

# Park Bugle

St. Anthony Park, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale & Northwest Como Park

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## Civil Air Patrol flies to keep skies friendly

by Michelle Christianson

Many different groups march in the St. Anthony Park Fourth of July parade, and some of them are easily identifiable: Neighbors for Peace, the Boy Scouts, the lawnmower brigade. But what of the others?

They are your neighbors, surely, but what activities "ring their bells?" With what group do they identify so closely that they want to march in our most well-known national celebration?

One such organization is the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), three of whose members live in St. Anthony Park: Gordon Miller, Chris Donaldson and Stephan Sylvander.

Miller, a neighborhood resident for 31 years (after leaving his native California), is married, has two children and



St. Anthony Park resident Gordon Miller (center) is a member of the Civil Air Patrol—St. Paul Squadron, Minnesota Wing. Other squadron members are Paul Markegard (left) and Roger Plath Sr. (right).

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## District 12 moves discussion of plan to committee meetings

by Dave Healy

The St. Anthony Park Community Council, which is in the process of revising its district plan, has decided that the next step in that process will involve community participation in meetings hosted by three of the council's committees.

The new plan was prompted by the city's decision to "sunset" all existing district plans by the end of 2005. District 12's current plan dates back to 1983.

On December 15, the council hosted a community meeting where neighborhood residents were introduced to preliminary goals for the plan.

On the basis of that session, council members created a first draft of the new plan. In March, April, May and June, neighborhood residents will be encouraged to attend committee meetings, where their input will be sought on that draft.

Two standing committees, Land Use and Environment, will host special meetings over the next four months, as will an ad hoc committee on social connections.

The Land Use Committee will focus on enhancing livability of homes and neighborhoods, and integrating land use and economic activities.

The Environment Committee will host discussions on protecting and restoring natural resources, and improving and balancing transportation choices.

All meetings will take place at the South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell Avenue. All St. Anthony Park residents are invited to attend any sessions.

For more information, call the District 12 office (649-5992) or visit their Web site, where a copy of the draft plan is posted: [www.sapcc.org](http://www.sapcc.org).

## Langford playground plans move nearer to completion

by Susan Conner

The Langford Recreation Center play area will undergo major improvements this year. Preliminary ideas were presented to the community at a public meeting on January 26.

Kathleen Anglo, a landscape architect from the city of St. Paul, presented three concepts for discussion.

Concept 1 is a curvilinear design that accommodates the curves and swells of the natural landscape. Equipment, benches and the like would be made of recycled materials and natural elements. Play areas for toddlers and older children would be separated, yet both would be visible to parents and caregivers. The toddler area would be 1400 sq. ft. and the other area would be 3300 sq. ft. Swings would be added and a new seating area would be created.

Concept 2 is a rectilinear plan based on the current park building. Materials would mimic those in the current building. Play equipment would be metal, either with colors mimicking the building or bright colors. The plan includes a seating area, and play areas for toddlers (1700 sq. ft.) and older children (3700 sq. ft.) would be separated, with the same visibility as in concept 1.

Concept 3 largely maintains the area's current size and shape. It would bring equipment and surfaces up to current code regulations, using a combination of sand and resilient surfaces. The play area would be primarily for children 5 and up. There could be no swings because the area (2600 sq. ft.) would not be large enough to accommodate them.

All three plans provide for rebuilding the tennis courts, keeping the bangboard area adjacent to those courts, enclosing the dumpster, and renovating the volleyball and basketball area.

In addition to fielding oral comments and questions at the January 26 meeting, Anglo invited written comments and suggestions. A show of hands indicated an overwhelming preference for concept 1.

Anglo synthesized the comments and suggestions from the community meeting and presented a formal proposal to the St. Anthony Park Community Council's Environment Committee on February 23. That design is posted at the Langford Rec Center, as well as on the council's Web site ([www.sapcc.org](http://www.sapcc.org)). The

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## Como High School weathers controversy

by Judy Woodward

After almost a year of escalating tensions among parents and staff, Como Park Senior High School Principal Sharon Eichten has requested reassignment. Her decision to leave was announced by St. Paul School Superintendent Pat Harvey at a midwinter "check-in" meeting held at the school on February 1.

Eichten's interim replacement will be retired Como Principal Brad Manor, who will take the reins until a new head can be appointed for the 2005-2006 school year.

Eichten's departure is the latest development in a school crisis that has been brewing for much of the past year. At issue were charges by some parents and staff that the school administration lacked flexibility in scheduling decisions and that communications between parents and staff had broken down.

Over the past several months, six parent-staff committees have been at work on those and other issues in connection with a special School Quality Review process. Some solutions had been proposed even before Eichten decided to leave.

Eichten, who has served as the school's principal for six

years, refused to comment on factors that led to her decision to step down, except to note, "I'm proud of what I accomplished at Como, and I think staff will continue to do good work."

She also pointed out that, despite cutbacks in funding and repeated government-mandated changes in graduation requirements and educational standards, Como Park High School's record improved under her watch.

**"If people listen to the discourse, they would bear a committed group of people who want a better school for everybody."**

—Kathy Magnuson, Como H.S. parent

"Test scores have risen, and there have been waiting lists for entrance to our school for the last two or three years," Eichten said. "There's a strong interest in students coming to Como."

Conflict at the school first surfaced last spring, and separate meetings for students, staff and parents were held in order to give participants a forum for expressing concerns with school procedures and culture. More than 60 pages of anonymous comments and findings that arose from these "listening sessions" were eventually posted on the school's Web site.

Amid the welter of charges and countercharges, one theme stood out. Some parents complained of "unresponsiveness" from the highest level of school administration. From reports of unreturned phone calls to vague perceptions of official disdain for academically proficient students, the charges ran the gamut of parental distress signals.

Not all the negative comments were directed toward school administration.

There was also a persistent undercurrent of suggestions that, as one comment put it, "St. Anthony Park runs Como High School."

By this logic, the discontented parents were characterized as high-handed newcomers who were attempting to remake solidly blue-collar Como High into a haven for the sort of student who was formerly steered by ambitious parents toward academically enhanced opportunities at Central High School.

Changes in St. Paul School District policy have reduced the number of students who cross boundaries to attend schools outside Como's attendance area.

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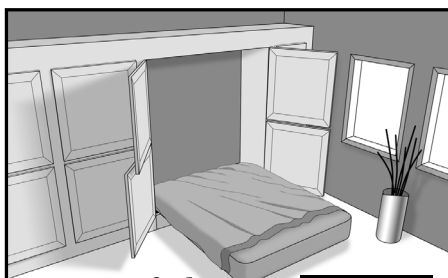
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## CITY FILES

### Falcon Heights

The city of Falcon Heights was presented with a Community Recognition Award by the director of the Suburban Ramsey Family Collaborative. This is the first time the organization has presented such an award. The collaborative coordinates systems and services for at-risk children. They had a need for box springs, mattresses and blankets. The director sent a request to the Falcon Heights listserve and was flooded with responses.

The University of Minnesota is moving ahead with plans to locate the new Bell Museum on the southwest corner of Cleveland and Larpenteur.

Falcon Heights residents continue to be amused over the city of St. Paul's confusion over its own boundaries. Several years ago, Mayor Kelly gave his inaugural address at the University of Minnesota St. Paul campus, thinking it was in St. Paul. Actually, the campus is located in Falcon Heights.

This January, St. Paul ticketed and towed a number of Falcon Heights residents' vehicles in the erroneous belief that they were in St. Paul and were violating that city's snow emergency parking regulations. The tickets were waived and the vehicles returned at no cost.

Students at Falcon Heights Elementary School collected \$1,380 for victims of the recent tsunami. The money will be

matched by a corporation

After an intensive period of study, citizen input and discussion about organized trash collection, the City Council voted unanimously to require licensed haulers to sign a memorandum of understanding by March 15, 2005. A memorandum of understanding is a pledge of good faith, not a legally binding contract. All the city can do is publicize if a particular hauler fails to meet the memorandum's conditions.

The terms of the memorandum are as follows:

#### Wear and Tear

Haulers shall bring trucks into the city empty.

Haulers shall train drivers to enter and exit alleys with left turns where practical and feasible.

Haulers shall not drive on alleys where they do not have any customers.

#### Customer Service

Haulers shall provide an option for trash to be picked up every other week at a reduced rate for those customers who produce minimal amounts of trash.

Residents shall have the option of temporary suspension of service.

Haulers shall collect yard waste and have options providing for appliances and other large objects.

#### Education

Haulers shall provide information on how to purchase compost bins at a reduced rate through the county.

Haulers shall provide information, provided by the city, in bills to customers regarding household hazardous waste and recycling.

Haulers will use the Resource Recovery Facility to the extent that they have current contractual agreements with Ramsey County and/or Washington County for disposal of solid waste.

### St. Anthony Park

Elections for District Council representatives will be on April 5. Hours for voting are from 4-8 p.m. South St. Anthony Park will vote at Hampden Park Foods. North St. Anthony Park will vote at the library. Interested candidates should contact the District 12 office (649-5992). Candidates need to file by 10 a.m. March 14.

Rose Gregoire and Chris Woodall will serve on the Capitol Improvement Budget task force for the next three months.

A proposal for housing at the Johnson Brothers site—bounded by University Avenue, Hampden Avenue, Charles Avenue and Carlton Avenue—would create 130 units of housing in existing buildings. The District Council supported a change in the zoning to TN3 (traditional neighborhood) for this site.

The council supported a conditional use permit request by Wellington Management for its Metro Lofts project at 2650 University Avenue. This request would permit an increase in height from 55 feet to 66 feet and result in an increase of the total units from 51 to 67.

The first draft of the new district plan is available on the St. Anthony Park Community Council Web site: [www.sapcc.org](http://www.sapcc.org).

—Susan Comer



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## Local resident asks "Who is my neighbor?"

by Michelle Christianson

This is a story about a baby—about hope and trust and being a neighbor. It should really be in the December issue of the Bugle, for the story takes place near Christmas time. Yet its lessons are universal, transcending religion and going to the heart of caring.

The story begins on a train from Chicago to St. Paul last December 7. Mary Mergenthal, St. Anthony Park resident and former Bugle editor, is returning home after a visit with relatives. She is newly widowed, having lost her husband of 36 years, Jennings, on October 1.

Also on the train are Henry and Lydia Bontrager, an Amish couple from tiny Homer, Michigan, an enclave of 36 families. They are coming to St. Paul to meet their new adoptive son, who has just been born at Regions Hospital.

The Bontragers had planned to greet Rachel, the birth mother of their new son, in Battle Creek, Michigan, where she was expected to deliver on December 10. But on Rachel's trip from Montreal Lake, Saskatchewan, she went into labor early, and her baby ended up being born in St. Paul.

The Bontragers got this news from neighbors who have a phone. They hastily made arrangements for friends to take care of their six-year-old daughter, MaryAnn, and for others to look after their animals on the farm. They borrowed a cell phone and got a ride with a non-Amish friend to Battle Creek to catch the train.

On the train Mary was intrigued by an Amish couple using a cell phone and was even more interested when she overheard the words "baby" and "hospital." When they arrived, the Bontragers asked her, "Are we in St. Paul? How do we get to Regions Hospital?"

Mary was reluctant to just put these people in a cab. But she was being picked up at the train station by neighbors, so she couldn't drive them herself. Fortunately, her neighbors were willing to give the Bontragers a ride to Regions. During the trip, Mary and her friends heard the whole story.

They learned that Henry is a farmer and carpenter, and Lydia makes and sells candy. They live in a house with running water but no electricity; they depend



St. Anthony Park resident Mary Mergenthal relaxes at home. In December, Mergenthal shared her home for 10 days with a couple who came to St. Paul unexpectedly to pick up their adoptive son.

on a wood stove for heat. Lydia and Henry were married on December 7, their adopted daughter was born on December 7, and now their new son was also born on that same day.

When the birth mother, Rachel, learned she was pregnant, she decided she would give up her baby for adoption. She asked for a religious family but didn't designate a specific religion, so the Bontragers were a match.

Knowing that this unexpected trip had already added to the costs of the Bontrager's adoption, Mary was concerned about how they would manage. After convincing the guards at Region's emergency entrance to let Henry and Lydia into the maternity ward, she promised to check on the family the next day.

When she got back to the hospital, Mary found Lydia cradling Nathan in her arms. She and Henry had spent the night at the hospital. They hadn't eaten for 36 hours, so Mary insisted they go to the cafeteria. There they talked about the Bontragers' options.

Because the adoption would now be finalized in Minnesota rather than Michigan, the process would probably take longer. Mary knew their finances were limited, and she worried about whether they could afford to stay in a hotel while they waited for

the adoption to play itself out.

Though she had met these people only a day earlier, they seemed "wise, honest and fair." So she decided to follow her heart. "I had room in my house. I felt I was lucky to be an innkeeper who was able to say yes."

Henry, Lydia and Nathan ended up staying with Mary for 10 days, while the bureaucratic machinery of adoption lunched and sputtered and dragged. During that time many friends and neighbors joined in supporting the little family.

Some brought meals and baby clothes, another loaned a car seat. The St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church quilters made a baby quilt, and the church nurses

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## EDITORIAL

## Who's in charge here?

That question eventually gets asked just about anytime people work together on something. Wherever two or three are gathered, there will be a discussion about leadership.

As organizations grow in size and complexity, administrative levels proliferate. In the rural one-room school of a century ago, a teacher didn't have to worry much about answering to anyone else. In today's public school classroom, on the other hand, the teacher represents just one stratum in a multi-layered hierarchy that can include department heads, team leaders, principals, site councils, curriculum coordinators, school boards and legislators.

And, of course, parents. But figuring out where parents fit in the educational world isn't easy to do. Professional educators are divided when it comes to parental involvement in schools. Most teachers and principals agree that parents should be involved in their children's education. But what does that mean?

Elementary school teachers are happy to have parents chaperone field trips and help out occasionally in the classroom. Choir directors want mom and dad at concerts. Teachers at all grade levels hope their students have someone at home who sees to it that they are properly fed and clothed, and who helps encourage the timely completion of homework. Teachers know that students who live with people that value education have a leg up on those who don't.

But what happens when parents go beyond merely supporting what's happening at school? What happens when they start to weigh in on such things as subject matter and classroom management?

Teachers are like anyone else. They don't really care to have others tell them how to do their job. Of course, all of us have to answer to somebody. If you're being paid to do something, then someone—supervisor, manager, board of directors, client, customer—will have something to say about how you perform. But who is qualified to judge your work? And if you live in a stratified world, as most of us do, to whom do you listen?

For the people who work in schools, those questions can be thorny indeed. Consider, for example, the high school English teacher. Whose opinions should she consider when deciding what to cover in a sophomore world literature course?

The very fact that she's teaching world literature to sophomores suggests that she's already answering to someone else. Somebody, or somebodies, decided how to carve up the vast field of literature and expose students to manageable chunks of it at appropriate times. In the language of educators, they determined "scope and sequence" and "developmental levels." But who are "they"?

Maybe they are the English department at the high school. Maybe they are school district personnel. Maybe this school is subject to statewide standards that dictate a particular range of topics. More than likely, any given decision about what to teach and when reflects input from several levels in the educational bureaucracy.

But our English teacher isn't only concerned with *what* to teach, but *how*. She must decide, in other words, about pedagogy as well as curriculum. What proportion of class time should be devoted to lecture? To discussion? To reading? Writing? Small groups? Testing?

Here again, various constituencies and overseers have to be acknowledged. And so do certain logistical facts of life. Let's say our English teacher has four classes a day with 30 students in a class. How much writing should she assign? A three-page paper in all four classes will generate 360 pages for her to read and evaluate. How often can she make such an assignment?

What about tests? What kinds of knowledge should her students be expected to show? And for what audience?

Our teacher will have to give her students grades, and she will have to justify those grades based on measurable performance. But that measurement doesn't stop with a course grade.

Her school will also be graded to determine if it's making "adequate yearly progress" to qualify for ongoing federal funding. Her students will have to take state tests to determine whether they qualify for graduation, and the school's graduation rate will be scrutinized. Her school's success will inevitably affect its enrollment, and enrollment determines how much state funding the school receives.

Should our English teacher assign Rudolfo Anya's "Bless Me, Ultima"? Can the school afford 60 copies? Will her students be able to handle it? How should she test them? How does the book align with the state standards for literature? Are parents likely to complain? What is the role of literature in educating the whole person?

Hey, who sneaked that last question in there?

## Civil Air from page 1

worked for Cray Inc. as a technical support analyst for 21 years.

So far, a fairly ordinary history. But in 1996 he began training to be a pilot, got his pilot license in 1999 and joined the CAP two years ago. Then his life became slightly out of the ordinary.

The Civil Air Patrol was established December 1, 1941 as a civilian volunteer organization. Originally the pilots planned to do only liaison and reconnaissance flying, but soon they began to harass and even bomb German submarines off the United States coastline during World War II.

Over the course of the war, the coastal CAP flew 24 million miles and found 173 submarines, hitting 10 and sinking two. Sixty-four aviators lost their lives in the line of duty. The Air Force was created as an independent armed service in 1947, and the CAP became its official civilian auxiliary the next year.

Today the CAP is involved in aerospace education, cadet programs and assignments ranging from search and rescue missions, disaster relief and homeland security to counterdrug reconnaissance missions.

Cadets (between the ages of 12 and 21) participate in 10 orientation flights—five in a glider and five in a plane, each lasting an hour. In addition, cadets may attend a flight academy for one week in the summer, staying at a college dorm and receiving 20 additional hours of flight training in a plane or about 35 flights in a glider.

Cadets enlisting in the military do so one or two grades higher than other enlistees.

The St. Paul Composite Squadron, to which Miller and Donaldson belong, meets for two hours every Thursday night. Sylvander is a member of the St. Croix squadron.

They meet with other squadrons in the state at least six weekends a year for training, search-and-rescue exercises, and homeland security instruction and mission simulations—sometimes with police, fire and other service organizations.

Right now the squadron consists of 25 senior members and six cadets, and meetings cover training, squadron business, safety instruction and cadet education.

The group meets at the Minnesota Army National Guard Aviation Facility at Holman Field in St. Paul. Each member pays \$10 a month for pilot dues and \$65 a year to the Civil Air Patrol National Headquarters. The Air Force provides the planes and equipment; Miller's group hopes to raise enough money to pay for its own hanger.

Miller is in a plane about once a week and has participated in two search-and-rescue missions. He is qualified to be a mission scanner (direct visual observations) and a mission observer (who runs the radio and GPS and is in contact with the ground).

He will be qualified to be a mission pilot as soon as he does a check ride with a mission check pilot, though he is a licensed pilot already.

Miller is also qualified to do

radiological monitoring and general emergency services, and he's a skills evaluator. Yet there are 28 other areas in which he may become qualified. It's not surprising that he is excited to go to meetings and training sessions.

Though Civil Air Patrol members are by definition civilians and will not be called to combat duty, they can be called up for any national emergency. They may help out with evacuation at nuclear facilities or search for missing persons by air or land.

So when you see the Civil Air Patrol in next year's parade, you may want to thank them for their service to their country. Or you may want to join them.

If you are interested, contact Miller at this e-mail address: gordonjmiller@netscape.net.

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# Ginkgo mulls future in St. Anthony Park

by Dave Healy

In a caffeinated world, how does a small coffee shop stand out?

You do it, says Kathy Sundberg, by providing something of value to the community you're located in. Sundberg is the owner of Ginkgo in the Park, a coffeehouse in the Park Midway Bank Drive-up building at 2300 Como Avenue.

The St. Anthony Park Ginkgo is one of four coffeehouses Sundberg owns. The original store is in the Hamline-Midway neighborhood, at 721 N. Snelling Avenue. Sundberg also runs a Ginkgo Coffee and Smoothie Bar at two hospitals: St. Joseph's in downtown St. Paul, and St. John's in Maplewood.

Though Ginkgo in the Park is primarily a coffeehouse, they sell a variety of other food products—soups, sandwiches, baked goods, ice cream, smoothies—as well as several retail items, including greeting cards and small toys.

The Como location opened in 1999. "People in the area invited me to consider locating in St. Anthony Park," said Sundberg. "I love being here because it's a distinct and cohesive neighborhood."

For Sundberg, feeling connected with the community is an important part of owning a business. "We participate in special events like the Fall Festival and the Art Fair and contribute to community fundraisers," she said.

"We make our downstairs meeting space available for free to neighborhood groups. I hire from the neighborhood, and I like to think we provide something of value to people in St. Anthony Park and other communities near by."

Lately, though, Sundberg has had occasion to wonder how important Ginkgo is to the neighborhood. "The business here hasn't grown like I had hoped," she said, adding that her other locations have been more successful.



Barista Will Sallee takes an order at Ginkgo in the Park.

She cited the small space and lack of visibility as challenges for a business that depends primarily on foot traffic. But she believes those shortcomings can be offset by superior quality and service.

"I'm very proud of our products and service," Sundberg said, pointing to several things that set Ginkgo apart from other similar places: the grilled panini, whole-fruit smoothies and Izzy's ice cream. And, of course, there's the coffee, which is roasted daily by Alakef Coffee Roasters. She also touted Ginkgo's outdoor seating area, an especially attractive option for families.

Though Ginkgo's cramped space is a limitation, Sundberg said she's not looking for another

location. "I'd like to stay where we are," she said, "if we can make a go of it."

Making a go means that business will have to improve. "I'm not in this just for the money," Sundberg said, "but any business needs to make a profit. I want to feel like I'm adding something to the community, which I believe we're doing here."

Sundberg praised what she described as "a core group of loyal customers," adding that Ginkgo "wouldn't still be here without them." And she emphasized her desire to be responsive to what the community wants.

"I'd like to encourage people to make this their own place," she said. "Let us know what we can do to serve you better."

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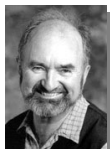


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## Rock-Tenn has city, state and nonprofits scrambling to keep its jobs in St. Paul

by Anne Holzman

One of St. Anthony Park and the Midway's biggest businesses is finding lots of help—but so far no long-term solutions—after a division closing and the impending loss of its power source caused turmoil during the past year.

The Rock-Tenn recycling business on Vandalia between University and I-94 is getting a boost from the St. Paul Port Authority to encourage it to keep its remaining jobs here. The Port Authority recently granted Rock-Tenn a \$100,000 forgivable loan for an engineering study to figure out how the company will replace its power source when Xcel Energy finishes converting its High Bridge plant from coal to natural gas sometime in 2007. The conversion will bring an end to the steam Rock-Tenn has been piping from the plant to drive its manufacturing.

The Port Authority grant is based on the fear that "the company is at risk for leaving St. Paul" and taking its jobs with it, according to Port Authority spokesman Tom Collins. Rock-Tenn is based in Norcross, Georgia.

The St. Paul plant uses recycled paper to make cardboard and employs over 500 people, down from the roughly 750 that were employed there before a carton-producing division was shut down in recent weeks. Even at 500, the company is still one of St. Paul's largest employers, and its jobs are relatively well paid. A typical employee makes around \$47,000 a year, according to Jack Greenshields, general manager at Rock-Tenn.

Brian McMahon, executive director of University United, a neighborhood planning coalition, said there's another reason to like the jobs at Rock-Tenn. As St. Paul's population density increases, planners also look at job density, and Rock-Tenn scores well in that department compared to many industries, he

said. Because it employs workers in shifts, the recycler packs more jobs per acre than many other industrial uses. Its "eco-industrial" qualities make it a valuable neighbor, McMahon said.

Based on surveys of other companies, McMahon estimated that about a third of Rock-Tenn's employees live in St. Paul. Greenshields said he didn't have figures on where his employees live, but "most people live fairly close in."

The energy source problem has leaders in the for-profit, nonprofit and government sectors scrambling for a solution. That will involve agreeing on a vision for long-term development—in the neighborhood, the region and even the entire state.

Rock-Tenn wants an "efficient and reliable" energy source, said Greenshields. For the short term, that probably means upgrading a gas-and-oil-fired generator that it has been using as a backup system.

Greenshields estimated the startup studies for the generator upgrade would cost half a million dollars, compensated in part by the Port Authority's recent grant.

Greenshields said the company hoped to submit its paperwork to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency by the end of February, seeking a modified air emissions permit for the upgrade. Public hearings will follow soon, and they expect to have the permit in hand in the fall of 2005.

"What we'd like to do is ensure that everyone is in agreement—make sure we handle questions and concerns ahead of time," Greenshields said.

Neighbors in St. Paul and Minneapolis have complained over the years about emissions, noise and odor from the plant. In 2003, a stir was created when at least two neighborhood

organizations did not receive notice of an emissions permit renewal process and were denied the chance to weigh in with suggestions for the MPCA and Rock-Tenn.

While focusing on an immediate replacement for the High Bridge steam, Greenshields said, Rock-Tenn is also "looking at what we can do on a longer-term basis," and a biomass burner remains a possibility. Biomass—plant matter such as wood chips or even cornhusks—is usually favored by environmentalists because it generally burns cleaner than coal and uses renewable, rather than fossil, fuels.

Much of downtown St. Paul is heated by District Energy's biomass power plant, which burns wood waste, heats water and circulates the water through a network of pipes in the downtown area.

In South Minneapolis, the Green Institute is working on a biomass energy project near the Institute's headquarters, at 28th Avenue and Hiawatha, that would serve a network of small industries. The site has served as a citizen waste drop-off center and would need significant cleaning up.

Carl Nelson, the Green Institute's energy program director, said the plan is to use waste wood, like the District Energy plant. "Ours is actually a little bit cleaner yet," he said, because they will incorporate beds of sand to grind up the material, burn it more efficiently and cut back even further on pollution and waste.

At one point there was talk of cutting Rock-Tenn in on that deal, he said, but "their steam demand is quite a bit larger" than the planned Hiawatha plant could handle.

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## No bones about it

by Kristi Curry Rogers

Greetings, dinosaur enthusiasts!

It was a very busy February for me. I was editing my first book, and the deadline for submitting the final manuscript loomed increasingly large toward the end of the month. Lucky for me, the book is about a topic that's near and dear to my heart: my very favorite dinosaurs, the long-necked sauropods.

Though sauropods are some of the most familiar of all dinosaurs—the Sinclair dinosaur and Dino from the Flintstones are both sauropods—they are also among the most poorly understood of all dinosaur groups. These plant-eating giants were the largest animals ever to walk the planet, and they rivaled the sizes of modern whales (the largest things to ever swim on the planet).

Sauropods are found all over the world, from Montana to Madagascar, from Antarctica to Alaska, and everywhere in between. Sauropods lived on the planet for over 150 million years, and were around from near the beginning of dinosaur times until the very end.

With such a widely distributed fossil record, you'd think we'd have had all the answers when it comes to sauropods. But tons of questions remain about the simplest of things (like what sauropods looked like) to more complicated questions of living life at large size.

The book that my colleagues and I have been putting together is called "The Sauropods: Evolution and Paleobiology." It is the first in-depth look at these awesome dinosaurs.

We tapped into the work of a new generation of paleontologists that aren't daunted by the size of these behemoths (a thigh bone of an adult sauropod usually exceeds 5 feet in length). Instead, the authors in the book ask more pertinent questions about sauropod paleobiology, and are dramatically changing our view of sauropods in their ecosystem.

For example, the long-standing myth that dinosaurs spent most of their long, boring lives as cold-blooded, overgrown lizards up to their necks in swamps has undergone its most recent revision with sauropods.

We now know, thanks to studying the bones of sauropods under microscopes, that these animals likely had elevated growth rates, and possibly elevated metabolic rates as well. They grew from 3-foot hatchlings to 75-foot, 30-ton adults by the time they were only 10 years old!

But that's not all. How many of you have seen the movie "Jurassic Park," and think of those giraffe-like, herbivorous brachiosaurs eating from the tops of trees? New work on computer models of sauropod neck vertebrae demonstrates that most sauropods would have broken their necks if they had to bend

their necks to eat from the treetops. They probably operated more like giant vacuums, using their long necks to increase the range of feeding near the ground, where nutrient-rich ferns and other plants grew.

Speaking of eating, some paleontologists think that the sauropods were outcompeted when better-equipped vegetarians arrived on the scene in the form of horned ceratopsians and duckbilled hadrosaurs.

In this model, sauropods—with their weak teeth, small heads and gigantic bodies—were no match for the efficient conveyor belts of teeth possessed by ceratopsians and hadrosaurs, especially when flowering plants evolved.

The thing that this model fails to take into account, however, is that sauropods were living large alongside these purported competitors until the very end of the Age of Dinosaurs, 65 million years ago.

It's exciting to see this "staple" group of dinosaurs, one that is familiar to us all, being reinvented. To me, it demonstrates that there is always more to discover, even just by looking at something in a new way or with a new tool. That's one of the reasons that I love paleontology, and especially one of the reasons that I love sauropods!

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### Como controversy from page 1

went to Central, almost all the kids in the neighborhood went there," said St. Anthony Park resident Kathy Magnuson, whose son is a student at Como. "Now most kids in this neighborhood go to Como."

Magnuson described herself as one of the organizers of an e-mail list that has served to connect parents interested in implementing changes at Como. She acknowledged that "a lot of vocal participants in the change process have come out of St. Anthony Park."

But she strongly denied that these parents formed any sort of special interest group. "If people listen to the discourse, they would hear a committed group of parents who want a better school for everybody."

Magnuson said the parents she knows feel "no sense of victory" over the impending departure of Eichten. She looks forward to "a fresh start, moving ahead" and said that "a different style of leadership will lead in different directions."

Not everyone shares Magnuson's optimism. Steve Heckler is a former long-time

resident of Como Park who now lives in Minneapolis. He was a Como High parent for eight years and is a former chair of the school's Parent Advisory Committee.

Heckler is forthright in his support of Eichten. "Communications have always been open at Como," he said. He described the February 1 meeting as "not constructive," adding, "It seemed as if it was about anger, scapegoating, finger-pointing and vengeance. The meeting was about appeasing angry people."

For many teachers at Como, the real pain has come from the blow to the school's reputation. Nancy Carpenter is chair of the math department. "Very little of the good we've done has reached the public," she said. "We have strong academics. Test scores are rising and discipline problems are dropping. I think the communication issues got out of hand. Everything snowballed."

Steve Vaerst, a math teacher in his fourth year at Como, described the school as "wonderful compared to suburban schools" where he formerly taught. "There's overall

more support here—both collegial support and administrative."

Colin Marsh has taught at Como for seven years. A member of the staff working group that organized last spring's listening sessions, Marsh believes that scheduling inflexibility may have been an unintended consequence of the admirable goal of treating all students fairly.

"In an effort to treat all students with equity, we treated them all equally," he said. "It's not the same thing."

Equal treatment led to friction when some students were forced to forego specialized courses in music or other electives because they had to make room in their schedules for mandatory courses that the students—and their parents—felt were unnecessary.

A required introductory course called Como Connections, which taught career exploration and keyboarding skills, was particularly irksome. As a result of the improvement process over the past year, Marsh said, some requirements, including Como Connections, have been eased.

"For the kids," he said, "programming flexibility has improved. Students now have options."

And that's good, said Marsh, because "overall, we've got really good kids here at Como."

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## Parents join February 28 rally for schools

by Lisa Steinmann

"What if education had all the funding it needed, and the military had to hold a bake sale?" That bumper sticker sums up the feelings of many supporters of public education.

In an effort to get PTA members out of the house and into the streets, various organizations and the St. Paul Public Schools will hold a rally on February 28, at 5 p.m. on the steps of the State Capitol. The purpose of the rally is to join voices in demanding that the state legislature make full funding for Minnesota public schools a priority.

The St. Paul Public Schools have created an Educational Action Team to facilitate political action on behalf of schools. The district has also joined forces with the Network of Education Action Teams, an independent St. Paul organization formed in 1999 to unite and support parent organizations such as PTAs and site councils. Another activist group sponsoring the rally is Parents United for Public

Schools, a nonpartisan statewide organization that advocates for quality public education.

The rally planned for February 28 was preceded by meetings for the public such as Advocacy 101: Making a Difference, and Straight Talk, a discussion about state government and public school budgets.

Parent groups at Como Elementary, St. Anthony Park Elementary, Murray Junior High and Como High School will send buses to the rally. Parking will be available in the upper lot of St. Paul College, 235 Marshall

Avenue, and at the Rondo Educational Center, 360 Concordia Avenue. Shuttle buses will run from there to the capitol before and after the rally.

Specific information about a particular school's involvement can be obtained from that school. Information on the rally is available at the St. Paul Public Schools Web site: [www.spps.org](http://www.spps.org). The site offers detailed information on the legislative agenda approved by the School Board in November 2004, a summary of district student achievement and links to legislators.

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design will then be taken to the full council for approval on March 10. Work will begin in the fall.

At the January 26 meeting, Marty Wolf, past Booster Club president, said that a proposal for this project was first submitted to the city three years ago. He noted that in 1998 the mayor named Langford as one of the 10 worst play areas in the city.

This year the Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) request for this project was

approved and the money made available for Langford.

The improvement of the Langford play area is one of 12 initiatives identified by the SAPLING master plan.

SAPLING (St. Anthony Park Langford Initiative for a Neighborhood Good) was an ad hoc group of city representatives, neighborhood organizations and local residents.

In 2000, SAPLING held meetings with various groups in St. Anthony Park as well as two

community meetings. They sought ideas and consensus for improvements and care of the entire Langford Park area.

SAPLING identified 12 initiatives, which became the Langford Park Master Plan. Two recent projects, the new play area by the elementary school and the sidewalk along the edge of the park between the school and the playground building, were a part of this plan.

**Rock-Tenn from 6**

the Green Institute collaborated with some other sponsors last spring on a one-day Eco-Industrial Workshop that examined energy generation as a component of planning the Midway area's long-term growth.

Participants cited the plans for biotechnical research in St. Anthony Park/Midway as an advantage in seeking financing for energy projects. They also described an existing printing and publishing industry that could be further developed to take advantage of Rock-Tenn's paper recycling, both as a disposal site and as a packaging source.

The workshop report, written by the Green Institute's Michael Krause, notes that "it is uncertain whether Rock-Tenn would be willing to commit to 20-year contracts for steam although such contract terms, or alternative 20-year strategies, will need to be in place for the financing of new energy generation. If Rock-Tenn locks into a steam contract for 10 years but relocates thereafter, the area is unlikely to find another industrial user with the same heavy steam requirements."

The report also points out that University Avenue is at the front of the line for new rapid transit, and that the neighborhoods along transit lines become attractive for developing housing and retail.

Another document, University United's "Potential Housing Sites on University Avenue," predicts that over the next 30 years, many of the space-gobbling warehouses and trucking facilities in the Midway will give way to higher density uses.

One recent project illustrates the pressure that housing development can place on industry. Using tax-increment financing, developers cleaned up and built housing in an area south of University and west of Highway 280.

Completed last year, Emerald Gardens and 808 Berry Place comprise 483 residential units where there used to be industrial and commercial buildings along with a few single-family homes.

According to the University United report, combined property values increased from \$2.45 million before construction to \$70 million after, with annual property taxes rising from

\$97,820 to \$984,282.

"As land becomes much more valuable, it discourages land use that is not high-end," said University United's McMahon.

City officials aren't the only ones scrambling to hang onto Rock-Tenn and its jobs. St. Paul legislators say they talk with Rock-Tenn management regularly and stand ready to help garner financing, although nothing is pending so far this session.

In the 2003-04 biennium, Sen. Ellen Anderson authored a bill that would have directed the Public Utilities Commission, which offers incentives for emissions reduction, to build in reimbursement of "stranded costs" for a company losing its thermal energy as a result of the shift from coal to natural gas.

Had it passed, the bill would have obligated Xcel to use some of its incentive gain to finance Rock-Tenn's transition.

Also last year, Rock-Tenn and the Port Authority submitted a grant proposal directly to Xcel's Renewable Development Fund. Xcel denied the request.

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# Muffuletta promotes charitable causes

by Dave Healy

Two March 6 events will showcase Muffuletta Café's commitment to worthy causes.

An art sale, silent auction and special dinner will take place at the restaurant, 2260 Como Avenue in Milton Square. Proceeds will go to St. Anthony Park Elementary School's art program.

On the same evening, JD Fratzke, Muffuletta's executive chef, will participate in Flavors of Minnesota, a benefit for the American Liver Foundation that will be held at the Radisson Plaza in Minneapolis.

The art sale at Muffuletta represents a collaboration between the restaurant and some 17 artists who donated artworks for a silent auction. The event will help fund the continuing work of art specialists at St. Anthony Park Elementary. Artists donated one work for the auction, with all of the proceeds going to the school. Another work from each artist will be sold at a fixed price, with half of the proceeds going to the school and half to the artist.

Principal Andrea Dahms of St. Anthony Park Elementary noted that this contribution is especially appreciated by the school because it will help fund people, not materials. "The funds will benefit not only this year's students but future students as well," she said.

The silent auction began February 11, when the art went

on display at the restaurant. Bidding and sales will conclude on March 6, with Muffuletta's Sunday Night Supper. The prix fixe menu is \$30 per person, of which \$10 will be donated to the school. A reception with the artists will be held from 8-9 p.m. For dinner reservations, call Muffuletta at 644-9116.

March 6 will be a busy day for Muffuletta's Fratzke. He'll prepare his staff to take care of things at the restaurant, then head for downtown Minneapolis, where he will join other premiere chefs from the Twin Cities area who are participating in the American Liver Foundation's fourth annual Flavors of Minnesota, a benefit to raise funds to promote liver health and find a cure for diseases of the liver.

This is Fratzke's second year donating his services for this



JD Fratzke, executive chef at Muffuletta Cafe, will take part in Flavors of Minnesota, a benefit for the American Liver Foundation.

benefit. He will create a five-course dinner, prepared tableside, with a menu developed specially for this event.

The dinner starts at 5 p.m. at the Radisson Plaza, 35 S. 7th Street in Minneapolis. Tickets are \$250 per seat and may be ordered by phone (952-854-6181) or e-mail: minnesota@liverfoundation.org.

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Presenter: Dr. Richard Lubawa from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania. For information call 651-641-3448/ or visit [www.luthersem.edu/gmi](http://www.luthersem.edu/gmi). Registration is required.

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**FRIENDS Spring Luncheon & Program: "Bringing Out the Best in Yourself and Others,"** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Olson Campus Center, 1490 Fulham Street, St. Paul

Presenter: Jim LaDoux of The Youth & Family Institute, Bloomington, Minn. For details call 651-641-3419. Registration is required.

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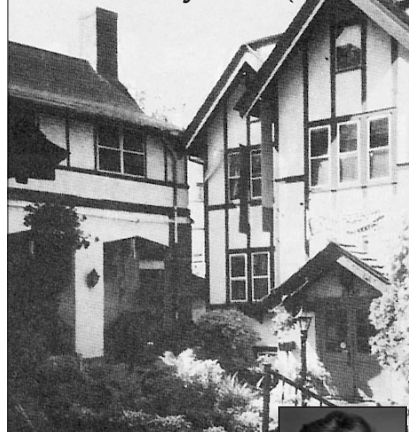
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## Arts Events

**Music in the Park Series** presents a concert Sunday, March 20 at 4 p.m. at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Avenue.

The performers will be Minnesota Orchestra members Jorja Fleezanis (violin), Thomas Turner (viola) and Anthony Ross (cello), along with local pianist Lydia Artyimiw and soprano Maria Jette. They will play music by Martinu, Debussy, Kurtag and Schumann.

Tickets are \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door and \$12 for students. Call 645-5699 or visit [www.musicintheparkseries.org](http://www.musicintheparkseries.org) for ticket information.

The **Schubert Club's** Early Music Series presents "John Dowland and His Contemporaries: Lute Music in Early 17th-Century England," featuring internationally renowned lutenist Nigel North.

The concert takes place at Hamline University's Sundin Music Hall on March 18 at 8 p.m. Tickets (\$20 general, \$17 seniors, \$12 students) are available in advance (292-3268) and at the door.

**Murray Junior High School** will present "Into the Woods," with a student-written and directed prologue, at the school. Performances are at 7 p.m. on March 4 and 5, and at 2 p.m. on

March 6. Tickets are \$7. Reduced tickets will be sold during student lunches the week of the performances. For more information or to volunteer, contact Lisa Schibel at [lisa.schibel@spps.org](mailto:lisa.schibel@spps.org).

## Library

The **St. Anthony Park Library** will host two events in March that are sponsored by the Friends of the Saint Paul Library.

On March 16 at 7 p.m. Margaret Manderfeld, a local attorney who witnessed some of the public hearings in South Africa, will introduce the third film in a series put on by Friends of the Library and Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights. "Long Night's Journey into Day: South Africa's Search for Truth and Reconciliation" focuses on four cases heard by the South African Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

At 6:30 p.m. on March 29 Artistic Director Jordan Sramek and members of the Rose Ensemble will lead a workshop and discussion of the Dublin mystery play "Visitatio Sepulchri," which is about the visit of the three Marys to the tomb of Christ on Easter morning.

## Books

A book club that focuses on moral and ethical issues will meet at 7 p.m. on March 7 at Micawber's Bookstore to discuss "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini. All readers are welcome.

Micawber's has teamed up with Trotter's Cafe to host a series of discussions. On March 15, the topic will be "Why Locally Grown Food Matters." The event takes place at the cafe, 232 Cleveland Avenue N. at 7 p.m.

## Gardening

The **St. Anthony Park Garden Club** will meet March 8 at the St. Anthony Park Library. The business meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. At 7:15 p.m., Vera

Krischik from the University of Minnesota will present "Creating a Butterfly Garden." All are welcome.

## Bake Sale

Members of the third-grade class at St. Anthony Park Elementary will hold a bake sale to benefit victims of the recent tsunami. All proceeds will be donated to the Save the Children Fund.

The sale will feature homemade cookies, breads and cakes, as well as craft items. It will take place Saturday, March 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Avenue.

## Parish Dinner

The **Church of St. Cecilia** invites friends and neighbors to its annual parish dinner on Sunday, March 6 from 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the church basement.

The dinner features roast turkey and all the trimmings. Cost is \$8; children 8 and under eat free. The event also includes a raffle and silent auction.

The church is located at 2357 Bayless Place, just north of the intersection of University and Cromwell Avenues.

## Tax Assistance

**Lyngblomsten Community Center** (1298 Pascal St.) will offer free tax help for seniors and low-income taxpayers every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through mid-April. Call 632-5330 to schedule an appointment with an AARP volunteer.

## Recreation News

Summer sports registration will take place March 28-April 15 at **Langford Rec Center** for T-ball, nearball, softball and baseball.

Two free events will take place in March at Langford. On Tuesday, March 22, a Spring Celebration Party for ages 12 and under will be held from 4:30-6 p.m. Activities include an egg

hunt, petting zoo, face painting and refreshments.

A **Tot Time Holiday Party** for ages 5 and under takes place Thursday, March 24, 10 a.m. to noon. Party goers can get a picture taken with the Easter Bunny and enjoy refreshments and open gym.

## Maple Sugar Camp

On Sunday, March 6 from noon to 4 p.m., **Gibbs Museum** interpreter Paul Red Elk will lead a study and demonstration of maple sugaring. Visitors will learn about an early sugar camp overseen by Cloud Man's band of Dakotah on the shores of Lake Calhoun.

Cost for the camp is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children. The Gibbs Museum of Pioneer & Dakotah Life (646-8629) is located at Larpenteur and Cleveland Avenues.

## Home and Garden Show

The 14th annual **Greater Midway Home & Garden Show** will be held March 19 at Crossroads Elementary School, 543 Front Avenue. Workshops run from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The exhibit hall is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission and parking are free.

Exhibitors' booths and workshops cover home financing options, home improvement contractors and vendors, and gardening information.

## Audubon Society

The **St. Paul Audubon Society** will sponsor a talk by **Dr. Francie Cuthbert** at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 10 at Fairview Community Center, 1910 W. County Road B in Roseville.

Dr. Cuthbert, who has studied waterbirds in the Great Lakes region for 30 years, will describe efforts to protect the piping plover. Through intensive conservation efforts, some 54 pairs now breed in this area each summer. The event is free and open to the public.



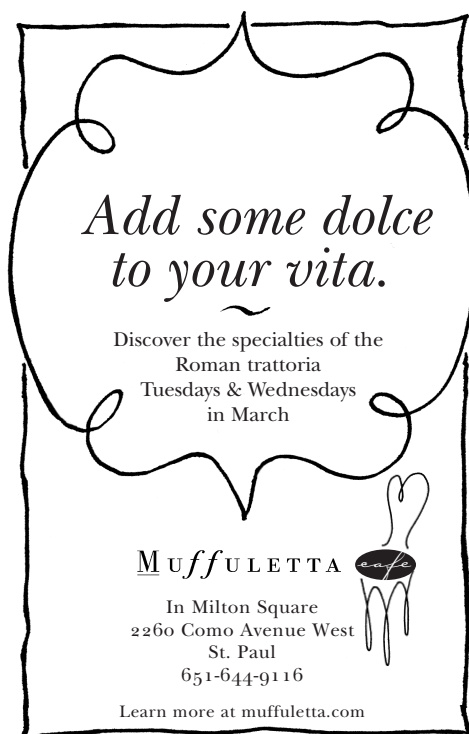
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## People

Rev. Norman Broadbent of Falcon Heights United Church of Christ served as chaplain for a day at the Minnesota House of Representatives earlier this year. He is pictured below with Assistant Minority Leader Connie Bernady (left) and Rep. Alice Hausman (right).



Falcon Heights teenager Matthew Busch tied for first place in the 2005 Roseville Human Rights Commission Essay Competition. His essay, written as an assignment in his



eighth-grade honors social studies class at Roseville Area Middle School, responded to the

question "Have you experienced or witnessed discrimination?" Matthew's essay focused on discrimination against Native Americans in northern Minnesota during the early 1980s, witnessed by his mother.

The 14-year-old won \$50 and will have his essay entered in a statewide contest. He read his essay at the February 28 Roseville City Council meeting, which was broadcast live on Channel 16.

Matthew is the son of Kevin and Felicia Busch.

Drew Henry, a senior at Como Park High School, was selected to represent Region 3AA in the Academics, Arts and Athletics Award Program. The Triple "A"

Award is sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League, the Institute for Athletic Medicine and the Minneapolis Sports Medicine Center.

Nominees are high school seniors with a B or better grade point average who participate in athletic and fine arts activities. Winners will be announced at a March 19 banquet.

Drew has earned three letters in baseball and last year was voted all-conference as an outfielder. He is a four-letter winner and MVP in Nordic skiing.

Drew plays the violin in Como's orchestra, where he has been concert master for four years. And he has been a member of the All-State Orchestra for two years.

Last fall Drew coached the rec center's 10-and-under girls soccer team. He is the son of Don and Sandy Henry of St. Anthony Park.

On February 5, the Minnesota State Horticultural Society honored St. Anthony Park resident Ron Dufault with the Bob Churilla Golden Rose Volunteer Recognition Award.

Dufault was recognized for his volunteer efforts at the annual Home and Garden Show, as well as his assistance with the MSHS garden outside the Horticulture Garden at the State Fairgrounds. Dufault arranged for donated plants, met with contractors, and coordinated other volunteers, who planted, mulched and watered.



Ashleigh Hayes and Connor Pogos were members of the 2005 St. Paul Winter Carnival Junior Royalty, sponsored by St. Paul Parks and Recreation.

Ashleigh, a ninth-grader at Como Park High School, was Queen of the Snowflakes. Connor, a seventh-grader at Murray Junior High, was Prince of the Four Winds. The two participated in the Torchlight Parade on February 5.

## Raptor Center

The Raptor Center's series "Raptor Tails Story Time" continues with two sessions in March. Participants will meet a live raptor, listen to a story and participate in a craft activity.

The March 3 topic is raptor beaks. The March 17 topic is raptor eggs and nest building.

The cost is \$3.50 per child; no charge for adults. One adult per five children is required. To register, call 612-624-9753.

The Raptor Center is located at 1920 Fitch Avenue on the University of Minnesota's St. Paul Campus.

## Volunteers

Children's Home Society & Family Services invites women to be part of its **Befrienders Program**, which provides support to young mothers. Volunteers attend 17 hours of training and commit to a year-long relationship.

Training will be held Friday, April 15 from 12:30-9 p.m. and Saturday, April 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at CHSFS, 2230 Como Avenue. To schedule an interview to become a Befriender and register for training, e-mail [befriender@chsfs.org](mailto:befriender@chsfs.org) or call 255-2323.

The St. Paul Parks and Recreation Department's Adaptive Recreation Program is currently recruiting **volunteer swim instructors** to work one-to-one with students who are mentally or physically disabled.

Lessons for individuals who

are mentally disabled begin March 10 and run for seven weeks. They will be held at Oxford Pool, 1079 Iglehart, from 6:45-7:30 p.m.

Lessons for individuals who are physically disabled will be held Tuesday evenings, beginning April 26 from 7-8 p.m. at Como Elementary, 780 W. Wheelock Parkway.

Lessons will be supervised by an adapted aquatics instructor. Volunteers should have strong swimming skills and a willingness to share those skills. For more information, call 266-6375.

The Ramsey County Human Services Department seeks volunteers to **assist staff in serving non-English-speaking clients** by translating and reverse translating Hmong, Somali, Oromo or Spanish.

Volunteers must be at least 16. For more information, contact Volunteer Services at [volunteerservices@co.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:volunteerservices@co.ramsey.mn.us) or 266-4090.

## Hall of Fame

Nominations are being sought for the Como Park High School

Hall of Fame. The award is presented to graduates who have made a significant contribution to the community or who have distinguished themselves in their post-high school activities.

Nominees must have graduated from Como at least 10 years ago. Send nominations by April 8 to Maryhelen Tapio, Como Park H.S., 740 W. Rose Avenue., St. Paul, MN 55117.

## Bloodmobile

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at **Corpus Christi Church**, 2131 Fairview Avenue N, from 1:30-7:15 p.m. on March 7. To schedule an appointment, call 636-4487 or 639-8888.

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Since our inception in 1998, the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation has actively sought a better understanding of community needs by establishing relationships with leading stakeholders and helping to finance the 2003 Neighborhood Report. During that time we have also provided 32 grants and over \$80,000 in support of important non-profit organizations and initiatives in the areas of education, healthcare, and the arts.

The Foundation is now poised to play a larger role for the good of St. Anthony Park. Our new relationship with the \$678 million Saint Paul Foundation will help us to do that in several important ways. First, and most importantly, the Saint Paul Foundation will provide critical support in building the permanent funds necessary to address short and long term

needs. Second, we can leverage their resources and credibility to help develop lasting solutions to the opportunities and challenges we face as a community.

We are eager to engage neighbors in a process that will help this community grow and prosper while retaining the core values that have made it strong. We are thankful for all who have supported this community in the past and confident of this neighborhood's continued commitment to leaving a legacy we can all take pride in. Together we can make a true difference for future generations.

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## The Birdman of Lauderdale

by Clay Christensen

The first time I went on a bird-watching field trip, the leader pointed out a sparrow and I thought, "Yeah, so what? Sparrows are a dime a dozen."

But he wasn't pointing to the common English house sparrow. He was pointing to a field sparrow, one of more than 15 species of native sparrows regularly found in Minnesota.

I was surprised to learn that day that there are over 300 different birds you can see in Minnesota throughout a typical year.

The best way to learn more about the birds around you is to get out there and look for them. And do it with someone who knows what you're looking at. That is, sign up for a bird-watching field trip.

You can find information about birding field trips from many sources, including several Audubon societies and bird clubs in the Twin Cities. Many of the regional parks offer field trips through their nature centers. Check their Web sites for further details. City and county Web sites also have information on parks and nature centers.

If you're hesitant about meeting new folks, find a friend to sign up with you. Most birdwatchers are polite, helpful people, glad to have newcomers try out their hobby and eager to

help you learn to hear, see and identify birds.

As you consider a specific trip, look for answers to the following questions:

Is the trip intended to include folks at your experience level?

What's the group size? If it's a large group, will there be more than one guide? A good rule of thumb is one guide for every ten participants.

How demanding is the terrain? Are the pathways paved, woodchips, improved earth or "rustic"? Are there stairs involved?

Most birding trips start early in the morning. So, prepare for the trip with the coolness and dampness of the morning in mind. Dress as though it's going to be 25 degrees colder than the forecasted afternoon high temperature. You're going to be standing around a lot, listening and looking, and even walking will be at a slow pace.

Since there's usually dew on the grass in the morning, and since you may want to leave the trail to get a better look at that intriguing bird you've heard, be sure your footwear is waterproof. You'll be on your feet most of the trip, so your shoes or boots should be comfortable.

If a sunny day is forecast, choose a hat with a wide brim or bill. In winter, brim choices will

be secondary; go for warmth. Bring a backpack to carry your rain gear in case the weather turns bad.

You should have your own binoculars. If you don't own a pair, borrow some from a friend. Or contact the leader in advance to see if he or she has a "loaner" pair. Many leaders do. Then, on the trip, you can ask to try a few of the binoculars others are using to compare the features before investing in your own.

Bring along a field guide if you have one. It should fit in a pocket or fanny pack so it's readily accessible. Others will have field guides, so having your own isn't required on your first trip.

Again, compare the guides others have brought to see what looks good to you. Ask for their opinions of different field guides. Does the guide use photos or paintings? Is the descriptive text for the bird near the illustration?

On the trip, try to stay with the group. Don't push ahead to always be at the front of the pack. Listen more than you talk, but don't be afraid to ask questions.

If the guide is pointing out a bird but you don't see it, say so. Take a reasonable amount of time to try to locate it, but don't hold up the entire group. There will be other opportunities.

In most cases, you'll hear a bird sing or chirp before you see it. Listening is key to becoming better at finding birds. On a field trip, you can begin to link the sounds to the bird.

And that's part of the learning experience you're looking for. Learn to recognize the chirps and calls that get the leader's attention. Then, even if you don't see the bird this time, you'll know next time.

Birdwatching is, after all, an opportunity to learn for a lifetime.

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## St. Anthony Park Community Foundation affiliates with Saint Paul Foundation

by Dave Healy

The St. Anthony Park Community Foundation, formed in 1998 as St. Paul's only neighborhood-based charitable foundation, has announced an affiliation with the Saint Paul Foundation.

According to Jon Schumacher, Community Foundation executive director, they hope they alliance will enable them to make more grants, tackle larger community issues and gain important credibility.

"Our mission is to nurture our community assets," said Community Foundation Board Chair Julie Causey. "Our affiliation with the Saint Paul Foundation will establish us as the primary organization to which residents and former residents of our neighborhood can give back and insure a legacy."

The affiliation agreement came after a year of discussion among the St. Anthony Park Foundation board, followed by negotiations with the Saint Paul Foundation.

Carleen Rhodes, president of the Saint Paul Foundation, characterized the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation as an excellent resource with great potential for philanthropic work in the neighborhood.

"It is exciting to see

philanthropic leadership from neighborhoods within the larger community in which we all live and work. When we're close to the issues that affect our neighborhoods, we have a greater ability to have meaningful impact with our gifts," said Rhodes.

Over the past seven years, the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation has awarded 32 grants totaling over \$80,000 to arts, educational, environmental and health care nonprofit organizations and initiatives. The Saint Paul Foundation has assets of about \$678 million, and provided grants totaling \$36 million in 2004. The partnership means that the St. Paul Foundation will manage funds for the Community Foundation.

Schumacher said the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation will retain its name and continue to work on projects "important to the residents of

District 12, the north and south St. Anthony Park business communities, and the diverse range of citizens—from seniors to artists, from students to children—who make up our corner of St. Paul."

"The health of any city is a direct reflection of the well-being of its communities," said Causey. "This is certainly true of St. Paul, a city defined by its neighborhoods. The St. Anthony Park Community Foundation is proud to play a part in the long Minnesota tradition of community empowerment. Working together with the Saint Paul Foundation, we can maintain that unique vitality that makes our neighborhood one of the jewels of the Twin Cities."

More information about the two organizations can be obtained from their Web sites: [www.sapfoundation.org](http://www.sapfoundation.org) and [www.saintpaulfoundation.org](http://www.saintpaulfoundation.org).

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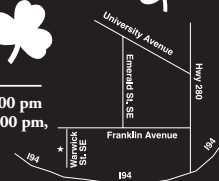
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# MARCH CALENDAR

## 1 Tuesday

• History Fair Day. Judging of students' history projects, 6-8 p.m. at Murray Junior High.

• Falcon Heights Elementary School annual band and orchestra winter concert, grades 4-6. 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the north gym.

• 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, 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.), 1:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m..

• Chair Exercise Classes. Seal High Rise, 825 Seal St. Every Tuesday and Thursday at 12:30 p.m. These classes are free to all area seniors, but pre-registration is necessary. Call 642-9052 to pre-register.

## 2 Wednesday

• Women's Connection, a women's networking organization (603-0954), Hubert Humphrey Job Corps Center, 1480 Snelling, Building #1, 8 a.m. Every Wednesday.

• Leisure Center for Seniors (603-8946), St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch reservations by Monday. Every Wednesday. Free blood pressure clinic by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 11 a.m.-11:45 a.m..

• St. Anthony Park recycling.

## 3 Thursday

• Tot Time (for 5-year-olds and younger), South St. Anthony Rec Center (298-5765), 10 a.m.-noon. Every Thursday.

• Toastmasters (649-5162), U.S. Forest Service, 1992 Folwell Ave., St. Paul Campus, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Every Thursday.

• Chair Exercise Classes. Seal High Rise, 825 Seal St. Every Tuesday and Thursday at 12:30 p.m. These classes are free to all area seniors, but pre-registration is necessary. Call 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 Writer's Group, 6:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library.

## 4 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.)

• Storytime for preschoolers ages 3 to 5, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m.. Pre-registration requested. 642-0411. Until April 29. Every Friday in March except March 25.

• Falcon Heights recycling.

## 5 Saturday

• St. Anthony Park Progressive Dinner.

• Nocturnal Bowling (612-625-5246), 10:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Copher Spot, St. Paul Student Center, 2017 Buford Ave, St. Paul Campus. Every Saturday.

• Bake sale for Save the Children Fund. St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

## 6 Sunday

• Parish dinner, raffle, silent auction. St. Cecilia's Church, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

• Maple Sugar Camp, Gibbs Museum (646-8629), noon-4 p.m.

## 7 Monday

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

• Boy Scouts, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 7 p.m. Every Monday.

• Lauderdale recycling.

• Book club, Micawber's, "The Kite Runner," 7 p.m.

## 8 Tuesday

• St. Anthony Park Garden Club, St. Anthony Park Library, 6:30 p.m.

• Kindergarten Roundup, Falcon Heights Elementary School, 1393 Garden Ave, W., 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Registration begins 6 p.m. 646-0021.

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

## 9 Wednesday

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

## 10 Thursday

• Eighth annual third grade musical at Falcon Heights Elementary School, 1393 Garden Ave, W. Performances at 2 and 6:30 p.m. in the north gym.

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

• St. Paul Audubon Society, Fairview Community Center (1919 W. County Rd. B), 7 p.m.

## 11 Friday

• Old Time Movie Night, featuring live piano accompaniment by Norris Anderson 7-8:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library. Free.

## 12 Saturday

• Cub Scout Pinewood Derby. Call Blaine at 644-4794 for more info.

• "Planes, Trains, Automobiles, and Bikes" storytelling, 8 p.m. at the Coffee Grounds, 1579 Hamline Ave. 644-9959.

## 14 Monday

• Book Club, Micawber's, 7 p.m. "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini. All welcome.

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

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

• Como Park recycling.

## 15 Tuesday

• Free blood pressure clinic and health resources by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program, Seal High Rise (825 Seal St.), 1:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

• District 10 board meeting. Call

644-3889 for details.

• Discussion: "Why Locally Grown Food Matters." Trotter's Cafe, 232 Cleveland Ave., 7 p.m.

## 16 Wednesday

• Showing and discussion of the film "Long Night's Journey Into Day: South Africa's Search for Truth and Reconciliation." St. Anthony Park Library, 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. Free blood pressure clinic by the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 11-11:45 a.m.

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

• St. Anthony Park recycling.

## 17 Thursday

• Music and Movement for Children, 10 a.m. at the Coffee Grounds, 1579 Hamline Ave. 644-9959.

• Third Thursday Poetry, 7 p.m. at the Coffee Grounds, 1579 Hamline Ave. 644-9959.

## 18 Friday

• St. Anthony Park School Talent Show at Murray Jr. High, 7 p.m.

• Falcon Heights recycling.

## 19 Saturday

• Greater Midway Home and Garden Show, Crossroads elementary School (543 Front Ave.), 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

## 20 Sunday

• Cub Scout Blue and Gold Awards Banquet, 4 p.m. Call Blaine at 644-4794 for more info.

## 21 Monday

• Lauderdale recycling.

## 22 Tuesday

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

• Reading by editors of "Kiss Me Goodnight, Micawber's, 7:30 p.m.

• Spring Celebration (12 and under), Langford Rec Center, 4:30-6 p.m.

## 23 Wednesday

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

• St. Anthony Park Community Council Environment Committee, So. St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.

## 24 Thursday

• Tot Time Holiday Party (5 and under), Langford Rec Center, 10 a.m. to noon.

## 26 Saturday

• "I Love to Read" family storytelling, 1 p.m. at the Coffee Grounds, 1579 Hamline Ave., 644-9959.

## 28 Monday

• Great Decisions discussion. St. Anthony Park Library, 7-9 p.m.

• Como Park recycling.

## 29 Tuesday

• Workshop and discussion on the medieval drama, "The Dublin Mystery Play." St. Anthony Park Library, 6:30 p.m.

## 31 Thursday

• Spring Formal Solo Musical Recital at 7 p.m., Murray Junior High School auditorium.

Items for the April Community Calendar must be submitted to the Bugle office by 6 p.m., March 18.

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## Aging Gracefully by Mary Jo Tarasor

In one short week earlier this year, two great Americans died: Arthur Miller and Ossie Davis. Both dared to make a living through art—a brave choice in itself—and both clung to convictions that created personal and professional risk.

Ossie Davis undertook civil rights activism and antiwar activities that made him the target of more than one FBI probe, and Arthur Miller jeopardized his popularity following "Death of a Salesman" (itself a critique of the "American dream" of financial success) by writing "The Crucible," an ostensible tale of the Salem witch trials that was actually an allegory for the McCarthy era. Both men were in their 80s when they died, and both were continuing to work at their art and their activism.

I was fortunate enough to be in my car at the right time on the day after each man died to hear both of them in taped NPR interviews discussing activism and artistic expression. And what I heard clearly from both men was that they believed this: They could not have been who they were and achieved what they achieved if they had not been passionate about the causes they championed. They could not have been artists—or at least the artists that they became—if they had not been activists.

This strikes me deeply, because it seems to me that the "McCarthy era" is being repeated in our country's history today. The freedom to think, write,

dream and act in a manner consistent with one's conscience has never been more at risk than it is now.

I am not referring only to the passage of the Patriot Act (what a misnomer!) and the attitude of the current administration that what American business wants, the world shall get—no matter what the consequences to human or other forms of life.

This is just the tip of the iceberg. The lack of freedom I refer to is the daily kind—where people go to jobs they dislike day after day and support things they don't believe in because "everybody else" does or because they don't want to lose the income or benefits provided by the job.

I know someone who works at a well-known local corporation that makes land mines. She laughingly refers to her place of work as "Bombs R Us." But she doesn't believe she can find as good a job elsewhere—and she may be right—so she continues to do something every day that she believes to be wrong.

How much does the daily grind of something you know is wrong destroy your essence, your heart, your soul? How many truths unspoken will permanently damage your ability to tell your truth? Is the fact that Miller and Davis refused to live "inside the lines" part of the reason they were living and working up until their late 80s?

The danger of confusing

affluence with freedom is inherent in a capitalist economy. We are free to buy what we like, go on vacation where we wish, live in the home of our choice, so we begin to accept the idea that our affluence is freedom.

When you compare the lifestyle of the average American to that of, say, the average Eastern European, the syllogism is even more seductive.

On the other hand, enough Russians were upset with the obviously contrived results of their recent national election that they rioted in the streets until a new election was held.

But despite deep-seated doubts about the authenticity of the most recent American presidential election, there was no widespread rioting here. Everyone just watched the election results on their personal color TVs and complained.

Our county's health and that of its citizens are inextricably entwined. It scares me to think that many of us have given up on America. And so, last respects to two great Americans who never gave up on their country—Ossie Davis and Arthur Miller.

*The St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program offers services to older adults and those who care for them. Aging Gracefully is one way we communicate with our community. We welcome ideas and feedback for this column at 642-9052 or sapbnp@bstream.net.*

## LIVES LIVED

### Natalie S. Gallagher

Natalie S. Gallagher died January 30 at age 82. She was preceded in death by her husband Robert, and a sister, Ethel Brown. She is survived by children Jean Ruotsinoja, Colleen (Robert) Junnila and Dehl (Donna) Gallagher; grandchildren Evan,

Natalie, Brian, Brad and Andrew; sister Marion (Don) Sederstrom; and nieces, nephews, many relatives and friends. A memorial service was held February 5 at St. Michaels Lutheran Church in Roseville.

### Lisa K. Hedberg

Lisa K. Hedberg, 49, formerly of St. Anthony Park, died December 20, 2004 in New Orleans of complications from multiple myeloma. Lisa was born in Kanakee, Illinois, and moved with her parents to St. Paul in 1968. She graduated from Murray High School and the Minnesota School of Business. She lived and worked in New Orleans for over 20 years as a legal secretary for the McNulty and O'Connor law firm.

She is survived by her parents, Marlin and Opal of St. Anthony Park, and sisters Nancy of Vancouver, British Columbia, and Teri of Paris, France. Memorial services were held at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church on January 18, 2005.

### Alice D. Ott

Alice D. Ott (nee Quist) died at

the age of 85. "Grandma Alice" was a resident of St. Anthony Park for 47 years and a member St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church for 49 years.

Born in Chisago City on May 4, 1919, Alice grew up in Robbinsdale. She graduated from North High School in Minneapolis in 1937. She served in WWII as a chief petty officer in the SPARS. She was a graduate of the U of M, where she earned a master's degree in sociology. She married Robert Ott in 1951.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Ernest, and a sister, Lorraine Lee.

She is survived by sister Louise McLaughlin; sons Donald (Lori), Leonard (Susan) and Raymond (Armella); grandchildren Rachel, January, Samantha, Jeremy, Jennifer, Joshua, Heather, Christy and Ashley; great-grandchildren Trevon, Luke, Zack and Elias; nieces Carol (Ken) Kidder and Cindy Bruno, and nephews Ron Lee, Roger Lee (Irisita Azary), Warren (Kathy) McLaughlin, Jim (Peggy) McLaughlin and John (Maria) McLaughlin. A funeral service was held February 2, 2005 at the Johnson-Peterson Funeral Home in St. Paul.

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Pharmacist Tom Sengupta at Schneider Drug offered much help with the pain afterward.

Dr. Roy Harrisville and Pastor Amy Thoren from St. Anthony Park Lutheran visited the family, bringing spiritual comfort in a language (German) familiar to the Bontragers. It was truly a community effort supporting the family from Michigan.

Finally, on December 18, after the last bureaucratic hurdle had been cleared, Henry, Lydia and Nathan headed back to Homer on the Empire Builder. They had gained not only a new family member but also a host of new friends.

Mary Mergenthal knows that she took a chance letting strangers into her home, but she says it's a chance she would take again. The Bontragers remain in close contact with Mary. Someday, she hopes to visit them in Michigan.

Mary learned a great deal about the Amish faith and way of life. Plus, her decision to welcome two strangers "fits with the lifestyle I'd had with Jennings. He would have wanted me to take them in and would have done just the same himself, given the chance."

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Wednesdays: 6:30 pm; Kids' Club, Youth Group, and ESL  
March 24 - Maundy-Thursday Service 7 p.m.  
March 25 - Good Friday, Prayer and Praise Service 10:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.  
March 27 - Easter Celebration Service 10:45 a.m.

### ❖ COMO PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA

1376 Hoyt Ave. W., St. Paul, MN 55108-2300  
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Handicapped Accessible  
cplc@mninter.net  
CPLContact ministry 651-644-1897  
www.comoparklutheran.org  
Sunday Schedule:

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Rides available for 11:00 a.m. worship;  
Call the church office before noon on Friday for ride.

Ash Wednesday Worship, February 9th, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Lenten Services:

March 2nd, 9th and 16th, 7:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday Services, March 20th: 8:00, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

"The Cry of the Whole Congregation" by Walter Wangerin: a dramatic presentation of "The Passion."

Maundy Thursday Service, March 24th: 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Services, March 25th: 10:00 a.m. Tennebrae Service

7:00 p.m. "Seven Words of Love"

A Lenten Cantata by Lloyd Pfautsch, presented by the CPLC Choir.

Easter Sunday, March 27th: 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service

8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Worship

John Rutter's "Te Deum" presented by the CPLC Choir and Brass at the 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. services.

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Wednesdays of Lent:

Supper, 5:30 p.m.

Worship, 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday Tennebrae Service, 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday:

Easter Breakfast, 7:30 a.m.

Festival of Resurrection Worship, 9:00 a.m.

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Sunday Worship: 10:00 a.m.  
Education: 9:00 a.m.

Lenten Services: March 2nd, 9th, and 16th.

Soup Supper 6:00 p.m., Haugen Vespers 7:00 p.m.

March 24th - Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m.

March 25th - Good Friday 7:00 p.m.

March 27th - Easter Sunday

Breakfast 9:00 a.m.

Service 10:00 a.m.

Pastor: David Greenlund

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Saturday Mass: 5:00 p.m. at the church  
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March 24th - Holy Thursday, 7:30 p.m.  
March 25th - Good Friday, Stations at 3:00 p.m., Service at 7:30 p.m.  
March 26th - Easter Vigil, 7:30 p.m.  
March 27th - Easter Sunday Masses at 8:15 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

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Sunday, March 6th, 10:00 a.m. - Communion.  
Sunday, March 20th, 10:00 a.m. - Palm Sunday Service  
Thursday, March 24th, Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday, March 27th, 10:00 a.m. - Easter Sunday Service

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10:00 am Worship Celebration  
10:20 Sunday School (age 3 to 6th grade)  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship  
Victory Temple in Jesus Christ at 11:45 a.m.  
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2323 Como Ave. W. Handicap-accessible. 651-645-0371  
Pastors Glenn Berg-Moberg and Amy Thoren, Email: [info@saplc.org](mailto:info@saplc.org)  
Wednesdays in Lent, March 2nd, 9th, 16th  
Soup Supper - 5:30 p.m.,  
Lenten Program and Service - 7:00 p.m.  
Holy Week

Palm Sunday, March 20th 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Maundy Thursday, March 24th, 7:00 p.m.  
Good Friday, March 25th, 7:00 p.m.  
Easter Day, March 27th, 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Services: 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
Education Hour for all: 9:45 a.m.  
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March 20 - Palm Sunday Services at 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
Outdoor Procession at 10:30 a.m. (weather permitting)  
March 24 - Maundy Thursday Service at 7:30 p.m.  
March 25 - Good Friday Services at Noon & 7:30 p.m. (Tennebrae)  
March 27 - Easter Sunday Services at 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday Services:  
8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rt. I, 10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rt. II  
9:15 a.m. Christian Education for All Ages  
4:00 p.m. Prospect Hill Friends Meeting

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Sunday Worship: 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.  
Education hour for ages 2 through adult: 10:00 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.  
March 24 - Maundy Thursday Worship 12:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
March 25 - Good Friday Worship 7:00 p.m.  
March 27 - Easter Sunday with Communion 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
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