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## Froula Reading Circle marks 100 years

by Michelle Christianson

Two St. Paul groups started by women are celebrating important anniversaries this year. The older group, the Schubert Club, was founded to promote recital music and is in its 125th year.

The other group is less well-known but still vital enough to have reached its 100th year. The Froula Reading Circle was founded in 1909 by Mrs. Vincent K. Froula to promote "sociability and intellectual improvement."

The original group of 12 members met bi-weekly in

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The Froula Reading Circle, founded to promote "sociability and intellectual improvement," recently celebrated its 100th anniversary. The group continues to meet in St. Anthony Park and Falcon Heights.

## St. Anthony Park confronts a new pest

by Dave Healy

Forty-five years ago the Beatles invaded America, and a generation of suspicious parents found themselves wondering "Why here?"

Residents of south St. Anthony Park have been asking themselves the same question lately in response to an invasion by a different kind of beetle. This time the intruders are from Wisconsin rather than England, and instead of disturbing the peace with amplified instruments, these visitors destroy trees.

St. Anthony Park has the dubious distinction of hosting the first confirmed infestation of emerald ash borers in Minnesota. The EAB, which is native to eastern Asia, has proven to be a devastating pest in other states, especially Michigan, where it was first discovered seven

years ago and has destroyed millions of ash trees.

Scientifically known as *Agrilus planipennis*, the EAB was given its common name by entomologists because of its coloration and behavior. The insect lays its eggs on the bark of ash trees, and the larva burrow into the bark and begin eating the wood, a process that disturbs the movement of water and nutrients from the tree's roots to the leaves. Untreated trees die within three to five years after being infested.

The EAB was discovered on Long Avenue in south St. Anthony

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## Check out the Bugle online

Thanks to generous financial assistance from the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation and the Little Wine Shoppe, the Park Bugle was recently able to redesign its Web site: [www.parkbugle.org](http://www.parkbugle.org).

The new site includes all the content from each month's print version of the paper, plus some extra features:

- Local weather, including current conditions and a two-day forecast.
- Complete calendar information for all the events in our delivery area.
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- Breaking news: updates and new developments that occur during the month, including the latest road closing information.
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The 40th Annual St. Anthony Park Arts Festival will take place Saturday, June 6, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., along Como Avenue between Luther Place and Carter Avenue. In addition to almost 100 exhibitors, the event will include food, entertainment, sidewalk sales, displays by community organizations, a used book sale and a plant sale. The insert in this paper lists specific festival information. Save this guide and bring it to the festival.

On Friday, June 5, from 7 to 9 p.m., the Northern Lights 4-H Club will host a pie and ice cream social at Luther Seminary (corner of Como Avenue and Luther Place). Music will be provided by the St. Anthony Park Community Band.

Vote in the Bugle poll at [www.parkbugle.org](http://www.parkbugle.org): Should the city clear-cut ash trees in south St. Anthony Park?



## C I T Y F I L E S

### Como Park

Como Park resident Jean O'Connell has announced her candidacy for the St. Paul School Board. O'Connell, a retired 3M executive, has served as a parent volunteer, tutor, science fair judge, Junior Achievement teacher and committee member. She chaired the Superintendent's Advisory Committee on Large-Scale System Changes. More information is available at [www.oconnellforstpaulkids.com](http://www.oconnellforstpaulkids.com).

The District 10 Community Council has an opening for an at-large member. An election for this position will be held at the June 17 council meeting. For more information about the position, contact Rhonda at [rhonda@comopark.org](mailto:rhonda@comopark.org).

A neighborhood meeting about Como Park improvements and how they will affect the neighborhood will be held June 4 at 7 p.m. at the Historic Street Car Station, 1224 Lexington Pkwy. N.

A Como Lake cleanup will take place June 13, 8:30–10:30 a.m. Meet at the parking lot next to the Schiffman Fountain. Bring your own canoe or walk the shoreline. The event is sponsored by the Capitol Region Watershed District.

A picnic for people planning a National Night Out observance will be held June 3, 6–7:30 p.m., at the Como Park Picnic Pavilion.

### Falcon Heights

The Environment Commission will sponsor a rain barrel workshop led by Verde Strategies at 10 a.m. June 20 at City Hall. Participants will learn how to install, use and maintain a rain barrel at home and will leave with a 55-gallon rain barrel and

tips on how to reduce water bills as well as the amount of storm water that enters waterways.

The workshop will last 1-2 hours. Preregistration and prepayment of the \$40 fee is required. Class size is limited. To sign up, call City Hall (792-7600) or e-mail [justin.miller@falconheights.org](mailto:justin.miller@falconheights.org).

View and register for summer parks and recreation programs at [www.falconheights.org](http://www.falconheights.org), or call 792-7616 and request an activity guide. Enrollment is limited in some classes, so early registration is encouraged.

Falcon Heights park shelters are available for picnics, family reunions or neighborhood gatherings. Shelters at Community Park (2050 Roselawn Ave.) and Curtiss Field (1551 W. Iowa Ave.) can be reserved for any type of gathering or event. Reservations can be made up to six months in advance.

Visit [www.falconheights.org](http://www.falconheights.org) to view park amenities and rental rates, and to download a reservation form. For more information, contact the Falcon Heights Parks and Recreation Department at 792-7616.

Applications are being sought for volunteers to serve on these Falcon Heights commissions: parks and recreation, planning, human rights and neighborhood. Application forms can be found at [www.falconheights.org](http://www.falconheights.org) or by calling City Hall, 792-7600.

A limited number of compost bins are still available at City Hall for \$35 — first come, first served.

The Garden Play Group, a preschool program at Falcon Heights United Church of Christ, is accepting registrations for the summer term for two-

and three-year-olds. The term runs June 16–Aug. 6; sessions are TTh, 9–11 a.m. Cost is \$10 per session; snacks and juice are provided.

For more information, pick up a flyer at the church (1795 Holton St.) or call Margee Fabyanske, 426-5358.

### Lauderdale

The Fairlanes will play at Lauderdale Community Park for the annual Music Under the Trees event on Monday, June 15, 7:30–8:30 p.m. The park is at Roselawn Avenue and Pleasant Street. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. All are welcome to attend this free event.

Puppet Wagon Shows will be provided by Roseville Parks and Recreation on Wednesdays at Lauderdale Community Park starting June 24.

The Youth Summer Slugger program and the Youth Soccer program, offered June 22–Aug. 12 through Roseville Parks and Recreation, will include sessions at Lauderdale Park. Lauderdale residents pay the lower resident fees.

### St. Anthony Park

All current and aspiring block captains, leaders and coordinators are invited to a Gathering of Blockheads at 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 2. The event will be in Langford Park at the picnic tables, if weather permits, or at South St. Anthony Recreation Center, in case of rain.

Meet other "blockheads" and share ideas and information. Dinner will be provided by Eden Pizza. Contact Renee (649-5992, [renee@sapcc.org](mailto:renee@sapcc.org)) to sign up.

The St. Anthony Park Community Council and the Community Foundation will unveil the 2009 Green Neighborhood Project at their table at the

St. Anthony Park Art Fair on June 6. The project will include windmills, lawnmowers, thermostats and all manner of environmental programming. The table will be located near Como and Carter.

A rain barrel workshop will be offered at 7 p.m. on June 10 at the South St. Anthony Recreation Center, 890 Cromwell Ave. The St. Anthony Park Community Council will supply all the equipment. Learn about the environmental benefits of rain barrels and their proper use. Cost is \$10 per barrel. RSVP (required) to [renee@sapcc.org](mailto:renee@sapcc.org) or 649-5992.

The June pick for the Green on the Screen series is the award-winning 2008 documentary "Flow: For Love of Water."

According to the Washington Post, "Flow" is a "lyrical and indicting testament to the importance of water and increasing attempts to privatize it. It lucidly conveys a coming crisis and its grass-roots solution." The free screening will be at 7 p.m., June 18, at the St. Anthony Park Library. Cookies will be served.

Two free Backyard Talks will feature walking tours of nearby rain gardens. One tour starts at 7 p.m., June 23, at 971 Manvel and covers sites in south St. Anthony Park. The second starts at 6:30 p.m., June 30, at 2265 Carter Ave. and covers north St. Anthony Park. RSVP to [renee@sapcc.org](mailto:renee@sapcc.org) or 649-5992.

The Gremlin Theatre will present the world premiere of Tennessee Williams' "The Enemy: Time" June 13–28. Each performance will be preceded by a Southern Social featuring live music, treats and nonalcoholic beverages and will culminate with a post-performance party at Jay's Café.

For ticket information and performance dates, call 228-7008. The Gremlin Theatre is

located at 2400 University Ave., just east of Highway 280.

Beginning June 17, a new program for ages 13–17, Teens Taking Action, will take place at Langford Rec Center. The program will develop youth leadership through service-learning projects. For more information, call 298-5765.

Also at Langford in June:

Soccer Camp, ages 6–12, June 15–19, \$95.

Beginning violin lessons, grades 1–6, eight weeks starting June 15, \$100.

Kids Garage Sale, June 13, 1–4 p.m., \$10 per table.

Arabic language and culture, ages 10 and up, begins June 10, \$50.

Pilates, ages 18 and up, begins June 4, \$70.

To register for any of these programs, stop by the Rec Center or call 298-5765.

St. Paul Urban Tennis classes for ages 5 through high school will begin June 15 and run every weekday through July 24 at Langford and College Park. To register, show up at the site on Friday, June 12, between 10 a.m. and noon, or go to [www.sput.us](http://www.sput.us).

Students are grouped by age, ability and availability. Cost is \$65 for the first child in a family, \$45 for the second child and \$25 for the third child.

The extended closure of Raymond Avenue for railroad bridge construction is now expected to fall in September and October, after the State Fair. Early phases of bridge work will cause several days of intermittent traffic interruption during the summer.

A Fourth of July PR Launch Party will be held Monday, June 1, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Langford Rec Center. Volunteers are needed to help stuff envelopes.

Volunteers are also needed for the Fourth in the Park celebration on July 4. Contact Julie Glowka (647-9969, [julieglowka@aol.com](mailto:julieglowka@aol.com)) or Cindy Vik Thrasher (644-4794, [cbthrasher@comcast.net](mailto:cbthrasher@comcast.net)). If you want to march in the parade or help plan it, contact Brenda Hansen (644-2561, [bghansen55@msn.com](mailto:bghansen55@msn.com)).

St. Anthony Park resident Gerald Nolte recently completed two terms on the board of directors at the International Institute of Minnesota, including a stint as president.

Another St. Anthony Park resident, Glen Skovholt, has joined the board.

— Anne Holzman






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# Community Foundation announces 2009 grants

by Dave Healy

The St. Anthony Park Community Foundation announced recently that it has awarded \$31,000 in grants for 2009. The grants will fund green initiatives, arts activities, senior citizen support and educational programs, said Jon Schumacher, foundation executive director.

Grants to St. Anthony Park Elementary and Murray Junior High total \$17,000 and are specifically targeted to preserve arts, music and environmental education programs that are threatened by district-wide budget cuts.

Foundation Grants Committee Chair Greta Gauthier said, “Our schools have always understood the importance the arts play in academic success. It’s one of the reasons our elementary and junior high are consistently ranked as top schools in the

metro area.”

Dr. Winston Tucker, Murray principal, said the school’s participation at Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center “helps develop the student leadership that sets the tone for the rest of our school year. The impact it has on our school atmosphere is enormous; the impact it has on our students is life-altering.”

Over the last 10 years, the Foundation has given over \$280,000 on behalf of St. Anthony Park residents and businesses, fulfilling its mission to preserve and protect the community’s assets.

The following list includes current grants as well as those given in spring 2008:

**IFP Minnesota:** \$1,000 for program support.

This organization, head-quartered in south St. Anthony

Park, provides support for independent film and video projects throughout the state. They also work with St. Paul schools to provide hands-on experience for high school students.

**Music in the Park Series:** \$2,000 for its Family Concert Series and school outreach.

This grant will help support free concerts at local schools and a senior home, as well as master classes for elementary and junior high students.

**St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program:** \$3,300 to expand services and enhance outreach.

The Block Nurse Program provides transitional care for area seniors that helps them live in their homes. This money will help support their senior exercise program and a lecture series on health issues for seniors.

**St. Anthony Park Community Council:** \$5,000 for Green Neighborhood Initiative.

This grant will support programs that reduce the neighborhood’s carbon footprint.

**Murray Junior High School:** \$5,000 for a tutoring program.

**Murray Junior High School:** \$1,500 for Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Program scholarships.

**Murray Junior High School:** \$623 for a jazz band trip to New York City.

**St. Anthony Park Community Band:** \$375 for new sheet music.

**St. Anthony Park Elementary School:** \$5,000 for arts residency programs.

**St. Anthony Park Elementary School:** \$1,500 for new library books.

**Store-to-Door:** \$950 for home food delivery to area seniors and disabled residents.

**Fourth of July Committee:** \$500 for general operating support.

The following organizations received grant awards from designated funds:

**Keystone Community Services:** \$1,100 for general operating support.

**St. Anthony Park Elementary School:** \$1,000 for 4th-grade band program.

**St. Anthony Park Elementary School:** \$1,706 for environmental education programming.

For more information, visit [www.sapfoundation.org](http://www.sapfoundation.org).

# University Ave. business owners mull LRT parking repercussions

by Art Hughes

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From streetcars to car dealerships, St. Paul’s University Avenue has had a symbiotic and evolving relationship with different modes of transportation.

That relationship is about to change again, and businesses and property owners along University want some assurances the coming light rail project won’t

undo what they’ve spent years building and investing in. More than a year after preliminary Central Corridor rail designs were drawn up, the focus of their concerns remains the mundane issue of parking.

“The project doesn’t have the resources to solve the problem the project itself is creating,” Ax Man Surplus store owner Jim Segal said during a recent meeting organized by the University Avenue Business Association (UABA). “For the life of me I don’t understand how

there’s not some kind of fund” to fix these lingering concerns, he told the engineers, organizers and public liaisons that make up the Parking Solutions Team.

It’s easy enough to see the problem from aerial photos and design renderings. Putting light rail down the middle of the avenue means getting rid of nearly all the convenient on-street parking that many businesses rely on. And it’s not at all clear where

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# Local girl thrilled to get Canne(s)ed

by Dave Healy

It’s a long way from St. Anthony Park to Cannes, France. For Ericka Backberg, who made the trip in May, the distance was measured in years as well as miles.

Backberg was part of the production team behind “Birthmarked for Death,” a film that had its international premiere at the 2009 Cannes Film Festival.

“Birthmarked” was made in 2008 as part of the 48 Hour Film Project, in which teams get two days to write, shoot and edit a movie based on an assigned character, prop, line of dialogue and genre.

“Birthmarked,” for which Backberg served as production manager and associate producer, won the award for Best Picture of

all Minnesota entries in the 48 Hour Film Project and was named one of the top 14 films in international voting. That qualified it for an appearance at Cannes.

Erika, daughter of Brian and Kathy Backberg, attended St. Anthony Park Elementary, Murray Junior High and St. Paul Central High School. After graduating from St. Olaf College in 2001, she taught for two years in Minneapolis as part of AmeriCorps.

In 2003, she began working with producer John Shepard, another St. Anthony Park resident, at the Center for Global Environmental Education’s Media Department, housed at Hamline University. In 2004, she was part

of a team that won top honors at the Wildscreen Film Festival.

“My formal education, international travels and AmeriCorps experience strengthened my belief in the power of art to build and transform community, individual voice, human rights, digital literacy and education,” she said.

In addition to producing independent media, Backberg teaches at the St. Paul Neighborhood Network and is the principal artist of Tea Tree Designs Eco-Jewelry and Multimedia Studios. Currently she lives in Minneapolis and will move to Los Angeles this fall with fiancé Eric Nigg, who also worked on “Birthmarked for Death.”

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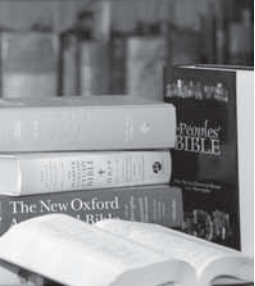
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We call them “invasives”: buckthorn, garlic mustard, purple loosestrife, Eurasian watermilfoil, sea lampreys, zebra mussels, gypsy moths, emerald ash borers. Many of these organisms are familiar to Minnesotans, and they’ve prompted the expenditure of millions of dollars and person-hours in attempts to eradicate them or control their spread.

Invasive species are menacing because they upset an area’s ecological balance, threatening to crowd out local species and take over. Invasives are outsiders, non-natives; they don’t belong here.

Another term ecologists use when referring to non-native plants and animals, one that’s broader and less pejorative than invasives, is “introduced” species. In this context, something is introduced when it’s brought by humans, either intentionally or unintentionally, from one environment to another.

Famous examples of intentional introductions include starlings, brought to America by Englishman Eugene Schieffelin, who supposedly wanted this country to enjoy all the birds mentioned in Shakespeare’s plays. Other intentional introductions have had less idiosyncratic motives but similarly dramatic results. Garlic mustard, for example, was deliberately planted in some areas as a means of erosion control. Eurasian carp were brought to the United States as a potential food source.

Those examples are rather esoteric but, broadly considered, much of the plant and animal life we see around us is non-native. None of the livestock in Minnesota, except turkeys, is native to North America. Soybeans and wheat are non-natives. Indeed, most of our food — plant and animal — represents species that were deliberately introduced from elsewhere.

Then, of course, there are the accidental introductions. Zebra mussels and sea lampreys arrived in Minnesota in the ballast water of ships docking at Lake Superior. The emerald ash borer likely hitched a ride on imported firewood.

Even these few examples illustrate several facts about introductions. For one thing, it’s hard to generalize about them. They can be harmful or beneficial or benign. For another, they’re subject to the law of

unintended consequences. It’s sometimes impossible to know how a given organism will fare in a new environment.

Introductions also serve as reminder that much of what we consider native was originally foreign — including most of us. Indeed, the terms native and non-native, rather than being precise categories, are slippery and the line supposedly separating them is often blurry.

It is perhaps human nature to be suspicious of outsiders. We tend to trust those who are like us and to assume that those who are not bear watching. What are “they” doing in our country, our state, our neighborhood? They don’t belong here. But, of course, at one point we — or our ancestors — moved to where we are from someplace else, “invaded,” if you will.

Those who decry the incursion of foreign influences and preach the primacy of the native would undoubtedly chafe under a strict interpretation of the latter. For example, as omnivores human beings enjoy an astonishingly varied diet. But what would it mean to set one’s table exclusively with native foodstuffs?

It would involve more than “eating local,” which means using only ingredients that were harvested near at hand. Eating native would mean you couldn’t have a tomato, even if you grew it in your back yard, because tomatoes are native to South America and didn’t show up here until the 18th century.

Another lesson to be learned from invasives is the fragility of monoculture. St. Paul was especially vulnerable to Dutch elm disease because most of our boulevard trees at the time it struck were American elms. In the wild, biodiversity results naturally. In the civilized world, monoculture seems easier to maintain. Easier perhaps, but seldom wiser.

If you’re an ash tree, it might be comforting to grow up in a forest of ash trees. Everything you see looks familiar and comfortable. You don’t have to worry too much about your neighbors. Your offspring will grow up looking just like you. Life is stable from one generation to the next.

Until one day you notice a small emerald bug landing on your neighbor’s bark.

## C O M M E N T A R Y

*by Claudia Hampston Daly*

Como Pool is gone now, demolished last month. The land it occupied looks like a construction zone, but it’s unclear whether rebuilding on the site will happen anytime soon.

St. Paul Parks and Recreation thought they had two years of Capital Improvement Bonding money lined up. The May 25 meeting of the CIB Committee changed those prospects.

The committee came to the meeting having decided not to recommend funding for a “state of the art aquatic facility,” and a chorus of Como area residents — all but one throwing cold water on the project — couldn’t help but strengthen the committee’s intention.

One or another Como Pool replacement scheme has been bubbling for at least a decade. The plan presented to the CIB this spring is a new iteration of a more grandiose design commissioned back when George W. Bush was in his first term and money flowed fast and furiously.

While this new design is not quite as large or costly, it hasn’t won the hearts and minds of serious Como Park watchers. The scope of the plan, the way it was created, the narrow focus assigned to a “citizens task force” and the selection process for membership on that task force galled many Como neighbors.

Despite this latest development, a project dear to Parks and Recreation professionals (and two of their directors) over the course of a decade could spring back to life.

After all, significant investments have been made, not just staff time and demolition but two rounds of costly design, with a price tag of at least a quarter of a million dollars. And the CIB board does not make the final decision. Their recommendations are advisory.

So imagine that this aquatic facility plan rises again. Anticipated annual usage is projected to increase by as much as 55 percent, with peak use on a hot summer day growing by perhaps 66 percent.

This may be good news to those who applaud the notion of “if you build it, they will come,” but it worries those who already live with the current pressure on the park and the neighborhood.

What if these new users do come? Two million people already visit Como Park every year. Will the arrival of a whole new category of regional users — all day, every day, all summer long — be a good thing?

If you drove by my house on Lexington Parkway or sat on my front steps over the Memorial Day weekend, I think I know what your answer would be. Traffic was rough. Park visitors competed with neighbors for

parking spaces between Como and Horton. Cars moved at a snail’s pace through the park. Every lot, every spot was jammed full. The season is just starting.

Now imagine how clogged Lexington will be once the polar bears show up at the zoo. Imagine further what a “state of the art” aquatic facility modeled on suburban water parks (with a nod to Wisconsin Dells) would bring.

Be thankful that the CIB is not in a rush to fund this project. Until the economy improves, let’s use the time to take the Como Pool replacement question back to the grass roots.

Think about the environmental stress, impact on wild life, traffic congestion, pressure on surrounding neighborhoods. Be serious about what we really want for Como’s broad front lawn along Lexington Parkway between Como and Horton. Meanwhile, plant a few trees and do a little landscaping. Make it a park again.

It would be swell for Como Park to have a new swimming pool. A simple one that fits into the footprint of the existing pool and doesn’t cost too much. A pool that will complement other Como Park services, not be a major destination in and of itself. Let it be a pool within a park within a neighborhood. Let it be.

*Claudia Hampston Daly is a writer and radio documentary producer. She has a window on Como Park in all seasons and enjoys adventures with family and friends along its many paths and within its gracious facilities.*

### Upcoming Meetings

June 4, 7 p.m.: Traffic/parking discussion, 1224 Lexington.

June 8, 3:30 p.m.: CIB meeting, St. Paul Central Library, 4th floor. Observation only.

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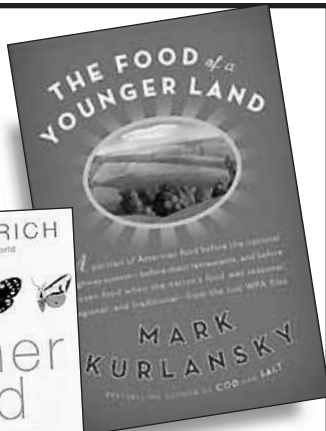
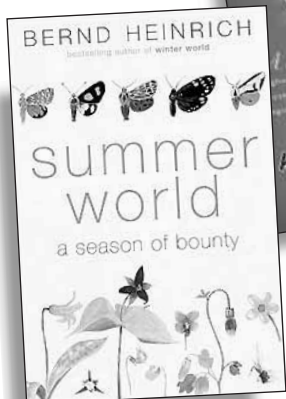
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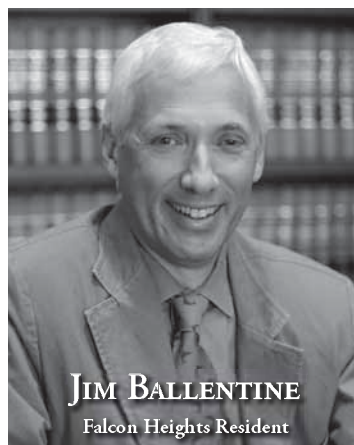
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## Emerald Ash Borers from 1

Park on May 14 by a tree service company. Initially, three trees were confirmed as infested. Since then, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) has been inspecting ash trees within a two-mile radius of the original infestation.

As of May 28, the MDA had found 26 trees with a confirmed EAB infestation and another 98 suspect trees in the target area, according to Geir Friisoe, director of MDA's Plant Protection Division.

Minnesota is estimated to have 937 million white, green and black ash trees. Because the EAB poses a serious threat to the state's forests, Sen. Ellen Anderson, who represents St. Anthony Park, called a public meeting on May 20 to discuss the issue. Officials from MDA, the Department of Natural Resources and the city of St. Paul were on hand to dispense information and answer questions.

At the meeting, Friisoe said the MDA has been planning for an EAB invasion ever since the beetle was discovered in Michigan. "We knew it was coming," he said. "We just didn't know when."

Mark Abrahamson, program coordinator for MDA's ash borer program, said the most challenging thing about dealing with the pest is its near invisibility.

The adult beetles are only half an inch long. The larva, which do the real damage, can lurk unseen beneath the bark's surface for a year or more before a tree shows any sign of damage. Abrahamson said the EAB could have been in Minnesota for as long as five years even though it

was only detected recently.

Rich Lallier, operations manager for St. Paul's Division of Parks and Recreation, said the EAB has not yet been detected in other parts of the city. He said his department has identified 285 ash trees on city property in an area bounded by Interstate 94 on the south, the BNSF railroad tracks on the north, Highway 280 on the west and Transfer Road on the east.

The location of an infected ash tree dictates who pays for its treatment or removal. Boulevard trees, for example, would be taken care of by the city.

Lallier said the city will make treatment and removal decisions on a case-by-case basis. Homeowners who want to treat boulevard trees themselves would need a permit, he said, and so far the city is holding off on granting permits.

Treating an infected tree is an expensive proposition, according to Bob Fitch, executive director of the Minnesota Nursery and Landscape Association. He said treatment costs from \$50 to \$200 a year per tree and would need to be continued for the life of the tree.

Fitch urged property owners with ash trees to consult an arborist certified by the International Society of Arboriculture before making a decision about treating an infected tree. He said treatment should be performed by a licensed commercial pesticide applicator.

"Don't trust door-to-door salesmen," Fitch said. "The people who are qualified to deal with this kind of problem are not going to be knocking on people's

doors." He said concerned property owners can consult his organization's Web site ([www.mnla.biz](http://www.mnla.biz)) for a list of certified arborists.

In response to the EAB threat, MDA has imposed a quarantine on firewood, ash trees and ash tree products in Hennepin and Ramsey counties. MDA's Friisoe said that although adult beetles, which fly, can infect new trees, the main cause of spreading an infestation is by transporting firewood and other products.

Property owners who have trees they are concerned about have several options (see sidebar). The most important thing, MDA officials stressed, is not to take action without consulting an expert.

Mark Olson and Norma Smith Olson, who live in south St. Anthony Park, have two young ash trees on their boulevard and two more mature ash trees in their yard. Although Olson said the trees have shown some signs of stress, they are waiting to hear more from city and state officials before determining next steps.

Olson said if their trees turn out to be infested but are treatable, they would be inclined to treat them in order to preserve the shade. "Because they help keep the house cool in the summer, the trees have an economic, as well as aesthetic, value," he said.

Robert Delutri lives on Long Avenue, at the epicenter of the EAB infestation. His property has 12 mature ash trees.

"They're in varying stages of decline," he said. "A few are almost dead; others show some signs of disease. We'll probably have to get all of them taken out eventually."

Delutri said he worries about the expense of removing a dozen trees.

"Maybe those of us in the area can get some kind of group rate," he said. "I'm hoping some company that could use the wood might cut us a deal."

Friisoe said that if the EAB infestation appears to be confined to south St. Anthony Park, clear-cutting all ash trees in the area is a possibility, but he said that approach hasn't been very successful in other states. Sen. Anderson said that at the end of the recent session, the Minnesota Legislature approved an emergency allocation of \$2 million to address the EAB threat.

That money will not be available until Gov. Pawlenty signs the budget, and it would need to survive the "unallotment" process he has said the entire budge will be subject to. Anderson urged people to contact the governor's office (296-3391) and lobby for inclusion of that emergency funding.

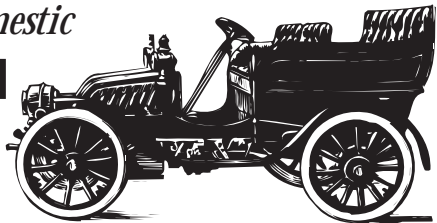
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[www.mda.state.mn.us/plants/pestmanagement/eab.htm](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/plants/pestmanagement/eab.htm)

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### University of Minnesota Extension Office

[www.extension.umn.edu/offices](http://www.extension.umn.edu/offices)

[www.extension.umn.edu/issues/eab](http://www.extension.umn.edu/issues/eab)

[www.extension.umn.edu/extensionnews/2009/dont-treat-ash.html](http://www.extension.umn.edu/extensionnews/2009/dont-treat-ash.html)

### St. Paul Parks and Recreation

[www.stpaul.gov/index.asp?NID=2495](http://www.stpaul.gov/index.asp?NID=2495)

### Minnesota Nursery and Landscape Association

[www.mnla.biz/industry-resources/pest-resources-18#ccat](http://www.mnla.biz/industry-resources/pest-resources-18#ccat)



# Keeping the speck out of your neighbor's eye

by Dave Healy

This time David Daly was more careful.

In 1980, Daly, who had just finished optometry school and was ready to open his first practice, arranged to rent space at 2278 Como Ave., the location now occupied by Gustafson's Jewelers.

"I was poking around and discovered that a nice brick wall had been covered over," he said. "I thought that brick would look nice if it were cleaned up."

Daly arranged to have the wall sandblasted. What he didn't account for was that dust would get into the ventilating system and be carried to the adjacent dentist's office, where it made a mess and fouled some instruments.

"They were nice about it," Daly said, "but it wasn't a very good first impression."

Daly operated Village Optics at that location for five years, then moved his office to Rice Street. He opened a second office in Calhoun Square in 1990. When he closed the Rice Street operation five years ago, he began looking for another St. Paul location.

That search eventually led him back to St. Anthony Park, where he recently opened Eyedeals, which he describes as "a neighborhood eye clinic." The new facility is located at 2309 Como Ave., just across the street and a half block west of Daly's first office.

Turning the new space into an eye clinic meant stripping things down to the foundation. This time, however, the adjacent businesses didn't have to clean up any dust.

Eyedeals is a complete eye care clinic, including a display of fashionable frames. In addition to routine eye exams, Daly sees

patients for various ailments, such as glaucoma. He also provides follow-up eye care after surgery.

Eyedeals is a joint venture between Daly and his wife, Kate, a potter. Kate Daly helped design the new facility, and she'll use part of it as display space for three-dimensional art.

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— David Daly

Although the Dalys have lived in St. Anthony Park since 1985, they've been gratified by the many people who have welcomed them to the community now that their new business is open.

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Froula Reading Circle members gathered on May 8 to celebrate the group's 100th anniversary. Front row: Millie Hakomaki, Doris Manson, LaVonne Souther, Mary Jane Addison, Karen Gerst. Back row: Betty Lockhart, Mary Shepherd, Beverly Dailey, Gwen Bacheller, June Estelle, Nancy Fruen, Dadee Reilly, Mae Thompson. Not pictured: Ann Bursch and Muriel Widmer.

#### Froula Reading from 1

St. Anthony Park homes for enlightenment and intellectual stimulation — but not for discussion. One member would read a book — or several, depending on the topic — and make a presentation to the group.

Members were assigned subjects from specific genres such as poetry, essays, biography, drama, history, current events and travel, but rarely fiction. After the presentation, other members could ask questions or make comments for a few minutes, but involved discussions about the book's contents or aesthetic qualities were not allowed.

The meetings were extremely civil in every respect. Members referred to each other only by

surnames (preceded by Miss or Mrs., of course), punctuality was required and three successive absences resulted in loss of membership unless there was a valid excuse. Members did not go upstairs in each other's homes, the point being that housekeeping was secondary to intellectual pursuits. The group had a constitution and procedures for voting in officers and new members. A short business meeting was held at the beginning of each session.

Though refreshments were not a part of the meetings, the original group met three times a year for luncheons, which were occasions to bring out the linen tablecloths, sterling and the best china. The women took this opportunity to present a special menu: creamed chicken in party shells or seafood Newburg, homemade rolls, molded salads, fancy desserts.

Some things have changed over the years. Now the club holds only one luncheon a year, either at a restaurant or the dining room of 1666 Coffman. Members are on first-name basis and occasionally have a cup of tea together after the meeting.

The original membership of 12 has expanded to a limit of 20 members and now stands at 15, plus two honorary members. Presenters are no longer assigned topics but instead choose books they think the group will find interesting.

Monthly meetings are held from October to May on the second Friday. Annual dues, which were 50¢, are now \$5 and are used to donate library books in memory of deceased members.

But the core values and purpose of the group remain unchanged from the days of Mrs. Froula. At a recent meeting, member Dadee Reilly summarized and read from "Moloka'i," by Alan Brennert.

Everyone listened attentively.

Social connections are paramount to the group's longevity. Many of the women have been members since early in their marriages. Doris Manson, a member since 1966, turned 100 this year along with the club. Many others have been members for over 20 years.

Current president Ann Bursch is a second-generation member of Froula. She remembers fondly the meetings at her home when she was growing up and appreciates being part of a group that includes her mother's friends. She also enjoys the variety of books she discovers through the group.

"Everyone chooses such great books," she said. "They are often very inspirational and motivating."

Recent books include "A Sense of the World," by James Roberts; "The Florist's Daughter," by Patricia Hampl; "The Latehomecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir," by Kao Kalia Yang; and "Emily Post: Daughter of the Gilded Age, Mistress of American Manners," by Laura Claridge.

Bursch sometimes worries about the future of the group and wonders if it will still be around 100 years from now.

"Because so many women are working and everyone is so busy, it's a little hard to find new members," she said. "Women don't have the same need to get out of the house and find intellectual stimulation that the founding members did."

Nevertheless, Bursch has high hopes that an organization that has survived for 100 years will continue to thrive. She encourages anyone who finds the idea of a women's reading circle compelling to contact her at ambursch@usfamily.net.

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## Volunteering Matters

by Lisa Steinmann

“Christians have a very influential story that starts with a homeless family knocking on doors, looking for a place to stay,” says Elaine Tarone, a parishioner at St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church in St. Anthony Park.

When the church was asked to become a Project Home site and provide emergency overnight shelter for homeless families, it seemed to Tarone “like a logical thing for churches to have this ministry.”

For the past nine years, during August St. Matthew’s has provided beds and volunteer hosts for families experiencing homelessness. Other area congregations involved in Project Home include St. Cecilia’s, Corpus Christi in Roseville, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, St. Anthony Park Lutheran and St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church.

At St. Matthew’s, volunteers staff the church every evening during August and offer hospitality to guests, who arrive at 5:30 p.m. Volunteer hosts of all ages relax with guest families in the evening, serve snacks, play games, perhaps walk to the nearby park. Some spend the night at the church and serve breakfast in the morning before guests are bused to the Family Place in downtown St. Paul.

The Family Place provides a daytime way station with phones and computers to help with job searches. There are showers, laundry facilities and lockers for storing personal items. Staff and volunteers provide meals, counseling and other services. School buses pick up and drop children off at the center.

The Ramsey County Family Service Center in Maplewood is an emergency overnight shelter. When it’s at capacity (55 beds), which it always is, Project Home provides extra beds to accommodate the overflow, sheltering families in churches, synagogues and schools.

Project Home, a program of the St. Paul Council of Churches, operated at 90 percent capacity or more for much of last year. According to Director Sara Liegl, the program will increase the number of beds and cribs it provides this summer from 40 to 60 beds a month.

St. Matthew’s is one of three sites that will offer shelter during August to as many as 20 individuals, about two thirds of whom will be children.

It’s clear that, as Tarone puts it, “if we weren’t here, these people would have no place to go.” Programs like Project Home, though, prompt questions.

Tarone said that volunteers often ask why the people they serve are homeless. She added that a common tendency is to

think of the homeless as individuals — a single man, maybe a war vet, alcoholic or drug dependent, possibly violent, definitely scary.

But Project Home serves families, a group that Wilder Research reports has been the fastest growing segment of homeless people in Minnesota since 1991, with women and children far outnumbering men.

Families experiencing homelessness defy other stereotypes. One-fourth to one-third of the adults have jobs. Less than 10 percent have chemical dependency or mental health problems. A disproportionate number are people of color.

Becky Hicks, homeless liaison for St. Paul Public Schools, estimates there are 1900 students in the city who are homeless. The stories these families have to tell may be different, but they all need affordable housing, adequate incomes and health care.

For the big picture on homelessness, Tarone can turn to her husband, Rev. Grant Abbott, executive director of the St. Paul Council of Churches. Project Home is one of 18 programs the council runs. Abbott says that the rise in homelessness is related to the growing shortage of affordable rental housing and an increase in poverty.

“Recently there has been a bottleneck of people moving from homes they can no longer afford into apartments,” Abbott says. The demand, in turn, has driven up the price of renting an apartment.

“Our role as volunteers” says Tarone, “is to help families under stress, to support parents as they care for their kids.”



Volunteer Grant Abbott reads with a Project Home guest at St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church.

She remembers how frightened the children were when a storm came through in August 2007 and blew trees down all around the church. The power went out and flashlights were shared to get through that dark night.

Tarone made calls to other churches in the neighborhood, and volunteers mobilized to pack up all the Project Home gear — cots, cardboard privacy walls,

diapers, kitchen items — and move it to St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, which had power.

“People were great,” she says. “We were able to set up a network of people who were reliable and hospitable in an emergency.”

Tarone says an added benefit of Project Home is that it has brought together people from different churches and faiths.

“It reinforces the idea that we

all believe in the importance of working together, to love our neighbors as ourselves,” she says.

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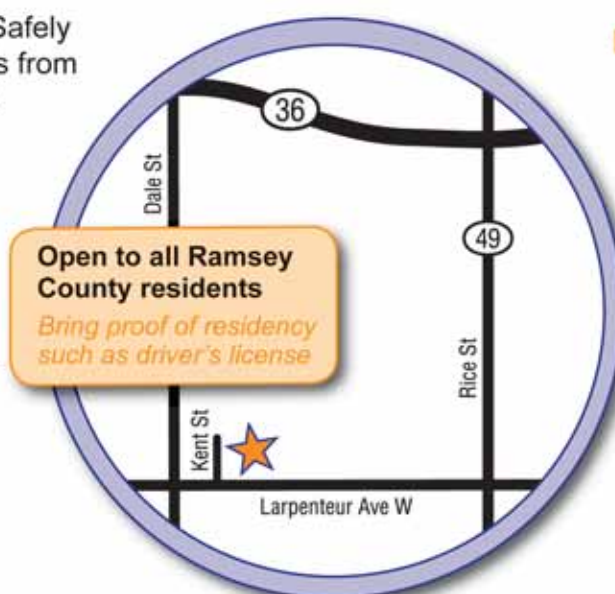
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He said he spends two hours a day trying to stay updated on Central Corridor issues but is resigned to the fact that small business people have little ability to significantly change the design at this point.

"All the business owners need to call their (Metropolitan Council) community outreach coordinators and have them look at their properties to see if there's the possibility of adding parking spaces," Baca said. "Either they say 'yes' and you get some additional spaces, or they say 'no' and you have to make a business decision."

The UABA wants

government Central Corridor backers — the Met Council, the city of St. Paul, the federal government and others — to set aside money and develop a plan to keep businesses alive during and after light rail construction.

They also want studies before, during and after construction about where drivers on University Avenue are coming from and going to.

"Everybody wants a silver bullet, a big pot of money, a \$50-million fund," to fix parking problems, St. Paul planner Craig Blakely told the more than two-dozen business owners and others at the meeting. "We don't have one big solution. We've identified small sources of money but not on the level many people would expect."

Planners identified 11 "critical areas," ranging from a half block on one side of the street to two blocks on both sides, that they believe have the most pressing problems. Those zones command more focused staff time and energy.

One idea planners have floated is to make better use of private parking lots and other

existing off-street spaces. These account for more than 20,000 parking spaces that some businesses could share. But even Blakely acknowledged the limited potential of this plan on a street dotted with hair-braiding salons, Hmong clothing stores and auto repair shops.

"When you look at the individual businesses along University and the different cultures and languages spoken, it becomes difficult not only to figure out shared parking but even to talk about shared parking," he said.

The team's recommendations include installing parking meters at the few on-street spaces that remain, requiring nearby residents to buy permits to allow round-the-clock street parking near their homes, and tougher, more technologically advanced parking enforcement to make sure drivers don't abuse the system.

At their June 18 meeting, UABA plans to educate business owners about their legal rights if they think the LRT project impairs their property value or ability to keep their doors open to customers.



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School  
News

by A.E. Young

**Chelsea Heights Elementary**1557 Huron St., 293-8790  
<http://chelsea.spps.org>

In the age of reduce, reuse and recycle, fifth graders were happy to use the new materials provided by the **Kids 'n Chemistry** program on May 5. Students experimented with super-absorbent crystals, the kind found in disposable diapers.

Chelsea hosted its annual **Science Fair** on May 7. Participation has grown each year to a high this year of 259 projects from students in kindergarten through grade six. Medals were awarded to the top projects from each grade.

Students in grades 3–6 were interviewed and judged by three independent judges from the community. This year's judges included representatives from the St. Paul Police Department, St. Paul Fire Department, St. Paul Rescue, Principle Financial, St. Paul Federation of Teachers, Design Forty-Five Architects, Standard Dynamics of Burnsville, the entire elected governing body from Education Minnesota and several other volunteers. In all, 37 judges participated in the event.

The school recognized 48 **volunteer reading tutors**: Dawn Miller, Elsie Trapp, Bart and Carrie Moseman, Florence Johnson, Bob Appert, Roy Muscatello, Carolyn Heiniger, Marybeth Wacek, Ellen McEvoy, Julie Gabrielli, Lily Rancone, Dick and Pat Peterson, Maureen Cox, Marcy Peterson, Renee Gebeke, Bev and Jim Randall, Mary Buss, Molly Riley, Marcy Peterson, Heather Alexander, Barbara Foster, Dodie Woodis, Levi Young, Nancy Phelps, Lisa and Lily Cregan, Pat Erickson, Paul Wilberg, Val Cuninghame, Diane and Norma Signorelli, Sara Quinn, Erica Kobett, Roger Bergerson, Terry Ubel, Sheila and Roger Skone, Erica and Ben Pinc, Jennifer Crone, Ann Preiner, Stacia Poeschl, Shannon Wexler and Pat Burns.

Anyone interested in volunteering next year can contact John Giese: 293-8790, [John.Giese@spps.org](mailto:John.Giese@spps.org).

**Como Park Elementary**780 W. Wheelock Pkwy., 293-8735  
[www.comoel.spps.org](http://www.comoel.spps.org)

Three students have been awarded Fish & Richardson-sponsored **U.S. Space Camp Scholarships**. Shiney Her, Jesse Lara and Stacy Yang will travel to Huntsville, Alabama, this summer to participate in Space Academy, an academic program of astronaut and mission training. They will participate in simulated missions, conduct physics experiments and attend lectures

on space exploration.

This is the tenth year Fish & Richardson P.C., an intellectual property law firm in Minneapolis, has sponsored scholarships to the Space Academy for Como Park Elementary students. The scholarship program started locally and has since grown to include Fish & Richardson offices throughout the country, providing up to 30 scholarships each year to selected students.

Students go through a rigorous application process that includes a creativity project, essay, teacher recommendations and an interview.

On May 27 and 28, 43 students attended the 2009 **Flint Hills International Children's Festival** in St. Paul. They watched acrobatics, puppeteers and musicians, as well as participating in art-making stations and viewing children's artwork from around the state.

Two Como Elementary students, **Lute Woramoon** (third grade) and **Nerah Blatcher** (fourth grade), were chosen as winners in the festival's "Flights of Fancy" poster contest. Each received \$50 and was recognized at a reception honoring the winning artists.

**St. Anthony Park Elementary**2180 Knapp St., 293-8735  
[www.stanthony.spps.org](http://www.stanthony.spps.org)

Principal Ann Johnson reports that **next year's enrollment** is projected to be about 500. Despite rising costs and declining enrollment in the district, the school expects few changes in staff and programs for next year.

Sixth graders will be treated to a **celebration dinner** on June 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the gym. They will share memories and receive thanks and recognition for their contributions to the school.

Sixth-grade teacher **Jane Batcheller** will retire after 20 years with St. Paul Public Schools. Her philosophy of education is that "children learn what they please and learn best what pleases them the most."

Another retiree is **Mary Remmers**, the school's literacy coach.

At the **Talent Show** on May 15 in the Murray Auditorium, 57 acts took the stage to entertain with dance, comedy, music and magic.

Four teams competed at the **Destination ImagiNation** global competition in Knoxville, Tennessee, May 20–23.

The Rubber Bandits took 6th place in their division,

Cinders and Ashes took 16th, Bright Lights were 21st and Miscellaneous Laces were 22nd.

The **Site Council** and **SAPSA** held their final meetings of the year in May, when outgoing members were recognized.

Site Council co-chairs, parent Betsy Van Hecke and teacher Jim Schrankler, did much to involve parents and staff in selecting a new principal last year and overseeing a smooth transition this year.

Other outgoing members are Judy Roe, Lisa Cohen and Lisa Habeck. New members for next year include teachers Kim Hughes and Jeff Budin, and parents Steve Marchese, Jackie Sticha, Shukri Malen and Pinar Karaca-Mandic.

The St. Anthony Park School Association (SAPSA) will have new officers next year: co-chairs, Ann Commers and Doreen Theverapperuma; secretary, Andrea Banat; treasurer, Susan Bougie; fundraising chair, Neza Guevara; and volunteer coordinator co-chairs, Misty Haven and Deena Anders.

The **last day** for teaching staff is June 6. The school office will remain open until June 13 and will reopen for the next school year on Aug. 11. Summer school will take place June 22–July 24 at Chelsea Heights Elementary. Discovery Club will be in the Rondo Building, and Community Education classes will be held at other sites.

The building will undergo a technology upgrade over the summer, including new wiring and cables. All classrooms will get flat-screen TVs, and several will get interactive white boards and ceiling-mounted projectors.

The first day of school next fall is Sept. 8 for grades 1–6 and Sept. 10 for kindergarten. For information about the school during the summer, call the District Student Placement Center at 632-3670.

**Murray Junior High**2200 Buford Ave., 293-8740  
<http://murray.spps.org>

Murray's **softball team** placed first in the city conference by winning all seven games. The school's **baseball team** came in second in the conference, losing just one of nine game. The **badminton team** tied for fourth place with five wins and four losses.

Murray ends the school year with the eighth-grade class spending June 5 at **Valley Fair**. The eighth-grade awards night will be held at 7 p.m. June 8. The seventh-grade awards ceremony will be at 12:30 p.m. June 5.

In the last edition of School News, two **state Science Fair winners** were inadvertently left off the list. Seventh-graders Viola Holman and Brooke Rogers both won first place for their papers.

A required **orientation** for new students and their parents will be held in the fall. All new students and their parents will receive a letter in August as a reminder.

**Como Park Senior High**740 Rose Ave., 293-8800  
<http://comosr.spps.org>

Como's AP environmental science class threw its **Earth Rally** on May 15. This party celebrated the idea that "it's easy being green." Presenters helped visitors learn how easy it can be to live environmentally friendly and save money at the same time.

Como is going greener by adding tennis shoe, cell phone and battery recycling to the school's existing paper, cans, plastic and glass recycling. The general environmental science class completed surveys to determine the impact of recycling cell phones.

Only 9 percent of students initially surveyed said they recycled their cell phones. After three weeks of the new service, 32 percent claimed to recycle their old phones. Used cell phones will be delivered to Como Zoo.

The following students offered their **face-painting** services at St. Anthony Park Elementary School's Spring Carnival: Zoe Barthomew, Haley Van Cleve, Richard Nguyen, Raymond Perez, Dasia Randle, Tanisha Franklin, Rashonda Polk, Anissa Kefi, Kachia Txia, Cha Heu, Mike Block, Pacia Her, Hannah Perry, and Amelia Kahn. The students were led by science teacher Kathy Kahn.

On May 16, 26 students pulled **invasive garlic mustard plants** from the 14-acre area around Como Pool. This was the third annual garlic mustard pull for Como students, as part of an ongoing effort to remove invasive species from the woodland. Students also worked to prevent embedded burdock burr seeds from germinating and spreading.

After competing at the regional and state History Day competitions, **Sergio Portesan** was selected to go to the national competition. His documentary, "Thaddeus Stevens: Aggressive Action during Radical Reconstruction," won second place at the state event, and he will travel to Washington, D.C., in June with advisor Nancy Plagens.

After 39 years with St. Paul Public Schools, 30 of which were at Como Park High School, **Bill Niemczyk** is retiring. For the past 10 years, he has been Como's athletic director. He established the Como Park Athletic Hall of Fame and has developed a strong community-based fundraising program.

Como wishes him the best of luck in future endeavors and thanks him for his years of dedication to the school.

The following students were chosen for **National Honor Society** and were inducted on May 13: Jon Aslani, Lauren Berger, Madeline Berger, Stefan Brancel, Samantha Brown, Jackson Collins, Victoria Colston, Carolyn Croce, Sarah Davy, Miriam Dennis, Dustina Granlund, Alynda Her, Amelia Kahn, Kyle Kapaun, Jane Kramer, Mai Yer Lee, Steven Mantrell, Hannah Nauen, Leakhena Prak, Leah Roth, Jane Schumacher, Leng Smith, Drew Thrasher, Thuy Anh Tran, Ayan Usman, Ka Bao Vang, Ka Neng Vue, Adrian Wackett and Holly Yang.

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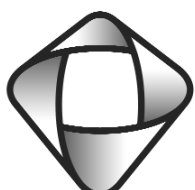
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## Garden tour set for June 27

by Dave Healy

For local garden lovers, a highlight of the season is the St. Anthony Park Garden Club's tour of neighborhood gardens. This year, the tour will take place

on Saturday, June 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Twelve area gardens will be featured.

The gardens selected for this year's tour represent considerable

variety: rock gardens, rain gardens, native plantings, both sun and shade gardens, both formal and informal gardens.

Anyone familiar with the topography of St. Anthony Park knows that it sometimes poses quite a challenge to the would-be gardener. Several of the gardens on this year's tour are notable for their creative adaptation to a challenging yard.

Funds raised from the tour help support the club's educational programs, tree planting and invasive species removal. The club also maintains gardens at the St. Anthony Park Library and the State Fairgrounds, and it supports scholarships for horticultural students at the University of Minnesota.

Advance tickets for this year's tour are \$10 for adults, \$4 for ages 12 and under. They will go on sale June 6 at Speedy Market, the Bibelot Shop and Micawber's Bookstore. Tickets will also be for sale at the St. Anthony Park Arts Festival on June 6, and they may be ordered by mail:

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# Events

## 1 MONDAY

- Fourth of July PR launch party, 6:30 p.m. LRC.
- Jenny Ulmer art show, through June 7. CG.
- "Expressions of Stability and Change: Ethnic Dress and Folk Costume," through June 14. GMD.
- Works by Tom Riggle, through Sept. 17. LAG.

## 2 TUESDAY

- Blockheads gathering, 7 p.m. LRC.

## 3 WEDNESDAY

- National Night Out planning picnic, 6-7:30 p.m., Como Park Picnic Pavilion.

## 4 THURSDAY

- Neighborhood meeting about Como Park improvements, 7 p.m. CPCC.
- "Summer in the City" tea event, all day. LETR.
- Trevor Marty, 8 p.m. CG.
- David Hanners and Bronwen Williams, 8 p.m. CG.

## 6 SATURDAY

- St. Anthony Park Arts Festival, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Como Avenue.
- Cajun jam session and lessons, 10 a.m. CG.
- Glory Muse, 8 p.m. CG.

## 7 SUNDAY

- Irish family jam session, 3 p.m. CG.
- Open mic, 6 p.m. CG.

## 9 TUESDAY

- Bridge club card players, 6:15 p.m. CG.

## 10 WEDNESDAY

- Rain barrel workshop, 7 p.m. SAPCC.

## 12 FRIDAY

- Brad Dunse, 8 p.m. CG.

## 13 SATURDAY

- Spruce Top Review, 7 p.m. CG.
- Tennessee Williams' play "The Enemy: Time," June 13-28, 7:30 p.m. GT.

## 15 MONDAY

- Music Under the Trees: The Fairlanes, 7:30 p.m. Lauderdale Community Park.

## 16 TUESDAY

- Monthly book discussion: "The Secret River," by Kate Grenville, 7 p.m. FHUCC.

## 18 THURSDAY

- Green on the Screen: "Flow: For Love of Water." 7 p.m. SAPBL.
- Random Acts, 7:30 p.m. Anodyne Theatre Company, 825 Carleton St.
- Works by Tom Riggle, opening reception, 6-8 p.m. LAG.

## 19 FRIDAY

- Lonnie Knight, 8 p.m. CG.

## 20 SATURDAY

- Rain barrel workshop, 10 a.m. FHCH.
- "Summer in the City" tea event, all day. LETR.
- Trevor Marty, 8 p.m. CG.

## 21 SUNDAY

- Ice Cream Sundays Sundaes, featuring rootbeer floats. GM.

## 23 TUESDAY

- Raingarden walking tour, 7 p.m. 971 Manvel.

## 26 FRIDAY

- Blue Green, 8 p.m. CG.

## 27 SATURDAY

- St. Anthony Park garden tour, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Troy Russel, 8 p.m. CG.

## 28 SUNDAY

- Jane & the Dakotah. GM.

## 30 TUESDAY

- Raingarden walking tour, 6:30 p.m., 2265 Carter Ave.

For more events information, go to [www.parkbugle.org](http://www.parkbugle.org).

Items for the July Events Calendar should be submitted to [calendar@parkbugle.org](mailto:calendar@parkbugle.org) by June 15.

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**CPHS** Como Park High School, 740 W. Rose Ave., 293-8800  
**CPLC** Como Park Lutheran Church, 1376 Hoyt Ave., 646-7127  
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**GC** Ginkgo Coffeehouse, 721 N. Snelling Ave., 645-2647  
**GM** Gibbs Museum, Larpeur and Cleveland, 646-8629  
**GMD** Goldstein Museum of Design, 240 McNeal Hall, 1985 Buford Ave., St. Paul Campus, 612-624-7434  
**GT** Gremlin Theatre, 2400 University Ave., 228-7008  
**HC** Holy Childhood Church/School, 1435 Midway Pkwy., 644-2791  
**LAG** Larson Art Gallery, U of M Student Center, 612-625-0214  
**LCH** Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., 631-0300  
**LETR** Lady Elegant's Tea Room, 2230 Carter Ave., 645-6676  
**LRC** Langford Rec Center, 30 Langford Park, 298-5765  
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**OCC** Olson Campus Center, Luther Seminary, Fulham & Hendon  
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**RAAG** Raymond Avenue Art Gallery, 761 Raymond Ave., 644-9200  
**SAPBL** St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 2245 Como Ave., 642-0411  
**SAPCC** St. Anthony Park Community Council, 890 Cromwell Ave., 649-5992  
**SAPES** St. Anthony Park Elementary School, 2180 Knapp St., 293-8735  
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**Viola E. Chandler**

Viola E. Chandler, age 104, died peacefully on May 8, 2009. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Chandler, and her brothers and sisters. She is survived by a niece, Carol (Dick) Jezierski; nephews, Robert (Sheila) Gulbranson, Ronald (Pat) Gulbranson and Richard Gulbranson; and many grandnieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held May 12, 2009, at Como Park Lutheran Church. Interment was at Sunset Memorial Park.

**Walter Choitz**

Walter Choitz, of Shoreview, died May 8, 2009, at the age of 87. He is survived by his wife, Mary;

daughter, Nancy (Bill) Lorimer; son, Paul (Rebecca) Choitz; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held May 15, 2009, at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church.

**Robert Feigal**

Robert Jon Feigal, age 62, of St. Anthony Park, died at home Apr. 20, 2009, after a four-year encounter with lung cancer.

He was born to Marjorie (Kottke) and Robert Feigal in Red Wing, Minn., on Feb. 27, 1947. He was raised in Pine Island, Minn., and attended Hamline University and the University of Minnesota. He served as a captain in the U.S.

Air Force in Rome, New York.

Bob was a professor and graduate program director of pediatric dentistry at the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry, and chair of the Department of Preventive Sciences.

Previously he worked at the University of Michigan, where he was awarded the Samuel D. Harris Professorship in dentistry. At Michigan he also served as interim associate dean for academic affairs and associate dean of facilities and planning.

During his career, he trained more than 120 specialists in pediatric dentistry. A diplomate of the American Board of Pediatric Dentistry, he lectured throughout the U.S., Europe, Latin America and Asia, and published more than 70 articles and book chapters. The University of Minnesota established the annual Robert J. Feigal Symposium honoring Bob's ongoing contributions to the field of pediatric dentistry.

Bob was a member of Prospect Park United Methodist Church and of a loyal "fishing group" of fellow pedodontists. An avid photographer, he found joy seeing with an artist's eyes. Since his diagnosis, he and his wife sought adventure traveling the West. Just before his death, they made a "Southern Comfort Tour" of Florida and Arizona to visit friends and relatives.

Bob is survived by his wife of 31 years, Cynthia (Ceese) Stickles; daughters, Molly Feigal (Kenny Barko), of Minneapolis, and Delaney (Lucas) Kreger-Stickles, of Seattle; sons, Matthew (Sharon) Feigal, of Amsterdam, Rob Feigal-Stickles and his partner, Elizabeth Reiter, of Seattle, and Morgan Feigal-Stickles and his girlfriend, Jennifer Levenhagen, of St. Paul; three grandchildren, Owen, Calvin and Josephine; siblings, Anne (Larry) Day, Dr. Michael (Paula) Feigal, Sue Feigal-Hitch and Mark (Carma) Feigal; mother-in-law, LaVerne Stickles; sister-in-law, Melverne (Sonny) Cooke; brother-in-law, Jeffrey (Kathy) Stickles; and many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his first wife, Jennifer Feigal, and his sister-in-law, Tina Feigal; uncles, Donn (Anna Mae) Feigal, Richard Feigal and Dr. Willard (Marge) Kottke; and many cousins.

A memorial service was held April 23, 2009, at Unity Unitarian Church.

**Nora A. Johnson**

Nora A. Johnson, of St. Anthony Park, died May 21, 2009. She was 106 and the oldest member at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, where she taught Sunday School for 20 years. She

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She is survived by her children, Kay Acton, Wayne (Bonnie) Johnson and Susan Petropoulos; 10 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren' and one great-great-granddaughter. She was preceded in death by husband, Merle E. Johnson; son, Kurth; son-in-law, John Petropoulos; sisters, Agnes, Edith and Olga; and brothers, Ray, Carl, Clifford and Glenn.

Her funeral was May 27, 2009, at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, with interment at Sunset Memorial Park.

**Nora Longley**

Nora (Eleanor) Longley, of St. Anthony Park, died May 9, 2009, at the age of 27.

She lived vigorously with adrenocortical cancer for over three and a-half years, providing inspiration and strength to the many people who knew and loved her. Her wacky sense of humor, innate sense of beauty and exuberance for life and the people who made it worth living will be her legacy.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Harold, Joey and Dot; uncles, Jim and Al; godmother, Kimmer; and childhood friend Kyle. She is survived by her parents, Brian and Nance; sisters, Caitlin and Hannah; grandfather, Bill Longley; a huge extended family of aunts, uncles and cousins; and devoted animal friends Auggie, Emma and Moe.

A service to celebrate all things Nora was held May 17, 2009, at the Weyerhaeuser Memorial Chapel on the campus of Macalester College.

**Dorothy C. Truman**

Dorothy C. "Gammy" Truman died May 14, 2009. She was 103. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Patty, and husband, Cecil Sheffer. She is survived by granddaughters, Wendy (Jim) Schultz and Polly (Scott) Heaton; great-grandchildren, Christie, Leisa, Samuel and Heidi; great-great-grandsons, Skylar and Christian; and sister, Alyce Flood. The family extends thanks to the staff and residents of Lyngblomsten Care Center. A memorial service was held May 20, 2009, at Como Park Lutheran Church.

*There is no charge for Bugle obituaries. Please alert the Bugle about the death of current or former residents of the area. Send more complete information if you have it. Obituaries are compiled by Mary Mergenthal: 644-1650, mary.mergenthal@comdast.net.*

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