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Laura Phillips-Mao has an occupational hazard: She can't help noticing garlic mustard. Phillips-Mao, a doctoral student in conservation biology at the University of Minnesota and a St. Anthony Park resident, has become an expert on an invasive species that is becoming more of a problem in Minnesota.

"I'm always botanizing. Walking, driving — I keep noticing things," she said.

I heard more garlic mustard to notice these days than when Phillips-Mao started her graduate program seven years ago.

"I think I first saw it in Como Park, where it's a big problem," she said, "and I've seen it in Marenim Park. Until last year, I hadn't seen it in St. Anthony Park, but I did spot some in a front yard on my walk to work.

So why should we be concerned about garlic mustard?

The 41st annual St. Anthony Park Arts Festival will take place Saturday, June 5, 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m., along Como Avenue, between Luther Place and Carter Avenue. In addition to over 75 exhibitors, the event will feature food, entertainment, sidewalk sales and displays by community organizations. The insert in this paper lists specific festival information. Save this guide and bring it to the festival.

On Friday, June 4, 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.
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THE DISTRICT 10 COMMUNITY CENTER
The District 10 Community Center is planning a Como Park Art Crawl and is looking for artists to participate. For more information, visit district10comopark.org or call 651-3889.

A Como neighborhood “Stay-Cation.” July 23–25, will include a free community movie, art crawl, music, bike ride and more. Details at district10comopark.org.

The Environment Committee of District 10 will hold its annual Tree Identification Trek in Como Park on June 12, from 10 a.m. to noon. Meet at the Como Lakeside Pavilion near the wood duck box on the west side. The Tree Trek is free, open to the public, and includes evergreens and woody perennials. Call Beth Melchior (646-4226) for further information.

Falcon Heights
New this summer: Ultimate Frisbee for ages 8–13. Participants will learn the fundamentals of forehand and backhand throws, catching and rules. Program meets 7–7:55 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, June 15–July 21, at Community Park. Cost is $36 for residents, $41 for nonresidents. Pre-registration is required. Register at falconheights.org or call 729-7616.

Families with children newborn to age 5 are invited to Play with Families, 9:30 a.m.–noon, Wednesdays, June 16-Aug. 18, at Falcon Heights United Church of Christ, 1705 H i l t o n . The class is led by Jo Behm, a licensed early childhood and family education instructor. Register for a five-week session for $16 or drop in any Wednesday for $3. Ages 6 months or younger are free. To register or for more information, visit falconheights.org or call 729-7616.

Falcon Heights will hold its annual ice cream social July 26, 6–8 p.m., at Community Park, Roselawn and Cleveland Avenues. Activities include a moon walk, fishing, fried ice cream, face painting, crafts and tug-of-war contests. Entertainment will be provided. Free event is free; a small fee will be charged for food and some activities.

The Falcon Heights/Lauderdale Family Fun Run will start at 8 a.m., Aug. 21, at Community Park, 2050 Roselawn Ave. Race-day registration and check-in will begin at 7 a.m. Those who have pre-registered by Aug. 6 will receive an event T-shirt. Fee is $15 per individual or $40 for a group or family up to four people. Register at falconheights.org or 729-7616.

Lauderdale
Music Under The Trees will feature the Fairlanes, with a performance starting at 7:30 p.m., June 21, at Lauderdale Community Park. Bring lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy the music and ice cream treats. The event will be cancelled for rain or severe weather.

Absentee voting for the Aug. 10 state primary election begins June 25. Residents may vote by mail or at Lauderdale City Hall, 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

St. Anthony Park
The St. Anthony Park Library Association seeks donations of books, CDs and DVDs. Good condition and recently published for its book sale during the Arts Festival, June 5, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Textbooks, magazines, cassette tapes and VHS tapes cannot be accepted. Please bring donations directly to the drop box downtown in the library. We do not put donations in the book return or give them to staff members. Proceeds go to library programs and facility improvements.

The Library Association has helped maintain the children’s Summer Reading Program, improved landscaping and drainage around the building, and funded activities such as a silent movie night and weekly story times. The Library Association also organizes Summer Concerts at the Library. Proceeds from the program are used for library improvements, and to purchase new books, CDs and DVDs. Donations are tax deductible. To make a donation, please contact the library at 651-644-9216.

The St. Anthony Park Library will host Twin Cities jazz singer Nichola Miller on June 8, at 6:30 p.m. This live at the Library event is presented in partnership with the Twin Cities Jazz Festival and MELSA Metro Public Libraries. The show will take place in the library’s auditorium. The event is free. For more information, please contact the library at 651-644-9216.

Music Under The Trees will be held Sunday, Aug. 8, from 2–4 p.m. The program will feature a silent movie night, followed by music and ice cream. The event is free. For more information, please contact the library at 651-644-9216.

The St. Anthony Park Library will host its first Summer Reading Program event of 2010 on July 26, at 6:30 p.m. This live at the Library event will be held in partnership with the Twin Cities Jazz Festival and MELSA Metro Public Libraries. The show will take place in the library’s auditorium. The event is free. For more information, please contact the library at 651-644-9216.

This year’s first Backyard Talk will be held by the Cabin family, showing their new solar photovoltaic panels and 2008 ZENN electric car. The talk will start at 6:30 p.m., June 8, at 1494 Grantham St.

“Phantoms” use electricity while you’re not using it. Scour Marylín Benson and Tim Wullings’ house at their Backyard Talk to discover these creatures and what you can do about your phantoms. The program will be held at 6:30 p.m., June 29, at 1495 Raymond Ave.

Backyard Talks are supported by the St. Anthony Park Community Council. RSVP to renee@sapcc.org or 649-5992.

The St. Anthony Park Community Council will host two short films, “Peeky Vol” and “Klown Outs,” and a discussion of their implications for individuals and the community. The films will be shown twice: June 14, 7 p.m., at South St. Anthony Recreation Center, 890 Cromwell Ave, and June 15, 7 p.m., at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave.

Make your own rain barrel and learn about the environmental benefits of harvesting rainwater. Participants will receive barrels and parts, along with instructions for assembly and use. The workshop will take place June 22, 6:30 p.m., at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave. There will be a small fee ($15–$20 per person). Registration is required: renee@sapcc.org or 649-5992.

St. Paul Parks and Recreation has proposed a Dog Park for a Day in August at Langford Park. They will fence in part of the park so owners can exercise dogs both in fall and summer. The St. Anthony Park Community Council has expressed support for the proposal; the date is to be announced.

Planning Weekend is planning on a new LEED-certified facility at Vandalia and Charles that will house a full-service reproductive clinic and community education and administrative offices.

St. Paul
A new city-wide Energy Smart Homes program offers loans to homeowners for improvements such as furnace replacement, insulation and air sealing. The program will also offer cash rebates for replacement of refrigerators in apartment buildings. A preliminary application is due June 11.

Recipients will be randomly selected from those applicants and given further instructions. For more information, including eligibility conditions and other requirements, go to spaul.gov or call 266-6655.

— Anne Heidzman
Park Bugle names new editor

by Eric Wieffering

The board of directors of Park Press Inc., publisher of the Park Bugle, has named Kristal Leebrick as the paper’s managing editor, effective July 1.

Leebrick succeeds Dave Healy, who recently informed the board that he plans to retire after 10 years as the Bugle’s editor.

Leebrick has agreed to take the post on an interim basis while the Bugle completes a new long-range strategic plan.

“We are grateful for Dave’s incredible service to the newspaper and its readers,” said board chair Audrey Esteb. “At the same time, we are fortunate to have someone with Krista’s experience to help lead the paper as we plan for the future.”

Healy is the longest-serving editor in the history of the Bugle, which is celebrating its 35th anniversary.

“I can’t imagine a better place to be the editor of a community newspaper,” Healy said. “I’ve had the privilege of working with talented writers and a superb production manager, Steve Parker. I’m very proud of the Bugle, and I look forward to reading it for many years to come.”

Healy has lived in St. Paul since the age of 3. He grew up in the Como Park neighborhood and went to Chelsea High School, followed by Murray, a combined junior and senior high school in those days, where he and some friends put out a short-lived underground newspaper called the Senior Sabot.

Healy, who has a M.A. in English and a Ph.D. in American Studies from the University of Minnesota, has previously taught literature and composition at Bethel College and the U of M’s General College, and directed writing centers at both institutions.

Though retiring, Healy plans to continue to write and edit on a freelance basis. He and his wife, Nanci, have started a business that helps people tell their life stories. She recently retired from a career as a public school teacher and administrator. They have two sons, Ben, a musician, and M. attah, a graphic designer. Both live in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Leebrick also brings deep journalism experience to the position of managing editor. She has worked for the Forum in Fargo, N.D., the Winona Pioneer-Journal and the New Brighton Focus. Leebrick’s freelance work includes book editing, writing children’s nonfiction and writing for some online publications. She also helped launch and manages the Bugle’s Facebook page.

Leebrick has lived in St. Anthony Park for 14 years.

“I’m happy to step in during this time of transition,” Leebrick said. “The Park Bugle is such a valuable part of our community. We need this kind of community-oriented journalism.”

Leebrick was elected to the Bugle’s board of directors in September 2009. She resigned from the board upon accepting the managing editor post.

The Park Bugle is a 14,000 circulation monthly that is delivered free to more than 11,000 households as well as businesses in St. Anthony Park, Como Park, Lauderdale and Falcon Heights. The Bugle is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation that relies on donations to help defray its publishing and distribution costs.

The Bugle’s board is planning a community event to thank Healy for his service to the paper and the community.

Look for details on the paper’s Web site (www.parkbugle.org) and Facebook page when available.
Mention zoning and most people zone out. The average city dweller is likely to think of zoning as the shape of structures over a certain height in order to minimize the size of property owners are subordinate to the public interest, although determining what is in the public interest can be controversial. They also observed that zoning has been used by some communities to exclude people and businesses deemed undesirable.

Later, with widespread automobile ownership, it became possible to create expansive areas—suburbs—limited to residential buildings, on the assumption that people could and would to drive to where they worked and shopped. Zoning, then, both to and shaped people’s behavior.

M ore recently, many cities have implemented zoning policies that allow for mixed-use development—for example, an apartment complex with retail businesses in the same building. Sometimes linked with a city planning movement called the "new urbanism," such changes are actually a throwback to an older model of human habitation, where people usually lived and worked in the same area, and transportation was limited to walking.

Zoning, like any law, is a curtailment of individual freedom undertaken for what is perceived as a public good. If you live in St. Paul and want to raise chickens in your yard, you’re out of luck. That’s because many communities allow only the raising of certain types of birds, such as free-range chickens, in the backyard. In addition, the community must have a permit for the chickens to be kept, and the chickens must be kept in a coop that complies with local regulations.

The impact of zoning on the environment can also be significant. For example, zoning laws can help protect sensitive areas, such as wetlands or wetlands, by designating them as conservation areas or creating buffers around them to prevent development.

The Park Bugle is a nonprofit community newspaper serving St. Anthony Park, Ladera, Falcon Heights and Como Park. The Bugle reports and analyzes community news and promotes the exchange of ideas and opinions in these communities. The Bugle strives to promote freedom of expression, enhance the quality of life in these communities, and encourage community participation. Opinions expressed in the Bugle by the editor, writers, and contributors do not necessarily represent the opinions of the board of directors, Park Press, Inc.

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Currently serving on the board are Tom Courage, Ron M. Sherburne, Dave Healy, עוד אוס델, Ann Fendorf, D avid Greenland, Paul Kammel, Jill Kettlok, Karen Lilley, Nancy Ollan, Mary Press, T rue Rasmussen, Todd Shannan, M itton Shaverburne and Eric Waffringer.
For its 2010 grant cycle, the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation has awarded nine grants totaling $36,468. In its 10-year history, the foundation has distributed over $300,000 to St. Anthony Park organizations. According to Jon Schumacher, the foundation’s executive director, requests for this year’s funding totaled just under $60,000.

"With the tough economy, we expected there would be significantly increased need," he said. "We are very fortunate to have endowment funds that guarantee a consistent source of funding every year."

Grants were awarded to the following organizations:

- **Block Nurse Program**: $3,600 for marketing/Web development and continuation of the senior exercise program and speaker series.
- **EconoCulture**: $1,000 for a neighborhood open house event for the University and Raymond area.
- **Joy of the People Soccer**: $2,000 for grant writing assistance. This organization runs its program out of the South St. Anthony Recreation Center and also manages the building.
- **Keystone Community Services**: $600 for general operating support. Keystone is the main agency in the area providing comprehensive services for families in poverty.
- **Murray Jr. High**: $5,000 in support of the Pilot One-on-One Tutoring Program, and $2,000 for the Wolfridge Environmental Education program.
- **Music in the Park Series**: $1,500 for their Family Music Series and outreach to local schools.
- **Park Bugle**: $5,000 in support of short-term operations and long-range planning, Web development, and a reader survey.
- **District 12 Community Council**: $3,270 for continued support of efforts to reduce energy consumption in St. Anthony Park through education and programming, and $2,000 in support of a visioning process for developing the University and Raymond area.
- **St. Anthony Park Elementary School**: $5,000 for arts programming, $2,025 for environmental education, $600 for DestinationImagination and $2,873 for music education.
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On the trail of an old trail

by M.ichele Christianson

Here the old story of American settlement. There were “good guys” (settlers or cowboys) and “bad guys” (Native American). But as our country became more diverse and we learned of the rich cultures associated with non-European ethnicities, we found that the American story has always been a tapestry woven from many strands that cannot be separated.

A similar change in perspective affected a view of the property formerly known as Gibbs Farm. Here is the story we used to know: Jane DeBow lived in Minden as a child, moved to Illinois, married Herman Gibbs and moved back to Minden. The Gibbs family farmed (and rented out) a 160-acre parcel of land. Children visiting the site a few years ago would learn about pioneer life, farming and skills associated with early Minden history.

But here is the story in expanded form: Jane grew up in Minden on the banks of Lake Calhoun, where she lived among Cœur M’arti band of Ojibwe, learning to speak their language and appreciate their way of life. When the Gibbs bought their property in 1849 (the year Minden became a territory), they discovered an Indian trail crossing it. Jane was “overjoyed” when she realized that it was her friends from Lake Calhoun who were using the trail as they made their annual migration north to the wild-ricing, fishing and hunting grounds. Each year the band, sometimes 150 strong, stayed at the Gibbs’ honored guests, often for three weeks at a time.

The museum is now known as the Gibbs Museum of Pioneer and Dakota life. In addition to learning about early American farming and crafts, visitors now learn about traditional Dakota migratory life. They can see a tipi and a replica bark lodge, as well as a Dakota medicine garden. Both sides of early American life are represented.

The trail the Gibbs found on their property was made by a travois. The disassembled tipi poles were first tethered to a dog or horse and then loaded with the tipi cover, packs of food, supplies and other personal belongings. The path of the travois was two deep grooves made by the poles, with shallower tracks on either side made by the animal’s feet.

Many letters and stories refer to the trail that went through the Gibbs property. A map of the trail suggests that it began at Lake Calhoun, crossed the Mississippi River near St. Anthony Falls and continued on, finally cutting through St. Anthony Park. Some who have lived in the area for many years have heard stories about the trail and may even have some idea where it went.

The Ramsey County Historical Society (RCHS) has purchased the property west of the current museum and has hired an

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Lauderdale updates city zoning code

by Anne Holzman

A community gathering spot, stores they can walk to, maybe even well-designed condominums — these are desires that emerged from Lauderdale's long-range planning process completed last fall, according to City Council member Mary Gaasch.

Residents would like "a little downtown," Gaasch said.

And to a key those benefits is an overhaul of the city's outdated zoning code, say Gaasch and other officials. The city has hired Bonestroo, a planning and engineering firm, to help them get there.

"The biggest thing for Lauderdale is getting updated," said Bonestroo consultant Tina Goodroad, who has been analyzing what needs changing and will soon propose revisions to bring the zoning code in line with the comprehensive plan completed last year and with changes in state law.

Her experience includes working on the staffs of three city planning departments, and she has put together proposals for many other cities across Minnesota. At Bonestroo, she can also draw on the company's collective experience.

She is aware of the database model ordinances that have worked really well," she said.

Goodroad said that she will likely advise the council to repeal the old zoning code and substitute a new one, rather than picking through revisions one at a time. She expects to present her draft in two parts to make it more manageable for reading and discussion.

"This ordinance is more of an overhaul than in many other cities," she said, although the M t Council's requirement for long-range plans has generated a wave of zoning changes across the region.

Goodroad said one thing Lauderdale needs to do is catch up with technology, specifying, for example, what forms of electronic signs might be allowed in commercial areas. The old code does not address that, nor does it guide businesses that might want temporary signage for a sale. Landscaping is an area that might offer opportunities to enhance the city, Goodroad said, "so you can regulate when development occurs" without creating rules that are "super onerous."

Changes could also include redesigning areas along Larpenteur that are now residential, so that the city would have the option to allow development of them as commercial space. That appeared to be the most contentious possibility at an Apr. 13 open house. Concerns raised by residents included the potential impact of property taxes and the fear of a "land grab" to create larger areas for development.

Goodroad said at the meeting that recent changes in state law mean that eminent domain can't be used for private development. And the city wouldn't likely talk to a developer because it would be too expensive. Changing the designation on those properties might give homeowners more options when they're ready to sell. she said.

Asked about residents' concerns, Gaasch said that although development could certainly affect property taxes, changes to the zoning code would not. And residents might actually benefit from commercial development, she pointed out, because the city levies a total amount to meet its needs each year, then divides the bill among taxpayers based on property value. Adding value in the strip along Larpenteur could reduce taxes in other areas.

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"We were dependent on volunteer labor," she said. "I was fortunate that from the beginning many people pitched in to make it work."

In part because of its limited distribution system, a major task in the early going was establishing name recognition, McCure said.

"We showed up at every kind of event to let people know who we were," she said. "It felt like I was always on call."

McCure said she saw the Bugle's original mission as bridging divisions and fostering a sense of community.

"There were any number of ways to divide people," she said. "Town/gown, white/blue collar, homeowners/renters. So many forces in the world serve to separate people. I saw a community newspaper as a way to unite us, a force for convergence rather than divergence."

After McCure left the editor's post, she stayed on as a member of the board of directors. By then the Bugle had come under the auspices of Park Press, Inc. and was a tax-exempt nonprofit, a status it still maintains.

"Part of the task from the beginning was to educate our readers about the need to support the paper," McCure said. "That wasn't hard to do. The neighborhood services we have always valued a sense of community."

While she was Bugle editor, McCure worked at the U of M's St. Paul campus. Later she took a job with the Kellogg Foundation in Battle Creek, Michigan, where she was vice president for youth, education and international programs. She recently retired from Kellogg and is currently living in Chicago.

"When the housing market picks up in Chicago, I might sell my condo there and move back to Minnesota," she said. "I don't know. I could end up being a Bugle reader again."
archaeologist, Steven Blondo, to assemble a comprehensive account of what archeology has already taken place on both sites, survey the newly purchased parcel and attempt to locate the trail that crossed the farm.

The archaeological work will take place over the next few months and will consist of background research; a pedestrian survey; and excavations involving shovel testing, soil screening and — possibly — recovery of artifacts.

RCHS is seeking personal memories, stories and photos from people who have heard of an Indian trail in the St. Anthony Park neighborhood. If you have a story or memory to share, please contact Mollie Spillman (222-6701 x227, mollie@rchs.com) to receive a form to record your memory. These stories may or may not be included in RCHS publications, but copies will remain in their archives.

To learn more about the archaeological survey and the search for the Dakota trail, join Steven Blondo on Sunday, June 27, from 1 to 3 p.m., at the museum. He will discuss industry standards and the modern challenges that archaeologists face. He will also display any artifacts he has unearthed during dig tests at the site.

Terry Swanson, the museum’s program manager, said that June 27 will be “Dakota Day.” A program, from noon to 4 p.m., will focus on five areas of Dakota life as well as on the archaeological study. There will be stations explaining the travois, maple sugaring and muskrat hunting (spring activities), the bark lodge (used in summer), wild rice (a fall activity), and winter life in the tipi, including food, games and crafts.

Swanson is passionate about passing on information about the Dakota. “If we learn about each other, maybe we can learn to get along,” she said.

She is encouraged by the interest children show in both cultures and the diversity she sees every day in class field trips. “For these kids, this story is what they are used to — different cultures living side by side and learning from each other.”
Not a fire happens in this town, but soon after it is seen and cried out, the place is crowded by active men of different ages. Professions and Titles who, as of one mind and rank, apply themselves with all Vigilance and Resolution, according to their Abilities, to the hard work of conquering the increasing Fire. They do it not for Sale of Reward of Money or Fame. There is no Provision of either made for them. But they have a Reward in themselves, and they love one another.

The spirit of volunteer fire fighting hasn’t changed much since Ben Franklin wrote a letter to the Gazette in 1773 describing the variety of altruistic people drawn to the job.

The Falcon Heights Fire Department serves the cities of Falcon Heights and Lauderdale, which have found it cost effective to maintain a volunteer fire department. Fire Chief Clem Kurhajetz cuts an avuncular figure with his handlebar moustache and plainspoken air. It suits his role as "father figure" to the department’s 22 fire fighters. He has been a volunteer since 1984 and fire chief for 17 of those years, a part-time occupation he continued even after retirement from his job with Xcel two years ago.

He says his wife made it clear that if he didn’t keep busy with something, she’d have to face his couch-surfing. "Besides,” he jokes about his elected position, "nobody else is going to do this job."

The humor helps but doesn’t hide the fact that Kurhajetz is one of Ben Franklin’s men of "Vigilance and Resolution." The desire to be a fireman goes back to childhood, but it wasn’t until he witnessed the 1983 fire at Flower City, a landmark on the corner of Snelling and Larpenteur, that he decided to apply with Falcon H.ights. Falcon H.ights Fire Department volunteers usually have full-time jobs. The current crew includes men and women, ages 18 to 64, who work as teachers, construction workers and computer technicians. They come to the fire station on Prior Avenue once or twice a week for training and when called for a fire emergency. They are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week. They work and sleep with their pagers so that, if called, they can be at the fire station within minutes.

There is no difference in certification between career and volunteer firefighters. Chief Kurhajetz says, "To me, a fire fighter is a fire fighter. Professional or volunteer, full-time or part-time — you better be a professional.”

Volunteers put in many hours of training. Recruits study "the rookie book," learn the layout of the two cities and learn to drive a fire truck. They have to pass a practical test, which includes a ladder climb, hose drag, search and rescue drill, and obstacle course. In addition, recruits are interviewed and must pass a physical. Because Falcon H.ights is a small fire department, everyone has to know how to do everything. City fire fighting equipment includes three engines and a pick-up truck. Engine No. 753 carries the high-powered hose that pumps 1500 gallons of water a minute. No. 752 is a rescue truck that carries the Hurst tool, a "jaws of life" device with power scissors and a spreader that can open a car like a can of sardines. Old engine No. 757 has a 65-foot "squirt" ladder. Each engine has compartments that are loaded with equipment: axes, shovels, brooms, pry bars, ropes, fans, flashlights, saws, drills, hoses and rows of air canisters.

St. Paul resident Rochelle Hawthorne has been a volunteer fire fighter with the Falcon H.eights department for two years. She has bright blue eyes and is more fit at 39 than many women half her age. She has a day job as an EMT for HealthEast and is studying at Century College to be a paramedic, a career inspired by her experiences after joining the fire department.

"The beauty of this job is that you can have other jobs and still work here," she said. "Hawthorne and Jesse Adams are the two women on the crew. "It’s still a male-dominated profession," Hawthorne admitted, but "being a female, I never felt that I was less than anyone else. I’m treated the same, pushed just as hard."

The physical challenges are demanding she said, but the mental challenges of the job are harder. Hawthorne described what it’s like on call 24/7: "One minute you’re making dinner and then you have to move to a whole other frame of mind."

Hawthorne grew up on the East Side of St. Paul and has fond memories of visiting Station 7, where a family friend was a fire fighter. Her decision to work as a volunteer fire fighter brings together a mix of things that motivate her. She likes a job that keeps her physically active and she likes the camaraderie on the crew.

"I think this is a great department," she said. "It sounds like a cliché, but it really is a family atmosphere." The fire department participates in community events such as Ntaional Night Out and block parties. They are happy to show off the fire trucks to admirers at birthday parties or during visits from schools and scout troops.

Chief Kurhajetz said, “People should know that we’re here. And we’re always recruiting volunteers, always looking for good people.”
possible for some families to stay in their homes. She said her proposal will likely open up possibilities for adding porches and bumping out kitchens in Lauderdale’s small, closely built homes. Families outgrowing their space might choose to stay instead of looking for larger homes in other communities, she said, “and you want to maintain your families.”

Another benefit for some families is to follow the trend toward home-based work by simultaneously enabling it and controlling it. “More and more folks are getting creative, and industries are allowing for it,” she said. But there are concerns about home-based occupations, too—including parking, deliveries and outdoor storage—that the zoning code should clarify, she said.

Council member Gaasch expressed confidence in the process that has led up to the zoning code revision.

“We really tried to get feedback (from the community), as we did with the comprehensive plan,” she said.

Gaasch asked Lauderdale residents to think about “what they want for Lauderdale long-term,” and to continue making their wishes known, via phone, e-mail and participation in hearings that will happen this summer and likely into the fall.

“This is a tool that will serve our community,” she said.

Falcon Heights is considering minor revisions to its zoning code, City Manager Justin Miller said. St. Paul solicited revised comprehensive plans from neighborhoods in recent years, too. St. Paul Planning Director Donna Drummond said the city’s recent comprehensive plan calls for various zoning studies; the largest currently under way is for the Central Corridor.

Lauderdale’s current zoning code can be found at ci.lauderdale.mn.us under Ordinances.
Como Park Senior High

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At a M A y 19 awards ceremony, students were recognized for achieving A & B honor rolls and receiving academic department awards. Seniors were recognized for scholarship and community awards, and Comos Advanced Placement students were recognized.

AP Scholars:
- Samantha A. Brown,
- Samuel A. Craig,
- Carolyn C. Cross,
- Haley F. Frist, Sr.,
- Kathy H. H. M. H.,
- Pastor J. Huber

SAPSA is also pleased to announce that two important grants were awarded this spring by the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation: $50,000 for arts enrichment programming and $150,000 for library support.

The school building will be closed this summer. ALC summer school will take place June 28-30 and Aug. 26-30 at Como Park Elementary. Discovery Club will be in the Rondo Building. And Community Education classes will be held at other sites.

While the school is closed, the playground will be closed, and student parking will be unavailable.

The back-to-school open house is scheduled for Sept. 2. The first day of school next fall is Tuesday, July 27. For grades 1-6 and Monday, Sept. 12 for kindergarten.

June Calendar
- June 3: Field Day, 1-3 p.m., grades 2-6
- June 4: Field Day, 1-3 p.m., grades 1-6

At the M A y 7 St Anthony Park Elementary school carnival, 34 Como students helped with the face-painting room, cake walk, pops, fish walking, fishing pond, bingo and goldfish bowl game.

Volunteers were A nia Oleson, Anna C. Caruso, L uann B urnes, P aul Y. Yang, H enry C olu, Z ach Zippel, K. I. K. Reaves, L izzy M oeller, N ate R ues, H annah Stadler, P acli Her, M ichael W eliaswicz, A lex Ziebell, A urora Ziebell (H. Kynard), M artie M cChall, M ichael M arco, A ngel D eBarddona, D ima E lyanady, R achael L ee, M addy H idd, K ate W ackett, M ac B etke, M e S ee Xiong, K eefe L ee, F i H. D avid, V ictoria L a, S ydie S baich, Iram Akbasim, I. N. S. Olesok, N ajma A hmad, L ynn P ruitte, B eth Y oung-Tow ndaim, N abi A lamad, A mila K aih and M ara C. C un-Purcel.

This summer, Como Park social studies teachers E ric E rickson and L isa G riffin will travel abroad, courtesy of the Fund for Teachers provided by the St. Paul school district.

Griffin, who teaches AP European history, will spend time in Florence and Rome, studying ancient Romans architecture and art, as well as history of the Renaissance and Baroque periods. Erickson, who teaches AP government, AP macroeconomics and U.S. history, will study China's economy in Xian, Beijing and Shanghai. He will also teach conversational English as part of Cross-Cultural Solutions.
Tree appreciation drive underway

by Valerie Cunningham

The Como Park neighborhood has a great community asset that many of us take for granted—the trees in our yards and boulevards.

These gentle giants clean our air and reduce rain runoff, save on heating and cooling costs, reduce noise pollution and increase our property values. Trees also beautify our landscapes, support wildlife—especially birds—and make our streets more livable and healthy.

To encourage Como-area residents to value existing trees and to plant more of them, the District 10 Environment Committee is sponsoring a Tree Appreciation Program. Each year, several stand-out trees in the Como neighborhood will be selected for recognition. Trees will be chosen based on criteria such as size, species, historical significance, health, location, aesthetic value, wildlife value or other characteristics.

“We’d like to encourage all District 10 residents to provide good care to the trees on their properties and to plant more trees, wherever possible,” said Chet Mirocha, a member of the task force that developed the recognition program. “Trees are a trust left to us by the previous owners of our homes and one that we should leave to those that come after us.”

This year’s Tree Appreciation Program winners were announced in late May. Harmsowners sharing their properties with winning trees received a ribbon to tie around the trunk, and photos of the tree and property are posted on the District 10 Web site (district10cons.org). In addition, winners will be featured at a short program at 9:30 a.m. on June 12 at the Historic MacArthur Station at Arlington and Lexington. Free trees will be given away at this event.

“We hope to inspire a great deal of tree planting,” said Mirocha, adding that help is needed to see a new tree put in place of every one cut down on private property. “With so many trees being lost to invasive pests like the emerald ash borer and Dutch elm disease, we lose more of the urban forest every day.”

The District 10 program dovetails with the city of St. Paul’s new Landmark Tree Program, which recognizes special trees on public or private property.

Garlic mustard from 1

Garlic mustard produces seed pods that pop open in July. Individual seeds are about the size of a sesame seed. They can become attached to people and animals, and can spread by water during heavy rains.

The only good way to control the stuff is by hand pulling. Phillips-Mao said, “Moving can help control it, but only if an area is mowed down on private property.”

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There is some hope for controlling garlic mustard with biocontrol agents. The task is to find an insect that eats garlic mustard but doesn’t harm desirable plants. “I know there’s only so much we can do, but it is potentially harmful. The good thing is that in the early stages of an infestation, it’s not hard to control. It’s very manageable at the yard level.”

Phillips-Mao realizes that by raising the profile of garlic mustard, she runs the risk of increasing “invasives fatigue.” She acknowledged that other invaders, like buckthorn and the emerald ash borer, have received a lot of attention lately.

“I know there’s only so much that people can devote their attention to,” she said. “Right now, I don’t know how much of a problem it is in this neighborhood, but I would like people to become more aware of it so they can help keep it from gaining a foothold here. Being vigilant now can prevent an insurmountable problem in the future.”

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The St. Anthony Park Elementary School has been able to maintain its standing as one of the metro’s top schools due in part to community support for its arts, music and environmental programs. The Foundation has provided over $67,000 in grants in the past 10 years.

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Events

TUESDAY
- *Time + Light:* Works by Jim Grafsgaard and Charles Watson, June through Aug. 12. LAG.
- Children’s art show, through June 11. SMEC.
- Red Cross Blood Drive, 2-7 p.m. SAPLC.
- International adoption informational meeting, 6-8 p.m. CHSFS.

WEDNESDAY
- St. Anthony Park Library Book Club, 6:30 p.m. SAPBL.
- 4 Friday: Northern Lights 4-H Club pie and ice cream social, 7-9 p.m. Luther Seminary.

THURSDAY
- Energy Efficiency Workshop, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Como Ave.
- St. Anthony Park Garden Club meeting, 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. SAPBL.
- Bugs Night Out, 6-7:30 p.m. Como Lakeside Pavilion. 644-8888.
- Backyard Talk: “Phantoms,” 6:30 p.m. 1494 Raymond Ave. 644-3889.
- Backyard Talk: solar voltaic panels, 6:30 p.m., 1496 Raymond Ave. 644-3889.

FRIDAY
- *Kilowatt Ours,* 7 p.m. SSARC.
- Green on the Screen: “Peak Oil,” 7 p.m. SSARC.
- Lonnie Knight, 8 p.m. CG.
- Noon: Como Park pavilion.
- Tree Identification Trek, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. CHSFS.
- Faithful Fins: Residential real estate, 6:30 p.m. 2129 Commonwealth Ave., 646-7173
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SATURDAY
- I Like You, 8 p.m. CG.
- The Northern Lights 4-H Club pie and ice cream social, 7-9 p.m. Luther Seminary.
- Backyard Talk: “Flights of Fancy: A History of Feathers in Fashion,” opening event, 6-8 p.m. Exhibition continues through Sept. 12. GMD.
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SUNDAY
- Sunday Afternoon Book Group: *“Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Swerd,”* by Jamie Ford, 2 p.m. MB.
- Music in the Park Series, St. Anthony Park UCC, 645-5699
- Children’s art show, through Aug. 12. LAG.
- St. Anthony Park Library Book Sale, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Como Ave.
- Backyard Talk: “Phantoms,” 6:30 p.m. 1496 Raymond Ave. 644-3889.
- Shipping Office: Residential real estate, 6:30 p.m. 2129 Commonwealth Ave., 646-7173
Lives Lived

Lorraine Doherty, age 83, of Como Park, died April 17, 2010. He was born June 2, 1935, to Jane Mary (Hagen) and James J. Doherty, both of Como Park. Buzz was a court reporter for 39 years in Ramsey County and a member of the Holy Childhood Church choir. He was known as the “King Klacky Baker.” He is survived by his wife of almost 50 years, Agnes (Rogers); daughters Mary M. (Milton), Anne and Fances [sic]; sons Joseph, David and Patrick (Jennifer); one granddaughter; and five grandsons. His sister, Marion (Roy) Loftus, also survives him. He was preceded in death by his brother, Father Leo. M as of Christian Burial was celebrated April 22, 2010, at Holy Childhood Catholic Church in Como Park, with burial at St. Caron Cemetery, Kilkenny, Minn.

Sophie Giannaccini, 101, of Maple Grove, formerly of Como Park, died April 24, 2010. She was preceded in death by her husband, M. Ario, and sons Wallace and Billy Kelley. She is survived by many loving nieces and nephews. M as of Christian Burial was celebrated April 29, 2010, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Hugo, with interment in the church cemetery.

Lucille Hofmeister, of Phoenix, Ariz., also survives her. A memorial service was held at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church on May 24, 2010.

Mildred Murawski, of Como, Colorado, died May 11, 2010. She was preceded in death by her husband, George, with whom she shared 65 years of marriage; three brothers; two sisters; grandchild and great-grandchildren. Grace is survived by daughter Gall (Jim) Saabye, sons Robert (Tina), Richard (Judy), Brent (Donna), Curt (Jackie), Roy (Patty) and Mary (Julie) Murawski, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. M as of Christian Burial was celebrated at Holy Childhood Catholic Church in Como Park on May 14, 2010, with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

Gottfried Reuteler
Gottfried “Fritz” E. Reuteler, 95, died May 20, 2010. He was preceded in death by his wife, Loretta, and eight brothers and sisters. He is survived by his children, Ellen Erickson, also survives her. A memorial service was held at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church on May 24, 2010.

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Kohout and Fred Reuter; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.
Mascot Christian Burial was celebrated April 26, 2010, at Church of the Holy Childhood in Falcon Heights, with interment at Rosland Cemetery.

Timothy Tamcsin Timothy Wayne Tamcsin, 44, of Como Park, died April 13, 2010, surrounded by family and friends. His courage, sense of humor and spirited outdoor life were an inspiration to all who were fortunate to know him. Tim was an inventor, entrepreneur, pilot and avid outdoor enthusiast. He is survived by his wife, Blanca, parents, Dennis and Connie Tamcsin; stepson, Juan Carlos Pinata; brothers Todd and Bob; sisters, Susan Tamcsin and Kristi Harrison; and grandmother, Alice M. Moore.
Mascot Christian Burial was held April 16, 2010, at Holy Childhood Catholic Church in Como Park.

Roger Vik Victor Roger Vik, 78, of St. Anthony Park, died April 17, 2010. He was born April 1, 1932, in Granite Falls, Minn. During high school and later years, Roger was a business partner with his dad. Cars and houses were purchased, fixed up and sold as a way to supplement the family income. He served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War from 1953 to 1955. His time was spent on the U.S.S. Tarawa as a radio operator and technician.

Roger and Evie married on Oct. 13, 1956, in Cottage Grove, Minn. They had four children — Cindy, David, Jeff and Rhonda — and raised them in the home he built in St. Anthony Park in 1960. During the summer, the family made many weekend journeys to Middle Pine Lake in Wisconsin, where they frequently met up with extended family.

He rejoined the Ramsey County Taxation Department as an appraiser in 1957 and later assumed the position of assistant director in the same department. He retired after 30 years of employment.

Roger served in leadership roles with St. Anthony Park Elementary School, Murray Junior/Senior High School, St. Anthony Park Association, American Legion and St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church. He quietly led by example as he actively assisted people when they were experiencing crisis or change. He enjoyed reading, traveling, playing poker with old friends, and listening to classical music.

Roger is survived by his wife of 53 years, Evelyn; four children, Cindy (Blaine) Thraede, David Vik and Rhonda (David) Miron, all of St. Anthony Park; and Jeffrey Vik (Lisa) of Como Park; seven grandchildren; brother, Robert Vik (Diane); sisters Mary Olson (Don) and Jane Solberg, and brother-in-law, Dean Krapf. He was preceded in death by his sister, Anne Krapf, and brother-in-law, Chuck Solberg.
A memorial service was held April 30, 2010, at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, with interment at Rosland M. Memorial Park.

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.

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