donations in the distinctive Bibelot box.

Freese and her staff frequently hear from long-time residents about a special Bibelot gift from 25 years ago or a favorite pair of earrings bought in the '70s that "I still wear."

The store's appearance also matters, said Freese. "We think that our flower boxes and white lights add charm to an already charming neighborhood," she added.

Freese and her staff frequently hear from long-time neighborhood residents about a bridesmaid gift for a wedding from 25 years ago, a special present to a mother or a favorite pair of earrings bought in the '70s that "I still wear."

It's stories like that, said Freese, that reinforce the role a neighborhood shop can provide in maintaining connections and reinforcing community. ■

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1 Monday

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

2 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 Garden Club, St. Anthony Park Library meeting room, 6:30 p.m.

3 Wednesday

- St. Anthony Park recycling.
- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave., 7 p.m.
- Leisure Center for Seniors (603-8946), St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday.
- Women's Connection, a job networking organization (481-6925), Hubert Humphrey Job Corps Center, 1480 Snelling, Building #1, 8 a.m. Every Wednesday.

4 Thursday

- Tot Time (for 5-year-olds and younger), South St. Anthony Rec Center (298-5765), 10 a.m.-noon. Every Thursday.
- Toastmasters (649-5162), U.S. Forest Service, 1992 Folwell Ave., St. Paul Campus, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Every Thursday.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Physical Planning Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 6 p.m.

5 Friday

- Falcon Heights recycling.
- Senior Citizen Fun Group (gym, bowling and darts), South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
- Preschool storytime for children ages 3-5, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m. 642-0411.

8 Monday

- Park Press Inc., Park Bugle Board annual meeting, St. Anthony Park Bank community room, 7 a.m. Neighbors are especially invited to attend.
- AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church (644-0809), 8 p.m. Every Monday.
- Boy Scouts, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 7 p.m. Every Monday.

9 Tuesday

- Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., 7:30 p.m.
- Tot Time (for 5-year-olds and younger), Langford Park Rec Center (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.

10 Wednesday

- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave., 7 p.m.
- Leisure Center for Seniors (603-8946), St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday.
- 55+ defensive driving refresher course, Lyngblomsten Community Senior Center (632-5332), 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

11 Thursday

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

- Free blood pressure clinic and health resources by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program, St. Anthony Park Library, 10-11 a.m.

12 Friday

- Lauderdale recycling.
- Preschool storytime for children ages 3-5, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m. 642-0411.
- Senior Citizen Fun Group (gym, bowling and darts), South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

- Midway Initiative Gallery, 2500 University Ave., opening reception for "Drawn from L.A.," 6-9 p.m.

13 Saturday

- Falcon Heights Fire Department open house, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 2077 Larpenteur Avenue.

15 Monday

- Como Park recycling.

16 Tuesday

- Parent conferences, Murray Junior High, 3:30-6:30 p.m.
- Micawber's Town Meeting, St. Anthony Park Library, 7 p.m.

17 Wednesday

- St. Anthony Park recycling.
- Langford Booster Club, Langford Park, 7 p.m.
- Leisure Center for Seniors (603-8946), St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Birthday celebrations. Lunch reservations by Monday.

18 Thursday

- St. Paul schools, no school for grades K-12, state teachers' meetings.
- District 10 community meeting, 8 p.m., St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 1465 N. Victoria.

19 Friday

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

20 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.
- Lecture by Dr. Kim-Kwong, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave., 3 p.m.

23 Tuesday

- Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., 7:30 p.m.
- Parent conferences, Murray Junior High, 5:30-8:30 p.m.
- Tot Time (for 5-year-olds and younger), Langford Park Rec Center (298-5765), 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Every Tuesday.

24 Wednesday

- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave., 7 p.m.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Housing and Human Services Committee, South St. Anthony Park Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 5:30 p.m.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Environment Committee, South St. Anthony Park Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.
- Leisure Center for Seniors (603-8946), St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday.

24 Wednesday

- School board candidate forum, Metropolitan State University Great Hall, 700 E. 7th St., 7-9 p.m.

26 Friday

- Lauderdale recycling.
- Preschool storytime for children ages 3-5, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m. 642-0411.
- Senior Citizen Fun Group (gym, bowling and darts), South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Every Friday. Blood pressure clinic by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program.

28 Sunday

- St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program board of directors meeting, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church library, 7 p.m.
- Opening reception for Tara Christopherson's exhibit at the Undercroft Gallery, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, noon-3 p.m.

29 Monday

- Como Park recycling.

31 Wednesday

- Halloween
- St. Anthony Park recycling.
- Leisure Center for Seniors (603-8946), St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Halloween celebration. Lunch reservations by Monday.
- Lauderdale Halloween party.

Items for the November Community Calendar must be submitted to the Bugle office by 6 p.m., Friday, October 12.

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William H. Brightman, Sr.

William H. Brightman, Sr., died on August 27, 2001, at the age of 72. His recent home was in McGregor, Minnesota, but he was a longtime Como Park resident.

His childhood home was on Como Avenue, east of Como Lake. He attended Chelsea Heights Elementary and Murray High School in the class of 1946.

After his marriage to classmate Dorothea Carstens, he lived on Simpson Street. Five years ago, they moved permanently to their summer home at McGregor. Mr. Brightman was a retired insulation salesman.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Dorothea Brightman; two sons, Bill and John; a daughter, Aileen (Mike); six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. A private memorial service was held.

Gregory M. Donovan

Gregory M. Donovan, age 71, died on September 10, 2001. He was a resident of the Como Park neighborhood and a parishioner at Holy Childhood Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Edna Thompson Donovan; four daughters, Kathleen (Charlie) Kramer, B.J. (Tony) Christy, Michelle

Donovan and Jackie (Rob) Henderson; two sons, Patrick (Karen) Donovan and Larry (Sue) Donovan; 15 grandchildren; two brothers, Leo Donovan and Dan (Janet) Donovan; and a sister-in-law, Donna Mae Thompson.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on September 12 at Holy Childhood Church.

Olga M. Heggen Hallberg

Olga M. Heggen Hallberg, a longtime St. Anthony Park resident, died on August 12, 2001. She was 98 years old.

Olga Heggen was born on January 8, 1903, near Wheaton, Minnesota. After graduating from Hamline University, she taught at Buffalo and Montevideo High Schools. She married Fred W. Hallberg, Sr., of Yonkers, New York, on October 31, 1932. They moved to St. Paul in 1943.

Mrs. Hallberg taught at Breck School from 1945 until 1956 and at Mounds View High School until her retirement in 1968. She was active in the St. Anthony Park Association.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Hallberg, in 1990; four brothers, Henry, Vernon, Arthur and Reuben Heggen; and three sisters, Cora and Myrtle Heggen and Hazel Roy. She is survived by a son,

Fred Hallberg, Jr.; a daughter, Anne Marie Hare; four grandchildren, Cynthia Patsche, Cybele Hare, Lisa Hare and David Hallberg; and one great-grandson, Amrish Hallberg.

A memorial service was held on September 2 at Fairmount United Methodist Church.

Gertrude M. Johnson

Gertrude M. Johnson died on August 11, 2001, at the age of 100. She was a resident of Lyngblomsten Care Center.

Mrs. Johnson was a member of Como Park Lutheran Church.

Preceded in death by her husband, Hjalmer Johnson, she is survived by a son, Rienhart (Marilyn) Johnson; a daughter, Marlene (Dr. Charles) Hedenstrom; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A funeral service took place at Como Park Lutheran Church on August 16.

Frederick A. Krantz

Frederick A. Krantz died on July 23, 2001, at the age of 80. He grew up in St. Anthony Park on Langford Park Place and was a charter member of Corpus Christi Church.

A 27-year employee of General Mills, he retired to Breezy Point, Minnesota; then Tucson, Arizona; and recently to Coon Rapids, Minnesota. He was an outdoor enthusiast.

Mr. Krantz is survived by his wife of 53 years, Loretta Krantz; five daughters, Mary Krantz (Jeff Odendahl), Elizabeth (Gerry) Siwy, Kathy (Roy) Colligan, Christine (Peter) Mayou and Jeanne Morales; two sons, Fred Krantz III and Bernie (Joanne) Krantz; 14 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and many other relatives.

A Mass of Resurrection was celebrated at the Church of the Epiphany in Coon Rapids.

Mildred Campbell Krebs

Mildred Campbell Krebs died on September 8, 2001, at the age of 97. Her recent home had been at the Presbyterian Home, after 61 years in St. Anthony Park, most of those on Hoyt Avenue.

She was born on December 30, 1903, in Oskaloosa, Iowa, attended William Penn College there, and graduated in 1925 from the University of Iowa, where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She taught English in Sigourney, Iowa, and then married Frank P. Krebs. They moved to St. Anthony Park in 1936.

For ten years she worked for the National Scholastic Press Association at the University of Minnesota. She was active in the St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, Chapter K of PEO Sisterhood, Froula Reading Circle and the Wednesday Study Club.

Mrs. Krebs was preceded in death by her husband, Frank P. Krebs. She is survived by two daughters, Mary Sue Comfort and Colleen Krebs (Delor Erickson); four grandchildren, Susan Hawthorne (Grant), Sarah Comfort (Oyvind Hvinden) of Oslo, Norway, Dr. Thomas Comfort (Jody) and Andrew Comfort of New York City; and nine great-grandchildren.

A memorial service took place on September 15 at the St. Anthony Park UCC.

Marthe Egan Mol

Word has been received of the death of Marthe Egan Mol, who died unexpectedly in Palm Desert, California, in early March, 2001. She was 73 years old and a former resident of St. Anthony Park on Scudder Street. She graduated from Murray High School in 1945.

Marthe Egan was born in Sioux City, Iowa, to John and Clarissa Evanson Egan. Her family lived in Sioux City, Council Bluffs and Des Moines before moving to St. Paul.

She attended Milwaukee-Downer College in Milwaukee for two years before graduating from Grinnell College in 1949. She received a teacher's certificate in 1950 from Iowa State Teachers' College and taught art in Sioux City and Iowa City.

On June 16, 1951, she married a fellow Grinnellian, Henry R. Mol. Following her husband's medical training, they moved to Elkhorn, Wisconsin, in 1955. Mrs. Mol was an active member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Elkhorn. She was a

50-year member of PEO and a direct descendant of one of the founders. She enjoyed sewing, reading, travel, music, theater, and her family and friends.

Survivors include her husband, Henry Mol, of Elkhorn, Wisconsin; three sons, John (Deb) Mol of Hutchenhausen, Germany, Chris (Deb) Mol of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, and Michael (Joyce) Mol of Lindenhurst, Illinois; nine grandchildren; a sister, Alice (Jay) Hanson of Canon City, Colorado; and a sister-in-law, Nancy Mol of Corvallis, Oregon.

A memorial service was held on March 22 at the First Congregational UCC Church in Elkhorn.

Sarah M. Peterson

Sarah M. Peterson died at age 89 on September 3, 2001. She was a resident of Lyngblomsten Care Center. Survivors include her sister, Ruth Peterson, and numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. A funeral service was held at the Lyngblomsten Chapel.

Donald J. Quinn

Donald J. Quinn, a resident of Falcon Heights, died on September 11, 2001. He was 84 years of age.

Born in Rice Lake, Wisconsin, Mr. Quinn was a graduate of Cretin High School in the class of 1935. He was involved in stage and projectionist work in the theatre industry and was a parishioner at Holy Childhood Catholic Church.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Kathleen Quinn Britt; a granddaughter, Amanda Quinn; two sisters, Lone Money and Kathleen Van Camp; and a brother, Richard Quinn.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Lorraine Quinn; three sons, Thomas (Gail) Quinn, Ronald (Jan) Quinn and Patrick (Dina) Quinn; nine grandchildren, Brian, Buffy, Emily, Dan, Crissy, Michael, David, Roy and Katie; three great-grandchildren, Andrew, Ashley and Joey; and a sister-in-law, Marge Simonson.

A Mass of Christian Burial took place at Holy Childhood Church on September 13.

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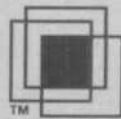
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because of storm sewer runoff. In fact, most metropolitan areas do not recommend swimming in urban waters until 48 hours after heavy rain.

Why? Runoff rain collects dog, cat, raccoon, squirrel and bird waste from neighborhoods and drains this bacteria-rich material to urban waters. That's why it's so important that pet owners follow regulations and pick up their pet's waste promptly.

E. coli is not the only thing draining to our lakes and rivers. Nutrients, particularly phosphorus, also drain into the river. Although it's often assumed that phosphorus in public waters comes from fertilizers, research shows that it comes primarily from grass clippings, leaves and soil particles that are blown or raked onto sidewalks or streets. So, how we handle landscape maintenance is critical to the river's health.

Fall is approaching and so is the time for raking fallen leaves. Unfortunately, too often leaves are raked into streets instead of being composted or bagged for pickup.

Leaves quickly begin to decompose and release phosphorus and other nutrients that are then washed into the storm sewer. Phosphorus is the nutrient that Eurasian Milfoil and algae thrive on.

Do your part to protect the Mississippi River by not raking or blowing your leaves into the street. You can further help by raking out of the street any leaves from your boulevard trees and either composting or bagging them. If you hire a lawn service, instruct them not to leave debris on hard surfaces.

When mowing your lawn, make sure your discharge vent does not blow the clippings onto the street, sidewalk or driveway. If some clippings do reach these hard surfaces, sweep them back into the lawn.

It's not necessary to collect lawn clippings. Clippings left on a lawn throughout the entire growing season contribute approximately one pound of nitrogen to the turf. When fertilizing your lawn, use care not to drop particles on hard surfaces. If you do, immediately sweep them back onto the lawn.

Another major source of phosphorus in storm sewer runoff is from loose soils in landscapes adjacent to hard surfaces. Phosphorus is bound to small soil particles, which are easily moved by water. Keep areas adjacent to hard surfaces well vegetated to contain soils. Also, when you alter the grades in your landscape, protect exposed soils.

If you are planning a boulevard garden, be sure to consider soil runoff. Instead of tilling the entire boulevard, leave turf (or similar dense ground cover) at least two feet wide along the street side and one foot along the sidewalk. Finally, a thorough sweeping of sidewalks and curbs after landscape work will remove debris that would eventually flow down the storm sewer.

What other ways can you help?

- * Adopt a storm sewer drain on your block. The city only cleans our streets twice a season. After each rainfall, check the drain. If it is clogged with debris, remove and bag it for the trash.
- * Do not dump automotive

fluids, leftover paints, concrete or blacktop into the street or storm sewer drains. Everything you see in the street ends up in the river.

- * Each summer schedule a neighborhood beach party on front yards and boulevards. It will help to serve as a reminder that every curb in our neighborhood is a shoreline. ■



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