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The walking dead will be driving, biking, bustling 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.


Organizers say the crawl, which began in M Innopolis 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 West Bank of M Innopolis and Lowertown, St. Paul.

This year, the St. Paul venue has been moved to the Saints’ baseball team’s home stadium and will feature carnival rides, live music, fireworks and a 50-foot inflatable zombie the organizers call Phil. It’s being billed as an all-ages event, while the M Innopolis crawl is for zombies 21 and older.

Taylor Carik, one of five coordinators for the event, met with the St. Anthony Park Community Council in September to talk about a noise variance for the event. The city received four letters opposed to the sound variance needed for the event, according to the city’s noise variance coordinator, who said thesound variance was approved.

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Como Park
The District 10 Como Community Council met at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of the month at the Como Strata Center, 1224 N. Lexington Parkway.

Como Curb Cleanup is Oct. 12-13
Get out the brooms and rakes. The Como Curb Cleanup is happening once again in the Como neighborhood, from Saturday, Oct. 13, through Sunday, Oct. 14. 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, which estimates 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 Minneapolis, Hubert Humphrey Job Corps and the City of St. Paul.

Funding for the project is provided by Capitol Region Watershed District. Also this year, District 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, district10como.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.

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The park is located at 2500 County Road E, St. Anthony Village.

Oct. 17-21
Haunted House
Music
NEW THIS YEAR
Haunted Hayrides

7-11 p.m. Fridays & Saturdays
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 city forward.

The November workshop will focus on development of specific strategies. The project of the two workshops will be completed for each community to document outcomes from the cooperation and recommend next steps.

Falcon Heights/Lauderdale Family Fun Run/Walk is Sept. 29
The fourth annual Falcon Heights/Lauderdale Family Fun Run will take place Saturday, Sept. 29, at 8 a.m. at Community Park, 2050 Rosalean Road.

Registration and check-in for those who preregistered will begin at 7 a.m. The fee is $2 for an individual or $4 for a family up to four people.

Registration can be done online at www.falconheighsnights.com or by calling Falcon Heights Parks and Recreation at 651-762-7617. 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 SSA. The Energy Resilience Group meets at 7 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at SSA. Anyone who is bilingual and fluent in English and Spanish or Russian is encouraged to apply. Applications are available online at Ramsey County Elections website, www.co.ramsey.mn.us/elections/judg.htm. For more information, contact Amy Sparks at elections@co.ramsey.mn.us or at 651-266-2171.

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.

Klaassen and Eriks Ludwins 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 sapsc.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.

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Election judges are paid for the time they attend the training session.

Any Minnesota resident who is at least 18 years of age and has lived in the state for at least 20 years 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.

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

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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.

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

Iliia (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.

This is the Octoberfest poster for 2012 at the Twin City Speedy Market. This annual event, which offers fresh, hand-made food and gifts, is free to attend. Stop in for tasty treats or pick up a fall gift for yourself or a loved one. Both stations open 7 days a week. Stop in for fresh, hand-made food items including: pizzas, deli sandwiches, meals-2-go. FREE small fountain soda with purchase of hot case food item. Park Service Inc. 2277 Como Avenue 651-644-4775, 651-644-1134. Como Raymond BP 2102 Como Avenue 651-644-2466.
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—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 reining 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 clean up 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, this nutrient-rich 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 Neighborhood Network and District 10 Community Council, but it is led by the hundreds of Como Lake residents who clean the curbs and street gutters along their home blocks.

By taking on the lead task on this key solution strategy—reducing phosphorus at the source—we are not only demonstrating how much we value Como Lake, we are also 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 incredible, but the political spectrum 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 for many people have simply checked out of public life entirely. The civic organizations in our area—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 our ideas to one another, 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 M. Lappe 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 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 is designed to engage citizens at the neighborhood level, so for 2012 I am focused on a communitywide civic capacity 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 to live through the 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 that will improve our city and move us toward the practice of 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 the location for that conversation had not yet been determined. It will be posted online at CLNN.org or when it is determined.

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

Welcome to readers of the Park Bugle:

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 have now a clear choice between two candidates with completely different views about taxes and government. I look forward to a spirited battle of ideas in this election.

My motivation to run for the Ramsey County Commission comes from learning the legacy we are and future generations are committed to watch all levels of government grow in size, scope and cost. I hear those same concerns echoed 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.

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Letters to the Editor:

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COMMENTARY

944 Chautauqua

By Adam Granger

In 1953, when I was 3 years old, my family moved to Norman, Okla., where my father became a professor of English at the University of Oklahoma. In a 30-year mortgage, my parents bought a $19,000 single-story four-bedroom frame house at 944 Chautauqua Ave., built in 1927. Chautauqua, in the early years, marked the southwestern border of Norman, and was, eponymously, the site where early 20th-century tent shows would set up.

The house had a fireplace, which we used exactly once before my mother blocked it up. Mom was a splendid woman and we had a terrific relationship as adults but, by her own frequent declaration, she was never a mother or, for that matter, a wife. She hated housework, cooking and parenting, and she lived Thoreau’s “life of quiet desperation.”

I knew she had been born 60 years later, she would likely have been a happily single bohemian artist. If, my wife, my children and at least several of my friends agreed it didn’t work out that way, and so was she, ultimately? So our fireplace only recycled more work.

I never doubted that Mom loved me but, even as small child, I sometimes took better care of her than she of me. She worked hard to overcome her unhappiness and the fatigue it wrought, and to integrate her time—was energy-consuming career as an artist with her home duties, and she often succeeded. She loved talking with me and reading to me in bed at night—loved talking with me and reading to me in bed at night—loved talking with me and reading to me in bed at night—loved talking with me and reading to me in bed at night—loved talking with me and reading to me in bed at night—loved talking with me and reading to me in bed at night—loved talking with me and reading to me in bed at night.

In sum, my parents did the best they could with what they had, and my brother and I weren’t nearly as bad as we could have been, and my memories of growing up in Chautauqua are a dichotomous mix of happiness and sadness, of security and instability, of well-being and ill-boding.

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And how do I distill the admixture of happiness and sadness that suffused my house and my home?

Adam Granger now makes his home with his wife, son, and cat at Chautauqua. He is a regular contributor to the Park Bugle.
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.
Fall garden advice: Grab your hoses and start watering

By Mary Maguire Lerman

Post 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 right now: water.

Watering is a critical factor in survival, yet many of us do not recognize our plant 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 lost from their leaves.

Look at the soil. At the time of this writing, we 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 the landscape, most of those heavy rains will run off into your yard and water everything in your landscape.

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. Some of those bulbs will run off into your yard and water everything in your landscape.

I hope that by this time 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 yard and water everything in your landscape.

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Public participation opportunities:
• Business and community organization advisory groups: T 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 Theo Woehrle at theo.woehrle@district10comopark.org or 651-644-3889.
• Survey: Send 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: M ordnays, O dt. 8 and Nov. 12, at 7 p.m. at the District 10 Office, 1224 N. Lexington Parkway. Share your vision for the Como community.

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

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

The Autos 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 Macaulay Merita 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. T heir 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.

Tickets for each concert are $24 with $12 student rush tickets. Order tickets online at shubert.org/musicinthepark or call 651-292-3268.
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 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 cooparkboosterclub@gmail.com. Financial and volunteer support is needed for the homecoming festivities. Watch the school website’s Booster Club page, www.cooparkboosterclub.org, for more information or email the booster club directly at cooparkboosterclub@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. Rain Taxi also publishes a chapbook series and hosts a wide range of literary events in the Twin Cities.

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

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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, they had removed all play equipment and benches from the small playground at Hendon and Brandon avenues in St. Anthony Park. The neighbors were upset 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 Berge, 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 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.
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 ambiance.

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, swatching old styles, are less "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 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

By Anne Holzman

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

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Homeowners continue to repair and remodel, despite tough economy

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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 Minnesota 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 reminisced. “Everywhere a ‘bark.’”

“Janu-weary” and “Febru-weary” are an old-fashioned way of keeping track of the month, with the former being January and the latter February.

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
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 whimsical style—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 Spectra Optical on Hennepin Avenue in Minneapolis’ Uptown neighborhood. Warner grew up in St. Anthony Park, but now lives in Macaulester Groveland in a vintage bungalow that he and his architect-wife re-modeled 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. 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 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.


### 5 reasons to advertise in the Park Bugle

Community newspapers are readers’ choice for news and advertising

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

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*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.
I can convert those windows working again," he said. "Or ble-hung windows, pre-
usual way. "On the old dou-
windows, but not in the
He's found a niche replacing
them in new cabinetry. 

Customers are requesting
replace runners" on existing
to make them over, not just
Remodeling from 11
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 win-
dow from the inside, giving
easy access to storm 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
window, he said, he's been
whole new energy-efficient
windows.

Contractor Tim Abra-
hamson encourages cus-
tomers to consider energy
and other "green"
innovations, he said.

"I think there is growing
interest in energy-efficient
products, with the new wave
of technologies being em-
braced 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 re-
bate program is up for re-
newal, and I understand it
will continue to fund solar
panel installations at a dis-
count. This should help
those interested in this tech-
nology to purchase it at a re-
duced price.

Abrahamson takes a
stand on the term "green"
building. "I think we need to
educate our clients about
sustainability as our planet's
resources continue to dimin-
ish," he said.

Salmi and Hagen of
Transformed Tree said "green" approaches
have entered their work, as well.
For example, some cus-
tomers want to use salvaged
or reclaimed wood for their
floors. They did that on a re-
cent 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 construc-
tion that will last for genera-
tions."

Tastes, standards change
Jerry Wind, whose company
Painting By Jerry Wind does
interior and exterior painting
as well as floor, wall, plaster
and other associated
repairs, said one notable
change in recent years is that
business has nearly disappeared.

"Some people say it's
coming back, but our expe-
rience 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 pop-
ular in recent years are
staple for some homeowners
generally ap-
plied themselves using
fabric printed sponges, also
seem to be on the wane.

Dark, rich "earth" tones
have been popular for many
years and continue to hold
their own in paint colors,
Wind said, often with differ-
ent 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 re-
cent concerns about volatile
organic compounds (VOCs)
in paint.

The federal government has
imposed standards on paint
manufacturers, requir-
ing a company's total output
to exceed certain levels of
the compounds.

"Some of these paints
aren't so easy to make look
bright 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 af-
flicts remodeling is the de-
mographic shift to older
homeowners, said Brad
Meinke, whose Parrot Head
Remodelers business spe-
cializes 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."

In the example he said,
lever door handles, which
are easier to manage with
arthritic knuckles, are help-
ful to someone carrying a
load of groceries, as is a lay-
out that offers a place inside
the door to set things down.

While and outdoor con-
structures for older adults also
serve chil-
ren, he said, such as
grab bars in tubs. "Kids fall in
the bathroom all the time," he
said.

And everyone can ben-
fit from the bigger handles
on the thermostat, for example)
and safer stair rails that
abridge visual design,
Meinke said.

Classic choices are back
As the economy shows
signs of recovering, home-
owners are cautiously stick-
ing with classic choices in
such as granite countertops,
said the owners of Trans-
formed Tree.

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

Jerry Wind, the painter,
said dark wood finishes are
back. "People don't like that
faux stuff now," such as the
false "antique" wood fin-
ishes 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.

"We've heard the sup-
ply lines are being tested," he said. "I think that's going
to start putting some upward
pressure on pricing."

Salmi gave the example of
brush manufacturing,
which he said is all done lo-
 ally. Those manufacturers
laid off a lot of workers dur-
 ing 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 manufac-
turers as it is by customers,
Hagen said. The manufac-
turers, of course, would like
customers to replace their
products often.

Just when stainless
steel appliances had ap-
ppeared 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 prob-
ably 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.
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.'"

Quie, a 13-year-old St. Anthony Park resident, 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, 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 Leebri

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Neighbors

Send news about upcoming events or your interesting neighbors to editor@parkbugle.org. The next deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 10.

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 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, 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 Leebri

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Neighbours from 15

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 2012 St. Paul 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 presstime 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 H amilton had made suggested that she nominate the tree to the St. Paul Landmark Tree Program.

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

YMCA camp's garage sale Oct. 3-6

YMCA Camps W idjawan and du Idenwill hold their fall garage sale this weekend, Oct. 3, through Saturday, Oct. 6, at the M innesota State Fairgrounds M erchandise M art. The sale will run from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday to Friday, Oct. 5, the Saturday 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 group meeting

Attorney Joy Gullikson, who specializes in elder legal issues, will discuss "Legal Matters, Caregivers and Families," including power of attorney, patient restraints, trust 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 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 sale. The breakfast is free for ages 5 and under and $6.50 for ages 6 and older. Proceeds go to community projects.

Organizations 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 D o, Orchestra Jam (music), T antalizing Taste (science), Dry Ice Capades (science) and Baby Sitting Training.

Cardio Kickboxing is a new class being offered by adults.

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

Register online at www.spaiful.gov/parks, call 651-298-5813 or come in to the Northwest Como Recreation Center M onday 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 at War, edited by Edward Ayers.

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

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

Como Parks M aternity of Mary-St. Andrew School (M SMA) 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, entrées 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 M SMA School, 592 W. Arlington Ave., between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or online at www.mmsashool.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. Brother Abdul-Whit of 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.spuucc.org.
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**VENTURES**

Venue information is listed at the end of the calendar. Send your events to calendar@parkbugle.org by Oct. 15 to be included in the November issue.

**1 MONDAY**


Microsoft Word 2010 class, Mondays or Wednesdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m., St. Anthony Park library. Call 651-642-9411 to register.

Cub Scout Pack 32 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 St. Anthony Park Garden Club,” 6:30 p.m., 1213 Commonwealth Ave., program, 7 p.m., St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall

**3 WEDNESDAY**

Free blood pressure screening, first Wednesday of the month, 7-11 a.m., Bomberry Pharmacy. Sponsored by Como Park/Falcon Heights Living at Home Block Nurse Program.

YMCA Camps Widjawigan and du Nord Too Gorge Sale runs through Saturday, Oct. 6. 0-9 a.m. 7-3:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Minnesota State Fairgrounds North Commercial Area

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

**4 THURSDAY**


**5 FRIDAY**

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

Apple Festival, 9-6 p.m., 466 Museum, $10, adults; $9, seniors; $7, children 3-16; members free

**6 SATURDAY**

Parent/Child Playgroup, play group for adopted children ages 1-4 and their parents, 9-10 a.m., CHSFS. Call 651-255-2284 to register.

Apple Festival, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 466 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 they existed or might have existed. Find out more at splo.org/en/steampunk.

**8 MONDAY**

St. Anthony Park Branch Library closed for Staff Day

**9 TUESDAY**

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

Courageous Citizenship, Redefining the Park and Building the Future, Father Michael Lapidus, 7 p.m., 1376 St. Anthony Park United Church Auditorium, 1115 Summit Ave. Free Program of the Minnesota International Center.

**10 WEDNESDAY**

Minnesota 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 Or 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**

Meal planning and dinner 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 each 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. More information at micglobe.org.

**14 SUNDAY**

Twin Cities Out of the Darkness Walk: The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Como Lake, 3-6:30 p.m. - 1 p.m. Free. Register online, http://afsp.donordrive.com or call Becky Cole, 612-492-1182 or afspminnesota@gmail.com

**15 MONDAY**

 er into Careers in Human Rights NGO's, 5-7:30 p.m., Happy Home 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, 1:10-4:30 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 ID. Cash payment also accepted.

**20 SATURDAY**

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

International & Domestic Adoption Information Session, 10:15-1:45 p.m., CHSFS.

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

The fourth annual Boo Run Run: Family-, dog-, stroller- and costume-friendly race starts at St. Paul’s Marist Island and goes along the Mississippi. Free half-mile kids’ run; costume awards; 5K run/walk. Registration closes 11/9 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17. 5K cost is $30; $40 on race day. Proceeds go to St. Paul Community Neighborhood Services. Register at www.borrurun.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 1-2, 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 Ave., 11:30-1:30 p.m.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

Blomberg Pharmacy, 1383 N. Hamline Ave., 651-646-9645

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

Como Park Lutheran Church, 3376 W. Hoyt Ave.

Gibbs Museum, 2097 W. Larpent Avenue, 651-222-0701

Gibbs College, 8089 Glove Drive, Woodbury

St. Anthony Park Branch Library, 2245 Como Ave., 651-642-9411

St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 1,045 Eustis St., 651-646-7771

St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2120 HiAWaide Ave.

St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave., 651-645-1058

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Jean Anderson
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 Lutheran Church, with interment at Fort Snelling.

Renette Arneman
Renette Elaine Arneman, 92, died Sept. 14. She was born on Dec. 13, 1926, in Brooten, Minn. in 1942, she married Robert Endres, who died in December 1944 in World War II.
Renette worked for decades at the Department of Soils at the University of Minnesota, where she became the Soil Conservation District for the State of Minnesota.
She married Harold Arneman in 1965. Harold and she loved to travel. Renette was an avid bowler, bridge player, tennis player, 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, Renette was pre-deceased by her second husband in 1995. She is survived by her daughter, Pat (Roger) Katzenmier of Roseville; stepson, John Arneman (Debra Bakken) of MIlaca; four grandchildren, Kevin Katzenmier of Woodbury, Lena (Eric) Christiansen of St. Anthony Park; Sounda (Mike) Abbey of Seattle, Wash.; and Amanda Arneman Bakken (Harold Nick Dirzcz) of MInneapolis; five great-grandchildren, Trevor and Abernathy Abbey, Kyle and Zachary Christiansen, and Henry Dirzcz.
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 33 years as an auditor for the Department of Defense. In retirement, he enjoyed golfing, fishing, train trips, sports, working at church, and Wednesday with his grandchildren.
He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Joyce; three sons, Matthew (Debra), Kevin (Collin) and Alex (Krista); and four grandchildren.
A memorial service was held Sept. 19, at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, with interment at Fort Snelling.

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 Doshwell 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) Beaumet of Fairmont, Minn.; Bonnie (Ruth) Shookbottom of St. Paul, Alvin (Nancy), Maryland; Glenn (Cheryl) and Lu (Mike Heisano), both of St. Anthony Park; Olaf (Paula), Roselawn; Bar (Stephanie Hughes), San Jose; and Millie (Brian) Webb of Madison, Wis.
He is survived by two sons, John (Debra) of Woodbury and Gregory (Lorena) of West St. Paul; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren, as well as his wife, Mary H. L. Endres, who died in December 1944.
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 (Loren) of West St. Paul; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren, as well as special friend, Mary H. L. and the Healing Touch of Allina Hospice.
A memorial service was held Aug. 20 at St. Michael’s Lutheran Church in Roseville.

Jackie Price
Jackie (Jackie) Price, 48, of Duluth, formerly of St. Anthony Park, died unexpectedly on Sept. 4.
She was preceded in death by her father, Leroy Dalager. She is survived by her brothers, Gary Bilwen, Jane Delger and Anne Hilton.
A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m., Sat., Sept. 29, at Rose Lawn Cemetery in Roseville.

The Park Bugle prints obituaries free of charge as a service to our communities. Send information about one death to Mary Mergenthal at mary.mergenthal@comcast.net or call 651-644-1650.
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

School News

Chelsea Heights Elementary

5557 Henn St., 651-293-8790
www.chelsea.spps.org

Welcome back, Chelsea!
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.labels4education.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 4 will meet at 11:00 a.m. Grades 5-6 will meet at 1:45 p.m., and kindergartners 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.comorrr.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 M-Ambrosi 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 for the front for the Cougars is Keron 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 Kild, Zach Lee and Su Aye. The Cougars play their home matches at Como High School. The schedule can be found at http://comorrr.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; M-Arrah Landrum took fourth at the Central O-pen, ninth at the Irish Invitational and ninth at the Como invite champion. Kathleen Milies was the Como invite champion and Mary A my invited second at the Como invite.

The girls tennis team is off to a 3-2 start. Freshman Emma Hartman is 4-3. 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 off in the Hold Back the Snow tournament in Winnepeg, 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 (those students who earn a 3 or better score on three or more exams) include Kristinna Abbas, Ben Berg, Megan Bongers, Scott Chase, Emily Cornish, Rebecca Hrusowicz, Johanna Kristiansen, Joseph Krivit, John Lee, Lee Sley, Jared Nelson, Jayde Nylen, Nathan Okerstrom, Thomas O’Shea, Nathan Rue, James S. Scanlan, Kristel Spiegelberg, Gina Thompson, Kaelyn Volkin, Kaityn Wakefield, Roman Walters, 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 Fegan Gerebrink, Anastasya Macey, M-chael M-Daon and Kellan Maunder.

AP Scholar with Distinction awards (for those who earn a 3.5 or better on four exams) went to Whitney Burke, Liam Dizo, Peter Erickson, Maxwell Freier, Benjamin Hartmann, Lucjan Januszewski, Ian Johnson, Isak Lindstrom, Natalia Miller, Gabriel Ngam, Kath Phelps, Sergio Portuesa, Makki Reaves, Jesse Rodger, Devon Shaff, Michael Smibaldken, Hannah Stadler, May Hub Vang and Kaitlyn 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, Lian Hanson, Claire Holdreid, Craig Knuth, Haley Meek and Adam Reence.

Murray Junior High

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

New faces at Murray
French students will attend Far Falle Avinou in Daubroy, Wis., on Friday, Oct. 5. A parent forum on the school 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 full 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 1:10 to 2:05 p.m.

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Wolf Ridge leadership retreat
Seven-year-old students and adult leaders will attend the Wolf Ridge Environmental Multicultural Leadership Retreat at Wolf Ridge Environmental Camp in northern Minnesota in November.

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

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, drama club, cooking club, golf club, Lego Robotics, Destination Imagination, photography, knitting and crocheting, art, and more.

Contact Hue (pronounced W-ray) Liu 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.stanthonyssps.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 Tim 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 T Tuesday 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 H U D 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 the school nurse or contact the Ramsey County public health nurse, at 651-266-1839.

School will not be in session on Monday, Aug. 29, Marshmallow Challenge, an exercise aimed at developing 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 10 minutes. Pictured here are Karsten Dahlberg of St. Anthony Park and schoolmates Maddie Honda, Kian Dahlberg and Abby Wold.
Neighbors from 16

Experts to delve into data mining, predictive analytics and social media 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 meet in St. Paul on Weds., Oct. 10 to Nov. 14, 6-8 p.m., at Safe Zone, 368 Prince St., in the conference room. Pasta 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, small engineers and other artists.

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

Light-on, Frady 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 services volunteer team. Volunteer benefits include complimentary Omaha and special exhibitions 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 illness, 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, Teater Library, 640 Jackson St. Registration is requested. For information or to register, call 651-645-2948.

Paul D avid Wellstone Jr. presents new memoir: Becoming Wellstone

The Friends of the St. Paul Public Library, St. Paul JC C and Haedeen present a reading with Paul David Wellstone Jr., celebrating the publication of his new memoir, Becoming Wellstone. Hailing from Tragedy and Carrying on My Father’s Legacy, on Thursday, Oct. 18, at 7 p.m., at the St. Paul JC C, 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 bipartisan 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 Franklin Ave. once around 1960. She found the Holland furnishings she and 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 commandeer 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 glimpse of that golden girlhood, back in Como Park.

Roger Bergerson explores regional history and writes from Ann Twitchell Harris’s childhood home in Como Park.
Business News

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

By Kristal Leebrick

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 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.

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By Kristal Leebrick

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