



## The Birdman of Lauderdale

When an injured bird is brought to a rehabilitation center, two kinds of release are possible. The Birdman describes recent examples of both kinds.

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## Gardens

Lois Braun is a guerilla gardener who has turned a forbidding stretch of railroad land behind her apartment building into a productive vegetable garden.

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## Neighbors

Gabrielle Favazza and Luke Mielke received the annual Neal Kwong Youth Citizenship Award from the city of Falcon Heights. Their names were added to a plaque at City Hall.

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## Flying high from an easel

by Natalie Zett

Stephen Nesser is an artist whose dreams take flight.

A Como Park resident, Nesser's passion for aviation began when he was a baby and his father was stationed at an Army base outside Tacoma, Washington.

"I saw planes taking off all the time," he said. "My first word, in fact, was air-pwane."

When he was older, Nesser climbed to the top of his parents' garage to test his latest flying invention but learned that gravity is



Como Park artist Stephen Nesser painted "Jim Hard: Diamond in the Rough" to honor his flight instructor. The painting has been accepted to hang in the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum.

a force to be reckoned with.

When he was nine, he watched "The Boy Who Flew with Condors," a film that chronicled the true story of a teenager who went from observing California condors to soaring with them after he learned to fly a glider.

"I thought, 'Someday, I'm

going to do that too,'" Nesser said.

But his dreams of an aviation career were quickly grounded.

"My eyesight was less than 20/20, and back then it was 20/20 or nothing. So I pursued another passion — art — but I always dreamed of flying."

After graduating from Ohio

State University in 1975, Nesser worked as a commercial artist for several years and then returned to OSU to complete his MFA. He then studied sumi-e painting in Japan and, after returning to the States, enrolled in school a third time.

*Flying high to 4*

## MGM out, Walgreens in?

by Roger Bergerson

There's a long way to go before a new Walgreens store becomes a reality on the southwest corner of Larpenteur and Lexington avenues, but early indications are that nearby residents may be warming to the idea.

At least that's what informal polling seemed to show at an Apr. 12 meeting of the District 10 Como Community Council's Land Use Committee. The committee met to review a proposal by MGM Wine and Spirits to demolish its corporate headquarters and retail store on the property and construct a new 13,000+ square-foot building for Walgreens.

The site design and architectural drawings for the new facility have been prepared by John Kohler of Semper Development, an architect who has represented Walgreens development interests in many communities around the area.

At the Land Use Committee meeting, Kohler and Paul Setter,

vice president of sales and marketing for MGM, reviewed a design that already had been tweaked to respond to neighborhood concerns expressed at an earlier session.

Those changes principally related to five houses that MGM owns, south across the alley, on the north side of California Avenue. MGM has said it plans to improve and sell the homes. Nearby property owners felt some of the proposed changes would negatively affect the marketability of those residences, as well as their own property values.

The revised plan continues to include demolition of one home and construction of garages with shared-access driveways between the remaining houses. But the proposal no longer calls for the house on the northwest corner of California and Lexington to be rotated 90 degrees, and the barrier being suggested between the commercial and residential properties has been

moved northward to allow for slightly more backyard space for the houses.

New concerns were voiced at the meeting, including residents' desire that the alley from Dunlap Street terminate at the proposed Walgreens parking lot rather than

connecting with it.

After the meeting, Chris Harkness, Land Use Committee chair, said given the time and effort that will be required of all parties involved, she would like to give the

*Walgreens to 6*

Included as an insert in this issue of the Bugle is a reader survey. It was created by the Park Press Board of Directors Editorial Committee and is designed to solicit feedback from Bugle readers on a variety of topics.

Survey results will help the Bugle improve its coverage and strengthen its mission to encourage community participation.

Readers can either complete the paper survey inserted in this issue and mail it back in the enclosed envelope, or take the survey online by going to the Bugle Website: parkbugle.org.

Participants who furnish contact information will be entered in a drawing to win a \$50 gift certificate at Tim and Tom's Speedy Market.



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A free workshop to learn about **residential energy efficiency** will be held May 4, 7-8:30 p.m., at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 1465 Victoria St. N. For a \$30 copay, residents can sign up for a visit by the Home Energy Squad, who will install energy-saving materials worth up to \$400. For more information, contact Nick: [nick.smith@district10comopark.org](mailto:nick.smith@district10comopark.org), 644-3889.

**Kids meeting kids, parents meeting parents.** If you are interested in getting more information about activities designed to make this happen, contact Emily Hauenstein at [mrshauenstein@yahoo.com](mailto:mrshauenstein@yahoo.com).

Como Park Lutheran Church will host a **plant sale** May 21-23 in the church parking lot at the corner of Hamline and Hoyt avenues. Proceeds will support a Guatemala mission trip this summer.

Hours are noon-6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 646-7127.

The District 10 Council has formed an ad hoc committee in connection with the city's **Como Regional Park Transportation Implementation Plan**. The city's purpose is to determine the best alternatives for managing parking, integrating transit systems and implementing programs to improve transportation and parking needs within and around Como Park. The committee welcomes comments by e-mail: [comotransport@district10comopark.org](mailto:comotransport@district10comopark.org).

### Falcon Heights

The Falcon Heights **Farmers Market** has moved and will reopen May 4 as the Roseville Farmers Market at Church of Corpus Christi, 2131 Fairview Ave. N.

The city of Falcon Heights has adopted a **social host ordinance**, which will hold people criminally responsible if they host or allow events or gatherings where people under 21 years of age possess or consume alcohol, regardless of whether the host supplied the alcohol. Exceptions are made for religious ceremonies or conduct solely between an underage person and his or her parents. The ordinance became effective upon the council's adoption on Mar. 24.

The Parks and Recreation Department is now accepting registrations for **summer programs**. View the summer program lineup at [falconheights.org](http://falconheights.org) or call to request an activity guide. Registrations can be done online, by phone (792-7616) or in person at City Hall (2077 W. Larpenteur). Register early; enrollment is limited in some classes.

Summer programs include a variety of instructional sports for children: t-ball, basketball, soccer, lacrosse, tennis, pee wee sampler and ultimate Frisbee.

Families with children newborn to age 5 are invited to participate in **Playtime with Parents**, 9:30 a.m.-noon Wednesdays, June 16-Aug. 18, at Falcon Heights United Church of Christ, 1795 Holton. A five-week session costs \$16; drop-in is \$5 per session. To register or for more information, call 792-7616 or visit [falconheights.org](http://falconheights.org).

### Lauderdale

At a public hearing on Apr. 13, Lauderdale residents learned about possible **revisions to the city's zoning code**. Over the next few months, the City Council will consider changes that bring the code into line with changes in state law and will refine some aspects of the city's long-range plan. A second public hearing will be scheduled before the council finalizes revisions to the zoning ordinance.

### St. Anthony Park

On Apr. 6, the following **representatives** were elected to the

St. Anthony Park Community Council board:

South delegation: Matt Hass, Jim Hunt, Joe Kelly, Nolan O'Neil.

North delegation: Brian Longley, Roger Purdy, Jon Seppenan.

Business delegation: Ray Bryan, Raymond Computing; Amy Brendmoen, Children's Home Society & Family Services; Linda Hodge, BJL Software; Paul Hanscom, Ewald Consulting; Stephen Mastey, Stephen Mastey Landscape Architecture; Paul Mix, Kasota Leasing; Ferd Peters, Ferdinand Peters Law Offices.

Members elected last year who remain on the board: Gary Carlson, Greg Haley, Ranae Hanson, JoAnne Makela, Gregg Richardson.

A public forum will be held at 7 p.m., May 12, at South St. Anthony Park Recreation Center, 890 Cromwell, to provide feedback on the latest **master plan for Hampden Park**. The draft plan is based on the comments gathered at previous meetings and is available at [sapcc.org](http://sapcc.org). Contact Renee at 649-5992 or [renee@sapcc.org](mailto:renee@sapcc.org) with comments.

The **Neighborhood Energy Squad** will present its next workshop May 25, 7-8:30 p.m., at the Central High School auditorium. St. Anthony Park residents may participate. The free workshop is required as the first step toward a home audit and installation of energy-saving devices such as a programmable thermostat, water heater blanket and compact fluorescent light bulbs. A \$30 copay covers the home visit and improvements.

Registration is limited. To sign up, contact Renee Lepreau at [renee@sapcc.org](mailto:renee@sapcc.org) or 649-5992.

Ramsey County's Midway **compost site** off Pierce Butler Road will accept trees and shrubs, leaves, grass clippings and other soft-bodied plant materials (corn stalks, pumpkin vines, sunflower stalks, weeds), most brush and tree waste. Stumps, roots and root balls are not accepted.

Bring proof of residency, such as a driver's license, state-issued identification card or a utility bill with Ramsey County address. Residents may also take compost for their gardens. The site is open daily except Tuesday and Thursday. For a complete schedule: [co.ramsey.mn.us/ph/rt/midway.htm](http://co.ramsey.mn.us/ph/rt/midway.htm).

The St. Paul Saints have announced that their three **fireworks shows** this summer will happen at about 10 p.m., at the conclusion of games on May 30, July 4 and Aug. 25.

A **children's art show** runs April 25-June 11 at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave., featuring work by neighborhood children.

— Anne Holzman

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# New club is up and running in Lauderdale

by Dave Healy

The title of a 1962 film directed by Tony Richardson captured one dimension of the runner's life: "The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner."

Running can be a solitary pursuit, but it doesn't have to be. Those who want to experience the benefits of running with other people have a new option: the Lauderdale Running Club.

Sponsored by the Lauderdale Wellness Center, the club, which is free to join, meets Saturday mornings at 7 a.m. at the center, 2443 Larpentour Ave., just east of Hwy. 280. It's the brainchild of Matt Caldwell, a chiropractor at the center and an avid runner.

Caldwell said the club is open to runners of all abilities. For those interested in training for a race, the club will offer a program to prepare for either a marathon or half marathon.

"But you don't have to be pointing to a race to be in the club," Caldwell said. "It's for anyone who wants to improve their fitness."

Routes will change weekly, Caldwell said, and will increase by a

mile each time.

"We'll go out and back, rather than a loop," he added. "That way people can easily extend or decrease the distance if they want."

Caldwell has been at the Lauderdale Wellness Center since 2008. He's run several marathons, a triathlon and an ironman competition.

"Running gets in your blood," he said, "and doing it with a group is a great way to keep motivated. The key to success with any wellness program is setting realistic goals and maintaining consistency."

Lauderdale Wellness Center, which opened in 2005, offers chiropractic services, massage therapy, acupuncture, relaxation training and life coaching. Besides the running club, other free services they provide for businesses are health talks, ergonomic evaluations and stress relief breaks.

For more information about the Lauderdale Running Club, visit [lauderdalewellnesscenter.com](http://lauderdalewellnesscenter.com) and click on Community Services, call 917-9800 or e-mail [drmatt@lauderdwellnesscenter.com](mailto:drmatt@lauderdwellnesscenter.com).

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“The Gift Outright,” Robert Frost

American’s relationship to the land has a complex history. For some historians, the fact that the first colonists encountered a large and sparsely settled continent was instrumental in the evolving national character.

In 1893, Frederick Jackson Turner declared, “Up to our own day American history has been in a large degree the history of the colonization of the Great West. The existence of an area of free land, its continuous recession, and the advance of American settlement westward, explain American development.”

Turner’s “frontier hypothesis” attributed such characteristically American traits as self-reliance, inventiveness, restlessness and optimism to the conditions prevailing on the frontier, that ever-receding border between civilization and wilderness. That wilderness was seen as something to be conquered — settled, cultivated, domesticated — and Americans were up to the task.

Another historian, Henry Nash Smith, described the process of westward expansion in the late 18th and early 19th century as creating “three main divisions of the society: a remote fringe of backwoods settlements, a central region of comfortable farms, and, to the East, a region of growing wealth, cities, and social stratification.”

By this account, the more densely settled eastern seaboard was seen as becoming increasingly like the European countries the colonists had fled. Horace Greeley’s famous dictum, “Go West, young man, go forth into the Country,” delivered in 1837, was, according to Smith, a response to growing poverty and unemployment in the East.

Westward expansion, in this view, served as a safety valve. The freedom to pull up stakes and light out for the territory meant that Americans always had an out. The land was an escape hatch.

Freedom of mobility was enhanced by a series of laws designed to foster westward expansion. The Homestead Act of 1862, for example, an extension of the Preemption Act of 1841, granted a successful applicant up to 160 acres of undeveloped federal land.

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and community action. It is exciting that our community will explore and develop collective solutions to these pressing problems.

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*Michael and Regula Russelle  
St. Anthony Park*

Flying high from 1

“I figured I would starve as an artist, so I got a degree in creative arts therapies and specialized in working with children and families,” he said.

After completing his degree, Nesser moved to the Twin Cities in 1986. Currently, he works for Hennepin County Family Court, doing custody evaluations and mediation. He’s also pursuing an art career on the side, mostly portraits and landscapes.

Shortly after moving to the Twin Cities, Nesser drove by an airfield in Stanton, Minnesota, and noticed some gliders. He pulled in and talked to the people. Soon after, he joined the Minnesota Soaring Club and took his first glider lesson.

Now Nesser is a pilot and instructor. Recently, he flew alongside a red-tailed hawk and in the past he has shared the sky with bald eagles and other birds.

“Because the glider is silent, we don’t scare the birds,” he said. “I once joined a flock of pelicans in flight. I just dropped behind them and was last in line. I stayed with them until they flew up in the clouds.”

Once he started flying gliders, Nesser began painting them. “Art, for me, is autobiography,” he said. “It didn’t start out that way, but I’ve ended up painting people and places and things that mean the most to me.”

One of those people is Jim Hard, a retired engineer who lives in St. Paul Park.

“Jim’s one of the men who taught me how to fly,” Nesser said, “and I can’t tell you how grateful I am.”

In April of 1990, Hard asked Nesser to help him by driving the empty trailer used to haul the glider and follow Hard while he flew. The

plan was to meet in Chicago.

When Nesser arrived, he had a hard time finding out where Hard was. Eventually, he learned that Hard landed in a farmer’s field in Lafayette, Indiana.

“It took me until midnight to get there,” Nesser said. “Jim had flown from Minnesota to Lafayette, which is near Indianapolis, in one day in a glider. This was the longest flight he’d ever made. I got there and loaded the glider in the trailer, and we didn’t get home until noon the next day.”

To commemorate his friend’s achievement, Nesser created a painting called “Jim Hard: Diamond in the Rough” that captured the moment Hard landed his glider in the farmer’s field.

Later, on a vacation with his daughter, Nesser visited the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum. They toured the

museum’s art gallery and noticed that all the paintings were donated. After returning home, Nesser contacted the gallery about donating his painting.

“The curator, Tom Crouch, hesitated, saying that they were full, but agreed to put my painting through the selection process,” Nesser said. “It took months, but I got a letter from the Smithsonian that said they’d accepted my painting. The next step is shipping it.”

For Nesser, having his painting in a prestigious museum is a way to honor his instructor and to unite his passions for painting and flying.

For more information, visit Web sites for Nesser (stephennesser.com) and the Minnesota Soaring Club (mnsoaringclub.com).





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### Who else?

It's just me. Occasionally, I get help for weddings.

### What else?

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full District 10 board the opportunity to review the plan to determine if there is enough support to continue with deliberations.

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Whatever the ultimate

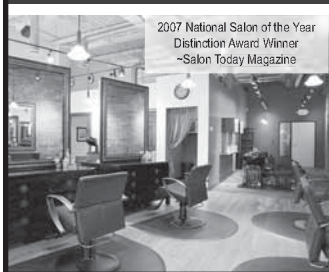
outcome, MGM's interest in selling the property is a dramatic departure from what appeared to be its earlier plans to expand on the site. The company began acquiring homes on California in 2007, and tensions were heightened when it tore down a privacy fence along the alley in November of that year.

"If the neighborhood hadn't stood up in opposition at that point, I'm quite certain that today

we'd have an MGM parking lot where those houses are," Dwight Nelson, California Avenue Block Club captain, said prior to the committee meeting.

Mike Maglich, MGM president, attended the meeting and said afterward that he did not know where the corporate headquarters and retail liquor store would relocate to make way for Walgreens.

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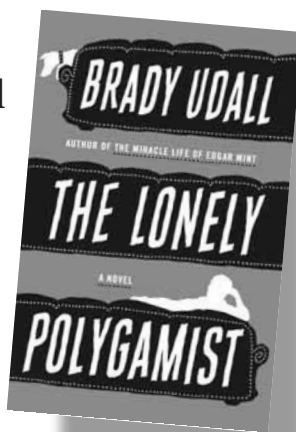
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## The Birdman of Lauderdale

by Clay Christensen

Several years ago, I was talking with Phil Jenni, executive director of the Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Roseville, about how he feels when an animal or bird doesn't make it and has to be euthanized.

Phil said if the creature is rehabilitated, it's released back into the wild. If it can't be rehabilitated, it's put out of its misery. "Either way, it's a release," he said.

I had examples of each type of release recently.

One afternoon in mid-February, Gregg Richardson got a call from his south St. Anthony Park neighbor telling him he had an eagle in his backyard.

Gregg called another neighbor, Margaret Solberg, who called her friend, Linda Hatfield, a volunteer at the Raptor Center. Linda told Margaret to walk toward the eagle, waving her hands and talking loudly, to determine if the eagle could fly.

While Linda stayed on the line, Margaret tried it and learned that the bird could not fly; it was dragging one wing. A rescue was in order.

Linda arrived shortly and handed Margaret a towel to cover the eagle's head. Then Linda slowly approached the bird, talking softly, until she could execute a "body grab," controlling the wings, with a hand on the feet, while Margaret covered the head. That prevents the eagle from using its beak to attack the rescuer's face.

Then, while Linda had the bird on its back, cradled like a big log in her arms, Margaret drove them to the Raptor Center. It was after hours but Linda has access to the building. They put the bird into a carrier cage and set it in a dark hallway. A dark, quiet corner would help it calm down.

Linda left a note and a voice mail message for Lori Arndt, the clinic manager.

First thing next morning, Lori brought the bird out for examination by a veterinarian. The vet determined that the bird, an adult male, had made contact with a power line and had burns on its right wing and right foot, probably the entrance and exit points of the electricity.

When Margaret heard the diagnosis, she realized it explained the power outage that affected their neighborhood the day before the eagle was rescued.

Lori said they get two or three birds a year with electrical burns. A more serious problem for eagles is lead poisoning, with 40 cases out of 110 admissions last year. Eagles ingest lead from deer gut piles or waterfowl that have swallowed lead sinkers or lead shot from lake bottoms.

The initial examination of the eagle's injuries suggested the wounds weren't too bad, that they could possibly be healed and the bird restored to a modicum of health.

Unfortunately, Lori explained, with electrical burns, as with frostbite, the tissues waste away below the skin surface, where the extent of the damage can't be easily assessed. Within a week, a large area of the eagle's wing muscular structure had died off, atrophying from the inside out. The bird would never recover. It was euthanized a week after it had been brought in.

Margaret said it had been very exciting to be so close to an eagle. And she was impressed with Linda's skills at rescuing the bird and proud to be able to assist her.

"It's really heart-breaking this eagle didn't make it," she said.

Lori says the eagle was saved from a horrible, painful death by starvation. If it couldn't fly, it couldn't eat.

That was one example of a release.

About a month later, I was invited to attend the release of a rehabilitated golden eagle, a more favorable rehabilitation outcome.

The bird had been found in early March along the highway near Fairchild, Wisconsin, just southeast of Eau Claire. After a short stay at the White Pine Wildlife Rehabilitation Center near Fall Creek, Wisconsin, the adult female was taken to the Raptor Center.

After several weeks of therapy and flight practice, it was ready to be released. Most often, when rehabilitated birds are released, it's never known how they fare in the wild. However, this eagle was

outfitted with a GPS tracking device that was attached with a monofilament harness to the eagle.

The unit records the bird's location on a regular basis, then uploads the data to a satellite every three days. Its battery is solar powered so it recharges itself when the bird is sitting or flying in the sun. A golden eagle similarly equipped last year was tracked to north of the Arctic Circle last summer and then back down to Wisconsin in the fall.

You can follow the progress of both golden eagles at [mn.audubon.org](http://mn.audubon.org).

Fifty of us gathered in a clearing amid stacks of old pulpwood near Fairchild. Mark Martell, of Audubon Minnesota, held the bird, named Fairchild, and let folks take pictures. Then, with the crowd falling silent, on his soft count of three he tossed the eagle into the air. The bird first glided, then got its wings flapping and headed into the pines. As it disappeared, a little girl in the crowd whispered, "Bye, bird."

This second kind of release is the kind we'd all favor.

*I'll be leading field trips as part of the Urban Birding Festival, May 13-16. The festival is sponsored by metro Audubon chapters and features free bird walks and special events at Fridley's Springbrook Nature Center. For the full schedule, visit [urbanbirdingfestival.org](http://urbanbirdingfestival.org).*

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## No cockle shells here: Urban g

## Community gardens overflow with enthusiasm

*by Anne Holzman*

The first crop of spring is already in at area community gardens: a bumper crop of applications, with waiting lists that are prompting local governments to get more space under cultivation.

Applicants to the St. Anthony Park Community Garden received an e-mail in March asking if they'd be willing to share their plots. Renee Lepreau, Community Council organizer, said there were only 11 plots left for newcomers after returning gardeners had staked their claims.

Falcon Heights, which gives priority to residents, will have all-resident gardeners for the first time since they started up three years ago.

Some of St. Paul's 60-plus community gardens operate under Parks and Recreation, and the department's arts and gardens coordinator, Mark Granlund, said residents can contact him at 632-2454 to propose a new site on parks property.

Other gardens are on non-park property, and the Public Works Department has identified eight such locations that might make good gardens. In March, the staff sent letters to district councils asking if they'd like to develop the gardens.

"Every single community garden in the city has a long waiting list," Granlund said. "I get calls every month" requesting more space.

Although a few gardeners specialize in flowers, most opt for vegetables.

"The first year I did all tomatoes," said Falcon Heights gardener Linda Goodspeed. "I heard on NPR that tomatoes are 'the gateway vegetable.' They are so right!"

She has branched out to broccoli, peppers and beets and added preservation to her list of skills. Last year she made beet pickles and tomato jam. "If you gave someone a blind taste test, they might not know it's tomatoes," she said, noting its cinnamon-spiced sweetness.

Among the choices organizers face are whether to allow gardeners to keep the same plot year to year, and whether to till the entire garden between growing seasons.

Falcon Heights started off assuming a fresh start every spring, each in a 10-by-12-foot plot, but gardeners say some are planting strawberries and asparagus and maintaining them from year to year.

St. Anthony Park has a row of extended-season plots at the back, closest to the railroad tracks, accounting for about a third of the space. The rest is divided into 15-by-20-foot seasonal plots, with a total of close to 100 plots. As in Falcon Heights, returning gardeners have priority and can request to keep the same plot, but St. Anthony Park tills the entire seasonal area at the beginning or end of the growing season.

Both gardens charge a rental fee of \$25 or \$30 per plot to cover water and other services associated with garden maintenance. St. Anthony Park requires gardeners to participate in a spring planning meeting and take on volunteer roles such as maintaining shared equipment or carting away brush and rocks.

Falcon Heights, which grew last year from 20 to 29 plots due to heavy demand, handles the challenges more informally.

"The gardeners organize themselves, but do have a set of regulations that they agree to before each year," said City Manager Justin Miller. "We have a kickoff organizational meeting, and then an opening workday where general maintenance items are addressed."

Richard Olson, who lives across Robbins Street from the St. Anthony Park garden, says he's been gardening there for close to 20 years and pitches in where he can. For the first five years or so, he said, he was an active organizer, taking home leaky hoses and other equipment to repair and return. Then they had two children and had to reprioritize, but they continue to enjoy their extended-season plot and sometimes bring lawn chairs over.

Olson said he's noticed the increased demand. "Back in the day, plots went begging," he said.

Falcon Heights gardener Patty Holmes said the community garden's location is advantageous for families with children. It's located along Cleveland Avenue in Community Park, with the playground and basketball court a short distance away.

Daughter Robyn, 13, likes to plant; son Kevin, 11, is more interested in the heavy digging, Holmes said. And their mother has found new friends.

*Community gardens to 10*

## City slickers + agriculture = CSA

*by Lisa Steinmann*

When it comes to feeding a family, what could be easier than sliding a perfectly round disc of frozen dough, topped with red sauce, cheese and pepperoni, out of its cardboard box and into the oven for 15 minutes? Convenient? Yes. Nutritious? Maybe not.

For nutrition, it's hard to beat fresh vegetables. But vegetables can be convenient too, especially if they come to you.

That's the premise of community supported agriculture (CSA), an arrangement where farmers deliver fresh produce to city folks. Those folks are not simply customers, though, but stakeholders who have agreed to share in the season's risks and bounty.

CSA members pay for their share early in the season. That investment pays off all summer and into fall in the form of weekly boxes of freshly picked produce delivered to various drop sites.

"Last year, there was a tomato blight so we didn't get any tomatoes," explains Shelley Berven. She may sound like a farmer describing her crop, but she's actually a St. Anthony Park resident and a member of the Earth Dance Farm CSA. Despite last summer's tomato blight, the farm provided her and other shareholders with dozens of vegetables, herbs, berries, apples and plums.

CSA membership means sharing the ups and downs of farming, from blights to bumper crops. If it's a good year for kohlrabi, you might get more than you bargained for. Earth Dance farmers Norm Gross and Laurie Nelsen help out by including recipes in their weekly newsletter.

For Berven and others, though, CSA membership is about more than vegetables. As she puts it, "If I can't grow my own food, I want to be able to buy it from someone I know and from a place I can visit and be connected to."

For the Bervens, participating in visiting days and family camp weekends nourishes the connection. At least once a summer, Berven, her husband and their 12-year-old twins, Eliot and Olivia, camp out at the farm. Sometimes they work in the fields, but that's not required. In the fall, they enjoy attending the fall harvest party to pick pumpkins, take a hayride, sit around a bonfire and share a potluck.

Margot Monson, another St. Anthony Park resident, likes CSAs because of their farming practices. Through her work as an entomologist, she has seen first-hand that how farmers manage their land affects water quality. Monson sees small farmers competing

against agribusiness, which often uses genetically modified crops, hormones and insecticides.

CSAs do things differently. Many are organic operations, and most use farming methods that sustain rather than deplete resources.

That's important, says Monson. "What's left of this world is for our grandchildren."

For Monson, CSAs offer more than good food. She values her connection to a farm family.

"Sustainable farming is hard work," she says. "I feel appreciation and admiration for people who work so hard."

Monson likes to think of CSAs as food with a face. She has been a friend of Dan Guenther and Margaret Pennings and a member of their CSA Common Harvest Farm near Osceola, Wisconsin, for more than 18 years.

Nancy Healy, of St. Anthony Park, thinks of her CSA farmers as family — which they really are. Nina Kirkman, who runs Fox and Fawn Farm with her husband, Tim, is Healy's niece. The young couple moved to the country and started their community-supported farm a year ago. The Healy family, longtime supporters of CSAs, were happy to become shareholders.

Healy loves the variety of fresh vegetables they get from the CSA. She wishes more people could enjoy such nutritious food. A full share in a CSA can cost in the neighborhood of \$500. Although some people split shares with other families, that amount could be a challenge for low-income people.

"The trick is to get people to change the way they eat," says Healy. She believes that everyone should be able to get away from highly processed foods and enjoy more vegetables and fruits. "We need to make it more affordable, to compete with supermarket food," she says.

Healy, a teacher, values the educational aspect of CSAs. She has learned a lot: how to make "mustard macaroni" with mustard greens, what goes into the soil to keep it rich, why the variety of strawberry grown locally differs from one bred to travel long distances and keep well on store shelves. She understands better how market forces affect the local economy.

"If we get too far away from the source of our food, it becomes easy to take it for granted," she says.



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## Taking it to the boulevards

by Lisa Steinmann

Leave the spray paint at home and take your rebellious urge for coloring the urban landscape to the boulevards. Grab a handful of seeds and bomb some neglected, orphaned land, especially that strip of soil between the sidewalk and the street.

We've come a long way since the green, grassy conformity of days gone by. Whereas some of us are content to drag out the lawn mower and do battle with the crabgrass on a regular basis, others are tagging the boulevard with salad greens, orange carrots and red tomatoes.

It's not really as rebellious as it all sounds. In St. Paul, that tract of 14 feet or so from the curb to the sidewalk belongs to the property owner. The city is a partner in boulevard management, taking responsibility for tree planting and maintaining a right to dig the area up when necessary to get at the sewer pipes and cables underground. Residents are also responsible for following city ordinances pertaining to boulevard planting.

Among the undeterred, and one of the hardest working guerilla gardeners in St. Anthony Park, is Lois Braun. She lives in an apartment building notable for the bright clusters of yellow daffodils and pink tulips that dot the front lawn. Behind the building's urbane façade is a corridor of buckthorn-choked terrain that abuts the BNSF railroad tracks. It's here that Braun has hacked and dug and composted nearly a dozen food-producing beds.

Why? Braun credits her upbringing as a missionary kid in West Africa.

"Food security is a big deal to me," she says.



Nick Jordan and Debbie Smith strike a classic pose in front of their Chelmsford Avenue home.

"a complete convenience food, delicious fried up in the skillet with olive oil — and immensely good for you."

Faced with hard packed, salt-sprayed, "difficult" boulevard soil, Jordan recommends a method called "sheet mulching," whereby soil is rebuilt through layering organic materials on top of the ground. It requires less tilling and recycles materials such as newspaper, grass clippings and kitchen compost.

Jordan believes that "urban food production is an interesting and beautiful thing." He doesn't mind sharing thoughts or even the occasional sugar snap pea with a passing neighbor. It leads to conversations, and he especially loves it when people with children stop at the garden to point out vegetables.

"There's a lot of social capital in front-yard gardening," he says.

Jordan's garden has spread seeds throughout the neighborhood. Marty Neus, Beth Breidel and family on Raymond Avenue say that their inspiration came in part from walking by the boulevard garden on Chelmsford. Neus, who grew up on a 200-acre farm in southern Minnesota, also wanted his daughters, Lydia (13) and Emma (11), to experience growing food. When a wind shear took out the 75-foot maple tree on the boulevard, the family cleared the branches and squeezed in a garden plot that keeps them in tomatoes and basil for Caprese salads all summer long.

Making gardening a family affair is part of the fun for St Anthony Park resident Anika Ledlow (17) and her grandfather, Michael Russelle. Together, they've created boulevard gardens on two sides of their corner property.

Their first crop, when they started a few years ago, was garlic. Ledlow prepared the soil with advice from her grandfather, a soil scientist at the University of Minnesota. She added manure and compost, plus some sand to keep the soil friable. Planted in November, shoots of bright green garlic are one of the first signs of garden life in April. Ledlow also tends a strawberry patch and this year is planning to have beans intermingle with the morning glory that climbs the arched pole her grandfather erected.

Despite the fact that she's not a homeowner, between her community garden space and the plots near the tracks, she managed to bring in a crop last year that fed her household, the occasional neighbor and then some: 250 pounds of produce that she donated to a food shelf. Out of soil that was packed hard as rock, neglected and depleted, she managed to grow beans, sorghum, squash, potatoes and lettuces. She also has a raspberry patch, a couple of apple trees and hazelnut bushes.

For others, the boulevard in front of the house is the only alternative to backyards overshadowed by houses, garages and mature trees. Along Chelmsford Avenue in St. Anthony Park, Nick Jordan has turned the length of the boulevard, including an agreeable neighbor's portion, into a rich bed of greens and hardy root vegetables. Sunny as it is, the plot still only gets about five out of the ideal six hours of sun daily.

"I'm a huge advocate of greens," he says. He claims that greens, in all their verdant shades and various textures, are suited to less sunny conditions and are

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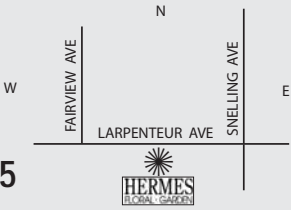
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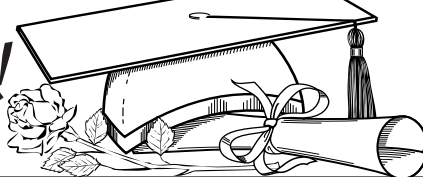
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## Community gardens from 8

"So often, with children, you tend to be connected with people whose children are the same age," Holmes noted. "It's a way to network with others."

Holmes also said that as a novice gardener, she's learned skills she'd never have learned working in her own backyard. She has long been committed to serving organic food to her family, she said, but didn't know how to garden that way.

"What I really like about our garden is that from the beginning, the organizers decided we would all use organic methods," she said.

The University of Minnesota's St. Paul campus also hosts some community gardens. There is a student cooperative, Cornercopia, at the southeast corner of Larpenteur and Cleveland avenues. Gardeners from both Falcon Heights and St. Anthony Park said they have bought plants from Cornercopia and traded tips with the students at farmers markets.

Cornercopia has received certification as an organic garden, an arduous process completed in 2008.

Community gardens have long been popular in St. Paul, said Heather Worthington, who served

as director of the St. Anthony Park Community Council in 1998, when the council purchased land for the garden area that had previously been leased from Burlington Northern Railroad.

But St. Anthony Park is unique in that the District Council owns the land. Usually, said city gardens coordinator Granlund, the city makes an agreement with a nonprofit to manage the land but the city retains ownership.

Worthington said the land purchase was expensive and complicated and depended on some major gifts from individuals and businesses.

"I think we ended up raising over \$100,000 for it," she said. "We had some people in the community who felt it was important."

The St. Anthony Park garden has depended on good leadership, from the negotiating skills of attorney Ferd Peters, who helped seal the deal with Burlington Northern, to the vigilant organizing of Sue Conners and Sherm Eagles, all of them supported by District Council staff.

Lois Braun, who now co-coordinates the garden with Conners, said she wasn't sure this was where she wanted to live when

her partner invited her here more than 10 years ago. A call to Conners helped make up her mind.

Braun said there are many members of the St. Anthony Park garden who live outside the neighborhood, and she hopes St. Paul and other cities will quickly establish more gardens to relieve some of the demand.

Some have advocated for preference for residents, she said.

"If we're talking about sustainability, we don't want people expending gasoline to get to their community garden."

But she said many of those commuters have moved away from the neighborhood after having made a substantial investment in the garden, and they shouldn't just be pushed out. Nor does she want to see a lottery that might deprive established gardeners of their continuing involvement.

"I like the continuity," she said. "People invest time and energy, for example in weed control." She said they'd be less likely to do that if they couldn't be sure of future participation.

For those stuck on waiting lists, Braun said, if they have shady yards they can grow a surprising amount of food.

"You can grow leafy things," she said. "Greens are immensely good for you, and they don't need a lot of sun."

And those with no ground at all, or with garden space they don't know what to do with, would do well to connect with Yards to Gardens (y2g.org), she said, where they can register their need and get hooked up with a partner.

Despite the headaches, garden leaders find plenty to do on the lighter side. Both Falcon Heights and St. Anthony Park participate in garden tours, and they both celebrate toward the end of a season with potlucks featuring diverse preparations of popular vegetables.

Falcon Heights gardener Barbara O'Leary said the garden keeps her healthy with more than vegetables.

"I'm almost 70," she said. "It's good for me to get out of the house."

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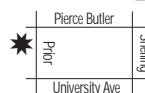
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## Chelsea Heights Elementary

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Chelsea Heights welcomes families with **children entering kindergarten** in fall 2010 for an orientation meeting and school tour on Tuesday, May 4, 4:30–6 p.m. Call the school with any questions: 293-8790.

Chelsea's **Playground Committee** is pleased to announce the completion of the preliminary design phase for a new playground. The plans will be presented at the spring festival on May 21. All proceeds from the festival will go toward construction of the new playground.

For more information, visit [hamlinehoystplayground.org](http://hamlinehoystplayground.org). The committee is looking for more volunteers to help with this community project.

The Chelsea Heights **Running Club** is off to a blazing start. Running Club, part of a Wellness Committee initiative, meets three times a week for six weeks, and more than 80 students have signed up to run with the group at least once a week.

Each week participants stretch, run, walk, cool down and play games. They are working up to 10–12 minutes of continuous running. The goal is to participate in the Medtronic half-mile or one-mile run at Como Park on May 15. Please come out and support our students.

The entire community is invited to the Chelsea Heights **Cheetah Spring Celebration**, a community-building event and fundraiser for a new playground at Chelsea Heights/Northwest Como Rec Center. The evening will feature a barbecue dinner, activities for kids, raffle and more.

The event will be held rain or shine on Friday, May 21, 5–8 p.m. If you are able to donate prizes, products or services, please contact the school.

Chelsea Heights hosted a **Science Fair** on Apr. 8. Students submitted 285 projects for display (grades K–2) or judging (grades 3–6). Judged entries were experimental investigations based on the scientific method. Students completed studies in psychology, physics, chemistry, biology, food science, animal behavior and product comparison.

Projects were judged by more than 50 volunteers representing the following community partners: University of Minnesota faculty, St. Paul Fire Department, St. Paul Schools science coaches, Como Park High School students, Jean O'Connell of the St. Paul School Board, Christ Lutheran Church, Design Forty-Five Architects,

Adobe Software and Ameriprise Financial.

The highest scores in each grade were presented with awards:

Third grade: Grace Tienter, Leilani Anderson, Quincy Altman, Aiyana Aeikens, Marquise Hanson, Theo Lucy, Philip Chervenak.

Fourth grade: 1st place tie, Isabel Anderson and Anthony Phelps. 2nd place, Vincent Portuese. 3rd place tie, Abigail Moseman and Andrei Konieczny. 4th place, Margaret Ierien. 5th place, Cole Napierala.

Fifth grade: 1st place, Kathryn McCarrick. 2nd place, Ethan Brudnak Voss. 3rd place, Evan Douville. 4th place tie, Lillian Langevin and Marie Wulff. 5th place tie, Betsy Woodis, Madison Moody and Joseph McCune-Zierath.

Sixth grade: 1st place, William Dao. 2nd place, Jason Park. 3rd place, Nicholas Lentsch. 4th place tie, Cierra Erwin, Angie Martin and Ryan Rogers. 5th place tie, Ellie Smith and Desiree Hill.

## St. Anthony Park Elementary

2180 Knapp St., 293-8735  
www.stanthony.spps.org

St. Anthony Park Elementary is throwing open the doors on Friday, May 7, 5:30–8 p.m., for the annual **Spring Carnival**. All are welcome to attend this event, which features games and homemade food.

A **plant sale** will be held the same weekend: 12–7 p.m. Friday, May 7, and 12–5 p.m. Saturday, May 8. Also look for hanging baskets and pots at Speedy Market. Proceeds support environmental programs at the school.

Students raised \$9,000 for the school during the annual **read-a-thon**. The challenge was to read a school total of 250,000 minutes during a two-week period. Students went above and beyond, reading a total of 377,000 minutes.

Fifth- and sixth-grade students will get taken out to the **ball game** on Friday, May 7, when they attend the St. Paul Saints Baseball Education Day.

The final **Site Council** and **SAPSA meetings** of the year will take place Monday, May 10, at 5 and 6:30 p.m. Agendas include planning for next year and election of new officers.

A **spring barbecue** sponsored by SPPS Nutrition Services will take place on the school playground (weather permitting) on May 14. Families are invited to join their children at lunch for grilled hot dogs and beans served up by lunchroom staff and volunteers. BYOB (bring your own blanket).

Another day for a picnic will be Tuesday, May 18, at 10 a.m. **Sixth-grade patrols** will enjoy a picnic in Como Park after they march in the annual patrol parade.

The **annual talent show**, featuring dancers, comedians, musicians, magicians, jugglers and actors, will take place Friday, May 14, at 7 p.m. in the Murray Junior High School auditorium.

A select group of students will attend the 20th annual **Young Authors Conference** at Bethel University on May 27. This year, the young writers will explore the theme "stories of hope." Award-winning children's author Mary Casanova will keynote the conference.

On May 28 a **Memorial Day program** will be held at the school in the morning. It will include a flag presentation, songs, readings and recognition of the patriotic essay contest winners. There will be no school on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30.

## May Calendar

5: Band concert, 2:30 and 7 p.m.  
7: Spring carnival, 5:30–8 p.m.  
7 & 8: Plant sale.  
10: Final meetings: Site Council, 5–6 p.m. SAPSA, 6:30–8 p.m. Daycare provided.  
13: Coffee and conversation: parents and the principal, Room 115, 9:15 a.m.  
14: Barbecue, lunch time; talent show, Murray Junior High auditorium, 7 p.m.  
18: School patrol picnic and parade.  
19: Fourth-grade band concert, 3:30 in the band portable.  
27: Coffee and conversation: parents and the principal, Room 115, 9:15 a.m.  
28: Memorial Day program.  
30: No school. Memorial Day.

## Como Park Elementary

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The Como Park Elementary **Funtastic Carnival** is Thursday, May 20, 5:30–7:30 p.m. The event will include games, face painting, crazy hair booth, inflatable obstacle course for older children and inflatable caterpillar for younger children. Two inexpensive meals will be offered. Please join us for a night of good fun with your family.

## Murray Junior High

2200 Buford Ave., 293-8740  
http://murray.spps.org

Sixty-three Murray students went to the **Regional History Day** in April, and six qualified for the State History Day competition on May 1:

Rebecca Matthison, Lilly Thomey, Della Kurzer-Zlotnik and Anne Stofferahn, and Brooke Rodgers and Viola Holman.

Six students received honorable mention: Claire Krelitz, Gave Boldon, Mei Mei Roen, Madeline Nicol, Emily Devany and Rachel Tetlie.

Fifteen students competed in the **Minnesota State Science**

**Competition** in April. The follow students were awarded honors at the event:

Viola Holman: 8th grade Top Paper Award, Gold Grand Award, Foundation Award, Seagate Rising Star Award.

Mikayla Klein: Bronze Grand Award, Acoustical Society Award.

Margaret Stover: Bronze Grand Award, University Award.

Della Kurzer-Zlotnick: Silver Grand Award, Foundation Award.

Brooke Rogers: 8th Grade Paper Award, Bronze Grand Award.

Bronze Grand Awards: Madeline Nicol, Dane Ostlie-Olson, Morgan Riddle Kimm.

## May Calendar

May 4: Trimester 3 conferences, 3:30–6:30 p.m.

May 6: Trimester 3 conferences, 5:30–8:30 p.m.

May 11: Murray African-American Parent Group meeting, Jimmy Lee Recreation Center.

May 27: Band and orchestra concert, 7 p.m.



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## Neighbors

**Luke Mielke and Gabrielle Favazza** are the recipients of this year's Neal Kwong Youth Citizenship Award, given each year to one or more Falcon Heights teenagers.

Mielke, 16, is an Eagle Scout and coordinated the construction and installation of bat houses at Falcon Heights Community Park. He has been a junior leader in the Falcon Heights Park and Recreation program.

Gabrielle Favazza, 14, has also been a junior leader. She volunteers at the Gibbs Museum and recently completed a Girl Scouts service project that involved knitting hats for patients at the Children's Hospital for Cancer. She teaches at her church's Vacation Bible School and volunteers at several nursing homes.

**Serendipity Flowers**, located in Milton Square, was selected as a 2010 winner in the Knot of Best Weddings, a special section in The Knot Minnesota magazine. This is



Gabrielle Favazza (l.) and Luke Mielke (r.) received the annual Neal Kwong Youth Citizenship Award from the city of Falcon Heights. Presenting the award is Gary Kwong.

the third year Serendipity Flowers has received the award. The store is owned by Sarah Nylander Deming. More information is available at [serendipity-flowers.com](http://serendipity-flowers.com) and [theknot.com](http://theknot.com).

project is the product of a journey back to Sweden to interview and photograph relatives. The exhibit is on display in the American Swedish Institute's Lower Level Gallery from May 7 to Aug. 29.

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Former St. Anthony Park resident **Tone Stockenström** will exhibit a collection of photographs — "Where is Home?" — at the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis. The exhibit is a visual exploration of what "home" means to Stockenström, who was born in Sweden but immigrated to the United States at the age of six. The

St. Anthony Park resident **Grant Abbott** has announced his retirement as executive director of the St. Paul Area Council of Churches, a post he has held for six years. Rev. Abbott is an Episcopal priest who served for 23 years at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in St. Anthony Park before coming to the council.

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# Events

1 SATURDAY

- "How Secretaries Changed the 20th Century Office: Design, Image, and Culture," through May 30. GMD.
- "Life + Light," Works by Jim Grafsgaard and Charles Matson Lume, through Aug. 12. LAG.
- Children's art show, through June 11, SMEC.
- Como Ordway Memorial Japanese Garden opens. CPZC.
- Cafesjian's Carousel Opens. CPZC.
- Como Town opens. CPZC
- China Service Ventures workshops and banquet, 4:30 p.m. CPLC.

2 SUNDAY

- "Living Green," InVocation concert, 4 p.m. SAPUMC.

4 TUESDAY

- Energy Efficiency Workshop, 7-8:30 p.m. St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 1465 Victoria St. N. 644-3889.
- Roseville Farmers Market opens, Church of Corpus Christi, 2131 Fairview Ave. N.
- St. Anthony Park Garden Club, "Promiscuous Perennials: Let's Divide," with Mary Maguire Lerman, 6:30 p.m., 2161 Doswell Ave.

6 THURSDAY

- "Velocity," Hamline University Dance Ensemble, 7:30 p.m. Drew Fine Arts Center, 523-2905.

7 FRIDAY

- School Carnival, 5:30-8 p.m. SAPES.
- Plant sale, noon-6 p.m. SAPES.
- One Fast Move, 8 p.m. CG.
- "Velocity," Hamline University Dance Ensemble, 7:30 p.m. Drew Fine Arts Center, 523-2905.

8 SATURDAY

- Summer Flower Show opens. CPZC.
- Bonzai Show. CPZC.
- Plant sale, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. SAPES.
- "Velocity," Hamline University Dance Ensemble, 7:30 p.m. Drew Fine Arts Center, 523-2905.
- National Train Day celebration, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Education Building, State Fairgrounds.
- Jim De Feo Trio, 8 p.m. CG.

9 SUNDAY

- Bonzai Show. CPZC.
- Ice Cream Sunday, noon-4 p.m. GM.

12 WEDNESDAY

- Lonnie Knight's When Worlds Collide, with Eddie Jeff Cahill & Roger Johnson, noon. CG.
- Public forum on Hampden Park master plan, 7 p.m. SAPCC.

13 THURSDAY

- "Salamanders and the Fate of the World's Biodiversity Hot Spots," St. Paul Audubon Society, 6:45 p.m. FCC.

14 FRIDAY

- Ivory Bridge, 8 p.m. CG.
- Como Park High School Graduation Party garage and bake sale, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Stasny's Food Market, 1053 Western Ave. N. 487-7760.

15 SATURDAY

- Michael Basques with comedian Mark Miller, 7:30 p.m. CG.
- District 10 Neighborhood Garage Sale. 644-3889.
- Como Park High School Graduation Party garage and bake sale, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Stasny's Food Market, 1053 Western Ave. N. 487-7760.

18 TUESDAY

- FHUCC Book Group: "Mountains Beyond Mountains," by Tracy Kidder,

7 p.m. Dunn Bros. Coffee, 2471 Fairview Ave. N, Roseville. 646-2681.

20 THURSDAY

- Funtastic Carnival, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Como Park Elementary.

21 FRIDAY

- Trio Tipo, 8 p.m. CG
- Chetetah Spring Celebration, 5-8 p.m. CHES.

22 SATURDAY

- Kar Burke/BLT, 8 p.m. CG.

25 TUESDAY

- Neighborhood Energy Squad workshop, 7-8:30 p.m. Central High School auditorium.

26 WEDNESDAY

- Lonnie Knight's When Worlds Collide, with Atomic Flea, Molly Dean, noon. CG.

28 FRIDAY

- Inish Mohr, 7:30 p.m. CG.

29 SATURDAY

- Spruce Top Review, 7 p.m. CG.

31 MONDAY

- Sparky the Sea Lion Show opens. CPZC.

Items for June Events should be submitted by May 19 to [calendar@parkbugle.org](mailto:calendar@parkbugle.org).

- CHES** Chelsea Heights Elementary School, 1557 Huron St., 293-8790
- CG** Coffee Grounds,1579 Hamline Ave., 644-9959, 373-2600
- CPCC** Como Park Community Council, 1224 N. Lexington, 644-3889
- CPHS** Como Park High School, 740 W. Rose Ave., 293-8800
- CPLC** Como Park Lutheran Church, 1376 Hoyt Ave., 646-7127
- CPZC** Como Park Zoo & Conservatory, 1225 Estabrook Dr., 487-8201
- FCC** Fairview Community Center, 1910 W. County. Rd. B.
- FHCH** Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave., 644-5050
- FHUCC** Falcon Heights United Church of Christ, 1795 Holton St., 646-2681
- GC** Ginkgo Coffeehouse, 721 N. Snelling Ave., 645-2647
- GM** Gibbs Museum, Larpenteur 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
- MB** Micawber's Bookstore, 2238 Carter Ave., 646-5506
- MJHS** Murray Junior High School, 2200 Buford Ave., 293-8740
- MPS** Music in the Park Series, St. Anthony Park UCC, 645-5699
- MSHS** Minnesota State Horticultural Society, 1755 Prior Ave., 643-3601
- OCC** Olson Campus Center, Luther Seminary, Fulham & Hendon
- PLC** Peace Lutheran Church, 1744 Walnut St., 644-5440
- 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 Cromwel Ave., 649-5992
- SAPES** St. Anthony Park Elementary School, 2180 Knapp St., 293-8735
- SAPLC** St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave., 645-0371
- SAPUCC** St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave., 646-7173
- SAPUMC** St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave. , 603-8946
- SMEC** St. Matthews Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave., 645-3058
- SSAPRC** South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell Ave., 298-5770
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## L I V E S L I V E D

### Clarence Allen

Clarence A. "Bud" Allen, formerly of St. Anthony Park, was born July 25, 1913, and died April 9, 2010, at the age of 96. At the time of his death, he lived in Brooklyn Park, Minn.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 48 years, Olicia A. (Schreiffels) Allen. He is survived by his sister, Pearl Schreiffels; children Yvonne (Terry) Royle, Ronald (Beverly) Allen, Robert (Elaine) Allen and Sandra (Russel) Anderson; 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Apr. 14, 2010, at the Church of St. Alphonsus in Brooklyn Center, with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

### Reynold Dahl

Reynold Dahl, 86, of Falcon Heights, died March 27, 2010, of respiratory failure. Dahl was a native of Willmar, Minn. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force in World War II. After the war, he earned his doctorate in agricultural

economics at the University of Minnesota and became a member of the faculty there in 1955.

His specialties included grain marketing, commodity futures markets and cooperative business development. At time of his death, he was professor emeritus of applied economics. He retired in 1994.

He is survived by his wife, Alyce; son John (Maria), West Palm Beach, Fla.; daughter Ann (Tom) Schlender, Lino Lakes, Minn.; two grandchildren; sisters Lois Heglund and Marilyn Winden; and brother Charles "Corky" Dahl.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Mar. 31, 2010, at Corpus Christi Catholic Church in Roseville, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

### Alvina Douglas

Alvina "Nina" L. Douglas, 90, died Mar. 31, 2010. She was an employee of St. Anthony Park State Bank for 28 years, retiring in 1978. She was a past member of Central Park United Methodist Church and volunteered at the Emma Norton Residence and the Raptor Center.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel, and brother, Marlen Schultz. She is survived by her daughter, Nancy (Bill) Freeborg; three grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; one sister, Phyllis Langlois; and special friend Tom Sterba.

Her funeral service was held at Mueller-Bies Funeral Home in Roseville on Apr. 5, 2010, with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

### Mary Jo Minton

Mary Jo Minton (née Bussard), 80, of Shoreview, Minn., died Apr. 5, 2010.

She is survived by her husband, Bob, and siblings Paul (Sharon) Bussard of Altoona, Wis., John (Paula) Bussard and Margot (Frank) Knoll.

Minton, a graduate of St. Catherine's University, was retired from the St. Paul School District. She taught at Randolph Heights, St. Anthony Park and Jackson Elementary schools, and prior to that taught in Minneapolis. She will be remembered for her fun-loving spirit and her devotion to friends.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Apr. 10, 2010, at the Church of St. Odilia in Shoreview.

### James Mortensen

James I. Mortensen, 79, of Falcon Heights, died Mar. 30, 2010. He was a graduate of the University of Minnesota in wood technology. He worked in the hardware lumber business all of his career, retiring in 2000. He and his wife, Marilyn, enjoyed many happy times at their cabin on the North Shore.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Marilyn; children Maria (Don Tienter) Tice, James (Rita), Patricia (David) Wang and Susan (Don) Perron; 19 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; brother Robert B. (Mary) Mortensen, and brother-in-law Thomas (Judie) Russell.

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#### Zachary Novitt

Zachary J. Novitt, 33, of Como Park, died April 9, 2010. Zak will always be remembered as a loving son, brother and friend. He enjoyed a profession of engineering and automation, along with being gifted in the art of custom airbrush painting. Most important, he was a friend to all.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Rita Novitt. He is survived by his father, John Novitt; brother, Jonathan Novitt; and special friend, Sherrie.

A celebration of Zak's life was held Apr. 14, 2010, at Como Park Lutheran Church.

#### Richard Wilholt

Richard O. "Dick" Wilholt died Apr. 8, 2010, in Fort Myers, Fla., after a short illness. He was 96. He was raised in St. Anthony Park, graduated from Shattuck School, Faribault, Minn., and attended the University of Minnesota.

His wife of 72 years, Peg, survives him. They lived in the same home in Edina for 64 years, where they raised their family. He is also survived by children Richard (Lucy), Anne (Morris Baskett) Welsh, John, Katherine (Thomas) McGrane and Christine (Dennis) Taylor; 10 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by daughter-in-law Terry, grandson Eric Wilholt and brother and sister-in-law Bob and Helen Wilholt.

Mass of Christian burial was celebrated Apr. 17, 2010, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Hopkins.



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