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Como Avenue divides the new legislative Districts 66A and 64A, putting St. Anthony Park in two districts. State Reps. Alice Hausman (left) and Erin Murphy joke that if they both win in the fall election, they will have to meet with constituents in venues across the street from each other. Murphy gets Muffuletta; Hausman gets the library.  
*Photo illustration by Lori Hamilton and Stephen Parker*

## Minnesota's 2012 redistricting maps slice through communities

*Major streets and roadways were used as boundaries for reshaping legislative districts*

By Judy Woodward

Until recently, north and south St. Anthony Park shared everything—a name, two commercial districts, schools, similar political and demographic profiles and a comfortable relationship with long-term Minnesota District 66B State Rep. Alice Hausman.

Not anymore. As a result of the

Minnesota legislative redistricting plan announced in February, Hausman's district has been radically redrawn. If the majority of voters in St. Anthony Park continue to vote DFL as they have in the past, next year most of the area will be represented by Assistant House Minority Leader Erin Murphy, the

District 64A incumbent.

When Hausman faces the voters in November, she will be running in the new district 66A, which will extend north through Falcon Heights and parts of Roseville and will contain only a small triangle of land north of Como Avenue in her traditional St. Anthony Park

stronghold.

Meanwhile, Rep. John Lesch will run for re-election in a redrawn District 66B, which will contain parts of Como Park currently represented by Hausman. For Lesch, a 10-year legislative veteran, the next

*Redistricting to 14*

## Hamline Midway Coalition launches St. Paul's first 'local food hub'

By Anne Holzman

The Hamline Midway Coalition (District Council 11) is embarking on the first season of its Midway Local Food Resource Hub, which aims to connect gardeners with wholesale-priced seeds and other resources in an effort to make growing food affordable.

The brand-new hub, managed by Gardening Matters of Minneapolis, seeks members in Hamline Midway and nearby neighborhoods. Gardeners are the hub's main constituency, but the coalition is also building contacts with area nonprofits focused on food

and hunger and hopes to attract food-related businesses, as well.

In March the coalition helped get the word out about an Empty Bowls fundraiser at Hamline University, to be held Monday, April 2. For a free-will donation, participants receive a bowl of soup served in a handcrafted bowl donated by area artists. The event raises money for area food shelves but also seeks to raise awareness about hunger.

"It's all about food and food access," said Faith Krogstad, community organizer for the Hamline-Midway Coalition. "And

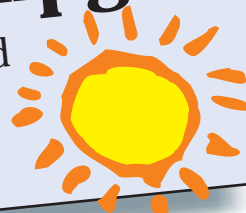
that's what the hub is about."

Food hubs have been running in Detroit for several years. Food hubs are emerging across the country

specifically to provide infrastructure support to farmers, according to an

*Local food hub to 16*

**2012 Summer camp guide**  
Looking for some structured time for your children this summer? Turn to page 11.





## C I T Y F I L E S

**Como Park**

*The District 10 Como Community Council meets at 7 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at the Como Streetcar Station, 1224 N. Lexington Parkway.*

**Neighborhood garage sale**

The 11th annual District 10 neighborhood garage sale will be held Saturday, May 19. It's easy to participate. Just register your sale location with the District 10 office. A \$10 fee covers advertising and administrative costs. District 10 will advertise in the weeks before the event and distribute a map of the addresses and sale descriptions of all participants. Registration opens March 31. Participants must register by Friday, April 27, to be included on the official garage sale map.

Get more information at [www.district10comopark.org](http://www.district10comopark.org) or email or call the District 10 office at [district10@district10comopark.org](mailto:district10@district10comopark.org) or 651-644-3889.

**Como Pool grand opening**

The grand opening for the Como Regional Park Pool is set for Saturday, June 9. The event will include free admission, a ribbon-cutting ceremony and family activities. The planning committee, made up of District 10 staff, representatives from the St. Paul Parks and Recreation and representatives of Como Pool, are in the process of planning the event.

The Como Community Council will host a community meeting and presentation with St. Paul Parks and Recreation to share construction updates about the pool and to gain community input about the grand opening during District 10's monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 17, at 7 p.m. at the Historic Streetcar Station, 1224 Lexington Parkway N. Neighbors are encouraged to ask questions, address concerns and participate in the planning process. At the meeting, Parks and Recreation will give away five single-day family passes (for up to five family members), and all attendees can enter to win. Contact Jessie Bronk at [district10@district10comopark.org](mailto:district10@district10comopark.org) with any questions about the meeting.

**Falcon Heights**

*The Falcon Heights City Council meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur Ave.*

**Learn how to avoid being a victim**

Learn how to recognize a potential threat and the strategies that will help you avoid becoming a victim at a free clinic conducted by St. Anthony Police Sgt. Jon Mangseth. The clinic will address how to put a plan in place that can protect you if you feel threatened in your home, car, a parking lot or anywhere away from home. The clinic will be held on Monday, April 2, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the St. Anthony Community Center, 3301 Silver Lake Road, St.

Anthony. Call 612-706-1166 to register.

**Community garden plots available**

There are several garden plots available at Community Park, 2050 Roselawn Ave. The annual cost is \$25. Priority goes to Falcon Heights residents and those who live in an apartment. Please call 651-792-7600 to put your name on the waiting list. The deadline is Friday, April 13.

**Curtiss Field clean-up**

A group of neighborhood volunteers will clean Curtiss Field on Saturday, April 28, at 10 a.m. Volunteers are appreciated. Bring gloves and a rake and help keep our parks clean.

**Food drive April 9-13**

The City of Falcon Heights and Falcon Heights Elementary School will be accepting nonperishable food items during the week of April 9-13. Donations can be dropped off anytime Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur Ave.

**Register for summer rec programs**

Online registration for Falcon Heights summer recreation programs is open. Spots go quickly, so register today. Go to [www.ci.falconheights.mn.us](http://www.ci.falconheights.mn.us) for more information.

**St. Anthony Park**

*The District 12 St. Anthony Park Community Council meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at South St. Anthony Recreation Center (SSA), 890 Cromwell Ave. The district's Land Use Committee meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at SSA. The Energy Resilience Group meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of the month. Email [erg@sapcc.org](mailto:erg@sapcc.org) to find out the location each month. The Environment Committee meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month at SSA.*

**Volunteer for the leaf and Kasota Ponds spring cleanup**

Celebrate Earth Day by joining District 12 at the annual Kasota Ponds cleanup on Saturday, April 28, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The day will begin with treats and activities for children at the parking lot on Kasota Avenue, just west of Highway 280.

Volunteers will have the option of cleaning up Kasota Ponds or going into St. Anthony Park to collect leaves and debris along boulevards and gutters in the neighborhood. Participants will meet back at the gathering site at noon to sort and count the collection and announce the grand total of pollutants saved from entering our watershed. RSVP for the event to [lauren@sapcc.org](mailto:lauren@sapcc.org).

If you are unable to attend the April 28 event, you can still help in between April 21 and April 28, by sweeping up the debris in your curb and boulevard, bagging it (you can pick up a free bag from our office at 890 Cromwell) and dropping it off at the designated site at the South St. Anthony Rec Center. Your bags will

be counted in our final total of pollutants removed.

**More placemaking workshops**

Artists of any level, experience or discipline who live, work or have a personal investment in the Central Corridor Light Rail Transit neighborhoods are invited to a free training on placemaking and cross-sector collaboration.

Use your creative talents to have an impact on your neighborhood, your local businesses and the light rail corridor. After completing the training, artists will be eligible to apply for collaborative placemaking project support through a simple and speedy application process.

Upcoming workshops are on Saturdays, April 14, May 5 and June 2, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. at locations on or near the CCLRT. Register at [www.springboardforthearts.org/community/placemaking-workshop-registration](http://www.springboardforthearts.org/community/placemaking-workshop-registration).

**Area transportation studies**

The City of Saint Paul is conducting a \$250,000 year-long streetcar study to explore the viability of adding streetcars to the Central Corridor. The study will explore economic and social benefits, as well as ridership and cost. For more information, [christina.morrison@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:christina.morrison@ci.stpaul.mn.us).

Also, Metro Transit is reviewing bus service to maximize effectiveness and efficiency. The Central Corridor Transit Service Study will look at development projects and other plans to ensure that transit service meets needs now and in the future. Learn more about the study at [metrotransit.org](http://metrotransit.org), and take a survey to provide your input on needed transit connections.

**District council elections**

The election District 12 Community Council members will be held Tuesday, April 10, 4-8 p.m. Residents in north St. Anthony Park can vote at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 2245 Como Ave. Those in south St. Anthony Park can vote at Hampden Park Co-op, 928 Raymond Ave.

Here are photos of this year's candidates with a short statement each submitted to the district council. Candidates were asked to explain what citizen participation means to them and what skills, strengths or knowledge they would bring to the council.

**North St. Anthony Park  
Gary Carlson**

Citizen participation means the average person is able, in collaboration with other members of the council, to influence decisions of government and business so the essential character of St. Paul's best neighborhood is maintained. I believe that my life

**Gary Carlson**

experience, strong knowledge of current events at all levels, general enthusiasm and ability to work collaboratively with people from all walks of life will serve the work of the council very well. I have been a St. Anthony Park resident for 34 years. I pledge to give the job my very best effort.

**John Seppanen**

In general, citizen participation is working together for the common good. More specifically in St. Anthony Park, citizen participation

**John Seppanen**

is meant to improve the neighborhood and strengthen a sense of community. If elected, I will bring a range of skills and interests that I consider critical to the work of the council. As an architect, my professional skills and knowledge will help discern issues related to improving our environment. As a resident, my interests include ensuring that we have a safe, vibrant and sustainable community. I look forward to the opportunity to serve.

**Steve Kranz**

Any community is made up of "insiders" and "outsiders." Insiders feel part of the decision making in the community. They feel listened to and empowered. They feel they have a stake in the community.

The goal of citizen participation is to empower people to become insiders—the more there are, the safer, cleaner, more vibrant and more beautiful the community will be. I have tried to bring this "creating insiders" ethic to roles I have served in the past.

Additionally, I am an attorney, my wife is an educator and we have two daughters who attend St. Anthony Park Elementary School.

**Seth Levin**

I am a business and market development consultant and have lived in St. Anthony Park for nearly 16 years. For me, citizen participation is about actively working to build a stronger and more connected community.

Most of my community volunteer time over these years has been devoted to the neighborhood schools my children attended, where I coordinated and directed the elementary school talent show for

nine years, managed several Destination ImagiNation teams, judged science fairs, worked carnival booths, etc. Now that my sons are on to high school, I am eager to apply my organizational and marketing skills to support the larger community.

**John Seltz**

I have lived in St. Anthony Park for more than 30 years and value its spirit and strong sense of community. Although St. Anthony Park is somewhat self-contained, it is subject to the same economic, environmental and aesthetic pressures faced by other neighborhoods.

My goals as a council member would be to preserve the best qualities of St. Anthony Park through reasoned planning and to give all parties to an issue a fair shake in decision making.

I retired recently from a career in environmental protection and believe this experience with environmental issues will prove helpful in my work with the council.

**John Seltz****South St. Anthony  
Matt Hass**

Matt Hass has served on the District 12 Community Council since 2008. He has lived in north and south St. Anthony Park as a renter and currently as a homeowner for 10 years. He is a stay-at-home father for his almost 2-year-old son. He says: "Our unique neighborhood currently stands at the dawn of light rail, new development and increasing population. I want to help the neighborhood retain its history and also embrace its future. Get involved with your district council today to help make a better St. Anthony Park!"

**Matt Hass****Bjorn Arneson**

For the last 10 years, I have been embedded in the Twin Cities community as a leader in nonprofit arts and community-focused organizations. Most recently, I helped lead a University of Minnesota Extension

community engagement and leadership development program targeted at rural and reservation cities

**Bjorn Arneson**



# Announcing the 2012 Park Bugle Poetry Contest winners

*Minnesota's fickle winter plays muse for annual writing event*

We know you have all been *waiting* for the results of the second annual Park Bugle Poetry Contest.

We had 22 submissions to this year's contest (double the number we received last year). The theme was The Winter That Almost Wasn't. We asked participants to work with the subject of anticipation: waiting for something that may never happen. We even put out a dare to write a villanelle, and two people did.

Our contest judge, Jay Orff, product and web manager at Magnetic Poetry in Minneapolis, chose the three top poems and gave an honorable mention to the two poets who tackled the highly structured villanelle, a 19-line poem with two repeating rhymes and two refrains.

Orff's top pick was the poem "Waiting for Rain" by Dave Healy. "It has nice details," Orff said. "It's a lovely poem. I like calling the rain 'the antidote to dust.' It is a good evocation of place, and it's also about waiting." As the first-place winner, Healy will receive a gift certificate to Micawber's Books.

The No. 2 poem is "Spring Eulogy" by Sherley

Unger. The concluding lines "we shift our dreams / among numberless leaves" is "a nice poetic image," Orff said.

The No. 3 poem, "Slippery Night" by Jean Miriam Larson, "approaches the theme in a way that no one else did," Orff said. He likes the image of someone waking up and "there is grass instead of snow," he said. And the use of the word "nose" as a verb in the last line of the poem—"where rabbits / nose and wonder"—"struck me," he said.

Orff gave a nod to the two villanelles, which is a hard poetic form to do well, Orff said. They are "Our Old Dog Kept Running Away" by Claire Aronson and "I Think I Missed the Bus" by Darryn Kozak.

We have printed the top three poems and the two honorable mentions. You can read all the submissions at the Park Bugle's website, [www.parkbugle.org](http://www.parkbugle.org).

Orff is a poet and writer whose work has been published in *Harper's*, *Read* and *Spout*. You can see some of his work at his website, [www.jayorff.com](http://www.jayorff.com).

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## Waiting for Rain

*Each day she scans the South Dakota skies.  
She's looking for an antidote to dust  
but all the clouds she sees are full of lies.  
The Bible says the rain doth fall on just  
and unjust, so where she wonders does that leave  
two Baptist farmers? Were they wrong to pledge  
their future to the land and to conceive  
two children in the bargain? They didn't hedge  
their bets, so now they only stand and wait  
on heaven's whim. She knows watched pots don't boil  
but still she looks above, as if their fate  
could be stared down, as if the barren soil  
depended on an unadorned belief  
that simple vigilance will bring relief.*

—Dave Healy, St. Anthony Park

2.

## Spring Eulogy

*The birds are singing - again  
through brown leaves  
once brightly colored.*

*They too will discover,  
as each year the circle  
of friends draws in.*

*Each life has its own,  
reliquary to treasure.  
The grass is greening - again.*

*This year, this year,  
as spring advances  
we shift our dreams  
among numberless leaves.*

—Sherley Unger, Falcon Heights



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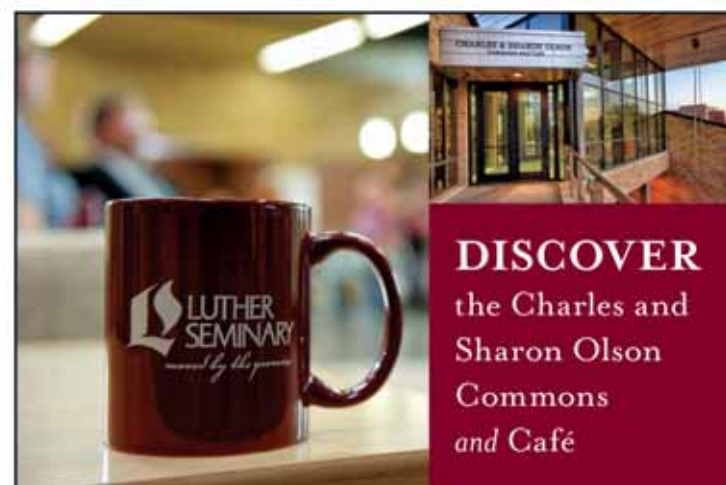


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## EDITORIAL

### And now for something a little lighter

It's April. It's spring. It's National Poetry Month. And it's the time of year we start making plans for summer.

We asked fifth- and sixth-grade students at St. Anthony Park Elementary School to help us out with this issue's Summer Camp Guide by writing about summer. We featured four students' work on the introductory page to the camp guide on page 12, but we can't resist printing one more just to put you in that summer mood. Here's to the world's beautiful season.

**World's Beautiful Season**

It could be just another part of life / But when you open your eyes  
and look around /you can see a world of beauty.  
The butterflies flutter, / and the deer run free.

The flowers grow tall / and sway in the light breeze.  
The bright orange sun / shines and lights up the sky.  
Spring's winter remains melt away, / and the trees come to life!  
Summer is here! / What a sight!  
Now it's time to play. / Make big fresh bouquets!  
Lie in the soft, green grass / And let your mind soar.  
Summer is here! Something worth living for.

—*Hannah Anderson, grade 6*

To read more summertime writing by students at our website,  
www.parkbugle.org. Click on Summer Days at the bottom of the page.

## LETTERS

### Two views on the federal government's birth-control mandate

I always enjoy the Bugle's editorials and the March 2012 editorial wasn't an exception. There are a few points that I would add to hopefully lend some clarity to the birth-control mandate issue. Unfortunately (as with seemingly all laws) the wording of the law is dense.

The birth-control coverage mandate seems to violate the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. That law was passed unanimously (including the 40 women members) by the House of Representatives and by a 97–3 vote (all seven women members voted in favor) in the Senate and was signed into law by Pres. Bill Clinton in 1993. The RFRA says that a health care provider or a health care facility shall not be required to provide an item or service under a group health plan or health insurance coverage if the provider or facility objects to doing so on the basis of a religious belief or moral conviction.

Does the mandate further the government's interest in increasing cost-free access to contraceptives by means that are least restrictive of the employer's religious freedom? It seems to me the answer is no. There are plenty of other ways to increase access to contraceptives that intrude far less on the free exercise of religion.

There are community health centers, public clinics, hospitals, doctors, pharmacies and Planned Parenthood that provide birth

control. Many of these already furnish free contraceptives and Planned Parenthood will even mail contraceptives if access to transportation is difficult. The government could make these entities provide free contraception and pay the providers directly. A mandate on employers who object for religious reasons seems to be among the most restrictive ways the government could have chosen to increase access.

The government is also making exclusions for purely secular reasons for millions of people that are in grandfathered plans. If the government has a compelling interest to mandate birth control, why are there any exclusions?

The law also says that any later override of its protections must be explicit. But there is nothing in all of the current legislation that explicitly or even implicitly overrides the RFRA. So, this mandate appears illegal.

The refusal for religious reasons to provide birth-control coverage seems to me to clearly be an exercise of religious freedom under the Constitution. The exercise of religion extends to performing or refusing to perform actions on religious grounds and it is not confined to religious institutions or acts of worship. So this mandate seems to violate our Constitution's First Amendment.

Another concern of mine about

this mandate is that it is a mandate. I worry that it forces all employers directly and employees indirectly to pay for a benefit, rather than letting employees and employers make these decisions. You may not want these benefits and they will make your insurance more expensive. but it is no longer your choice.

Similar to Laura Joffe Numeroff's book, *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*, we have come to the point where we'll never be able to refuse the requests for future cookies.

*Paul Kirkegaard  
St. Anthony Park*

The editorial in the March issue was, not surprisingly, slanted and full of tired rhetoric. Unfortunately, instead of researching to find out the truth about the issues of the HHS mandate, some readers will read the editorial and think that's what the issue is. The editor never once mentioned how abortion is also included in this mandate. Religious schools, hospitals, charities will be forced to close or apostatize. This mandate will mean even Mother Theresa's Sisters of Charity cannot provide services in the United States. For the government to force me, small business owners and all religious organizations to pay for an abortion is communistic. It is an erosion of our First Amendment in

the Bill of Rights: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

The people of this country are the proverbial frog in hot water. Slowly our rights are being taken from us and soon the government will be making all of our decisions. There will be no one to come to our aid. If you haven't noticed, we have been the ones to fight and die for freedom. We are a young country relatively speaking; yet, in our brief history, the sacrifices made to keep the freedom we now enjoy seem to be forgotten or disregarded.

This mandate isn't about women's rights; it's about dismantling what this country was founded on. Freedom. Freedom of religion (not freedom from religion). Why isn't the press telling both sides of this issue? Why isn't the press interested in digging out the truth as journalism is supposed to? I guess they are in the same bed with the policymakers—and yes, we will be paying for this mating too, with dire consequences.

*Susan Anderson  
Como Park*

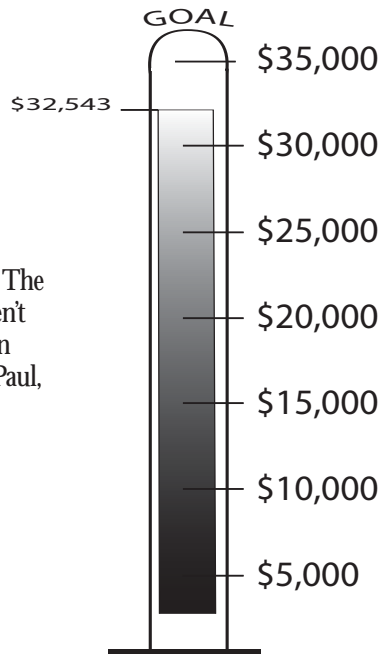
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# COMMENTARY

## The present at the backdoor

By Jack Neely

The only two good things that happened that day was a squad car stop and the good dream I had right before I awoke that morning. It was all uphill after that. I returned to the house three times on the way to play racquetball: once for the garage door opener, once for pictures to be dropped off at my daughter's home and last, when a mile from home, for my gym club membership card.

After finally arriving at the club, I was encouraged when I won the first two games with my partner. Then I made the mistake of playing three more than my arthritic knees could handle.

I left somewhat the worse for wear, driving with ice bags on my knees. Maybe the day would improve.

I knew that if you are the first or second car in line at a stoplight on Central Avenue in Minneapolis, you can just make it through the next two lights at major intersections a mile and a half away—if you really punch it. I did. So did the black-and-white as he made a U turn and caught up with me on I-694 after I made the second green light in fine fashion. He was very nice, probably because he noticed my age. I was even nicer and I left without a ticket and with the new knowledge that the speed limit drops from 50 to 40 mph about a half mile from my first targeted green light.

It was as dark outside as the inside of a cow and I was as cold as a well-digger's knee when I arrived at my son's house to sit The Brothers: Jack, 10, and twins Curran and Devin, 7. It was 5 degrees above zero with a 15-mph wind from the north as I locked my keys in the car, along with my gloves, and fumbled to find my extra truck key, in my billfold, in order to retrieve my keys and the key to get into my son's house. There was no extra truck key. I also had neglected to take my medication for the ever-present Reynaud's disease. Consequently, my fingers turned a leathery white while encouraging Curran to unlock the front door, which he was unable to do when laughing so hard.

Once inside, I, of course, was teased with a lecture from my son on improving my memory and the finer points of daily living. I retrieved my set of keys using my son's key to my truck and fulfilled my sitting duties. Later, when I left the house, I had to go back in to get my keys, which I had left on the hallway table. I was gingerly offered a string to tie the keys around my neck.

Once home, I pulled myself up our outside steps using the handrail, but could not tell if the crunching sound came from the granite grit I put on the icy steps or from my knees. It had been a long eventful day in the land of the retired, and I very much looked forward to pulling the shades and taking my obligatory 45-minute racquetball nap in a fetal

position, wrapped in a fleece blanket. But as I opened the back door to set down my gym bag I knew the nap would have to wait. A higher calling was before me.

At that moment, my life flashed before me as it merged with my only son's early years. In an instant we had become as one. All those early warnings and yearnings for the best for one's son came rushing at me in a torrent of emotions. The main job of a parent, particularly the father, is to prepare his son for a productive life that flowers in a happy family setting. One must teach that some of the rules for that road, for peaceful coexistence with your mate, will be with you forever.

The object of one of the most important lessons awaited me just inside the backdoor. It stood there waiting just for me, for I was the only person who could respond to its needs. It was the obligation my father trained me for. I, in turn, tried to prepare my son for it.

I did it. I am still doing it. And I will do it until the day I draw my last breath. My son is doing it. And his sons after him will do it too.

I lovingly nestled it in both hands, and I took out the garbage.

*Jack Neely is a St. Anthony Park resident who likes to write about life in the land of the retired.*

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Native Gardens for City Living," is free and open to everyone.

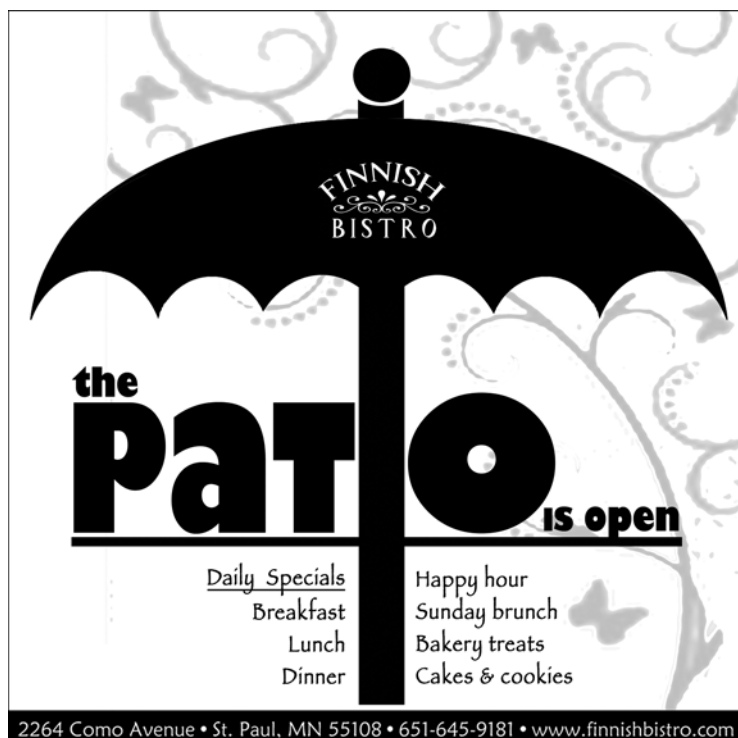
Come learn how native plants differ from non-natives and how you can pick from a palette wider than the popular coneflower and goldenrod.

Olsen lives in the Como community and is familiar with the local ecology, soils and other considerations. His appearance is the last in a series of three Sunday-afternoon talks sponsored by the Como Community Council.

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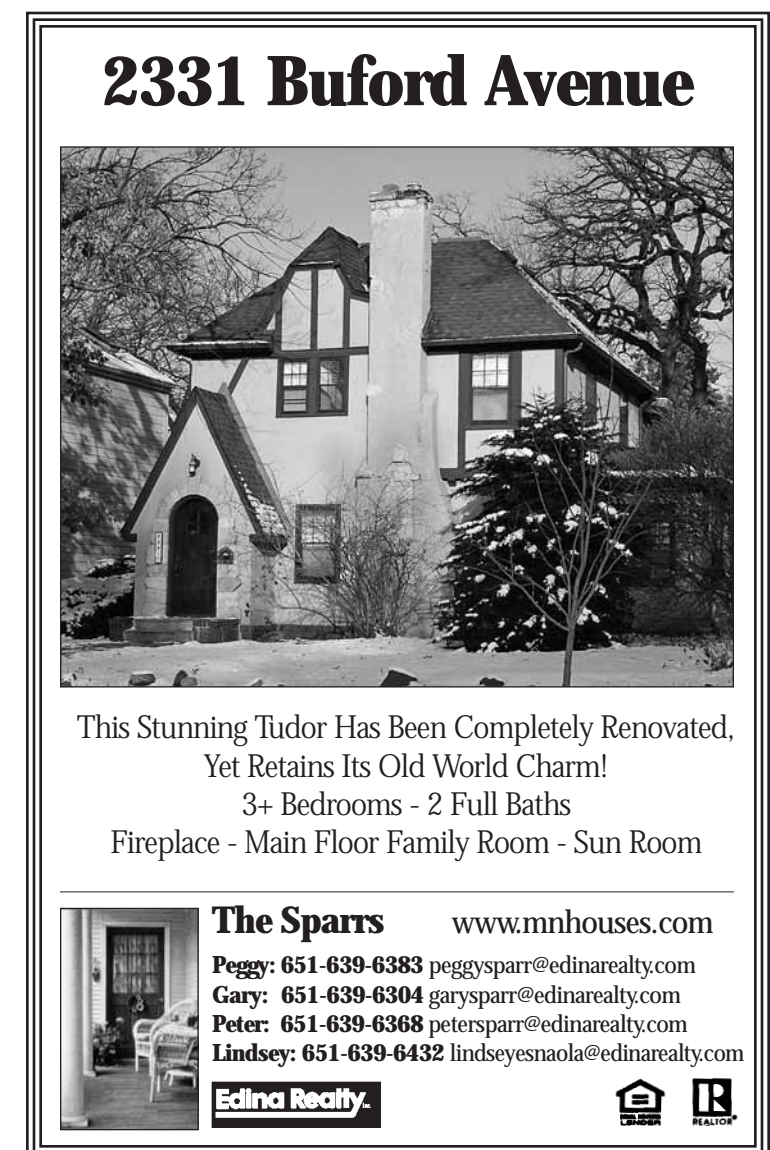
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### Poetry Contest winners from 3

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### Slippery Night

*Thinking Shovel  
I woke in the night  
Thinking wax  
And slippery  
Hills I woke  
In a flurry of frozen  
Breath sweet  
Sugar tracks  
Beneath skis  
In the night  
I thought I heard snow  
tumbling loud  
And garrulous  
In the morning  
I wake  
Hearing grass  
Cackle and break  
Underfoot  
Where rabbits  
Nose and wonder.*

—Jean Miriam Larson,  
Falcon Heights

## Want to try another one?

*St. Paul's Sidewalk Poetry  
Contest submissions are due  
Friday, April 13*

St. Paul poets have until Friday, April 13, to submit work to the fifth annual Sidewalk Poetry Contest. Five poems will be selected and stamped on sidewalks across the city. A \$150 cash prize will be given to the authors.

A panel of local poets and writers will choose the winning authors. All St. Paul residents of any age are eligible to enter the contest. To submit a poem, or to learn more about the contest rules and guidelines, visit [www.stpaul.gov/poetry](http://www.stpaul.gov/poetry).

"Five years of sidewalk poetry is a proud milestone for our city," Mayor Chris Coleman said. "St. Paul has been home to several great writers, including F. Scott Fitzgerald, Sinclair Lewis, our own poet laureate Carol Connolly and others. The sidewalk poetry program advances this rich literary tradition, while incorporating something fun and unexpected into our everyday lives."

Selected poems become part of Everyday Poems for City Sidewalk, a project that stamps the poems into city sidewalks that are being replaced as part of city's sidewalk maintenance program.

Winners will be announced on May 15 at Readings by Writers at the University Club on Summit Avenue, and on the project website on May 16.

### Honorable Mention

### Our old dog kept running away

*Our old dog kept running away.  
Many cats came and went over years.  
Time for another pet now? Who can say?*

*For a gerbil or bird we'd not pay  
and a goldfish would die and bring tears.  
Our old dog kept running away.*

*Kittens are cute, though they won't "sit" or "stay,"  
but where to put a cat box isn't clear.  
Time for another pet now? Who can say?*

*A pet needs attention day after day.  
We're retired, so it won't affect our careers.  
But remember, our old dog kept running away.*

*Would a kitty that romps and plays  
be welcome today? I saw a cute dog outside Sears.  
Time for another pet now? Who can say?*

*A caged pet would not be likely to play  
and a frisky one might give neighbors fears.  
Our old dog kept running away.  
Time for another pet now? Who can say?*

—Claire Aronson, Falcon Heights

### Honorable Mention

### I Think I Missed the Bus

*I may have been too late,  
I think I missed the bus,  
I will stand here more and wait.*

*Constrained like an inmate,  
Alone, there is no "us",  
I may have been too late.*

*I am not yet irate,  
No one cares, moi non plus,  
I will stand here more and wait.*

*On the curb, in this state,  
a statue frozen thus,  
I may have been too late.*

*There will be no debate,  
No friend to make a fuss,  
I will stand here more and wait.*

*Now I must resign to fate,  
It does no good to cuss,  
I may have been too late,  
I will stand here more and wait.*

—Darryn Kozak,  
St. Anthony Park



# Local publisher beats the labor drum despite union backlash

By Judy Woodward

Victor Hugo wrote, “Nothing is so powerful as an idea whose hour has come,” but that was before 20th-century show biz transformed Hugo’s own ideas about the French Revolution into the musical *Les Misérables*, one of the all-time monuments, to brassy commercial success.

Dick Levins knows better.

“Academics think that it’s great ideas that bring change,” says the professor emeritus of applied economics at the University of Minnesota, “but really, it’s organizing.”

A case in point: The fundamental idea behind the split between the 99 percent of regular people vs. the 1 percent of the enormously wealthy “has been out there for years,” says Levins, but because of the organizing success of the Occupy Wall Street movement, “the attention to income distribution has quadrupled over the last three or four months.”

Levins and his wife, Jane Dickerson, run Levins Publishing, a small press dedicated to connecting potential organizers with the ideas they need. Based in northeast Minneapolis, the firm’s most recent book is Stewart Acuff’s *Playing Bigger Than You Are: A Life in Organizing*.

In the introduction, Acuff says he hopes his book will have the same effect on a new generation of organizers that Saul Alinsky’s much-maligned and much-studied 1971 *Rules for Radicals* had on him when he was a young ACORN (Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now) organizer.

Levins, who lives in Falcon Heights, likes to think of Acuff as the modern interpreter of Alinsky’s organizing principles, but notes that modern organizers have some challenges that Alinsky never faced.

“Stewart, as much as most progressives, is just staggered by the rapid introduction of organized money into our politics,” Levins notes. “The Citizens United [Supreme Court] decision [which removes previous restrictions on campaign donations] has just opened the floodgates. We didn’t see that coming.”

Still, as Alinsky famously remarked, “Power comes in two forms: money and people. You haven’t got any money, but you do have people.”

And Levins thinks the people had better get moving. “I have a sense of urgency,” he says. “We’re at a real crossroads in society now. Are we going to continue as a middle-class democracy or become a Third World country? I spend all my time trying to foster the first of those outcomes.”

For Levins, the key is the middle class. “Those who are expressing views have to be talking about the middle class. It’s a lot easier to save the middle class than to create one,” he says. He acknowledges that his is



Dick Levins and Jane Dickerson Photo by Lori Hamilton

a “progressive” agenda, but he rejects anything that smacks of old-time leftist politics. “I publicly claim to be a proponent of the middle class,” he says. “If you can’t get enough people in the tent, you’re lost.”

And what about the notorious “L” word? “I don’t want to use words so charged that people close off their minds when they hear the word,” he responds.

It’s been a long journey of ideas for Levins. “I grew up in the rural South in a very conservative poor family during desegregation times,” he says. “I was very conservative until Vietnam. [Then] I became anti-war, and that changed everything for me.”

He managed to elude Vietnam-era military service. “I won the lottery,” he says, referring to the Selective Service System’s method of assigning draft numbers to draft-age men during that time. In place of enlistment, Levins chose enrollment. He studied at the University of Florida and Mississippi State

University, eventually earning a Ph.D. in economics. He draws on his own experience to illustrate the declining fortunes of the middle class over the last four decades.

“[I] had the good luck,” Levins notes, of being educated in a time of strong publicly supported educational institutions,

where it was possible for a student to work his way through years of higher education—as Levins did—without going in debt.

Contrast that with the lives of recent college graduates, he argues. “An enormous percentage of Americans’ lives are very precarious. Young people are in as bad a state as they’ve ever been. It’s sad to see young, educated people, thousands of dollars in debt, working at jobs [beneath their training]. We’re wasting their talent.”

Levins and his family made the decision to move to Minnesota in part because of the state’s reputation

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### Levins Publishing from 7

for excellent social services for the disabled. "My daughter is deaf," says Levins. "So we came here for the high state income tax." The family arrived in 1988, "but now that budget cuts are beginning to affect the disabled in Minnesota, we might as well have stayed home in Mississippi," he jokes. "At least it's warm down there."

Organized labor, in Levins' view, was the strength of the middle class in places like Minnesota decades ago.

"The labor movement provided the economic foundation for our success," he says. "It's collective effort that created the middle class. A person in a factory job took for granted a good job, a comfortable retirement, and safe working conditions. Those policies were backed up by the political force of the unions."

As Levins sees it, unions once provided a moderating, balancing effect on the rougher edges of capitalism. He points to the evolution of the tax code. "In the 1950s, a [very wealthy person like Republican candidate Mitt] Romney

would have been in the 91 percent tax bracket—not taxed at 13 percent as he is now."

So is Levins an enemy of capitalism? His reply is measured. "As an economist, I'm fascinated by the idea that the general concept of capitalism has some built-in problems. Unregulated capitalism won't work. That's what we learned in the 2008 banking crisis."

By any disinterested reckoning, unions are a shadow of what they were in Levins' youth, and in his view, middle-class Americans have taken a hit.

"Those that have the rights [won by union effort] don't have a way to preserve them," he says.

Nor—despite the outcry that greeted Governor Scott Walker's plan to abolish bargaining rights for public employees in neighboring Wisconsin—is the future for unions particularly bright. "The Right to Work law [recently introduced in the Minnesota Legislature] could derail so much progress," says Levins.

Dickerson notes that the

publication of union literature—once the mainstay of Levins Publishing—has been curtailed. Ironically, the publisher's decision to use only unionized labor for printing and distribution may have reduced the scope of what they are able to publish. "A lot of unions used to order our book *Middle Class \* Union Made*," says Dickerson, but high production costs combined with slackening demand have removed the title from their catalog. The book remains available on the publisher's website ([www.levinspublishing.com](http://www.levinspublishing.com)).

As for the future, Levins remains an optimist by nature despite the odds. Under the Alinsky rule, if one side has the money, the other side had better have the people. "It takes millions to change [things]" says Levins, "so I'm hoping that millions [of people] will get organized."

*Judy Woodward is a librarian at Roseville Library and a frequent contributor to the Park Bugle.*

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## Local garden club celebrates 15 years

By Ann Stout

March is a difficult month for Minnesota gardeners: We are ready to get out there and plant but can't. So I was glad to see my friend Turid Ormseth in front of the Post Office one late March day in 1997.

We both have had plots for many years at the St. Anthony Park Community Garden on Robbins Street in south St. Anthony Park, and we often compare notes about

gardening. On that day 15 years ago, we started chatting about the new things we wanted to grow that year and as we talked, we realized we would enjoy having a garden club in our neighborhood.

We made a few phone calls to see if there was interest in forming a neighborhood club. To our surprise, there was. Nearly 25 people came to an organizational meeting and the St. Anthony Park Garden Club began.

For many years, the club met at the St. Anthony Park Branch Library. Now it meets at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church because the library's hours are limited on our preferred meeting night.

From the beginning, club organizers wanted the meetings to be educational, and we have featured speakers in the months of February to May and September to December. Many wonderful speakers have presented talks over the years, from garden club members to master gardeners to professionals from the University of Minnesota and elsewhere.

The club was also meant to be a service organization. To that end, many club members have planted, watered and weeded the gardens and window boxes at the library year after year.

Other service projects have

included planting daffodils along Eustis Street, working on the Minnesota State Horticultural Society gardens at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds and conducting campaigns against invasive species, such as buckthorn, in the neighborhood.

For several years the St. Anthony Park Garden Club has given an annual scholarship to a deserving horticultural student at the University of Minnesota.

Several events have found permanent spots in the club's calendar, including a plant sale on the first Saturday in June during the St. Anthony Park Arts Festival. The club also holds either a garden crawl for club members or a public garden tour in alternating years. Members also march in the annual St. Anthony Park Fourth of July parade down Como Avenue.

Some years the club caravans to interesting places to buy plants both in the Twin Cities and beyond.

The St. Anthony Park Garden Club was selected as Garden Club of the Year by the Minnesota State Horticultural Society in 2006.

Today the club has 80 members. It meets the first Tuesday of the month (except during caucus and election days) at 6:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's Fellowship Hall on Chelmsford Avenue off of Carter Avenue for a business meeting, refreshments and a program.

Check out the website: <http://sapcc.org/GardenClub>.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 3, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Matthew's. Katharine Widen, Ph.D., will present the talk "Yard and Garden Integrated Pest Management: Insects, Diseases and Animals."

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*Showpiece home at Snelling and Larpenteur, 1907–1945*

# Today's busy corner was home to 'The Crossroads'

By Roger Bergerson

When Emmanuel Masqueray accepted the commission to design a fine summer home for Nettie and Fred Snyder in the early 1900s, in a sense he also was being asked to create a concert hall.

St. Paul's downtown theaters and playhouses went quiet during the warm months in the early 20th century, but not so "The Crossroads," as the mansion became known. It rang with the singing of Mrs. Snyder's students and the melodies of the informal musicales she staged there for as many as 200 guests.

The Crossroads is emblematic of a lingering mystery about the Snyders: Where did they get the money to support their lifestyle, which included lavish entertaining and international travel? Fred Snyder had been in the hotel business only for just a decade or so, while Nettie Snyder was a voice teacher and fledgling impresario who was beginning to bring stars such as Enrico Caruso to St. Paul.

Yet by 1906 they were able to purchase 10 acres of land on the southwest corner of Snelling and Larpenteur avenues in Rose Township, in what is today Falcon Heights. Further, they had the wherewithal to hire no less than the architect of the St. Paul Cathedral to design a home and grounds. Masqueray was known mostly for his ecclesiastical work, but he also designed commercial buildings and occasionally took on a residential project.

The \$20,000 home had a limestone exterior on the first story and a "French half-timbered effect" on the second. A broad veranda extended the length of the house, with a porte-cochère at the south end. The interior featured a 60-by-20-foot living and dining room, as well as beam ceilings and stone



Nettie Snyder's reputation was at its peak in 1912. Among the operatic stars she brought to St. Paul was Geraldine Farrar, with whom she shared a genuine friendship. *St. Paul Pioneer Press, courtesy of the Minnesota Historical Society*

fireplaces.

The surrounding 5 acres included trees, shrubs and an Italian garden, while the remaining land was used for a truck garden.

In that era, it was common for the country homes of people of substance to have names. Prominent St. Paul attorney Cordenio Severance, for example, was renowned for the entertaining he did at Cedarhurst near Cottage Grove. And the farm home of territorial pioneer William G. Hendrickson, called Comodale, was located just south of the Snyder's property, in the

vicinity of today's State Fairgrounds water tower.

The Snyder's choice of the name The Crossroads was appropriate, because the property was located, literally, at a country crossroads, surrounded by agricultural fields. Snelling and Larpenteur were simply graded roads and traffic was so light there was no need for so much as a caution sign at the intersection. The address of the new home was "Larpenteur, 1 west of Snelling."

*The Crossroads to 16*



The St. Paul Daily News featured the Crossroads in 1917. *Courtesy of the Minnesota Historical Society*

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## Urban red-tails are often seen atop freeway light poles

As I drive the freeways here in the metro area, I often see a large bird sitting atop a light pole, staring intently at the ground. It sometimes seems like a casual, over-the-shoulder look. This is a classic sit-and-wait predator. From the back, the bird is usually dark brown with some lighter spots, often forming a V pattern. If it's facing me, I can usually see a dark band around the belly (which is called a "belly band").

In flight, you can see the rufous, or reddish-brown, tail as the hawk turns in the sky. And the underside of the wings often shows dark "comma" or "parenthesis" marks out toward the wingtips.

These birds are usually identifiable as red-tailed hawks, the most common and widespread large hawk in North America. But be aware that the red-tail is one of the most variable hawks in coloration and markings. There are very dark varieties, very light varieties, and everything in between. That belly band, for example, isn't always there, either. In fact, Birds of North America Online notes that there are up to 16 subspecies of red-tailed hawks.

The red-tailed hawk is one of our largest raptors, averaging about



A red-tailed hawk. Photo by Laura Erickson

19 inches long with a wingspread of nearly 4 feet. They weigh only 2 1/2 pounds on average. The female is larger than the male because her body includes the organs needed to make eggs.

I usually see only one red-tail on a light pole, but this past month I've seen two red-tails on the same light pole on two occasions. They are probably a mated pair getting reacquainted with each other, doing some pair bonding before the breeding season sets in. Red-tails are generally monogamous and have been known to live 21 years, but rarely beyond 17 years.

Red-tailed hawks build a sizable stick nest in the crotch of a large tree. There's a red-tailed hawk nest on the University of Minnesota Les Bolstad Golf Course in Falcon Heights.

Red-tails begin laying eggs in mid- to late March and generally lay two or three. Incubation lasts 28 days. After hatching, the nestlings are fed chunks of rodents by both parents. The youngsters are ready to try flight after 42 to 46 days, but they remain with their parents for up to six months longer.

As I've noted, red-tails are classic sit-and-wait hunters. They watch for motion in the grasses and then drop and glide to pounce on unsuspecting prey. I got a call a year or so ago from a neighbor concerned that there was an injured hawk in a yard nearby. I went over to take a look, and there was a red-tailed hawk sprawled on the ground.

It would sure look injured to most people. But this hawk was spreading out its wings, mantling, or covering, a meal of fresh-caught squirrel that it was determined to protect from any other raptors in the area. And sure enough, there was another red-tail watching from a nearby tree.

Red-tailed hawks also hunt by soaring in circles above fields, using their telescopic vision to focus on a

potential meal below. Red-tails eat rodents, rabbits, pheasants, quail and even snakes.

One of the hazards when catching a rodent is the possibility of being bitten by your prey. Hawks are found with bite marks on their toes and legs from rodents and rabbits. It's especially a problem with younger hawks that are still learning how to dispatch critters quickly.

Another problem that younger hawks have is being harassed by crows. I used to have an office with windows that overlooked the Minnesota River. Even if I couldn't see the barred pattern on the juvenile's tail, I could recognize younger red-tailed hawks because they let the crows get to them, diving down to get away, flapping out of the area.

The more mature hawks maintain course and speed and if a crow gets too close, they flip upside down and present the nagging crow with a set of impressive talons. The crow usually abandons its attack.

The red-tail's cry is a downward slurring "keer-r-r." It always gets me looking up, usually into the sun. I heard that cry early one morning last summer and scanned the sky for a hawk that was up before breakfast. As I tracked the sound, I realized it was a blue jay in my neighbor's tree that had learned to imitate the call, probably to eliminate the competition at the feeder by scaring the dickens out of other birds, even though smaller birds are seldom prey to red-tails.

The red-tail's cry is often featured in movies. I love it when the hero steps out onto a dusty cow-town street and a red-tail cries somewhere above. Better than a loon, I guess.

You can read more of Clay Christensen's musings on birds on his blog at [www.parkbugle.org](http://www.parkbugle.org).



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# 2012 Summer camp guide

**G**rab your flip flops, swimsuit and a few extra bucks for the ice cream man. It's time to think about summer and that means summer camps. The Park Bugle has compiled a list of unusual, educational and fun camps to help you find just that right activity for your kids. And to put you in the mood, we introduce this special section with some warm-weather poems and prose by St. Anthony Park Elementary School students. To read more summer-themed writing from some local fifth- and sixth-graders, go to [www.parkbugle.org](http://www.parkbugle.org) and click on Summer Days at the bottom of the page.

## Summer

5...4...3...2...1... A cheer echoes throughout the school as a herd of people stampedes through the classroom door. Lockers open. Doors slam shut. Folders and notebooks are shoved into backpacks as all the kids run through the hallways pushing, shoving, tripping, yelling and fighting to be the first one out of the big double doors at the front of the school. Throughout the halls you hear chants, screams, cries and shouts as kids funnel through the school, struggling to avoid being crushed. Crashing down the stairs come wave after wave of children. Drifting through the open doors comes balmy warm air, reminding everyone of all the things to come—playing, swimming, running, biking, picnics, walks, vacations, camps, and time spent with family and friends. All of these are the things that keep them going—the dreams of summer and summers to come.

—Forrest Ahrens, sixth grade

## Sunlight shines through trees

Summer breeze flows through your hair  
flip flops flip and flop

—Olivia Helmin, fifth grade

## The warm summer sun

beats down on the peaceful lake  
kids play in the surf

—George Yetter, fifth grade

## Summer

The place where the sun always  
shines.  
The place I can live in the  
warmth.  
The place I have to worry about  
the sunburns.  
The place I don't care.  
Summer

—Katherine Johnson, fifth grade

## ACADEMICS

### Camp Invention

Students take apart appliances, design a magnet-powered city and explore the intersection of science, art and math during the four-to-five day session. Locations vary.

**Who:** Entering grades 1-6

**When:** June 11-Aug. 17

**Cost:** \$190-\$250

**Contact:** 800-968-4332 or

[sclarke@invent.org](mailto:sclarke@invent.org)

**Website:** [www.campinvention.org](http://www.campinvention.org)

### Minnesota Institute of Talented Youth

Expand Your Mind (EYM) is a two-week workshop for 7th- to 11th-graders who like combining academic challenge with fun. Located at Macalester College.

**Who:** 7th-11th graders

**When:** June 18-29 and July 9-20

**Cost:** \$560 to \$1,400

**Contact:** 651-696-6590,

[mity@macalester.edu](mailto:mity@macalester.edu)

**Website:** [www.mity.org](http://www.mity.org)

### Summer Math Institute Camp

A resident camp offering challenging problems and support to avid math learners. Must have completed Algebra 1. Augsburg College, Minneapolis.

**Who:** Grades 8-10

**When:** June 24-29

**Cost:** \$375

**Contact:** 612-330-1788

**Website:** [www.mnmathleague.org](http://www.mnmathleague.org)

## ARTS

### Adventures in Cardboard

Prepare to be amazed by what you can design and construct with cardboard.

**Who:** Ages 7-14

**When:** June 11-Aug. 10

**Cost:** \$149-\$298, half or full day

**Contact:** 612-370-4960

**Website:** [www.julianmcfaul.com](http://www.julianmcfaul.com)

### Articulture Art Day Camp

Kids will explore a variety of art disciplines in camps, ranging from claymation to theater to food as art. Located at 2613 Franklin Ave. E.,

Minneapolis.

**Who:** 4+ years

**When:** Mid-June through August

**Cost:** \$130-\$240

**Contact:** 612-729-5151 or

[info@articulture.org](mailto:info@articulture.org)

**Website:** [www.articulture.org](http://www.articulture.org)

### Artstart Teen Creativity Camp

Teens work as a team to create and publish a hotspots guide for teens in the Twin Cities. Limited to 10.

**Who:** Grades 7+

**When:** July 9-13 & July 16-20

**Cost:** \$125 -\$425

**Contact:** 651-698-2787

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**Who:** Ages 11-17

**When:** June 18-Aug. 3

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**Contact:** 651-644-1912

**Website:** [www.ifpmn.org](http://www.ifpmn.org)

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**Who:** Ages 6-17

**When:** June 11-Aug. 20

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**Contact:** 612-824-4394


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**Who:** 9-11 years old

**When:** June 26-29

**Cost:** \$250 (\$225, MHS members)

**Website:** www.mnhs.org

## Northern Clay Center

Weeklong pottery and sculpture camps for kids of all skill levels. Located at 2424 Franklin Ave. E., Minneapolis.

**Who:** 6+ years old

**When:** June 18-Aug. 24.

**Cost:** \$165 half-day camps, \$295 full-day camps

**Contact:** 612-339-8007 or

education@northernclaycenter.org

**Website:** northernclaycenter.org

## Sewing Lounge

From the basics of sewing machines, understanding patterns and choosing fabrics to strengthening confidence and mastering seamstress skills. Located at 987 Selby Ave., St. Paul.

**Who:** 8-15+

**When:** June 11-Aug. 17

**Cost:** \$250

**Contact:** 651-645-7645

**Website:** www.sewinglounge.com

## Sewing, Knitting, Felting, Dyes and More!

Learn to sew by hand or machine, embroider, use a weaving loom, dye

lab and more at the Textile Center. Located at 3000 University Ave. S.E., Minneapolis.

**Who:** Ages 6-16

**When:** July 9-Aug. 24

**Cost:** \$110-\$160

**Contact:** 612-436-0464

**Website:** www.textilecentermn.org

## Simply Jane Artescape Camps

Half- or full-day weekly camps, including mosaic, mask-making, clay, art wearables and drawings. All skill levels welcome. Located at 5411 Nicollet Ave. S., Minneapolis.

**Who:** Ages 4-18

**When:** June 11-Aug. 17

**Cost:** \$115-\$250

**Contact:** 612-354-3961.

**Website:** simplyjanestudio.com

## ANIMALS

### Humane Society: Unleashed

Educational activities, animal interaction, "guest" visits, field trips and community-service projects.

**Who:** Grades 3-10

**When:** June-August

**Cost:** \$10-\$295

**Contact:** 763-489-2220

**Website:** animalhumanesociety.org

### Bunker Park Horse Day Camp

Learn grooming, tacking and riding in sessions that range from half to full days for two, three or five days.

**Who:** Ages 5-18

**When:** June 11-Aug. 31

**Cost:** \$90-\$395

**Contact:** 763-757-9445

**Website:** bunkerparkstables.com

### Summer on the Farm

Children's Country Day School will keep campers busy feeding the llamas, goats and rabbits, riding the ponies or working in the garden. Located in Mendota Heights.

**Who:** Ages 2-7

**When:** June-August

**Cost:** Based on session

**Contact:** 651-454-5000

**Website:** childrenscountryday.org

## COOKING

Cooks of Crocus Hill cooking camps will teach a variety of culinary musts, including terms, techniques, baking and international cuisines.

**Who:** Ages 8-13+

**When:** June 5-Aug. 9

**Cost:** \$195+

**Contact:** 651-228-1333, ext. 22, or astern@chochmail.com

**Website:** cooksofcrocushill.com

## FANTASY/ADVENTURE

### Superheroes and Superheroes

Full-day, weeklong camps for superhero wannabes. Campers will explore stories of their favorite superheroes and heroes before creating their own identity, costume and story, and then creating a movie, comic or play about that character.

**Who:** Grades 1-5

**When:** July 23-27

**Cost:** \$160

**Contact:** 651-487-7383

**Website:** www.commed.spps.org

## GENERAL

### Minnesota Waldorf School

Camp counselors lead the children through indoor and outdoor play and work, gardening, crafting, stories and songs, rest and movement.

**Who:** Ages 5-10

**When:** June 13-Sept. 2

**Cost:** \$150-\$200

**Contact:** 651-487-6700

**Website:** minnesotawaldorf.org

### Como Park Language and Arts Preschool

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with a different theme: gardening, insects, camping, zoo animals, water and summer Olympics. Ample room to explore indoor and out.

**Who:** Ages 33 months to 5 years

**When:** May 29-Aug. 22

**Cost:** \$100-\$200

**Contact:** 651-646-0310, cplapcc@gmail.com

**Website:** comoparklanguageandarts.com

## St. Paul Public Schools Community Education

St. Paul Public Schools Community Education offers dozens of options that include music, gymnastics and language to the unconventional—Hogwarts Film School, cooking on a stick, bicycle building and triathlon training.

**Who:** Ages 3-18

**Contact:** 651-487-7383

**Website:** www.commed.spps.org

## HISTORY

### Alexander Ramsey House

### Finishing School for Young Ladies

Master the art of social graces. Young ladies will don Victorian attire, learn etiquette, poise and dancing of the era. This one-day camp will culminate with a tea on the porch and a dance recital for families. Located at 265 Exchange St. S.

**Who:** Ages 9-12

**When:** June 25-27

**Cost:** \$220 (\$200 MHS members)

**Contact:** www.mnhs.org

### Gibbs Girl Camp

Three days, three experiences to live as a Pioneer girl, Dakota girl and Victorian girl. Includes quilting bee, doll- and candle-making, putting up a tipi and a Victorian tea. Gibbs Museum of Pioneer and Dakotah Life, 2097 Larpenteur Ave.

**Who:** Ages 6-10

**When:** July 31-Aug. 2; Aug. 7-9;

Aug. 14-16

**Cost:** \$99

**Contact:** 651.646.8629 or terry@rchs.com

**Website:** www.rchs.com

### Gibbs Museum of Pioneer and Dakotah Life

Three- and five-day half-day camps allow kids to experience the pioneer life. Play marbles, make pies, attend school in a one-room schoolhouse and learn the Dakotah language. Located at 2097 Larpenteur Ave.

**Who:** Ages 3-11

**When:** June 25-Aug. 23

**Cost:** \$49-\$99

**Contact:** 651-646-8629 or terry@rchs.com

**Website:** www.rchs.com

### Minnesota Historical Society

Follow the stories of Davy Crockett, Huck Finn and Laura Ingalls Wilder. Or enlist as a soldier in the 5th Regiment. Learn tracking and trapping skills used by frontiers or create a newspaper. Half- and two-day sessions at a variety of locations.

**Who:** Ages 7-14

**When:** May 12-Aug. 29

**Cost:** \$50-\$235 (member discounts)

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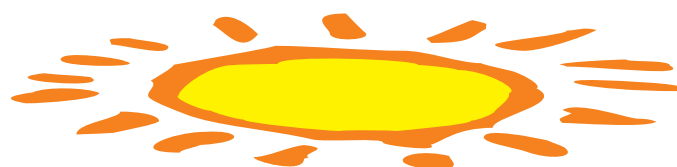
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**Who:** Ages 14-18

**When:** June 18-Aug. 18

**Cost:** \$125

**Contact:** 651-808-5980

**Website:** www.artsvienna.org

## MUSIC

### Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphonies Orchestra Camp

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**Who:** Ages 8-14

**When:** May 29-July 17

**Cost:** \$215, plus \$20 registration fee (\$20 discount by April 29)

**Contact:** 651-60-6800 or mail@gtcys.org

**Website:** www.gtcys.org

### MacPhail Center for Music's Allegro Orchestra Camp

A summer orchestra experience for strings, wind and percussion. Top Twin Cities musicians and teachers lead students in rehearsals, small group sectionals, workshops and performances.

**Who:** Grades 3-12

**When:** June 18-22; June 25-28

**Cost:** \$550

**Contact:** 612-321-0100

**Website:** www.macphail.org

### MN Boychoir's Sing Minnesota

This weeklong day camp for girls and boys focuses on choral singing and incorporates drama and movement, visual arts, as well as outdoor fun and

games. Concordia University, 300 N. Hamline Ave.

**Who:** 8-12 years old (completed grades 2-6)

**When:** Aug. 13-17

**Cost:** \$300

**Contact:** 651-292-3219 or tep@boychoir.org

**Website:** www.boychoir.org

### Dance-N-Magic Camps

Half-day to weeklong camps include hip-hop, tap, jazz, ballet, theater, yoga, tumbling, dancercise kids, arts and crafts. Located at 913 Selby Ave., St. Paul.

**Who:** Ages 1.5 and up

**When:** June 25-Aug. 31

**Cost:** \$115-\$265

**Contact:** 651-688-3448 or dancenmagic@hotmail.com

**Website:** Dance-N-Magic.com

## OUTDOOR

### Camp Voyageur

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**Who:** Boys 9-18

**When:** June 10-Aug. 4

**Cost:** \$1,900-\$6,800

**Contact:** 800-950-7291

**Website:** www.campvoyageur.com

### Learn to Row Camp

Spend the afternoon with the Minnesota Boat Club on the Mississippi River learning the basics of rowing. Must be able to swim.

**Who:** Ages 13-18

**When:** June 2 & June 9

**Cost:** \$45

**Contact:** 651-690-1957 or miriambaer@comcast.net

**Website:** www.boatclub.org

## SPECIALTY

### Facing Cancer Together Summer Kids Kamp

Three days of outdoor games, art, fun and camaraderie for kids who have a parent with cancer. High-

ropes course and overnight stay for teens. A drop-in parent group meets each morning to talk about parenting through cancer. Held at Eden Wood Center in Eden Prairie.

**Who:** Ages 5-18 who have or have had a parent with cancer

**When:** Aug. 7-9 (half-day for ages 5-12; overnight for teens)

**Cost:** Free

**Contact:** 612-627-9000, ext. 503, or jhaines@mnangel.org

**Website:** www.mnangel.org

## SPORTS

### Carrie Tollefson Training Camp

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**Who:** Grades 7-12

**When:** July 17-20

**Cost:** \$350-\$400

**Contact:** 612-210-2205

**Website:** www.carrietollefson.com

### Joy of the People Soccer Camps

Weeklong camps with skills practice and free play on different surfaces, indoors and out. All skill levels welcome. South St. Anthony Recreation Center, 890 Cromwell Ave.

**Who:** Ages 5-14

**When:** June 11-Aug. 31

**Cost:** \$95-\$549

**Contact:** 651-298-5770

**Website:** www.joyofthepeople.org

### Minnesota Sword Club

Beginners will learn basic concepts of fencing; veterans will partake in intensive training sessions, emphasizing technique and strategy.

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**Who:** Ages 6-19

**When:** April 2-Aug. 11

**Cost:** \$129

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**Who:** Boys and girls, ages 7-15

**When:** June 22- Aug. 26

**Where:** Blaine, Eagan or Richfield

**Cost:** \$345

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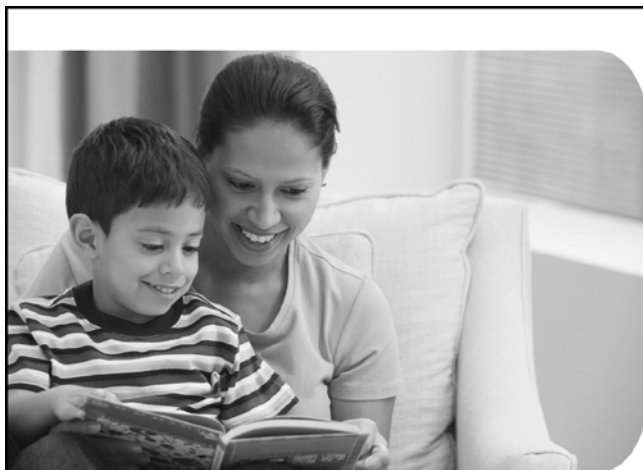
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#### Redistricting from 1

election could be a kind of homecoming. "I used to live in south Como Park," he says. "When I first ran [for office] I had to move. Now I could move back to my old neighborhood. It's familiar territory to me."

Three-term veteran Murphy, 51, hopes to strike a note of continuity with her new district.

"Alice Hausman has been a guide and a mentor," she says. "I'm going to work with Alice to get to know the [St. Anthony Park] issues." The Summit Hill resident is not without her own connection to the area. In 1988, when Murphy first moved to the state from her native Wisconsin, she lived in a part of St. Anthony Park that she will represent next year.

Commenting on the plan that has so radically changed her district, Hausman, who has served in the Minnesota Legislature since 1990, says, "What is confusing ... is that the people who drew the lines didn't look at communities of interest. They used major streets [for dividing lines]."

February's plan was the product of a special judicial panel appointed last summer because the Republican-dominated Legislature and Gov. Mark Dayton failed to reach an agreement on a new legislative map. Redistricting is required every 10 years to account for demographic shifts revealed by the once-a-decade U.S. Census.

Hausman says she is sorry to lose the close connections with her St. Anthony Park constituents.

"You spend a lot of time with people and they become close friends," she says.

Her new district—although still largely DFL territory—has a lower percentage of voters who consistently lean Democratic. If there's an upside to the new plan, Hausman says she will be delighted for the chance to represent the district of Rep. Mindy Greiling of Roseville, who announced her retirement before the redistricting plan was made public.

"She and I are very close friends and colleagues," says Hausman. "We've worked on a lot of issues together."

No such satisfactory outcome is available to two other normally close political allies. Redistricting has forced State Sen. John Marty of Roseville and Mary Jo McGuire of Falcon Heights into a contest for the new District 66, covering Roseville, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, part of Como Park and the small wedge of St. Anthony Park that is north of Como Avenue.

Marty describes the prospect of running against his "friend of many years" as "no fun."

"We're both very disappointed," he says.

For McGuire, it is a bit of déjà vu. She served in the House from 1989 to 2002, when redistricting combined her district with Hausman's. McGuire stepped aside. She ran one year ago in a special election for the state Senate seat being vacated by Ellen Anderson and won.

"I am absolutely committed to

remaining the senator," McGuire says, but notes, "[John] and I both agreed to seek and abide by the DFL endorsement, so whoever wins the endorsement will be going on to November."

McGuire points out that she is one of "only 10 pro-choice women in the Senate. With redistricting, we are in danger of losing more."

Marty cites his ambition for universal health care as a major reason for running. "If we [the DFL] take back the Senate, I'll be chair of the Health and Human Services Committee," he says. "I want to make sure that everyone in Minnesota has healthcare."

When it comes to good health, Marty has some kind words for those he hopes will be among his future constituents. Noting the "critical engagement" and "thoughtfulness" of voters in the communities that will make up the new District 66, Marty wonders if that might be an index of health and longevity. "I keep noticing that average age of the Bugle obits is around 90," he says.

Marty and McGuire probably agree on most issues—never more so than when they talk about the importance of running a positive campaign.

"I have no intention of running a negative campaign," says McGuire. Marty adds, "Democracy is worth more than cheap campaign [tactics]. I am absolutely positive this will be a civil race."

Starting next year, all of St. Anthony Park south of Como Avenue will be part of Senate District 64.

Sen. Richard Cohen, the current District 64 incumbent, describes his political differences with Hausman and McGuire as "minimal" and says that he wasn't surprised by changes brought by redistricting.

"I was expecting the map to go north," he says. Cohen, who lives in Highland Park, maintains a law practice in the Midway Commons complex on University Avenue. At 61, he looks back on a legislative career that extends more than three decades.

Cohen says he is still learning about the new areas of his district, but adds, "My sense is that St. Anthony Park—like the rest of District 64—isn't a district that has the strong socio-economic needs of a Frogtown, for example." He's chosen an old-fashioned way to learn more about what he hopes will be his future constituency: "I'm looking forward to knocking on every door in St. Anthony Park."

Come 2013, Alice Hausman will no longer be the legislative voice of much of St. Anthony Park and Como Park, but for now she has the last word. In an email announcement to constituents, she emphasized that the new district lines do not go into effect until after the next election, stating, "Right now, I am committed to the constituents I am honored to serve in District 66B."

*Judy Woodward is a reference librarian at the Roseville Library and a regular contributor to the Park Bugle.*

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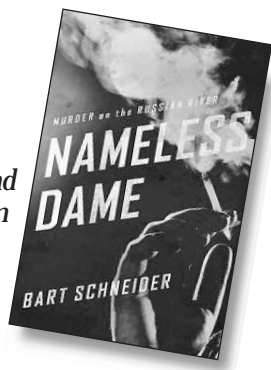
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# Late night at the library

By Kristal Leebrick

The days of keeping your voice down at the library are over. At least in downtown St. Paul, where the James J. Hill Reference Library has become one of St. Paul's newest late-night music-and-drinks venues.

The private, nonprofit business library launched a number of musical events this winter that included the Book It series—four evenings of trivia, beer and music by local indie and pop talent that ended in

March—and the monthly Real-Phonic Radio Hour, a live show that bills itself as an evening of “American roots music and conversations on poetry, music, the arts and a world gone mad.”

The Hill will extend its closing time again on Thursday, April 26, as country-blues guitarist Charlie Parr headlines the fifth Real-Phonic Radio Hour.

The Radio Hour is a collaborative effort by Twin Cities musicians Molly Maher, Erik

Koskinen and Paul Bergen and ideaguy Thom Middlebrook, a music fan with a highly successful career in design who happens to be on the board of the James J. Hill Library.

The show debuted in November, but its roots lie on Dec. 19, 2010, the snowy winter day when Koskinen's 1996 Suburban was stolen—along with a cherished guitar and all of his gear—from a spot beneath the window of his University

Erik Koskinen to 18



Erik Koskinen and his signature Detroit ball cap.

## Voices

*Voices is a regular feature that captures the words of some of the interesting people who live among us.*

By Judy Woodward

*St. Anthony Park resident Joe Spencer has been called the king of cool in regards to his work as the city of St. Paul's arts czar. The 36-year-old father of two has made a mark on the creative scene in downtown St. Paul since 2006, when Mayor Chris Coleman hired him as the city's director of arts and culture and gave him the task of making St. Paul a groovy place to be.*

## Joe Spencer: The Art Guy

My job is about supporting the artists and creative people who drive the vitality of the city of St. Paul. I'm the concierge helping them navigate their way. When we started, we looked at the state of the arts [in downtown St. Paul] and we discovered that we were good at drawing the senior audience to things like the [St. Paul] Chamber Orchestra, the Minnesota Opera and the three theaters downtown. We're also good at drawing in families with the Science Museum, the History Center and the Children's Museum. But we were missing the sweet spot of the 21- to 35-year-old audience. That's an important demographic for general cultural and economic reasons.

Now [a few years later] we've got a really robust calendar of programming in Mears Park and a lot of nightlife in Lowertown with lots of bars and restaurants. In [the city-owned] Lawson Commons building on the Wabasha side of the block we were able to attract a trio of creative businesses. There's the Amsterdam Bar and Hall, also [Eclipse] that sells vinyl records, and there's Big Table Design, a co-op design and poster store. [They] project an image that's more “scratch and dent”—that is, bohemian and slightly less corporate.



Joe Spencer in Langford Park just before the thaw.  
Photo by Lori Hamilton

I could never have predicted this path. I started tap dancing at 21 and I joined the Flying Foot Forum. I aspired to be a performer, but I [also] wanted to have a leadership position with an impact in the arts. My job now is a combination of two passions: the arts and I got bitten by the political bug.

I work in a realm where I promote lots of evening events, and yet a great evening for me is to be home and hang out with my wife and my four- and six-year-old kids. We live in St. Anthony Park partly because of the feel of the St. Anthony Park Elementary School. There's something that feels very small-town and comfortable about [the neighborhood].

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online post from U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Kathleen Merrigan.

While many food hubs are less than five years old, Merrigan states, "they are based on a time-proven business model of strategic partnerships with farmers, distributors, aggregators, buyers and others all along the supply chain." These models rely on cooperation, she writes and give local small and midsize producers access to sell their products.

The food hub idea arose when the coalition's newly established Local Foods Committee heard a speaker from Gardening Matters describe last year's successful startups in Minneapolis, Krogstad said. "That really lit a fire under the group."

In addition to buying seeds and plants in bulk for its members, the Hub will also help connect gardeners with space to garden in, facilitate sharing tools, and find space and expert presenters to offer classes.

"A lot of people join the Hub because they're interested in low-cost seeds," Krogstad said. Once they're at an event together, the gardeners find common ground.

For example, she said, "we have a community garden with a waiting list. At our kickoff event, we asked for leaders [to help create] a new community garden, and some people stepped forward."

Committee member Kim McKeague, who moved to the Hamline Midway neighborhood recently when she accepted a position at Hamline University, said she was pleased to find a group that shared

her passion for connecting food access with social justice.

She's been collaborating with nearby schools to reach low-income parents. Others are working with apartment building managers and having flyers translated, hoping to attract recent immigrants.

McKeague, who holds a doctorate in marketing, appreciates the hub as a business model. "What I'm really interested in is alternatives to the standard industrial market for food," she said.

Hub members will meet for their first seed distribution Saturday, April 14, 9 a.m.–noon, at Griggs Recreation Center/Leonardo's Basement, 1188 Hubbard Ave. A second distribution of warm-weather seeds and plants is planned for May 19.

Membership fees are offered at "suggested" rates of \$10–20 for a Small Garden Package (estimated retail value \$5), up to large at \$50–100, estimated retail value \$225. Memberships are also available for as little as \$5 for those who do not need seeds but wish to be involved in the effort.

A list of seeds and seedlings likely to be available at distribution events can be found at [www.gardeningmatters.org](http://www.gardeningmatters.org).

The Midway Hub's membership and other administration is handled by Gardening Matters, a nonprofit headquartered at Sabathani Community Center in Minneapolis.

Online registration is the easiest way to join, according to Nadja

Berneche of Gardening Matters, but the organization will also mail applications to those who call.

It is also possible to join at Hub events, Berneche said, but "as the day goes on, seeds or seedlings could run out," so it's helpful to have membership numbers beforehand.

For the same reason, she advised showing up on the early side at Hub events. "We don't have an unlimited amount of seeds and seedlings," she said.

The coalition's local foods working group aims to reach beyond District 11, Krogstad said.

"It doesn't make sense to have a hub just for this little neighborhood," she said. So residents of St. Anthony Park, Como and other nearby areas are invited to join.

For the time being, however, the members must live in St. Paul. Those living in other municipalities should contact Gardening Matters if interested in setting up more hubs.

"People think the hub is a buying club, but it's much more than that," Krogstad said. "It's about, 'let's build a better food system.'"

*Anne Holzman lives in St. Anthony Park and is a frequent contributor to the Park Bugle.*

**FOR MORE INFORMATION** or to join the Midway Local Food Resource Hub, go to [www.hamlinemidway.org-midway-hub](http://www.hamlinemidway.org-midway-hub), or call Gardening Matters at 612-821-2358.

**The Crossroads from 9**

The house was ready for occupancy in the fall of 1907. The Snyders would open The Crossroads in April or early May each year, and stay through the fall, unless they were traveling. Their winters were spent at the Frederic Hotel, managed by Fred Snyder, in downtown St. Paul.

Mrs. Snyder became as well known for her entertaining and generous hospitality at The Crossroads as she was at the Frederic.

For example, the St. Paul Daily News told the tale of Katherine, a young German singer visiting relatives nearby who heard of Mrs. Snyder and hoped she might help her find an engagement in opera or vaudeville. Mrs. Snyder invited her to stay at The Crossroads and the girl accepted but insisted on paying her way as a housekeeper. "Often, when all the tasks are finished, she removes her cap and apron and joins Frau Snyder and her guests, and she sings

the arias, the lieder, the ballads and even the saucy 'Drum Song' to a very appreciative audience in the music room," the paper noted.

Opera stars such as Olive Fremstad, Marcella Sembrich, Geraldine Farrar and Eleonora de Cisneros were guests as well, sometimes staying weeks at a time. Farrar wrote a letter to Mrs. Snyder from Germany and closed with a wistful, "It must be lovely now at The Crossroads."

Actors and actresses visiting St. Paul and Minneapolis were often guests for dinner, including Chauncey Olcott, writer and composer of the perennial favorite, "My Wild Irish Rose."

The State Fairgrounds expanded northward and Curtiss Northwest Airport opened across Snelling from The Crossroads, but the Snyders stayed on into the 1920s, although their marriage had begun to fall

apart. Left owning the home outright, Mrs. Snyder announced in 1924 she was selling it and moving to Italy. However, she ended up renting out the house and selling the 5-acre southern half of the tract. This became the Hollywood Court development in 1928.

Mrs. Snyder bequeathed the home to her son, Harry Fuller, who sold it without ever having lived there. The Crossroads was only a little more than 20 years old, but its condition declined rapidly. A resident of the Como Park area, who delivered the newspaper there as a boy in the mid-1930s, recalls the interior of the house as ill-lit and dingy, the grounds unkempt. There were rumors that it housed a brothel at one point, and it was being used as a nursing home in 1944.

The following year, the Farmers Union Grain Terminal Association bought the property and tore down the house to clear the way for its new \$600,000 art-deco style headquarters. Today that building is occupied by the TIES organization, a consortium of Minnesota school districts.

*This story was excerpted from an article written by Roger Bergerson about Nettie Snyder that appears in the current edition of the Ramsey County History, the magazine of the Ramsey County Historical Society.*

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# APRIL

# Events

Venue information is listed at the end of the calendar. Send your events to [calendar@parkbugle.org](mailto:calendar@parkbugle.org) by April 11 to be included in the May issue.

## 2 MONDAY

"The Other Social Media" presented by Pioneer Press social media editor Jen Westpfahl, 6:30-7:30 p.m. St. Anthony Park library

## 3 TUESDAY

St. Anthony Park Garden Club: "Yard and Garden Integrated Pest Management," presented by Katharine Widin, St. Matthews Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall. Business meeting at 6:30 p.m., social time at 7 p.m., program at 7:30 p.m.

Baby storytime: rhymes, stories and songs for birth to age 2, 10:30-11 a.m., St. Anthony Park library

## 4 WEDNESDAY

English conversation circle, every Wednesday, 4-5:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park library.

St. Anthony Park Book Club, "Safe from the Sea" by Peter Geye, 6:30-8 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

## 5 THURSDAY

District 12 Land Use Committee meets, 7 p.m., South St. Anthony Recreation Center

## 6 FRIDAY

Preschool storytime (ages 3 to 5) with songs and puppets every Friday, 10:30-11:30 a.m., St. Anthony Park library.

Movie night: "The Mists of Avalon," 6-9 p.m., Spirit United Church, [www.spiritunited.com](http://www.spiritunited.com). Donations accepted. Free popcorn.

## 7 SATURDAY

First Saturday Contra Dance, Odd-fellows Hall, 928 Raymond Ave., 8 p.m. Instruction starts at 7:30 p.m.

## 9 MONDAY

Falconers Card Club, 1 p.m., Falcon Heights City Hall

"The Wonder of Blogs," presented by Pioneer Press outdoors editor Dave Orrick and reporter Jess Fleming, 6:30-7:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park Library

## 10 TUESDAY

Women's Drop-In Drum Circle, 7:50 p.m., Women's Drum Center, [www.womensdrumcenter.org](http://www.womensdrumcenter.org)

## 12 THURSDAY

St. Anthony Park Senior Cinema Series, "The King's Speech," 2-4 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

District 12 Board of Directors meet, 7 p.m., South St. Anthony Recreation Center

## 14 SATURDAY

Lyngblomsten's Annual Wellness Conference: Living the Creative Life, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., \$25 per person includes keynote presentation, workshops and lunch, Roseville Lutheran Church. Call 651-414-5292 or go to [www.lyngblomsten.org/wellness-conference-2012](http://www.lyngblomsten.org/wellness-conference-2012)

## 15 SUNDAY

North Suburban Evening Lions Club "All the Waffles You Can Eat" breakfast, 8 a.m.-noon, Roseville Skating Center. Admission \$6.50; free for 5 and under.

## 16 MONDAY

eReader clinic, 6:30-7:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

## 17 TUESDAY

Baby storytime: rhymes, stories and songs for birth to age 2, 10:30-11 a.m., St. Anthony Park library

## 19 THURSDAY

District 12 Energy Resilience Group meets, 7 p.m. Email [erg@sapcc.org](mailto:erg@sapcc.org) to find out the location of meeting.

## 22 SUNDAY

2012 Minnesota Open and Affirming Celebration, Falcon Heights UCC. Workshops at 2:30 p.m., worship at 4 p.m.

## 23 MONDAY

Falconers Card Club, 1 p.m., Falcon Heights City Hall

## 25 WEDNESDAY

District 12 Environment Committee meets, 7 p.m., South St. Anthony Recreation Center

## 26 THURSDAY

Falcon Heights UCC monthly book discussion, "Traveling Mercies: Some Thoughts on Faith" by Anne Lamott, 6:30 p.m., Java Train Café. Call 651-646-2681 for more information.

## 28 SATURDAY

Chemists in the Library: hands-on chemistry activities for children with an adult, 1:30-3:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

Art show opening reception, 7 p.m., Falcon Heights United Church of Christ

## 29 SUNDAY

Art show, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Falcon Heights United Church of Christ

Sunday Afternoon Reading Group, "Jar City" by Arnaldur Indridason, 2:30 p.m., Micawber's Books

## 30 MONDAY

"Mothers Write: A Panel on Writing and Motherhood," 7-8:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

## BLOCK NURSE EXERCISE

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**Wednesdays:** SAP United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave., 10:30-11:30 a.m.

## VENUES:

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Falcon Heights United Church of Christ (UCC), 1795 Holton St., 651-646-2681

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Three homes in the Como Park neighborhood will be featured on the tour. Erin Dooley and Kevin Anderson, 1035 Van Slyke Ave., have reworked their kitchen within the existing footprint, gaining wall space by relocating doors and integrating the remodel with the original character of the home.

Susan Jane Cheney and David Arbeit, 1384 E. Como Blvd., added

a unique master suite bathroom, meditation room and library addition over a tuck-under garage.

Heidi Schuster and Paul Knutson, 1246 N. St. Albans St., did a whole-house remodel, turning their garage into an office, gaining a new kitchen and reworking a back entry into the home's primary entrance and landscaping an outdoor entertaining space.

Liz LaFond, 2378 Chilcombe Ave. in St. Anthony Park, built a kitchen addition that included reworking and restoring an original buffet, while maintaining the 1910 home's arts-and-crafts look.

The tour will include rental options along the Central Corridor. Find out more at [www.MSPHomeTour.com](http://www.MSPHomeTour.com) or pick up a copy of the *Home Tour Guides* at local libraries in Hennepin County, St. Paul and Ramsey County. These will be available after the first week in April.

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“I remember the date because it was the day after my dad’s birthday,” Koskinen says. “It had snowed a lot. I just got the truck fixed. I just spent \$1,500 on my truck that week.” Had he not changed the glow plugs on the vehicle, whoever stole it “wouldn’t have even been able to start it.”

He shakes his head. He had no theft coverage on the vehicle or the stuff inside it, which included a guitar that had once belonged to David Hidalgo from the rock-Latin-blues band Los Lobos.

Koskinen’s friends staged a benefit for him at First Avenue. Called the Real-Phonic Revival Show, performers included Duluth stringband Trampled by Turtles and the band’s side project, Dead Man Winter, along with The Jahskinen, Charlie Parr, Molly Maher and

Ashleigh Still.

“That was the beginning of the Real-Phonic show,” Koskinen says.

The Radio Hour takes its name from Koskinen’s recording studio and record label. Real Phonic Studios has produced work by Trampled by Turtles, Australian band The Waifs, the Hobo Nephews of Uncle Frank, and of course his own work and that of his frequent musical partner Molly Maher.

“I called it ‘Real Phonic’ because we tend to keep it quite true to the form as much as possible,” he says. “I have a warehouse space [in the Southeast Como neighborhood of Minneapolis] with high ceilings and an open room, and many of the recordings we do are live, like the old days. I have a tape machine and analog stuff. We have modern stuff also, so we can mix the two worlds

together. We tend to try as much as we can to keep it as real as possible. Hence the name: ‘Real Phonic.’ ”

Back to the Radio Hour: “It’s just an idea that we started and we’ll keep on doing it,” Koskinen says. The first show featured Iowa singer-songwriter Bo Ramsey. Subsequent shows were headlined by Paul Cebar, Dead Man Winter and indie-rockers The Pines. Middlebrook emcees each show and poet Julie Klatt Singer reads her work.

At the January show, which was held on one of the coldest nights of this past winter, Singer read a poem with stark images of birdless bare branches and frostless windows. In February, when the show was temporarily moved to the Cedar Cultural Center in Minneapolis, she read a poem about meeting a woman vomiting in the bathroom at a

Suburbs concert. “It was a rock and roll kind of night,” Koskinen explains.

The creators have high hopes that the show will eventually be broadcast on a radio station. For now, the show’s website, realphonic.com, has some of the shows online and you can read Singer’s poems and learn about the musicians.

Koskinen, who describes his own work as American roots music with a lot of influence from the blues, country, rock and roll, rockabilly and soul music that came out of Memphis, is rarely seen without a ball cap. His current favorite bears a label that reads “Detroit,” a nod to his maternal grandfather who worked for Buick in southern Michigan.

He comes from a family of autoworkers and that means he tends

to fix his own cars, like the Suburban that was stolen more than a year ago and was never found. The guitar, however, is back with him. It showed up at a pawn shop in a northern suburb.

**THE REAL-PHONIC RADIO HOUR** (which actually lasts for *way* more than an hour) will present Charlie Parr on Friday, April 26, at 8 p.m. at the James J. Hill Reference Library. Tickets are \$25. You can order them through the show’s website, realphonic.com, or buy them at the library the day of the show. You can also hear Koskinen and Maher play at their weekly Wednesday show at 9 p.m. at the Aster Café, 125 S.E. Main St., Minneapolis.

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throughout Minnesota. Through my work as a facilitator and connector, I saw rural citizens make a profound impact on their towns in unexpected and imaginative ways. I hope to stir up the same sort of creative, futuristic thinking among the communities of place and interest in St. Anthony Park.

**Kevin Caulfield**

I have lived in the neighborhood for more than five years and want to get more involved with what’s happening to the neighborhood, instead of just sitting back and watching. I bring a knowledge of the St. Paul area after living here for more than 30 years. I am a very fair and honest person, and I get along with others. I feel my strength for this board is that I know many people in this area, and I feel I could bring people together.



Kevin Caulfield

**Joshua Bau**

Citizen participation allows one the opportunity to have concerns voiced through appropriate channels to improve a community. I feel the strengths I can bring to the community council are an open mind and open ears. I am eager to hear the concerns of the community and implement change and stability where needed. My wife, Gracie, and I have been married for four years and I am a graduate student writing my dissertation in church leadership and social and economic innovation. My other great passion is cooking.



Joshua Bau

# Community Worship Directory



❖ **COMO PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA**  
www.comoparklutheran.org  
www.comoeveningprayer.org  
1376 Hoyt Ave. W., St. Paul, MN 55108-2300  
651-646-7127  
Handicapped Accessible  
Sunday Worship Schedule:  
8:30 & 10:45 a.m.: Worship (nursery care 8:15 a.m. - noon)  
9:35 a.m.: Adult Education and Sunday School  
7:00 p.m.: Como Evening Prayer Worship  
Holy Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month  
*Rides available for 10:45 a.m. worship. Call noon on Friday.*  
Palm Sunday, April 1:  
8:30 & 10:45 a.m.: Worship: *Festive Palm Procession at both services*  
Maundy Thursday, April 5:  
7:00 p.m.: worship: *First Communion for 5th Graders*  
Good Friday, April 6:  
10:00 a.m.: Tenebrae Service; 7:00 p.m.: worship  
Easter Sunday, April 8:  
8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Worship: *Accent Brass Quintet (all services) + CPLChoir (9:30 & 11:00 a.m. services)*  
Easter Breakfast *Served from 7:30 – 11:00 a.m.*  
Pastor Martin Ericson  
Director of Music Ministry: Thomas Ferry

❖ **FALCON HEIGHTS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
1795 Holton St. at Garden, 651-646-2681  
www.falconheightsucc.org  
Sundays: 10:30 a.m. worship  
Communion, first Sunday of the month  
9:15 a.m. – Faith formation classes for all ages  
April 1 – 10:30 a.m.: Palm Sunday; children’s musical, “Rescue in the Night”  
April 5 – 7 p.m.: Maundy Thursday Service of Shadows  
April 8 – 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.: Easter services  
April 12 (Thursday) – 7 p.m.: Juncture One alternative worship  
April 15 – 10:30 a.m.: Holy Humor Sunday  
April 22 – 2:30 p.m.: Minnesota Open and Affirming Celebration  
April 26 (Thursday) – 6:30 p.m.: book discussion, “Traveling Mercies,” Java Train, 1341 Pascal St. N.  
April 28-29 – Art Show: reception 7 p.m. Saturday, exhibit 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sunday  
*An Open and Affirming. Just Peace church; handicap accessible*

❖ **HOLY CHILDHOOD CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
1435 Midway Parkway, St. Paul, MN 55108 Handicap Accessible  
Rector/office 651-644-7495, www.holychildhoodparish.org  
Sunday Masses; Saturday, 5 p.m., Sunday, 7:45 and 10:00 a.m.  
Daily Mass 7:45 a.m. with Rosary following Mon.-Thurs. and 6:30 p.m. Thursday  
Confession: Saturday 3:30-4:30 p.m. and Sunday 9:30-10 a.m.

❖ **MT. OLIVE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH-WELS**  
www.mtolive-wels.net, 651-645-2575  
1460 Almond Ave, St Paul, MN 55108  
Handicapped Accessible  
Sunday: Worship 9:00 a.m.  
Pastor Al Schleusener

❖ **PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH - ELCA**  
1744 Walnut (at Ione) Lauderdale. 651-644-5440  
www.peacelauderdale.com  
Sunday: Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Reconciling in Christ Congregation  
*All are welcome - Come as you are*

❖ **SPIRIT UNITED CHURCH**  
3204 Como Avenue S.E., Minneapolis, 612-378-3602, www.spiritunited.com  
Sundays: 10:30 a.m. Message and Kids With Spirit Sunday school  
All are welcome—come as you are. Handicap accessible  
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❖ **ST. CECILIA’S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
2357 Bayless Place. 651-644-4502  
Website: www.stceciliaspn.org  
Handicap accessible  
Saturday Mass: 5:00 p.m. at the church  
Sunday Masses: 8:15 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. at the church

❖ **ST. ANTHONY PARK UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
2129 Commonwealth Ave. (corner of Commonwealth and Chelmsford)  
651-646-7173 www.sapucc.org  
10:00 a.m. worship  
Pastor Victoria Wilgocki  
*God is Still Speaking*

❖ **ST. ANTHONY PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
www.sapumc.org  
All are welcome!  
2200 Hillside Ave. (at Como), 651-646-4859  
Pastor Donna Martinson  
Sundays:  
10:00 a.m. Worship celebration  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship and refreshments

❖ **ST. ANTHONY PARK LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
2323 Como Avenue W. 651-645-0371  
Staffed nursery available - Handicap-accessible  
Pastors Glenn Berg-Moberg and Marc Ostlie-Olson  
Web, Facebook, & Twitter: SAPLC  
Sunday worship: 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Education hour for all: 9:45 a.m.  
Palm Sunday: April 1 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Maundy Thursday: April 5, 7:00 p.m.  
Good Friday: April 6, 7:00 p.m.  
Easter Day: April 8, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
(Easter breakfast served 9:30-11:00 a.m.)  
Minnesota Faith Chinese Lutheran Church 1:30 p.m.  
**信義教會 星期天下午**

❖ **ST. MATTHEW’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
www.stmatthewsmn.org The Rev. Blair A. Pogue, Rector  
2136 Carter Ave. at Chelmsford. 651-645-3058  
Sundays 9:15 a.m.: Education for all ages  
10:30 a.m.: Holy Eucharist  
Nursery care provided 9:00 -11:20 a.m.  
7:00 p.m.: Night Prayer+Eucharist, with dinner at 5:30 p.m.  
April 5: Maundy Thursday, 7:00pm with Taizé music; Agape meal at 5:30pm  
April 6: Good Friday Stations of the Cross through Art & Music 7:00pm  
April 8: Easter Service at 10:30am  
*Undercroft Gallery: “Books as Art,” works by Regula Russelle & Bart Galle, April 15 through May 26.*  
*Please join us – All are welcome!*





## School News

We welcome news about students or schools in the area. The deadline for the April issue is Wednesday, April 11. Send your news to [editor@parkbugle.org](mailto:editor@parkbugle.org).

**Chelsea Heights Elementary**  
1557 Huron St., 651-293-8790  
[www.chelsea.spps.org](http://www.chelsea.spps.org)

Chelsea Heights Elementary School is collecting **Box Tops and Labels for Education** to raise money for the school. Schools raise thousands of dollars each year simply by clipping Box Tops from General Mills products and Labels for Education coupons from Campbell's products and then submitting them to the programs. All you need to do is drop box tops and labels off at the school. Thank you for the support.

**Upcoming events** at Chelsea Heights include the following:

**April 4:** Running Club begins and will meet twice a week on Wednesdays and Fridays

**April 6:** No school

**April 12:** Science fair

**April 16:** PTO meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**April 26:** Awards assembly and Davanni's Pizza Night

**April 27:** Early release day—school ends at 1 p.m.

**Como Park Senior High**  
740 Rose Ave., 651-293-8800  
[www.comasr.spps.org](http://www.comasr.spps.org)

A performance by Como Park High School's **Chamber Orchestra was broadcast on Minnesota Public Radio** in March. The orchestra performed *Amadeus: Capriccio italiano* by Mozart. You can hear the performance on the MPR website, [www.minnesota.publicradio.org](http://www.minnesota.publicradio.org). Click on the Minnesota Varsity tab in the middle of the page.

**Students of the month for February** were Augustus Johnson, Jonah Leurquin, Alexus Marquez, Chanelle Cook, Domonique Mason, Angela Chem, Molly Morrison, Gina Thompson, Ellen Purdy, Michelle Gallegos-Guillen, Joey Fierro, Hannah Stadler, Cheyenne Burns, Feven Gereziher, Jarquavius Hilliard, Pum Thian Khai, Jared Nelson, Stephanie Vue and Zane Young. Students of the month are chosen by faculty because of personal and academic achievements.

The **St. Paul Public Schools regional History Day** contest was held on March 5 at St. Paul Technical College. The theme was Revolution, Reaction, and Reform in History. Twenty-seven Como Park High School students have qualified to go on to the state competition at the University of Minnesota on April 29. Those winning in the exhibit category are Den Xiong, John Proper, Mackenzie Olson, Samara Alonzo-Garcia, Mai See Yang, Stacy

Yang, Ruth Axtell-Adams and Tessa Portuese. Documentary category winners are Destyn Land, Kathleen Miles, Joey Pratte, Aisha Mohamed and Sundus Hassan. Research paper winners are Anna Fryxell, Jenna Krivit, Richard Gulner, Lydia Neus, Ellen Purdy, Rachel Williams and Celia Commers. The website category winners are Matthew Klein, Benjamin Reynolds, Rachel Tetlie, Nathan Parsons, Ella Calatayud and Stephanie Hudgins.

The **National Honor Society has been busy** this year fulfilling their volunteer requirements throughout the year. Each student must document 40 hours of voluntary service, with 10 of those hours at school. Some examples of volunteer projects that members have put together are Toys for Tots and a Chilly Cougars team in the Polar Bear Plunge.

AP government and economics teacher, **Eric Erickson took 10 students to Washington, D.C.**, for the school's annual Close Up trip. Nine seniors and one junior participated in a week-long immersion into how our national government works. Sight-seeing, meeting with the Minnesota congressional delegation and learning about the legislative process, as well as meeting other students from around the country, were just a few of the activities for the week.

**Murray Junior High**  
2200 Buford Ave., 651-293-8740  
[www.murray.spps.org](http://www.murray.spps.org)

Forty-nine Murray Junior High School **students went to the regional science fair** and five qualified to go on to the state competition.

**Benjamin Xenos, Victor Tesarayk, Joseph Wriedt and Alex Konkol** are heading to the State History Day at the University of Minnesota on April 29.

**Lucas Mueller won Murray's geography bee** and qualified to participate in the state geography bee on March 30 at St. Cloud State University.

Murray conducted a **T-shirt design contest** and **Larry Ross submitted the winning design**. It was printed on a gray short-sleeved T-shirt and went on sale at the school in March.

The **Murray boys basketball team had an 8-0 record** at press time. The boys began the playoff round 3-9-12 and hoped to win their four playoff games and claim the city title. The spring sports season begins April 3. Spring offers boys baseball, girls softball, girls badminton and co-ed track and field. All St. Paul Public Schools sporting events are listed on the district website, [www.spps.org](http://www.spps.org).



Students from Como Park's Close Up trip to Washington, D.C., met with Minnesota's congressional leaders, including Sen. Amy Klobuchar. Front row, from left: Ashley Rud, Kayla Vorlicky, Siri Berg-Moberg, Sen. Klobuchar, Claire Holdreith and Rebecca Hervonen. Top row: Teacher Eric Erickson, Lia Hansen, Ian Johnson, Jared Nelson, Sergio Portesan and Peder Erickson.



Forty-nine Murray Junior High School students placed in the school's science fair and went on to the regional science fair in March.

All junior high sports are free of charge. Go Pilots!

Many **local businesses have been supporting the school this year** through in-kind gifts and volunteer time (it takes a village!). Park Midway Bank, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, Luther Seminary, the University of Minnesota and the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation have supported the One-on-One tutoring program. A special thank you to Speedy Market co-owner Tom Spreigl, who donated five \$50 gift cards to the science teachers to buy supplies for their labs. The science teachers frequently visit the store to purchase lab supplies with their own money and it made him want to help. Our science department keeps Speedy supplies in stock, including food coloring, cornstarch, baking soda, salt, eggs, vinegar, onion and carrot cells, paper plates, toothpicks and many other products.

**St. Anthony Park Elementary**  
2180 Knapp St., 651-293-8735  
[www.stanthony.spps.org](http://www.stanthony.spps.org)

Congratulations to **St. Anthony Park Elementary's school spelling bee winners**: Eliot Kim (school champ), Eli Pattison (second place) and Gayathri Dileepan (third place).

All three students participated in the district spelling bee on Feb. 11.

**Ninety-six students participated in Destination ImagiNation (DI)** this year. They learned to think on their feet, work together and create original solutions to a challenge. Fifteen St. Anthony Park Elementary teams competed at the East Metro DI tournament on March 3. Seven teams placed in the top five in their category. Six SAP teams will be competing at the state tournament on April 14 in Chaska. A big thank you to teacher Nancy Hausman who coordinates the program and to all of the great parent team managers for their leadership.

The teams that are going to state are listed below:

- Dr. Peppers (third grade): Hannah Hausman, Riley Eddins, Levi Mellin, Bridget Lee, Audrey diGirolamo and Aidan Reynolds
- Discombobulated Brainstormers (fourth grade): Olivia Ahrens, Maasia Apet, Caleb Andrew, Lauren Welna, Alistair Pattison and Chris Landon
- Sinister Socks (fifth grade): Georgia Langer, Lara Steen, Jackson Lee, Tommy Freberg, Chloe Hansen, Katrina Sweet and Jackson Rysavy
- Funky Monkeys (fifth grade): Charlotte Yang, Josie Bougie, Elinor Kleber-Diggs, Jamie Cohen, Maya Orey and Cintina Yang

- Flying Raisins Studio (sixth grade): Fiona McKenna-Larson, Kelvin Nichols, Anna Clements, Annika Hedges, Sydney Kranz, Cara Husnik and Eli Pattison

- Flying With No Wings (sixth grade): Ellen Carlson, Eleanor Wriedt, Earl Eldridge, Gabe Reynolds, Forrest Ahrens, Winnie Commers and Grace Commers

Students in third through sixth grade presented their investigation or demonstration project at the **school science fair on March 5**. There were more than 240 presentations. Thank you to science teacher Jim Schrankler and the 50 volunteers, which included students from Murray, Como Park Senior High and the University of Minnesota, as well as parents, staff and community members.

**Upcoming April events** include:  
**April 5:** Fifth and sixth-grade concert at 7 p.m.  
**April 6:** No school  
**April 10-26:** Running club meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays  
**April 26:** Running Club Race, 3 p.m.  
**April 17-25:** State MCA Exams

**Mark Friday, May 4, on your calendars** for the annual spring carnival and plant sale.



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Maundy Thursday

April 5, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday

April 6, 7:00 p.m.

Easter Day

April 8, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.  
(Easter Breakfast served 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.)



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Find us on Facebook (saplc)

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Mayfest

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May 11, 12 & 13th

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Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 10 a.m. - 3 p.m

Music & Food Sampling

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M-F 9-9 Sat. 9-7 Sun. 10-7  
651-646-6686

## L I V E S L I V E D

The Park Bugle prints obituaries free of charge as a service to our communities. Send information about area deaths to Mary Mergenthal at [mary.mergenthal@comcast.net](mailto:mary.mergenthal@comcast.net) or call 651-644-1650.

### Albert Bangert

Albert F. Bangert, 76, formerly of Lauderdale, died March 11, after a long struggle with Lewy Body Dementia.

He is survived by his wife, Mavis; children, Linda, Mark, Ruth Ward and Mary Monson; seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and two siblings, Dora Webb and Donald.

A service was held March 15 in Arden Hills, with interment in Annandale.

### Sybil Bartyzal

Sybil M. Bartyzal, 97, died March 1. She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl. She is survived by her children, Gene, Evie Gibis and Paul; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 5 at Maternity of Mary Catholic Church, with interment at Calvary Cemetery.

### Lois Beck

Lois Kathryn Beck, 91, of Middletown, Conn., died March 4. She had lived in Lauderdale.

She is survived by four daughters, Dianne Blankenship, Kathryn Thostenson, Vicki Martin and Connie Stiles; a sister, Esther Jones Dunn; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Services were held in Connecticut.

### Verle Carlson

Verle M. Carlson, 91, a longtime Como Park resident, died March 3 at Lyngblomsten Care Center. She had volunteered services for the blind for more than 25 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Theodore; a son, Randall; and a brother, Glenn Selleck. She is survived by her son, Clifford, and daughter, Ellen Anderson; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; three step-granddaughters; and three sisters, LaVonne, Delores and Darlene.

Her funeral was held at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, Como Park, on March 6, with interment at Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

### James Cordell

James W. Cordell, 82, of Mahtomedi, died Feb. 27.

Jim owned the barbershop on Como Avenue, near Doswell Avenue, for many years. Before that he worked at another St. Anthony Park barbershop. He had been a St. Paul barber for 41 years and continued to work occasionally after retirement. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and golfing and always loved a good story.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Vida; children, Jeff, Kathy Goodenow, Bill and Becky Biondo;

13 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and siblings, Don, Shirley Pierson and Janet Meale.

### Mary Curtice

Mary Elizabeth Dustin Curtice, 88, formerly of St. Anthony Park, died Feb. 11, in Richmond, Va.

She is survived by her husband, Fred Jr.; children, Fred III, Gregory, Lucia Curtice Lucas, John and Susan Mercado; 11 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; a brother, Hale Dustin, St. Paul, and sister, Phyllis Paul, St. Anthony Park.

The service was held Feb. 16 in Richmond, Va.

### Thomas Dunn

Thomas G. Dunn, 74, of Como Park, died March 5. His family home was on Breda Avenue but was taken by eminent domain for the exit ramp from Snelling Avenue to Como Avenue. So the family moved to another Como Park location, where Thomas lived until shortly before his death.

He is survived by a sister, Marguerite.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 9 at Church of the Holy Childhood, Como Park.

### Louise England

Louise G. England, 79, of Lauderdale, died Feb. 18.

She is survived by two daughters, Ann and Laura; two grandchildren; and her siblings, Carol Powell and George Graham.

Her funeral was held Feb. 23 at Sunset Funeral Home in Minneapolis, with interment at Sunset Cemetery at a later date.

### Audrey Falkowski

Audrey Ruth Falkowski, 81, St. Paul, died peacefully on March 1. She attended Central High School and was an avid figure skater, homemaker, sewer and crafter.

She is survived by her husband, Jim Sr.; children, Debra, Linda Mitchell, JoAnn Buse, DiAnn Akkerman, Marie Andrews and James Jr.; 12 grandchildren; and a brother, Raymond Peterson.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 5 at Holy Childhood Catholic Church with interment at Calvary Cemetery.

### David Heuer

David E. Heuer, 52, Como Park, died Feb. 20. He grew up in Roseville and graduated from Alexander Ramsey High School. He married and raised his family in Como Park.

He was named Volunteer of the Year some years ago for the work he did coaching and supporting Northwest Como Recreation Center. He suffered from multiple sclerosis for 26 years and went on disability in April 1990. After retraining, he was

employed by Volunteers of America of Minnesota. David suffered from a stroke on Valentine's Day and died six days later.

His No. 1 priority and passion was his family. He was also an avid fisherman.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Virginia. He is survived by his mother, Marilyn; his wife, Aija; a daughter, Sam; two sons, Brian and Dan; and brother-in-law, Jeff Bowar.

His funeral service was held Feb. 25 at Roseville Lutheran Church. His ashes will be spread near Mille Lacs Lake and in Central Park in Roseville.

### Mary Joyce

Mary E. Joyce, 88, of Como Park, died on Feb. 18. Mary was known for active participation in the Catholic community, especially her home parish of St. Andrew's.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tom; a son, Pat; a daughter, Eileen; and a brother, Pat. She is survived by two sons, Steve and Mike; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a sister, Theresa Curran.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Feb. 23 at Maternity of Mary Catholic Church, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

### Judson Reaney

Judson B. Reaney, M.D., 62, St. Anthony Park, died of pancreatic cancer on Feb. 24. He worked at the Alexander Center of Park Nicollet Health Services.

Jud was born in Yankton, S.D., on April 29, 1949. He graduated from Northwestern University, then attended the University of South Dakota Medical School in Vermillion, where he met his wife, Sue.

After time spent in California, Jud and Sue moved to Minnesota, where Jud became a behavioral and developmental pediatrician at Minneapolis Children's Medical Center. He later became the medical director of the program.

Jud is survived by his wife and daughter, Kathryn (Kat); parents, Duane and Kathryn; sisters, Joan Loecker and Jan Merriman; brothers-in-law, Bruce Merriman and Rick, John, Floyd and Mike Gillis; and sister-in-law, Miggs Gillis. He was preceded in death by twin sons, Brooks Charles and Andrew John.

A Celebration of Life was held March 3 at Plymouth Congregational Church in Minneapolis.

### Douglas Rudolf

Douglas Paul Rudolf, 75, died Jan. 27, in Visalia, Calif. He grew up in St. Anthony Park, attended Gutttersen Elementary School and graduated from Murray High School in 1954 and Macalester College in 1959.





## Business News

**Roller Revolution** has opened at 2418 University Ave. W., just east of Highway 280. The store says it offers "everything for roller derby and a whole lot more."

It is open Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays noon to 4 p.m.

**Vienna Community Arts**, a nonprofit music studio, has moved from Fairview Community Center in Roseville into a space above the Hampden Park Co-op, 987 Raymond Ave. W. The studio is a family-run organization that provides music instruction, instrument rentals and cultural programming.

Herbert Englemayer, a graduate of the Vienna Music Academy in Austria who comes from a family of Viennese Opera singers, is the executive director. His wife, Nancy Sogabe, is the development director. This summer, the studio is offering a



### A new owner at the Little Wine Shoppe

Pam Austin took ownership of the Little Wine Shoppe in Milton Square in March. The retired educator from Prior Lake is pictured here with Jeff Huff, who opened the store in 2005. Austin says she is not planning too many changes at the store. Huff hopes to open a new shop in another location where he can expand. *Photo by Lori Hamilton*

German Jam, a culture and language club for students in middle school and high school on Tuesday evenings (see the listing in the Summer Camp

Guide on page 13). To find out more about the studio, go to [www.artsvienna.org](http://www.artsvienna.org).

## Library seeks used books

The St. Anthony Park Library Association is seeking donations for its annual book sale to be held during the St. Anthony Park Arts Festival on June 2. You can donate gently used books, CDs or DVDs, but textbooks and VHS tapes will not be accepted. Bring your materials to the book cart in the lower level of the St. Anthony Park library, 2245 Como Ave. For more information, contact Susan Dean at [smdean16@gmail.com](mailto:smdean16@gmail.com).

### Lives Lived from 20

After teaching and coaching in Minnesota in the 1960s, Doug spent 43 years as a history and German teacher in Visalia. He also coached cross country and track and was still coaching up to the time of his illness in November. He was recently inducted into the International Track and Field Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Doug grew up on Hendon Avenue and often returned to Minnesota to visit family and friends and officiate at the Minnesota state track meet each June.

Doug was preceded in death by his wife, Vera. He is survived by his sister, Caroline Gebhard, and other relatives in California and the Twin Cities.

A service was held in California.

### Kirk Sims

Kirk A. Sims, 55, died Jan. 16. He enjoyed fishing, fly tying, gardening, backyard birding and volunteering with his church youth programs.

He is survived by his siblings, James, David, Richard and Barbara Niemi.

A memorial service was held March 3 at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church.

### Father Richard Skluzacek

Fr. Richard Francis Skluzacek, 79, of Eagan, died Feb. 25. He served at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Como Park, from 1974 to 1978.

### Vernon Stech

Vernon E. Stech, 84, who had lived

in St. Anthony Park for more than 60 years, died March 1. He owned Economy Gas on University and Hampden avenues for 20 years. He later became a financial advisor for IDS.

Vernon was a life member of American Legion Lester Tjernlund Post 451 and Disabled American Veterans St. Paul Chapter.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Lorraine; children, Kathy Mohns, Dennis, Becky Sweet and Debra; six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a brother, Robert.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 6 at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

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## Neighbors

# Nauen named top attorney

Longtime St. Anthony Park resident Charlie Nauen calls himself “the luckiest lawyer in the world,” but peers seem to think that ability—not luck—has something to do with his success.

Nauen, a senior partner in the Minneapolis law firm of Lockridge Grindal Nauen, was recently named one of the top attorneys for 2011 by the newspaper *Minnesota Lawyer*.

He was cited for his contributions to both the 2008 U.S. Senate (*Franken v. Coleman*) and 2010 gubernatorial (*Dayton v. Emmer*) election recounts, his successful representation of the Metropolitan Council and City of Minneapolis last year, as well as

community involvement.

Nauen is a career specialist in environmental law, having filed Minnesota’s first citizen environmental lawsuit under the Clean Water Act nearly 25 years ago.

He says his involvement in politically related legal matters is a relatively new and stimulating addition to his practice.

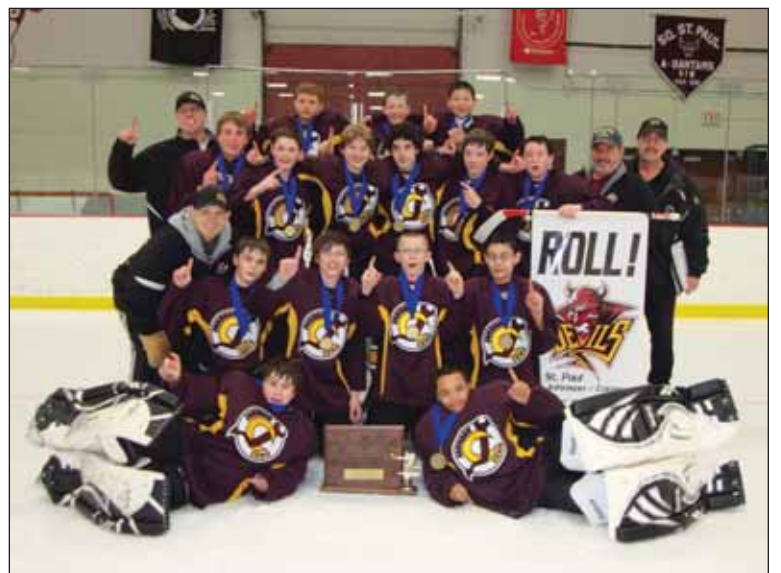
“As a litigator and trial lawyer, I get to do a variety of things,” he said. “Plus, I have the privilege to be associated with a terrific group of talented colleagues. That has made for a very rewarding career.” —*Roger Bergerson*



Charlie Nauen

## Johnson Como Devils B1 PeeWees: District 8 champs

The Johnson Como Devils B1 PeeWee hockey team beat the top-ranked team in the state, Woodbury Black, in March, bringing the team the title of District 8 champs. Pictured at right are the team members and their coaches. The team moved on to the regional championship in Rosemount, finishing in third place. The team’s final record was 30 wins, 6 losses and 3 ties.



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## Easter Breakfast at Zion Lutheran

An Easter breakfast, including pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, orange juice, milk, tea and coffee will be served by the Men’s Club on Easter Sunday, April 8, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 1697 Lafond Ave., in the Midway Area of St. Paul. There will be no charge other than a free-will offering. Proceeds help send neighborhood kids to summer Bible camp. All are invited. Call 651-645-0851 or visit [www.zlcmidway.org](http://www.zlcmidway.org) to find out more.

## Learn about dragonflies

Ron Lawrenz, director of the Lee and Rose Warner Nature Center, Marine on St. Croix, will present “Dragonflies: Masters of Water and Air” at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 12, at the Fairview Community Center, 1910 W. County Road B, Roseville.

Lawrenz will present the biology, behavior and other intriguing facts about these masters of the water and air.

This free St. Paul Audubon program is open to the public and there is free parking. A social time with refreshments begins at 6:45 p.m. For more information, call Linda Goodspeed at 651-647-1452.

## Women’s Drop-in Drum Circle

The Women’s Drum Center, 2242 University Ave. W., will host a Women’s Drop-in Drum Circle on Tuesday, April 10, at 7:50 p.m. Cost is \$12 at the door. Drums will be provided. Find out more at [www.womensdrumcenter.org](http://www.womensdrumcenter.org).

## Textile Center Garage Sale

The annual Textile Center Garage Sale will be held on Saturday, April 14, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the University of Minnesota Reuse Warehouse, 883 29th Ave. S.E., Minneapolis. The sale will feature fabric, yarn, threads, notions, kits, patterns, magazines, tools, beads, buttons, and finished and unfinished textile art. The center also plans to have sewing machines, sergers, looms, knitting machines and other specialty equipment available for bidding in a silent auction. Admission is \$1.

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Prizes will be given in two categories: preschool to 6th grade or 13 years to adult. Winners will be chosen by festival-goers. There will be a ballot box at the booth for festival visitors to cast their votes. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the art festival.



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### Poetry at Hamline Midway

"Poetry and the City: the Urban Muse" with Patricia Kirkpatrick will

be presented Monday, April 16, 7 p.m. at the Hamline Midway Branch Library, 1558 W. Minnehaha Ave.

Kirkpatrick is poetry editor of *Water-Stone Review* and the author of *Century's Road*.

### "Sea Marks" opens at Gremlin

"Sea Marks" opens Friday, April 20, at the Gremlin Theatre, 2400 W.

University Ave., and runs through Sunday, May 13.

"Sea Marks" is about an unlikely romance between an Irish fisherman and a career girl who fled a rustic life in Wales. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at the door, online at [www.gremlin-theatre.org](http://www.gremlin-theatre.org) or by calling 1-888-71-TICKETS. Those under 30 pay half their age every

night. Discounts are available for seniors and Fringe button holders.

Friday and Saturday shows are at 8 p.m. Sunday shows are at 4 p.m. A pay-what-you-can show will be performed on Monday, April 30, at 8 p.m.

### ECFE fundraiser at Crossroads

Crossroads Early Childhood Family Education program will host a craft night fundraiser in the gymnasium at Crossroads Elementary School, 543 Front Ave., on Friday, April 20, from 5 to 9 pm. The event will include workshops, make-and-take projects and vendors, including Tupperware, Creative Memories, Stampin' Up, Usborne Books and Thirty-One Gifts. Proceeds benefit Early Childhood Family Education Advisory Council. Cost is \$10. Email [ecfecraftnight@yahoo.com](mailto:ecfecraftnight@yahoo.com) to find out more.

### Spring craft and bake sale at Zion

Zion Lutheran Church, 1697 Lafond Ave., will hold its spring craft and bake sale on Saturday, April 21, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, April 22, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Members of the public are invited to reserve a booth and sell handmade items. For more information, email [chrissybennt2@aol.com](mailto:chrissybennt2@aol.com), call 612-

812-4697 or visit [www.zlcmidway.org](http://www.zlcmidway.org).

### Mothers talk about writing

Get ready for Mother's Day at "Mothers Write: A panel for mothers, by mothers, about mothers who write" with Kate Hopper, Katy Read, Julie Schumacher and Kate St. Vincent Vogl on Monday, April 30, 7 p.m., at St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 2245 Como Ave.

### New book explores the Twin Cities

Lauderdale resident Elizabeth S. French has authored the ninth edition of *Exploring the Twin Cities with Children*, published by Nodin Press. The book, first published in 1975, has sold more than 65,600 copies. It is filled with detailed information on area events, festivals, museums, historical sites and more.

### Photo exhibit looks at Cuba

"The Look of Cuba: After 50 Years of the U.S. embargo (1962-2012)" will open at Joan of Art Gallery, 3020 E. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis, on Saturday, April 28. A reception begins at 7 p.m. and the exhibit will run through May 26. The show is a collection of photographs by Kimber Fiebiger from a recent trip to Cuba.

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John Tinucci at the Colossal Café Photo by Roger Bergerson

## Colossal Café's Tinucci part of troop support effort

John Tinucci helped manage kitchen operations in Kuwait on Feb. 25 as the Serving Our Troops program provided more than 13,000 steak dinners to Minnesota National Guard soldiers and their fellow troops deployed there.

Tinucci, co-owner of the Colossal Café, 2315 Como Ave., St. Anthony Park, was based at Camp Buehring, Kuwait. A total of 50 Minnesota volunteers were spread across all five bases in Kuwait, where 2,700 members of the 1st Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry Division, are stationed.

Simultaneously, back home in Minnesota, nearly 300 volunteers served dinner to more than 3,000 Guard family members at the St. Paul RiverCentre. All of the locations were linked via live video.

"The theme of the program is ... a simple thing, dinner with the family," said Tinucci, who has been involved with the effort since it started in 2004. "It's not just about food, though; it's helping families stay connected.

"And it's showing our soldiers that we recognize their sacrifices and contributions and they're not forgotten." —Roger Bergerson