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One front yard coming up – hold the mustard

by Dave Healy

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. There's 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 Merriam 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?



Garlic mustard is an invasive species that is making inroads in Minnesota.

The answer turns out to be a bit complicated. Garlic mustard changes the composition of soil, potentially rendering it more hospitable to other invasives, and also reducing levels of arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi, which have a symbiotic relationship with many woodland plants and trees. Plus, it spreads very rapidly. Garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) is a biennial flowering plant native to Europe, western and central Asia, and northwestern Africa. It was likely brought to North America in the mid-19th century as a garden herb. "I've had it in a sandwich, and some people make pesto out of it," said Phillips-Mao. "It's not an entirely useless plant, but it does represent a threat to our woodlands."

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Como merchants plan summer third Thursday specials

by Dave Healy

The merchants of Como Avenue, with support from the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation and MetroIBA, will host three summer events on June 17, July 15 and Aug. 19. Park b4 Dark will feature extended hours, dining specials, music and special activities. St. Anthony Park resident Mary Hamel, executive director of MetroIBA, said, "Park b4 Dark

represents the next stage in small communities promoting their unique businesses. You can't go to a mall and find the quality of service and products you find in this one block area of Como Avenue." Park Midway Bank will fund graphic design for promotional materials, and Terri Banaszewski, bank vice president, will help coordinate the effort.

Bugle expands its reach

by Dave Healy

With this issue of the paper, the Park Bugle will expand delivery to the entire Como Park neighborhood. For many years, the Bugle has been delivered door to door in St. Anthony Park, Lauderdale, Falcon Heights and the northwest part of Como Park. Now, that area has been expanded east to Dale Street. The new delivery area will bring the Bugle's circulation to 14,000. In addition to being delivered to residences, copies of the paper are left at businesses, schools, libraries and other public places. Questions about delivery and requests to be added as a bulk drop location can be directed to [spotters@parkbugle.org](mailto:spotters@parkbugle.org) or 646-5369.

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.



## C I T Y F I L E S

### Como Park

The Capitol Regional Watershed District invites children ages 6–11 and their accompanying adults to **Bugs Night Out** on June 22, 6–7:30 p.m., at Como Lakeside Pavilion. Bug expert Brandon Burns will show children how to use dip nets to get a closer look at macroinvertebrates living in the lake, and learn about the effect pollution has on these tiny creatures. The event is free. Register with Camille at 644-8888 or [camille@capitolregionwd.org](mailto:camille@capitolregionwd.org).

The District 10 Community Council is planning a **Como Park Art Crawl** and is looking for artists to participate. For more information, visit [district10comopark.org](http://district10comopark.org) or call 644-3889.

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](http://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 wooden black bear on the west side. The Tree Trek is free, open to the public, and includes evergreens and woody perennials. Call Chet Mirocha (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 27, at Community Park. Cost is \$36 for residents, \$41 for nonresidents. Pre-registration is required. Register at [falconheights.org](http://falconheights.org) or call 792-7616.

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, 1795 Holton. 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 \$5. Ages 6 months or younger are free. To register or for more information, visit [falconheights.org](http://falconheights.org) or call 792-7616.

Falcon Heights will hold its annual **ice cream social** July 29, 6–8 p.m., at Community Park, Roselawn and Cleveland Aves. Activities include a moon walk, fishing pond, face painting, crafts and tug-of-war contests. Entertainment will be provided. The event is free; a small fee will be charged for food and some activities.

The **Falcon Heights/Lauderdale Family 5K 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](http://falconheights.org) or 792-7616.

### Lauderdale

**Music Under The Trees**, featuring the Fairlanes, will start 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 in good condition and recently published for its **book sale** during the Arts Festival, June 5, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Textbooks, magazines, cassette tapes and VHS tapes cannot be accepted. Please bring donations directly to the drop box downstairs in the library. 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 the Arts Festival each year in St. Anthony Park.

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.

On June 15, at 7 p.m., the artistic team from **Park Square Theatre** will lead a discussion of their current production, “Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Jersey Lily,” at the St. Anthony Park Library.

The first **Summer Reading Program** event of 2010 will be held at the St. Anthony Park Library, June 24, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., when the Science Museum of Minnesota will present “Motion Mayhem.” This 30-minute demonstration illustrates and explains curve balls, spinning skaters, flying objects and more motion mayhem.

Registration is required. Call the library at 642-0411.

This year’s first **Backyard Talk** will be hosted by the Cobin 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 looking. Scour Marilyn Benson and Tim Wulling’s house at their Backyard Talk to discover these thieves and what you can do about your phantoms. The session will begin 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](mailto:renee@sapcc.org) or 649-5992.

The St. Anthony Park Community Council will host **two short films**, “Peak Oil” and “Kilowatt Ours,” 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, as well as 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 may be a small fee (\$5-\$10) per barrel. Registration is required: [renee@sapcc.org](mailto: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 off leash. The St. Anthony Park Community Council has expressed support for the proposal; the date is to be announced.

**Planned Parenthood** is planning on building 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 pre-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 [stpaul.gov](http://stpaul.gov) or call 266-6655.

— Anne Holzman

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# 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 Estebo. "At the same time, we are fortunate to have someone with Kristal'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 Heights Elementary, 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 Satirist.

Healy, who has an M.A. in English and a Ph.D. in American Studies from the University of Minnesota, 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, Nancy, 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 Matthew, a graphic designer. Both live in Brooklyn, New York.

Leebrick also brings deep journalism experience to the position of managing editor. She has worked for the Forum in Fargo, N.D., the Wadena 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.

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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](http://www.parkbugle.org)) and Facebook page when available.

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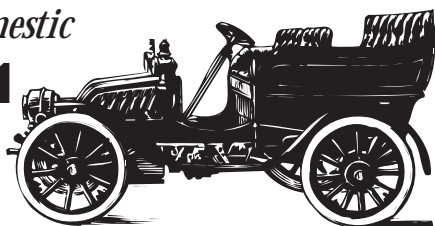
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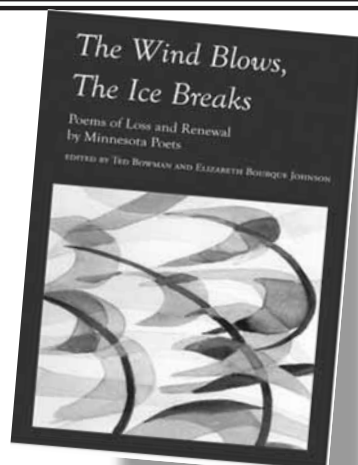
as Ted Bowman and Elizabeth Bourque Johnson will discuss the poetry anthology they co-edited, "The Wind Blows, The Ice Breaks: Poems of Loss and Renewal by Minnesota Poets." Several contributors also will be present to read from their work.



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Mention zoning and most people zone out. The average city dweller is probably aware that zones typically come in three basic flavors — residential, commercial and industrial — and likely knows that zoning is an attempt to limit incompatible development in a given area. But zoning issues usually don't engage the attention of John and Jane Q. Public.

Chances are, your living quarters are zoned residential, so if your next-door neighbors want to put in an ore-smelting operation, you can rest easy. Unless, of course, they propose a zoning change. Then you might want to hightail it down to City Hall and raise a fuss.

Zoning represents a refinement and elaboration of municipal attempts to restrict land use that date to the late 19th century. In 1885, San Francisco banned public laundries in most areas, an action widely interpreted as an attempt to limit Chinese business expansion in the city. The next year, the U.S. Supreme Court declared the San Francisco ordinance unconstitutional.

In 1898, Boston restricted buildings around Copley Square to 90 feet in height, an action upheld by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1909.

Questions about building height led to what is generally considered the country's first comprehensive zoning law, adopted by New York City in 1916 and specifying height and setback requirements for buildings, even dictating the shape of structures over a certain height in order to minimize their sunlight-blocking effect.

Ten years later, the town of Euclid, Ohio, passed a zoning ordinance that resulted in a revaluation of land owned by the Ambler Realty Company. Ambler sued, claiming that the ordinance violated the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution, which stipulates that private property cannot be taken for public use without just compensation. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that zoning is constitutional, provided it's designed to protect public health and welfare.

In a 1989 book, "Zoning and the American Dream," Charles Haar and Jerold Kayden summarized 70 years of zoning practices. They noted that zoning helped establish the principle that the interests of private

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.

Zoning laws in the early 20th century were a response to industrialization and the growth of cities. Cities were centers of manufacturing, and because factories produced pollution, it was deemed wise to separate the places people lived from the places where they worked. Zoning enforced that separation.

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 drive to where they worked and shopped. Zoning, then, both responded to and shaped people's behavior.

More recently, many cities have implemented zoning policies that allow for mixed-use development — for example, an apartment complex with retail businesses in part of the 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, when people usually lived and worked and shopped 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 cattle in your back yard, you're out of luck. That restriction rests on the assumption that most city dwellers don't want to live next door to a cow pasture. Until recently, St. Paul residents couldn't raise chickens in their yards either, but that restriction has been relaxed as long as immediate neighbors approve.

No one is an island, John Donne, reminded us four centuries ago. He lived in a world without zoning, but not without a need to recognize that we're all a piece of the continent, a part of the main. As continents fill up and we live closer to each other, zoning represents one way of helping us all get along.

## L E T T E R S

**Help save the cypress**

To my kindred spirits in gardening, nature-loving and bird-watching: It's time to stop using cypress mulch (and other cypress products) from Louisiana and other Gulf Coast regions.

The Atchafalay wetland in Louisiana is home to at least 300 bird species. Half of all migratory birds in North American — up to 2 million a day — use the Atchafalay to nest, mate or rest. In addition there are bobcats, foxes, alligators, minks, armadillos, coyotes, otters, peregrine falcons, Louisiana black bears and Florida panthers.

This swamp needs cypress to sustain the ecosystem. Without the cypress, invasive plants get a foothold and then completely overrun the indigenous species. Logging of cypress increased dramatically around 10 years ago, with devastating effects on habitat for these species and on human habitation.

Cypress forests can be likened to a Great Wall that protects the coast against hurricanes — at a cost far less than a levee, and with more strength and endurance. The extensive cypress root system interlaces with the other trees for hundreds of feet and anchors the forest against wind and storm surges.

Research with storm simulators shows a 90 percent reduction in a 20-foot-high storm surge with just one stand of cypress the width of a football field. The best barrier against hurricanes in southern Louisiana is being razed at a rate

that means the cypress will be gone in less than twenty years. Much of the cypress logging directs trees into the shredder for landscaping mulch.

Replanting efforts will not succeed due to soil subsidence in the Gulf because the delta is not being replenished by Mississippi silt. The sinking land allows more salt water to push northward, and cypress don't grow in saline conditions. Cut down a cypress and it's gone for good. Restoring fresh water into the delta will improve the growing conditions (but that's another issue).

When you see truckloads of mulch at your local hardware store, garden center or lumber yard, ask whether the cypress or other mulch comes from sustainable harvested forests (rather than clear-cut). Tell the management why you're not buying cypress from Louisiana's coast.

Some retailers are developing policies against buying or selling mulch known to come from Louisiana cypress, but it can be difficult to determine the origins of wood mulch because labeling may show only the corporate office address. A Science Working Group report in 2008 showed that there are virtually no sustainable cypress harvests in coastal Louisiana.

In New Orleans, some levees withstood Katrina. Gary Shaffer, biology professor at Southeastern Louisiana University, says, "Almost every single one of those areas had cypress in front of it."

*Donna Martinson  
Como Park*

**Don't let cats loose**

In a recent Lauderdale newsletter is an article about how to make backyard wildlife habitat. In my backyard I have a rosebush that's about eight feet in height.

Much to my surprise and delight, a cardinal pair made a nest in that rosebush this spring. The female laid three eggs and diligently sat on them, day in and out. Just last week the eggs hatched and three gray baby birds with cream-colored beaks were in the nest.

The next day, the bottom of the nest had been torn out — no sign of any baby birds or the adult cardinal pair. A neighborhood cat was the culprit. I have a cat, but it doesn't go outside. There is a distinct musky smell around my house, which cats spray to mark territory. I don't know which cat did this, but I'm protesting that there are cats unleashed in our neighborhood.

That cardinal pair worked all spring, building a nest, laying eggs, hatching those eggs into babies, just to have them killed by someone's pet. Why should we build our yards for wildlife when there are loose pets on the prowl?

I now have shiny, mirrored objects throughout my backyard to discourage any wildlife from making a home in my yard. I'm very sad and sick that this happened, and I urge the city to crack down on pet owners who let their animals run loose in our city.

*Elisa Sherman  
Lauderdale*

**Let's recycle in our parks**

This morning when I walked in Langford Park, I was upset and disgusted by the number of plastic drinking bottles strewn among the trash left on the playground. I picked up half a dozen of them and saw several others callously dumped in the garbage cans amid half-eaten Twinkies and bags of dog droppings.

I've been going to that playground for more than 15 years, and I have never seen more garbage on those grounds than I saw today. But what was really upsetting was how much of it could be recycled. It's sad to think that kids are playing in a place where the lessons school teaches them about keeping their planet clean are ignored.

Of course, this could be simply because people are away from their homes and there is no designated spot for recycling — just a few metal trash cans. Some act as responsibly as they can and toss it all in the trash, while others just drop it like they expect the grass to swallow up their cans and bottles.

In this era of "going green," more needs to be done to get recycling going outside the home. Bins for glass, metal, paper and especially plastic should be placed in area parks like Langford to encourage people to be environmentally conscious everywhere they go.

*Lou Smith  
St. Anthony Park*



# Community Foundation announces 2010 grants

by Dave Healy

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 in 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 Michelle Christianson

Here's the old story of American settlement: There were "good guys" (settlers or cowboys) and "bad guys" (Native Americans). 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 Museum. Here is the story we used to know: Jane DeBow lived in Minnesota as a child, moved to Illinois, married Heman Gibbs and moved back to Minnesota. 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 Minnesota history.

But here is the story in expanded form: Jane grew up in Minnesota on the banks of Lake

Calhoun, where she lived among Cloud Man's band of Dakota, learning to speak their language and appreciate their way of life. When the Gibbs bought their property in 1849 (the year Minnesota 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 as 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, visiting children 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 animals' 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

# Bugle's first editor recounts thrilling days of yesteryear

by Anne Holzman

A community gathering spot, stores they can walk to, maybe some well-designed condominiums — 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 a key to 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 into 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.

"We have a database of 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 Met 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 redesignating 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 controversial possibility at an Apr. 13 open house. Concerns raised by residents included the

potential impact on 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 be likely to act as 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.

But no development is currently planned, so the zoning in itself won't affect taxes. "I don't see this as having any impact in the immediate future," Gaasch said.

As for the worries about pressure to find larger lots, she said, "I understand people's fears about losing their homes, but that's not going to happen." She said the city can lay the groundwork for development but would wait for a private firm to carry it out.

According to Goodroad, changes to the code might make it

Lauderdale zoning to 10

by Dave Healy

The editor of a community newspaper, especially a brand-new one, ends up doing a little bit of everything. For Gail McClure, the Bugle's first editor, that meant helping out with delivery.

"At first," she recalled, "the only distribution system we had was to drop off copies of the paper at our advertisers' places of business. Everyone helped with that — staff, board members and volunteers."

To get a copy of the paper, readers had to go and pick one up.

Although the Bugle wasn't delivered door to door, as it is now, that doesn't mean there was no pavement pounding involved in getting the paper launched.

"I spent a lot of time knocking on doors," McClure said, "trying to gauge interest and drum up support."

The Bugle began as an offshoot of an established community paper, the Grand Gazette. Its first office was at the corner of Grand and Victoria. Pat Olson, an artist, did the layout. St. Anthony Park resident Joe Skovolt, recently retired from 3M, sold ads. And McClure held the whole thing together with twine and baling wire.

"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, McClure said.

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

McClure 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, blue/white 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 McClure 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," McClure said. "That wasn't hard to do. The neighborhoods we served have always valued

a sense of community."

While she was Bugle editor, McClure 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. "Who knows? I could end up being a Bugle reader again."

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### On the trail from 6

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.

RCCHS 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 (222-0701 x227,

mollie@rchs.com) to receive a form to record your memory. These stories may or may not be included in RCCHS 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 ricing (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."



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## Volunteering Matters

by Lisa Steinmann

*“Not a Fire happens in this Town, but soon after it is seen and cry’d 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 Sake 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, he’d have to face “the lists” at home. “Besides,” he jokes about his elected position, “nobody else wants 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 his 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 Heights.

Falcon Heights 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 fire fighters. 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 Heights 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 Heights 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 being 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.

“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 National 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.”



The cities of Falcon Heights and Lauderdale share a volunteer fire department, which currently has 22 firefighters who range in age from 18 to 64.

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## Lauderdale zoning from 7

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](http://ci.lauderdale.mn.us) under Ordinances.

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### Chelsea Heights Elementary

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The Chelsea Heights **School Patrol** participated in St. Paul's annual patrol parade and picnic May 18. The 39 patrols braved cold days to practice their marching and traditional patrol chant for the big event. They did well in the parade and celebrated with other St. Paul patrols with a picnic at Como Park and visit to Como Town and the Como Zoo. Thank you to the patrols for their dedicated service to the Chelsea Heights community.

The PTO's **Literacy Committee** is sponsoring a summer reading challenge. Students and staff will be challenged to "catch yourself reading" this summer. Those who return to school in September with a picture of themselves reading in a special or unusual location, or visiting a public library, will have their pictures displayed at the school and will be eligible to win book-related prizes.

Chelsea's **volunteer reading program** runs daily, 8:30-9:15 a.m., when adults listen to primary children read. Both children and adults have enjoyed this time, and many volunteers return year after year. About 50 adults participated in this program. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions about the program, please contact the school.

The **Wellness Committee** would like to thank parents and supportive community members for their dedication to the students in Running Club. About 75 children finished the six-week program. They logged 2,392 miles and 4,784,000 steps, an average of 45 miles per student. Fifty-five Running Club members attended the TC Kids Marathon Cross Country Fun Run at Como Park on May 15.

Chelsea Heights received a \$1000 **schoolyard grant** from the University of Minnesota's Schoolyard Ecology Explorations program, with funding provided by the Northern Environmental Support Trust. Money is being used to reinvigorate two gardens with native plantings that will provide interesting and appealing foliage, flowers, seeds and berries and will attract insects and birds. The gardens will be a resource for Chelsea Heights classrooms, S'More Fun and the wider community. Planting has begun and continues through early June.

To see plans for the gardens, visit [http://chelsea.spps.org/New\\_Schoolyard\\_Gardens\\_for\\_Chelsea\\_Heights.html](http://chelsea.spps.org/New_Schoolyard_Gardens_for_Chelsea_Heights.html). Contact Sarah Hobbie (shobbie@umn.edu) with questions.

### Como Park Elementary

780 W. Wheelock Pkwy., 293-8735  
www.comoel.spps.org

VSA Arts of Minnesota, a nonprofit organization that works with people with disabilities, funded a **residency by Kathy Coulter**, who taught collage techniques to students in two Como classes. Students displayed their art to family, friends and the school community on May 14. A permanent display of the student work is located just inside the northwest entrance to the school.

### St. Anthony Park Elementary

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

The last day of school will be June 11. In the short time left before then, there is much to celebrate with class parties, concerts, field days and picnics.

**Principal Ann Johnson** expects few changes in staff and programs for next year and reports that enrollment is strong. A fourth kindergarten classroom will be added

The **spring carnival** and **plant sale** were a great success. This was the last carnival organized by parent Tom Holman. The school extends its thanks to Tom and a welcome to Laura Manning, who will take over the job next year.

Efforts continue to support **instrumental music** at the school. Funding for the program was reduced by half in 2009-10. The community rallied and raised money to restore the program. Fundraising will continue through the summer for next year.

To donate, write a check to St. Anthony Park Elementary with Instrumental Music on the memo line. Send to: St. Anthony Park Elementary, 2180 Knapp Street, St. Paul, MN 55108.

This year, beautiful instrumental music was celebrated in early May with a concert directed by teacher Leo Bjorlie. Sixth-graders received a flower from Mr. Bjorlie to honor their years of practice and performance.

A **celebration dinner** for sixth-graders will be held June 9, at 6:30 p.m., in the gym. Students will share memories and receive thanks and recognition for being important members of the school community.

Among those who will be missed next year are the **sixth-grade patrols** who stood at busy corners along Como Avenue and around the school and ensured the safety of younger children crossing streets. Thanks go to teachers Tim Olmsted and Mao Lee for their guidance and to school custodian Patrick Mulvaney, a former soldier, who helped drill the patrols as they prepared to march in the patrol parade and picnic that took place May 18.

At the **talent show** on May 14 in the Murray auditorium, 57 acts took the stage to entertain with dance, comedy, music and magic. Many thanks to parent Seth Levin who has been the ringmaster for the talent circus for eight years.

One of the school's Destination ImagiNation teams, fifth-grade Flipper and Fins, qualified for global competition in Tennessee, which was held the week of May 24. Team members Iris Holman, Sam Jensen, Jasper Fleming, Kyra Sprague, Kate Rodgers and Gabe Vasquez were coached by Tom Holman.

Teacher Nancy Hausman, coordinator for the program, reported that 12 teams went to regionals in March and six went on to state competition in April.

The **Site Council** wishes to thank outgoing members for their contributions this year: parents Don Hedges, SAPSA liaison Doreen Theverapperuma and teacher Justin Terrones. Thanks also to this year's members who will return next year: Principal Ann Johnson, Bill Leslie, Kim Hughes, Jeff Budin, and parents Lisa Steinmann, Vicky Stewart, Steve Marchese and Jackie Sticha. New members are Dawn Wiczorek, Sherri Cooper and Bob Muellner.

The **St. Anthony Park School Association** (SAPSA) had another successful year of fundraising and recruiting volunteers. Outgoing officers Susan Bougie and Doreen Theverapperuma provided excellent leadership.

New officers for 2010-11: President: Ann Rutten Commers Vice president: Stephanie Colgan Treasurer: Amy Swenson Secretary: Andrea Banat Fundraising chair: Neza Guevara Volunteer coordinator: Misty Havens

SAPSA is also pleased to announce that two important grants were awarded this spring by the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation: \$5000 for arts enrichment programming and \$1500 for library support.

The **school building** will be closed this summer. ALC summer school will take place June 28-July 20 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 plumbing will be updated, and handicapped accessibility features will be added to the entryway.

The back-to school **open house** is scheduled for Sept. 2. The first day of school next fall is Tuesday, Sept. 7, for grades 1-6 and Monday, Sept. 13 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



June 9: Sixth-grade celebration dinner, 6:30 p.m. in the gym.  
June 11: Last day of school  
June 14: Last day for teachers  
June 21: Last day office is open  
June 28: ALC summer school begins (at Como Elementary)

### Como Park Senior High

740 Rose Ave., 293-8800  
http://comosr.spps.org

At a May 19 **awards ceremony**, students were recognized for achieving A and B honor rolls and receiving academic department awards. Seniors were recognized for scholarship and community awards, and Como's Advanced Placement scholars were recognized.

**AP Scholars:** Samantha R. Brown, Samuel Carey, Carolyn Croce, Haley Friesen, Kathy Hoang, Mai Yer Lee, Steve Mantell, Theodore Olsen, Robert Porter, Paul Quach, Mary Scott, Mae Stoutenberg, Elijah Wilson

**AP Scholars with Honor:** Madeline Berger, Patrick Nguyen, John Wolf

**AP Scholars with Distinction:** Lauren Berger, Stefan Brancel, Mara Chin-Purcell, Amelia Kahn, Philip Condon, Leah Roth, Chris Dale, Jane Schumacher, Adrian Wackett

**AP National Scholar:** Hannah Nauen

At the May 19 event, five seniors were recognized for **community service:** Steven Mantell (100+ hours), Sarah Davy (100+ hours), Sinith Leng (75+ hours), Thuy Anh Tran (75+ hours), Adrian Wackett (75+ hours).

At the May 7 St. Anthony Park Elementary school carnival, **34 Como students** helped with the face-painting room, cake walk, pop walk, fishing pond, bingo and goldfish bowl game.

Volunteers were Ania Olesak, Anna Cenaro, Laura Burnes, PaHoua Yang, Henry Cole, Zach Zippel, KiKi Reuvers, Lizzy Moeler, Nate Rue, Hannah Stadler, PaChia Her, Michael Welisevich, Alex Ziebell, Aurora Ziebell (Highland), Melanie Michell, Michael Marcotte, Angela Balderrama, Dina Elyamany, Rachel Lee, Maddy Hickel, Kate Wackett, Maci Bekele, Mai See Xiong, Xue Feng Lee, Firi Dawid, Victoria La, Sydnie Beecham, Ikram Abdisalam, Ian Olesak, Najma Ahmed, Lyric Pruitte, Beth Young-Townsend, Naomi Alemseged, Amelia Kahn and Mara Chin-Purcell.

This summer, Como Park social studies teachers **Eric Erickson** and **Lisa Griffin** 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 Rome's 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.

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## 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, where 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’s winners were announced in late May. Homeowners 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

([district10comopark.org](http://district10comopark.org)). In addition, winners will be featured at a short program at 9:30 a.m. on June 12 at the Historic Streetcar Station at Horton 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 he’d like 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.

“Mowing can help control it, but only if an area is mowed frequently so that it doesn’t have a chance to form seeds,” she said.

“And herbicides often affect nontarget plants.”

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.

“It would be nice if deer liked garlic mustard,” Phillips-Mao said, “since we’re overpopulated with deer in Minnesota. But they leave it alone.”

She said the plant is not considered an invasive species in its native areas because “there are probably natural predators there that keep it under control.”

Phillips-Mao said she’s not ready to start a campaign of snooping in people’s yards and knocking on doors if she spots garlic mustard growing, but she is concerned about the threat the plant represents to our woodlands.

“Garlic mustard isn’t the worst invasive out there,” she said, “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 trying to raise the profile of garlic mustard, she runs the risk of increasing “invasives fatigue.” She acknowledged that other invasives, 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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JUNE

# Events

## 1 TUESDAY

- "Life + Light," Works by Jim Grafsgaard and Charles Matson Lume, 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.

## 2 WEDNESDAY

- St. Anthony Park Library Book Club, 6:30 p.m. SAPBL.

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- Northern Lights 4-H Club pie and ice ccrean social, 7-9 p.m. Luther Seminary.

## 5 SATURDAY

- St. Anthony Park Arts Festival, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Como Ave.

- Library Book Sale, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. SAPBL.

- St. Anthony Park Garden Club plant sale, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Park Service parking lot, 2277 Como Ave.

## 8 TUESDAY

- Energy Efficiency Workshop, 7-8:30 p.m. St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 1465 Victoria St. N. 644-3889.

- Backyard Talk: solar voltaic panels and electric car, 6:30 p.m. 1494 Grantham St. 649-5992.

- Nichola Miller Swings: Jazz music, 6:30 p.m. SAPBL.

## 9 WEDNESDAY

- Lonnie Knight's When Worlds Collide, with Jeff Dayton, Joe Juliano, noon. CG.

## 11 FRIDAY

- "Flights of Fancy: A History of Feathers in Fashion," opening event, 6-8 p.m. Exhibition continues through Sept. 12. GMD.

- I Like You, 8 p.m. CG.

## 12 SATURDAY

- Home Stretch home ownership workshop, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. CHSFS.

- Tree Identification Trek, 10 a.m.-noon, Como Park pavilion.

- Lonnie Knight, 8 p.m. CG.

## 14 MONDAY

- Green on the Screen: "Peak Oil" and "Kilowatt Ours," 7 p.m. SSARC.

## 15 TUESDAY

- Green on the Screen: "Peak Oil" and "Kilowatt Ours," 7 p.m. SAPUMC.

- Discussion of Park Square Theatre's production "Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Jersey Lily," 7 p.m. SAPBL.

## 18 FRIDAY

- Dan Newton, 8 p.m. CG.

## 19 SATURDAY

- International adoption informational meeting, 9 a.m.-noon. CHSFS.

## 20 SUNDAY

- Sunday Afternoon Book Group: "Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet," by Jamie Ford, 2 p.m. MB.

## 21 MONDAY

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

## 22 TUESDAY

- Rain barrel workshop, 6:30 p.m. SAPUMC. 649-5992.

- Bugs Night Out, 6-7:30 p.m. Como Lakeside Pavilion. 644-8888.

## 24 THURSDAY

- "Motion Mayhem," Summer Reading Program kick-off event by Science Museum of Minnesota, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. SAPBL.

## 25 FRIDAY

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

## 26 SATURDAY

- "Summer in the City," four-course menu with iced tea. LETR.

- Take Charge of Your Health Care, 11 a.m. SAPBL.

## 29 TUESDAY

- Backyard Talk: "Phantoms," 6:30 p.m., 1496 Raymond Ave. 649-5992.

Items for July Events should be submitted by June 16 to [calendar@parkbugle.org](mailto:calendar@parkbugle.org).

**CHES** Chelsea Heights Elementary School, 1557 Huron St., 293-8790

**CHSFS** Children's Home Society and Family Services, 1605 Eustis St.

**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

**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. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave., 645-3058

**SSARC** South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell Ave., 298-5770

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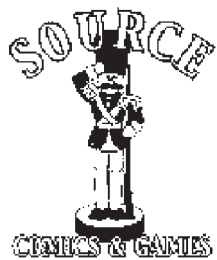
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### Lorraine Doherty

Lorraine K. Doherty, age 83, of North St. Paul, died Apr. 11, 2010. She was a member of the St. Anthony Park Chapter 212 Order of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by her husband, John; four children; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Interment was at Fort Snelling.

### Harry Dynes

Harry J. "Buzz" Dynes, 74, of Como Park, died Apr. 17, 2010. He was born June 2, 1935, to Jane Mary (Hagerty) and James J. Dynes in Faribault, Minn.

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 Kolacky Baker."

He is survived by his wife of almost 50 years, Agnes (Rogers); daughters Mary (Milton), Anne and fiancé Jason; 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.

Mass of Christian Burial was

celebrated April 22, 2010, at Holy Childhood Church in Como Park, with burial at St. Canice Calvary Cemetery, Kilkenny, Minn.

### Sophie Giannaccini

Sophie F. Giannaccini, 101, of Maple Grove, formerly of Como Park, died Apr. 24, 2010.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Mario, and sons Wallace and Billy Kelley. She is survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Apr. 29, 2010, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Hugo, with interment in the church cemetery.

### Lucille Hofmeister

Lucille C. "Ceil" Hofmeister, 92, of Como Park, died peacefully on May 19, 2010. She was a past president of the Holy Childhood Woman's Club, a volunteer for many years for the Knights of Columbus and a girls softball coach.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Otto, and seven sisters and brothers. She is survived by her son Ron (Patricia) of St. Louis, Mo., three grandchildren and a great-grandson. A brother-in-law, Tony Hofmeister, of Phoenix, Ariz., also survives her.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated May 29, 2010, at Holy Childhood Catholic Church in Como Park, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery.

### Betty Homdrom

Betty Ellen Homdrom, 83, of St. Anthony Park, died May 20, 2010.

Betty was a faithful missionary partner with her husband in apartheid South Africa (1950-1985). In those years her duties included editorship of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in South Africa news magazine in Johannesburg, teaching sociology and English at Lutheran Theological Seminary at Umpumulo and chairing the

Lutheran Arts and Crafts Centre at Rorkes Drift.

During her retirement years in St. Paul, she was an active member of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, including WELCA education secretary. Always an anti-apartheid protester in South Africa, she became the Luther Seminary South African mission archivist and St. Paul-Lawaaikamp Sister Community board member and event coordinator.

She was the elder of the two remaining Stenberg siblings and was preceded in death by her four brothers. She is survived by her husband, Theodore (Ted); two sons, Paul Homdrom (Cheryl Stewart) and Steve Hutchinson (Mercedes Alcalá Galán); daughter, Ev Hanson-Florin (Hans Florin); and six grandchildren, including Victor (Annie) Hanson of St. Anthony Park. Her sister, Ellen Erickson, also survives her.

A memorial service was held at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church on May 24, 2010.

### Mildred Murawski,

Mildred Murawski (née Scott), 93, of Como Park, 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; grandson Justin; and great-granddaughter Grace. She is survived by daughter Gail (Jim) Saabye; sons Robert (Tina), Richard (Judy), Brent (Donna), Curt (Jackie), Roy (Patty) and Marc (Julie) Murawski; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mass 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 children Richard Reuteler, Jeannine (Bill)

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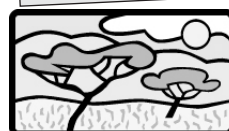
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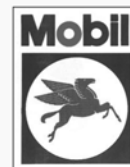
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Mass Of Christian Burial was celebrated May 26, 2010, at Church of the Holy Childhood in Como Park, with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

### Timothy Tamcsin

Timothy Wayne Tamcsin, 44, of Como Park, died Apr. 13, 2010, surrounded by family and friends. His courage, sense of humor and spirited outlook on 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 Pineda; brothers Todd and Bob; sisters Susan Tamcsin and Kristi Harrison; and grandmother, Alice Malone.

Mass of Christian Burial was held Apr. 16, 2010, at Holy Childhood Catholic Church in Como Park.

### Roger Vik

Victor Roger Vik, 78, of St. Anthony Park, died Apr. 17, 2010. He was born Apr. 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 joined 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 family and friends, and listening to classical music.

Roger is survived by his wife of 53 years, Evelyn; four children, Cindy (Blaine) Thrasher, David Vik and Rhonda (David) Morrison, all of St. Anthony Park, and Jeffrey Vik (Lisa) of Como Park; seven grandchildren; brother, Robert Vik (Diane); sisters Mary Olson (Donn) 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 Apr. 30, 2010, at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, with interment at Roselawn Memorial Park.

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