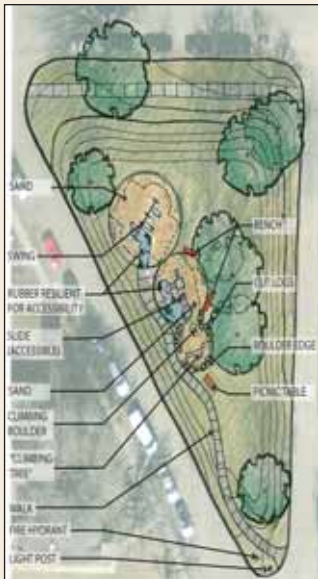




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GROOVING IN THE GARDEN

*Picnic Operetta is a
tasty way to spend a
Sunday afternoon*

By Kristal Leebrick

Take a 300-year-old Italian opera, mix it up with 1950s doo-wop, add a few savory dishes made from ingredients picked from a nearby garden and you have Mixed Precipitation's idea of a harvest party.

The Twin Cities theater company brought that party to the Falcon Heights Community Garden on Sunday, Sept. 9, with its Picnic Operetta, *The Return of King Idomeneo*, a post-Trojan War tale of a returning king, an angry god and a son destined to be sacrificed.

Mixed Precipitation transformed the corner of Roselawn and Cleveland avenues into a 1950s street corner (the corner of Crete and Railroad), condensed the Mozart and mashed it up with grooving mid-century a capella: think bobby socks, ponytails and Frankie Lymon and

Monster mash

Zombie Pub Crawl creeps into St. Paul

By Kristal Leebrick

The walking dead will be driving, biking, bussing and, well, crawling into St. Paul on Saturday, Oct. 13, when Midway Stadium on Energy Park Drive transforms into Zombie Island, the eastern leg of the eighth annual Zombie Pub Crawl.

Zombie Pub Crawl? Yes, THE
Zombie Pub Crawl.

Organizers say the crawl, which began in Minneapolis in 2005 with 150 zombies, is the original and has been copied throughout the country, including in Chicago, Philadelphia and Fargo.

Last year, the Twin Cities crawl had 30,000 people costumed in gore and blood and pretending to be dead as they wandered the streets of the



Electra, the ferocious girl from across the sea (Rachel Wandrei), grabs her suitcase and heads off across the sea in Mixed Precipitation's show *The Return of King Idomeneo* performed at the Falcon Heights Community Garden on Sept. 9. *Photo by Lori Hamilton*

the Teenagers.

That kind of musical mixing is signature Mixed Precipitation, according to Scotty Reynolds, one of the founders of the group.

"The operas are very long, but we want to showcase a variety of voice types, including those in the cast who have less classical training. We also use the counterpoint genre to reinforce elements of the story," he said.

Last year, the group performed the Handel opera *Alcina*—which usually takes place in Rome—and set the story in a truck stop. The lead

characters portrayed truckers and “magical” truck-stop waitresses, Reynolds said, “so we used trucker songs.”

This year, Reynolds took a Greek myth and placed it in a familiar

“We wanted to create characters that seemed like everyday people



An herbed cracker was one of five dishes served during the Picnic Operetta. *Photo by Lori Hamilton*

rather than kings and queens," he said. "We felt the doo-wop would be

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HOME SWEET HOME



Home: It's where we want to be when the weather turns cold.

Check out our Home Sweet Home section and read about the St. Anthony Park Home Tour (mark your calendars for Saturday, Oct. 6) and other home-related stories.

Anne Holzman interviews local contractors about trends in remodeling. Judy Woodward talks with Alchemy Architects' Geoffrey Warner, and Roger Bergerson tells a sweet tale about becoming pen pals with the woman whose father designed his 1920s Como Park home.

It all starts on page 11.

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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.

Como Curb Cleanup is Oct. 13-21

Get out those rakes and brooms. The Como Curb Cleanup is happening once again in the Como neighborhood, from Saturday, Oct. 13, through Sunday, Oct. 21.

The project is a collaborative effort among Como neighbors and several cross-sector partners to prevent as much organic debris as possible—namely dead leaves—from washing or blowing down neighborhood street storm drains.

The cleanup is organized by the Como Lake Neighbor Network and by the District 10 Community Council, but is led by the hundreds of Como residents who collectively prevent thousands of pounds of a major phosphorus source from entering Como Lake and the Mississippi River.

Key partners for the project include the District 10 Community Council, the Citizens League, Veolia Environmental Services, Ramsey County Yard Waste, University of Minnesota water resource science students, Youth Outdoors Conservation Corp Minnesota, Hubert H. Humphrey Job Corps and the City of St. Paul.

Funding for the project is provided by Capitol Region

Watershed District.

Also this year, Districts 6 and 12 will hold a fall leaf cleanup and will coordinate with Como to make this a multi-community effort.

To find out how to join in the Como community effort, go to District 10 Community Council's website, district10comopark.org.

District 10 long-range plan

District 10 is updating the Como community's district plan and is seeking input. See the story on page 8 for more information.

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.

Sustainability workshops to be held at Silverwood Park

The mayors of Lauderdale, Falcon Heights and St. Anthony Village are convening their residents this fall to collaborate on making their communities more sustainable.

This effort will be facilitated by University of Minnesota students and instructors as part of coursework related to the Sustainability Minor program.

Workshops will be held on two Thursdays, Oct. 11 and Nov. 1, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Silverwood Park's Great Hall in St. Anthony Village. The park is located at 2500 County

Road E, St. Anthony Village.

All residents are encouraged to attend.

The October workshop will focus on developing a shared understanding of scientifically based sustainability principles and a vision to guide the effort forward.

The November workshop will focus on development of specific strategies. After the two workshops are complete, a report will be completed for each community to document outcomes from the conversation and recommend next steps.

Falcon Heights/Lauderdale Family 5K Fun Run/Walk is Sept. 29

The fourth annual Falcon Heights/Lauderdale Family 5K Fun Run will take place Saturday, Sept. 29, at 8 a.m. at Community Park, 2050 Roselawn Ave.

Registration and check-in for those who preregistered will begin at 7 a.m. The fee is \$25 for an individual or \$40 for a group or family up to four people.

Registration can be done online at www.falconheights.org or by calling Falcon Heights Parks and Recreation at 651-792-7617.

Stay after the run to enjoy complimentary beverages and fruit.

St. Anthony Park

The District 12 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 to find out the location each month. The Environment Committee meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of the month at SSA.

St. Anthony Park Home Tour to feature nine homes on Oct. 6

Enjoy autumn with a stroll through new and old homes in St. Anthony Park. Visit homes that have adapted quirky or outdated floor plans to fit

modern needs, while keeping true to the character of the house and neighborhood. Also see many ways homeowners have added "green" features. Find out more about it on page 11.

Community Council has openings

Are you curious about what's going on in the St. Anthony Park neighborhood? Would you like to make a difference on issues of local concern? Do you want to meet more members of this community?

The St. Anthony Park Community Council has two openings on its board of directors for South St. Anthony residents and welcomes new members to its Environment, Transportation or Land Use Committees.

Contact Amy Sparks to learn more at 651-649-5992 or amy@sapcc.org.

Leaves!

Do your part to help prevent pollution of our waterways by keeping your fallen leaves out of the street.

District 12 will do a weeklong, DIY community leaf cleanup the week of Oct. 13 to 20. Free compostable bags and snacks will be available for neighborhood residents. Instructions and a limited number of rakes will also be available for pickup at the following times:

Saturday, Oct. 13, 9 a.m.-noon in north St. Anthony Park; location to be determined

Monday, Oct. 15, 3-6 p.m. at the South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell Ave.

You can do your leaf collection at any point during the week, but please report the number of bags you collected by emailing lauren@sapcc.org or calling 651-649-5992.

Transportation study to be presented at community meeting

A community meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 15, to present the recommendations of the Northwest Quadrant Transportation Study. Lead city staff members Mike

Klassen and Eriks Ludins will be present, as well as task force chair Sherm Eagles and many of the task force members. This meeting will be held at South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell Ave.

You can find more information on the study and task force at sapcc.org/northwestquad.

Ramsey County**Election judges needed for Nov. 6**

The Ramsey County Elections Office is seeking eligible voters who are interested in serving as St. Paul election judges in the presidential election on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

State law requires employers to excuse their employees from work without loss of salary on the day that an election judge has been appointed to serve. Employees are not required to take vacation or personal time off to serve.

Election judges are paid \$8 per hour by Ramsey County Elections or may choose to serve on a volunteer basis.

All election judges are required to attend a two-hour training session in election laws and procedures in October.

The sessions are held during the day and on weeknights. Election judges are paid for the time they attend the training session.

Any Minnesota resident who is a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age and has lived in the state for at least 20 days is eligible to serve as an election judge in St. Paul. In addition, high school students who are 16 or older may also serve as election judges with the approval of their parent or guardian.

Anyone who is bilingual and fluent in Hmong, Spanish, Somali or Russian is encouraged to apply.

Applications are available on the Ramsey County Elections website, www.co.ramsey.mn.us/elections/judge.htm.

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Give and Take: an evening of hands-on activities, interactive presentations and more

What do you know? What do you want to know?

Come to the Give and Take on Wednesday, Oct. 10, at 558 Vandalia Ave. and find out how those two simple questions are used to launch an interactive program of presentations on diverse topics, hands-on activities and socially focused games. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the event begins at 7 p.m.

The Give and Take is a project of Works Progress, a Minneapolis artist-led public design studio that works on collaborative art and design projects to help create new platforms for public engagement.

The Oct. 10 event is being sponsored by Works Progress and the St. Anthony Park Community Council/Creative Enterprise Zone. It will feature presentations by innovators in the Creative Enterprise Zone in the Raymond-University Ave area.

Featured at the event will be presentations by Miles Mendenhall on working across disciplines; Jeremy Lenz on University Enterprise Laboratory's efforts to incubate new businesses in the neighborhood; Dawn Mikkelsen on Kickstarters and making a film about forgiveness; Rock Star Supply Co. on creating

curious kids; and Geoffrey Warner and Catherine Reid Day on the Creative Enterprise Zone.

The Creative Enterprise Zone, located in the Raymond-University area between St. Paul and Minneapolis, has the goal of becoming a recognized center of creativity and enterprise, a place where people make a living by their creative capacities.

For more information, contact Amy Sparks at the St. Anthony Park Community Council, 651-649-5992. Learn more about Works Progress at <http://worksprogress.org>.

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nice because it offered a lot of options for a capella singing.”

This is the fourth year that Mixed Precipitation has performed these operettas in community gardens and other green spaces in the metro area.

Each performance includes a five-course tasting menu of locally grown, performance-inspired appetizers that are served during the show. This year, the menu leaned toward Greek (with a nod to 1950s food trends—cucumber boats, anyone?).

The produce used to make the food is donated by local farms as well as the community gardens where the operetta is performed. Hampden Park Food Co-op on Raymond Avenue in St. Anthony Park contributed to the Falcon Heights performance.

Falcon Heights Mayor Pete Lindstrom was in the audience for the Sept. 9 show.

“It was one of the coolest things I have been involved in” since becoming mayor five years ago, he said.

Lindstrom, who works at the Humphrey Institute at the University of Minnesota, is actually responsible for getting the theater company to perform at the city’s community garden. He overheard colleagues at work talking about the operettas. “They were talking about the opera and the more I heard, the more psyched I got about it,” he said.

A friend of a friend helped him contact Reynolds, and the Falcon Heights Community Garden was put on the performance list. Lindstrom hopes to have Mixed Precipitation return next year.

The best part of the whole performance, according to Lindstrom, was an impromptu appearance by some southbound geese.

“Right at the end, when all of the actors are up belting away in the final song, right then, a flock of geese comes flying over the crowd,” he said.

“Right on cue, these geese.”

You can find out more about Mixed Precipitation at its website, www.mixedprecipitation.org.



Ilia (Lauren Drasler) and King Idomeneo’s son, Idamante (Brad Bradshaw), prepare to head into the sewer to conquer the pestilence poised to destroy Crete. Photo by Lori Hamilton



Above, Greek-inspired kabobs were part of the performance menu. At left, the angry god Neptune, played by Peter Hogan.

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C O M M E N T A R Y

Como Curb Cleanup is a lesson in civics

By Janna Caywood

You might not think that cleaning up leaves in the Como neighborhood has anything to do with citizenship and democracy. But in truth, the Como Curb Cleanup—to be held Oct. 13-21 this year—is about a lot more than raking up a few leaves. And it’s about a lot more than restoring Como Lake to a healthy condition.

At its core, the Como Curb Cleanup is really about us, the residents who live in the Como neighborhood and our ability to solve a longstanding community problem together. That problem is the significant amount of phosphorus pollution that flows from the Como neighborhood into Como Lake every year, further weakening an already degraded lake.

For those unfamiliar with the Como Curb Cleanup, it is a collaborative effort among Como neighbors and several cross-sector partners. The goal is to cleanup as much organic debris as possible, namely dead leaves, from our neighborhood curbs and street gutters, thereby preventing this material from washing or blowing down our street storm drains or from decaying in the gutter. In either case, the leaves mix with stormwater runoff and release phosphorus, which is then carried via our storm sewers into Como Lake and the

Mississippi River. (For more on the impact of phosphorus on Como Lake go to CLNN.org)

The project is organized by the Como Lake Neighbor Network and District 10 Community Council, but it is led by the hundreds of Como residents who clean the curbs and street gutters along their home blocks.

By taking the lead on this key solution strategy—reducing phosphorus at the —we are not only demonstrating how much we value Como Lake, we also are demonstrating the importance of the public’s role in tackling urban stormwater pollution.

Complex public problems are rarely solved by government interventions alone. Thus far, our local government agencies—Capitol Region Watershed District and the cities of St. Paul, Roseville and Falcon Heights—have born the lion’s share of responsibility for working to restore Como Lake. The work they do is incredibly important, but it cannot be replicated on every street in Como. The public has a critical role to play in leading the effort to slow the influx of phosphorus coming from the streets.

Demonstrating leadership is important for us as citizens. Much has been written in recent years about the weakening of democracy in America. Today’s partisan political climate is so toxic and polarized

many people have simply checked out of public life entirely. The consequence is we lose our sense of ownership for the common good and focus our attention more narrowly on our own self-interests. Self-interest is not bad, but if we want to live in a healthy community with healthy public assets, such as Como Lake, we need to connect to each other, to the public sphere, where the many varieties of our self-interests are considered up against community interest.

This is the essence of democracy: working through our differences to find common ground for the common good. As Francis Moore Lappé once said, “Democracy is not something we have; it’s something we do.”

My interest in democracy and how it relates to the Como Curb Cleanup project is inspired by my membership in the nonprofit Citizens League. The league brings Minnesotans from all walks of life and from across the political spectrum into constructive conversations to identify, frame and propose solutions to a host of public issues impacting Minnesota, such as clean water. The league’s approach, called Civic Organizing, is grounded in a set of democratic principles and a belief in the capacity of citizens to govern justly together for the common good. In these modern times we cannot expect our elected

officials to solve all of our problems. We have to play a role, as citizens, in building the kind of community we want through the local practice of democracy.

The Citizens League is teaching me how to apply the Civic Organizing approach at the neighborhood level, so for 2012 I am applying it to the Como Curb Cleanup. My intentions are to reframe the act of cleaning up leaves from our public streets as a civic act and an opportunity to begin building a network of neighbors who not only want to help solve the problem of phosphorus pollution flowing to our lake, but more broadly want to begin building their own civic capacity and a communitywide civic infrastructure so we can practice democracy in Como together.

If you are intrigued by these ideas, please come to the community conversation that will follow the Como Curb Cleanup on Saturday, Oct. 27. We will begin a dialogue as neighbors about Como Lake, what it means to us, its value to our community and what kind of vision we have for its future. At press time, the location for that conversation had not been determined. It will be posted on line at CLNN.org when it is.

Janna Caywood is the lead organizer of the Como Lake Neighbor Network. Contact her at janna@watercircles.org.

L E T T E R S

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 October issue is Wednesday, Oct. 10.

Rep. Mindy Greiling does **not** support Mark Fotsch

I was astounded to read a letter to the editor in the August Park Bugle claiming that I am supporting state representative candidate Mark Fotsch. Not only am I definitely not supporting Fotsch, who was my 2010 opponent, I am a strong supporter of my friend and colleague in the Minnesota House of Representatives, Rep. Alice Hausman. She is a superlative legislator and a person of integrity, which is more than I can say for the letter writer.

*State Rep. Mindy Greiling,
Roseville*

Why this reader is voting no on the marriage amendment

On Nov. 6, Minnesotans will vote on whether or not to amend our state constitution to limit marriage to only one man and one woman.

I am a wife, a mom, a Christian and a pastor. I am voting no.

I am voting no because I want my two sons, ages 7 and 4, and their generation to grow up in a more just society in which their friends, who might have two moms or two dads, are able to say “my parents are married!”

I am voting no because the church in which I serve—the United Church of Christ—has a long and proud history of being on the leading edge of social justice. We took an early stand against slavery. We led the way in education for deaf children. We were the first to ordain women. We were the first to ordain an openly gay man. It is only fitting that we raise our prophetic voice now on the issue of marriage equality.

I am voting no because, again and again, in the Old and New Testaments, the Bible teaches us to care for our neighbor, speak up for those who are marginalized or oppressed, and stand on the side of justice and love.

Too often, religious discourse gets hung up on a few verses of scripture taken out of context. I urge Minnesotans to consider two of the

largest, most powerful themes of the Bible: Jesus proclaimed a gospel of inclusion, and God is love.

Vote no on Nov. 6. Don’t limit the freedom to marry in Minnesota.

*The Rev. Victoria Wilgocki,
St. Anthony Park
United Church of Christ*

Thanks for the support

To Lauderdale voters: Thank you for your overwhelming support and encouragement in my race to be the next Ramsey County commissioner from District 2.

The real work begins now. Thanks to everyone who took the time and effort to be involved. Voters now have a clear choice between two candidates with profoundly different views about taxes and government. I look forward to a spirited battle of ideas and budget priorities.

My motivation to run for the Ramsey County Commission comes from examining the legacy we are leaving future generations as we watch all levels of government grow

in size, scope and cost. I hear those same concerns echoed by the people of Ramsey County. Voters are worried that they will not be able to stay in their homes as home values decline and property taxes increase. Business owners talk about how difficult it is to be and stay in business.

We all want a safe, thriving, prosperous Ramsey County that delivers cost-effective and efficient county services. We all want affordable property taxes. We all want Ramsey County commissioners who will be responsible stewards of our precious tax dollars.

I extend my sincere appreciation and heartfelt thanks to the Sue Crew. I am inspired by the people I talk to at community events or while door knocking. I am grateful for all the people who are giving me their prayers, time and treasure to my campaign. I will not let you down.

*Sue Jeffers,
Ramsey County
Commission candidate*



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Amy Sparks, executive director of the council. The organizers "assured us they would monitor the sound," she said. They will be working with the city to monitor the sound hourly, she said, and "even gave us their phone numbers so we can be in contact during the event."

Amplified music will be turned off immediately at 10 p.m. The council supported the variance request and offered suggestions on speaker placement to appease St. Anthony Park neighbors, Carik said. "We are sensitive to the sound variance," he said.

Crawl coordinators are also working with the Saints and the city on the fireworks displays.

Zombie Island is billed as a family-friendly event early in the day, Carik said. The carnival rides and a performance by local duo Koo Koo Kangaroo should appeal to the younger set, Carik said.

The event officially starts at 2 p.m. "We are trying to get as much family-friendly stuff [early] because we get so many emails from moms with 8-year-old and 10-year-old boys who want to lurch around and get crazy," Carik said.

But as the sun goes down, Carik

guarantees Zombie Island will be less geared toward the child zombies. Organizers are hoping to have their musical headliner at the stadium, but at press time bands had not been announced.

Here's what you need to know if you want to join in on the night of the living dead:

Tickets are \$19.99. Go to www.zombiepubcrawl.com to order them and to find out where to catch any of the 25 shuttle buses that will be employed for the crawl, the itinerary as it is rolled out and even makeup tips and where to buy your zombie garb.

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Fall garden advice: Grab your hoses and start watering

By Mary Maguire Lerman

Poet Alfred Joyce Kilmer said, "I think that I shall never see, a poem as lovely as a tree."

So true, but with this summer's drought and heat, we need to make sure our lovely trees, shrubs, perennials and lawns (or alternative ground covers) survive for admiration next season.

The most important duty of a gardener is to water.

Watering is a critical factor in survival, yet many of us do not recognize our plants' needs for water, especially in the fall months when temperatures cool.

Take a walk through Como Regional Park or College Park in the St. Anthony Park neighborhood and you will see that plants have drooping, folded leaves. This is how the plants are trying to survive, by limiting the amount of water loss from their leaves.

Look at the soil. At the time of this writing, we had had no significant rains for our plants in the last two months. If you try digging into the soil in your yard where you have not watered, you will find it is hard to dig as the soil is deeply dry.

So what should you do? Start increasing your water bill significantly.

Water is cheap compared to the cost of establishing new trees, shrubs and perennials. Get out there now and water everything in your landscape.

Many of us have noticed that when we turn on a sprinkler in a part of our yard for four or five hours, we find that the water has only penetrated 2 to 3 inches. Woody plant roots that are critical for absorbing nutrients and water are located in the top 6 to 10 inches of soil. Most perennials and lawn grasses have their roots in the top 6 inches of the soil. Bulbs, however, can be planted much deeper.

How to water? Standing with a watering wand and holding it for a few minutes on a spot is useless. With this summer's heat and drought, one has to soak for a significant amount of time to start the water moving down through the soil profile.

I recommend that before you go to work, set up your sprinkler on a

specified area and let it run while you are gone. When you return home, turn off the sprinkler. Then take a shovel and see how deeply the water has penetrated into the soil. Water until you see moisture down into the top 6 inches of the soil. Continue with this watering technique throughout your landscape. This means moving the sprinkler when you return from work to another site and water until you retire for the evening.

I hope that by the time this Bugle arrives on your doorstep, we will have received some significant rain, but if not, here is another thought: When hard rains are forecast, get out and water again before the storms arrive. If soils and turf are dry when a heavy thunderstorm arrives, it takes a significant amount of time for the rain to penetrate the soil. Most of those rains will run off into your watershed, but if you have watered so that water is already in the upper soil profile, most of those heavy rains will be absorbed and not runoff.

How long should you water in

the fall? Until the ground begins to freeze. That can mean mid-December if late-fall weather is mild. Just remember to drain your hoses and faucets before the continuous below-freezing weather sets in.

If you don't water, expect significant losses next year. When soils are dry, the frost can move rapidly down and shoot out of the soil rapidly in late winter. Many perennials and bulbs will either be pushed out of the soil or simply not emerge.

In the spring of 1989, following the hot, droughty weather of 1988, few people had spring bulbs emerge. The frost action destroyed them.

Is your home ready for winter? Look at the soils adjoining your foundation. Are they dry and pulling away from the foundation? If so, and if you do nothing to change that, expect a plumber's bill in January.

When the severe cold hits, it easily seeps down into your basement walls and can potentially freeze your cold-water pipes. So water the soil near your foundation to get moisture into the soil so it can expand and sit

tight against your foundation.

Two more tips for the season:

If you spend time picnicking in a park and have a cooler of ice to dispose of, look for a nearby tree or shrub and deposit it above its roots.

Oak trees are easily invaded by chestnut borers when they are drought stressed. If you see branch dieback in your oaks, or have any dead branches, be sure to get them pruned this winter. Get bids from

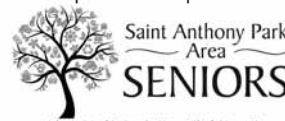
several reliable tree companies (make sure they are licensed, bonded and insured) before proceeding.

Mary Maguire Lerman is a consulting horticulturist and a graduate of the University of Minnesota's Department of Horticultural Science. She is a member of the St. Anthony Park Garden Club, the chair of the Minnesota State Horticultural Society and a volunteer at the Como Park Conservatory where she helps maintain the tropical bromeliad collection.

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You can have a voice in Como's long-range planning efforts

District 10 is updating the Como community's planning document and needs your help. The planning process allows citizens to discuss their vision and set priorities for the neighborhood's future. An updated district plan will assist in the decision making surrounding long-term development and land-use issues in the community.

If you are a resident, business owner or otherwise involved in District 10, your voice is important in this planning process. You are invited to participate in any or all of the planning opportunities listed at the end of this article.

A comprehensive plan is a set of long-term goals meant to guide the future development of a community and prioritize goals at the neighborhood level. The creation of district plans require a nonpolitical perspective that takes into account both public and private development and a focus on the community as a whole. Planning elements cover a wide variety of areas, including land use, transportation, parks and recreation, housing, water resources and historic preservation.

The district plan will provide a

10-year vision for the community, as well as policy priorities and strategies to guide growth, investment and development in the district. At the end of the planning process, the District 10 plan will be integrated as an addendum to the City of St. Paul's comprehensive plan. The comprehensive plan allows officials to manage the city's growth through land use regulations, zoning and subdivision regulations. The overall goal is to balance the interests of citizens, land uses and the financial needs of the city.

The District 10 Community Council is a nonprofit organization made up of elected volunteer residents and one staff member, the community organizer. The council's purpose is to provide a voice for the neighborhood in shaping decisions made by the city. The District 10 Ad Hoc Committee is responsible for the creation of the planning document.

Find out more about it at www.district10comopark.org/district-plan.html.

If you are interested in participating in any of the activities listed below, please contact planning

intern Theo Woehrle at theo.woehrle@district10comopark.org or call 651-644-3889.

Public participation opportunities:

- **Business and community organization advisory group:** Thursday, Sept. 27, Java Train Café, 1341 N. Pascal St. Discuss local issues with other Como business and community organization leaders.
- **Volunteer to be interviewed:** Share your perspective on Como neighborhood issues by contacting Woehrle at theo.woehrle@district10comopark.org or 651-644-3889.
- **Survey:** Set planning priorities for the Como neighborhood by answering important questions about planning issues. The survey will be available online Oct. 9 to Nov. 9, at <http://www.district10comopark.org>.
- **Public meetings:** Mondays, Oct. 8 and Nov. 12, at 7 p.m. at the District 10 Office, 1224 N. Lexington Parkway. Share your vision for the Como community.

2012-13 Music in the Park season begins this month

The 2012-13 Music in the Park Series in St. Anthony Park features some of the greatest ensembles and performers in the chamber music world. The season opens with the long-awaited return of critically acclaimed Philharmonia Quartett Berlin (all principal players of the Berlin Philharmonic) who will present a program of Mozart, Shostakovich and Beethoven quartets on Sunday, Oct. 7, at 4 p.m.

All concerts are held on Sundays at 4 p.m. at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave.

On Oct. 28, Latvian sisters Baiba and Lauma Skride, violin and piano, will make their Twin Cities recital debut.

The Aulos Ensemble with soprano Dominique Labelle will usher in the holiday season with the program "A Baroque Christmas" on Nov. 25.

The return of Music in the Park Series favorites cellist David Finckel and pianist Wu Han, the husband-wife team were named the 2012 Musical America's Musicians of the Year, will be on Jan. 27.

On March 24, the British Elias

String Quartet will perform. The quartet is a regularly featured ensemble at London's Wigmore Hall. Their program includes Benjamin Britten's rarely performed Third String Quartet.

The season will end with the return of the Shanghai String Quartet on April 28 in celebration of their 30th anniversary.

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Como Park Senior High brings homecoming parade back to town

The Como Park High School Booster Club is bringing the second annual Como Park Senior High School homecoming parade to St. Paul on Sept. 29.

The parade—which will be led by the school's Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps flag and drill unit and will feature class floats, homecoming royalty, the school's marching band and more—will begin at 11 a.m. at the school parking lot, 740 Rose Ave. W. The parade will then wind its way north on Grotto Street, then west on Wheelock Parkway, south on Victoria Street, east on Rose Avenue and then back to the school.

A picnic will follow on the school grounds from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The cost is \$3.

The school will host a Powder Puff Football Game, a flag football game featuring girls from each class competing among the grades, at 1 p.m. on the school grounds.

The Como Cougars will take on the Humboldt Hawks at the homecoming football game at 2 p.m. at Griffin Field, Lexington Avenue and I-94.

A spirit bus will be available to transport spectators from the school



Last year's Como Park Senior High School homecoming parade brought a new tradition to the school. *Photo courtesy of Megan Thrasher*

to the game. The cost is \$1.

The Como Park Senior High School Booster Club is a parent and alumni group that, along with area businesses, supports the arts, athletics and club activities at the school through a grant program. Local businesses that would like to make a donation, should contact Julie Gabrielli or Jill Kottke at co-

moparkboosterclub@gmail.com.

Financial and volunteer support is needed for the homecoming festivities. Watch the school website's Booster Club page, www.comosr.spps.org, for more information or email the booster club directly at comoparkboosterclub@gmail.com

Twin Cities Book Festival's move to fairgrounds brings more space

The 12th annual Twin Cities Book Festival will be held at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds on Saturday, Oct. 13.

The free event, which is sponsored by Rain Taxi, will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Progress Center at the corner of Cooper and Randall streets. The festival will include author readings, musical performances, panel discussions, a book fair and a children's pavilion with storytelling, crafts and other activities.

This is the first year the festival has been held at the fairgrounds. It had been held at Minneapolis Community and Technical College in downtown Minneapolis but had

outgrown the space, according to event organizers.

Rain Taxi is a quarterly publication that publishes reviews of literary fiction, poetry and

nonfiction.

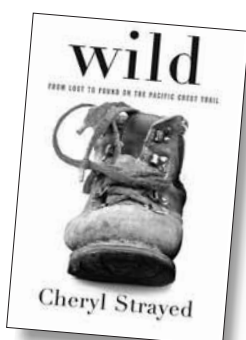
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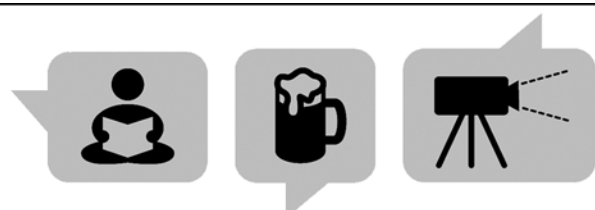
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Monkey Island update

*A plan is in place for a new playground, but group still needs to raise \$15,000**By Michelle Christianson*

When last we visited Monkey Island back in May, the city had removed all play equipment and benches from the small playground at Hendon and Branston avenues in St. Anthony Park. The neighbors were up in arms and the children were sad.

After a large neighborhood meeting with St. Paul Parks and Recreation representatives, a small group agreed to keep getting together to plan and raise funds for a newly configured play area.

That group of volunteers—Deanna Seppanen (chair), Caroline Berger, David Christianson, Glen Skovholt, Ed Albrecht, Josh Becerra, Doug Steinke and Bill Hicks (plus many other occasional attendees)—has been meeting over the summer.

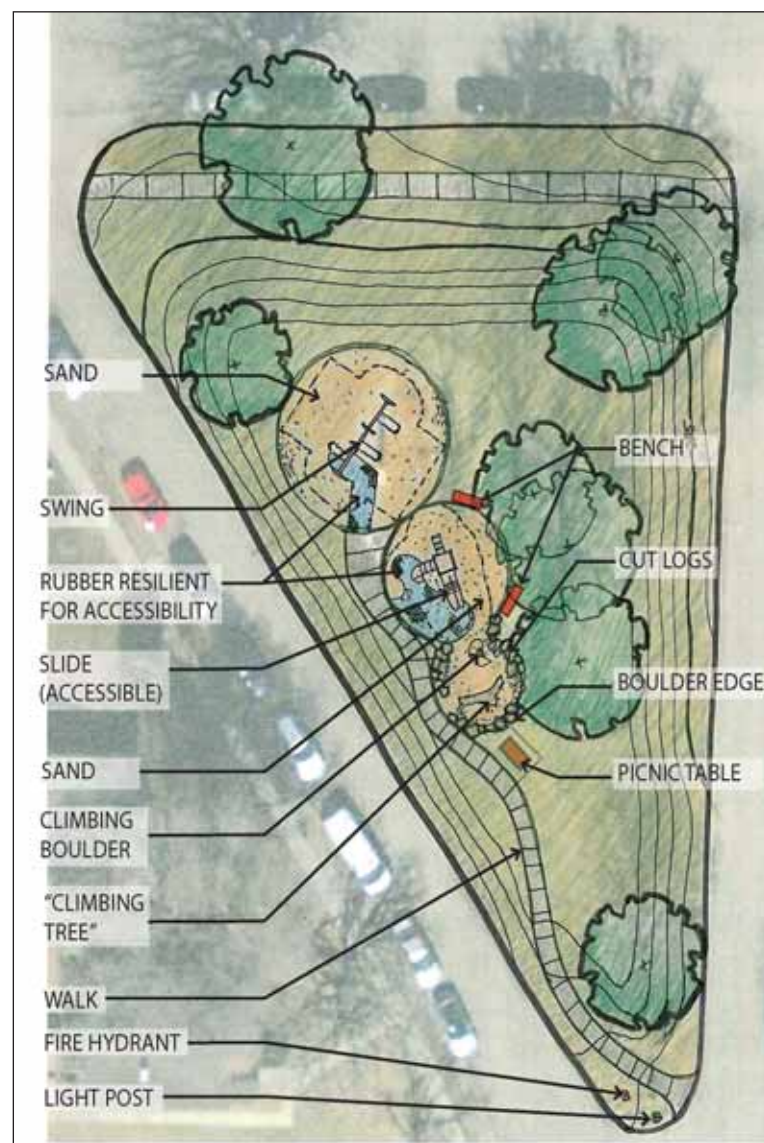
One meeting, open to all neighbors, was focused on the design and included Kathleen Anglo, a landscape architect from St. Paul Parks and Recreation. At that meeting, Anglo was told that the group wanted to blend the idea of a “natural” playground (using sand, rocks and tree parts) with more traditional equipment (especially a swing set). Anglo reiterated that the city had to ensure that the park would be accessible. The neighbors asked about pricing and requested that an arborist come to assess the health of the trees on the hill.

As a result of that meeting and some creative brainstorming, the committee now has a schematic plan that includes an accessible path, swings, a slide and some natural climbing areas. Two benches (which may be moved) have already been installed in the park, and the plan adds an accessible picnic bench.

The actual equipment is still up for discussion, but the estimate of the cost of the plan is about \$80,000, which includes a \$10,000 contingency fund for unforeseen expenses.

“The good news,” says Seppanen, “is that the city is willing to meet us part way on the cost, but we do still need to raise money from the community.”

With the help of some grants and matching funds that look



The plan for Monkey Island includes an accessible path, swings, a slide and some natural climbing areas.

promising, the neighborhood will have to raise about \$15,000. (There was also some discussion about doing a “community build” under the supervision of the Parks and Recreation Department that would help reduce the cost of the installation.)

Seppanen is a passionate advocate for the park. “We would really like to get Monkey Island back by early summer 2013,” she says. “The kids miss it so much, and there are several new families with small kids who have moved into the neighborhood. Parks create community and St. Anthony Park is known for community. We are so delighted with the funds that have already come in, but we need

everyone to do what they can [and] contribute to this effort.”

There will be another community meeting to discuss the plan on Monday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave. All interested parties are welcome to attend.

If you would like to contribute to the fund, drop off a check at Park Midway Bank, 2300 Como Ave. The check should be written to the St. Anthony Park Community Council, with “Monkey Island” in the memo line.

Michelle Christianson is a longtime contributor to the Park Bugle and a neighbor to Monkey Island.

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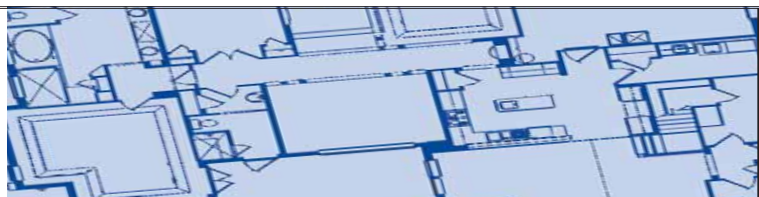
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St. Anthony Park Home Tour touts local craftsmen, green technology

By Roger Bergerson

This year's St. Anthony Park Home Tour on Saturday, Oct. 6, continues the tradition of celebrating the diverse housing that adds so much to the neighborhood's ambience.

The nine homes on the biennial tour were selected by an informal process, largely word-of-mouth, and a lot depends on an owner's willingness to participate, according to neighborhood resident Rose Gregoire, event coordinator.

"There's a lot of work that goes into preparing for the tour and not everybody is comfortable with strangers passing through their homes," Gregoire said.

"This year, I was particularly interested in featuring



This modern home on Gordon Place is one of nine homes featured on the St. Anthony Park Home Tour. Photo by Lori Hamilton

homes that incorporated green technologies, and we always want to feature the work of local craftsmen."

Although many of the neighborhood's homes are older, their owners continue

to find ways to make them livable by today's standards, she said. "The tour is a great way to look over a lot of possibilities and get ideas for one's own home."

Home Tour to 18

Homeowners continue to repair and remodel, despite tough economy

By Anne Holzman

In a community full of century-old houses, remodeling goes on at a stately pace through good times and bad.

"I know a lot of guys in the trades, and it's been some tough years," said Gary Harmsen of Harmsen and Oberg Construction. "I've been very fortunate—I've had all I can handle. I hope it's because I offer a good product at a fair price."

It might also be that houses in and around the Bugle readership area continue to need repairs, and the owners continue to make conservative choices that will last many years.

Owners of old homes, matching old styles, are less likely to follow remodeling trends than their counterparts in newly built suburbs, said Mel Salmi and Peter Hagen of the Transformed Tree.

Even something new and popular, if it's chosen by owners of older homes, will be built to last and is probably on its way to becoming a

classic, they said.

"In older homes, we're very adept at matching older styles and trims," Hagen said. "Most of the time, that's what people are going for."

Nevertheless, they said, there was a definite downturn in the home remodeling business after the economy tanked half a decade ago.

"It hit bottom about two years ago," Hagen said. "There's definitely been an improving trend" since then, he added. "It's getting back to where people are doing things they want to do," not just making repairs.

"Since the economy tanked, the jobs definitely got smaller," said remodeling contractor Ben Quie, of Ben Quie & Sons. "It seemed like there was a lot of nervousness."

In recent months, he said, "people whose jobs are secure are loosening up."

It's not just a matter of having less cash on hand in a poor job market, according to Salmi and Hagen. Homeowners are also having a harder time getting

loans from banks in the wake of the housing bubble, and they're less willing to invest in property that might not appreciate as fast as it once did.

Teri Banaszewski of Park Midway Bank said the recession did take the edge off some home values, leaving the owners with less collateral to back a home-equity loan.

She added that while the housing market seems headed for a "rebound," it's not likely to reach the pace seen a decade ago. "Those days of huge appreciation are gone," Banaszewski said.

'Green' is a growing trend

Innovation in home remodeling continues, however, and homeowners have some new options to consider as the economy begins to breathe again.

"Things are starting to happen again, but on a smaller scale," Hagen said.

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You can go home again

A woman's query about her childhood home sparks a pen-pal relationship with the current owner of the 1920s Como Park house her dad designed

By Roger Bergerson

"Greetings from the former owner's daughter," began the letter that arrived out of the blue on a Saturday morning 20 years ago. "It has been a long time since I visited St. Paul and my favorite home."

Ann Twitchell Harris had only lived in the house on Frankson Avenue, just west of Como Park, for five years. Her family moved away in 1926, when she was 9. But she remembered it fondly in 1992 and was writing to ask the current owners the color of the tile roof, which she could no longer remember. She wanted to paint a watercolor of her girlhood home.

So it was that a long-distance friendship developed between us—we've never met in person—with me being the beneficiary of many a tale of the old days around this section of Como.

Still vivid in her mind was a purple cow put to some promotional use at the Min-



The Twitchell girls, including Ann, second from left, in 1926. The block was steadily filling in toward Pascal Street.



Ann Twitchell and her sister play on the front steps of the recently completed house at 1416 Frankson Ave. The girls' grandfather is walking on the right. The street had been graded, but not paved, and there were still plenty of vacant lots in the area.

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nesota State Fair, negotiating frozen Lake Como on double-runner skates, her family's black cat, Felix, and Laddie, the collie.

Ann's father, Stanley, was a trained architect, but he sometimes took other work, at one point as building superintendent for the new St. Luke's Catholic Church at Summit and Lexington avenues (now St. Thomas More Catholic Church).

The small home he designed at 1416 Frankson reflected the modest expectations of the times: There were less than 1,000 square feet on the main floor for a family of six.

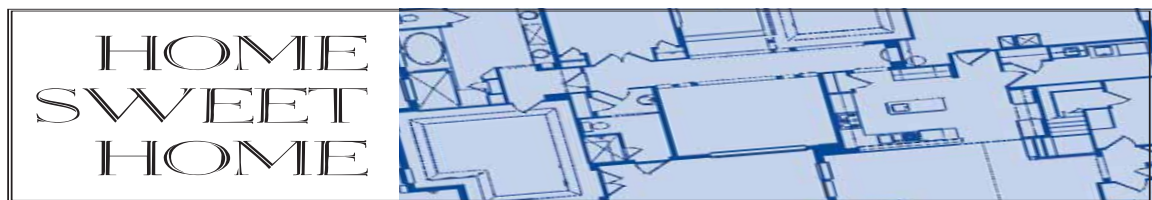
"I remember Janu-weary and Febru-weary in St. Paul and my mother cooped up with the four of us girls with whooping cough," Ann rem-

inisced. "Everywhere a 'bark.'"

She told of lying with the other kids on the front yard, watching fireworks from the fairgrounds and the store at the Pascal Street corner with the pickle barrel and cookies in boxes with glass lids, "so you could look but not touch." Winter meant sliding on "Robinson's" Hill, probably really Robertson's, named for the one-time owner of the land around here, including the hill in question, now part of the northwest boundary of Como Golf Course.

Ann attended Tilden School at Arona Street and Albany Avenue, although a bull tethered along the way scared her and made her

You can go home again to 21



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

Geoffrey Warner: Small is beautiful

By Judy Woodward

Geoffrey Warner, 47, an architect trained at the University of Minnesota, is the founder of Alchemy Architects, 856 Raymond Ave., in St. Anthony Park. Known for his weeHouse concept—small efficient pre-fabricated dwellings with a touch of the whimsical—Warner is developing a national following with his bold, colorful designs. In 2011, he earned a prestigious American Institute of Architects [AIA] 2011 Housing Award for the Blair Barn House in Blair, Wis.

Most recently, his firm became one of 11 national winners of the AIA 2012 Small Project Award with an innovative façade designed for Specs Optical on Hennepin Avenue in Minneapolis' Uptown neighborhood. Warner grew up in St. Anthony Park, but now lives in Macalester Groveland in a vintage bungalow that he and his architect-wife remodeled themselves.

I grew up in a fairly big house. There were rooms we never used. No one ever ate in the dining room or sat in the sitting room. My work as an architect came from bungalow rehabilitation. The bungalow is a great building style. Just as big as it needs to be.

We are often accused of being whimsical, and I love that. That's what we are trying to convey. [Some say] that architecture must be serious, but we prefer the chance to celebrate the building process, which can be whimsical. We don't mind quirky, thought-provoking projects.

Here's an example: One of our first clients wanted a modern farmhouse, so we did a house that was both barn and house. We took a kid's drawing of a house, removed the overhangs and sheathed it in red panels. Then we played with the windows. We played with the economy between barn



Geoffrey Warner Photo by Lori Hamilton

and house. Our "chimney" was actually a stair tower, but it looked big enough to be a silo.

Our houses are not inexpensive, but we try to use people's resources in a more efficient, sustainable [manner].

I'm always trying to make things smaller and tighter, and they work just as well. We've done 1,300-square-foot houses that feel spacious.

When I was a kid, I was one of the youngest in the class [at St. Anthony Park Elementary School] so they decided to give me a test [to assess developmental progress]. They sat me in a room with a lot of blocks and [construction toys] and they told me to build something.

After a while they came back and I had built this ginormous thing. So they decided, "Well, guess he's all

right in that area," but I think they'd be surprised to know I'd become [a prize-winning architect.]

If I hadn't done this, I might have been an actual artist.

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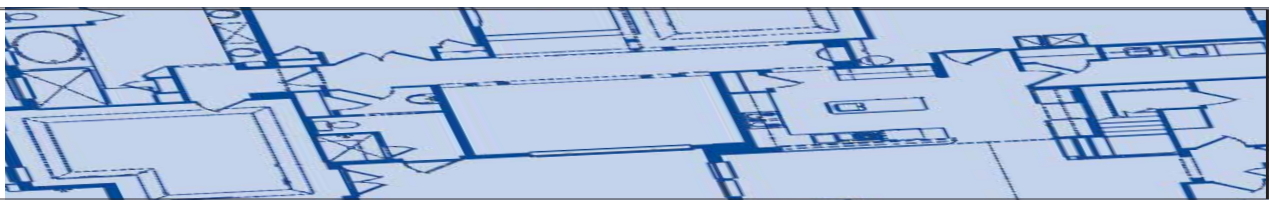
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Readers in areas served by community newspapers with circulations of less than 15,000 prefer the community newspaper as their source of local news and advertising.*

1. 74% of those surveyed read a local newspaper each week and prefer the printed copy to the online version.
2. Those readers, on average, share their paper with 2.33 persons.
3. 51% say they prefer to receive advertising through the newspaper instead of on the internet (11%)
4. 73% say they read most or all of their community newspaper
5. 43.8% keep their community newspaper six or more days

*2011 results of an annual survey conducted by the National Newspaper Association and the research arm of the Reynolds Journalism Institute at the Missouri School of Journalism.

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Remodeling from 11

to make them over, not just replace runners" on existing drawers, he said, and many customers are requesting them in new cabinetry.

Harmsen, who is based in south Minneapolis, said he's found a niche replacing windows, but not in the usual way. "On the old double-hung windows, pre-1950, I can get things working again," he said. "Or I can convert those windows into tilt-outs," making them

easier to maintain.

Instead of installing a whole new energy-efficient window, he said, he's been removing the old cord-and-weight system in double-hung sashes, replacing that mechanism with a frame that allows removal of the window from the inside, giving easier access to storms and screens.

"It goes up and down just like it used to," he said, but now, "you snap them out of there just like the newer windows."

Reusing the old window saves on cost, and he likes working with the old wood, Harmsen said. "That old white pine they made those out of was fantastic."

He also adds insulation and often replaces old storm windows with new ones made by Allied Aluminum in Fridley. With repairs and new storms, he said, he thinks he gets close to the energy efficiency of brand-new windows.

Contractor Tim Abrahamson encourages customers to consider energy efficiency and other "green" innovations, he said.

"I think there is growing interest in energy-efficient products, with the new wave of technologies being embraced more and more," Abrahamson said.

"Solar panels, high-performance wall systems with foam insulation and green products are high on the list of many customers," he said. "Xcel Energy's rebate program is up for renewal, and I understand it will continue to fund solar panel installations at a discount. This should help those interested in this technology to purchase it at a reduced price."

Abrahamson takes a stance in favor of "green" building. "I think we need to educate our clients about sustainability as our planet's resources continue to diminish," he said.

Salmi and Hagen of Transformed Tree said "green" approaches have entered their work, as well. For example, some customers want to use salvaged or reclaimed wood for their floors. They did that on a recent project, Salmi said. "Prices were greater than if we'd bought new materials."

Quality workmanship is "green" because it won't have to be thrown out and replaced in a few years, Hagen said. "It's going to have a quality of construction that will last for generations."

Tastes, standards change

Jerry Wind, whose company Painting By Jerry Wind does interior and exterior painting as well as floors, woodwork, plaster and other associated repairs, said one notable change in recent years is that wallpaper has nearly disappeared.

"Some people say it's coming back, but our experience is, not really," Wind

said. "We used to do 20 wallpapering jobs a year, now we do one or two."

When they do hang wallpaper, he said, his crew sees simpler patterns than in years past. "It's not a big, fancy pattern," he said.

The "faux" finishes popular a few years ago, which homeowners generally applied themselves using feathers and sponges, also seem to be on the wane, Wind said.

Dark, rich "earth" tones have been popular for many years and continue to hold their own in paint colors, Wind said, often with different shades in the smaller rooms pulled together by a lighter, brighter living area. "I think the rich colors are still in," he said.

This trend has been challenged, though, by recent concerns about volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in paint.

The federal government has imposed standards on paint manufacturers, requiring a company's total output not exceed certain levels of the compounds.

"Some of these paints aren't so easy to make look good with the bright colors," he said. "This whole thing of deeper, richer colors has been affected by this low-VOC trend."

Demographic influence

Another broad trend that affects remodeling is the demographic shift to older homeowners, said Brad Meinke, whose Parrot Head Remodelers business specializes in meeting the needs of older and disabled residents.

"New products are coming out all the time," Meinke said.

Innovation to meet those needs isn't just for the disabled, he said. "An added benefit of 'universal design' is that it makes things better for everyone."

For example, he said, lever door handles, which are easier to manage with arthritic knuckles, are helpful to someone carrying a load of groceries, as is a layout that offers a place inside the door to set things down. Many adaptations for older adults also serve children, he said, such as grab bars in tubs. "Kids fall in the bathroom all the time," he said.

And everyone can benefit from the brighter light, larger type displays (on the

thermostat, for example) and safer stair rails that come with universal design, Meinke said.

Classic choices are back

As the economy shows signs of recovering, homeowners are cautiously sticking with classic choices such as granite countertops, said the owners of Transformed Tree.

Granite remains the countertop choice for his customers, said Quie of Ben Quie & Sons.

Jerry Wind, the painter, said dark wood finishes are back. "People don't like that fake stuff now," such as the false "antique" wood finishes that were once in style, he said.

Prices rise with demand

Hagen said he does see another economic effect on the horizon: higher prices as competition for supplies heats up again.

"I have heard the supply lines are being tested," he said. "I think that's going to start putting some upward pressure on pricing."

Salmi gave the example of truss manufacturing, which he said is all done locally. Those manufacturers laid off a lot of workers during the recession and now have to hire and train and bring in materials again, he said.

The whole idea of trends in remodeling is driven as much by manufacturers as it is by customers, Hagen said. The manufacturers, of course, would like customers to replace their products often.

Just when stainless steel appliances had appeared to be standard, "GE came out with a concept they think is going to replace stainless steel," Hagen said. "It's called 'shale.'"

Remodel rather than resale

Jason Scott at Park Midway Bank said the projects his customers want to finance are a bit different in the new economy, he said.

Instead of thinking in terms of investment in a property to sell, Scott said, homeowners now come to his office thinking, "I'm probably not going to sell my house. So how do I want to make it so that I can stay for a while?"

Anne Holzman lives and writes in St. Anthony Park.

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Dave Hansen and his wife, Karen Lilley, far right, with the crew that helped organize and set up the exhibit at Warsaw University of Life Sciences. The photo of the apples on page 1 shows the University of Minnesota's Honeycrisp apples and was taken by Hansen.

Arts and sciences

Can science be art? That's the question academics at Warsaw University of Life Sciences in Poland are asking in an exhibition of photographs by University of Minnesota photographer David L. Hansen.

The exhibit of poster-size images—called “Can Science Be Art? Images of U.S. Land Grant Discovery”—documents research done by the University of Minnesota's Agriculture Experiment Station, which was founded in 1885. Hansen has been around for 38 of those years, photographing the university's work.

The photographs display

discoveries of Minnesota researchers in the areas of horticulture, plant pathology, forestry, crops (such as the U's Honeycrisp apples, shown on page 1), livestock, soils and other subjects related to agriculture, natural resources and rural life.

The exhibit honors the 150th

anniversary of the Morrill Act of 1862, which established the Land Grant university system in the United States. Warsaw University invited Hansen to show images that document the U's research and its impact on life in America and around the world.

Hansen, a resident of St. Anthony Park, attended the opening reception on Sept. 10. The exhibit was displayed through Sept. 22. It is now on display at the national Forest Research Institute outside of Warsaw. In November, it will open at the Polish Academy of Sciences in Poznan.—*Kristal Leebrick*



He's got talent

Big stage. Bright lights. And 15,000 fans in the audience.

That's what Will Quie experienced on Sunday, Sept. 2, when he was called out to the Minnesota State Fair grandstand at the 40th annual Amateur Talent Contest to play his version of Lynyrd Skynyrd's “A Simple Man.”

“Right before I got on I was kind of nervous,” he said, “and then, when they called my name, I thought, ‘Well, whatever happens, I'm going to go out and do my best.’”

The 13-year-old St. Anthony Park resident was one of hundreds of acts vying for a spot on that stage during the July auditions at the fairgrounds.

He made it through the auditions and competed in the semifinals during the first week of the fair. There are three divisions in the talent show: preteen, for 12 and under; teen, for 13 to 18; and open division, for all ages. Quie was 12 at the time of the talent show, so he competed in the preteen division.



Will Quie on the stage at the Minnesota State Fair Grandstand.

He came in first when he performed in the semifinals.

The word he used to describe how he felt about making it to the big stage: “psyched.”

Quie chose to sing “A Simple Man” because he likes Lynyrd Skynyrd, he said, and “I thought it would be perfect for the fair. A lot of the crowd that comes to the fair likes that kind of music.”

Quie's parents, Katherine and Bill Quie, have influenced his taste in music, he says. “My dad really

introduced me to rock and roll. Ever since I was really little, I was listening to all kinds of bands, Johnny Winter, the Rolling Stones, the Beatles.”

He's considering trying again next year, he said. In the meantime, he plans to spend a lot of time jamming with friends from Great River School, where he is a seventh-grader.

You can see Quie's performance on YouTube. Google “Will at the MSF Finals 2012.mov” to find the link.—*Kristal Leebrick*

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College Park oak is a winner

St. Anthony Park resident and Bugle photographer Lori Hamilton's photo of a well-known bur oak tree at College Park was given the People's Choice Award in the City of St. Paul's Landmark Tree program. That program, created to locate, document and compile a record of remarkable trees in the city, seeks nominations each year for trees that are interesting, unique or have some historical relevance.

The oak tree in Hamilton's photo was one of 20 trees nominated. At press time, the winner of the actual Landmark Tree contest had not been named, though Hamilton's tree was one of the finalists.

The photos of the nominated trees were posted on the St. Paul Natural Resources Facebook page, where voters "liked" the photo of their choice. Hamilton's photo received the most likes and received the People's Choice Award.

Hamilton took the photo of the oak a few years ago with her last roll of Kodak infrared film, she said. "Leaves and grass appear lighter with infrared film so I thought the oak tree would make a good subject for this process." A neighbor who saw Hamilton's photo on a card that Hamilton had made suggested that she nominate the tree to the St. Paul Landmark Tree Program.

To find out more about the program, go to Landmark Trees of St. Paul on the city's website, www.stpaul.gov, or to the St. Paul Natural Resources Facebook page, www.facebook.com/saintpaulnaturalresources. —Kristal Leebrik



The landmark bur oak tree at College Park between Carter and Doswell Avenues in St. Anthony Park.
© Lori Hamilton

YMCA camps' garage sale Oct. 3-6
YMCA Camps Widjiwagan and du Nord will hold their fall garage sale Wednesday, Oct. 3, through Saturday, Oct. 6, at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds Merchandize Mart. The sale will run from 9 a.m. to 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.

Elder legal issues topic of October senior support group meeting

Attorney Joy Gullikson, who specializes in elder legal issues, will discuss "Legal Matters, Caregivers and Families," including power of attorney, patient restraints, trusts and

long-term care, on Thursday, Oct. 4, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. The event is co-sponsored by the Lutheran, United Methodist and United Church of Christ congregations in St. Anthony Park and by St. Anthony Park Area Seniors.

Lions to hold waffle breakfast

The North Suburban Evening Lions Club will hold an All the Waffles You Can Eat Breakfast Sunday, Oct. 7, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the John Rose Oval skating center, 2661 Civic Center Drive, Roseville.

Sausage, coffee, milk and orange juice are included. There will also be a raffle and cake walk. The breakfast is free for ages 5 and under and \$6.50 for ages 6 and older. Proceeds go to community projects.

Organizers are encouraging participants to bring used eyeglasses to the event to be donated to a charitable cause.

Basketball registration at Northwest Como starts Oct. 8

Registration begins Monday, Oct. 8, at Northwest Como Recreation Center for youth basketball, ages 3-14.

Fall classes for youth include Tae Kwon Do, Orchestra Jam (music), Tantalizing Taste (science), Dry Ice Capades (science) and Babysitting Training.

Cardio Kickboxing is a new class being offered by adults.

A Family Bonfire will be held Oct. 5 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Register online at www.stpaul.gov/parks, call 651-298-5813 or come into the Northwest Como Recreation Center Monday to Thursday, 3-8 p.m. or Friday, 3-6 p.m.

Making Sense of the Civil War

The Roseville Library will present the second meeting in its discussion series, "Making Sense of the American Civil War," on Friday, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m. Professor Jim Stewart will lead the group in a discussion of selections from *America's War*, edited by Edward Ayers.

A complete list of all the readings and links to online versions of the essays for this discussion can be found on the library website: <http://www.rclreads.org/events-and-classes/making-sense-of-the-american-civil-war>.

Harvest Fest at Maternity of Mary-St. Andrew School on Oct. 12

Como Park's Maternity of Mary-St. Andrew School (MMSA) will host its annual Harvest Fest on Friday, Oct. 12.

The event will feature food from more than 25 local restaurants and bars, including appetizers, entrees and desserts. Beer and wine will also be available, along with a bonfire and entertainment. Neighbors, family and friends are welcome to come enjoy a night of food and fun.

Harvest Fest will kick off at 6 p.m. Advance tickets are available for \$25 each or two for \$45. Tickets purchased after Oct. 6 are \$30 each or two for \$55. Proceeds will benefit the school.

Tickets can be purchased at MMSA School, 592 W. Arlington Ave., between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, or download the order form at www.mmsaschool.org.

Contact the school office for more information, 651-489-1459.

Friday Night Out presents 'Islam and Our Muslim Neighbors'

St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ will host the presentation "Islam and Our Muslim Neighbors" at its October Friday Night Out on Oct. 12. Nehrer Abdul-Wahid from the Islamic Resource Group will be the guest speaker.

The evening begins at 5:30 p.m. with supper for all ages. The program will run from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

There will be a program for children and childcare will be provided.

The church is located at 2129 Commonwealth Ave. Call 651-646-7173 for more information or go to www.sapucc.org.

Meatloaf dinner supports area block nurse program

Looking for a good meal, some family fun and a way to support seniors in your community?

Join the Como Park/Falcon Heights Living at Home Block Nurse Program for its Meatloaf Dinner and Silent Auction on Saturday, Oct. 13, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Como Park Lutheran Church, 1376 W. Hoyt Ave. No reservations are required. The cost is \$8.50 for adults, \$5 for children age 4 and up, and \$3 for children 3 and younger.

The mission of the block nurse program is to provide home health care, wellness and social support to community elders. Each year, the program provides more than 200 free rides to medical and dental clinics and more than 3,000 hours of volunteer support.

The annual dinner and auction raise financial support and awareness of the program and the needs of our elders.

Loud at the Library starts Sept. 27

The Friends of the St. Paul Public Library will get loud at the James J. Hill Reference Library this fall. On three Thursday evenings, "Book It: The Party/Loud at the Library" will transform the library with popular local bands, music trivia and a cash bar.

The series kicks off with Bethany Larson and the Bee's Knees on Thursday, Sept. 27. Jeff Kamin, moderator of Books & Bars, will open each evening at 7:15 p.m. with trivia featuring prizes donated by local bars, restaurants, shopping and cultural venues for the top three teams.

Music starts at 8:15 p.m. Rogue Valley will perform on Oct. 25 and Greycoats will perform on Nov. 29.

Tickets are \$15 or \$10 for members of the Friends of the St. Paul Public Library.

All attendees over 21 who bring a current library card from any system will receive a free beer courtesy of event co-sponsor, Summit Brewing Co.

Circus comes to railroad museum

"The Circus by Rail" exhibit is coming to Twin City Model Railroad Museum, 1021 E. Bandana Boulevard, on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 13 and 14.

The museum is located in suite 222 in Bandana Square.

The exhibit will include many famous circus acts from the past all in different scales.

Exhibit hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Find out more at www.tcmrm.org.

Election year fun at the library

The St. Paul Public Library is presenting St. Paul-itics election-year events at Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave., in October.

The series kicks off with Moneyball for Politics on Monday, Oct. 15, at 6:30 p.m. Sasha Issenberg, author of *The Victory Lab: the Secret Science of Winning Campaigns*, will join computer science, statistics and campaign data

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Events

Venue information is listed at the end of the calendar. Send your events to calendar@parkbugle.org by Oct. 10 to be included in the November issue.

1 MONDAY

English as a Second Language, 1-2:30 p.m., each Monday except Oct. 8, St. Anthony Park library. Call 651-642-0411 to register.

Microsoft Word 2010 class, Mondays or Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park library. Call 651-642-0411 to register.

Cub Scout Pack 22 pack meeting, 7 p.m., St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church. Contact Chris Jacobsen, 651-649-1660 for more information.

2 TUESDAY

Baby Storytime, 10:30-11 a.m., birth to 2 years, St. Anthony Park library

International & Domestic Adoption Information Session, 6-8:30 p.m., CHSFS

St. Anthony Park Garden Club meeting, "Winter Seed Propagation for Summer Blooms," 6:30 p.m. business meeting, 7-7:15 p.m. refreshments and social time, 7:15 program, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall

3 WEDNESDAY

Free blood pressure screening, first Wednesday of the month, 11-11:30 a.m., Blomberg Pharmacy. Sponsored by Como Park/Falcon Heights Living at Home Block Nurse Program.

YMCA Camps Widjiwagan and du Nord Garage Sale runs through Saturday, Oct. 6. Open 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Minnesota State Fairgrounds Merchandise Mart

English Conversation Circles, Wednesdays, 4-5:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

St. Paul Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals monthly meeting, Globe College. Networking at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. RSVP to 952-883-6171 or leisha.b.skare@healthpartners.com

St. Anthony Park Book Club, "How It All Began" by Penelope Lively, 6:30-8 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

4 THURSDAY

Caregiver Support Group: "Legal Matters, Caregivers and Families," 10-11:30 a.m., St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ.

5 FRIDAY

Preschool Storytime, every Friday, 10:30-11:30 a.m., St. Anthony Park library

Apple Festival, 5-8 p.m., Gibbs Museum. \$10, adults; \$9, seniors; \$7, children 3-16; members free

6 SATURDAY

Parent-Toddler Time, play group for adopted children ages 1-4 and their parents, 9-10:30 a.m., CHSFS. Call 651-255-2284 to register.

Apple Festival, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Gibbs Museum. \$10, adults; \$9, seniors; \$7, children 3-16; members free

My Time! Activity group for adopted children ages 5-7 and their parents, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., CHSFS. Call 651-255-2284 to register.

Teen Read Month: "Steampunk Interactive Mystery," noon-4:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park library. Come in costume as a character or as yourself. All ages welcome. Steampunk is a fiction genre that incorporates elements of alternate history, science fiction and fantasy and often features technologies and fashion as Victorians may have imagined as futuristic. Find out more at sppl.org/teens/steampunk.

8 MONDAY

St. Anthony Park Branch Library closed for Staff Day

9 TUESDAY

Adoptive Parents Group: Minnesota's Waiting Children, 6:30-8:30 p.m., CHSFS

Courageous Citizenship, Redeeming the Past and Building the Future, Father Michael Lapsley, 7 p.m., O'Shaughnessy Educational Center Auditorium, 2115 Summit Ave. Free. Program of the Minnesota International Center.

10 WEDNESDAY

Minnesota's Waiting Children Information Session, learn about adopting children who live in foster care, 6-8 p.m., CHSFS

11 THURSDAY

St. Anthony Park Senior Cinema Series, "Salmon Fishing on the Yemen," 2-4 p.m., St. Anthony Park library. All ages welcome.

12 FRIDAY

Friday Night Out: "Islam and Our Muslim Neighbors," supper for all ages at 5:30 p.m., program, 6:15-7:45, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ

13 SATURDAY

Meatloaf dinner and silent auction, a fundraiser for the Como Park/Falcon Heights Living at Home Block Nurse Program, 5-7 p.m., Como Park Lutheran Church. Cost: \$8.50 adults, \$5 for children 4+, \$3 for 3 and under. Call Jody McCardle, 651-642-1127, for more information.

Great Decisions Conference: Global Health Priorities in Today's World, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Carlson School of Management 3M Auditorium. More information at micglobe.org.

14 SUNDAY

Twin Cities Out of the Darkness Walk: The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Como Lake, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Free. Register online, <http://afsp.donordrive.com> or call Becky Cole, 612-492-1182 or afspminnesota@gmail.com

15 MONDAY

enRoute to Careers in Human Rights NGOs, 5-7:30 p.m., Happy Gnome Fireplace Room, Minnesota International Center members \$5, nonmembers \$10, Register at micglobe.org

16 TUESDAY

Baby Storytime, 10:30-11 a.m., birth to 2 years, St. Anthony Park library

18 THURSDAY

Flu Shot Clinic, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., adults only, St. Anthony Park library. Reservations required. Call St. Anthony Park Area Seniors to register, 651-642-9052. Bring insurance card and photo I.D. Cash payment also accepted.

20 SATURDAY

Adoption Fair, 9 a.m.-noon, CHSFS

International & Domestic Adoption Information Session, 12:15-1:45 p.m., CHSFS

Family movie: "The Lorax," 1-2:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park library

The fourth annual Boo Run Run: Family-, dog-, stroller- and costume-friendly race starts at St. Paul's Harriet Island and goes along the Mississippi. Free half-mile kids' run; costume awards; 5K run/walk. Registration closes 11:59 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17. 5K cost is \$30; \$40 on race day. Proceeds go to St. Paul Community Neighborhood Housing Services. Registration at www.boorunrun.org.

27 SATURDAY

Gibbs Halloween, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Gibbs Museum. \$8, adults; \$7, seniors; \$5, children 2-16; members free

Get a Move On! Journey Through Black Dance, by Kenna-Camara Cottman, for grades 1+, 1-2 p.m., St. Anthony Park library. Registration and parental waivers required. Register at 651-642-0411.

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:

Blomberg Pharmacy, 1583 N. Hamline Ave., 651-646-9645

CHSFS: Children's Home Society & Family Services, 1605 Eustis St., 651-646-7771

Como Park Lutheran Church, 1376 W. Hoyt Ave.

Gibbs Museum, 2097 W. Larpenteur Ave., 651-222-0701

Globe College, 8089 Grove Drive, Woodbury

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

St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave., 651-646-7173

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Jean Anderson

Jean H. Anderson, 86, died Aug. 14. She had been a resident of St. Paul since 2005.

Jean is survived by her son, Eric (Karen), and daughter, Karen, along with three grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister, Diane Howell Gunnett, of Arcola, Pa.

A memorial service was held Aug. 30 at Como by the Lake apartments.

Rennette Arneman

Rennette Elaine Arneman, 92, died Sept. 14. She was born on Dec. 13, 1919, in St. Paul.

In 1942, she married Robert

Endres, who died in December 1944 in World War II.

Rennette worked for decades at the Department of Soils at the University of Minnesota, which became the Soil Conservation District for the State of Minnesota.

She married Harold Arneman in 1965. Harold and she loved to travel. Rennette was an avid bowler, gardener and golfer. She had two holes-in-one in her golfing career. She also enjoyed playing and watching tennis. She was a strong, independent and intelligent woman.

Besides her first husband, Rennette was pre-deceased by her second husband in 1995. She is survived by her daughter, Pat (Roger)

Katzenmaier of Roseville; stepson, John Arneman (Debra Bakken) of Milaca; four grandchildren, Kevin Katzenmaier of Woodbury, Lena (Eric) Christiansen of St. Anthony Park; Sondra (Mike) Asbery of Seattle, Wash.; and Amanda Arneman Bakken (fiancé Nick Dircz) of Minneapolis; five great-grandchildren, Trevor and Abrianna Asbery, Kyle and Zachary Christiansen, and Henry Dircz.

Her funeral service was held Sept. 19, at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, with interment at Fort Snelling.

Frank Evans

Frank J. Evans, 65, of Falcon

Heights, died Aug. 24 after a 13-month battle with cancer. He worked for 33 years as an auditor for the Department of Defense. In retirement, he enjoyed golfing, fishing, train trips, sports, working at church and Wednesdays with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Joyce; three sons, Matthew (Debra), Kevin (Colleen) and Alex (Krista); and four grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Aug. 29 at Hamline United Methodist Church.

Russell Griffin

Russell E. Griffin, 86, of St. Anthony Park, died Aug. 30. He was born in Battle Creek, Mich. After high school, he entered Duke University under the Navy's V-12 program, earning a naval commission and two bachelor's degrees. His active duty was served with the Amphibians, putting "the Pacific fight to bed."

Later, at the University of Michigan, he earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, as well as his education credentials. This was followed by two years at Chicago Theological Seminary. During that time, he also met his future wife, Enid Larson.

Russell and Enid were married in 1952. They stayed on at the seminary for several years. He taught high school science and math in northern Illinois for a year, then served a small church near Battle Creek, followed by work as an engineer.

In 1959, they moved to St. Anthony Park, where Enid was raised, living first on Doswell Avenue and later in the home her parents built in 1928.

In Minnesota, Russell served 32 years with the U.S. Dept. of Interior, Bureau of Mines, at Fort Snelling.

In addition to his wife, Russell is survived by his children: Fran (Dan) Beverness, Fairmont, Minn.; Bonnie (Rick) Shoebottom, St. Paul; Alvin (Nancy), Maryland; Glenn (Cheryl) and Lu (Mike Hesano), both of St. Anthony Park; Olaf (Paula), Roseville; Ben (Stephanie Hughes), San Jose; and Millie (Brian)

Webb of Madison, Wis.

His funeral service was held at First Christian Church of Minnesota on Sept. 22.

Lorraine Grostyan

Lorraine K. Grostyan, (née Lucas), 92, died peacefully Aug. 17.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 65 years, Andrew, a sister and four brothers. She is survived by one sister, Elaine Lucas; four sons, Michael of Maple Grove, David of St. Paul, James (Cheryl) of Woodbury and Gregory (Loreen) of West St. Paul; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren; as well as special friend, Mary Hazzard of Springfield, Mo.

Lorraine was a very active member of Holy Childhood's Women's Club.

The family thanks the staff at the Dorothea Wing of Lyngblomsten and the Healing Touch of Allina Hospice.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Aug. 21 at Holy Childhood Catholic Church in Como Park, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Jean Osterberg

Jean C. Osterberg, 80, of Falcon Heights, died Aug. 15.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn. She is survived by her son, Peter (Kirsten); two daughters, Carol Kriegler (Bill) and Susan Malecha (Paul); nine grandchildren; and a sister, Betty Lavine.

A memorial service was held Aug. 20 at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Roseville.

Jackie Price

Jackie (Delger) Price, 48, of Duluth, formerly of St. Anthony Park, died unexpectedly on Sept. 4.

She was preceded in death by her father, Irving Delger. She is survived by her cousins, Mary Bliven, Jane Delger and Anne Hilton.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m., Sat., Sept. 29, at Roselawn Cemetery in Roseville.

Home Tour from page 11

The proceeds from the tour support the work of the St. Anthony Park Community Council, but the council's executive director said the event is important for other reasons, as well.

"The tour probably is not the most efficient way to raise money, if you factor in all the time and energy people put into making it a success," said Amy Sparks, referring to the dozens of volunteers who participate. "We call it a fun raiser, rather than fundraiser, because it's such a great way for people

to connect and make new friends. It's definitely a community builder."

The tour is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Oct. 6. Advance tickets are available online for \$15 each at www.sapcc.org/hometour, as well as at Micawber's Books, 2238 Carter Ave., The Bibelot Shop, 2276 Como Ave., and the St. Paul Classic Cookie Company, 2386 Territorial Road.

Tickets will be on sale on the day of the tour for \$20 each at Park Midway Bank, 2300 Como Ave.

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School News

The Bugle welcomes news about students and schools in the area. The deadline for the November issue is Wednesday, Oct. 10. Send your news to editor@parkbugle.org.

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

Welcome back, Cheetahs!

Students and parents are encouraged to send Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education to the school. Go to www.boxtops4education.com or www.labelsforeducation.com to find out what products to save for the program, which helps raise money for Chelsea Heights Elementary School.

Important dates

Upcoming events at Chelsea Heights include a PTO meeting on Monday, Oct. 15, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. An awards assembly will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 17. Grades 2, 3 and 3/4 will meet at 1:10 p.m. Grades 4-6 will meet at 1:45 p.m., and kindergarten and grade 1 will meet at 2:15 p.m.

All St. Paul Public Schools will be closed in Thursday, Oct. 18, and Friday, Oct. 19. School photo retakes are Thursday, Oct. 25.

Como Park Senior High
740 Rose Ave., 651-293-8800
www.comosr.spps.org

Boys soccer going strong

The Como boys soccer team is off to a strong start with 6 wins and 0 losses as this issue of the Park Bugle went to print. Como defeated Mahtomedi early in the season, which boosted the team's confidence, and that has led to victories over conference rivals Johnson and Harding.

The team is led by senior captain and goalie Joe Krivit. The lead scorers for the Cougars are Keiron Sauer with seven goals and Jacob Cohen with five goals. The defense has only allowed three goals in the six games and has been led by Will Kidd, Zach Lee and Su Aye. The Cougars play their home matches at the school's field. The schedule can be found at http://comosr.spps.org/Boys_Soccer.html.

Other fall sports news

Como Park's fall sports teams are

enjoying great success. The cross-country team is the largest ever; Marshal Landrum took fourth at the Central Open, ninth at the Irish Invitational and was the Como invite champion. Kathleen Miles was the Como invite champion and Mary Miles took second at the Como invite.

The girls tennis team is off to a 3-2 start. Freshman Emma Hartmann is 4-1. The girls soccer team was 1-1 in conference play at press time. The girls volleyball team had an impressive undefeated 2-0 conference record and 6-3 overall at press time.

Como Park's Ultimate Frisbee players are making plans to take part in the Hold Back the Snow tournament in Winnipeg, Manitoba, Oct. 12-14.

Advanced Placement awards

Advanced Placement awards are given to students who perform at a certain level on their AP exams in May. Como has the largest AP program in St. Paul Public Schools and one of the largest in the state, with college-level course offerings in more than 18 subject areas.

Those who earned AP Scholar awards (students who earn a 3 or better score on three or more exams) include Kristina Abbas, Siri Berg-Moberg, Scott Chase, Emily Cornish, Rebecca Hervonen, Johanna Kristiansen, Joseph Krivit, John Lee, Sey Lee, Jared Nelson, Sophie Nielsen, Mario Rosas-Chavez, Nathan Rue, James S. Scanlan, Kristel Spiegelberg, Gina Thompson, Kayla Vorlicky, Kaitlin Waldera, Rachel Wolters, Chung Xiong and Inara Zahn.

AP Scholar with Honor awards (for those who earn a 3.25 or better on four or more exams) went to Feven Gerezgiher, Anastasia Macey, Michael McMahon and Kevin Muehlbauer.

AP Scholar with Distinction awards (for those who earn a 3.5 or better on five or more exams) went to Whitney Burke, Liam Dizio, Peder Erickson, Maxwell Freier, Benjamin Hartmann, Lucjan Januszewski, Ian Johnson, Isak Linstrom, Natasha Miller, Gabriel Ngam, Keith Phelps, Sergio Portesan, Makiki Reuvers, Jessye Rodgers, Dean Shaff, Mabel Smebakken, Hannah Stadler, May Hlub Vang and Kate Wackett.

AP National Scholars (granted to students who achieve a score of 4 or better on eight or more exams) went to Neil Anderson, Alexander Edgerton, Lia Hansen, Claire Holdreith, Craig Knuth, Haley Mesick and Adam Reece.

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

New faces at Murray

School is in full swing with 792 students and 39 teaching staff. Returning this year is Jean Retka, LD/special education teacher. New faculty this year includes LaNisha Paddock, administrative intern; Emily Bartlett and Marilena Eckes, AmeriCorps Promise Fellows; Bhuvani Dakshina, AmeriCorps math tutor; and Hue Lieu, 21st Century Community Learning Centers coordinator.

Classes for parents

Murray is offering a Parent Academy this year, a free seven-week program designed for parents and guardians of Murray students to help parents and teachers collaborate to transform the educational experience at home and school so children can achieve and be prepared for post-high school education. The academy will be held at Murray Tuesdays from Oct. 23 through Dec. 4, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Dinner will be served and daycare will be provided.

Topics will include Adolescence and Self-Esteem, Promoting Success in School, Positive Family Communication, High School Planning and How the School System works for 7-12th grade. All discussions are aimed at helping parents and guardians become more involved in their children's education. Contact Cindy Thrasher to sign up at 651-293-8740.

St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman gave the academy a shout-out in his state-of-the-city address: "There are many great initiatives underway to help close the achievement gap, but there is one in particular that I find has tremendous potential to change outcomes for our children: The Parent Academy in St. Paul Public Schools. Research is clear: When parents are involved in their children's learning, children have higher grades, test scores and graduation rates; better school attendance; increased

motivation and better self-esteem; lower rates of suspension; decreased use of drugs and alcohol; and fewer instances of violent behavior. Parental involvement (such as reading to your children and communicating parental expectations with them) is twice as predictive of a student's academic success as family socioeconomic status."

Upcoming October events

French students will attend *Fort Folle Avoine* in Danbury, Wis., on Friday, Oct. 5. A parent forum on the school science fair will be held Monday, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m. in the school library.

Picture retakes will be held on Monday, Oct. 15. School will not be

in session on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 18 and 19, due to statewide teacher meetings.

Conferences are Tuesday, Oct. 23, from 3 to 6 p.m. and Thursday, Oct. 25, from 5 to 8 p.m. Sign-up forms will be sent to students' homes in early October. A flu shot clinic for all Murray students and their families will be held during the evening conferences on Oct. 25.

Tutors needed at Murray

Murray is looking for tutors for the Pilot One-on-One Tutoring program. Sessions are 11:15 a.m. to 12:05 p.m., 12:10 to 1:05 p.m. and

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STEAMPUNK FREE EVENTS AT YOUR LIBRARY

STEAMPUNK INTERACTIVE MYSTERY

The Red Ribbon Society presents an interactive Steampunk Mystery. Players will read the daily paper for information, move through sets, gather clues, and interview characters to solve the mystery. Players are welcome to come in costume, as a character, or as themselves.

Sat, Oct 6, 12-4:30 pm
Saint Anthony Park Library
2245 Como Ave
651-642-0411

STEAMPUNK ART WORKSHOPS

Get creative with Leonardo's Basement! We'll create unique steampunk jewelry, sculptures, and objects.

Wed, Oct 17, 5:30-7:30 pm
Rondo Library
461 N Dale St
651-266-7400

Sat, Oct 27, 2-4 pm
Hayden Heights Library
1456 White Bear Ave
651-793-3934

Sat, Nov 3, 2-4 pm
Merriam Park Library
1831 Marshall Ave
651-642-0385

MAKING TINY TOP HATS

Design and decorate your own Steampunk tiny top hat! Materials will be provided.

Thurs, Oct 18, 6-7:30 pm
Highland Park Library
1974 Ford Pkwy
651-695-3700

Sat, Oct 20, 2-3:30 pm
Dayton's Bluff Library
645 E 7th St
651-793-1699

BAD SEPTEMBER

Enjoy an afternoon of retro-futurist art rock with local Steampunk band Bad September.

Sun, Oct 21, 2-3 pm
Central Library
90 W 4th St
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MORE INFO

sppl.org/teens/steampunk



SPPS honors 25-year employees

Each year, St. Paul Public Schools recognizes employees on their 25th anniversary of employment at a luncheon during the school year's opening week. Listed below are those who were honored at schools in the Bugle readership area:

Chelsea Heights Elementary School: Principal Jill Gebeke and

sixth-grade teacher Don Booth

Como Park Elementary: Custodian Susan Feist, head engineer Kelly Ferdig and special education secretary Wanda Suchy

Como Park Senior: Office manager Laura Payton and physics and math teacher Abdomohammed Karimi

Murray Junior High: History teacher Ron Beck, Spanish teacher David Donch and math teacher Mike Laska

St. Anthony Park: Third-grade teacher Kathy Maguire and sixth-grade teacher Judy Roe

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1:05 to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Training and orientation are provided. Contact Cindy Thrasher during morning hours at 651-293-8740.

Wolf Ridge leadership retreat
Seventy-two students and 16 student leaders will attend the Wolf Ridge Environmental Multicultural Leadership Retreat at Wolf Ridge Environmental Camp in northern Minnesota in November. Attendees are chosen at random from the

applications received at the school. The Wolf Ridge Committee tries to ensure a balanced representation of the school's student body, an even number of 7th- and 8th-grade students and an even number of boys and girls. Find out more about the at murray.spps.org/wolf_ridge.html.

Field trip to Mississippi bluffs
Murray's Earth Science classes visited Lilydale Regional Park on Sept. 21 to examine the layers of rock along the bluffs of the Mississippi River and

look for fossils in one of the upper layers. Now they are trying to make sense of how these layers could have formed and how the entities that became fossils might have lived in Minnesota. The students will determine what conditions existed in Minnesota long ago based on the evidence collected on this field investigation.

Adult leaders needed for after-school enrichment classes
Murray has received a 21st Century Grant through the Department of Education, which will help the school offer after-school enrichment classes and provide transportation home after the activities. The school is looking for volunteer leaders to conduct clubs and activities of interest to junior high students, including book clubs, chess club, cooking club, glee club, Lego Robotics, Destination ImagiNation, photography, knitting and crocheting, art and more.

Contact Hue (pronounced Whay) Lieu at 651-293-8740 to volunteer or discuss ideas for a club. The after-school program will be held Monday through Thursday from 2 to 4:30 p.m. starting Oct. 8.

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

School's in session
The orange patrol flags are waving along Como Avenue and other streets as students walk, drive and take the bus to St. Anthony Park Elementary School. The school day begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. The school doors open at 8:15 a.m.

Sixth-graders head north
Sixth-graders at the school will spend the week of Oct. 8-12 at Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center in northern Minnesota. Wolf Ridge is

located on a forested ridge overlooking lakes, rivers and Lake Superior.

First science night is Oct. 22
First Grade Family Science Night will take place on Monday, Oct. 22, at 6:30 p.m. Science teacher Jim Schrankler will conduct the first of this year's popular family science nights (offered for grades 1-3 throughout the year) where everyone gets together to find out what hands-on science learning is all about.

Celebrate fall at this festival
The Fall Festival, a much-anticipated annual fundraising event, will take place on Friday, Oct. 26. There will be dancing, food, fun activities and crafts, a haunted house, Scholastic Book Fair and the hugely popular Silent Auction. The community is invited to join with students, families and staff as the school celebrates back-to-school autumn traditions. All proceeds from the event support St. Anthony Park Elementary School programs.

No school Oct. 18 and 19
School will not be in session on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 18 and 19, due to statewide teacher meetings.

Ramsey County asthma program is free for qualified children
Children with asthma who live in HUD Section 8 multi-family housing may be eligible to get free in-home asthma care. For those who qualify for this program, a team will come to their homes to check a child's prescribed medicine and look for asthma triggers or things that make a child's asthma worse.

Participants may be eligible for free products such as a vacuum cleaner, mattress and pillow covers, and medication organizer.

To find out more, call your school nurse or Cathy Gagne, public health nurse, at 651-266-1839.



Think fast

Mounds Park Academy students are shown participating in the school's Aug. 29 Marshmallow Challenge, an exercise aimed at developing thinking, problem-solving and collaboration skills. Teams of four were given 20 sticks of spaghetti, a yard of tape, a yard of string and one marshmallow and instructed to build the tallest, freestanding structure with the marshmallow on top in 18 minutes. Pictured here are Karsten Dahlberg of St. Anthony Park and schoolmates Maddie Honda, Kian Dahlberg and Abby Wold.

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Community Worship Directory

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Pastor: Martin Ericson | Director of Music Ministry: Thomas Ferry
ComoParkLutheran.org | ComoEveningPrayer.org
Sunday: 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Worship | Holy Communion: 1st & 3rd Sundays 9:35 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Education | Nursery care: 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
Rides available for 10:45 a.m. worship – Call before noon Friday
Como Evening Prayer: Candlelight contemplative service – Sundays at 7 p.m.
Wednesday Evening Activities: 7th & 8th grade confirmation, senior high youth group, adult & children's vocal choirs & bell choirs
Wed. Eve Meal: 5–6:30 p.m. – Adults \$6, Children 3-11 \$3, Family max. \$20
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experts to delve into how data mining, predictive analytics and social media are used to change the face of elections in the 21st century.

The library will screen the documentary film *Election Day* on Monday, Oct. 22 at 6:30 p.m.

These events are free. For more information, please call 651-266-7000 or visit www.sppl.org.

NAMI offers safe space for teens

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Minnesota will hold a free, six-session course designed to empower young people to take charge of their lives and deal with the issues they are facing in a healthy and effective way.

The course, called Progression, will be held in St. Paul on Wednesdays, Oct. 10 to Nov. 14, 6-8 p.m., at Safe Zone, 308 Prince St., in the conference room.

Pizza and pop will be provided. Registration is required.

For more information, or to register for this class, contact NAMI at 651-645-2948.

Trick or treat

The Soap Factory, located at 514 S.E. Sixth St., Minneapolis, will host its annual Haunted Basement from Friday, Oct. 5, through Wednesday, Oct. 31. The Haunted Basement is an immersive, interactive performance created by makeup artists, smell engineers and other artists.

The event is for ages 18 and older. Tickets are \$22 and available at www.tempotickets.com/hauntedbasement.

Lights-on, 'Fraidy Cat Tours, an alternative to the Soap Factory's Haunted Basement, will be held on two Sundays, Oct. 21 and 28.

The artist-led tours are held at 10 a.m. Cost is \$10 and no reservations are needed. Call 612-623-9176 for more information.

Volunteer at the Science Museum

The Science Museum of Minnesota is looking for people to join its visitor



Swan song

The painted piano at Milton Square in St. Anthony Park got a lot of play this summer. A gift from the Schubert Club, the piano was part of the Keys 4/4 Kids Pianos on Parade program. Heather O'Malley, who manages Milton Square with her mother Mary Ann Milton, is shown here with Sila Liljedahl giving the piano one last play before it was removed in mid-September.

services volunteer Team. Volunteer benefits include complimentary Omni and special exhibits tickets and free parking.

To learn more, go to www.smm.org/volunteer or contact the volunteer office at 651-221-2583 or volunteer@smm.org. The museum is accepting new volunteers through Sept. 27.

Hope for Recovery workshop

The National Alliance on Mental Illness of Minnesota will hold a free, one-day education workshop that provides families and individuals with information on mental illnesses, practical coping strategies and hope for recovery.

The workshop will be held on Saturday, Oct. 20, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Regions Hospital, Teeter Library, 640 Jackson St. Registration

is requested. For information or to register, call 651-645-2948.

Paul David Wellstone Jr. presents new memoir: *Becoming Wellstone*

The Friends of the St. Paul Public Library, St. Paul JCC and Hazelden present a reading with Paul David Wellstone Jr., celebrating the publication of his new memoir, *Becoming Wellstone: Healing from Tragedy and Carrying on My Father's Legacy*, on Thursday, Oct. 18, at 7 p.m., at the St. Paul JCC, 1375 St. Paul Ave.

In *Becoming Wellstone*, Wellstone presents a portrait of his late father, Sen. Paul Wellstone, as a man who was beloved by his constituents and respected for his bi-partisan efforts and work on issues often affecting the underprivileged and under-represented.

You can go home again from 12

late for class on occasion. She liked to sit on the lions in front of the green-and-white tile Frankson mansion at Hamline Avenue and Midway Parkway. A woman she believed to be the cook sometimes gave her chocolate candy.

Everything changed in 1926 when Stanley Twitchell took a job in Clifton Springs, N.Y., directing the construction of a hospital building.

"My thoughts of my time there have always been such happy ones and I believe in our hearts we hated to leave St. Paul," she wrote.

Ann, by now the mother of three girls herself, returned to visit 1416 Frankson Ave. once around 1960. She found the Holland furnace that her uncle sold her dad still in place, converted

from burning coal to natural gas. The back porch had been enclosed and the French doors connecting it to the interior of the house were gone. Part of the porch space had been commandeered to permit an expansion of the tiny kitchen. And the alcove in the living room had been walled over. But the silver maple planted without much foresight was not yet big enough to menace the garage.

It's been 20 years since that first letter arrived here and I count myself so lucky that it did. Stanley Twitchell had a good camera and liked to develop his own film and make prints, some of which survived the years. Thanks to Ann, a panoramic view that he took of the neighborhood in 1921 is in

the collection of the Minnesota Historical Society.

Ann Twitchell Harris just turned 95 and is living in an assisted-living facility near her daughter Carole Bergman in Charleston, S.C. Bergman reports that her mother is comfortable and in reasonably good health for her age, although she has extensive memory loss.

Once in a while, though, I hope there's a glimmer of that golden girlhood, back in Como Park.

Roger Bergerson explores regional history and writes from Ann Twitchell Harris' childhood home in Como Park.



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Carina Eugenio (left) and Kari Hintze in the studio space at Driftwood Community Arts. Photo by Kristal Leebick

‘Community’ is key word for new gallery/studio on Raymond Ave.

By Kristal Leebick

Art for everyone.

That’s what Kari Hintze and Carina Eugenio say is one of the goals of Driftwood Community Arts, the new art gallery/studio/workshop that opened at 777 Raymond Ave. at the end of September.

“We believe art should be accessible,” as well as affordable and community-oriented, Eugenio says.

To that end, the seven artists and art educators who make up the Driftwood collective are committed to offering art for sale in the gallery that fits all income levels and workshops that fit many ages—from 5 to senior citizens.

Driftwood’s aim to be community-oriented started before the center officially opened on Sept. 19, when the collective shared the space with the Street Enlightenment project in August. The results of that



A detail of the mosaic on the storefront of Sharrett’s Liquors. The mosaic is the work of the Street Enlightenment project, which used Driftwood’s studio space for its pubic workshops.

project can be seen on the lower panels of the storefront at Sharrett’s Liquors: a mosaic made of recycled and stained glass orchestrated by artists James Widder and Rebecca Reilly.

Driftwood’s artists—Josh Sohn, Ken Rivera, Jamie Tam, Linda Radius Larson, Peter Ludt, Eugenio and Hintze—met while working on their master’s degrees at the University of Minnesota. Hintze and Eugenio are managers of the new art center.

The group had been looking for a storefront and studio space in the Raymond-University area for some time, Hintze said. The building is the former space of Sacred Paths Center.

Driftwood’s grand opening will be held on Saturday, Oct. 6, the same day as the St.

Anthony Park Home Tour. The center will be open during home tour hours, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and the grand opening festivities will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. and include art

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activities and a community art project. Visitors will also be able to sign up for classes that day.

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Dr. Katie Cartledge

Dr. Katie Cartledge joins St. Francis animal hospital

St. Francis Animal and Bird Hospital, located on the corner of Lexington and Larpenteur avenues in Roseville, welcomes Dr. Katie Cartledge to the practice. Cartledge received her veterinary degree from the University of Minnesota College

of Veterinary Medicine in May 2009. She worked in small animal practice for three years before joining the St. Francis team. She shares her home with two cats, Ed and Louise, and her hound dog, Goose.

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