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New city policy adds recreation center fees

by Susan Conner

A new policy by St. Paul's Parks and Recreation Department will charge community groups to use the facilities at city recreation centers. The new policy took effect in 2004, according to Hal Holtkamp, Langford Rec Center director.

Holtkamp said that until this year the policy allowed some neighborhood groups to use facilities for no cost, while groups from outside the neighborhood were charged a rental fee. Now, he said, fees will be assessed for everyone who wants to reserve space for their own activities.

According to Howard Bell, a Parks and Recreation area

supervisor, "Any group that wants to make exclusive use of specific recreation center space, and is not part of a Parks and Rec program, will be charged a rental fee."

Bell supervises one of six areas in the city—Area 4—which includes six centers: Langford, South St. Anthony, Northwest Como, Hancock, Griggs, and Orchard.

Bell said the policy was changed because the department is "trying to become consistent" in how they administer fees and that the new system is "an opportunity to garner some revenue."

Each area will have its own budget and will create an

enterprise fund in which the balance carries forward each year.

Holtkamp expressed concern about how the new policy will affect relationships between a neighborhood and its recreation center.

"I hope they (policy makers) realize that neighborhoods are the life blood of the centers," he said, adding that he worries that with a charge, "some people may not be able to use the facility."

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Langford Recreation Center in St. Anthony Park is one of some 40 rec centers throughout St. Paul that began assessing fees in January for all groups that reserve facilities for their own use.

Murray students demonstrate pretty fair science

by Tim Chase

Murray Junior High held its annual science fair in January. What was the most memorable moment? "Well for me," said one student, "it was when my bridge fell apart." But despite the occasional crisis, this year's fair was a great success.

Nineteen years ago, Arthur Payne and Dr. Johnny Bland held Murray's first science fair in the library with a handful of students from the school's magnet science program. It has grown into the largest junior high science fair in the state. This year 308 seventh and eighth graders participated, along with 119 judges.

Murray volunteer coordinator Judy Payne lined up judges, and the science faculty prepared students to defend their individualized inquiry project. Students started their projects in

October by formulating a research question.

Through a variety of classroom experiences, students learned how to conduct an investigation.

They did background reading on their topic and wrote a literature review that included a bibliography of the sources used. They described their purpose, hypothesis and procedure. Once approved, they began their research.

Topics were far-ranging. Alex Hacker studied how feathers affect the flight of arrows. Stacy Anderson asked whether people with similar characteristics have similar fingerprints.

Charlie Moos considered how the angle of windmill blades affects electrical generation efficiency. Sarah Ludwig studied how temperature affects the generation of electricity.

Nada Abou-Karam looked at how selected compounds affect the resistance of bacteria to tetracycline. Chee Xiong analyzed the water retention of different soils.

Hannah Diment asked how the sample size affects an experiment, while Linnea Holman studied how environ-

mental change affects the temperature at which a frog hibernates.

On the night of the fair, students stood by their boards with note cards in hand. They gave their presentation and asked the judges if they had any questions.

Defending their findings to a judge who is knowledgeable in the area of their project is an experience that goes beyond what students can achieve in the classroom. Judges' feedback, in the form of scores and written comments, is an important part of the learning experience.

Many judges for this year's fair were from the St. Anthony Park neighborhood. Some have children who attended Murray in the past. Others have ties with the University of Minnesota. Murray's business partner, H.B. Fuller, as well as the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, United Defense and Veritas have provided judges.

Judges volunteer three hours of their time to perform a service without which the science fair would be impossible. If you have an interest in volunteering at the next Murray Science Fair, please contact Judy Payne at 293-8740.



The Brown-Jaspers Store Fixture Co. at 2441 University Avenue was built in 1930. It would be protected as part of a historic district being proposed by the St. Paul Heritage Preservation Commission.

Historic designation discussions continue

by Dave Healy

On January 26, the St. Anthony Park Community Council held a public meeting at the Church of St. Cecilia to discuss the possibility of designating part of University Avenue as a historic district. About 30 residents and business owners heard representatives from the St. Paul Heritage Preservation Commission present their plan, which would involve some 20 properties along University Avenue between Hampden Avenue and Highway 280.

The HPC made a similar presentation a little over a year ago. The purpose of the January 26 session, according to Community Council member Rose Gregoire, who chaired the meeting, was to gather additional community input before the

council makes a formal recommendation to the HPC.

"The council is on record as supporting the preservation of the neighborhood's historic character and buildings," Gregoire said. "We wanted to give residents and business owners another opportunity to say whether they think the HPC proposal is the best way to do that."

Achieving historic district status would provide protection for designated buildings. Any plans for demolishing or renovating the exterior of a historic building would have to be approved by the HPC. Property owners would still be free to make whatever changes they wish to a building's interior. Historic designation does not affect what a building is used for.

HPC member Paul Larson, an architectural historian, explained that the commission's interest in the west end of University Avenue in St. Paul stems from its history as a transportation hub. Both the railroad and trucking industries established a presence in the area during the early part of the 20th century.

The oldest building in the proposed district is at 2324 University Avenue, built in 1891 by the Minneapolis Street Railway Co. Little construction was done between then and 1906, Larson said, owing to a lingering economic depression. The rest of the buildings in the proposed district were

Art crawl returns to University-Raymond this month

Over 50 artists will open their studios for the seventh annual Arts Off Raymond on Friday, March 26 from 4-10 p.m. and Saturday, March 27 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The art crawl encompasses University Avenue between Hampden Street in St. Paul and Arthur Street in Minneapolis. The event is free. Maps are available at Chocolat Celeste, 2500 University. For more information, contact Paula Carter at 612-710-3205 or visit www.artsoffraymond.org.

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Congratulations are in order for Dave and Elizabeth Lee who have been selected as Langford's adult volunteer winners for 2003. Dave has been active as Booster Club President. Elizabeth has coached and helped at all of the special events from July 4th, Langford's Sport Classic and our recently held Winter Sport Days. These two volunteers help make Langford Recreation Center a great place to participate. Many thanks to Dave and Elizabeth Lee. An area dinner is scheduled to honor these two and other volunteers late in April at Gabe's. Also, congratulations to our new Prince and Princess of Langford chosen at the Winter Sport Days. They are Evan Vogel and Linnea Holman. Both are fine young adults that will represent Langford in the upcoming year.

Registration for Spring Sports continues at Langford until teams are full for volleyball, indoor soccer, and gym hockey. Summer registration for baseball, softball, nearball, and t-ball starts April 7th and continues until April 25th. For more information, please call (651) 298-5765.

The Langford Booster Club meets every third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. All community residents are welcome to attend. We are still looking for a few more board members who will be involved in the overall activities of the recreation center from activities to policy making, and helping at our annual special event festivities.

Spring Classes will begin the week of March 22nd. Classes offered will be cooking, ping pong, baby sitting, and table tennis. games. For more information please call (651) 298-5765



The Langford Park Booster Club serves to organize, promote and sponsor recreational, athletic, social and civic activities for the benefit, enjoyment and advancement, especially for the young people of the St. Anthony Park community.

Como Park

The Job Corps is proceeding with construction of a new cafeteria and child care center.

Falcon Heights

The city continues to train and expand on their Community Emergency Response Team. In August 2003, 15 volunteers graduated from the first training, and in January 2004, another 21 completed training.

Spring 2004 will see yet another CERT training session as well as ongoing opportunities for the current 37 CERT members. CERT training teaches volunteers how to help, safely and effectively, before professional emergency responders get to the scene.

The City Council has unanimously approved the organized collection goals brought forward by the Solid Waste Commission. This signifies that Falcon Heights wants to develop a more efficient, economical and environmentally sound solid waste disposal system, and build a waste management education plan for all age groups.

City staff will now pursue a program of organized collection according to the conditions of Minnesota Statute 115A.94. This process will involve public participation, study and discussion.

Lauderdale

The city has completed its planned street and utility improvements. All that remains is a final overlay, touch-up details and regular repair work. Lauderdale has no road projects

scheduled until MNDOT begins reconstruction of Highway 280 in 2005.

St. Anthony Park

Council member Gregg Richardson has been appointed as an alternate commissioner for the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization.

The council recommended that the city grant the Dubliner Pub a sound variance and liquor license extension for their St. Patrick's Day event.

The council resolved to support efforts to improve and enhance Dickerman Park, located on the north side of University Avenue between Fairview and Aldine.

A Dickerman Park Task Force brought a resolution to the council requesting that St. Paul's Department of Planning and Economic Development conduct a 40-acre study and master plan for the area.

The resolution also requests that the St. Paul Department of Parks and Recreation work with the task force to facilitate the redesign and development of Dickerman Park in accordance with the task force program.

The task force has 15 members including neighboring property owners and representatives of Hamline Midway Coalition, Merriam Park Community Council, Midway Chamber of Commerce, Friends of the Parks and Trails, elected officials, government agencies, Public Art St. Paul, the St. Paul on the Mississippi Design Center and the Design Center for the American Urban Landscape at the University of Minnesota.

The council passed a resolution in support of creating a transportation-context historic district for the west Midway (Raymond/University) and designating Milton Square as a historic building.

The Alliance for Reasonable Municipal Regulation is proposing legislation at the state level that would limit the ability of a municipality to regulate nonconforming land uses in their jurisdiction.

Such legislation would override portions of St. Paul's current billboard ordinances, thus limiting the city's control over the billboards and other land uses within its boundaries. The council resolved to oppose these efforts and to communicate this resolve to state legislators.

The owners of 97 Langford Park, currently six rental units, want to convert the building to condominiums. They sought support for variances to build four new garages. The Council recommended that the Board of Zoning Appeals approve the variances.

Fifteen residents from St. Anthony Park attended a workshop on reducing toxins in the home. The workshop was sponsored by the Environment Committee.

The Environment Committee will be installing turtle basking logs and fish cribs on Kasota Pond on February 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Anyone interested in helping can call the office at 649-5992.

—Susan Conner

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Sale Price (Sparrs)	101.1%	100.9%	101.0%	101.0%
to List Price (All Other Agents)	96.0%	99.8%	97.4%	97.7%

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Tibetan Community Cultural Center finds new home on Raymond Ave. in St. Anthony Park

by Natalie Zett

In 1959, the 14th Dalai Lama was forced to flee his homeland due to the Chinese occupation. Since then, thousands of Tibetans have done likewise as conditions in their native country have deteriorated.

The Tibetan Diaspora now numbers over 111,000—many of whom are in India, the home of the Dalai Lama and headquarters of Tibet's government-in-exile. Of the estimated 7,000 who have settled in Canada and the United States, Minnesota has the largest population of Tibetans.

That growth is in no small part due to the work of the Tibetan American Foundation of Minnesota (TAFM), part of the Tibetan Community Cultural Center (TCCC), which since last summer has been located at the corner of Raymond Avenue and Energy Park Drive, previous home of the National Cancer Society in the Twin Cities.

With hands folded at his desk, Jigme Taythi, TAFM executive director, glanced at the photograph of the Dalai Lama silently watching over his left shoulder.

"When I came here, there were only a few of us. Now, there are over 1200 Tibetans who call Minnesota home," said Taythi.

Ann Ayrault, a non-Tibetan who volunteers time at the organization, said, "We were previously in a rented space which was small and cramped. Now, the Tibetans own this building, which has space for programs like the Tibetan Cultural School, dance and music classes, celebrations and other events."

"The space has been well blessed," added Taythi as he pointed to photos of His Holiness Sakya Trizin (the Patriarch of one of the four Orders in Tibetan Buddhism called Sakyapa), who, along with his son, his Eminence Ratna Vajra Rinpoche, conducted a blessing ceremony when the center was newly purchased. In addition, the monks of the Gyuto Wheel of Dharma Monastery, located in Northeast Minneapolis, also blessed the new building.

Besides administrative

offices, the TCCC has an ornate prayer room and an auditorium where a large canvas painting of Tibet's Potala Palace is displayed. Built in Tibet's capital, Lhasa, the imposing structure is situated on 150 feet of solid rock and towers 500 feet above the valley below. Before the Chinese occupation, it was home to the successive Dalai Lamas.

"Many Tibetans have never seen Tibet," said Taythi. "That is why we have programs like the Tibetan Cultural School that teach children to read and write Tibetan, as well as give lessons in history and culture. This will help preserve our values and our culture."

Along with the Tibetan Cultural School, the TCCC also hosts programs for newly-arrived Tibetans, teaching English and other survival skills essential for life in the United States. They also have numerous outreach programs for non-Tibetans, such as language and dance classes.

The organization is important to the Tibetans, so much so that as a community they collectively decided that each adult member, 18 years and older, would support the organization by donating \$200 annually. The center, in turn, provides resources and fellowship for the community. It is also the site of many celebrations, such as high school graduations.

"When Tibetan children graduate from high school, the entire community joins in the celebration," said Taythi. The young people are honored with a special ceremony where they receive a certificate and a "khatag," a white silk scarf given as a symbol of honor by the TAFM.

Taythi said that education is paramount to Tibetans. "You can take people's property, but education," he paused, pointing to his heart, "is in here. They can't take that away—our education and our spirituality."

Taythi speaks from experience. Though born in Tibet, he left at the age of six. His father was part of the Tibetan Resistance movement, which was chronicled in the book "Orphans of the Cold War."

The CIA trained the Tibetan resistance fighters in Colorado and funded their efforts in the late 1950s, well after Chinese occupation. By the end of the 1960s, the CIA ended the effort, abandoning the Tibetans. Taythi's father died as the result of a hunger strike protesting the Chinese occupation.

Taythi moved with his remaining family to India, where he eventually attended Bangalore University, studying economics. While in India, he was involved in the Tibetan community's development efforts. He was later sponsored by a church in New York and finally moved to Minnesota. He, his wife and four children live in Richfield.

Along with settling in its new home, the TAFM, which hosted the Dalai Lama's visit to the Twin Cities in 2001, is preparing its next big outreach: the Tibetan Film Festival, which takes place March 5-11 and is co-sponsored by Minnesota Film Arts.

All films will be shown at the Bell Auditorium on the campus of the University of Minnesota, University Avenue and 17th Avenue SE in Minneapolis. Tickets are \$6 at the door, except for the opening night screening/gala reception, which is \$18. For more information, call 917-9556 or 917-9565.

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EDITORIAL

Footing the bill

What's the most equitable way to fund government services?

Traditionally, that question has been answered in two main ways. One approach is to levy taxes on all citizens and to apportion tax revenues to various services that those citizens use. Taxes are assessed on property, income and purchases. Taxes fund schools, libraries, parks, road construction and maintenance, law enforcement, fire protection and a host of other facilities and services.

One argument against using taxes to fund government services is that not all citizens benefit equally from them. For example, should people without children in public schools be required to support those schools through taxes they pay? Should parents whose children walk to school have to pay for busing? Should people whose income disqualifies them from welfare benefits be obliged to fund those benefits for others? Should those who never set foot in a park or library be charged to maintain those facilities?

Such questions have given rise to another way of financing services: charging people directly if and when they use something. User fees might take the form of an admission charge to a state-supported park or zoo, for example, or a participation fee for high school athletes. The St. Paul Police Department charges particular property owners for "excessive consumption of police services."

Most user fees, however, are not an alternative to tax funding but rather a supplement. The Minnesota Zoo receives tax money and it charges for admission. Public schools are state-supported and they assess participation fees. We all pay for police protection, but some people pay extra.

The fact that the relationship between taxes and user fees is not either/or but both/and sometime prompts complaints. "I'm already supporting such-and-such with my taxes. Why should I have to pay extra to use it?" That reaction is especially likely when the service in question has hitherto been "free" but suddenly acquires a user fee.

A case in point is the recent decision by St. Paul's Parks and Recreation Department to begin charging groups to reserve recreation center facilities for their own use. In the past, if a neighborhood group such as the local Cub Scout pack wanted to hold a meeting at the Northwest Como Rec Center, it could do so for no charge. Now, however, the Scouts have to pay.

Is that fair?

Some people would say yes. Those who benefit from a service or facility should be the ones to support it. By that logic, though, government services should be funded exclusively through user fees. Only those who use should pay.

But such an approach has several serious limitations. For one thing, some services would be prohibitively expensive if the entire cost fell on users. How well would it work, for example, to fund a fire department exclusively from user fees? And how practical (to say nothing of how humane) is it to send a fire fighting bill to someone who's just lost a home or business?

Also, some services are preventative rather than reactive. Maintaining a certain police presence in a community reduces some kinds of criminal activity. How can that be funded with user fees?

But relying exclusively on user fees isn't suspect only on practical grounds. It also threatens something less tangible but equally important: a community's sense of shared ownership and value.

Here the assumption is that we all benefit from strong community institutions and services—regardless of how directly or frequently we use them. Our neighborhoods are better because of strong schools and libraries and rec centers and parks. And recognizing that, all of us are willing to share the responsibility of preserving and enhancing them.

A case can be made for user fees. But charging people to use something they're already subsidizing sounds like double-dipping—or a thinly veiled substitute for higher taxes.

A bench for Ben Doran

Last April 4th, my friend Ben Doran died from a brutal beating in a tragic case of mistaken identity. This summer I worked closely with Kari Rise and Catherine Harding to develop a Bench for Ben Fund to raise money for a memorial bench to be placed in Langford Park.

Ben was an active member of the St. Anthony Park community. He attended St. Anthony Park Elementary and Murray Junior High, and played on the Langford basketball team for several years. His death has not only affected my peers and me, but our entire community.

A fundraiser was held at Langford Park's recent Winter Sports Days to collect money for the bench. Many volunteers came to help, including some of Ben's close friends and family. It was wonderful to see such community involvement. I can't even remember the number of

thank-yous I received from people who knew Ben Doran and recognized all of the hard work and dedication put into this fundraiser.

We raised approximately \$900. The estimated total cost of the bench is \$2,000. The deadline for securing a bench is in mid-April, and we still have \$1,100 to go.

Donations are still being accepted. Any contribution is much appreciated and will go toward placing a park bench at Langford Park in memory of a dear friend.

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Make checks payable to SAP Community Foundation. All donations over \$20 are tax deductible

Thank you.

Ashley Zborowsky
St. Anthony Park

Come see some local talent

We're writing to invite the entire community to St. Anthony Park Elementary School's annual talent show.

This year's production will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 12 at the Murray Junior High auditorium.

Students will audition March 1 and 2 for spots in the show. Last year's event featured a stand-up comic, singers, dancers, a juggling act, a unicyclist and musicians of all kinds.

This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and watch some talented young performers. Please join us for what promises to be an enjoyable evening.

Seth Levin and Jenny Offi
Talent show co-organizers

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constructed between 1906 and 1939.

The west end of University Avenue has also been considered for a major development project. Metro Plains, a St. Paul-based company, envisions mixed-use construction that would include apartments and condominiums on the north side of University.

In addition, University Avenue has been proposed as a light-rail route, the "Central Corridor," between St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Asked if such projects would be constrained by the area's status as a historic district, Larson replied that new development could certainly be compatible with University Avenue's historical character.

"The architectural variety of the proposed district would facilitate varied development efforts," he said. "New buildings wouldn't have to be an exact match of existing structures."

HPC member Lee Meyer added that historic designation would neither accelerate nor

decelerate development on University Avenue. "The only exception would be if the area also achieves national historic designation," he said, "in which case some financial incentives could speed development."

HPC staff member Amy Spong explained that if historic district status is conferred at the city level, the area would be eligible for consideration by the State Historic Preservation Office as candidate for the National Register. National historic district certification would make affected property owners eligible for federal tax credits.

The St. Paul Heritage Preservation Commission was established in 1976 by city charter. Its first project was the preservation of the Federal Courts Building in downtown St. Paul, now known as the Landmark Center.

The HPC is made up of 13 citizen members who evaluate the architectural and historic significance of buildings and districts in the city, make

recommendations to the City Council for historic designation and review proposed alterations to designated properties.

The next step in the historical designation process is for the Community Council to make a recommendation to the HPC. A positive recommendation would result in additional opportunities for public comment. Ultimately, historic designation would have to be approved by the St. Paul Planning Commission, the City Council and the State Historic Preservation office.

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Jazzman's music warms winter-weary commuters

by Judy Woodward

Heavy snow is falling as Campus Connector Bus 657 pulls up to the Student Center at the U of M's St. Paul campus. It's late in the afternoon and the waiting riders are squinting into the bad weather, wearing the resigned expressions of people who are too cold and tired to keep up pretenses of energy and spirit.

The out-of-state students among them are no doubt questioning whatever whim it was that brought them to this wintry place. The Minnesotans have long since given up hopes of a rational explanation.

All that changes, however, when the bus door swings open and the music pours forth.

As the sweet sounds of Kansas City jazz flow over the waiting crowd like warm caramel over vanilla ice cream, the bus driver greets each rider with a smile and an individual "How's it goin'?"

Outside, life may be cold, cheerless and bleak. But inside the bus, there's warmth, harmony and kindness. Gradually, the pinched faces of the boarding passengers begin to relax as they realize that even a Minnesota winter offers an occasional respite.

Jazzman the bus driver is back.

The Jazzman, otherwise known as Robert Thompson, has been driving the shuttle buses that connect the U's two Twin Cities campuses for about five years. Five afternoons a week he treats the luckiest of the 55,000 riders a month who use the free transit service to a carefully chosen concert of jazz recordings from his personal collection of more than 200 CDs.

Thompson has equipped his bus with his own sound system. Each evening he lays out the "mix" of about 15 CDs that he'll use on the next day's commuters.

He tries to coordinate the sound of the day to the weather.

The antidote to a dreary day, says Thompson, is organ music. A sunny day? "I try to create a tropical mood with Caribbean music."

When he took the job, Thompson, 48, thought of bus driving as a way to earn some extra money. He had no plans to become the disc jockey of bus drivers. Gradually, though, the role crept up on him.

"I love music," he says simply, and he began to play it on the bus for his own enjoyment.

Then he began to notice the effect on the passengers. After some preliminary experimentation with rhythm and blues, he settled down to a "slow jazz" format. The riders loved it.

"The passengers were really uptight," he explains, "so I said I'll play slow jazz. Pretty soon, people started talking with one another."

Nowadays, bus driving for Thompson is "like driving your friends all day, listening to jazz." Sometimes he enjoys his work so much that he doesn't know when to quit.

"I'm finished at 5:41 p.m.," Thompson says, "but one day last week I was having such a good time that I made an extra trip back to Blegen Hall."

Jazzman isn't the only one having fun. From the time they step on his bus, under the hand-painted plaque that shows a saxophone heralding "The Jazzman" in maroon-and-gold lettering (a gift from a frequent rider), the passengers know that Number 657 is no ordinary bus.

Tai Tran, 19, a freshman in mechanical engineering, confesses that he was uncertain when he first encountered the Jazzman. "This is different from other buses," he says, "but I'm learning that jazz is calming on a day like this."

Thompson is used to encountering some initial hesitation from his audience. "Sometimes you get people who come to the U from a rural area maybe," he says. "You can sense it the first time if a guy hasn't been around black guys before."

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Jazzman's music from page 5

But after a month or two, that changes."

Faced with the combined charms of the music and Thompson's infectious hospitable personality, inhibitions don't stand a chance.

Mitchell Ellingsen, 25, a dentistry student from the notably-funky environs of Stillwater, surprised himself after several months of riding the Jazzman's bus. "I liked the music so much, I actually went out and bought a couple of CDs. It's always a pleasant treat to see him."

Does the Jazzman ever encounter anybody who doesn't like his music? The most he'll allow is that "once in a while, people will get on with a bad attitude—maybe they're having a funky day. I say, 'Hope you have a better day.' After a while, maybe they'll come back up to the front of the bus. They apologize and say thanks a lot for the music."

The Jazzman likes to think of himself as a kind of adjunct educator in music appreciation. "You may not graduate in your regular courses at the U," he says, "but if you ride my bus, you'll have a Ph.D. in jazz."

He's happy to share his favorites with a jazz novice. "Miles Davis' 'Kind of Blue' is everybody's first CD," he says. "You can't go wrong with it." He also suggests the "beautiful ballads" of a famous early 60s recording of John Coltrane and Johnny Hartman. He recommends Applause and the Electric Fetus as good places to shop for jazz recordings.

Thompson thinks he's teaching his riders about the music he loves, but his audience knows that he's imparting some deeper lessons as well.

Theresa Ayres, a CLA freshman from Mendota Heights, sums it up. "You go to college so that you can get a job. But it's important to get a job that you love. It's kind of a reminder of that principle when you see someone who's doing a job he loves."

The Jazzman is a modest man who would be horrified at the suggestion that he is making a public expression of anything so private as religious belief. Yet, he quietly concedes that he considers himself a religious man, one who's doing his best to live his faith.

And why not? If Shakespeare found sermons in stones, why shouldn't the Jazzman hear them in music CDs? How else to account for the spirit that transforms a bus load of cold, exhausted strangers into a small island of human warmth on the bitterest of winter days?

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No bones about it

by Kristi Curry Rogers

The other day while I sat at my desk studying a new dinosaur skeleton, the blustery, snowy day prompted me to ponder winter and dinosaurs. Usually, when we see illustrations of the Mesozoic era (that long stretch of time when dinos roamed the earth), they portray lush, tropical, warm environments . . . anything but winter.

I don't know about you, but I hardly ever imagine dinosaurs frolicking in the snow! But although our imaginations usually put dinos in tropical temperatures, they actually ranged all over the planet, including at the frigid top and bottom of the world.

The first discoveries of dinosaurs in polar regions came in 1960, when a set of footprints was found at Spitzbergen, an island about halfway between Norway and the North Pole. Since then, paleontologists have taken a more serious look at places like Antarctica and Alaska.

With each new discovery, new questions comes to light: How cold was it at the North and South Poles when dinosaurs made their homes there? Did dinosaurs migrate to warmer climates during the coldest parts of the winter? Did they hibernate or stay active?

Scientists hard at work in Australia (which was officially polar way back during the Age of Dinosaurs), Antarctica and on the North Slope of Alaska are

beginning to tease apart the answers to these questions. Fossilized pollen samples preserved with the dinosaurs have allowed paleontologists to decipher the ancient environment in places like Alaska and Australia.

Back in the Cretaceous Period (about 75 million years ago) the average annual temperatures ranged from 21-37° Fahrenheit. Here in St. Paul, our average annual temperature is a balmy 45° F. That means dinosaurs would have faced the same winter problems we have here in Minnesota, and maybe even worse—freezing temperatures, reduced food supplies and long periods of darkness.

Lucky for those dinosaurs, it appears as if they might have been uniquely specialized for dealing with cold, dark winters. Many different types of dinosaurs have been found in polar regions, including meat-eating theropods, large plant-eating duckbilled dinosaurs and the small plant eaters called hypsilophodontids.

In fact, nearly half of the dinosaur fossils found in southeastern Australia are hypsilophodontids. These dinosaurs were small, bipedal and only around two feet tall.

Several key features have led scientists to believe that these little dinos were well-suited to polar conditions. The optic lobes

of their brains (which relate to vision capabilities) are enlarged compared to dinosaurs living closer to the equator, and might mean that hypsilophodontids had a well-developed ability to see in the dark. Perfect if you have to spend three months of the winter scrounging for food with only a little sunlight.

And what about migration and winter activity levels? At present, it looks as though at least some dinosaurs stayed where they were and waited out the long winter (at least those that lived near the South Pole), and probably stayed active while they did it.

Many polar dinosaur bones contain distinctive rings that might indicate their growth slowed down significantly for a part of the year, which would have allowed them to focus energy on finding food and staying warm rather than on growing. In terms of migrating, traveling the 1250 miles to warmer climates doesn't make energetic sense for tiny dinosaurs.

So, tonight as you peer out at the falling snow, feel free to imagine dinosaurs rummaging through the evergreens or tipping over the trash barrels in search of a late night snack. Who knows? Maybe those polar dinosaurs would have had trouble getting used to Minnesota's "balmy" winter!



4-H News

by Bobby Ragoonanan

Hello, it's me—your crazy 4-H reporter. I'm sorry I cannot describe the entire 4-H meeting on February 7 because I was in a basketball game for part of it. Our team lost to the Bobcats.

I arrived in the middle of cookie baking. Some people were sewing bags for the International Foreign Youth Exchange.

I did most of the oven work. I tell you, baking that many cookies and making sure they don't burn is hard work! At least the residents of St. Anthony Park Nursing Home aren't picky about their cookies.

After the baking, we had some relaxation time and then a

potluck lunch. I played my Gameboy Advance SP, a portable device for playing the most awesome video games. Then we went to the nursing home.

We all had a good time sharing cookies and socializing with the residents. The residents obviously enjoyed it also. I played the piano and Amanda Weber played the flute. Emma Weber sang, and two other club members played the piano as well.

Thanks for reading my report, for it won't be long now until I, Clone #21044207, will take over the world! Be happy while you can. Hahahaaaa!

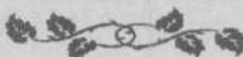
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This is the third roundtable discussion hosted by the Bugle in response to David Lanegran's September 2003 report "St. Anthony Park: A Community Built on a Solid Foundation." Lanegran and his associates surveyed neighborhood residents and business owners to determine their chief concerns in areas such as housing, community assets, transportation, environment and economic development. In the economic development section of the survey, the category garnering the most responses was "establishing a mix of shopping and customer-service businesses."

The Bugle invited four people who live or work in St. Anthony Park to spend an evening discussing the neighborhood's business climate:

Lori Fritts, neighborhood resident, executive director of Midway Chamber of Commerce.

Catherine Holtzclaw, president of Holtzclaw & Associates in north St. Anthony Park
Mike Phillips, District 12 Community Council member, owner and executive chef of Chet's Taverna in south St. Anthony Park

Steve Wellington, neighborhood resident, president of Wellington Management

What are St. Anthony Park's strengths and weaknesses as a location for retail and service-related businesses?

Phillips: As I talk with other business owners in the area, community support is the biggest strength in this neighborhood. I see many people wanting to support local restaurants, coffee shops, places to buy books and gifts. As far as weaknesses go, in our position as a restaurant in south St. Anthony Park, there isn't much going on around us in the evenings to draw people to the area—no theater, movies, music. We might get some early diners from Minneapolis on their way to an event in St. Paul, or vice versa, but after 8 p.m. it's pretty quiet. This community is great as far as supporting places like ours, but our business can't solely be based on the community. You have to draw from outside the area, so you need something else—especially at night—to bring in people from the outside.

Wellington: Most retail is driven by disposable income and demographics. I think we have favorable demographics in this community—enough middle- and upper-income people to support a variety of retail businesses. There are a lot of people who enjoy the atmosphere of the neighborhood and our owner-operated businesses. I don't think retailers here are driven solely by how much money they can make. Certainly it's important that people make a living, but I think if it were just a matter of filling their pockets we'd probably have fewer retailers. A real strength of this neighborhood is the character and talent of the people who own our retail establishments.

Fritts: Mike was talking about the importance of drawing people from outside the area, and I think one of our weaknesses is parking. It only takes once or twice for someone trying to patronize an establishment, who's unable to find a parking spot, to decide that it's just not worth it.

Wellington: One way to solve parking is through rezoning. There have been occasional discussions of expanding the commercial district in St. Anthony Park, but the community has pretty consistently resisted such efforts. It's a delicate balance to maintain between the needs of the commercial district and the needs of the residential community. But I think we need to consider selective expansion of the commercial area. We are kind of locked into a status quo sense of land use.

Holtzclaw: When I have vacancies in the commercial building I own here in St. Anthony Park, one thing I hear about over and over again from prospective tenants is the lack of parking.

Fritts: I know that many of the shops try to get their employees to park a ways away, but it gets pretty complicated for owners with a number of employees to control that.

Holtzclaw: It's certainly better than it used to be now that there are some parking restrictions on residential streets.

Phillips: It seems there is more creative thinking going on in the south St. Anthony commercial district than in north St. Anthony. North St. Anthony Park businesses are locked into a residential neighborhood, but in south St. Anthony there's much more opportunity for development, and there are some pretty exciting things being discussed—the historic district, a biotech corridor, light rail.

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Wellington: Since December we've had a vacancy on Grand Avenue, between Grand Drive, which is in this odd mid-zone between Grand and Grand Avenue, and Grand Avenue, which had offices there, relocated there in Minneapolis. We signed a lease last week, and that will take over that space. So that vacancy, there were lines around the block to look at the people who were interested, which I think speaks for itself.

What about service-related businesses?

Holtzclaw: I think most service-related businesses see themselves as destinations. Certainly I have a few, but I also I have many from Minneapolis and probably true for other businesses, such as the insurance agent and several lawyers in the area see themselves as destinations.

Wellington: Then there are the bank and the businesses but not owner-occupied. We're for in this neighborhood. Of course, in today's economy, with fewer services—and also with less local investment in the area, St. Anthony Park Bank offers. The bank's mail sorting function was moved to a small percentage of the space in that building, they might decide to downsize or relocate there, or to some other place.

Holtzclaw: The post office would be a huge asset in the area use it, but a lot of people stop at the businesses at the same time.

What are advantages and disadvantages of shopping and services for customers?

Wellington: Certainly most businesses would like to be able to. For smaller establishments, it's an assignment to make yourself a "destination."

Holtzclaw: If a business becomes a destination, it's likely to use the other businesses in the area. I hope for, of course, is that someone will come have lunch or shop at another nearby store.

Fritts: I think most people try to combine their shopping with other things. If you don't have one or two businesses, people will drive to the neighborhood to go shopping, but other stops on foot.

Phillips: I hear a lot of people talk about not having a parking lot. They'd like a happy medium—some place to the point where parking takes over the street.

Wellington: I wouldn't want to become a Grand Avenue, where the businesses are double or triple what they are here, so the customers that puts real pressure on the surrounding area. Retailers are locating on Grand Avenue.

Phillips: Yes, that would really change the character of the neighborhood.

Wellington: So would having more places to park.

Fritts: There are pretty strong feelings in this neighborhood about the way they are. That can make it hard for new businesses to move in.

Wellington: Still, I'd rather have people be passionate about the area than be apathetic.

Holtzclaw: I think the demographics of the area have been here a long time may be more resistant to change. Those people are selling their homes and moving, and that demographic shift affect the loyalty factor.

Phillips: At our restaurant we undertook a menu change to organic and locally grown products, which was accepted by the community. This has been a challenge, but I think there will always be a fair number of people in south St. Anthony Park. I don't think you're going to see a lot of change in the next few years. Muffuletta is an exception. If the John

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Wellington: With our Emerald Gardens project, probably the most common question we get asked is, "Where is the closest retail?" So any increase in housing along University Avenue is going to create more demand for business services in that area.

Fritts: And not just housing. Having more offices increases the density of people in the area during the day. Many of them will want to eat lunch somewhere close by.

Wellington: Mike, does Chet's do better business at lunch or dinner?

Phillips: It really varies. One day we might be full for lunch and have only four tables for dinner, and the next day it might be just the reverse.

Wellington: When Bruegger's was contemplating moving in at Park Crossing, they told us, "We either have weekend stores or weekday stores. We're not sure which this will be." I wasn't sure what they meant. They explained that if they locate in a high-employment center, like downtown, that's a weekday store. If they're in a suburban neighborhood, that's more of a weekend or evening store. The Park Crossing Bruegger's turned out to be a little of both, which is unusual in their experience. Successful retailers have often learned how to appeal both to the residential and business communities in their area. One important characteristic of St. Anthony Park's retail shopping environment is that it provides both.

How might larger economic and demographic trends affect the business climate in St. Anthony Park over the next few years?

Fritts: Mike mentioned the biotech corridor. If that takes hold, it would bring in a whole different group of people we haven't had in the area—more businesses with clients from other parts of town or from the University of Minnesota who will then be coming to our neighborhood to do business. There are a lot of opportunities out there, but I think the community will be very cautious in evaluating them. I hope that more conversations like this one will take place and help people keep an open mind.

Phillips: If light rail ever goes down University Avenue, that could certainly change the University-Raymond area, especially if there were a connecting bus line that went along Raymond Avenue. And of course it depends on who will use light rail. Where are they going, where are they coming from, and why?

Wellington: I think over the next 25 years there's likely to be more high-density housing built in St. Anthony Park, which would benefit local retailers even if there's no major change in the commercial space. I'm amazed, for example, at the creative architecture of the three houses going up on a small strip of land on Eustis next to the old Labor Temple. You wonder, how long will the U.S. Bank parking lot survive, the one across Raymond from Chet's? Or the United Methodist Church parking lot on Como? With the demand for housing in this neighborhood, I have to believe there are changes in store. I think increased housing density will accrue to the benefit of the neighborhood if it's done thoughtfully and with community input.

What kinds of new businesses should St. Anthony Park try to attract?

Phillips: It would be nice to see a theater or movie house—some sort of entertainment. From my end of things, that's the kind of thing that will bring customers to the area.

Fritts: I think there are a lot of parents in the neighborhood who are looking for activities for their children, so something like a karate or dance studio would seem to make sense.

Wellington: When you talk about retail, it's hard to predict what's going to catch on. We just leased a site in Woodbury—10,000 square feet devoted to scrapbooking. Who would have thought people would go to a store to buy stuff for making scrapbooks?

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St. Anthony Park Elementary School will hold a kindergarten roundup on Thursday, April 24 at 6 p.m. Parents and children will have a chance to meet the principal and kindergarten

teachers and see the classrooms. Also, parents can pick up a registration packet or turn in completed registration materials. To get a packet, call the school at 293-8735.

Lenten Series

St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church invites the public to its Lenten series on Wednesday evenings in March at the church, 2323 Como Avenue. A soup supper takes place at 5:30 p.m., followed by the series at 7 p.m., which will focus on the Lord's Prayer. Falcon Heights resident

James Nestingen, author and professor of church history at Luther Seminary, will lead the series. For more information, call 645-0371.

People

St. Anthony Park Bank President Rick Beeson has been appointed chair-elect of the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce's board of directors. Beeson has been president of the bank since 1995, and served on the Chamber's board in 1994, 2002 and 2003. He is also a past chair of the Midway Chamber of Commerce.

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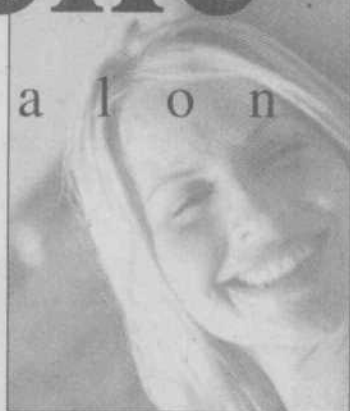
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MARCH CALENDAR

1 Monday

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

2 Tuesday

- Tot Time (for 5-year-olds and younger), Langford Park Rec Center (651-298-5765), 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Every Tuesday.
- Toastmasters (651-645-6675), training in effective speaking, Hewlett Packard, Broadway & 280, 7:35-8:35 a.m. Every Tuesday.
- Free blood pressure clinic and health resources by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program, Seal High Rise (825 Seal St.), 1-3 p.m. Every Tuesday.
- Chair Exercise Classes - Seal High Rise, 825 Seal Street every Tuesday and Thursday at 1:30 p.m. These classes are free to all area seniors, but pre-registration is necessary. Chair exercise classes are appropriate for all fitness and ability levels, and offer cardiovascular workout. All major muscle groups are exercised. Call 651-642-9052 to pre-register.

3 Wednesday

- Women's Connection, a women's networking organization (651-603-0954), Hubert Humphrey Job Corps Center, 1480 Snelling, Building #1, 8 a.m. Every Wednesday.
- Leisure Center for Seniors (651-603-8946), St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday. Every Wednesday.
- St. Anthony Park recycling.

4 Thursday

- Tot Time (for 5-year-olds and younger), South St. Anthony Rec Center (651-298-5765), 10 a.m.-noon. Every Thursday.
- Toastmasters (651-649-5162), U.S. Forest Service, 1992 Folwell Ave., St. Paul Campus, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Every Thursday.
- Chair Exercise Classes - Seal High Rise, 825 Seal Street every Tuesday and Thursday at 1:30 p.m. Call 651-642-9052 to pre-register.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Land Use Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 6 p.m.
- St. Anthony Park Writers Group (645-1345), St. Anthony Park Library, 6:30 p.m.

5 Friday

- Senior Citizen Fun Group (gym, bowling and darts), South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Every Friday. (First Friday, blood pressure clinic by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program, 9-10 a.m.).
- Falcon Heights recycling.

8 Monday

- Park Press Inc., Park Bugle Board Meeting, St. Anthony Park Bank Community Room, 7 a.m.

9 Tuesday

- Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., 7:30 p.m.
- St. Anthony Park Garden Club, St. Anthony Park Library, 6:30 p.m.

10 Wednesday

- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 Larpeur Ave., 7 p.m.
- Leisure Center for Seniors (651-603-8946), St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday. Free blood pressure clinic by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program.

11 Thursday

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

12 Friday

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

15 Monday

- Como Park & Lauderdale recycling.

16 Tuesday

- District 10 board meeting, call 651-644-3889 for details.

17 Wednesday

- Langford Booster Club, Langford Park, 7 p.m.
- St. Anthony Park recycling.

19 Friday

- Falcon Heights recycling.

22 Monday

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

23 Tuesday

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

24 Wednesday

- Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 2077 Larpeur Ave., 7 p.m.
- St. Anthony Park Community Council Environment Committee, So. St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.
- Leisure Center for Seniors (651-603-8946), St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday. Free blood pressure clinic by St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program.

29 Monday

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31 Wednesday

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As I write this March column, I have no idea whether the month will be coming in like a lion or a lamb. I probably could have consulted our local weather expert, Mark Seeley from the U., but I'm guessing most of you rely on sources other than this monthly column for - as the broadcast meteorologists like to say - your weather.

No, I'm bringing up this weathered cliché as a way to introduce a metaphorical update on the foundation's strategic planning progress. Much like the spring, we are slowly, but surely, making a transition. The seeds of opportunity planted in our early years have been nurtured by this community and have grown into an organization that is ready to bear fruit. (I promise that's as far as I'll go with the metaphor.)



Jon Schumacher

community life identified by neighbors as having the greatest priority. We will then meet with representative organizations and individuals to help develop strategies that will improve their long-term effectiveness. And, of course, we will continue our partnership with the Community Council as it develops a neighborhood plan.

We expect to complete this strategic planning process in the next few months. We will also announce an updated granting cycle and new grantmaking criteria to focus support in those areas of most immediate need.

And so, our growth continues. We thank everyone for their contributions, patience, and confidence as we seek more permanent ways to strengthen St. Anthony Park. We look forward to your continued support and involvement as we move forward together.



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Aging Gracefully by Mary Jo Tarasor

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Maybe it's because fewer people are fitted with hearing aids early in life. Maybe it's because glasses are available in rainbow colors and a myriad of sizes and styles, while hearing aids are supposed to be heard, not seen.

Whatever the reason, many people who have some degree of hearing loss and could benefit from the use of corrective devices or procedures don't get the help they need to hear correctly.

There's at least one in every family. You know—the person who yells into the telephone, or sets the television or radio volume at a level so that the whole block can listen in. It's Uncle George or Grandma—or is it you?

Hearing loss is affecting more and more people at younger ages because we live in a world that has become louder and louder, and our ears are being damaged by overexposure to high decibel levels. Baby boomers' ears have aged roughly 20 years faster than their parents' ears.

Tinnitus is a constant ringing in the ears. Its cause is not clear, but it is either increasing or becoming more accurately diagnosed, since reported cases

now affect up to 20 percent of the population. If you have this condition, you may have been told that nothing can be done. If so, you have been misinformed.

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Hearing loss most affects people who suffer from it. But it also affects those people closest to the hearing-impaired person.

If you know anyone who may suffer from hearing loss, you can do a lot to help. Make note of specific situations you've observed that have given you cause for concern. Have these notes with you when you bring the topic up.

Emphasize your concern and care for the person, and be aware that you may need to discuss this more than once for the person you are concerned about to accept your views.

Before you discuss the issue, keep in mind that the hearing-impaired person might not be aware of the problem and may be sensitive to the idea of hearing loss.

Suggest a contact with the family doctor to verify or disprove your concerns. A doctor can test for a hearing problem. If there is a problem, the doctor will recommend a visit to a hearing care professional.

You can continue being

supportive by becoming better informed about hearing loss. The more you know, the better you can help. A good resource is www.hear-it.org.

And if you notice that it is you who seems to be missing parts of conversations, or tuning the volume higher than you used to, read all of the above over again and apply it to yourself.

You deserve to hear what's going on around you. You miss so much in life when you can't hear it. Take care of yourself the same way you would a relative or friend. Can you hear me now?

The St. Anthony Park Block Nurse is interested in your ideas and opinions about health and safety topics for all of us as we get older. If you have comments or suggestions, please contact us at 642-9052 or sapbnp@biistream.net.

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Carla M. Arny

Carla M. Arny, age 67, passed away peacefully on January 18, 2004. She was a longtime resident of St. Anthony Park.

Carla graduated with a B.A. in education from the University of Minnesota and taught physical education at Marshall U High School in Minneapolis.

She was committed to community service and proudly received the Minnesota Medical Association Auxiliary Community Service Award in 2000.

She is survived by her husband of 47 years, Dr. Rick Arny; son Carl (JoAnn) Arny; daughter Karyn (Peter) Grebner; and grandchildren Wil, Taylor, Britta and Cedric.

A memorial service was held January 24, 2004 at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ.

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"I have to enforce the policy," said Holtkamp. "I would love to be able to schedule people the way I did before, but since the state and city have such budget problems, they have to push the fees."

One group that used the Langford center for their meetings last year was a local Girl Scout troop. Their leader, Kim Holman, said they were able to use a small room and sometimes part of the gym.

When she heard about the new city policy, she said, "I am really disappointed to hear that. I think that the center should be available for the community to use for free."

The St. Anthony Park Community Garden has used the Langford gym for several years to conduct its pre-season meeting on a Saturday morning. Their one-and-a-half-hour session would now cost them about \$50 for the space and an additional \$50 for extra chairs.

Feline Rescue, a nonprofit organization that rescues cats and promotes responsible cat ownership, has been located in south St. Anthony Park since its beginnings in 1997.

For the past four years they have used the South St. Anthony Rec Center, including the fields, each fall for a large fundraiser called Kat Daze. They have been charged only for the necessary staffing of the facility during that time: 12-5 p.m. on a Sunday afternoon.

According to Terry St. Sauver, one of Feline Rescue's founders and current chair of Kat Daze, the new policy means Feline Rescue would have to pay \$2000 for Kat Daze.

Feline Rescue is an all-volunteer organization dependent on donations. Kat Daze has been promoted as a free community event. It involves

120 volunteers, some of them local residents.

St. Sauver said, "We saw our event as contributing to community spirit. People can just walk in and enjoy it without paying anything. Isn't part of the whole idea of community to have events that allow neighbors to come together? We are extremely disappointed. We don't know what we are going to do."

Until now, St. Sauver said, Feline Rescue has been able to use a rec center room for their monthly meetings, since their own space has no suitable room and what they do have is "full of cats." The new policy will assess a charge for this meeting as well.

Bell said that in formulating the new policy "the city didn't pull this out of a hat. There were many committee meetings. We compared our situation with several other places."

Asked whether citizen or neighborhood input was used in formulating the new policy, he said, "We didn't ask for neighborhood input. It's the job of staff to make policy."

Ward 4 City Council member Jay Benanav expressed displeasure with the new policy.

"I find it very disturbing that this was done," he said. "It is not the job of staff to make policy. The job of staff is to make recommendations. It is the job of the City Council to make policy. The City Council should be involved in this. This kind of thing will result in fewer people using the centers for neighborhood activities, less community gathering—and then, an excuse to close centers."

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