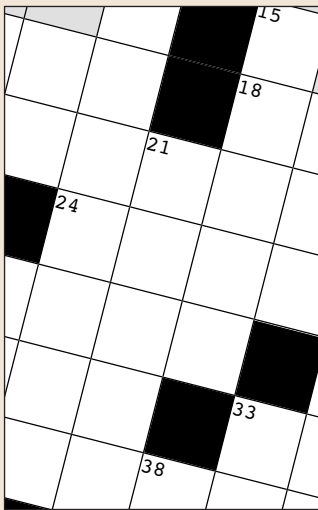


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## Cream of the crop

*What does it take to create award-winning seed art? Fine motor skills and a good dose of wit*

By Judy Woodward

It's August and time for St. Anthony Park resident Teresa Anderson to go to seed again. It's something she does quite well, regularly winning awards for her efforts.

Crop art is Anderson's chosen pursuit and her wry sense of humor and excellent fine motor skills (possibly honed by her professional background in dentistry) make her a formidable competitor in one of the more esoteric events at the Minnesota State Fair.

Like butter sculpture and Machinery Hill, crop art—that curious blend of precision technique, cartoon graphics and horticultural boosterism—is one of those distinctive attractions that give the State Fair its special place in the affections of true Minnesotans. Confined to an out-of-the-way corner of the Agriculture Horticulture Building, crop art will never challenge the big-league status of the heavy-hitters over in the Creative Activities Building or the Fine Arts Center. Even devotees like Anderson are unsure if it's really an art form.

"It's very tedious," she admits. "Not much fun to do. ... Also, it's a hundred times harder to do it in seeds [than paint.]"

Anderson can't sell her work for any sum that would begin to offer appropriate compensation for the hours of labor involved, and she doesn't even have the satisfaction of knowing that her work will last for the ages. Without distracting layers of heavy, shiny shellac, her prize-winning creations can quickly succumb to crop blight.

Yet every year, months before the fair begins, Anderson and a small band of fellow enthusiasts begin visiting seed stores, assembling their stock and planning the finicky process of transforming millet, lentils, wheat and other kernels into recognizable portraits of everyone from Abe Lincoln to Colonel Sanders. In fact, there is probably no object so inappropriate that it hasn't at one time or another been eyed speculatively by a seedsmith in search of a subject. Years ago one competitor even reproduced Van Gogh's

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Teresa Anderson's 2013 entry into the Minnesota State Fair's crop art competition, "Let Them Eat Cake" (right), placed third in the Irregular category at the fair. Last year's entry, "Wedding Cake," a commentary on the Marriage Amendment, placed second in the Special Occasion category. Photo by Lori Hamilton

## All aboard the Art Train

*Craig Blakely's million-dollar idea to turn a few old railcars into a creative hub off University Avenue is one of the top three contenders in the St. Paul Foundation's Forever St. Paul Challenge*

By Kristal Leebrick

You have until Monday, Sept. 2, to vote on one of three \$1 million projects that could make

St. Paul better.

If you haven't heard about the Forever St. Paul Challenge, listen up: The St. Paul

Foundation launched a contest back in February that will award \$1 million to a winning idea to "make St. Paul better." Earlier

this summer, a panel of judges narrowed a pool of nearly 1,000 submissions to 30 semifinalists.

On Aug. 13, the foundation announced the three finalists. The winner will be the idea that gets the most online votes from the public.

One of the finalists is the St. Paul Art Train, a project that would develop new creative space in refurbished rail cars on University Avenue.

The vision of Como resident Craig Blakely, the project would transform three passenger rail cars into rentable art business workspaces and refurbish a dining car into a restaurant or coffee shop. The Art Train would be attached to the railroad loading dock at the Wright Building at the corner of

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The St. Paul Art Train would provide workspace in three converted passenger cars and one dining car or caboose converted into a restaurant or coffee shop. The train would be attached to the railroad loading dock of the Wright Building at the southeast corner of Hampden and Charles avenues.



## C I T Y F I L E S

### Como Park

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

### Community meeting will address Como's neighborhood parks

District 10's District Plan Committee will host a meeting on Monday, Sept. 9, 7-9 p.m. at North Dale Rec Center, 1414 N. St. Albans St., to seek input into the crafting of a vision for parks and recreation facilities in the neighborhood, as part of the district's Strategic Land Use Plan. The plan will include all St. Paul Parks and Recreation facilities in the neighborhood, as well as Como Regional Park and will eventually be adopted by the St. Paul City Council.

### Learn to prevent food waste

District 10's Environment Committee and Eureka Recycling will host two workshops designed to help residents learn how to prevent food waste and save money. The workshops will be held at the Historic Streetcar Station, 1224 N. Lexington Parkway, on Tuesday, Sept. 24, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 6, at 3 p.m. Due to limited space, a small registration fee will be charged to reserve a seat. Register by calling Eureka at 651-222-SORT (7678).

### Neighborhood Cleanup is Sept. 21

The annual Neighborhood Cleanup, sponsored by the District 10 Como Community Council, Hamline Midway Coalition, St. Anthony Park Community Council and Union Park District Council, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 21, 8 a.m.-noon at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. Residents can bring both reusable items and junk for disposal to the cleanup for a reasonable free. Additional details will be mailed to residents in early September.

### New recycling bags

District 10 has heavy-duty, reusable recycling bags that are divided into two compartments (one for papers and one for cans and bottles) for apartments and homes with limited storage space for recyclables, as well

as for people who have a hard time moving the larger blue tubs.

Bags, and the traditional blue tubs, are available free to District 10 residents and can be picked up from the District 10 offices in the Historic Streetcar Station, 1224 N. Lexington Parkway, on Sundays from noon to 4 p.m. or by appointment during the week (call 651-644-3889).

### O'Reilly Auto Parts Store update

O'Reilly Auto Parts has purchased the former Patrick's Lounge property at 1318 W. Larpenteur Ave. and will relocate its Roseville store to the property once city zoning and other approvals are received. The District 10 Land Use Committee has agreed to ask the City of St. Paul to require that O'Reilly maintain suitable fencing along the southern and western property lines and ensure that building and parking lot lights don't shine into adjacent residential areas.

### Boundary change meeting set

The District 10 Community Council will host a meeting to address the upcoming boundary change in Districts 6 and 10 on Wednesday, Sept. 25, 7-9 p.m. at St. Timothy's Lutheran Church, 1465 Victoria Street North.

### Falcon Heights

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

### The chickens are coming

Chickens can reside in Falcon Heights now that the Falcon Heights City Council approved a chicken ordinance on July 24. Once permitting procedures are in place, residents in R-1 and R-2 zones will be able to keep up to four hens with an annual permit. No roosters will be allowed. Go to [falconheights.org](http://falconheights.org) for more information.

### Citywide garage sale is Sept. 14

The citywide garage sale will be held Saturday, Sept. 14. Sign up online or call 651-792-7600. The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, Sept. 11, at 4:30 p.m. A list of participants will

be on the city's website and a map will be available to pick up at City Hall on Friday, Sept. 13. For more information, go to [falconheights.org](http://falconheights.org)

### Neighborhood Cleanup is Sept. 21

Falcon Heights will join the St. Anthony Park and Como Park neighborhoods for the annual fall cleanup on Saturday, Sept. 21, 8 a.m.-noon. The cleanup is at the north end of the Minnesota State Fairgrounds in the Camel Lot. A flier will be mailed to residents with information on what items will be accepted and the cost. Please bring your driver's license and the flier when dropping off your items.

### Home fire audit

The Falcon Heights Fire Department, in conjunction with the Neighborhood Commission, will offer free fire safety inspections to Falcon Heights residents. Learn about potential fire hazards and get help creating an escape plan to use in an emergency. Audits are by appointment only and a limited number of spots are available. To set up a time, contact Fire Marshal Mike Arcand, 651-792-7629 or [mike.arcand@falconheights.org](mailto:mike.arcand@falconheights.org).

### Parks & Recreation fall programs

*Fall Soccer* for ages 3-8 will be held on Saturdays, Sept. 14-Oct. 19, at Community Park, 2050 Roselawn Ave. Cost is \$30 for residents and \$37 for nonresidents.

*Quickstart Tennis* for ages 5-10 will be held on Saturdays, Sept. 14-Oct. 19, at Community Park, 2050 Roselawn Ave. The cost is \$35 for residents and \$42 for nonresidents.

Go to [www.falconheights.org](http://www.falconheights.org) to find out more about the programs.

### Lauderdale

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

### Citizens Academy

The St. Anthony Police Department will host an eight-week Citizens Police Academy on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 10 p.m., Sept. 5 to Nov. 7.

The free program is designed to educate community members about

the inner workings of a police department and will cover patrol and criminal procedures, use of force, defensive tactics, introduction to firearms, and more.

Participants must be 21 or older, work or reside in the cities of St. Anthony, Falcon Heights or Lauderdale, submit to a background check and sign a waiver.

Contact Officer Tressa Sunde, [Tressa.Sunde@ci.saintanthony.mn.us](mailto:Tressa.Sunde@ci.saintanthony.mn.us) or 612-782-3371, or Sgt. Jon Mangseth, [Jon.Mangseth@ci.saintanthony.mn.us](mailto:Jon.Mangseth@ci.saintanthony.mn.us) or 612-782-3366.

### Fun Run/Walk is Sept. 21

The Falcon Heights-Lauderdale 5K Fun Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, Sept. 21, at Community Park, 2050 Roselawn Ave. Race-day registration will begin at 7 a.m. The Run/Walk will begin at 8 a.m. If you preregister by Aug. 30, cost is \$15 per person or \$40 for a group of up to four. After Aug. 30, the cost will be \$25 per person and \$50 for a group of up to four.

### 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 Land Use Committee meets on the first Thursday at 7 p.m. at SSA. The Energy Resilience Group meets at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday. Email [erg@sapcc.org](mailto:erg@sapcc.org) to find out the location each month. The Environment Committee meets at 7 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday at SSA.*

### Giving youth the vote

On Tuesday, Sept. 12, the St. Anthony Park Community Council will vote to revise its bylaws to allow anyone 16 or older to vote in board elections.

### Meet elected leaders Oct. 8

District 12 will host the St. Anthony Park Town Hall Meeting with elected officials from the Minnesota Senate, House of Representatives, St. Paul City Council, Ramsey County and the Metropolitan Council on Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 6:30 p.m. at Luther Seminary Olson Campus Center, at the corner of Fulham Street and Hendon Avenue. Find out

more at [www.sapcc.org](http://www.sapcc.org).

### File for board elections by Oct. 9

If you are interested in working on local issues, planning and neighborhood building, join the St. Anthony Park Community Council Board of Directors. Applications are available at [sapcc.org/about/board](http://sapcc.org/about/board) and are due Wednesday, Oct. 9. Board elections will be held Tuesday, Oct. 29.

### Neighborhood garage sale

The St. Anthony Park neighborhood garage sale will be held on Saturday, Sept. 14. Register your sale by filling out a form that can be found at [sapcc.org](http://sapcc.org). Submit the form with \$15 to St. Anthony Park Community Council, 890 Cromwell Ave., St. Paul, MN 55114, by Tuesday, Sept. 10.

The fee includes listing your address on maps that will be distributed at Hampden Park Co-op, Tim and Tom's Speedy Market and craigslist; a garage sale sign that will be delivered and picked up at your address; and ads in the Park Bugle, Pioneer Press, Star Tribune and on Craigslist.

Call Rich Nelson at 651-641-1172 for more information. Volunteers are needed to help with this event.

### Neighborhood Cleanup needs you

The annual Neighborhood Cleanup is Saturday, Sept. 21, 8 a.m.-noon at the north end of the fairgrounds in the Camel lot. Volunteer and enjoy free admission and drop off, as well as complimentary food. Fifteen volunteers are needed for both shifts: 7:30-10:15 a.m. or 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Email [kyle@sapcc.org](mailto:kyle@sapcc.org) to sign up.

### Two placemaking workshops left

The last two Irrigate Arts placemaking workshops will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28, and Saturday, Nov. 9. If you are a St. Anthony Park artist with a connection to the Central Corridor Light Rail and have been waiting to participate in one of these free events, now is your chance. Participants will be eligible for a \$1,000 placemaking project grants. Sign up at [irrigatearts.org](http://irrigatearts.org).

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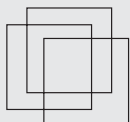
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## Heritage Choir seeks singers

A new local choir is developing a broad repertoire and hopes to entertain at community events in the months ahead. And in the meantime, it's looking for a few more voices.

The Heritage Choir will meet on the second and fourth Mondays of the month beginning at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9, at Peace Lutheran Church, 1744 Walnut St., Lauderdale.

The goal of the choir, sponsored by the Vienna Community Arts Studio, 2380 Hampden Ave., St. Paul, is to celebrate a diverse community with a multicultural heritage, said Nancy Sogabe-

Engelmayer, the studio's development director.

"We believe that music is not for an elite but is a vital and lifelong component of community and family life," she said. "The choir provides people with a means for getting together and sharing a variety of music and they really seem to enjoy it."

Those interested in joining the

choir can contact Sogabe-Engelmayer by calling 651-808-5980.

There are no age restrictions and no fee for participating, although choir members are asked for a contribution to defray expenses.

There's no audition and the ability to read music isn't required, although it's helpful, Sogabe-Engelmayer said.—*Roger Bergerson*

## Murray Middle School seeks tutors

Murray Middle School is seeking tutors to work with seventh- and eighth-graders any day of the week during the time slots of 11:25 a.m.-12:14 p.m., 12:18 p.m.-1:07 p.m. or 1:11-2 p.m. Learn more by contacting Cindy Thrasher, 651-293-8740 or [cindy.thrasher@spps.org](mailto:cindy.thrasher@spps.org).



# A neighborhood pied piper

By Alex Lodner

Molly Weiss Breen's connection to St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church Community Nursery School has come full circle. Growing up in St. Anthony Park while her father studied at Luther Seminary, Breen attended the very same preschool she now runs. Later, she took dance lessons at the St. Anthony School of Dance run by Sarah Quie, which for a year was located at the church.

It's as if that old building on the corner of Knapp Street and Hillside Avenue keeps calling to her. But when the board of the directors contacted her about running the preschool, it was not a clear-cut choice.

Breen had already found success teaching music to children at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church and in her own secular music company, Orchard Musik. Leaving that life behind was not appealing at first.

"I felt a loyalty to my Orchard Musik families," she said. "I had seen those kids grow up and now there were younger siblings waiting to take my classes."

The classes were hugely popular with both children and their parents. Breen mesmerized fussy babies with German lullabies and colorful shakers, and parents of older children developed lasting friendships while waiting on hand-me-down couches in the church's youth room. Unintentionally, Breen had become an integral part of the very fabric of the community she cherished. But



Molly Weiss Breen, director of St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church Community Nursery School. Photo by Lori Hamilton

the classes were so sought after, she found herself needing to expand to meet demand.

"At some point, it became decision time," she said. "Do I get my own studio to continue to grow the music school, or take the job with the preschool?" She chose to enter a new chapter.

Running the secular preschool program housed at the United Methodist Church (UMC) has been both challenging and rewarding. "The challenges are in the opportunities, and the opportunities are in the challenges," she explained. "How do we preserve the cherished traditions within the program, yet create a new community presence?"

Keeping the UMC mission integral to the secular preschool is also an important challenge for Breen, but one she is happy to accept. "I'm extremely grateful to the UMC for their continued support of the

50-plus-year-old preschool program that is a valuable resource for the community," she said.

The first year under Breen's direction was a year of transition, but last year the school already had a waiting list. Now entering her third year at the helm, Breen is proud of the excellent referrals they get from current families, which she attributes to her teachers, Julie Lee and Nate Hamilton.

"With a team like that, I couldn't fail," she said. The feeling, apparently, is mutual.

"Molly is a shining light," Hamilton said about his director. "I have had the great privilege of getting to know so many nice families from the [St. Anthony Park] neighborhood. It is a lively and beautiful little community."

The school's location at the

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## A Rock Star on University Avenue

*Tutoring center aims at putting art and fun into helping students learn*

By Kristal Leebriick

Rock Star Supply Co. has set up shop at the southwest corner of Raymond and University and is looking for artists, writers, volunteer tutors and students who can use the help of a few creative people to improve their study skills.

Rock Star has been working with students at Como Park Senior High School and schools in Minneapolis for several years. The group moved from its office in Minneapolis to University Avenue this summer with the help of Starling, a group that has been working to fill vacant space on University Avenue.

The prototype for Rock Star Supply is Pirate Supply Co. started by author Dave Eggers in San Francisco. Pirate Supply blends a fun retail shop (yes, it sells pirate gear) with artists and writers who are willing to tutor. Rock Star has applied to join Eggers' 826 National, a nonprofit that gives leadership training, administration and other resources to eight writing and tutoring centers across the country that are patterned after Pirate Supply.

Starting this fall, Rock Star will provide free weekend project-based workshops and after-school tutoring to low-income students in elementary through high school. The



Chad Kampe stands in front of Rock Star Supply Co.'s new storefront office at 2388 University Ave. Photo by Kristal Leebriick

group is hoping to work with more schools in the area and has partnered with the St. Paul Public Schools Foundation, said Chad Kampe, executive director.

"We focus on creative writing and tutoring," Kampe said. "We try to make [the tutoring] fun and enjoyable for students."

Guest artists and writers will lead students through workshops like writing fairy tales or collaborating on a novel written in one afternoon.

The group plans to continue to support teachers in schools and train volunteers who want to tutor.

Rock Star Supply plans to change its name this fall. "We are in the ideation process to come up with

a theme" that would lend itself to opening a store like the Pirate Supply Co., Kampe said. The stores at 826 centers sell merchandise tied to the name of the center and that helps raise money for the center's work.

You can visit Rock Star Supply on Thursday, Sept. 12, when it hosts an artist-designed community game night from 6 to 10 p.m., featuring the work of Emily Stover, Molly Balcom Raleigh and Janaki Ranpura. The games will include a Minnesota Whist tournament, divination cards that prompt urban exploration and Awkward Cards to help smooth difficult social situations. Find out more at rockstarsupplyco.org.

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## EDITORIAL



## Cool community, cool creations

If you can't find your way around St. Anthony Park this month, look for the Wayfinding Art Bikes to point you in the right direction.

This is the second year that artist Carrie Christensen has initiated the neighborhood project that has put some outstanding pieces of art on the streets.

The two-wheeled extravaganza is meant to encourage non-motorized transit, and each bike has distance and directional signs attached to it. Shown here are "Take Time to Read" (left), which you can find near the BP station at Como and Raymond avenues, and "One Week," which is at the corner of Raymond and University avenues in front of the US Bank.

Elizabeth Howatt, lead artist for "Take Time to Read," worked with a

book-loving group of 11-year-olds from St. Anthony Park Elementary School who covered the bike with pages from books and quotes that they love. The bike has a lending library mounted onto the rear rack.

"One Week" was a group project created by Raymond Avenue's Driftwood Community Arts. The seven members of the arts collective each spent a week making their mark on the bike.

While we were taking photos of "Take Time to Read," a woman who walked by with three children in tow stopped to ask about the 15 bikes scattered throughout the neighborhood (you can find a map with the bike locations at the St. Anthony Park Community Council website, [www.sapcc.org](http://www.sapcc.org)).

## COMMENTARY

### The kindness of strangers

*By Adam Granger*

I get approached frequently by panhandlers, and I used to wonder why. After all, I'm a large male, and one would think that I'd be the last person to get hit on.

I've come to realize, however, that it's that selfsame size and gender that make me approachable. I'm not likely to be intimidated by an oncoming stranger, and I might even be a soft touch—think gentle giant. That may be piffle, but whatever the reason, I get solicited frequently by mendicants of all types and stripes.

This comes to mind because recently our neck of the woods—St. Anthony Park between Como Avenue and the BNSF Railway tracks—has seemingly been overrun by young boys knocking on doors and asking for money under a variety of pretexts. Our first experience was last winter, when three kids knocked on our door and offered to shovel our walk. We said yes, gave them shovels and paid them \$20 when they were finished. Subsequent inspection revealed a substandard job, but I didn't really care. I was impressed that kids were actually out looking for work.

We've seen these same kids again several times since then. One knocked on our door at 9:15 p.m. wanting bus money, and I gave him \$2. Another time, two of them came to my garage and asked if I needed

my lawn mowed. (I didn't.)

These kids have generated a lot of postings on the Yahoo SAPark listserv, so the last two times they've come to our door, asking for money for food, we've said, "There's concern in the neighborhood about you guys. You should ease up on this business of going around asking for money."

We haven't heard anything from them since then, although we still see them in the neighborhood. There are only three or four of these kids in total, and they have neither threatened anybody nor stolen anything. They seem to be OK kids who would like to have some money. If they ask about shoveling my walk next winter, I'll say, "Sure, but let me show you how I like it done."

I take supplicants case by case. There used to be a guy in front of a local liquor store who claimed to need cab fare home to White Bear Lake. Unimaginative plot, flat performance. Two thumbs down from Adam.

The second time he approached me with the same story, I said, "Oh, I'm the mayor of White Bear Lake. What street do you live on?" Fft. Dude was gone.

But then there are instances where a performance merits reward. The guy who came up to me on Broadway in New York City one night and said, "Excuse me sir, would

you be willing to donate to the United Negro Pizza Fund?" didn't win an Oscar, but he got an Alexander Hamilton from me. And a man stopped me on Fifth Avenue at Central Park on a Sunday morning and regaled me with a classic: "I live in Westchester County; I came in to town this morning to do some work; I locked myself out of my office where my wallet is; I need money to take the train home, and if you give me your address, I'll mail the money back to you," all as though scripted by Eugene O'Neill and acted by Sir Laurence Olivier.

I said, "I've heard this one, but that's the best performance of it I've ever seen. Here's five bucks. Oh, and please don't tell me anyone has ever actually given you their address."

And there are those to whom you know you shouldn't give money, but do anyway: Last month, in my local supermarket parking lot, a rail-thin woman who was literally foaming at the mouth wanted \$13 for a can of flat-tire sealant, and I gave it to her. Was the money going straight into her arm? Very likely, I suppose, but the thought at the time was, okay, she's definitely a junkie, but maybe she really has a flat tire. No? Well, there's that large furry male heart again.

I guess I give people money because they're down on their luck, and while I've never been down that

far, I have occasionally had to rely, Blanche DuBois-style, on the kindness of strangers.

On a tour of Great Britain in 2001, I played a show in London and then drove that night, guided by my host, to his house. I woke up before anyone else the next morning—Sunday—and decided to take a walk around the neighborhood.

Before I knew it, I was lost, with no money or cell phone or ID, no knowledge of my host's name, and no clue as to which street he lived on. Hypoglycemia kicked in right about then—along with mild panic—and I wandered the streets shaky and sweating, trying to figure out what to do. I was just about to ask directions to the police station (where I assume I would have had to stay until my host awoke and figured out something was wrong) when I remembered the name of a pub near my host's house. I asked the next passerby, and he directed me to the pub, about four blocks away, from whence I found my way back to the house.

So, bad and sad things do happen to good and righteous people, and I try to remember that when I hear, "Excuse me, sir—."

*Adam Granger lives in St. Anthony Park with his wife and son and is a regular contributor to the Park Bugle.*



# Transition Town gains steam

By Michael Russelle

District 12's Energy Resilience Group is leading a grassroots effort to consider what we can do to limit climate change, enhance the local economy and strengthen our sense of community. Several action groups were formed at the community meetings last winter. Here is a snapshot of their work and opportunities to get involved.

## Local power and food

Volts! Amps! Watts up? Community Solar! This refrain at the Fourth of July parade down Como Avenue highlighted the SAP Community Solar action group, which plans to limit our carbon footprint by generating local, sustainable electricity.

The group is drafting budgets and plans for large solar photovoltaic arrays to be installed on the roofs of large local buildings with funds from St. Anthony Park subscribers. Several building owners are interested, including St. Anthony Park Elementary School and Langford Park Recreation Center.

Producing food locally and using land productively are goals of the Sustainable Land and Food action group. According to co-leader Lois Braun, Luther Seminary has offered gardening space for 19 new community garden plots. To keep up with the harvest, training in food preservation also is being planned for this fall, beginning with water-bath canning.

Co-leader Kit Canright hopes to develop opportunities for community canning so that, "Together, we'll heat up just one kitchen, instead of many."

## Reducing waste

How low can you go? Reducing home cooling and heating makes the biggest dent in energy use. The Home Energy Curtailment action group has two goals for the near term. The first enables homeowners to prioritize steps for energy reductions during renovation: Should you replace those old single-pane windows or seal and insulate the attic? The second goal is to provide more extensive home-performance assessments that give greater detail and a broader range of recommendations than a typical Home Energy Audit.

The Transportation Action Group quickly decided that reducing the number of trash haulers that ply our alleys and streets would benefit us in many ways. In this voluntary program, neighbors organize to support a single hauler by street or alley. Additionally, neighbors reduce their trash volume and share a can with others to limit the number of stops.

**"Less is better. None is best!"** could be the jingle of the Zero Waste action group. "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" is good, but what about Refuse, Re-feed, Rot and Return? They recommend that you don't buy or accept what you don't need, give your unpalatable leftovers or scraps to chickens (yours or the neighbor's), compost what you

can and return the compost to the garden.

## Friendly housing options

The Land Use Efficiency group is focusing on increasing the use of and the benefits we derive from our "single-family" lots. Ideas include broadening housing options available to people in all life stages and economic means. Examples can be seen locally in duplexes that do not alter the character of our traditional single-family homes but smartly reduce our environmental footprint. Other cities have embraced small backyard or alley houses built for seniors, singles or students to live in manageable, beautifully designed and energy-efficient spaces.

## Working with schools

Retired public school teacher Mimi Jennings is linking teachers at local public and charter schools with the neighborhood action groups. She reports that students are solving transportation-related issues, producing food in school gardens and questioning the use of unnecessary packaging.

## Reflective Circle

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Transition Town to 6

# New board members at Park Press

Three new board members were elected to the Park Press board of directors at the board's annual meeting in July. Along with the election, the board also said goodbye to three directors who served the Bugle "during uncertain times," according to board president Lynn Abrahamsen.

Karen Lilley, who sat on the board for two three-year terms and served as president, past president

and secretary, was honored for her "exemplary organization leadership" and her "visionary thinking, persistence, and excellent problem-solving and communication skills."

Eric Wiewering, who also served as president and past president, was honored for his professional expertise, which led the board to the "new world of journalism and how the Bugle might thrive in that new world."

Blaine Thrasher, who served as chair of the fund drive committee, was honored for his work in leading the Bugle through the successful 2011 fund drive.

The new directors—Ted Blank, Michael Griffin and Bob Milligan—bring expertise in community journalism, marketing and business leadership to the board. The new members will begin their terms in September.

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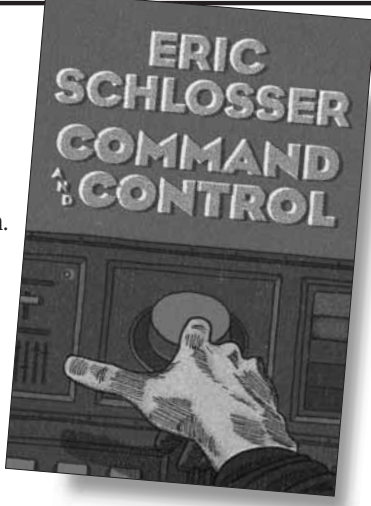
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### Pied piper from 3

heart of St. Anthony Park is something the staff takes full advantage of. The kids make trips to the local Post Office to mail themselves a letter, the library to look at books, and even to Tim and Tom's Speedy Market for a lesson on produce. And while Langford Park is an invaluable perk, the school is adding an outdoor space as part of a five-year plan.

"We are really excited about building a multisensory experience outside for the kids," Breen said. The year-round outdoor learning environment will be located directly behind the church on Knapp near the entrance to the preschool. With the help of school families and community members like Swenson's Workshop, the outdoor area is set to open this fall.

"This space will be an extension of the classroom," Breen explained. "The community and school families have been incredibly supportive with this effort, even donating tree stumps

to use as tables."

But the vision for improving the school doesn't end there. In 2014, they hope to add an afternoon program as well. The program will have a complementary, not identical, curriculum to the morning program.

"Many families don't have the luxury of sending their children to a two-and-a-half-hour preschool program. Working parents need a full-day program but may want more of an educational setting than a daycare might be able to provide," Breen said. "Our continued challenge is to provide a high-quality early childhood educational experience and still make it affordable. Access is very important to both UMC and the school."

In that vein, the school is also working on a scholarship program to make it even more accessible for families throughout the community and beyond.

But Breen isn't resting on her laurels quite yet. In addition to directing the preschool program,

teaching at Ballare Teatro Performing Arts Center in Minneapolis, doing choreography for student musical theater and for professional dance companies, raising three children with husband Bill Breen, and continuing to teach religious music classes at St. Anthony Park Lutheran church, (take a deep breath ...) Breen is also pursuing a master's degree in early childhood education at Concordia University in St. Paul.

"I am trying to hone in on what my vocational purpose is. I want to take all my different experiences and make them into something meaningful for me and the families I serve," she said. "It's all about meeting the needs of the community."

*Alex Lodner is a freelance writer who lives in the Como Park neighborhood. Alex has written for Minnesota Monthly, Taste, the Northern Traveler, TCJewFolk and more. This is her first article for the Park Bugle.*

### Transition Town from 5

Members have been meeting with individuals and small groups upon request.

### Room for more

The current suite of action groups doesn't cover all the ways we can act. New groups are welcome. What addresses your passion: tool sharing, water conservation, bartering for services, backyard chicken and fish production, vital and vivid alleys?

Other local efforts are under way, such as the Neighborhood Sing on the third Monday of each month at Luther Seminary's Olson Center, 1490 Fulham St., and the Creative Enterprise Zone, which is working to support creative businesses in the

Raymond and University area. Participating in local activities and supporting local artists and businesses also reduces fuel use, strengthens social ties and adds to the neighborhood vitality. What businesses are missing?

### Community meeting Oct. 8

Grassroots efforts are important, but government priorities, policies and programs affect the scale and speed of change. Ask your political representatives how their levels of government can contribute at the District 12 annual meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 8, at the Olson Campus Center of Luther Seminary.

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# Music series celebrates 35 years

By Roger Bergerson

The Music in the Park Series has reached a milestone, its 35th season, and this annual celebration of chamber music appears well-positioned to thrive for decades more.

The series now operates under the sponsorship of the Schubert Club, where by all accounts it has found a happy home.

Although the merger was brought to fruition by his predecessor, Kathleen van Bergen, Schubert artistic and executive director Barry Kempton is highly supportive of the Music in the Park Series and interviews the performers during the discussions that precede each of the concerts.

"The mission of the Schubert Club is to present the very best of small-scale classical music," Kempton noted. "Although there were individual chamber music performances in the past, we hadn't had a series. So, this fits a niche very nicely."

"Many people have contributed to help build the series, but the key, of course, has been Julie Himmelstrup," he added. "She is such a tour de force, not only in terms of her own musicianship, but her musical taste and discernment, as well."

Himmelstrup, series founder and artistic director, is equally laudatory toward Kempton and notes that they worked together successfully during his earlier stint at the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra. She feels the series has benefited from the fact that three members from its former board—Lynne Beck, Catherine Furry and Jerry Nolte—now sit on the Schubert Club board.

And St. Anthony Park resident Nina Archabal, recently retired as executive of the Minnesota Historical Society, is now president of the

Schubert board.

"Many organizations grow and thrive because of the passion of a founder, but my experience has been that such people often are unwilling to give up any element of control and their organizations suffer as a result," Archabal said. "Julie understood this and has found a way to pull back a little bit while providing continuing leadership."

Said Himmelstrup, "I had reached an age where I felt I couldn't carry the workload required any more, plus fundraising was becoming more challenging all the time. The Schubert Club has taken over the administrative responsibilities, selling tickets and so forth, and I can work out of my home much of the time."

Apart from assigned seating for the concerts at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave., Himmelstrup said there haven't been major changes to the series since the merger and she doesn't foresee any, either to it or the

annual family series (February-April 2014) at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave. Grants from the Saint Anthony Park Community Foundation have helped support additional performances at St. Anthony Park Elementary School and the St. Anthony Park Home, she said.

"I still have hope for classical music and believe the series is a community treasure worth preserving," Himmelstrup said, adding, "I'm going to retire at some point, but not for now."

*Roger Bergerson lives in the Como Park neighborhood, where he researches local history and writes regularly for the Park Bugle.*

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### Crop art from 1

"Sunflowers" in rolled oats and Cream of Wheat (but not, paradoxically, sunflower seeds).

Anderson's first entry in the seedy sweepstakes came a decade ago. "That first year I did a cute little bird," she says. That would be the last time anyone referred to her work as cute.

Nowadays, the adjectives are more likely to be "ironic" or "cheeky." And those are from the people who agree with her. Anderson has made her mark by bringing political commentary to the world of crop art, and she is not one to use a stiletto when a garden shovel will do the job.

In 2007, she portrayed then Vice President Dick Cheney in tasteful neutral tones of barley, rice and millet with tendrils growing out of his head labeled "Corruption," "Torture" and "Repression." The work was titled "Vice—The Root of Evil." The political message of her winning 2008 entry—exhibited during the Republican National Convention based that year in St. Paul—can be inferred from its caption: "Cleaning Up After the Elephants Is the Dirtiest Job in the Circus."

Word of her creations has reached the Internet, and the reaction is not always positive. She reports with high glee that one especially angry conservative blogger wrote, "Teresa Anderson sounds like a sad, angry person. I'd hate to have Christmas dinner with her."

For the record, Anderson wants it to be known that she is neither sad nor angry. A health consultant who enjoys her family and a variety of outside interests, she says, "I have plenty of more important and positive things in my life [than making painstaking portraits of Republicans in seeds]." But she's unapologetic about her politics. Always liberal. "For some reason," she adds, "there is no conservative



Teresa Anderson's award-winning 2011 crop art.

crop art."

She admits frankly that she misses George W. Bush "because he was so easy to do in crop art," but in recent years her focus has turned from political to social issues. Last year's piece took dead aim at the Marriage Amendment, the ballot issue that would have outlawed gay marriage had it passed in November 2012. Anderson's "Wedding Cake" was constructed of fine white seeds painstakingly glued to inverted cake pans. Conventional bride and groom figurines are perched on top under a banner that reads "Defending Marriage Sanctity since Henry VIII," while around the sides of the cake, Anderson has inscribed in flowing seed script the names of a rogue's gallery of prominent abusers of their marital vows from Newt Gingrich to Donald Trump.

The witty "Wedding Cake" was singled out for favorable mention last year on the online news site Huffington Post, and one of Anderson's entries this year continues the theme. She celebrates the legalization of same-sex marriage by the Minnesota Legislature this spring with a slice of wedding cake rendered in rainbow-colored seeds. The

caption reads "Let them eat cake."

Is Anderson mellowing? Her other entry this year is an uncharacteristically straightforward salute to former Pres. George H.W. Bush's famous "thousand points of light" quote. "It's a little wacky for me," says Anderson, "because it's positive."

She credits her family and friends with helping her think up the clever slogans that distinguish her entries. But that's the extent of their involvement in what they consider her somewhat eccentric interest. "I have two adult children who have tried seed art—once—and say 'never again,'" she reports.

After all these years as a competitor, Anderson does have a couple of artistic secrets to share with aspiring seedsters: Always underpaint the backdrop in the same color as the seeds if you don't want embarrassing bits of white to show through.

"Lentils are round and flat," she explains. "They are good for large expanses, but they will leave tiny spaces in between. So you need to underpaint." And don't forget to outline for crisp definition of your subject matter. "Crown vetch seeds are rod-shaped, very good for outlining."

Asked what it takes to become a master crop artist, Anderson is characteristically modest. "You need fine-motor skills, but basically it takes patience." Given the small number of crop artists and the large number of sub-categories in which they compete, she explains, "Unless you do something obscene, you'll get your piece [displayed]. It's a ... humorous way to put your thoughts out there to half-a-million fairgoers."

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This cross-section shows what the inside of the Art Train could look like and the boardwalk looking east.

### Art Train from 1

Hampden and University.

The other two finalists are the St. Paul Center for Creative Arts by Jack Ray of Minneapolis and the Urban Oasis by Tracy Sides.

Ray wants to create a learning space for youth modeled after the Penland School of Crafts in North Carolina. Ray is the former executive director of Urban Boatbuilders in the Midway of St. Paul, a group that partners with Twin Cities youth organizations to teach 13- to 16-year-old students—many of whom are struggling in traditional school settings—how to build boats.

The St. Paul Center for Creative Arts would be a collective of arts organizations or one organization with multiple divisions that would work with students as Urban Boatbuilders does. Ray envisions the boat group as its anchor tenant.

The third finalist is the Urban Oasis by Sides of St. Paul. Sides wants to create a food hub in a vacant four-story building at the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary near downtown St. Paul. She sees the Oasis as a gathering spot, a job incubator and a place where community members can learn to preserve and cook their own food. The building would also be a nature-themed event center.

Blakely's project would be in the Creative Enterprise Zone, the Raymond and University area of St. Anthony Park that's been designated by the city as a hub for light industry and artists. The designation does not guarantee

tax credits, special zoning or design standards for businesses in the area, but it opens the possibility that those types of incentives could happen down the line.

The Creative Enterprise Zone is bounded by Interstate 94 on the south, Prior Avenue on the east, the railroad tracks south of Energy Park Drive to the north and Minneapolis to the west.

Blakely says his long-term concern is to "foster economic development strategies that will provide entry-level living-wage jobs, a concern that was sharpened by the [Brookings Institute's] 'Mind the Gap' report in 2005," which said the Twin Cities needed to preserve light industrial jobs in the inner city that were accessible to people with a high school education or less.

Blakely, who served on the West Midway Industrial Strategy task force, said the Art Train would do just that while also encouraging the growth of creative enterprise jobs.

The Art Train would develop new creative space in recycled passenger rail cars permanently affixed to

abandoned railroad spurs in the public right-of-way. Costs would be kept low, he said, because no land would be acquired and surplus passenger cars could be purchased and moved by rail to the site relatively cheaply. The main expense would be upgrading the electrical, heating, ventilating, air conditioning and plumbing systems, making the rail cars handicap-accessible, and improving parking and the pedestrian environment.

The initial phase would provide nearly 3,000 square feet of incubator space for a variety of creative and artistic enterprises. Future phases could develop on other abandoned sidings, he said.

Would \$1 million cover the project? "I think it is just about the right amount of funding because it would avoid one of the biggest costs—acquiring a site," Blakely said. The train would be built on the public right-of-way that Minnesota Commercial Railway would give back to the city, he said. Rent would pay for maintenance.

You can vote on the project of your choice at [MNIDEAOpen.org/foreversaintpaul](http://MNIDEAOpen.org/foreversaintpaul). Hurry: You have just a few days left to do it.

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outdoor ice time, helps players develop hockey skills, and teaches them to respect each other and to work as a team.

Langford Park Hockey does not conduct tryouts; skaters of all abilities are welcome. The association fields co-ed teams for skaters born between July 1, 1998, and July 1, 2006.

Players should register online with USA Hockey and bring their

confirmation number with them when they sign up for Langford Park Hockey.

For more information, visit [www.langfordparkhockey.com](http://www.langfordparkhockey.com). If you can't attend registration on Sept. 10 but have a skater who wants to play, contact Scott Hamilton at [scott@langfordparkhockey.com](mailto:scott@langfordparkhockey.com)

## Garden club meetings resume this month

The St. Anthony Park Garden Club returns to its fall schedule of monthly meetings on Tuesday, Sept. 3, at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall, 2136 Carter Ave.

The program, "Soil tests and Amendments for Home Gardens," will be presented by Dr. Carl Rosen,

head of the Department of Soil, Water and Climate at the University of Minnesota.

All programs are held on Tuesdays and begin at 7:15 p.m. Meetings are preceded by a business meeting at 6:30 p.m. and a social time at 7 p.m.

The public is welcome. You don't have to live in St. Anthony Park to join. Annual individual memberships are \$17, a dual or family membership is \$25 and a student membership is \$5. Find out more at [sapgardenclub@comcast.net](mailto:sapgardenclub@comcast.net).

## Wanted: old electronics and appliances

Do you have old or unwanted electronics or appliances taking up space in your basement? Senior high school Girl Scout Troops 51629 and 50217 will host a tech dump on Saturday, Sept. 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran

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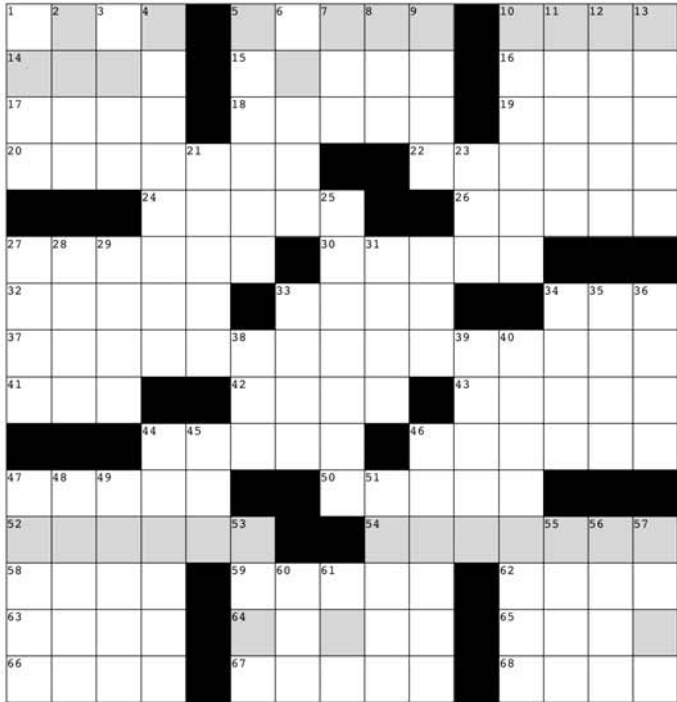
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## Crossword Puzzle

By Dave Healy

Answers to the puzzle are on page 12.



### ACROSS

- 1 Appeal

5 Beneath

10 Roy's partner

14 Free

15 The Grinch hated it

16 Island chain near Ireland

17 Vigor

18 Like some gym goers

19 Outlet

20 Clouseau portrayer

22 One who's fore-going?

24 "Today" host Matt

26 Taunt

27 Melodious

30 Certain columns

32 Fix a shoelace

33 Adjoin

34 Brennan's org.

37 Theme of this puzzle

41 In excelsis \_\_\_\_

42 Wife of William

43 Blood quantities

44 Pre-delivery hangouts

46 \_\_\_\_ the heat . . .

47 City on Lake Minnetonka

50 Spiny plants

52 QB Matt Ryan, for one

54 Lofty locales

58 Canine equivalent of John Doe

59 Pop's wear

62 Famous slacker

63 Old Testament porter

64 Sedimentary rock

65 Acid outcome?

66 Adventure

67 Acura maker

68 Canine equivalent of John Doe
- 3 Theologian Brunner

4 1969 spaceflight

5 False

6 Unseemly neckwear

7 Gunga \_\_\_\_

8 How to go from here to 47 Across

9 Some wines

10 Kinks lead guitarist Dave \_\_\_\_

11 Flowering palm

12 Swimmers' constraints

13 \_\_\_\_ vous

21 Facilitated

23 Old Ford model

25 Like C-3PO or Bender

27 Like the Sahara

28 Descartes or Russo

29 Make \_\_\_\_

31 Purplish-red

33 Banned apple spray

34 Invent

35 2007 film "\_\_\_\_ the Wild"

36 Pers. helper

38 \_\_\_\_ out a living

39 \_\_\_\_ frutti

40 Perceptions

44 What to do with a wine bottle

45 Also

46 Favorite summer drink

47 Entrails

48 Yogurt dish

49 Esau vis-à-vis Jacob

51 Smokey Robinson's "You've Got \_\_\_\_ on Me"

53 Lakers guard Steve \_\_\_\_

55 Marx Brother's prop

56 The Bee Gees, for one

57 Mo. with 30 days

60 \_\_\_\_'nuff

### DOWN

- 1 They were banned in 1979

2 Knowledge handed down verbally
- 61 Dinner source for 58 or 68 Across



# L I V E S L I V E D

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Send information about area deaths to Mary Mergenthal at [mary.mergenthal@gmail.com](mailto:mary.mergenthal@gmail.com) or call 651-644-1650.*

## Gerald Baden

Gerald Henry Baden, 85, of Roseville, died on July 15, after a courageous battle with renal failure. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Marilyn; sons, Dan (Alina), Mark (Karen), Paul (Mari Ann), David (Juliann) and Tim (Cheryl); daughters, Debra (Chuck) Drange and Leah (Joe) Faiad; 18 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and sister, Joan (Al) Hohman.

A Celebration of Life service was held Aug. 10 at Falcon Heights United Church of Christ.

## Marion Eklund

Marion Lorimer Eklund, 93, died July 6. She was the daughter of a Lutheran pastor; attended a Lutheran College, Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas; and later married a Lutheran pastor, Emmet Eklund.

The family served and studied at many locations around the country, Marion teaching preschool, then English; Emmet teaching or serving a parish.

After retirement, the couple became happy vagabonds, living in Geneva, Sweden, and in sabbatical homes in St. Anthony Park, and finally at 7500 York in Edina. During this time, they wrote four books, published by Bethany College.

After Emmet's death in 2000, Marion moved to Heritage at Lyngblomsten, close to her family, friends and St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, where she was active in women's activities. In 2012 she moved to Milwaukee to be near her daughter and her family, and died there this July.

She is survived by her children, Kent (Katherine) of St. Anthony Park and Joan Jacobs (Jonathan); four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Her memorial service was held Aug. 2 at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, with burial at Lakewood Cemetery in Minneapolis.

## Rita Gillespie

Rita A. Gillespie, 98, died June 27. She is remembered for her passion for gardening and fishing, skills at the card table and love of the lake and its birds—always making sure the chickadees were seated first at the feeder.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 69 years, Robert; two sons, Richard Bryson and Robert James; three sisters; and one brother. She is survived by her brother, Bobby (Judy); daughters, Beverly (Ken), Christine (Rob) and Rose (Curt); sons, Bill (Karen), Joe (Juanita) and Tommy; and daughter-in-law, Carol. Rita also leaves behind more than 50 grandchildren covering another three generations.

Memorial Mass was celebrated at St. Cecilia's Church on Aug. 10 with interment at Resurrection Cemetery in Mendota Heights.

## Carol Kelly

Carol Alice (King) Kelly, 66, died peacefully at home on July 7. Carol was raised in St. Anthony Park and was the daughter of Bill and Amy King. She graduated from Murray High School in 1965 and attended Winona State University and the University of Minnesota. She married John Kelly of Ireland in 1983 and remained there for 30 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers-in-law, Ted Stephens and Malachy Kelly. She is survived by her husband and sisters, Barbara Stephens and Nancy (Jim) Schjolberg.

A celebration of her life will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 5, at St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave.

## David Nolan

David Michael Nolan, 66, of St. Anthony Park, died July 16, of complications from heart disease and lung cancer.

Known fondly as "Hippie Dave," he was an icon of St. Paul and an independent spirit who lived life with exuberance, accumulating few possessions but many friends. The

classic Volkswagen micro-bus he drove around the country three decades ago was a familiar summertime sight along Como Avenue, and it was displayed in the Minnesota History Center for the 1968 exhibit in 2009.

Independent filmmaker Lucas Langworthy produced a short documentary film about him, *The Stories of Hippie Dave*, which chronicled Dave's reflections as both a Vietnam War veteran and participant in the counter-culture of the 1960s cultural revolution.

A memorial gathering was held at Como Park Zoo & Conservatory in the Rainforest Auditorium on July 29.

## Alfred Priesnitz

Alfred J. "Fred" Priesnitz, 95, of



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Como Park, died at his home on July 16. He was the former president of Air Flite Supplies and an aviation enthusiast. An avid outdoorsman, gardener, dog lover and photographer, he was also active in the Boy Scouts, as well as the Knights of Columbus.



He was preceded in death by his wife, Marguerite "Maggie"; son,

Michael; and son-in-law, Lawrence Jorissen. He is survived by his daughter, Jeannie Jorissen; son, James (Sandra); eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 22 at Holy Childhood Catholic Church, with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.



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Whole Congregation Learning: 10:15 a.m.

[www.comoparklutheran.org/get-involved/children-youth-and-family-ministries](http://www.comoparklutheran.org/get-involved/children-youth-and-family-ministries)

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11 a.m., Fellowship and refreshments

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7 p.m., Night Prayer with reflection and communion,

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Wednesdays at noon: Midweek worship and lunch

In the Undercroft Gallery: "Side by Side" Paintings by Joan Hershbell and photographs

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*To add your church to the directory, contact Genevieve Plagens at 651-325-7189 or [genevieve@parkbugle.org](mailto:genevieve@parkbugle.org).*



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# Events

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to be included in the October Bugle.

**3 TUESDAY**  
Blood drive, St. Anthony Park  
Lutheran Church, 2 and 7 p.m.

Domestic and international adoption  
information session, 6-8:30 p.m.,  
CHLSS

**3 WEDNESDAY**  
“Soil Tests and Amendments for Home  
Gardens,” St. Anthony Park Garden  
Club. St. Matthew's Episcopal  
Church Fellowship Hall. Business  
meeting, 6:30 p.m.; refreshments and  
social time, 7 p.m. Program, 7:15  
p.m.

**9 MONDAY**  
Richard Koepsel will speak on the  
Rosicrucian movement at Spirit United  
Church, 7 p.m. The talk is part of the  
“Ancient Mysteries, Ancient Wisdom”  
series sponsored by the Minneapolis  
Theosophical Society, \$4 members, \$6  
nonmembers, \$10 couples or families.

**10 TUESDAY**  
Adoptive Parents Group: Minnesota's  
Waiting Children, 6:30-8:30 p.m.,  
CHLSS

Langford Park Hockey sign up,  
Langford Park Rec Center, 6:30-8  
p.m. Find out more at  
[www.langfordparkhockey.com](http://www.langfordparkhockey.com).

“Audubon and the Art of Birds,”  
presented by Don Luce of the Bell  
Museum, Fairview Community Center,  
7 p.m. Refreshments served at 6:45  
p.m.

**12 THURSDAY**  
The Big Deal: An artist-designed  
community game night, Rock Star  
Supply Co., 6-10 p.m. Free.

**14 SATURDAY**  
Domestic and international adoption  
information session, 9-11:30 a.m.,  
CHLSS

Neighborhood garage sales, St.  
Anthony Park and Falcon Heights  
(See page 2 for more information.)

**16 MONDAY**  
Community Sing, second floor, Olson  
Campus Center, 7-8:30 p.m. All  
welcome.

**19 THURSDAY**  
Minnesota's Waiting Children  
information session, 6-8 p.m., CHLSS

Book talk: “With the Old Breed: At  
Peleliu and Okinawa,” by Eugene  
Sledge, Roseville Library, 7 p.m.

**20 FRIDAY**  
Taste of Como Oktoberfest, Holy  
Childhood Church, 5-9 p.m. Adults  
21 and over only. Advance tickets  
\$15; \$20 at the gate.

**21 SATURDAY**  
Neighborhood cleanup, Camel Lot,  
Minnesota State Fairgrounds, 9 a.m.-  
noon

Apple Festival, Gibbs Museum, 10  
a.m.-4 p.m., \$8 for adults, \$7 for  
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**22 SUNDAY**  
“Titan of World War II—Winston  
Churchill,” Roseville Library, 2 p.m.

**27 FRIDAY**  
Co-ed drum circle, Women's Drum  
Center, 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$10

**29 SUNDAY**  
“Mind Play: Deception in World War  
II,” Roseville Library, 2 p.m.

Sunday Afternoon Book Club,  
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**Mondays and Thursdays**, Seal High  
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**Wednesdays**, St. Anthony Park  
United Methodist Church, 10:30-  
11:30 a.m.

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**VENUE INFORMATION:**

CHLSS (Children's Home Society and  
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Fairview Community Center, 1910  
W. County Road B, 651-604-3500

Holy Childhood Church, 1435  
Midway Parkway, 651-489-2428

Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut  
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Micawber's Bookstore, 2238 Carter  
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Rock Star Supply Co., 2388 W.  
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Roseville Library, 2180 N. Hamline  
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## Neighbors

### Como Park man named Red Cross volunteer of the year

Como Park resident Charles Anderson was named the Red Cross 2013 Regional Volunteer of the Year: Health and Safety. Anderson was awarded at the American Red Cross Northern Minnesota Region annual meeting on June 25.



Anderson has been volunteering with the Emergency Medical Services team since its inception more than 40 years ago and has been extremely helpful during the staffing transition this past year. On countless occasions he assisted with cleaning equipment, conducting new-member interviews, and a variety of other tasks. He is a strong mentor for team members who are new to the field and to the Red Cross.

### World War II series starts at Ramsey County Library this fall

World War II was the watershed event of the 20th century. It exacted the highest human toll in the history

Institute of the University of Minnesota to present a series of talks at the Roseville Library.

The first two talks will begin in September. Tod Wornor will present "Titan of World War II—Winston Churchill" on Sunday, Sept. 22, at 2 p.m. Dennis Kane will present "Mind Play: Deception in World War II," a talk about code-breakers, spies and real-life secret service agents, on Sunday, Sept. 29, at 2 p.m.

The Maplewood Library will present a program on how to trace your World War II ancestors on Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m., and a series of World War II movies on Friday, Oct. 11 and Nov. 8, at 10 a.m.

To find out more about the programs, go to [www.rclreads.org](http://www.rclreads.org).

### International Institute offers 10-week English-language classes

The International Institute of Minnesota's 10-week fall session of English as a Second Language classes begins Tuesday, Sept. 17, and runs through Thursday, Nov. 21.

The classes, which are held at the institute at 1694 Como Ave., run from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Cost is \$200. A textbook is available at the institute for \$25.

Home and Lutheran Social Services Adoption offices, 1605 Eustis St., St. Paul.

The groups are open to all adoptive families regardless of placing agency. Register online at [chsfs.org/supportgroups](http://chsfs.org/supportgroups).

The six-session Bubble Gum Group, ages 8–11, meets on Mondays, beginning Sept. 23, at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$150 for one child and parents and \$100 for each additional child for the entire series.

The nine-session Beyond the Bubble, ages 11 and up, meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m., beginning Sept. 16. Cost is \$225 for one child and parents and \$125 for each additional child for the entire series.

### Game night at Rock Star Supply

The Big Deal, an artist-designed community game night featuring artists Emily Stover, Molly Balcom Raleigh and Janaki Ranpura will be held on Thursday, Sept. 12, from 6 to 10 p.m., at Rock Star Supply Co., a St. Paul-based tutoring program for students ages 6–18 located at 2388 W. University Ave., St. Paul. The event is free.

The event is intended to help Rock Star Supply Co. meet its new neighbors and share information about its work to parents, potential volunteers and other community members.

The three games will include a Minnesota Whist tournament, divination cards that prompt urban exploration and Awkward Cards to help smooth difficult social situations. For more information, call 612-367-7827.

### Oktoberfest at Holy Childhood

Taste of Como Oktober Fest will be held at Holy Childhood Church, 1435 Midway Parkway, St. Paul, on Friday, Sept. 20, from 5 to 9 p.m. The event is intended for adults ages 21 and over. Advance tickets can be purchased at the church office for \$15 or by calling 651-489-2428. Tickets are \$20 at the gate. Come join the church for good food, drinks and music, and bring your friends.

### Co-ed drum circle meets Sept. 27

A co-ed drum circle will be held on Friday, Sept. 27, at 6:30 p.m. at the Women's Drum Center, 2242 University Ave., St. Paul. Cost is \$10 at the door and drums are provided. All levels of experience are welcome and encouraged to attend. Find out more at [womensdrumcenter.org](http://womensdrumcenter.org).

### Fall recreation registration opens

It's time to register for fall classes at Langford Park and Northwest Como recreation centers. Go to [www.stpaul.gov/DocumentCenter/View/66590](http://www.stpaul.gov/DocumentCenter/View/66590) to see the fall brochure.

Northwest Como, 1550 N. Hamline Ave., will host a back-to-school teen dance for ages 11–14 on Friday, Sept. 20, 7–9:30 p.m. Admission is \$5.

A neighborhood bonfire will be held on Friday, Oct. 4, 6–8 p.m.



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This fall, Ramsey County Library will present a series of programs on World War II and its lingering influences at the Roseville Library, 2180 N. Hamline Ave., and the Maplewood Library, 3025 Southlawn Drive.

Beginning Thursday, Sept. 19, at 7 p.m. at the Roseville Library, Professor Paul Solon of Macalester College will lead a three-month book discussion series on three of the most important works about the war: E. B. Sledge's *With the Old Breed: At Peleliu and Okinawa* (Sept. 19), Max Hastings' *Inferno: the World at War* (Thursday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m.) and Kurt Vonnegut's *Slaughterhouse-Five* (Thursday, Nov. 7, at 7 p.m.). The library has extra copies of these books available for checkout.

The library is also collaborating with the Osher Lifelong Learning

Registration and testing is required for all new students. Testing will be held on Sept. 10, 11 and 12 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. No appointment is necessary and the cost is \$20. For more information, call 651-647-0191 or go to [iimn.org](http://iimn.org).

### Apple Festival at Gibbs

Gibbs Museum will host a day of apple fun at its annual Apple Festival on Saturday, Sept. 21, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. The event will feature hayrides, food, apple crafts, apple games and apple treats. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors 62 and older, and \$5 for children ages 3–16. There is no admission for children 2 and under. Members of the Ramsey County Historical Society are admitted free.

### Adoption groups for children, youth and families meet this fall

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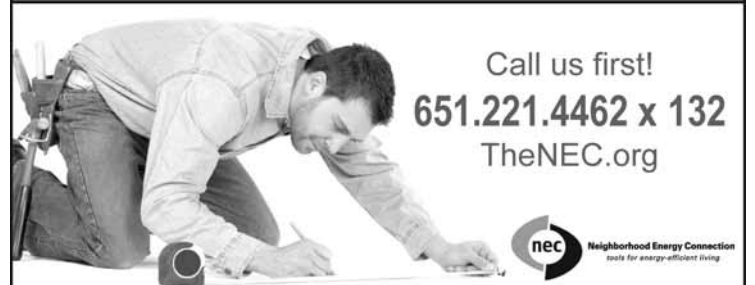
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### Neighbors from 13

Admission is free.

Langford Park, 30 Langford Park, will host a back-to-school teen dance for ages 12-14 on Friday, Sept. 6, 6-8:30 p.m. Admission is \$5.

A family bonfire will be held at Langford on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 6:30-8 p.m. Admission is free.

### Model railroad show is Sept. 14

The Twin City Model Railroad Museum will hold its annual Fall Fairgrounds Hobby Show and Sale on Saturday, Sept. 14, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Education Building, 1372 Cosgrove St., at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds.

Model railroad layouts in a variety of scales will be on display, including the museum's traveling *Thomas the Tank Engine* layout, which can be operated by engineers of all ages.

Characters from the *Choo Choo Bob* video series will perform live on stage.

Dozens of vendors and collectors will be selling model railroad items.

Admission is \$8 per person and free for children 4 and under. Tickets may be purchased at the show.

Admission to the show includes admission to Twin City Model Railroad Museum at Bandana Square, 1021 Bandana Boulevard, Suite 222.

For more information, go to www.tcmrm.org.



### They never stopped playing with LEGOs

Tom Anderson, Nathan Stohlman, Miles Ellis and Jennifer Heaton stand behind the LEGO city that Heaton and Stohlman brought to the St. Anthony Park Library's grand reopening on Aug. 15. Anderson claims to have helped with 4 percent of the layout. Miles says he built all but one of the buses on the streets. You can find out more about the project at virtualmicropolis.com.

## Do you recognize this soldier?

In 1942, the U.S. Office of War Information sent well-known photographer Jack Delano to Minnesota to capture the impact of war on the people of the state.

Delano took many pictures of the young man pictured here. The man was photographed as he enlisted, said good-bye to his family and was transformed into a U.S. soldier.

The pictures were eventually sent to the Library of Congress American Memory Website, where the soldier is identified only as a "Swedish-American enlistee from Minnesota."

Recently, Judy Woodward, history coordinator of the Ramsey County Library and a Park Bugle writer, was looking for images to illustrate a fall series of



World War II programs at the library.

"When I found these pictures, I thought they really captured the patriotism—and the uncertainty—of a young man about to leave his quiet home for the battlefield," said Woodward, "but I was also intensely curious about the man. Who was he? Did he survive the war? What happened to him?"

If you have any information about the soldier or his family, please contact the library, 651-724-

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# Merry Christmas, Lauderdale

By Kristal Leebrick

Holiday gifts came early for 19 Lauderdale homes, as members and friends of Peace Lutheran Church participated in the ninth annual Christmas in August project.

Dozens of volunteers took part in the Aug. 9 and 10 event, which helps homeowners with chores like painting, roofing, yard work, plumbing and, in one case this year, building an art studio.

Painter and sculptor Dan Mackerman, a member of the

church, volunteers each year with the program, but this year he's getting the help he needs to build an art studio behind his house.

Mackerman, who had an 1,800-square-foot studio in the Chittenden & Eastman building at 2402 University Ave. for 19 years, was one of the many artists displaced when the building was sold in 2011 and turned into market-rate apartments. He left the Raymond and University area to rent a studio in Minneapolis that cost twice as

much for half the space that he had. Now, with a loan from a local credit union and the elbow grease of his fellow parishioners, he should be in his new digs by fall. The studio will give him the space he needs to work and teach classes.

Christmas in August has become a part of the fabric of Lauderdale, a community of nearly 2,400 people. The brainchild of Pastor Dave Greenlund, the program extends past those two days in August.

Volunteer Claudia Gilbertson said Greenlund gets calls throughout the year asking, "Are you the pastor that fixes furnaces?" The church and its members can't fix everything,



Brent Glommen, John Roettger, Pastor Dave Greenlund and Dan Mackerman work on the roof of Mackerman's backyard studio.

Greenlund said, but often they find someone who can.

"The greatest benefit of all this is it brings people together," Mackerman said. Though he and his wife, Vicki, are members of the church (Vicki is the church's music director), membership is not a requirement to participate in Christmas in August.

"We have people who come over to help and to get work who don't belong to the church,"

Mackerman said.

Church affiliation and economic status aren't considered when Peace Lutheran puts a home on the Christmas list, Mackerman said.

"It has nothing to do with rich or poor, and there's a very good reason for that." When people receive this kind of help "nine times out of 10 they will step up to the plate" and help others, he said.

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