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## St. Anthony Park Community Band marks 30 years

By Michelle Christianson

How many community organizations have you belonged to for 30 years? Although people tend to stay involved for long periods of time in the Bugle communities, a 30-year commitment is somewhat out of the ordinary.

For Paul Husby and several



Paul Husby leads the St. Anthony Park Community Band through its first rehearsal of the 2012 season. This year marks 30 years for both Husby and the band. *Photo by Lori Hamilton* 

others, the St. Anthony Park Community Band has been a part of their lives for three decades—since the band officially began in 1982.

The band began as a loose group of neighbors who liked to play music together. Longtime St. Anthony Park residents may remember Igor Razskazoff, Jack

Strane, Gerald McKay and several others tootling away on the back of a flatbed truck in the Fourth of July parade. As the group grew, so did its need for a conductor. The group contacted the Roseville Community Band to see if anyone was interested in leading the organization. Paul Husby answered the call and has led

the musicians for the last 30 years.

Husby has deep roots in the St. Anthony Park community. His grandfather was born in St. Anthony Park and he lives in the house his parents built in Roseville, just a short bike ride away. Husby majored in

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#### By Sharon Shinomiya

Grab your swimsuit, towel and plenty of sunscreen and be prepared for some fun in the sun this summer at the new Como Regional Park Pool.

A free grand-opening celebration is set for Saturday, June 9. Festivities will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a program hosted by Mayor Chris Coleman and activities from noon until 8 p.m. that will include an open swim, door prizes, scavenger hunts, lawn games, a jump castle and a climbing wall.

The new \$9.2 million pool features a 400-foot lazy river with both single- and double-rider tubes; an aquatic zip line; a diving well with a one-meter diving board, two

platforms and an aquatic rock climbing wall; a children's splash pool; a six-lane lap pool with two basketball hoops; locker rooms; and a concession stand. The final cost of the project includes site and roadwork, as well as the pool and its amenities. The project was funded by the City of St. Paul's Capital Improvement Budget Committee, the Metropolitan Council and Minnesota's Legacy and Heritage funds.

The park has been without a pool since fall 2008, when the 46-year-old facility was closed due to mechanical and electrical failures. A community design process took

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# St. Anthony Park Arts Festival gets a makeover

Organizers say changes will put 43-year-old community event on more professional footing

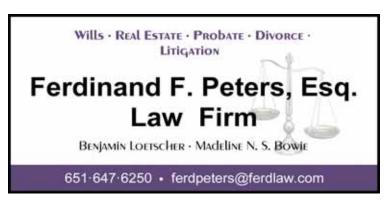
#### By Judy Woodward

Visitors to the 43rd annual St. Anthony Park Arts Festival on Saturday, June 2, will notice a few changes. More art and fewer trinkets might be the easiest way to sum it up.

"No more soap," said professional potter Ken Chin-Purcell, president of the St. Anthony Park Library Association, which sponsors the event. No more geese or "bottoms-up" yard ornaments, noted organizer Rose Gregoire.

"No more baby-shower centerpieces made of clean diapers," said publicity chair Arlene West, who added reminiscently that these particular pieces "looked like wedding cakes. There are lots of fun

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#### 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.

#### Tree-watering bags available

Tree-watering bags are available for residents to use to water new trees in the boulevards and parks. The bags wrap around the trees and need to be filled once a week. Contact Mike MacDonald, mrmacpc@yahoo.com, to get a tree bag. These are only for trees on public boulevards and parks, not in private yards.

#### It's garlic mustard removal time

Volunteers are needed to help remove garlic mustard in the Como Woodland Outdoor Classroom on Saturday, April 28, from 9 to 11 a.m. The St. Paul Parks and Recreation Natural Resources Unit will be on hand to provide training and educate participants about the project.

#### Neighborhood sale is May 19

The Como neighborhood garage sale will be held May 21. Participants must register with the District 10 office by Friday, April 27. A \$10 fee covers the cost of advertising and administration. Questions? Call 651-644-3889 or email District 10, district10@district10comopark.org.

#### 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.

#### Zumba classes offered Falcon Heights Park and Recreation

is offering one-hour Zumba classes contact City Hall, 651-792-7650. on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. from May 17 to June 21, at Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave. The cost is \$51 for Falcon Heights residents, and \$57 for nonresidents, or \$12 per session. Register online at www.falconheights.org or call 651-792-7600.

#### Lauderdale

The Lauderdale City Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut St.

#### Citywide garage sale is May 19

The Lauderdale citywide garage sale will be held Saturday, May 19, starting at 8 a.m.

Call City Hall, 651-792-7650, by May 11 to be included on the list.

#### **Lions Club Bike Drive**

The Lions Club, in conjunction with Cycles for Change, will hold a bike drive on Saturday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Falcon Heights City Hall parking lot, 2077 Larpenteur Ave.

The bikes will be refurbished and given to someone who will use them. Cycles for Change (sibleybikedepot.org) is a nonprofit community bike shop located in the Frogtown area of St. Paul.

#### **Music Under the Trees**

Check out the city website, www.ci.lauderdale.mn.us, updates on the June and July dates and musicians for Music Under the Trees. The City of Lauderdale is looking for a volunteer to book these

If you would like to help,

This year's music events are expected to feature musicians who hold the copyrights to their music or play music already in the public domain. Otherwise, the city would need to purchase public performance licenses from two or three music licensing companies at an annual cost of up to \$1,000.

#### **Summer recreation programs**

The Lauderdale City Council renewed the recreation agreements with the cities of Roseville and Falcon Heights.

Roseville will offer recreation programs at Lauderdale Community Park starting in June. Lauderdale residents will be charged the same rate as Roseville residents, with the city paying the price difference. Lauderdale is also sponsoring the cost of the weekly puppet shows that will be held on Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. (June 21 to Aug. 9).

Lauderdale residents can also participate in Falcon Heights programs for the same price as Falcon Heights residents.

The City of Lauderdale promotes these arrangements to bring recreation programs close to home without the expense of running them. Find out more at www.ci.falcon-heights.mn.us www.ci.roseville.mn.us.

#### 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 Št. Anthony Recreation Center (SSA), 890 Cromwell Ave. The district's Land Use Committee meets on

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## Citizenship award goes to Falcon Heights teens

Two Falcon Heights teens recently received the annual Neal Kwong Youth Citizenship Award.

Neal Kwong was a Falcon Heights resident who died of carbon monoxide poisoning at the age of 15 in August 2000. He was a volunteer in the Parks and Recreation Junior Leaders Program, an Eagle Scout and a great young citizen. In his memory, the Kwong family and the city established the award to recognize people between the ages of 12 and 19 who display outstanding leadership, voluntarism or citizenship in the Falcon Heights community.

Seth Reasoner, 16, nominated by Falcon Heights resident Diane Ross. Reasoner has recently obtained the rank of Eagle Scout by cleaning up local parks and creating emergency aid kits for seniors. He volunteers weekly at the Lyngblomsten Nursing Home, providing a variety of services such as meal and mail delivery and helping with various classes. Reasoner recently completed a mission trip to Arkansas to help paint houses and will be participating in a mission trip to New Orleans this summer. He has also participated as a Feed the Hungry Children volunteer.



Seth Reasoner (second from left) and Katherine Allen (right) receive the Neal Kwong Award from Falcon Heights Mayor Peter Lindquist (far left) and Gary Kwong, Neal Kwong's father.

Katherine Allen, 17, was nominated by Falcon Heights resident and Minnesota Sen. Mary Jo McGuire. Allen started her civic engagement by becoming part of the Interfaith Youth Leadership Coalition. Additionally, she has been an active member of her church's national youth ministry advisory

team. At Roseville Area Senior High School, Allen is a member of the Gay-Straight Alliance and serves on the Roseville District Curriculum Advisory Committee. She is currently pursuing service project opportunities to achieve the Girl Scout's Gold Award.

# A lifetime of good memories

The St. Anthony Park Community Foundation honors Bruce Perrizo, program director at Langford Park during the 1960s and 1970s

By Roy Magnusson

"You must know that there is nothing higher and stronger and more wholesome and good for life in the future than some good memory, especially a memory of childhood, of home."

So says Fyodor Dostoyevsky in The Brothers Karamazov. This year's recipient of the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation's Spirit of the Park Award, Bruce Perrizo, helped give a generation of St. Anthony Park kids a lifetime of good memories as the playground director at Langford Park for nearly a decade, beginning 50 years ago this May 2.

The Spirit of the Park Award was established in 2007 to honor those who have demonstrated extraordinary dedication to the St. Anthony Park community. Awards are presented each year at the Fourth in the Park festivities at Langford Park on July 4.

For hundreds of families and kids, operating for nine years out of a 20-by-40-foot building known affectionately as "the Shanty," Perrizo ran a recreation program that was truly communitywide: part athletic, part social; sometimes highly structured, often deliberately softly structured "kid run," Perrizo might say. But always—five days a week, 52 weeks a year—active and engaging, and for the kids of the 1960s, their home away from home.

Picture a typical July 6 in the mid-1960s at "The Park," as Langford was called. The old Shanty, sitting in the south end of the horseshoe in front of the train tracks is the scene of organized energy. Perhaps 40 to 70 bicycles are parked by the tetherball pole, many of the smaller bikes still festooned with redwhite-and-blue crepe paper and streamers from the July 4 parade two days before. Most of the bikes have ball gloves hanging from the handlebars. The younger kids are at the park for T-ball or intramural baseball and softball practice. The older kids are playing in the daily pick-up softball game, multi-age, assisted as Paul Savage and other softly organized by Perrizo (who will play some, fashionably attired in city government maze and athletic glasses and Bermuda shorts, with the occasional clashing boxer short protruding).

Younger kids will learn from the older kids, the older kids will learn about being role models, and memories will be created. Dave will become Manny (and still is to this day) because Blur thought that he swung a softball bat like Manny Mota, and Head, Horse, Beak and T.H.E. Kid (self-named, did not last) will agree. And Perrizo, no printable nickname, will concur.

Perrizo's Langford was a place where Title IX lived long before it was the law of the land. Girls' sports was a full component of Langford Park. When asked why years later, Perrizo begins a longer response by stating quite bluntly, "They were our best athletes."



Bruce Perrizo stands near the "new" recreation building at Langford Park, which opened near the end of his tenure as playground director there. Photo by Lori Hamilton

In the winter, ice (not just a hockey rink, but a general skating rink used by dozens of people daily) became the focus. Jack Pearson, Dick Holmsten, Bill Paist, Stu Peterson and the late Trygg Hansen were several of many cited by Perrizo as people whose contributions were crucial. For many of those who grew up skating on that ice, a road trip to Albert Lea to play hockey is among their cherished memories of childhood.

They didn't call it the Baby Boom for nothing. In the 1960s, St. Anthony Park Elementary School had two classes per grade composed of students who walked to school (and home for lunch). Nearby, Corpus Christi school was doing so well that it hired Perrizo to teach a morning physical education class for a decade.

The program at Langford Park was outgrowing the Shanty. Many will remember moving the football, baseball and softball gear and uniforms in and out of the basements and garages of the Comstock and Johnson homes, to name only two families who volunteered more than just time to Perrizo and the park. Working behind the scenes (he was a city employee, after all), Perrizo neighborhood leaders navigated the successfully secured funding for the first of the two "new" buildings at Langford. Denny Grebner designed the building, which included a gym and made possible onsite basketball and volleyball. It opened in the early 1970s, near the end of Perrizo's tenure there.

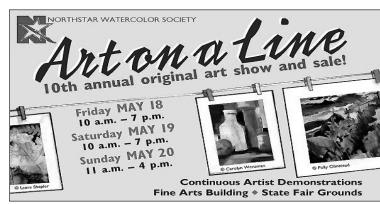
But lack of a building had not stopped Perrizo from expanding the program in the 1960s. Working with Genevieve Nelson at St. Anthony Park Elementary School, Perrizo created an active after-school program at the grade school. Some Langford activities were moved to the gym at Murray High School's new building. That's where Perrizo met his wife, Pat, who was teaching at Murray.

Perrizo also managed to use the old Luther Seminary gym for park programs. Summer programs sprawled from Langford to Murray Field and often to the Seminary field. In the last decade before car air conditioning became standard, Perrizo's open-windowed, lefthanded wave over the roof following only one brief toot of the horn as he was driving from site to site became his signature mark.

Life moves on, and Perrizo moved on to a successful career in the St. Paul Parks and Recreation Department as a district supervisor. Langford Park and the Fourth in the Park festivities were frequent parts of his work life as he oversaw the

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## E D I T O R I A L

# The best of the Twin Cities is right here

The park, with its inviting slopes on all sides, was named the metro-area venue with the Best Sledding in the 2012 Best of the Twin Cities awards bestowed by the monthly newspaper City Pages in April.

Who told them about Suicide Hill, the steep embankment just north of the sidewalk on the 2200 block of Carter Avenue in St. Anthony Park? Sliding down that icy incline in the winter is a treasured rite of passage for both kids and adults in the area.

College Park is not the only local recreational amenity in Bugleland that received a shout-out in the annual awards.

Como Regional Park was named Best Park for its year-round indoor conservatory, Japanese garden, athletic fields, golf course, zoo, lake, ski facilities and brand-new pool, slated to open Memorial Day weekend (be sure to read about the new pool in the article "Como Pool to open" on Page 1).

And the Minnesota State Fair was named Best Tourist Attraction. While

We've known it all along, and now the secret's out: College Park has the best sledding in the Twin Cities.

Bugle readers aren't exactly tourists when it comes to the State Fair, many of us do have the same appreciation that the 1.8 million other visitors to the 12-day event have when it comes to checking out the butter sculptures, the prize-winning pies, the juried state art show, the 4-H exhibits, the rides and

> Chocolat Céleste, just off University Avenue at 652 Transfer Road in south St. Anthony Park, is where owner Mary Leonard uses ingredients such as chile peppers, champagne and ale to create her artisanal chocolates. Her work earned her the Best Chocolate award.

> St. Anthony Park's newest eatery, the Colossal Café, 2315 Como Ave., was deemed Best Neighborhood Café and was noted for its giant cinnamon rolls, sandwiches and its signature pancakes, called flappers.

> It's fun to see the recognition of these local gems, and we know there are plenty of other treasures in our neighborhoods. The best of the Twin Cities is in our own backyard.

# Bugle publisher seeks community input

The Park Bugle serves the communities of Como Park, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale and St. Anthony Park. We would love input from readers in each of these communities to find out what you would like to read in your neighborhood newspaper.

If you would like to participate in a Bugle Readership Advisory

Committee (which will require very little of your time), e-mail Bugle board member Jan Sedgewick at juniebirds@gmail by Tuesday, May 15. In your message, please include the readership area you live or work in. We hope to hear from you soon.

The Park Bugle welcomes letters and commentaries from our readers. Send your submissions to editor@parkbugle.org or to Editor, Park Bugle, P.O. Box 8126, St. Paul, MN 55108. The deadline for the June issues is Wednesday, May 16.

#### **Coyote spotted at College Park**

I live in a house adjacent to College Park. On a recent evening in March, I happened to be out on our back porch and saw a coyote come up the hill and into our backyard facing the

At first I assumed it was a dog, probably a skinny German shepherd mix. As I continued to watch, I realized it was not a dog. I was shocked and really did not want to believe what I was seeing. I turned on our back porch light and he moved down toward the park into the direct light of the lamp illuminating the walkway between Carter and Doswell. I saw him very clearly and it was definitely a coyote. He stayed long enough for me to call my husband and son so they could also see him. He walked/loped away in

the direction of Doswell on the Lesch sponsors bill to protect walking path and I lost sight of him as he approached the street.

I know a bit about coyotes from personal experience. Their gait and appearance is distinctive.

I am absolutely sure about my sighting or I would not be writing this letter to the Bugle. I am very concerned about the many small dogs in our neighborhood. They could be at risk. In fact, I am worried about our dog should she encounter the coyote. I wonder if anyone else has seen and reported this "visitor" to our neighborhood?

I tried to get a photo, but he disappeared before I could get my cell phone. Next time I will be ready.

> Mary Baker St. Anthony Park

# social media information

Recently, there have been reports in the media about employers requiring prospective employees to divulge their Facebook password during the interview process. This practice is illegal and does not follow Minnesota Statute 363A.08, subdivision 4(a), which states that it is unfair practice for employers to require or request information pertaining to certain demographic data, such as gender, religion, race or creed. This information, along with a multitude of other personal information, can be found on social media sites, such as Facebook. Users post personal information on social media sites with the understanding and confidence that they can control who

Currently, Minnesota law does not explicitly state that employers are not entitled to their prospective employees' personal social media information, including usernames and passwords. Rep. John Lesch (D-66A) introduced H.F. 2982 to include this into Minnesota law to help protect employee rights and personal privacy. Please join him in standing up for your rights as a citizen and employee by supporting

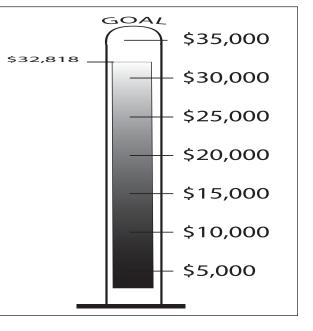
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# Thanks, Bugle readers

Thanks to you, the Park Bugle has raised \$32,818 toward our \$35,000 goal in our 2011–2012 fund drive. The Bugle relies on tax-deductible donations to help defray the newspaper's annual operating costs. If you haven't contributed to the fund drive, you still can. You can donate online at www.parkbugle.org. Click the green DONATE NOW button in the top right-hand corner. Or send a check to Park Bugle, P.O. Box 8126, St. Paul, MN 55108. The following people gave between March 17 and April 15.

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In kind Mary Bren



# One last hurrah to Poetry Month

In the April issue of the Park Bugle, we printed five of the 24 poems that were submitted to our second annual poetry contest: the top three winners and two honorable mentions, which happen to be villanelles. We regretfully overlooked two other villanelles in our entries. To Andrew Bergstrom and Gary Carlson, who accepted our challenge to write the highly structured 19-line poem, you are now honorably mentioned. Here are their poems.

#### The Trails Above

Alas my brain evicts reason, but again your song invades Never greater ever growing, bequeathed to grey skies Damask, once blue to grey her face degrades.

Revel we in fantasy beneath these grey parades Ever shall peril be so long as we deny Weather, attention paid or held, your song invades.

Beautiful once these blue skies, now a masquerade Egregious, the notes to a song so filled with lies Remember, once blue to grey her face degrades.

Glean our memories from beneath charades Silently pondering what it implies Tapestry woven, again your song invades.

Reclaim our gem bereft of sapphire serenade Or abstain from battle as it dies Maligned, once blue to grey her face degrades.

Behold the trails as a demon who persuades Let not his shroud, obscure him from your eyes Alas my brain evicts reason, but again your song invades Damask, once blue to grey her face degrades.

-Andrew Bergstrom

#### Strange Winter

No wind chill, no snowfall, very strange Winter should influence the entire brain Wait awhile it will almost surely change Dry topsoil for the farmer on his grange There's not much hope for the grain No wind chill, no snowfall, very strange

The temperatures are well out of range More mental instead of physical pain Wait awhile it will almost surely change

The snow and rain frequently interchange Doesn't do much good for you to complain No wind chill, no snowfall, very strange

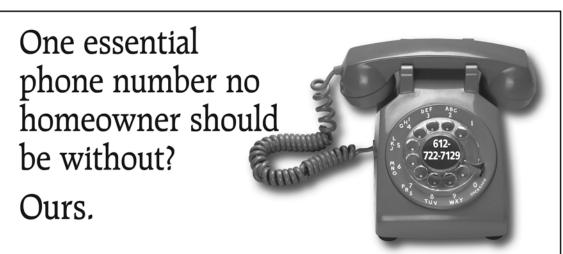
You may want warm vacation to arrange But listen to the villanelle's refrain Wait awhile it will almost surely change

Pseudowinter can cause your mind to derange This, too, shall pass, I can safely proclaim No wind chill, no snowfall, very strange Wait awhile it will almost surely change

-Gary Carlson

## Library needs gardeners to help weed and plant

The St. Anthony Park Library Association needs help with weeding and planting on the library lawn. Gardeners can join in at the library, located at 2245 Como Ave., on Tuesdays and Fridays, 10–11 a.m. One-timers are welcome.



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#### Arts festival from 1

hobbies out there," but not all are destined for the arts festival. "We're going to run it more like other, better-known art fairs," she said.

The idea is to put the longtime neighborhood fair on a more professional footing by offering great art and attracting more visitors from outside St. Anthony Park.

One step toward that goal was to drop the traditional rolling jury process in favor of identity-blind judging by well-known artists to determine which applicants were chosen for the festival's available art slots. That means that some artists who have been part of the arts festival for years did not make it into the fair this year.

Since its start in 1969, the arts festival has been the major annual fundraising project of the St. Anthony Park Library Association. This year, Chin-Purcell saw a potential way to increase revenue for the project, as well as give a boost to the artistic stature of the undertaking, by inviting four featured artists to take part. Potter Bob Briscoe, sculptor Marcia McEachron, painter and sculptor Dan Mackerman and glass artist Craig Campbell are all acknowledged masters in their fields.

Mackerman, of Lauderdale, has modeled hundreds of figures for the iconic Dayton's/Macy's downtown Christmas displays. He's also a painter whose work is on display at the Como HealthPartners Clinic among many other venues. Visitors to the Episcopal Homes on University Avenue will recognize McEachron as the creator of "Out of the Woods," the larger-than-life metal leaves that decorate the corner of Fairview and University avenues.

When asked how the association chose these four, Chin-Purcell responded, "They chose us." Chin-Purcell has known Briscoe and his work for many years. When he approached the St. Croix Valleybased potter, Chin-Purcell explained, "We want to make this a highquality, one-day art fair." Intrigued, Briscoe signed on as a "featured artist" and brought glass-blower Craig Campbell aboard.

The affiliation of such wellknown figures persuaded other artists to consider applying for the show.

"The featured artists have attracted a whole new group of high-quality artists to apply,' said Gregoire. She said this year's festival attracted 75 "higher-quality" artists, but the eventual goal is to build up to about 100 participants.

The four featured artists, along with artists Jan Sedgewick and Emily Chesick, juried the rest of art competitors. Applicants paid a \$15 jury fee to cover costs for the new online application system and to pay the jurors a stipend (jurors were paid \$80 each for their

Thanks to the Boss Foundation for the Arts, there is an additional incentive for participants. This year, the Boss family has donated funds to cover a \$400 Best in Show prize, plus three merit awards of \$200 each.

Another source of aid comes from Andersen Windows, which is providing a grant to help market the event beyond the immediate neighborhood. This is the second year that the company has helped sponsor the festival. The planning committee is also launching a social media effort on Twitter and Facebook to publicize the festival.

One welcome addition to the festival's website will be parking directions for those who come from

outside the neighborhood to visit the festival.

This year, Murray Junior High School [on Buford Avenue] and the St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church [at the intersection of Hillside and Como] will allow festival visitors to use their parking lots," Gregoire said.

What won't change about the festival is the traditional mix of food booths, family-fun attractions (including the ever-popular Water Wars) and the St. Anthony Park Library's annual used book sale.

Traditionally, the festival raises several thousand dollars a year to support programs at the library. Much of the money goes to expanding the Summer Reading Program, the library's weekly roster of activities designed to keep gradeschool children involved with books and reading during school vacation.

"We almost double the summer reading program allocation [of funds]," said Gregoire, noting that the summer program attracts "kids from five or six ZIP codes" and helps counter "the huge drop-off in reading skills" that can affect children during long summers spent away from the classroom.

Visitors with long memories will realize that this isn't the first time that change has come to the Arts Festival. According to West, in the early days the event, which was originally known as the Arts and Craft Festival and Boutique, featured volunteers "dressed in Victorian costumes."

Maybe dressing up as Victorian ladies made it easier for the organizers to circulate at the end of the day to collect a percentage of the profits from the artists. Sometime during the 1970s, the costumes were dropped and the financial arrangements of the festival changed to the present system of charging artists a flat, up-front fee.

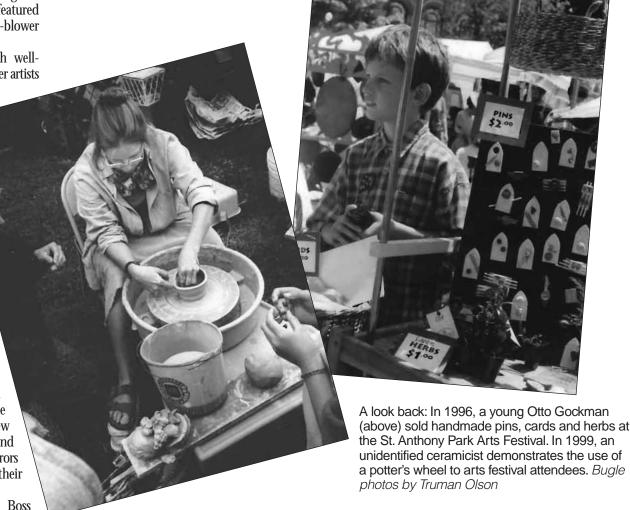
A few years ago, the festival expanded from its traditional base on the library lawn when Luther Seminary began making part of its front lawn available for additional booths.

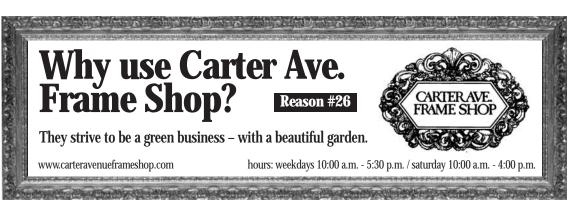
Chin-Purcell calls the present event a work-in-progress: "It takes years to create a great one-day art show. This is early days, and it's

Added Gregoire: "This is a great community event for a great community institution."

Learn more about the festival and see a gallery of the accepted artists at the festival website, www.stanthonyparkartsfestival.org.

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







the boulevard by Park Service on Como Avenue. Mark your name, phone number and category on the inside of your hat.

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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# Pie social and plant sale are arts festival weekend traditions

Mark your calendars for two more St. Anthony Park traditions the first weekend in June: the Northern Lights 4-H Club pie and ice cream social and the St. Anthony Park Garden Club's annual plant sale.

The 4-H social will be held Friday, June 1, from 7 to 9 p.m., on the Luther Seminary lawn at the corner of Como Avenue and Luther Place. The St. Anthony Park Community Band will perform at 7:15 p.m.

The St. Anthony Park Garden Club Plant Sale will be held Saturday, June 2, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tents and tables will be set up at Park Service, 2277 Como Ave., during the St. Anthony Park Arts Festival. Garden club members and master gardeners will be on hand to offer gardening ideas, guidance and specifics about plant culture. Proceeds from the sale benefit garden and natural resource projects in St Anthony Park.

Featured plants at the sale will include sedum, iris, hosta, daylilies, monarda, black-eyed Susans, native plants, herbs and annuals.

#### Heartwood Festival seeks artists

The Hamline Midway neighborhood is seeking artists for the third annual Hamline Midway Heartwood Festival (formerly Spring Fest) to be held Saturday, June 2. The festival will be held at Newell Park, 900 N. Fairview Ave., from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and will feature art and music.

Booths are \$75 or free with a donation of equal or greater value to the festival's silent auction. Booths are 10-by-10 feet and may be shared.

To participate, submit an image of your work (file size no larger than 1MB) or a link to faith@hamlinemidway.org no later than Friday, May 18.

# Nominate a Como tree

Como Park residents: It's time to nominate your favorite Como Park neighborhood tree for a Como Tree Appreciation Award. The District 10 Environment Committee is sponsoring the awards as a way to treasure the neighborhood's valuable trees and promote tree planting. Nominate a residential tree—big or small, old or new, yours or a neighbor's—by using the form at district10comopark.org/nominateatree html

Nominations will be accepted until Friday, May 25. Winners will be notified by late June.

#### Perrizo from page 3

Northwest District and regularly worked the Fourth.

At this year's July 4 celebration, Perrizo will serve as grand marshal in the parade down Como Avenue and will be honored at the bandstand at Langford Park during the opening ceremonies. A special reunion gathering for all of the "Park Kids" of the 1960s, 1970s and beyond is the theme of this year's event. Friends of Perrizo are invited to greet him from 1 to 4 p.m. at a special "Perrizo's Palace" tent to be located by the horseshoe pits.

Roy Magnuson is a teacher and coach at Como Park Senior High School and one of many of "Bruce's kids."





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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 to find out the location each month. The Environment Committee meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month at SSA.

#### **Midway Local Food Hub**

www.hamlinemidway.org/midwayand seedling distribution on May 19.

## Rain barrels and compost bins

There are two opportunities to get a rain barrel and compost bin in the area. The city of Roseville is hosting a sale that is open to anyone on Saturday, May 5, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Compost bins cost \$45 and rain barrels cost \$55 and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Find out more at the website,

cityofroseville.com/rainbarrelsale.

RecycleMinnesota is offering rain barrels and compost bins. To order, go to RecycleMinnesota.org. Rain barrels are \$69; compost bins are \$55.

#### Pop-up art show on University

Art Du Nord's first pop-up show will open on Friday, April 27, in a storefront at 2401 W. University Ave. from 6 to 9 p.m. and run for four weeks. The show will feature prints and works on paper, contemporary paintings, furniture and design products—all by artists and designers living and working in and around Minneapolis and St. Paul. The show is in a former frame shop that has remained empty during light-rail construction. It is made possible thanks to the Starling Project, a group working to match-make aspiring entrepreneurs and retail or office space-seekers with landlords looking for tenants.

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Council, 890 Cromwell Ave., where they will be recycled and help raise money for the council.

#### **New board members**

The St. Anthony Park Community Council held elections on April 10. The board for 2012-13 is Richard Bliese, Ray Bryan, Linda Hodge, Stephen Mastey, Paul Mix, Katie Novotny and Julie Wagner (business delegation); Gary Carlson, Brian Clark, Steve Kranz, Seth Levin, John Seltz, John Seppanen and Steve Yetter (north delegation); and Bjorn Arneson, Joshua Bau, Kevin Caufield, Ranae Hanson, Matt Hass, Annette Hyder and JoAnne Makela (south delegation).

#### Permaculture gardening in the city

Dina Kountoupes, co-owner of Harvest Moon Backyard Farmers, will lead the program "Permaculture Gardening in the Desert and in the City" on Tuesday, May 8, at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave. Refreshments will begin at 6:45 p.m. and the program will start at 7 p.m.

The documentary *Greening the Desert* will be shown. The film shows how Geoff Lawton of Australia's Permaculture Research Institute used permaculture to create an oasis of agriculture in the Jordanian desert.

The event is hosted by the District 12 Energy Resilience Group.

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# A rinkside view of Langford hockey

By Dana Fried

There's a thud as the puck hits the ice and Andy Frisell quickly backs away from the scrambling hockey players. This year, Frisell had the privilege to drop the first puck of the Langford Park Winter Classic in January because he led parent volunteers in a fierce battle with Mother Nature over the ice.

The ice may have been soft due to the unseasonably warm winter weather, but it was still skateable. In the days before the Classic, Frisell and others swept and flooded the rink multiple times a day, including in the wee hours of the morning.

Why would anyone flood a rink at 5 a.m.?

"I enjoy it," Frisell said, "and the kids like it.

One person who appreciated the hard work of the ice crews was John Savelkoul, who was one of the coaches of the White Squirt team, made up mostly of fourth-graders. As a young team, they were at a disadvantage against some of their older opponents, but Savelkoul pointed out that "our kids held their own and never gave up no matter who we played.'

The team steadily improved over the course of the season before heading into the District 1 tournament, where they played Edgecumbe Green. "They beat us three times in the regular season, but we crushed them in the playoffs. I was really proud of our kids," Savelkoul reported.

Eric Wieffering coached the older Squirt team, Langford Blue,

which was made up mostly of fifthgraders. The Blue squad had 10 returning players, but the team also had its share of hurdles, including a rough Langford Classic. "Everyone was hoping that we'd win the tournament," Wieffering said, "so losing two of the three games in overtime was tough."

Despite some nonconference losses, Langford Blue was undefeated in district play going into the seasonend tournament.

"I think we'll remember the championship game for a long time," Wieffering said. "We were down 1-0, but no one seemed to get anxious or worried, and we played a great team game to win 2-1."

At the PeeWee level (sixth- and seventh-graders), there was a big rule change as Minnesota Hockey decided that there would no longer be checking.

Ben Williams, a defenseman on the Langford PeeWee squad disagreed with the decision. "It's hockey and its supposed to be rough," he said.

Isabella DiGiorno, one of the goalies for the Squirt Blue team, agreed with the ruling, "because more people would get hurt and it would be more dangerous," she said.

Carter Moorman, one of DiGiorno's teammates, agreed with Williams: There should be checking because "checking is awesome."

All the parents and coaches interviewed, however, agreed with the new rule. According to Wieffering, "There's too big a size

difference between kids" at the PeeWee level.

Scott Hamilton, one of the coaches of both the PeeWee and Bantam teams, agreed with Wieffering, saying that PeeWees were "still learning the game" and might not be ready for checking.

Missy Lundquist, mother of a Squirt and a PeeWee, added that kids "learn to play the game better when they don't have to check."

That appears to be true for the Langford PeeWees, who didn't lose a single game on the way to the District 1 tournament. Hamilton said that "somewhere a hockey light switch went on in every player," and added, "I think everybody gained the confidence to be creative on the ice and try new things, whether it was positional play or a shot or a fancy move."

In the first round of the tournament, they crushed their opponent 9-1, followed by a closer District 1 championship game, which they won 4-3. The season was not over, however, as the PeeWees had also played in the tougher District 8, which had its own tournament.

Once again, they began the tourney with dominating victories before a tough championship game—this time against Lakeville White.

Despite controlling the pace of the game, the PeeWee season came to an end with a 3-1 loss against a goalie who held them to one goal on 37 shots.



The Langford Park Blue Squirts after they won the District 1 championship. Photo by Mark Moorman

Hamilton was also one of the coaches for the Langford Bantam team (eighth- and ninth-graders), which included players from other programs and even some kids that were brand new to hockey. But what they lacked in overall experience, they made up for with effort and attitude.

"Given the newness of the team, a lot of the Bantam games were tough ones," Hamilton explained.
"In typical Langford tradition, however, the Bantam boys never gave

up. They kept playing hard in every game despite the score."

"The great thing about the Langford Hockey program is that anyone is welcome to join and play, regardless of experience or skill level," Savelkoul said. "I think that is pretty unique these days."

Dana Fried is a 5th-grader at Capitol Hill. Her twin sister, Sophie, played on the Langford Squirt Blue hockey team.



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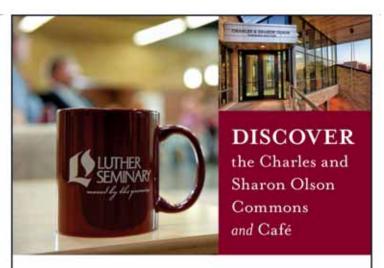
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# Como Regional Park continues to upgrade and add amenities

By Sharon Shinomiya

The opening of the new pool is one of many projects happening at Como Regional Park. Here is a list of projects and improvements initiated in the park in the last year.

**TWO ELECTRIC VEHICLE SOLAR CHARGING STATIONS** began operating in April. One station is located at the lakeside pavilion and the other is on Jessamine Avenue near McMurray Field. The City of St. Paul received federal stimulus funds to purchase electric vehicles and install charging stations throughout the city. Cost to use the stations is \$1 per hour.

**WORK ON THE 1895 HISTORIC LILY POND** began in October 2011. The pond walls and bottom were removed and are being rebuilt in a nearly identical footprint. The pond's fieldstone footbridge will be tuck pointed and a new railing installed. The restored pond will feature Minnesota aquatic plants. A small cascade and fountain will circulate water, a concrete walk will encircle the pond, and there will be a seating area and an overlook area. This \$640,000 project, funded by the Minnesota Parks and Trails Fund, will be completed in June.

**THE EXCEDRA**, located in front of the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory, is being renovated after its stone wall, which supported the 1929 pergola and platform overlooking the frog pond, collapsed in late summer 2010. The \$170,400 project began in fall 2011 and is expected to be completed in May.

**CONSTRUCTION ON THE GORILLA FOREST** at the Como Zoo began in September 2011. The \$11 million project is expected to open in summer 2013. It will feature two natural outdoor habitats and a large pavilion for indoor viewing. Funding for the project came from a 2010 state bonding appropriation.

**COMO WOODLAND OUTDOOR CLASSROOM:** With \$218,000 from the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund, volunteers and city staff are transforming this large wooded area into an outdoor classroom. In 2011 many invasive species were removed, 24 native trees were planted in the coniferous forest and volunteers installed 3,600 plants in the floodplain terrace forest. Plans for this year include trail-system installation, signage, seeding of prairie areas and continued removal of invasive plants. A burdock bust is scheduled for Saturday, June 23. Interested? Register at www.stpaul.gov/index.aspx?NID=1043.

**THE WEST PICNIC PLAY AREA** will receive a \$345,000 renovation beginning in August. The new play area will include a large rope-climbing structure that will connect bridges, ropes and other elements to landforms, an 8-foot embankment slide and a swing bay overlooking the fire rings. Infant swings and a play area for young children will be built separate from the main structures meant for older children. The project will be funded through the Capital Improvement Budget funds and a STAR grant.

**THE JAPANESE GARDEN EXPERIENCE** is a \$2.625 million project fully funded by Como Friends and will include a new wing with a bonsai gallery, outdoor bonsai garden and terrace, and a realigned walk leading to the Japanese Garden. Construction fencing was installed and trees were removed last fall to prepare for the beginning of work in April. It will open in spring 2013.

**THE HISTORIC STREETCAR FOOTBRIDGE:** The city has secured \$1.2 million in Federal Transportation Enhancement and local matching funds to transform this historic bridge into an interpretive site. Engineering, design and a plan review by the State Historic Preservation Office will be completed this year. The review will determine what portions of the bridge can be preserved to allow for a future complete restoration. The cost includes historical research. Bidding and construction will begin in early 2013.

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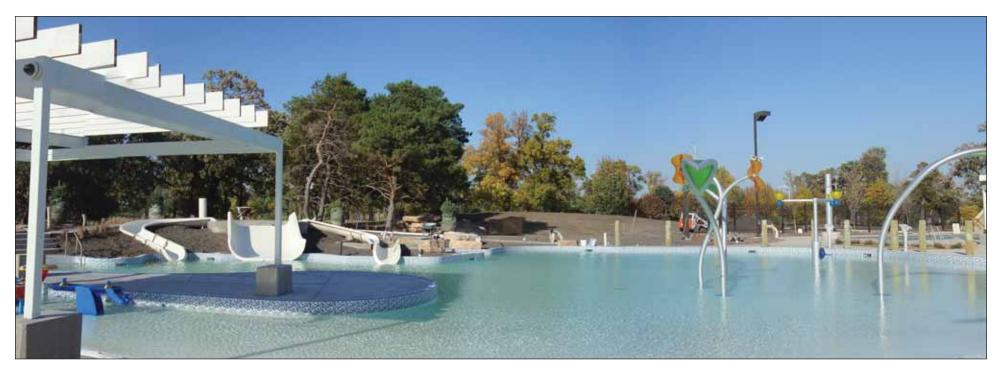
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The new Como Pool children's splash pool is shown above. The lap pool, at right, features a diving well and basketball hoops. Photos courtesy of St. Paul Parks and Recreation

#### Como Pool from 1

place in 2008 and 2009, where regional and local stakeholders had the opportunity to weigh in on the design for the new pool.

"We've certainly felt the impact of having Como Pool offline for four years," said Michael Hahm, St. Paul Parks and Recreation director, "but we wanted to do things right and didn't want to rush the new design for this premium regional amenity."

Energy efficiency environmental concerns deemed important aspects of the new design. The facility has 12 solar panels that will heat water for the sinks and showers in the locker rooms and concession stand. The pool is surrounded by landscaping,

including rain gardens to reduce runoff into the parking lots. Along with St. Paul's two other aquatic facilities, the pool uses sphagnum moss to treat its water, which greatly reduces the need for chemicals. St. Paul is the first city in the nation to adopt sphagnum moss treatment in its municipal pools and with its partner, Creative Water Solutions won the Governor's Award for Pollution Prevention in 2011.

for lap swim, open swim, water aerobics and swim lessons. Open swim will be available from noon to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from noon to 7 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, and from noon to 8

p.m. with some restrictions on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Details of the schedules for lap swim, water aerobics and swim lessons can be found in the St. Paul Parks and Recreation 2012 Summer Activities Brochure available around town and online at www.stpaul.gov on the Parks and Recreation page.

Admission ranges from \$4.50 for youth less than 48 inches tall to \$6.50 for adults under age 62. The pool schedule includes time Families of up to five members can pay one fee of \$16, with each additional member costing \$3. There is a deck fee of \$2 for those who don't use the pool facilities. Group rates are also available.

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Fitness Days are scheduled for June 15, July 20 and Aug. 17. On those days, admission to St. Paul's three aquatic facilities—Como Pool, Highland Park Aquatic Center and Great River Water Park —will be only \$2.

If weather allows, the new pool will open preseason Memorial Day weekend, May 26-28, and on June 2–3 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Residents of Districts 10 and 6 may have an opportunity to check out the new pool during one of several "soft" openings in May that will allow pool staff to test the facility and operations systems.

Some vandalism occurred during construction, but since completion there have been no further incidents. The pool is protected by an 8-foot security fence, as required by state code, and during swim season an overnight attendant

will be on site. Twelve security cameras record activity around the facility and anti-graffiti coatings were applied to building surfaces.

The pool entrance and parking lots are now on the south side of the facility off Como Avenue. The 215 parking stalls are expected to accommodate both pool and McMurray Field users. Como is currently a through street, but future plans have it dead-ended at the Como Woodland Outdoor Classroom. Plans also call for the pool to become a stop on the route of a future circulating shuttle through

Follow Como Pool on Facebook for specials throughout the summer.

Sharon Shinomiya is a freelance writer who lives in the Como Park neighborhood.

# Pool's new entrance on Como aims to relieve traffic congestion

By Anne Holzman

rivers approaching McMurray Field for sports events this summer should be aware of changes resulting from the new pool entrance.

Access to the pool parking area off Horton Avenue has been eliminated to relieve congestion on Horton. Instead of turning off Horton, as it did three years ago, pool traffic will now share the Como Avenue route to McMurray Field, using the small stretch of Como Avenue that lies a block south of Horton off of Lexington Avenue. This stretch of Como Avenue does not connect to Hamline Avenue.

Turning into the parking area shared by the pool and the sports field along Como Avenue, drivers will encounter a curving two-way street with parking slots along it and on a spur to the side. There is also a dropoff drive for the pool.

Parents dropping off young athletes can expect "less than usual" parking on Como Avenue during the pool's peak hours, said St. Paul Parks and Recreation Department spokesman Brad Meyer. Peak hours are likely to be at midday on weekdays and all day on weekends.

"But a lot of the games take place [at McMurray Field] in the evening, when the pool will be less busy," he said. "Weekends may present the most instances of parking overlap."

There may be an early-season rush when the pool opens this spring, he said. "Visitors should expect a pretty busy first few weeks as the new pool is broken in by those who have been eagerly waiting for the past three years," Meyer said.

The next street south of Horton and Como is Jessamine Avenue, which continues to be one-way westbound and has additional parking for McMurray Field.

As in past years, the pool will be closed the weekend of the Hmong Soccer Festival, which is June -July 1 this year. The festival pays for the pool closing as part of its permit.

Pool restrooms and concessions will be available only to pool users, Meyer said. Portable restrooms will be provided for McMurray users as in the past.

The city encourages park users to consider other ways of getting to the park, besides driving and parking at the pool or fields, Meyer said. "There are 20 bike rack spots [and] there are city bus stops near the pool."

The shuttle from remote parking is also an option, he said, especially for pool users. "It only stops at the zoo, so it would be a bit of a walk, but not if folks make an entire day of visiting the zoo and then coming to the pool," Meyer said.

Anne Holzman is a freelance writer and frequent contributor to the Park Bugle.



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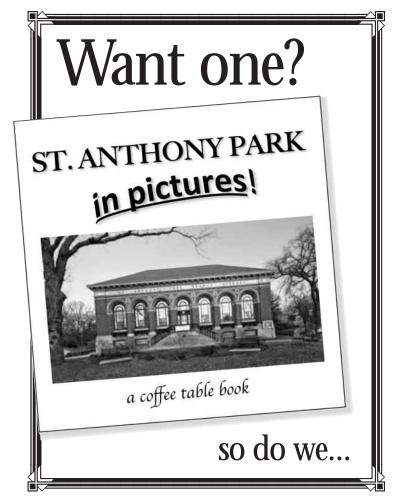


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#### **Local woman named Red** Cross Hero for lake rescue

Como Park resident Sarah Meggitt has been named a 2012 American Red Cross Heroes Award recipient. One of 10 Heroes in the Red Cross Northern Minnesota Region, Meggitt will receive the Good Samaritan award at the American Red Cross Heroes Breakfast on May 24. Meggitt will be recognized for rescuing a woman from Como Lake last October.

Meggitt dove into the lake to rescue a suicidal woman, according to St. Paul Police Chief Tom Smith. The woman tried to submerge herself, but Meggitt fought to keep the woman's head above water until professional responders arrived.

The American Red Cross Heroes Awards raise awareness about ordinary people whose extraordinary actions exemplify the Red Cross mission to prevent and alleviate human suffering in the face of emergencies. Each hero was nominated by a member of the community and selected by the 2012 Heroes Breakfast Nomination Committee.

#### Como Park artist named **Aviation Artist of the Year**

The Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame has named Como Park artist Stephen Nesser the 2012 Minnesota Aviation Artist of the Year. This



#### **Pinewood Derby winners**

**Neighbors** 

Boy Scout Pack 22 had 45 cars racing in the Pinewood Derby in March. Everyone went home with a patch and a blue ribbon. The top six finishers were awarded trophies. The trophy winners are pictured here: Aiden Bachelor (second place), Nick Jacobsen (first place), Keith Deal (fourth place), Noah Manning (third place), Alex Miller (sixth place) and Xander Jacobsen (fifth place).

honor is given for Nesser's aviation paintings, which are in the collections of the Minnesota Historical Society, the Smithsonian Institution's Air and Space Museum, the International Women's Air and Space Museum, the National Soaring Museum of Germany, the AirVenture Museum and the U.S. National Soaring Museum. Nesser will be honored at the Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame's annual induction awards dinner on April 28 at the Ramada, Mall of America Hotel.

#### Richter memorial is May 19

A celebration in honor of Sheila Richter's life will be held Saturday, May 19, at 3 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. Richter was the former director of the St. Anthony Park Co-op Preschool.

#### **Bethel Lutheran seeks** rummage sale donations

Bethel Lutheran Church, 670 W. Wheelock Parkway, will hold its 11th annual rummage sale benefiting the Children's Christian Education Fund on Wednesday, June 13 (pre-sale 6–8 p.m.; \$3 admission); Thursday and Friday, June 14 and 15 (9 a.m.-6 p.m.); and Saturday, June 16 (9 a.m.-3 p.m.). The church is looking "almost-new" donations. Mattresses, tires, computers, exercise bikes and artificial Christmas trees will not be accepted. The church will be open to receive donations from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, May 26, June 2 and June 9. Go to www.bethelstpaul.com or call 651-488-6681 for more information.

#### St. Thomas hosts youth entrepreneur summit April 27

Young people from St. Anthony Park, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale and Como Park are encouraged to participate in the free 2012 Youth Social Entrepreneur Summit at the University of St. Thomas' Minneapolis campus, 1000 LaSalle

Ave., on Friday, April 27, from 2 to 8 p.m. The event will feature social enterprise programs, workshops, keynotes from young entrepreneurs, entertainment and opportunities for young people to learn how to start their own venture. Register at www.YSEsummit.eventbrite.com.

# Fairgrounds show features local watercolor artists

A number of local artists are participating in the 10th Annual Art on a Line event at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds May 18 to 20.

Local artists include Margareta Beyer, Gitte Mohr, Susan Gainen, Ann Sisel and Wayne Sisel. Sponsored by the Northstar Watercolor Society, this original art show and sale will be held in the Fine Arts Building and includes live painting demonstrations and door prizes. Admission is free.

More than 85 artists will be exhibiting original work in a variety of styles, sizes and subject matter. Fore more information, go to www.northstarwatercolorsociety.com /artonaline.html.

#### YMCA sale extends hours

The spring garage sale for YMCA Camps Widjiwagan and du Nord at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds Merchandise Mart building has new extended hours.

Shop and support the camps from Wednesday, May 16 to Saturday, May 19. The sale is open 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Wednesday to Friday. On Saturday, the Bag Sale runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

More than 250 families contribute good-quality camping equipment, clothing, household items, toys, books, antiques, furniture, sports equipment and more. All proceeds go to the YMCA camps. Admission is free. For more information, call 651-645-6605.

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# Events

Venue information is listed at the end of the calendar. Send your events to calendar@parkbugle.org by May 16 to be included in the June issue.

#### 1 TUESDAY

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

St. Anthony Park Garden Club: "Fruit Breeding at the University of Minnesota," by James Luby, professor of horticultural science, University of Minnesota. St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall. Business meeting at 6:30 p.m.; social time and refreshments at 7 p.m.; program starts at 7:30 p.m.

#### 2 WEDNESDAY

Free blood pressure clinic, sponsored by Como Park Falcon Heights Living at Home Block Nurse Program, Blomberg Pharmacy, 11-11:30 a.m.

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

St. Anthony Park Book Club, "Waking: A Memoir of Trauma and Transcendence" by Matthew Sanford, 6:30-8 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

#### 3 THURSDAY

St. Anthony Park Branch Library closed for maintenance

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

Plant sale, St. Anthony Park Elementary School, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

#### **4 FRIDAY**

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

Spring Carnival and plant sale, St. Anthony Park Elementary School, 5:30-8 p.m.

Movie night: "In the Footsteps of Isis," 7-9 p.m., Spirit United Church, www.spiritunited.com. Donations accepted. Free popcorn. Discussion follows film.

#### **5 SATURDAY**

First Saturday Contra Dance, Oddfellows Hall, 928 Raymond Ave.; instruction starts at 7:30 p.m., dance starts at 8 p.m.

"Let's Rock: An Intro to the Drum Set" introduces the basics of playing drum set, 1-3 p.m., register at www.womensdrumcenter.org

#### 10 THURSDAY

St. Anthony Park Area Seniors Cinema Series: "Field of Dreams," 2-4 p.m., St. Anthony Park library St. Paul Audubon program: "What You Haven't Heard About Lyme Disease," Dr. Elizabeth Maloney, 7 p.m., Fairview Community Center. Social time begins at 6:45 p.m.

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

Women's Drop-In Drum Circle, 7:50 p.m., Women's Drum Center

#### 11 FRIDAY

St. Anthony Park Elementary School annual Talent Show, Murray Junior High School Auditorium, 7 p.m.

#### 12 SATURDAY

Spring Whimsy: dance around a maypole, make floral hair wreaths, weave a May basket, enjoy root beer floats and sugar cookies. Moms free when accompanied by a child, \$10 adults, \$9 seniors, \$7 children ages 3-16; 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Gibbs Museum

Plant sale for Metro Deaf School playground fund, Metro Deaf School parking lot, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Minnesota hardy perennials, \$1-\$4. Cash only.

#### 14 MONDAY

Rediscovering the African Immigrants' Experience in the Twin Cities, by Michael Fondungallah, 6:30-7:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

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

#### 15 TUESDAY

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

#### **16 WEDNESDAY**

"Untold Stories: Culture and Class in Post-war Wisconsin," with Prof. Eric Fure-Slocum, 7-8:15 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

#### 17 THURSDAY

Laura Jeffrey Academy Garden Party, 6-8 p.m. Wine and cheese, silent auction, music, local artists selling wares. Adults only, \$25. Laura Jeffrey Academy

District 12 Energy Resilience Group meets, 7 p.m. Email erg@sapcc to find out the location of the meeting

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

#### 18 FRIDAY

Laura Jeffrey Academy Farmers Market, 3-7:30 p.m.

End of Year Celebration and Spring Carnival, Chelsea Heights Elementary School, 5-8 p.m.

#### 19 SATURDAY

Laura Jeffrey Academy Farmers Market, 3-7:30 p.m.

#### 23 WEDNESDAY

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

#### **24 THURSDAY**

University of Minnesota Professor Said Salah will present "A Glimpse into Somali Oral traditions" on Thursday, May 24, at 6:30 p.m. at Rondo Branch Library, 461 N. Dale St.

#### **26 SATURDAY**

St. Paul public libraries closed for Memorial Day weekend

#### **27 SUNDAY**

Sunday Afternoon Reading Group, "The Confederacy of Dunces," by John Kennedy Toole, 2:30 p.m., Micawber's Books

#### 29 TUESDAY

Red Cross Blood Drive, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2-7 p.m. Schedule a time online at www.redcrossblood.org, or call Joy, 651-644-8833

#### **BLOCK NURSE EXERCISE**

St. Anthony Park Area Seniors block nurse exercise classes meet at these times and places:

**Tuesdays and Fridays,** St. Anthony Park library, 2245 Como Ave., 3-4 p.m.

**Mondays and Thursdays,** Seal High Rise, 825 Seal St., 12:30-1:30 p.m.

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

#### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Chelsea Heights Elementary School, 1557 Huron St., 651-293-8790

Como Park Elementary School, 780 W. Wheelock Pkwy., 651-293-8735

Fairview Community Center, 1910 W. County Road B, Roseville Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 Larpenteur Ave., 651-644-5050

Gibbs Museum, 2097 W. Larpenteur Ave., 651-646-8629

Laura Jeffrey Academy, 1550 Summit Ave., 651-414-6000

Metro Deaf School, 1471 Brewster St

Micawber's Books, 2238 Carter Ave., 651-646-5506

Murray Junior High School, 2200 Buford Ave., 651-293-8740

South St. Anthony Recreation Center, 890 Cromwell Ave.

Spirit United Church, 3204 Como Ave. S.E., Minneapolis, 612-378-3602

St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 2245 Como Ave., 651-642-0411

St. Anthony Park Elementary School, 2180 Knapp St., 651-293-8735

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave., 651-645-3058

Women's Drum Center, 2242 W. University Ave. www.womensdrumcenter.org



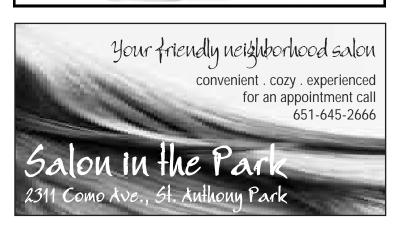


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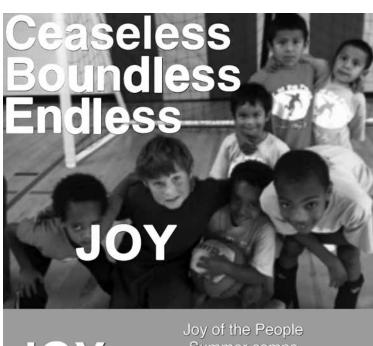
#### "Field of Dreams," 2-4 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at SAP Library

"If you build it, they will come" is the ethereal message that inspires an Iowa farmer to carve a baseball diamond in his cornfield, which has been divinely ordained to give Saint Anthony Park

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#### The band plays on from 1

information systems at Massachusetts Institute Technology (MIT), where he was active in music. He now works in commercial real estate, which gives him the flexibility to work with the band.

The band is sponsored by St. Paul Public Schools Community Education and is funded by Park Midway Bank, the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation (with some funds earmarked for the band by the late Gerald McKay) and by honorariums from some of the institutions where the band performs. There is no cost to belong to the band and anyone can join.

And anyone *has* joined. More than half of the players have family members in the band, according to Husby, including siblings (both children and adults), spouses, parents and children. In the course of his tenure, Husby has conducted his wife and three sons. People come from all walks of life, with all skill levels, and they come from long distances. There have been band members from St. Anthony Park, Roseville and Falcon Heights, but also from South St. Paul, Mounds View, Minnetonka, Blaine and New Richmond, Wis.

One trombonist arriving late to the first practice last month noticed an abundance of trombones and offered to go home to get his tuba. Several new family combinations were joining or rejoining the group—a pair of sisters, a father and daughter, and relatives of current players. There are three families who

have been involved with the band for many years, the Holmans, the Larsons and the Stohls. (Mim Stohl has played clarinet in the band for 28 years.) Husby's sons, Joseph and Erik, enthusiastically played in the saxophone section at the first rehearsal and helped the newcomers find their places and music. Everyone seemed happy to be there (percussionist and vocalist Lily Dargis joined to "get away from the kids, though I asked them to join, too," she said) and heartily dug into the new and old music.

There are nearly 50 active members in the band, usually with 35 to 40 at any one performance, though they can get by with as few as 30 to cover all the parts. This year, the band will play at the annual 4-H Pie and Ice Cream Social on Luther Seminary lawn on Friday, June 1, at 7:15 p.m.; at the Como Lakeside Pavilion Tuesday, June 19, at 7 p.m.; at the Fourth of July parade in St. Anthony Park; at Alden Park (one block south of Como Avenue and one block east of Raymond Avenue) on Wednesday, July 31, at 7 p.m.; and at the Minnesota State Fair parade on Friday, Aug. 24, at 1:30 p.m. The complete summer schedule is still to be determined.

Husby chooses music at a "good high school level," though some pieces are a bit more difficult. He buys all the music (as opposed to renting it as many orchestras do) and has accumulated the parts for about 100 pieces. To keep things interesting, he tries not to repeat a

work for at least five years after performing it. The repertoire ranges from classics by composers such as Holst, Milhaud and Ives to Broadway show tunes to jazz and some marches, though a band that practices only once a week doesn't have the stamina to do too many marches in one performance.

The band's season runs from April to the end of summer, though the band has performed as late as October (for a really cold dedication of the Raymond Avenue bridge a number of years ago). The first two months are spent in rehearsal and come summer the band meets only for concerts. Band members learn about 15 pieces for a season and perform about seven at any one

Practices are held at the Como Park Senior High School band room the second Tuesday of the month from 7:15 to 9 p.m. If you're ready to dust off that old instrument, there's still time to join the band. You can find more information at www.stanthonyparkband.org, in the St. Paul Public Schools Community Education flier or by contacting Husby at 651-642-1559 or husby002@gmail.com.

Everyone is welcome and, as is the case in any band, clarinet and percussion players are especially in demand.

Michelle Christianson is a piano teacher, musician, writer and frequent contributor to the Park Bugle.



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#### **School News**



Chelsea Heights Elementary School running club members stretch before their day's run.

We welcome news about students or schools in the area. The deadline for the May issue is Wednesday, May 16. Send your news to editor@parkbugle.org.

**Chelsea Heights Elementary** 1557 Huron St., 651-293-8790 www.chelsea.spps.org

Buy flowers at Linder's Flower Marts May 11-13 and support Chelsea Heights at the same time. Go to chelsea.spps.org and click on Parent & Community, PTO, then Fundraisers to find a coupon to present at the flower marts.

The End of Year Celebration and **Spring Carnival** is Friday, May 18, 5 to 8 p.m. The event will include games, a raffle, food and more. Bring the whole family and your neighbors.

Running Club began in April. This year, Como Park Senior High School track students are volunteering to lead more than 90 Chelsea Heights students in grades 1-6.

Parents, friends and neighbors are invited to come cheer for the Cheetah's during the Chelsea Heights Fun Run on Wednesday, May 16, at 3:30 p.m. on the open grass area at Arlington and Hamline avenues. Running Club will end on Saturday, May 19, at the Medtronic TC Kids Cross Country Run at Como Regional Park.

Other May events at Chelsea **Heights** include the grade 3 and 4 concert May 2, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; St. Paul Bagelry Day, May 10; kindergarten program, May 11, 2 p.m.; awards assembly, May 30; and Davanni's Pizza Night, May 31.

#### **Como Park Elementary** 780 W. Wheelock Parkway

651-293-8735 www.comoel.spps.org

Como Park Elementary School's Funtastic Carnival will be held Thursday, May 17, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the school, 780 W. Wheelock Pkwy. The carnival will feature a raffle, games, bingo, face painting, crazy hair, inflatable jumpers and crafts. Everyone is welcome to join the school for a night of activities, food and family fun. Proceeds go to maintain the school playground and equipment.

#### **Como Park Senior High**

740 Rose Ave., 651-293-8800 www.comosr.spps.org

The following students will represent Como Park High School at the **State History Day** contest on Sunday, April 29: Kathleen Miles (individual documentary), Sundus Hassan and Aisha Mohamed (group documentary), John Proper (individual exhibit), Stacy Yang and Mai See Yang (group exhibit), and Anna Fryxell (research paper).

The spring play, "I Hate Shakespeare," will be held Thursday, May 3, and Friday, May 4, at 7 p.m.

On April 7, **50 JROTC cadets** traveled to Des Moines, Iowa, to compete in a regional JROTC competition, culminating a busy season of practice and high operations tempo. It was also the senior cadets' final competition.

The Como Park High School **Booster Club is hosting a spring** fundraising spaghetti dinner Friday, April 27, 5-7:30 p.m., at Como Park Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 1376 W. Hoyt Ave. Tickets are \$7 per person and are available at the door. The event will include a Prize Drawing Extravaganza. Tickets will be sold during the dinner. All Como families, Como alumni, Como friends and neighborhood families are welcome.

#### **Murray Junior High**

2200 Buford Ave., 651-293-8740 www.murray.spps.org

Murray music students will perform their final concert on May 24 at 7

Isak Bowron, Lia Chin-Purcell, Owen Donnelly, Iris Holman and Richard Thompson, represented Murray at the Minnesota State **Science Fair.** Iris Holman won Best Overall seventh-grade paper.

Isak Bowman and Richard Thompson both won bronze medals.

Their projects were in the top 15 percent of the seventh-grade projects.

Four students will advance to the **State History Day** competition on Sunday, April 29: Benjamin Xenos, Victor Tesarczyk, Joseph Wriedt and Alexander Konkol.

Forty-four French language students visited Concordia Language Villages recently. One highlight of the trip was Nora Moore, a former Murray student who is the co-director of the camp this year. Moore graduated last year from Pacific University in Oregon. Moore's seventh-grade introduction to French at Murray led her to her current position, she said.

Murray eight-grader Grace Fick received an honorable mention in a poster contest that highlighted Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in February. The contest was sponsored by Harriet Tubman, a local organization that provides domestic violence services. Fick created a poster demonstrating the importance of trust in relationships.

More than 100 students at Murray Junior High School are busy practicing for the spring sports season: girls badminton and softball, boys baseball, and co-ed track and field. For up-to-date schedules and results of all Murray Athletics, visit sports.spps.org.

#### St. Anthony Park Elementary 2180 Knapp St., 651-293-8735 www.stanthony.spps.org

The **Spring Carnival** will take place on Friday, May 4, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Everyone is welcome. There will be games, homemade food, a plant sale and a school abuzz with excitement.

The SAPSA plant sale will be held Thursday, May 3, and Friday, May 4. It begins the same day as the spring barbecue (weather permitting). Families can stop by for a hot dog during their student's lunchtime and then peruse the selection of annuals, pots, hanging baskets, herbs and vegetables. Look for the plant stand

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#### School news from 15

near the main entrance to the school, May 3 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and May 4 during the Spring Carnival.

**Kindergarten registration** will be held Thursday, May 10 at 6 p.m. Families will learn about the kindergarten program and students will get to ride a school bus.

**The annual Talent Show** will take place on Friday, May 11, at 7 p.m. in the Murray Junior High School Auditorium.

News from the art room: Art Adventure is back. Parent volunteers and the Minneapolis Institute of Arts have teamed up once again to bring art history to the students. The eight pieces of art that students will be studying this month are from a grouping called "Let's Celebrate Life." They include art from all over the world and explore the theme of community celebration. Wonderful discussions are being held in classes as children see reproductions of the art and then examine how art and community are connected.

Two Destination ImagiNation teams are heading to the global competition in Nashville, Tenn., at the end of May. The teams and their

members are listed below.

Sixth-grade team Flying with No Wings placed second at the state tournament in Champlin April 14. Team members are Forrest Ahrens, Ellen Carlson, Grace Commers, Winnie Commers, Earl Eldridge, Gabriel Reynolds and Eleanor Wriedt.

Fifth-grade team Sinister Socks also placed second at the state tournament. Team members are Georgia Langer, Tommy Freberg, Jackson Rysavy, Lara Steen, Chloe Hansen, Jackson Lee and Katrina Sweet.

Other important dates at the school in May are: the annual Memorial Day Concert Friday, May 25, at 1:30 p.m.; Davanni's Pizza Night, Wednesday, May 30, 4-8 p.m.; and Track and Field Days, May 31 and June 1.

#### Langford Rec Center to host Kids Garage Sale

The eighth annual Kids Garage Sale will be held at Langford Park Recreation Center on Saturday, June 2, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. The fee is \$10 per table and pre-registration is required. You can register at Langford from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, or 3:30 to 6 p.m. Friday, or go online to www.stpaul.gov.

#### Neighbors from 12



#### The family that shaves together

St. Anthony Park residents Carlo, Tanya and Gustavo Juarez-Sweeney were among 40 people who shaved their heads on March 29 at Children's Hospital to raise money and awareness for children's cancer research. The Juarez-Sweeney family contributed \$3,000 in pledges for the event, which raised \$17,000 for the St. Baldrick's Foundation. Gustavo is a first-grader at St. Anthony Park Elementary School. His sister, Fiona (at right), is a third-grader at the school.

#### St. Anthony Park Area Seniors needs volunteer drivers

The St. Anthony Park Area Seniors program is seeking volunteer drivers to give rides to area residents 65 years and older. The program serves residents in the St. Anthony Park,

Lauderdale and Falcon Heights neighborhoods.

The program's purpose is to help seniors live at home independently and includes receiving Meals on Wheels and rides to health appointments.

If you can help, call the SAP Area Seniors office at 651-642-9052 or email office@SAPASeniors.org.

#### Ceramics, fiber arts show at Raymond Avenue Gallery

Raymond Avenue Gallery, 761 Raymond Ave., will host the show Sticks and Stoneware: Organic Matters, featuring fiber artist Nancy Stevens MacKenzie and potter Simon Levin May 11 to June 29.

The opening reception will be held Friday, May 11, 6-8 p.m. Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday and noon-4 p.m. Saturday.

## Learn about native plants at June plant expo and market

Landscape Revival: Native Plant Expo and Market will be held on Saturday, June 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Community Pavilion at Rainbow Foods in Roseville, 1201 Larpenteur.

A number of conservation organizations and agencies will provide information about native plants.

Eleven local native plant growers will sell non-hybridized native plants and accessory products.

Everyone is welcome at this free event.

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#### Jerome Korus

Jerome David Korus, formerly of Lauderdale, died April 3 with his family by his side. He is survived by his children, David (Karen), Barbara (Dave) Olson, Theresa (Greg) Zirwes and Louise; three grandchildren; six sisters, Sylvia, Theresa, Delores, Ellen, Diann and Alice; and two brothers, Stan and Larry. He was preceded in death by his sister Sharon

At Jerry's request, no services were held.

#### **Dorothy Liener**

Dorothy Liener, 95, of Falcon Heights, died peacefully March 26. She was preceded in death by her daughter, Donna Rae, and sister, Marjorie Halls. She is survived by her husband of 66 years, Irvin; two daughters, Sally and Wendy (Douglas) Quammen; and two grandchildren.

Her funeral service was held March 31 at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Roseville, with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

#### Masami Matsuda

Masami Matsuda, 89, who designed the Como Ordway Memorial Japanese Garden in Como Regional Park, died in February in Nagasaki, Japan. Como Park's Japanese garden, which opened to the public in 1979, was created to symbolize the friendship between St. Paul and Nagasaki, the first sister-city relationship established between Japan and the United States after World War II.

In addition to the St. Paul garden, Matsuda created public and private gardens all over the world. From 1970 to 2000, he made seven trips to St. Paul to create and improve the garden. He was involved in every step of its creation, even planting trees and shrubs.

In a letter read at a ceremony at the garden in 2000, Matsuda wrote, "My heart is filled with joy that this meaningful lantern-lighting festival is happening."

It was signed, "The man who loves St. Paul more than any."

#### **Betty Parker**

Betty Lorraine Parker, 91, of Blackduck, Minn., died Easter Sunday, April 8, at the Good Samaritan Assisted Living facility in Blackduck.

She was born April 23, 1920, to Roy and Minnie Dickinson. She grew up in Hibbing, Minn., where she graduated from high school and attended Hibbing Junior College. She graduated from the University of Minnesota-Duluth in 1942.

Betty taught English in Yarmouth, Iowa, for a year and then in Blackduck from 1943 to 1949. She married Perrie Parker in 1947 and they made their home in Blackduck. She taught English and speech until her retirement in 1982.

She loved to read, do crossword puzzles and play Scrabble. She was a

Betty is surved by three children, Mary Jo (Kevin) Jepson of Monticello, Minn.; Stephen (Cindi) Parker of St. Paul; and Jennifer of Blackduck; six grandchildren, Mandy, Allison, Perrie, Ian, Andrew Matthew; three greatgrandchildren, Kaden, Parker and Taylor; and a sister, Phyllis Elwell, of New Jersey.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Perrie, in 1990; a son, John, in 1987; a sister, Pearl Sowa; and a brother, Stanley Dickinson.

#### **Gunta Rozentals**

Gunta Rozentals, 78, of St. Anthony Village, formerly of St. Anthony Park, died March 19. Gunta loved nature, arts and friends.

Gunta went to Murray High School as a senior her first year in this country. Her entire career as a language professor was spent at Augsburg College in Minneapolis.

She was preceded in death by her father, Prof. Janis Rozentals, who came to Luther Seminary from Latvia in 1951, and mother, Spodra Rozentals.

Her funeral was held March 30 at the Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, with interment at Crystal Lake Cemetery.

#### **Dolores Schwartz**

Dolores M. Schwartz, 84, died peacefully March 21, surrounded by her family.

Dolores was a founding member of the Parkway Garden Club, formed in 1957. She was past treasurer of the Minnesota Horticulture Society and past president of the 7th District of the Minnesota Horticulture Society. She was also a Minnesota Horticulture and Federated Garden Club judge. She exhibited and judged flowers at the Minnesota State Fair and county fairs for more than 30 years. She will be fondly remembered as the "flower

She was a long-standing member of Maternity of Mary Catholic Church and sang in the choirs of both Maternity of Mary and St. Andrew's Church for 60-plus

She was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Robert; a sister, Dorothy Nielsen; and a daughter-in-law, Anna. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Lionel; five children, Dolores (Daniel) Patterson, Michael, Betty (Steven) West, Robert and Mary (Roger) Gund; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated March 26 at Maternity of Mary Catholic Church, with interment at Calvary Cemetery.

#### **Eleanor Seiter**

Eleanor M. Seiter. 89. of Como Park. died March 16. She was preceded in

member of First Presbyterian Church death by her husband, Richard, and in the U.S. Air Force. Sue accepted in Blackduck from 1948 until her son Gary. She is survived by her children, Craig (Wendie) and Jan February 1955, and on July 25, (Rick); three grandchildren; and a during a two-week leave, the couple sister, Dar (Ralph) Reichow.

Her funeral service was held March 22 at Roseville Lutheran Church, with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.

#### **Charles Weleczki**

Charles L. Weleczki 76, of Roseville, died unexpectedly Sunday, April 8, at his home in Roseville. Chuck was preceded in death by his parents, Adolf and Pauline; brother Al and his wife Pat; and sisters Joanie and Mary.

He leaves behind his best friend and wife of 56 years, sweet Sue (nee Laffen); their nine children, Davee (Zolton) Weleczki-Pusenyak, Toree (Ray Miller), Al, Ruthee (Eric Wieffering), Lisa (Todd) Iliff, Sally (Greg) Weleczki-Cmiel, Jackie (Jim) Richards, Jodie and Michael (Nicole); and 12 grandchildren, Kahle, Ali, Freddy, Helen, Izzy, Leo, Henry, Nate, Max-Min, Frankie Tru, Magdalena and Clementine.

Chuck was born and grew up in Northeast Minneapolis. He attended Edison High School, where he and Sue met and began dating. After graduating in 1954, Chuck enlisted his long-distance proposal in was married in St. Paul.

Between 1954 and 1960, Chuck took courses in business, prelaw and art at the University of Minnesota, but the needs of his growing family took precedence. He left school and worked as a truck driver for Master Bread, Little Debbie and Vie de France, delivering bread and other baked products. He also worked for Control Data, Federal Cartridge and U.S. Delivery. There were times when he worked two or more jobs to ensure the wellbeing and security of his family, which were at the forefront of everything he did.

Chuck enjoyed golfing, tennis, reading and gardening, but his greatest joy was spending time with his family. He passed along many things to his family: thundering opinions, empathy, stubbornness and passion, and unyielding love and dedication. He especially treasured the love for the arts, music and a corny sense of humor that was passed onto his children and grandchildren: He was a tireless pull-my-finger promoter.

Chuck spent his last years enjoying retirement with the love of his life, dining at Mancini's, daily crossword puzzles and spoiling his grandchildren with noisy gifts from Walgreen's. Memorial services were held April 14 at Mueller-Bies Funeral Home in Roseville.



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# Roller derby anyone?

## University Ave. store caters to skating clubs in Twin Cities

By Roger Bergerson

Look out, world, there's a roller derby revival going on in the Twin Cities and across the country, featuring fast skating, flying elbows and colorful personae like "Barbie Brawl" and "Wanda Wreckonwith," but no "Shrinking Violet," thank you.

And Roller Revolution, a new store at 2418 W. University Ave., just east of Highway 280, is where skaters from both in and out of state come for equipment, apparel and roller derby supplies.

In Minnesota, it's almost entirely women who compete in the adult leagues. Store owner Gina Flak, herself a former skater ("Curv Vicious"), says newcomers find that once they try roller derby, "they're hooked.

"Many women who have never played sports become super-athletic," she adds, "although they also find out that there are plenty of bumps and bruises involved."

Roller derby started in the 1930s and was popular TV fare in the '60s and '70s when viewers watched teams such as the San Francisco Bay Bombers and the Los Angeles Thunderbirds compete on steeply banked tracks. Flamboyant personalities and theatrics abounded.

That version of the sport faded, but roller derby is enjoying a surge in popularity as amateurs across the country find it's a great way to get a work out and maybe take on another persona for a while. (Flak has a scientist friend who skated as "Jane Reaction.")

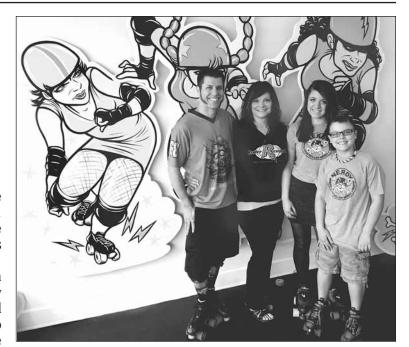
The banked tracks were expensive to operate, but this is flattrack roller derby, which can be set up almost anywhere.

Locally, there are the Minnesota RollerGirls in St. Paul, with a home track at the Roy Wilkins Auditorium,

and the North Star Roller Girls at the Minneapolis Convention Center. And leagues have sprung up in five other Minnesota cities as the sport's popularity has spread.

Flak moved her store from northeast Minneapolis to University Avenue to have a more central and accessible location, because up to two-thirds of her customers come from outside the metro area. In fact, one woman from Saskatchewan, Canada, recently came to town by train and waited at the coffee shop across from Roller Revolution until the store opened.

It costs from \$200 to \$250 to get started in roller derby, says Flak, and Roller Revolution carries a full line of skates, protective gear, apparel and accessories for skaters of every level. The store also offers skate maintenance and repair.



The skating members of the Flak family: Tim ("Whiplash"), Gina ("Curv Vicious"), Taylor ("LaBAM!ba") and Alex ("Dragonoid"). Store mural by Adam Turman. Photo by Roger Bergerson

family and two of the children, Taylor ("LaBAM!ba"), 15, and Alex ("Ďragonoid"), 9, skate in a new kids league that Flak founded, North East Roller Derby Youth (NERDY). NERDY holds its matches at the Armory in northeast Minneapolis.

In addition, Flak's husband, Roller Derby is big in the Flak Tim ("Whiplash"), spends a lot of time in the Dallas. Texas, area on business and skates there on a men's team.

For more information on the store, check out www.rollerrevolution.com.

Want to find out more about local roller derby action? Go to www.mnrollergirls.com www.northstarrollergirls.com/index.

Roger Bergerson is a freelance writer and local historian who lives in Como Park.

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Two of the group's initiatives, the Socially Responsible Deposit Fund and the New Markets Tax Credit Loan Program, were key in earning this award for their focus on lending in the urban core of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Sunrise customers may direct encourage their deposits to fund affordable housing, small-business development and community services through the Socially Responsible Deposit Fund.

Led by Park Midway Bank, the New Markets Tax Credit Loan Program was established through a \$25 million award from the U.S. Department of the Treasury to

investment economically distressed communities throughout the Twin Cities.

St. Anthony Park resident Jeff **Blodgett** has been named the Minnesota state director of President Obama's re-election campaign, Obama for America, resuming the role he had in 2008. Blodgett ran the late U.S. Sen. Paul Wellstone's political efforts and Wellstone Action

in and, until recently, had been in charge of Win Minnesota and the 2012 Fund.

> The Colossal Cafe, 2315 Como Ave., has received preliminary approval for outdoor dining and is now waiting final approval on a beer and wine license. Park Midway Bank, 2300 Como Ave., has offered the use of its parking lot for restaurant patrons after banking hours. The cafe opened at the Como Avenue location in December.

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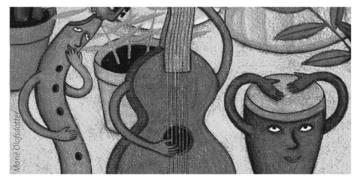
#### **Correction**

Pam Johnson, the new owner of the Little Wine Shoppe on Carter Avenue, was incorrectly identified as Pam Austin in the April issue of the Park Bugle. Johnson and her husband, Austin, purchased the store from Jeff Huff in March.



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