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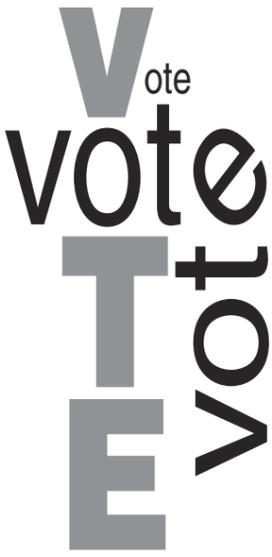
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Goldstein Museum turns 40

Anniversary show highlights founders' legacy: art is a part of our every day lives

By Judy Woodward

Their former student Gertrude Esteros remembers them as the “shining lights” and the “most favored instructors on the St. Paul campus” of the University of Minnesota.

In an era when women rarely explored the options beyond home and family, the Goldstein sisters, Harriet and Vetta, were determined to bring professionalism and dignity to work that was too easily dismissed as the domestic background to the more important business of public life.

The Goldsteins—and even decades after their deaths, those who know their legacy are still carefully correcting the pronunciation of anyone who refers to them as anything but the Gold-STINES—were professors of home economics at the University of Minnesota from the early years of the 20th century to their simultaneous retirement in 1949. The never-married sisters lived together their entire lives. When they weren't teaching, they were often traveling—and collecting objects of practical beauty that they used as teaching aids in their classes, in order to emphasize the importance of aesthetic values in the circumstances of ordinary domestic life.

In 1976, their collection formed the core of a new exhibition space that the university named in their honor. Originally called the Goldstein Gallery, the original display venue has grown into what is now known as the Goldstein Museum of Design in McNeal Hall, 1985 Buford Ave., on the St. Paul campus.

The collection numbers 34,000 items and, this year, the museum leaders decided to honor its 40th anniversary by inviting area design experts to choose a representative 40 items from the collection for a show called “Seeing 40/40.” The result is a pageant of mostly 20th-century good taste and cutting-edge design, including icons like Marimekko prints, a rya rug, a Burberry raincoat, a Chanel suit and other items familiar to anyone who ever tried to

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And they all fall down

No better way to say goodbye to summer than this: a glowing red maple in Como Regional Park shouting its last hurrah before that season-we-shall-not-name comes our way. Photo by Stephen D. Parker

Drivers' persistence thwarts police efforts to stop summer street racing

By Roger Bergerson

As the warm months that see a surge in street racing draw to a close, did the large-scale sting operations designed to curtail the activity (“Fast, furious and fined,” July Park Bugle) have the desired effect?

Sort of, says Sgt. Chris Byrne of St. Paul Police Traffic Enforcement.

“We conducted operations on a half-dozen weekends and had some success, but these people are persistent,” he said. “We break up their gatherings and write a lot of tickets, but they keep coming back. There are sometimes as many as 500 cars and they're not just from this area. They're coming from as far away as Rochester.”

Byrne said the police are now trying other preventive measures, such as blocking off the parking lots in which racers like to assemble, or posting police reserves in marked cars to discourage them.

“We're also using water trucks to wet down the lots, because that way they can't get traction and they don't like to get their cars dirty,” he said.

“I'm getting complaints from the Territorial Road/Raymond Avenue area, so we're going to continue working there. Drivers are running red lights, or, in some cases,

using the lights to start drag racing,” he noted.

“There was construction this summer on Shepherd Road, Highway 52 and Highway 280, all popular with racers, which helped us

some, but now they're open.”

Byrne said that a team of officers, in consultation with the city attorney's office, is studying additional tactics that might be employed next summer.

Share your warm winter recipes with us, please

We love stories. We love food. We love audience participation.

As we head into the dark days of winter, let's light a fire and share some of our favorite holiday and winter recipes.

Send us instructions on how to make your prized sweet or savory dishes and the stories that go with them (Aunt Stella's annual shipment of diminutive raisin pies, reduced to delicious crumbs

by



the time the postman delivered them to your door? Your favorite Festivus dish served every Dec. 23? The crispy homemade doughnuts your grandmother made each Hanukah?).

We'll print recipes in the upcoming December and January issues of the Bugle. Our December issue comes out just before Thanksgiving (we need your recipe by Wednesday, Nov. 2) and our January issue comes out Dec. 20 (we need your recipe by Wednesday, Dec. 7).

Send your contributions to editor@parkbugle.org or Editor, Park Bugle, P.O. Box 8126, St. Paul, MN 55108.

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 each month at the Historic Streetcar Station, 1224 N. Lexington Parkway. Contact information: 651-644-3889, district10comopark.org or District 10 Community Council on Facebook.

Pancake Breakfast is Oct. 29

Homemade food, great company and kids in Halloween costumes. It's all guaranteed at District 10's annual Pancake Breakfast Saturday, Oct. 29.

The family feast will feature pancakes, eggs, bacon, turkey sausage and breakfast beverages. Plus, children get to field-test their Halloween disguise during a costume parade at 10 a.m. Breakfast runs from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the cafeteria of the Humphrey Job Corps Center, which is on Arlington Avenue between Snelling Avenue and Arona Street. All are welcome.

Tickets are \$7 for teens and

adults, \$4 for children ages 5-12 and free for youngsters 4 and under. You can purchase tickets from a District 10 board member or at the door.

Organics recycling is now easier

You asked for it, you got it. Replacement bags for organics recycling are now available free of charge at the 24/7 drop-off site in Como Park near the Humane Society on Beulah Lane. The bags are in a mailbox attached inside the gate. Please limit yourself to two bags each visit.

Also, a reminder: Because of construction in the McMurray Field area, the only way to access the drop-off site is from the west. From the T-intersection at Hamline and Jessamine avenues, head east on Jessamine, then turn left at Beulah. The drop-off site is on the left, just north of the Humane Society.

Finally, if you are new to organics recycling, stop by the District 10 office and pick up your

free starter kit, which includes a bag, refrigerator magnets and other information and supplies to help you succeed in reducing your waste footprint.

Recycling changes coming

St. Paul's recycling program will undergo big changes beginning in January 2017. Among the highlights:

- ☞ Eureka Recycling will replace bins with covered, wheeled carts.

- ☞ Pickup will switch from curbside to alleys.

- ☞ All multi-unit buildings will have the opportunity to recycle.

- ☞ Residents will get wheeled carts after Thanksgiving.

Stay tuned to District 10's website, district10comopark.org, for updates on the program.

You are welcome to join in

The District 10 board and standing committees meet monthly and community members are always welcome to attend, participate and

speak or raise concerns. All meetings are at the Como Park Streetcar Station, at the northeast corner of Lexington and Horton. The schedule is listed below:

Land Use Committee: Typically meets on the Monday before the first Wednesday, 7 p.m. (However, because of a holiday, the committee will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 1.)

Neighborhood Relations and Safety Committee: First Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Board: Third Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Environment Committee: Last Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Get your recycling gear here

The Como Park Streetcar Station is open from noon to 4 p.m. on the first Sunday of every month through the fall and winter.

We'll have a District 10 board member on hand to distribute blue recycling bins, organics composting bags or just take your comments and suggestions. The Streetcar Station is

at the northeast corner of Lexington and Horton avenues.

Lauderdale

The Lauderdale City Council meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut St. Contact information: www.ci.lauderdale.mn.us or 651-792-7650.

Citizen group to review St. Anthony Police protocols

The City of Lauderdale took applications through Oct. 25 for a new three-city group that will work with setting policies with the St. Anthony Police Department that includes having police wear body cameras. Work group members will be selected by mid-November. The work group will be comprised of three residents from each of the three cities that the St. Anthony Police Department serves as well as city council liaisons from Lauderdale, St. Anthony and Falcon Heights.

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Sowing community in District 10

The half-dozen eagles circling over the newly planted triangle filtration gardens at Horton Avenue, Van Slyke Avenue and Churchill Street in the Como Park neighborhood on Oct. 1 were "definitely a good sign," says Michael Kuchta, District 10 executive director.

That sunny Saturday saw more than 50 volunteers spending the day hauling, sorting, staging, digging, planting, mulching and watering nearly 1,400 trees, shrubs and plants in the two public gardens.

The volunteers, including nearly 20 students from Murray Middle School's Junior National Honor Society, put the latest touches on the two new gardens, built as part of recent street reconstruction. The filtration gardens are designed to capture and clean storm water runoff before it reaches Lake Como.

For more than 15 years, neighbors from the Warrendale area of District 10, have maintained the gardens. The new gardens are a collaboration among neighbors, the City of St. Paul Public Works and Forestry departments, the Ramsey County Conservation District, the Capitol Region Watershed District and the District 10 Como Community Council. —Kristal Leebrick



At top, Tim Liu, 8, and District 10 executive director Michael Kuchta stack empty planters. Above, students from Murray Middle School helped plant the new gardens. Photos by Kristal Leebrick

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St. Paul police officers Shannon Diedrich and Randy Axtell take time to chat outside the Finnish Bistro recently. *Photo by Kristal Leebrick*

St. Paul P.D. brings community patrol to Como, St. Anthony Park

If you see these two St. Paul Police Department patrol officers strolling through an alley near you, don't panic. It's just part of their job on their new beat as community police officers in the Como Park and St. Anthony Park neighborhoods.

Meet officers Randy Axtell and Shannon Diedrich, who will be working 4 p.m.-2 a.m. shifts in the area and a lot of it on foot.

"The idea behind us on foot patrol is to help us get to know the business owners and the people,"

Axtell said. It's about "building relationships."

This new community police beat is part of St. Paul Police Chief Todd Axtell's plans to expand community outreach in the department.

Randy Axtell (yes, he is related to the chief; Todd Axtell is his father) and Diedrich have been visiting area schools and businesses since they came on in late September.

They want residents to know that "we are very approachable,"

Axtell said. "Just say hi. We don't bite."

And if there's any law enforcement question you need answered, they will do their best to answer it, Diedrich said.

If you don't see them on the street, they are easy to connect with through their emails: randall.axtell@ci.stpaul.mn.us and Shannon.diedrich@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

—*Kristal Leebrick*

Seal Hi-Rise marks 40 years of providing affordable housing

By *Bill Lindeke*

If you walk down Raymond Avenue in South St. Anthony, you're sure to notice Seal Hi-Rise on the corner of Territorial Road, a gray slab of a building set back on a hill of trimmed grass, an American flag in the foreground of the concrete.

By far the tallest building in the neighborhood, it occupies the corner so quietly that it can be easy to forget it's there. Yet for four decades, the building has been quietly doing important work, giving hundreds of people a lease on life in a good home.

Owned and operated by the St. Paul Public Housing Authority, Seal Hi-Rise is marking its 40th anniversary this year. Four decades is a long time for public housing, and Seal is still going strong.

Last of the Modernist towers

Most of St. Paul's public housing was built in the 1970s, including all of the iconic Modernist towers that are scattered through the city. Seal was the last of these tower-style projects to be built in St. Paul; it was



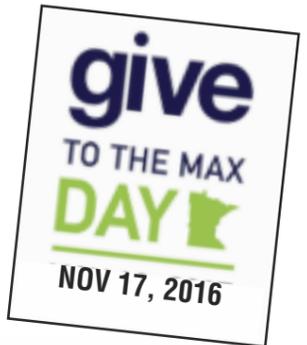
Seal Hi-Rise residents Sandy Davis and Jeanne Becker gather to split up vegetables donated from the St. Anthony Park Community Gardens in September. *Photo courtesy Scott Simmons*

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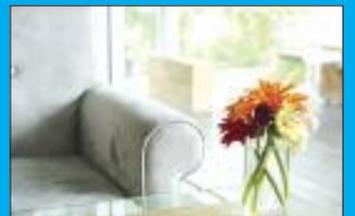
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EDITORIAL

Some things change, but a lot of things don't

This issue of the Bugle tells the story of two area institutions that are marking their 40th anniversaries this year: Seal Hi-Rise, an affordable housing complex off Raymond Avenue in South St. Anthony (see story on page 3) and the Goldstein Museum of Design on the University of Minnesota's St. Paul Campus (see story on page 1).

Those landmark birthdays made us curious as to what else was going on in Bugleland 40 years ago, so we looked at the October-November 1976 issue of the Park Bugle to find out. Looking through the 40-year-old paper made us recognize that change is constant, yet many of the changes announced in the 1976 Bugle aren't a whole lot different than some of the new things coming our way in the next year.

Front page headlines announced a free pickup of all dead elm wood from area residences to help control the spread of Dutch elm disease (emerald ash borer, anyone?), a neighborhood meeting on new street lights along Como Avenue (see the letter to the editor about LED lights below), swine flu shot clinics, and a fiscal crisis in St. Paul Public Schools that saw class sizes at St. Anthony Park Elementary School reaching 37 students per classroom in some grades.

Big news on page 8 announced the dedication of South St. Anthony Rec Center (now occupied by the Joy of the People soccer group) on Cromwell Street to Elizabeth Clark, a community leader who pushed for the building of the center but died before she could see it open.

And a new wing opened at St. Anthony Park Elementary School that included a gymnasium and cafeteria (40 years later, the school is about to be

remodeled and expanded, which we wrote about in September). Nearly 900 people attended the dedication ceremony held in the new gym and were entertained by a 112-student choir and a 34-student band, the band and choir directed by the school's two music teachers.

Another story announced the merger of two St. Anthony Park institutions: Luther Seminary and Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary.

Advertisements in the 16-page paper included campaign ads (it was an election year), as well as advertisements for local businesses, including a coin-operated laundrette in Milton Square, a spring bulb special at Hermes Floral on Larpenteur Avenue, a leather shop—Lederviva U.S.A.—in Milton Square, a fall clearance sale at Micawber's bookstore, and ads from some of the restaurants that served the area four decades ago: Bridgeman's (now Finnish Bistro), All American Bowling Lanes and Bar (on Como Avenue west of Highway 280) and the Lamplighter Inn (where Muffuletta is now).

A number of businesses that ran ads 40 years ago in the Bugle, still are: Carter Ave. Frame Shop, St. Anthony Park Bank (which is now Sunrise Banks), Park Service and the Bibelot Shop.

The takeaway from all this? Our communities are in a constant state of flux, and while change is a given, in so many ways the issues that keep people passionate and vocal are much the same.

You can take a look at old Bugles online at www.parkbugle.org. Just scroll to the bottom of the web page and click on Bugle Archives. We've got every issue from the newspaper's beginning in 1974.

LETTERS

Welcome to the Bugle editorial pages, the place where we exchange ideas and opinions. The views reflected in the commentaries and letters printed here each month are the opinions of the individual writers, not the Bugle staff or board of directors. We encourage community participation on this page, but we do retain the right to edit letters and commentaries for clarity and brevity. Letters should be kept to 400 words or fewer and commentaries should be 800 words or fewer. Send your commentaries or letters to editor@parkbugle.org.

LED revolution: goodbye soft, comfortable lighting

I am not sure how many are paying attention, but our way of providing light is going through a serious change. Basically, it seems that what the future holds is nothing but LED lighting.

This is great in terms of cutting energy and saving money, but it doesn't address the fact that LED lighting is not "nice" lighting. It is bright, harsh and not pleasant to the eye (both esthetically and physically as noted by the American Medical Association). Gone forever will be the nice soft lighting we are used to along our boulevards, highways, etc. I am all in favor of the energy savings, etc., but I find LED lighting offensive.

Some of the lighting on billboards and signs are "Bright" beyond bright and really hard to look at. I find myself having increased difficulty driving at night and try to avoid looking at the lights. If things keep up I will probably have to start wearing some form of eye protection at night.

Just how much brightness do we want or need? Along with the street lighting soon more and more automobiles will be equipped with LED lights. Have you experienced them in your rearview mirror?

This awareness started for me with the change in holiday lighting. Advances have been made, but the new LED lights are just not as warm and welcoming. Now, as time has passed, I have followed lighting changes along our highways and now they are coming to our neighborhood. Last winter, I visited JeJu Island in South Korea, where LEDs are in full force and it was not a pleasant experience.

I ask you to consider if you

would like the type of lighting now installed on Raymond Avenue just north of Hampton Park Co-op in front of your house or along your boulevard. Ask some of the folks in Merriam Park what they think. I would think that anyone with a sense of beauty, especially at nighttime, would also be offended by this type of lighting.

I bring this up because it is not too late to do something. We can get on board with the City of St. Paul right now before it is too late and get involved in the decision-making process. This form of lighting is not something that you will just eventually get used to. Once installed they will be in place for years to come.

I do care about the environmental impact of reduced energy use; in fact, I would love to see all our lighting produced with solar power.

If you are interested in this issue, please contact me at bwrvp27@gmail.com or 651-757-8012.

Barry Riesch
St. Anthony Park

Willems deserves re-election

Gwen Willems is an outstanding civic leader who deserves to be re-elected to the Ramsey Conservation District Board of Supervisors.

Willems is a dedicated, hard-working public servant who cares deeply about clean air, land and water. Her efforts have brought more rain gardens, bee-friendly habitat, shoreline restorations, well sealings and valuable educational programs to our region.

Beyond her service on the

conservation board, Willems dedicates her time and efforts to other worthwhile groups such as the Falcon Heights Community Engagement Commission and League of Women Voters.

I've worked closely with her for years. I continue to be impressed with her knowledge, work ethic and collaborative nature. Please join me in supporting Gwen Willems.

Peter Lindstrom
Mayor, Falcon Heights

Tips on making your backyard fire easier on neighbors

Recreational fires are growing in popularity in backyards all across Minnesota. As the amount of wood burning in the metro area has grown, so has the number of complaints from people sensitive to smoke or who live with a respiratory condition that is made worse by exposure to wood smoke.

It is important to note that all wood burning creates some smoke and particulate pollution and that no fire can ever be 100 percent pollution-free. However, some simple steps will help to reduce wood smoke and other pollution that can pose health risks to you, your family and your neighbors. They also may help to reduce conflicts with neighbors and prevent police or fire officials from having to step in to resolve conflicts.

Here are some simple steps you can take to burn smarter:

- Burn dry, well-aged wood that has been split properly into pieces that will catch fire and burn thoroughly. Wood should be stored under a cover but with the ability for air to circulate around it. This can be

as simple as keeping a tarp over the top of the wood stack, but not covering the sides. Properly dried wood is often darker, has cracks in the end grain, and makes a "hollow sound" when smacked against another piece of wood. Firewood moisture meters are available at hardware and fireplace specialty stores. You will want wood that has a moisture content of 20 percent or less.

- It is important never to burn household garbage, painted or stained wood, plastics, or chemically treated paper in your backyard fire. Not only is this practice illegal, it is also hazardous and dangerous to you, your family and your neighbors. Burn only dry wood aged six months or more or manufactured fire logs.

- Make sure your fire is well constructed and not left to smolder. Extinguish the fire completely when you are done.

- Finally, be considerate of your neighbors when you burn. Talk with your neighbors before having a fire. Do your fires cause health issues for them? Listen to neighbors who may suffer from your campfires. Even if they don't have health conditions, let your neighbors know you are going to have a fire so they can close windows.

- Consider a natural gas or propane fire pit instead of burning wood. They are easier and cleaner.

For more tips on reducing smoke and protecting your family, visit LearnBeforeYouBurn.com.

Robert Moffitt,
Communications director
American Lung
Association in Minnesota

Transition Town – All St. Anthony Park

This is one in a series of occasional columns from Transition Town—All St. Anthony Park, the neighborhood-based group working for a local response to climate change: a smaller carbon footprint and a stronger community. You can find out more about Transition Town at www.TransitionASAP.org

Be part of the climate solution: free resource fair November 12

By Mindy Keskinen

Even as Minnesota's weather cools reassuringly this fall, the earth's climate is warming fast. Some call it global weirding—not just heat but extreme weather of all kinds: droughts, floods, intense storms, rising seas and all the resulting ecosystem adjustments. Yes, we've seen these before, but now they're more severe and more frequent.

How can we help slow that process? And how can we adapt locally?

At the free Sustainability Resource Fair: Wild Weather, Snug Homes, Quiet Streets, three speakers will help answer those questions, with expertise, humor and time for give-and-take. Join Transition Town – All St. Anthony Park Saturday, Nov. 12, from 9 a.m. to noon, at Luther Seminary's Northwestern Hall, 1501 Fulham St. in St. Paul. There will be free childcare and

refreshments.

Here is the schedule:

9 a.m.: Doors open. See displays on electric and hybrid cars (with models parked outside), energy-saving home retrofits, and climate and weather factors such as urban heat islands. Transition Town ASAP displays will show how people can join the local sustainability movement.

9:30 a.m.: Changing Minnesota Weather: Not Whether, But By How Much (or, The Good, the Bad and the Ugly). Learn why Minnesota now ranks with Oklahoma for annual days with severe thunderstorms. With Mark Seeley, University of Minnesota climatologist and meteorologist, author and public radio personality.

10:05 a.m.: Retrofitting Minnesota Homes: Smart Ways to Shrink Your Home Energy Use (or, A Bad Insulation Job Can Take Your

Breath Away). Understanding your house as a whole system of related parts. With Pat Huelman, U of M cold-climate housing coordinator.

10:40 a.m.: The Quiet Revolution: Drop Your Carbon "Wheelprint" with Electric Vehicles (or, How Long an Extension Cord Do I Need?). E-vehicles emit less than half the greenhouse gases of gas-powered cars—cradle to grave. With Jukka Kukkonen of PlugInConnect and Fresh Energy.

11:15 a.m.-noon: Learn more from speakers and neighbors, visit displays, enjoy refreshments.

Can't make it? Visit TransitionASAP.org and join the other local solutions under way.

Mindy Keskinen is communications coordinator for Transition Town – All St. Anthony Park.

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First time on market, this home designed by Tom Van Housen has three bedrooms, three baths, main floor family room and attached two car garage. 2148 Folwell Avenue, \$649,000.



Now open to the public, this Liesl Close designed home has the original features of hardwood flooring & mahogany woodwork, with updates of newer membrane roof and skylights. 1572 Fulham \$524,900.

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Need a tool? Don't buy it—borrow it

The St. Paul Tool Library will open this winter at 765 Prior Ave. For a \$55 annual fee, borrow tools for a set period and use workshop space. A spinoff of the Northeast Minneapolis Tool Library, new members can use the northeast library until the St. Paul location opens. For information and to donate tools, visit www.facebook.com/saintpaultoolibrary.

The Northeast Minneapolis Tool Library at 1620 Central Ave. is a model for the St. Paul Tool Library set to open this winter. Photo courtesy NEMTL

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City Files from 2

The work group's purpose is to review current police policies and protocols, best practices and trends, policy development and present policy recommendations to the St. Anthony Police Department and the city councils of the three cities.

Join in annual Halloween party

Lauderdale's annual Halloween party will be held Monday, Oct. 31, 5-7 p.m. Set up for the event will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 28-30, from 12-8 p.m.

On the night of the event, volunteers are needed to hand out candy bags, grill hotdogs, serve food and beverages, and of course, post-event clean up. Sign up to volunteer at signup.com/go/3KAM8p.

St. Anthony Park

The District 12 Community Council meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Jennings Community Learning Center, 2455 University Ave. To find when council committees meet, go to www.sapcc.org or call 651-649-5992. The council offices are located at 2395 University Ave., Suite 300 E.

Meet the District 12 candidates

District 12 will hold its election for its Board of Directors in early November. Voting will be open online Wednesday, Nov. 2, to Sunday, Nov. 6. Voting tables will be set up at Tim and Tom's Speedy Market and at Hampden Park Co-op on Friday, Nov. 4. Times were not available at press time. You can call 651-649-5992 to find out when the voting tables will be open.

District community organizer Cailin Rogers will host a "Coffee with Cailin" where attendees can vote at Workhorse Coffee, 2399 W. University Ave., on Nov. 4, 7:30 to 9 a.m. Election results will be announced the week of Nov. 14.

Four candidates are running to fill seats on the board. We have printed the candidates' responses to questions on the board application here.



Charles Christopherson

Charles Christopherson has lived in

St. Anthony Park for more than 30 years and has served on the St. Anthony Park Community Council for the last year. He would represent the north side of the neighborhood if elected.

What makes you a good candidate to serve in this role? What skills would you bring to the SAPCC Board? I believe thoughtful consideration is the key, along with respectful discussion from all sides.

How would you help foster the future of St. Anthony Park? By being respectful and listening and being open before coming to a conclusion.

How would you fulfill and build upon the commitment SAPCC has made to equity, diversity and inclusion in our organization? Values are what matters. These values—equity, diversity and inclusion—are values I share as a professional and on a personal level. Taking time to consider actions and how they fit these values is what is important.



Bettsey Hjelseth

Bettsey Hjelseth is a graduate student at the University of Minnesota Humphrey School of Public Affairs and a research analyst at the Department of Employment and Economic Development in downtown St. Paul. She would represent the south side of the neighborhood if elected.

What makes you a good candidate to serve in this role? What skills would you bring to the SAPCC Board? I am very committed and hard-working. I enjoy attending board meetings and getting to meet new people. I will bring a positive attitude, open mind and strong work ethic to each and every meeting and event that I attend.

How would you help foster the future of St. Anthony Park? By bringing in new ideas. I think St. Anthony Park is such a great place to live, and I want others to feel that way, too. Diversity is important, and I want everyone to feel happy and excited about being able to live, work and play in St. Anthony Park.

How would you fulfill and build upon the commitment SAPCC has made to equity, diversity and inclusion in our organization? By listening to everyone and welcoming all ideas. I want everyone to feel like the SAPCC is a place that they can go to voice their concerns and ideas.



Max Herzberg

Max Herzberg is a graduate student and has been a member of the St. Anthony Park Community Council and the council's Equity Committee for the last year. He would represent the south portion of the neighborhood if elected.

What makes you a good candidate to serve in this role? What skills would you bring to the SAPCC Board? As a current member of the SAPCC board of directors and Equity Committee, I am already familiar with the issues facing south St. Anthony Park and the district as a whole.

Over the course of the past year I have developed relationships with fellow board and committee members, council staff and community members. These relationships have been, and will continue to be, key to the thoughtful decisionmaking inherent in the work of the SAPCC board.

Finally, my community volunteer work in St. Paul has focused primarily on educational and community equity. I will be able to draw upon these experiences as the St. Anthony Park Community Council continues to develop its equity focus for years to come.

How would you help foster the future of St. Anthony Park? As a member of the board of directors in the last year I have learned the importance of open and honest communication within our community, especially between local organizations and residents.

In the next two years, I will continue to emphasize the importance of community engagement while serving on the board. Further, as a young resident of St. Anthony Park I recognize the importance and opportunity of the next few years in our neighborhood.

Though these developments will contribute to the growing vibrancy of the neighborhood, they will also pose new challenges as we work to maintain the balance between industry, business and residential areas so engrained in the history of St. Anthony Park.

Equity remains central to all of these projects, and I will continue to emphasize its importance as is detailed below.

How would you fulfill and build upon the commitment SAPCC has made to equity, diversity and inclusion in our organization? Over the course of the last three months, I, with the assistance of the Equity Committee, have begun drafting a set of guidelines for use in the St. Anthony Park Community Council's 10-year planning process.

These guidelines are meant to facilitate progress specifically in the council's commitment to "equity in all we do." The resulting document will be utilized by the board and its committees to ensure that each initiative included in the 10-year plan is adopted with a consideration of the impacts that it will have on all members of our community.

Chief among these considerations are improving access to the community council and its resources, fostering collaboration between diverse communities and advocating for economic equity in many forms (e.g., food, health, housing, transportation and many others).



Melissa Williams

Melissa Williams is an instructional designer who has lived in St. Anthony Park since 2003. She moved to the Twin Cities in 1998 to pursue her doctorate in American Studies at the University of Minnesota. She and her husband, Matt Hass, chose the South St. Anthony neighborhood "for its small-town feel in the midst of a big city with great resources," she said. She would represent the south side of the neighborhood if elected.

What makes you a good candidate to serve in this role? What skills would you bring to the SAPCC Board? As a family, we've been very involved in the St. Anthony Park neighborhood and are quite familiar with the issues the district has been addressing in recent years.

My husband has worked at Hampden Park Co-op and served on the district council for about a decade. I've been heavily involved in

the co-op and its board for about the same time.

My understanding of the neighborhood's dynamics, experience with administrative process in educational and business environments, and skill in communications, make me a strong candidate to serve on the SAPCC board. I've spent my entire adult life teaching, assisting others in articulating their visions and navigating bureaucracies to achieve my goals.

How will you help foster the future of St. Anthony Park? When we bought our house, we also purchased a history of St. Anthony Park from Micawber's bookstore. I was fascinated with the description of "current-state" SAP in the early 1990s; at the time, the area was aging and largely industrial, but many of the institutions that were central to the neighborhood then are still significant and appreciated elements of the community today. This is an excellent analogy to the future I envision for St. Anthony Park.

I would like to maintain the things that make our community great (like our attention to infrastructure, our charm and walkability, and our beloved businesses and community gathering places) and foster improvement where it's needed (like the need to address economic stratification, ensure that all SAP residents are included, and cooperate with our businesses to protect the community's environmental health).

The board is currently working on its 10-year plan for the district; I want to be part of that process.

We also have to be sensitive to the changing environment in which we live. We, like the rest of the world, must reckon with how climate change, economic change, and demographic change will force us to reconsider our priorities and privileges.

Balancing our respect and appreciation for the past does not mean ignoring imperatives for the health of our future.

How will you fulfill and build upon the commitment SAPCC has made to equity, diversity and inclusion in our organization? At present, the board lacks female representation. My service would begin to address that disparity. I've also spent the last few years learning about sustainable food initiatives and food justice; we have a need within this community to address these issues with more intentionality and equity than we have. For example, recent surveys conducted by SAPCC suggest that portions of SAP are a de facto food desert, due to limited mobility, language challenges and economic constraints.

I would like to find creative ways to address those problems, taking care to truly listen to those who have the needs we're attempting to address.

We do a great job in this neighborhood of being friendly and supportive with the neighbors we see, but it's time to actively seek out neighbors we might not encounter in our comfortable spaces (churches, local businesses, schools, etc.) so that we can promote the success of all St. Anthony Park residents.

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Roger Bergerson chronicles our remarkable past

Ventriloquist 'loved life on the road'

In the last issue of the Park Bugle, a photograph of a home on West Hoyt Avenue ("Garage homes were once a Como Park phenomenon") reminded some readers of Victor Etienne, the colorful character who lived there for almost 40 years.

Etienne (pronounced "etnee") was known to generations of local school children as a genial ventriloquist who, with the help of his wooden friend Terry, used humor to impart life lessons such as "Patriotism: What It Means to Be an American," "Safety Counts," "Be Healthy, Stay Healthy" and "Self-Esteem."



In 1992, Victor Etienne entertained students at his childhood school, Chelsea Heights Elementary, Hoyt Avenue and Huron Street. Bugle file photo by Truman Olson

After suffering a series of debilitating strokes, Etienne died in 2015. But in his prime, says his younger brother, Brian, Victor was a "ball of energy," crisscrossing the country to appear before school audiences and church groups, Scout rallies, hospitals and care centers.

"Victor loved life on the road and for many years was seldom home," Brian says. "He drove to appearances for much of that time, but in his later years would take the Greyhound or Amtrak."

Victor always returned to the Como neighborhood where he grew up. There was an entertainment tradition in the family, his father having skated in the Ice Follies variety show in the 1930s. Brian, a Roseville resident, is a drummer and has backed nationally known artists such as Melissa Manchester and Amy Grant. He also is active in the local acting community, most recently appearing in the Rosetown Playhouse production of Disney's *Little Mermaid* at the Como Lakeside Pavilion.

In 1992, Victor told the Park Bugle that he got his start in show business appearing before his sixth-grade class at Chelsea Heights Elementary School. He went on to

graduate from Murray High School in St. Anthony Park in 1958 and enrolled at North Central Bible College in Minneapolis.

He planned to return for a second year, "but I kept getting bookings," Etienne recalled and his career path was set. Spurning nightclubs and theaters, he regarded himself as a "traveling minister" or evangelist, a reflection of his lifelong membership in the Assemblies of God Church.

His journeys took him to every state in the union, as well as to Canada, Mexico and Great Britain. But Etienne eventually wearied of the demanding schedule and restricted his travel outside Minnesota to the summer months, staying in the state

during the school year.

He played in Scrabble tournaments, followed minor league baseball teams around the country and golfed.

Victor got his first cat, Monty, when the stray adopted him somewhere out East, Brian relates. Monty accompanied him on most of his travels. Later, Victor could be seen walking Monty's successor, Lucky, on a leash down Hoyt Avenue, where they would sit on a bench and watch the golfers on the Como course.

After suffering the first of what would be four strokes, Etienne was helped to a waiting car by a passerby—this writer. "Watch your blood pressure," he admonished.

Yesterday's news

Roger Bergerson shares headlines he has collected from old newspapers over the years, simply because "they're funny, bizarre, brutal, etc."

Chipmunks trained to retrieve fish for lazy anglers

Shave by barber revives corpse

Wooden leg is returned

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The Birdman of Lauderdale by Clay Christensen

A family day of birding

I was "workforce reduced" in May 2000 after 34 years with a company that shall remain nameless. I decided to go birding the next day and invited my son, Drew, to join me. He had the day off and was very interested. We had never gone birding together before.

We headed for Afton State Park on report of a swallow-tailed kite far north of its usual Floridian range.

After a couple of hours of hiking, we hadn't seen a swallow-tailed kite, but we had established ourselves as a team of two that began doing a variety of bird surveys.

Fast-forward some 16 years. This past July, Drew was "workforce reduced" after nearly 23 years at that same company, which shall still remain nameless. I suggested that we go birding after his last day. We finally got to it in early August.

His 16-year old daughter, Emily, had been asking to go along with us on the surveys in the past, but we never took her along. It wouldn't

really be bird-watching. It was more citizen science, and we thought she'd be bored. But we both decided that we should include her on this celebratory trip.

There had been reports of purple martins roosting along Vadnais Lake in the north metro, so we thought we'd start there. Purple martins are dark, medium-sized birds in the swallow family with notched tails, great at scooping insects (think mosquitoes!) out of the air.

We got to Vadnais a little after 8 a.m. We saw a couple of loons, several double-crested cormorants, and a gorgeous trumpeter swan out on the lake, but no purple martins flying overhead. We decided to try a more promising habitat at Sucker Lake, just north of Vadnais.

And, just as we were getting out of the car in the Sucker Lake parking lot, two purple martins flew over! How obliging of them.

Sucker Lake has a nice paved trail that borders the lake. From the

parking lot, the trail follows a ditch with some standing water in it. We often spot red-winged blackbirds, song sparrows and other birds along this stretch, and because they're usually right next to the trail, they get up close and personal for some nice looks. So we slowed down and listened for chips and songs, looking closely for any signs of motion among the cattails and marsh vegetation.

Drew and I heard a strange, almost mechanical "clack" sound. It was slowly moving along the wetland in the same direction that we were headed. "I think that's a rail," I said. We both scanned the vegetation and Drew found the bird just on the other side of the ditch, sitting in a sunny spot, grooming. "Looks like it's digesting its breakfast," I said.

A marsh bird with a long bill, a rail is about the size and shape of a football. I checked the bird app on my cellphone and looked at the pictures of rails. I decided it looked like a clapper rail—until I checked the range map for the clapper. It was unlikely we'd see one in Minnesota.

In the meantime, Drew checked his own cell phone app and showed me the range for the Virginia rail: It covers the northern and western United States in the summer. The photo of the juvenile Virginia rail looked much like the bird he'd spotted, dark with some tan patches and a white chin. What a find. I hadn't seen a Virginia rail since 1989. The rail sat there in the sun for quite a long time. It looked like it was settling in for the morning. Emily got good looks at it, too.

We continued up the trail and headed off toward the footbridge that crosses Sucker Creek. As we approached a thicket of shrubbery, I saw a bird hopping through the branches, slowly, deliberately. I got my binoculars on it and despaired: It was a nondescript beige bird, smaller than a robin, but without any discernable identifying marks. There was a good deal of chipping going on from it or another bird nearby.

So I watched it, trying to find something that would point toward an ID. And then a parent came in to bring a juicy morsel to this apparent youngster. It was a gorgeous male common yellowthroat. The adult sports a striking black mask, outlined above in white, and (of course) a bright yellow throat plus yellow undertail feathers. Emily and Drew both got to see these birds as well.

We saw or heard 27 species that morning, a good outing for August. Sighting the martins, the rail and the yellowthroats in the company of my son and granddaughter made it one of the most memorable birding hikes I've been on in some 30 years.

Clay Christensen lives and writes in Lauderdale. His book, The Birdman of Lauderdale, is available at www.BirdmanBook.com.

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Schubert Club commission honors Music in the Park founder

By Kristal Leebrick

Julie Himmelstrup celebrated her 80th birthday in August, but the icing on her cake won't come until Nov. 6, when the Pacifica String Quartet and cellist Johannes Moser play composer Julia Wolfe's "Splendid Hopes" at the Nov. 6 Schubert Club Music in the Park Series concert.

That new piece by the Pulitzer Prize-winning composer and MacArthur Fellow is a co-commission funded in part to honor the milestone birthday of Himmelstrup, who founded the Music in the Park Series in 1979.

Many of Himmelstrup's friends and longtime series subscribers helped achieve the commission through buying \$50 shares in the project.

"What could be a better 80th birthday present," Himmelstrup said. "What a thrill to have a new piece commissioned in your honor."

"The idea of celebrating Julie's 80th birthday with a piece of new music was a natural one," said Schubert Club artistic director Barry Kempton. "Julie has encouraged guest ensembles to include new and nearly new music in their programming since she founded the series. Co-commissioning a new work by Julia Wolfe, one of the country's leading composers and recently acknowledged as such with a Pulitzer Prize for Music, is an honor for the Schubert Club."

Music in the Park has a long history of commissioning music, particularly work from local composers such as Carol Barnett, Libby Larsen, Randall Davidson, David Evan Thomas and the late Stephen Paulus.

"It's something I started early," Himmelstrup said. "We should be



Julie Himmelstrup, founder of the Schubert Club's Music in the Park Series. Photo courtesy of the Schubert Club

supporting these composers," and selling shares for commissions allows many music lovers to get involved, she said.

"I like the idea that many people can contribute to something. You don't have to be rich to contribute."

The concert will be held Sunday, Nov. 6, at 4 p.m. at the St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Commonwealth Ave. A preconcert talk with Kempton and Himmelstrup will begin at 3 p.m. They will be reviewing some of the

highlights ("and lowlights," Himmelstrup laughed) of her many years with Music in the Park.

The Pacifica Quartet is known for its virtuosity, exuberance and often-daring repertory choices.

The group received the 2006 Avery Fisher Career Grant, was named Musical America's "Ensemble of the Year" in 2009 and received a Grammy Award for Best Chamber Music Performance in 2009. The Pacifica performed all of the Beethoven quartets at Music in the Park Series concerts over three seasons, from 2008 to 2011.

German-Canadian cellist Johannes Moser was the top prizewinner in the 2002 Tchaikovsky Competition.

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furnish an apartment or flip through a fashion magazine in the middle decades of the last century.

Associate curator Jean McElvain was responsible for drawing up an initial list of 75 items from the collection for the selectors to choose among.

"I tried to look for a variety of items," she says about the process. "Textiles, dresses, pottery, things that hadn't been displayed recently." In choosing a mere 75 items from among the riches of the collection, McElvain says, "I was constantly giving up things I love." Although she insisted that all the chosen items are "amazing," she did single out the Rudi Gernrich "monokini"—a topless swimsuit from 1964 that was probably never worn anywhere beyond a designer show runway—for special mention.

"It's such a bizarre piece. [Designer Gernrich] simultaneously uses and exploits the female body; even as he says he's trying to liberate women."

McElvain says that the museum's collection, which is dependent on donations, is still made up largely of objects that would fit into the original categories of textiles and domestic art objects favored by the Goldstein sisters. She cites haute

couture dresses and examples of 19th-century Rookwood art pottery.

"It's unusual to find items like these in Minnesota," she says. "But we also look toward product design and industrial design," she adds, noting that the collection contains well-designed telephones, representative Sony Walkman examples and iPads.

And then there are a few items that might simply be labeled "unclassifiable." One of the oddest finds in the museum's archives was "the accession of a decades-old piece of wedding cake," says McElvain. "Amazing things have been accessioned—bobby pins, for example."

For the most part, though, McElvain says that if they were able to see the collection now, the Goldstein sisters "might be surprised at its depth and quality ... [as well as] the sheer number of beautiful objects collected in their names."

Joanne B. Eicher, Regents Professor Emerita and resident of University Grove, was the director of the Goldstein during the 1980s. It was known as the Goldstein Gallery then, but during Eicher's time, there were efforts to make it "more like a museum and not just exhibit space." Eicher recalls with special pleasure a show she mounted called "Please Be Seated," which was built around the



Goldstein Museum associate curator Jean McElvain drew up the initial list of items to choose among for the 40th anniversary exhibit. McElvain stands before the Rudy Gernrich monokini. Photo by Lori Hamilton

work of Herman Miller, designer of the famous 20th-century chairs. She also speaks fondly of "Paris in the Cities," a display of couture clothing owned by fashionable women in the Twin Cities "that showed we weren't just Midwestern flyover country."

Eicher chose a brightly colored cotton sundress by American designer Donald Brooks as her representative object for the current "40/40" exhibit. The dress had belonged to Dolly Fiterman, long a fine-arts dealer and trendsetter in the Twin Cities. "Dolly was a character," says Eicher, "but she was more than a character. She was very astute. And I enjoyed the way she dressed."

Another area resident, Tom Fisher, director of the Minnesota Design Center and longtime former dean of the College of Design, selected an iconic American household object for the current exhibit, the teakettle designed by architect Michael Graves. The teakettle on display at the Goldstein was manufactured by the Italian firm Alessi, but the same design was later mass-produced for Target.

"I knew Michael," says Fisher. "He liked working with Target. Good design should be available to everyone, he believed." Choosing the teakettle with its personal associations, says Fisher, "makes me feel a little historical myself."



A velveteen jacket and skirt, circa 1960-69, and a 1967 Emilio Pucci outfit made for Braniff Airlines flight attendants. Photo by Judy Woodward

Gertrude Esteros, who recently celebrated her 102nd birthday, was a professor of home economics and the first director of the Goldstein Gallery. She recalls the grand opening 40 years ago as an exciting hands-on experience for everyone involved.

"The students participated in everything," even to the point of helping to set up chairs and displays. Esteros, who received her B.A. in 1936, also remembers the Goldsteins: "Harriet was my graduate adviser. Vetta was my undergrad adviser." Although Harriet had died earlier, Vetta Goldstein was present at the opening ceremonies in 1976.

Esteros says she learned a great

deal from the Goldstein sisters, but "the most important thing they taught me was that art is part of anything and everything you do." Whether furnishing a house, preparing a meal or planning your wardrobe, says Esteros, "Art is involved."

The Goldstein Museum of Design is located at 1985 Buford Ave. on the St. Paul Campus of the University of Minnesota. The exhibit "Seeing 40/40: 40 Years of Collecting" will run through January 8, 2017.

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

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Meet the candidates

On Tuesday, Nov. 8, Bugle-area voters will head to the polls to elect a new president of the United States and congressional representatives. Close to home, we'll be voting for representatives to our state house and senate. Lauderdale residents will cast their ballots for mayor and two city council seats. Some residents of Falcon Heights and Lauderdale will vote on a Ramsey County commissioner. And St. Paul voters will select someone to fill in a one-year term on the St. Paul Public Schools Board of Education.

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We've got information on the local candidates here.

This guide was compiled by Roger Bergerson, Kristal Leebrick and Anne Holzman.

House District 66A



Alice Hausman, incumbent, Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party

A former teacher and hospital department manager, Alice Hausman was first elected to the House in 1989.

Priorities: My legislative work has focused on the environment, energy

and infrastructure—with a special emphasis on public mass transit. In recent years, I have focused on housing. Nothing else in life goes well if you don't have a safe place to sleep at night.

In the area of education, I will support efforts to focus extra attention on the youngest learners. Additionally, I will work to reverse the decline in support of higher education that has led to higher tuition and higher debt.

We have more to do to get to universal health care, our mental health system is fragmented and does not serve us well, and our criminal justice system requires a clear look at who we arrest and imprison and why.

People may be surprised to learn: I am a farm girl. I milked cows (with a machine, not by hand) and tended to pigs and chickens.



Jon Heyer, Republican Party

Jon Heyer ran unsuccessfully against Hausman in 2014. He is a semi-retired Catholic educator who works part-time in the adult special education ministry program at St. Odilia Church in Shoreview.

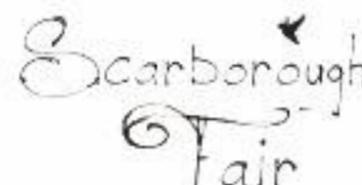
Priorities: MNsure, the state-run health insurance program, must be reformed, because it is clearly not working for the benefit of Minnesotans.

Our business climate in Minnesota must be improved. It is rated as one of the worst in the nation. We must ease business taxes and regulations to foster private-sector job growth and to stop more companies from relocating away from Minnesota.

We must focus on funding the needs of Minnesotans, not the wants of politicians. We are funding an ever-growing list of projects by selling state bonds. The state currently owes \$6 billion in bond obligations, and this debt will be paid by our children and grandchildren.

People may be surprised to learn: I have won over 90 ribbons exhibiting vegetables from my garden at the Minnesota State Fair.

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House District 64A



Erin Murphy, incumbent, Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party

Erin Murphy, who has served in the House since 2007, is a registered nurse and adjunct faculty member in nursing at St. Catherine University.

Priorities: We need to build the economy of our future, across the state of Minnesota.

To do so, we need to invest in our human and capital infrastructure, education, health care, transportation, housing and jobs. We need to push ourselves on climate change and vigorously pursue alternatives.

Finally, we need to reduce the outsized voice of outside spending in our campaigns by requiring disclosure of dark-money spending.

People may be surprised to learn: I love to sing.

Riley Horan, Republican Party

Horan did not respond to the Park Bugle's request for information.



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House District 66B



William Brownell, Republican Party

William Brownell ran unsuccessfully for this Minnesota House of Representatives seat a number of years ago.

Priorities: Attracting permanent jobs and the creation of those jobs throughout Minnesota. I'm talking about jobs that can provide long-term, living wages for our residents.

I will support educational initiatives that build upon what is successful without the impulse of seeming to “start over again.”

I will emphasize public safety

and related funding, incorporating quality-of-life items, such as bike and snowmobile trails, whether in the core cities, our suburbs or in greater Minnesota.

People may be surprised to learn: I am humbled to have the privilege of being considered a “Father” within the Hmong community and have joyfully served Hmong youth and families for many years. My wife, who is Hmong, has not been too successful in getting me to overcome my Hmong language shortcomings though!

John Lesch has served in the House since 2003. He is an attorney in private practice.

Priorities: My top priority will be earned sick and safe leave for all Minnesota families, which is House File 549. Currently, 41percent of Minnesotans have no earned sick leave, and the percentage is much higher for those workers who handle our food or care for our children.

Minnesota needs a 21st-century transportation system, and we should fund it based on use (e.g., heavy trucks produce higher road wear than light cars). We should not make a transit option “pay for itself” unless we do the same for roads and bridges.

Minnesota law requires the attorney general to investigate violations of the law involving unfair, discriminatory and other unlawful practices in business, commerce or trade. But our ability to hold fraudulent corporations accountable for their actions remains restricted and the Legislature should change this.



John Lesch, incumbent, Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party

People may be surprised to learn: I was in seminary for three years where I studied to be a Catholic priest.

Senate District 64



Dick Cohen, incumbent, Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party

A practicing attorney, Dick Cohen served in the House of Representatives from 1977 to 1986 and has been in the Senate since 1987.

Priorities: The biggest priority for me is to maintain the structurally balanced budget that we have finally been able to achieve after the years of deficit. [The year] 2017 will be the general budget and tax session, so it is imperative to maintain such a budget for both this upcoming biennial budget and subsequent ones.

I have authored a variety of affordable housing bills over the last

number of years, and I hope to achieve a source of ongoing revenue for affordable housing.

I want to provide adequate funding for both K-12 and higher education. Urban school districts have unique problems, which we must address, and we must re-establish support at an adequate level for the University of Minnesota, the single most important institution in the state.

People might be surprised to learn: When I was a student at Northwestern University, I brought Groucho Marx out of retirement to speak on the campus.

seeking public office.

Priorities: I want to attack the culture of bureaucracy in our state government. The most important aspect of this is reining in the Metropolitan Council, a group that has pushed forward transportation projects and implemented those projects without taking into account the voices of the people they claim to be serving.

We need to seriously address the education gap in Minnesota. We can do this through expanding school choice and implementing merit-based job security for teachers. School choice has been recognized across party and ideological lines to be an effective method of addressing racial disparities.

We need to lower the cost of doing business in Minnesota. Small businesses are often unable to cope with the fourth-highest tax rate in the nation. Excessive regulation holds down our companies and the economy.

People might be surprised to learn: My sense of humor is incredible.



Ian Baird, Republican Party

A carpenter, this is Ian Baird's first time

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“I have lived in my Lauderdale home for over 35 years and love the location, so close to both city centers of St. Paul and Minneapolis. I treasure the diverse mix of great people in St. Anthony Park, Como, Falcon Heights and Lauderdale. I have supported the Bugle for as long as I can remember because I truly find it to be a valuable news channel for what is happening in my neighborhood. When I was working long hours as a hospital CEO, I still took time to read the Bugle to ground me to my surroundings.”



Lynn Abrahamsen
Lauderdale

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Senate District 66



John Marty, incumbent, Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party

John Marty has been a member of the Minnesota State Senate since 1987. Outside of his Senate work, Marty writes about public affairs, recently publishing the book Healing Health Care, the Case for a Commonsense Universal Health System.

Priorities: I'm pushing for passage of the proposed Minnesota Health Plan, which would cover everyone, instead of the current insurance-based system.

I will continue to work aggressively toward a sustainable economy, to protect the environment and the planet for future generations. However, we also

need to make sure we have a sustainable agriculture system, sustainable housing and transportation, and sustainable resource-consumption policies.

Also, we need to address our growing economic and racial disparities, with a fair economy that works for everyone. I will continue pushing my worker justice legislation that would fully fund the childcare assistance program, triple the earned income tax credit and significantly boost the minimum wage, so that all workers can afford to pay for basic necessities.

People may be surprised to learn: My wife and I keep chickens in our backyard.



Carolyn Jass, Republican Party

A realtor and former teacher, this is the first time Carolyn Jass has run for public office.

Priorities: Education reform—All students are treated as if they are college-bound, even in the primary grades. I advocate the European model in which students can attend a prep school, vocational/technical school or trade school. Student graduating from these alternative schools have the opportunity to obtain good-paying jobs.

Options for the disabled—Current laws, regarding the disabled are producing the opposite effect than intended. Due to legislation influenced by misguided advocates who insist that the disabled have equal rights, options such as employment will be gone.

Health care—MNSure is a flawed system, in policy and in practice. Some careful consideration is needed to ensure health costs and government regulations are not driving the insurance companies out of business and making insurance too costly for consumers.

People may be surprised to learn: Mel Jass, a local television icon on Channel 11 with "Mel's Matinee," was my uncle!

Ramsey County District 2



Mary Jo McGuire, incumbent, Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party

Mary Jo McGuire began her service on the county board in 2012. Prior to that, she served as a state representative from 1989 to 2002 and state senator in 2011 following a special election. She was state director for Project Citizen, a civic education curriculum, and is an adjunct professor at St. Catherine University.

Priorities: I will continue to enhance our infrastructure to attract businesses to Ramsey County to bring good-paying jobs and expand our tax base to strengthen our local economy; to advocate at the state Legislature for funding of mandated services so the financial burden does not get shifted to our property taxes; and to push to prioritize the continuum of care in our community to ensure that quality care is available to all, from our

youngest residents to our seniors, including mental health and early intervention.

People might be surprised to learn: I started ice skating in our neighborhood outdoor rink at an early age and continue to play ice hockey to this day.



Sue Jeffers, Republican Party

Sue Jeffers has owned a small business in Minneapolis for more than 30 years and currently is a consultant assisting other small businesses. She ran unsuccessfully for this office in 2012.

Priorities: As a county commissioner, I will work to maintain a safe, vibrant, thriving community. I will focus on working together to build a strong community, to ensure our county is a great place to live, work, play and raise our families.

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Lauderdale City Council

Lauderdale residents will vote for mayor and two city council seats. Lauderdale City Council member Mary Gaasch, whose seat runs through 2018, is running unopposed for mayor. Jeffrey Dains, Daniel Gummit and Kelly Dolphin are running for the two open seats on the council. If Gaasch is elected mayor, the council will appoint someone to fill her open seat on the council.



Jeffrey Dains has lived in Lauderdale for 31 years, serving as mayor of the City of Lauderdale for 25 of those years. He works as a staff representative for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

Top three issues facing Lauderdale:

Green sustainability—Create better and safer pedestrian walkways and cyclist lanes on the Eustis Street corridor between Larpenteur and Como, protect and if possible increase green open spaces and parks, and expand environmental programs to include disposal of hazardous and bulky items such as appliances.

Social sustainability—encourage residents to become involved with city events and committees so that all residents feel included in our city, particularly new residents; make sure we have affordable housing; and create more Neighborhood Watch groups to welcome new residents.

Economic sustainability—look at ways to expand our tax base through new commercial/industrial development and continue to work on a budget that provides good public services.

How do you feel about Lauderdale residents' relationships with the St. Anthony Police Department and what changes would you like to see in how the department polices the community? Would you consider contracting with a different police department?

I believe we have a good relationship with the police, but recent tragic events have led the city to form a working group with residents and police to evaluate and make any necessary changes to police training and policies, such as body cameras, the use of direct force and implicit bias. Any changes to a contract would occur only with

substantial input from our residents through numerous public hearings and a very transparent process involving the residents.

How can the city encourage development along the Larpenteur Avenue corridor and what types of businesses would benefit the city?

The city has purchased one property on Larpenteur Avenue with the idea that we can encourage further redevelopment on the corridor between Eustis Street and Highway 280. This also allows the city to sell this property to the types of businesses that will be used by our residents and make the area more attractive. Also, the city can work with Ramsey County to make the current area more green and vibrant, which would attract more commercial businesses.

What is your priority for meeting infrastructure needs in Lauderdale?

The main priority for infrastructure is to work with [Ramsey] County to rebuild Eustis Street (which is a county road) making sure there is a new surface and any improvements to the sewer lines and storm water system.



Kelly Dolphin is an immigration and criminal defense attorney who grew up in Lauderdale and moved back after attending college and law school. She serves as treasurer on the board of directors for MORE, a local nonprofit that assists immigrants with basic needs, advocacy and English classes.

Top three issues facing Lauderdale:

I will identify the most effective response to our community's concern regarding our contract with the St. Anthony Police Department. I'd like to engage residents on both the north and south sides of Larpenteur to discuss what would be best for developing business at the corner of Eustis and Larpenteur. I will work on creating safer accessibility to public transit from our homes by installing sidewalks and bike lanes.

How do you feel about Lauderdale residents' relationships with the St.

Anthony Police Department and what changes would you like to see in how the department polices the community? Would you consider contracting with a different police department?

Since I was a little kid, my experiences with the St. Anthony Police Department have always been positive. However, I know there are people in our community whose confidence in our local law enforcement has been questioned after the fatal shooting [of Philando Castille] in July. Implicit bias has become a part of our city's conversation, and St. Anthony Police Department and city staff agree that implicit bias training will be an effective response to these concerns. I agree, but I also think we need to ensure that this training is ongoing for our police force. There is not yet qualitative evidence regarding how effective or durational implicit bias training is and there are several factors that would weigh heavily on its effect, including the provider of the training.

I do not think contracting with a different department is a necessary or effective response to our concerns. While I understand that we have community events in which our police officers are available to interact with our residents, I'd like to take a harder look at which parts of our population are more inclined to attend those events and why other members of our community are not, so we can create change. I think it is important to focus on the relationship between our residents and our police and build a sense of trust between all members of our community and the people who serve to protect us.

How can the city encourage development along the Larpenteur Avenue corridor and what types of businesses would benefit the city?

Lauderdale is in a unique location with several bus routes running through and near it. People traveling from Falcon Heights into Minneapolis pass through what could develop into a small business district for Lauderdale.

A coffeehouse would benefit Lauderdale for a number of reasons. First of all, there is no competition in the proximity of that intersection. Second, people can easily stop on their bus route to grab a quick cup. Finally, this can be a meeting space that links the south and north sides of Lauderdale, which our community could potentially use to host events and also drive business for the potential owner.

We can encourage development in the Larpenteur corridor by making access to the intersection of Eustis and Larpenteur safer and improving the surface of Eustis.

What is your priority for meeting

infrastructure needs in Lauderdale?

If elected, I will prioritize the condition of our roads and develop safer routes for pedestrians and bicyclists to make access to public transportation safe and simple. This could include re-routing bike and pedestrian traffic to some of our less-traveled streets and installing bike lanes and sidewalks to give safe options for people traveling to our local bus stops.

I will work with Ramsey County to resolve the dangers posed by the condition of Eustis to pedestrians, bicyclists and drivers. It is a main thoroughfare riddled with blind spots, an uneven street surface and insufficient room for two vehicles to pass each other and it needs to be fixed.



Mary Gaasch has lived in Lauderdale since 2003 and is serving her second term on the City Council. She has served as mayor pro tempore since 2014. Gaasch is a program director with the nonprofit Hammer Residences. She serves as an advocate for the City of Lauderdale on a variety of boards, including the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization.

Top three issues facing Lauderdale:

1. Green City—working to make our city sustainable and resilient as we prepare to meet the challenges of climate change. Improving our dog park and tackling invasive species.

2. Safe city—We join the national conversation about making sure policing meets the needs of our citizens. We are collaborating with St. Anthony Village and Falcon Heights to develop implicit bias training, the use of body cameras and to have a citizens' commission.

3. Thriving city—We work toward economic development to bring a vital and vibrant downtown to Eustis and Larpenteur.

How do you feel about Lauderdale residents' relationships with the St. Anthony Police Department and what changes would you like to see in how the department polices the community? Would you consider contracting with a different police department?

We held a listening

session with our residents to hear about their feelings about our police department. Our citizens have reported a high measure of satisfaction with the St. Anthony Police Department and their service to our community. Our residents also requested that our police department do more data collection on demographics, undergo more training about implicit bias and de-escalation, and use body cameras.

We are working to implement these ideas with a citizen's task force. As a city, we are continually evaluating all of our contracts for quality and we will continue to evaluate this contract.

How can the city encourage development along the Larpenteur Avenue corridor and what types of businesses would benefit the city?

We have worked with a consultant who helped us invest in design and pedestrian-friendly walkways along Larpenteur and Eustis. Everyone would love to see a coffee shop or an ice cream store and to have businesses we could walk to. We wish we could have a satellite branch of Tim and Tom's Speedy Market!

What is your priority for meeting infrastructure needs in Lauderdale?

Working with the county to turn Eustis Street into a safe, multi-modal passageway for citizens and visitors.



Daniel Gummit has lived in Lauderdale for 25 years. He is CEO of People Serving People, a comprehensive shelter for homeless children and their families. He has served as chairman of the City of Lauderdale Comprehensive Plan Task Force. Gummit is currently a Humphrey Public Policy Fellow at the University of Minnesota.

Top three issues facing Lauderdale:

Next year the City of Lauderdale will create a new comprehensive plan that establishes the vision for our community. This plan sets the community's priorities for the next decade and charts the path on many important issues, including public safety, housing, sustainability, service delivery, and community and economic development.

I want to engage with the community to ensure that the plan is



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progressive, sustainable and reflects the interests of the citizens of our city. The comprehensive plan will answer the questions, “What is our vision for the future of Lauderdale?” and “In what kind of community do we want to live?”

Lauderdale efficiently shares city services with its neighboring larger municipalities. In the future Lauderdale will need to work hard to sustainably and equitably deliver quality city services and provide public safety.

Finally, economic development will be important to maintain the city’s tax base. Lauderdale will need

to find creative approaches to promote commercial development along its Larpenteur corridor.

How do you feel about Lauderdale residents’ relationships with the St. Anthony Police Department and what changes would you like to see in how the department polices the community? Would you consider contracting with a different police department? Many people in Lauderdale have expressed a positive view of how the department polices our community. Residents have also expressed major concerns about the recent tragic shooting in our

community, the disproportionate use of force against minorities across the country and the killing of the police officers in Dallas. Residents would like to see improved relationships between the police and everyone in all of our communities. They recognize that we are part of an important national conversation on implicit bias, structural racism and violence.

I support Lauderdale’s participation in multicity efforts to address bias in policing, promote the use of body cameras and build bridges in the community.

My hope is that we be able to

make real progress addressing our concerns with the current department.

How can the city encourage development along the Larpenteur Avenue corridor and what types of businesses would benefit the city?

Economic development along the Larpenteur corridor should be a focus of this year’s comprehensive planning process. The city already owns property along Larpenteur, which gives us the opportunity to creatively work with potential businesses.

I have heard from residents that they are hoping to see a food, coffee

or other related business that would help to create a community gathering space.

What is your priority for meeting infrastructure needs in Lauderdale?

In the short term my priority would be to focus on resolving the issues with Eustis Street, which is a county-owned road and is in desperate need of resurfacing and storm sewer improvements. In the longer term, I would focus on sustainability and planning for the effects of climate change on key infrastructure systems, such as storm-water management.

St. Paul Public Schools Board of Education

By Anne Holzman

Voters in St. Paul will cast their ballots in the general election for a school board member to serve out the four-year term of Jean O’Connell, who resigned in June. The winner will replace Cedric Baker, whom the board appointed as interim after O’Connell resigned.

The winner of this special election will be sworn in shortly after the election and will serve through December 2017. This is one of three seats that will be on St. Paul ballots on Election Day 2017; the other two are held by Chue Vue and John Brodrick.

Meet the candidates below:



Eduardo Barrera

Eduardo Barrera lives in the Summit Hill neighborhood with his wife and two school-age daughters. His background as an immigrant would broaden the school board’s representation, he said, and he brings years of community-development work to the role.

“I have a lot of experience working in neighborhoods and around the city to improve conditions,” Barrera said. He noted that he might like to “flip-flop” the district’s motto, “Strong Schools, Strong Communities,” putting

communities first by working with neighborhood partners on families’ access to housing, food and other basic needs. “You have strong schools when you have strong communities,” he said.

Barrera holds a master’s degree in public affairs from the University of Minnesota’s Humphrey Institute and has worked with the Wilder Foundation, the Minnesota Housing and Finance Agency and the City of St. Paul. “I have a very broad perspective and knowledge of how the systems work, how budgets work, how policy works,” he said.

“I want every resident to be proud of our school system,” Barrera said. “We all have to work together.”

Greg Copeland has run for political offices in the past, including unsuccessful runs for St. Paul school board in 2015 and for Minnesota Senate District 66 in a 2011 special election. He has served as an officer for the Republican Party. Copeland did not respond to inquiries to his published email address.



Jeanelle Foster

Jeanelle Foster has been endorsed by the Democratic Farmer-Labor party. This is her first run for public office. She attended St. Paul schools and

holds a master’s degree in education, as well as a bachelor’s degree in human services and an associate in early childhood education. After eight years of classroom teaching, she now works as a parent educator for Community Action Partnership of Ramsey and Washington Counties. She has two grown children.

“I will bring a balance of both personal and professional experience to the board,” Foster said.

She said one of her priorities as a board member would be to “keep children and equity at the center of our decision making.” She would also work to “increase parent and family engagement” and “bring staff together and improve relationships with administration,” she said.

“I have managed programs and worked in teams to identify and create systems for educational success for 18-plus years,” Foster said. “I have worked in collaboration to identify partners with shared values and mission and collaborate specifically in the areas of school success and engagement of stakeholders.”



Cindy Kerr

Cindy Kerr is running for political office for the first time. She said her experience fostering and then adopting her children led her into research on special needs, which

continues to be an interest for her as her family navigates the public schools.

“I think there are a lot of kids in SPPS that have undiagnosed trauma and fetal alcohol syndrome and by not handling their needs properly, we are unintentionally causing frustrations to the point of boiling over into violence,” Kerr said. “My main goal is to make all of our schools great for all of our kids—every race and every capability.”

Kerr works at Click Software in Mendota Heights. She said that if elected, she will bring to the board her experience working in business. “I have been brought into departments or products that aren’t performing as expected, to analyze them and to successfully turn them back around,” Kerr noted.

One approach she’d like to see is to analyze what works and replicate it. “We have a handful of great schools in the district that have a wait

list every year,” Kerr said. “I want to copy the great things from those wait-list schools and see what we can implement at our other schools so all of the kids in our district have a great neighborhood school.”

Tony Klehr’s campaign website describes him as “a life-long educator, loving father and engaged citizen” and suggests policy priorities, including increased community engagement, spending less on administration in favor of classroom needs, improving school safety by using restorative justice and reversing the trend in enrollment. The website lists an address at 1043 E. Geranium Ave. Klehr did not respond to inquiries to his campaign email address.

Anne Holzman is a freelance writer; a former resident of St. Paul, she now lives in Bloomington.



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completed in 1976. The building was explicitly designed to be handicapped-accessible, providing homes to people with disabilities, a rare quality in a high-rise complex. Today, the building's 144 units are home to people from all over the world.

"One of the things that the community might not realize is how diverse it is," said Scott Simmons, a pastor and member of the St. Anthony Park Community Council. Simmons regularly offers worship services to residents of the complex.

"Seal is about 35 percent Somali Muslim, there is a small Eritrean Christian group, about 20 percent of the residents are international students or students of color, all of whom qualify for government assistance," Simmons said. "The rest of the folks are people either with physical, emotional, mental or chemical disabilities, or several of those. They might be a half step from homelessness, and they are in a situation where this is where they can live. These are wonderful people with wonderful stories and a depth of experience and depth of wisdom about how you live with a disability, how you live with tragedy in your life."

As Simmons explained, there are a lot of geographical advantages of Seal being located in St. Anthony Park. It's a short walk to the new Green Line and the small businesses along Raymond Avenue. However, it isn't always easy to get around in the industrial fringes of West Midway.

"A number of our community council leaders came to a recent event, taking interest in stories of people who live in Seal," Simmons said. "Transportation is difficult for people who are in wheelchairs or walkers, especially in the winter; they can't even get down easily to the light rail. And within a mile, there's not an accessible, affordable food option."

Focus on affordable food

Figuring out how to help the residents of the neighborhood, who make up more than 10 percent of the St. Anthony Park census tract, is a growing concern for the district council. But the diversity of the people who live in the building can make the goal of providing affordable food to the residents difficult to accomplish.

"We're just really trying to integrate that group in the community," said Cailin Rogers, outreach and operations coordinator for the St. Anthony Park



The iconic Modernist tower was built in 1976. Bugle archive photo

Community Council. "There are a lot of non-English speakers, a lot of immigrants. You've got lots of people who have lived here for a lot of years and don't feel engaged, and we need to help them feel at home."

These days, Rogers and Simmons have been working together to focus on getting affordable food into residents' hands. When Simmons moved Lydia's Place, a church-based co-working space, into St. Anthony Park a few years ago, one of the first things he learned was the need for food access. And today, he is working to connect Seal residents with area gardeners.

"We now have two community garden plots, plus what remains of my vegetable plot," Simmons said in an interview in late September. "Late Sunday morning, we pick and harvest the fresh veggies. A couple of folks from Seal come and pick them up, we worship at 1 [p.m.], and after worship we assemble everything on a table. And people in the community come and get fresh vegetables. It's the seventh week of doing this and that's really exciting."

For people on fixed incomes, like the residents of Seal Hi-Rise, the "food desert" phenomenon can be a barrier. Even with Hampden Park Co-op nearby, getting affordable food is still a challenge for many in the tower. This summer, Rogers and the community council hired an intern from the University of Minnesota's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs to study the "food desert" problem using maps and surveys.

"We hired an intern from CURA (the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs at the University of Minnesota) to study effects of the St. Anthony Park food desert on local low-income residents," Rogers said. "She spent the summer building connections at Seal High Rise and at Hampden Square Apartments just a

block away to find out what impact not having a local grocery store has on people's ability to access food."

Figuring out how to incorporate Seal residents into the neighborhood politics involves a lot of outreach work, something that not every Twin Cities' neighborhood group takes the time to engage with. As Rogers explains, Seal residents have been "pretty historically underrepresented at the council," and her new strategies include having more events there, and doing more explicit outreach beyond traditional meetings.

That Seal should be thriving after 40 years is a testament to the resilience and creativity of the city's Housing Authority, particularly given the tight purse strings from the federal government.

"Keeping aging hi-rises in good shape takes good maintenance plus good planning and adequate funding," said Al Hester, the housing policy director for the St. Paul Public Housing Agency (PHA).

"Congress and HUD (the Department of Housing and Urban Affairs) are not providing enough capital funding to even keep up with new capital improvement needs year to year. The PHA has about \$100 million in backlog capital needs, including almost \$50 million for replacing hi-rise plumbing systems. The Minnesota Legislature has provided some much-needed funding to preserve public housing in the state, and much more is still needed."

In other parts of the country, '60s and '70s-era public housing buildings have been mothballed or torn down. But in St. Anthony Park, the Seal High rise is thriving.

Bill Lindeke is an urban geographer and writer living in St. Paul.

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Gladys Bogotty

Gladys B. (Skaar) Bogotty, 92, died Sept. 18, 2016. Her family lived in St. Paul during the harsh Depression years of the early 1930s. Gladys was only 9 years old when her mother died in 1934. Her father was not able to care for all six children, so Gladys, along with her brother Gordon moved to the home of their maternal aunt and uncle near Staples, Minn. Her sister, Leona, moved near Granby, Minn., and three older brothers moved to be with other family near Baldwin, Wis.

When Gladys was in her teens, she and Gordon moved to live with a foster family in White Bear Lake. The siblings were not reunited until after World War II.

Gladys graduated from White Bear Lake High School in 1942 and entered the Cadet Nursing Program at Bethesda Hospital School of Nursing, graduating with the class of 1946.

Following graduation, Gladys worked at the Marine Hospital in San Francisco, Calif. By 1948, she was back in St. Paul, met Joseph Bogotty and they were married July 17, 1948.

She worked at Miller Hospital, before taking time to be home with her young children. She later returned to work part time for Dr. Malcolm Pearson until her retirement in 1987.

Gladys and Joseph had a loving relationship for more than 39 years.

At age 77, she visited Norway to see the home of her father (who had emigrated from there to the U.S. in 1908), with her daughter, Linda, at her side.

She was preceded in death by her husband, five siblings and her nephew. She is survived by her daughter, Linda Olson, of St. Anthony Park; four grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held Sept. 27 at Grace Lutheran Church in St. Paul, with interment at Fort Snelling.

Harriette Brunelle

Harriette M. (Williams, Ohman) Brunelle, 93, died Sept. 11, 2016.

She was proud of her service in World War II as a Navy WAVES Yeoman Second Class and was affectionately known as "Yeoman Ohman." She joked, "I joined the Navy to see the world and ended up in Ottumwa, Iowa." After the war, Harriette worked as an executive secretary for the head football coach at the Naval Academy in Annapolis. Moving back to Minnesota a few years later, Harriette was an executive secretary for leaders of Pillsbury and Stanley Home Products before getting married and raising her children.

Harriette returned to the workforce at the University of Minnesota, retiring at age 70. She was generous with her time, volunteering at church, her children's

schools, Boy Scouts, Blue Birds and most recently at the Heritage apartments on the Lyngblomsten campus. Harriette was known as the "Movie Lady," arranging and presenting movies every weekend. She recently received recognition for 1,000 hours of volunteer work at the Lyngblomsten campus.

Harriette was always up for a game of Cribbage or Pounce, loved new gadgets and listening to music. In the past few years, a fun day out for Harriette was traveling to the casino at Hinckley with her son. Most of all, Harriette loved people. She would strike up a conversation with anyone. Her generous spirit and warm smile were always her trademarks and are truly missed. Life threw her many curves, but she enjoyed life and treated it like an adventure, inspiring her children and grandchildren.

Deepest appreciation to the staff at the Heritage, Lyngblomsten Home Health and Health Partners Hospice, who helped Harriette live life to the fullest and made her final days peaceful.

Interment was at Fort Snelling.

Gloria Greer

Gloria P. Greer, 90 died peacefully on Sept. 12, 2016.

Gloria lived in Como Park and Roseville before living at Lyngblomsten Care Center during her last nine months. There she was lovingly cared for by the wonderful staff in the "Lund neighborhood."

Gloria was a "force of nature," as her good pal Bill put it, so some days the staff's job was quite the challenge. But they cared for her with patience and love.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard; her parents, Charles and Lucille Cassidy; brothers, James and Charles; sisters, Mariel and Lucille; and very special friend, Martin Coyne.

She is survived by her daughter, Michele; son-in-law, James Ventura; two grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and sister, Shirley Knutson. She is also survived by her friends Patricia Hasse and John and Nancy Hendrickson, who made it possible for Gloria to live in her home for a long time.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sept. 19 at Holy Childhood Catholic Church, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Jane Huso

Jane Sarah Syftestad Huso, 89, of Como Park, died Sept. 28, 2016.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Vernon, and parents, Ole and Lydia Syftestad. She is survived by her children, Janet (John) Puotinen, Steven (Carol) Huso and Karen Foertsch; seven grandchildren; and brother, David Vick.

Jane was proud of her Norwegian heritage and was a 1948

graduate of St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn. She was a longtime volunteer at Plymouth Christian Youth Center, Lyngblomsten Care Center and Luther Seminary. Jane loved spending summers at the cottage with her family.

Her funeral service was held Oct. 4 at St. Timothy Lutheran Church, with interment at Roselawn Cemetery.



William Marchand

William Marchand

William M. Marchand, 84, of St. Anthony Park, died Sept. 25, 2016. He was born Aug. 11, 1932, in Rice, Minn., where he grew up and then attended college in Bemidji. He married Martha McGuire in 1957. They spent the first two years of their marriage in Germany, where Bill was stationed with the tank corps in the army.

After completing his Ph.D. in theater at the University of Minnesota in 1965, he was hired to teach humanities on the U's St. Paul campus. He was an award-winning teacher and much beloved by his students. He also served for almost three decades as the adviser and director for Punchinello Players, a student theater group located on the St. Paul Campus.

He will be remembered for his far-ranging curiosity, his love of ideas and good conversation, irreverent sense of humor and deep love of his family. He was never without a book.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Adelaide, and his sister, Georgiana (Vance) Jackovich. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Martha; his three children, Dan (Michelle), Mary (Nicholas) and Sarah (Dan); his three grandchildren, Samuel, William and Aaron; and three brothers, Louis (Mary Lou), Peter (Carol) and David (Mara).

A memorial service was held Oct. 8 at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

Emma Quarstad

Emma H. (Rausch) Quarstad was born Jan. 14, 1922, and died peacefully on Sept. 19, 2016.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Orval Sr., and 12

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NOVEMBER EVENTS

VENUE INFORMATION IS LISTED AT THE END OF THE CALENDAR. SEND YOUR EVENTS TO calendar@parkbugle.org by Wednesday, Nov. 2, to be included in the DECEMBER ISSUE.

1 TUESDAY

Baby and toddler story time, for ages 0-2, siblings are welcome, every Tuesday, St. Anthony Park Library, 9:30-10 a.m. and 10:30-11 a.m.

St. Anthony Park Garden Club hosts Latin Lite: An Introduction to Latin Names, presented by Master Gardener Nancy Scherer, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall (entrance on Chelmsford). Social time, 7 p.m., program, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

2 WEDNESDAY

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

St. Anthony Park Book Club, St. Anthony Park Library, 6:30-8 p.m.

3 THURSDAY

Caregiver Support Group, first Thursday of each month, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 10-11:30 a.m.

Bereavement Support Group, first Thursday of each month, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 10-11:30 a.m.

Preschool story time in Mandarin Chinese, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Dialoggers Toastmasters Meets Every

Thursday, U of M St. Paul Campus, Northern Research Station, 1992 Folwell Ave., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

4 FRIDAY

Preschool story time, every Friday, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30-11:30 a.m. No story time on Nov. 11.

Safeguarding Our Seniors: Seminar to raise awareness of senior fraud and financial abuse, St. Anthony Park Library, 1-2 p.m. Presented by St. Paul Public Library, Better Business Bureau and Allianz Life.

Walking in the Langford Park gym from 1-2 p.m. every Friday. Free and open to adults.

5 SATURDAY

HealthPartners Como Health Club 5K run/walk at Lake Como, 10 a.m. Meet at the pavilion. Register at ComoHealthClub@HealthPartners.com. It's free.

Holiday Fair Trade Market: hand crafts and food items from around the world, New Life Presbyterian Church, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

6 SUNDAY

Holiday Fair Trade Market: hand crafts and food items from around the world, New Life Presbyterian Church, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Community Appreciation Event the first Sunday of every month, Healing Elements, 2290 Como Ave., 1-5 p.m.

7 MONDAY

Middle School Book Club will discuss

"Between Shades of Gray" by Ruta Sepetys. Students in grades 6-8 are invited for pizza and discussion, St. Anthony Park Library, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Copies of books are available at the information desk. Registration required. Call 651-642-0411.

10 THURSDAY

Learn Chinese Folk Dancing, an exercise class for adults, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Free.

St. Anthony Park Area Seniors Cinema Series, "Hail, Caesar!," St. Anthony Park Library, 2-4 p.m. All welcome. Free.

11 FRIDAY

St. Anthony Park Library closed for Veterans Day.

SAPAS Game Day, City Gables, 10 a.m.-noon. No charge or registration required.

Como Park Senior High School Fall Musical "Yearbook Reflections," school auditorium, 7 p.m. Tickets \$7 for adults, \$5 for students.

12 SATURDAY

Como Park Senior High School Fall Musical "Yearbook Reflections," school auditorium, 7 p.m. Tickets \$7 for adults, \$5 for students.

14 MONDAY

AARP 55+ Refresher Driving Course, Lauderdale City Hall, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Preregistration & prepayment required. Contact SAPAS, 651-642-9052, for more information.

St. Anthony Park Library Association Annual Meeting, St. Anthony Park

Library auditorium, 6:30-8 p.m.

16 WEDNESDAY

Known by Heart Poetry Reading with Zoe Bird, David Mura & Naomi Cohn, St. Anthony Park Library, 7-8:30 p.m.

18 FRIDAY

SAPAS Game Day, City Gables, 10 a.m.-noon. No charge or registration required.

LEGO Time at the Library: for school-age children, free, St. Anthony Park Library, 12:30-2 p.m.

19 SATURDAY

Women's Clothing Swap & Shop, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 4-7 p.m. Women's clothing and accessories. Have items to donate? Drop off items in the church office Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 1-5 p.m., or Thursdays & Fridays, 8 a.m.-noon. Donations accepted to Nov. 18.

20 SUNDAY

Sunday Afternoon Book Club, "Main Street" by Sinclair Lewis, Micawber's, 1:30 p.m. All are welcome.

21 MONDAY

Community Sing, Olson Campus Center, Luther Seminary, 6:30 p.m. gathering, 7-8:30 p.m. sing. The event is free, but a hat will be passed for our music leaders and to make the sings possible. Children welcome. Co-sponsored by the District 12 Community Council.

23 THURSDAY

St. Paul Public Libraries are closed for

Thanksgiving holiday.

25 FRIDAY

Co-ed Drum Circle, Women's Drum Center, 6:30 p.m. \$10 at the door. All levels welcome. Drums provided.

SENIOR EXERCISE

St. Anthony Park Area Seniors

Mondays and Thursdays, Lauderdale City Hall, 2-3 p.m.

Tuesdays and Fridays, St. Anthony Park Library, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Chair yoga will be offered on Nov. 4 and 18. No class on Friday, Nov. 11.

Como Park/Falcon Heights Block Nurse Program

Tuesdays and Thursdays, Falcon Heights Town Square Senior Apartments, 9:30-10:30 a.m. and Arbor Pointe Senior Apartment, 11 a.m.-noon

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Como Park/Falcon Heights Block Nurse Program

Third Thursdays, Arbor Pointe Senior Apartments, 10-11 a.m.

Fourth Thursdays, Falcon Heights Town Square Senior Apartments, 11 a.m.-noon

St. Anthony Park Area Seniors:

Thursdays, Lauderdale City Hall, 1:30 p.m.

VENUE INFORMATION

Arbor Pointe Senior Apartments, 635 W. Maryland Ave.

City Gables, 1611 Pleasant St., Lauderdale

Como Park Senior High School, 740 Rose Ave., 651-293-8800

Falcon Heights Town Square Senior Apartments, 1530 W. Larpenteur Ave.

Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walnut St., 651-631-0300

New Life Presbyterian Church, 965 Larpenteur Ave. W., Roseville, 651-488-558

Olson Campus Center, Luther Seminary, 1490 Fullam St.

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

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

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An uncommon discussion on the common good at Corpus Christi

At a time when divisive politics has often led to mudslinging instead of discussion of the most important issues facing our country, three Minnesota commissioners will lead a respectful and lively discussion on public policy and how we can work toward the common good from the perspective of faith and conscience at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, at Corpus Christi Church, 2131 Fairview Ave. N., Roseville.

All are invited to the free panel discussion with Dr. Edward Ehlinger, commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Health; Mike Rothman, commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Commerce; and John Linc Stine, commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Some candidates in the 2016 election have sought the support of religious groups while others have displayed prejudice against faiths that differ from theirs. Over the years, there has also been contention surrounding our country's separation of church and state—which guarantees the freedom of religion that informs personal decisions and helps determine how we vote.

Following the moderated discussion, there will be an opportunity to ask questions of the panelists and expand the dialogue.

Refreshments will be served the discussion.

Centennial United Methodist Church opens new campus Dec. 4

Centennial United Methodist Church is opening its new campus at 2200 Hillside Ave. in St. Anthony Park on Sunday, Dec. 4, at 10 a.m.

The new campus is taking over the former site of St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church and looks to bring a new flavor of contemporary worship with a progressive feel. The new campus will feature a coffee bar in the entryway, more relaxed seating and a comfortable environment, according to a church press release.

"We are so excited to reopen this beautiful building and invite people into a modern, progressive church," Pastor Whitney Sheridan said.

Centennial UMC-St. Anthony Park Campus invites the public to visit and take part in the service on Dec. 4.

Sunday forums at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church announced

Sunday, Oct. 30, is Reformation Sunday, where Lutherans and other Protestant denominations recognize the work of the 16th-century reformers. Dr. Michael Rogness, a member of St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church and Professor Emeritus of Homiletics at Luther Seminary, will present the life and work of little-known reformer, Philip Melancthon at 10 a.m. at the church, which is located at 2323 Como Ave. Rogness wrote the book *Philip Melancthon, Reformer Without*

Honor.

On Sunday, Nov. 6, at 10 a.m., Kent Eklund, also a church member and member of Minnesota Gov. Al Quie's cabinet, will talk about "Value Issues Embedded in the 2016 Elections."

Society of Prometheans honors University Grove architect

James E. Litsheim, senior architect and project manager in capital management at the University of Minnesota and longtime University Grove resident, was honored by the Society of Prometheans in September. This society, integral to the University of Duluth's Department of Fine Arts, makes note of university alumni, faculty and staff who with excellence contribute to the arts and their meaning in the community.

Litsheim, who has been instrumental in the historical restoration and preservation of the renowned architect Clarence Johnson's buildings at the U received acclamation for his historic study and work on Glensheen, Northrup Auditorium and Walter Library.

Local artists awarded at NorthStar Watermedia National Exhibition

Two St. Anthony Park artists received awards on Oct. 9 for their paintings in the 2016 NorthStar Watermedia National Juried Exhibition, held at the Lakeville Area Arts Center.

Tara Sweeney received the Wet Paint Award, and Wayne Sisel received the Artist's Choice Award.

The artists were among 65 artists chosen for the exhibition by juror Kerry Morgan, director of gallery and exhibition programs at Minneapolis College of Art and Design. She is also a St. Anthony Park resident. The exhibition runs through Oct. 31.

Movie nights at Como Docks

Como Docks at the Como Lakeside Pavilion will launch its version of a dinner theater on Thursday, Nov. 3. All movies are free and will be shown on Thursdays at 6 p.m. on the third

level of the lakeside building. A bar will be set up by the "theater" where guests can order food or drinks.

Check out Como Docks' website for a list of scheduled movies throughout the winter, www.comodocks.com.

Holiday Fair Trade Market to benefit artisans worldwide

Hand crafts and food items from fair-trade artisans and food producers around the world will be featured at

Neighbors to 20



Alden Square neighbors show off their group project: two new Little Free Libraries.

New Little Free Libraries at Alden Square

On Oct. 16, the Friends of Alden Square held their annual Oktoberfest potluck at the gazebo they built together in Alden Square more than 20 years ago. This year they had an addition to the park to celebrate, the opening of two Little Free Libraries right next to the gazebo, one for adults and one for children.

The idea began at a coffee gathering this summer. They held a design contest and voted for Doug Derr's entry at their ice cream social in July. A group of neighbors organized to build, paint and install the libraries. Many neighbors contributed materials and money. After they were installed in September, they were registered at the Little Free Library website. There, you can find the Alden Square Little Free Libraries on a world map at www.littlefreelibrary.org.

The libraries have solar panels to provide light so passersby can get a book day or night, any day of the year. Alden Square is located at 1169 Gibbs Ave. in St. Anthony Park.

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siblings. She is survived by her children, Sonia (Jim) Aswegan, Orval Jr. "Charlie" (Sandy), Sharon Taylor and Brian (Brenda Natala); nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; brother-in-law, Lou (Jan) Watson; and sisters-in-law, Mavis Rausch and Carol Peterson.

Her memorial service was held Oct. 1 at Lyngblomsten Chapel in Como Park, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Nancy Swanson

Nancy L. (Baker) Swanson, 84, of Ramsey, Minn., died Oct. 4, 2016. She grew up in St. Anthony Park and graduated from Murray High School in 1949. She graduated from the

University of Minnesota with a degree in home economics education.

Working in the U of M Plant Pathology Lab, she met a handsome man named Dick Swanson who ended up being the love of her life. They spent their 62 years of marriage in the Anoka/Ramsey area. Nancy retired after 33 years of teaching for Anoka-Hennepin. Most of those years were at Jackson Junior High/Middle School. She was a quiet but popular teacher who had many students come back to visit her over the years.

Her family and friends were most important to her. She also loved to garden and play Bridge. The highlight of her life was her grandchildren. Even though her short-term memory was diminished

in the end, she knew love when she saw it and never forgot social niceties and, more important, she never lost her sense of humor.

She is survived by her sister, Renee Kopecky Warnecke; children, Lynn (Dave) Blackstad, Richard (Helen), Karen (Lee) Nerison and Tim; seven grandchildren; two great granddaughters; and another on the way. She is also survived by family friend Richard.

She spent the last two weeks of her life at the Ark on the River in Anoka. The family expresses gratitude for the loving and respectful care she received there.

Her funeral was Oct. 8 at First Congregational Church of Anoka – UCC, with interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Neighbors from 19

the annual Holiday Fair Trade Market on Saturday, Nov. 5, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 6, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at New Life Presbyterian Church, 965 W. Larpenteur Ave., Roseville.

Goods will include jewelry, knit products, home décor, crafts, toys and food items while providing marginalized artisans a fair price and an opportunity to earn vital income. Enjoy soup and snacks in the café when you shop. For more

information, call 651-488-5581.

Theater classes for kids in November at North Dale

Homeward Bound Theatre Company will offer children's theater classes at the North Dale Recreation Center, 1414 N. St. Albans St., in November.

Mother Goose Tales will be held Saturday, Nov. 5, 9:30-10:15 a.m. Three- to 5-year-olds will act out treasured tales such as "Three Little Pigs" or "Simple Simon."

Where the Wild Things Are

will begin Saturday, Nov. 5, and run through Saturday, Nov. 19, 10:30 a.m.-noon.

Six- through 8-year-olds will learn creative dramatics and movement with fun and focus while acting out scenes from children's literature. A small play will be performed for family and friends at the end of the class.

Adventures with Raggedy Ann and Andy will be held Saturday, Nov. 12, 9:30-10:15 a.m., for 3- to 5-year-olds. Children will act out the mischievous antics and adventures of Raggedy Ann and Andy, the dolls that come to life when no humans are present.

Dr. Seuss and Me for 3- to 5-year-olds will be held Saturday, Nov. 19, 9:30-10:15 a.m. Children will act out favorite Dr. Seuss books.

To find out how to register, call St. Paul Parks and Recreation at 651-558-2329 or register online at www.stpaul.gov/activityregistration.

Hamline students will host Oxfam Hunger Banquet in November

Students at Hamline University will hold an Oxfam Hunger Banquet on Monday, Nov. 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Anderson Center, 774 N. Snelling Ave. Off-street parking will be available. The event is a fundraiser for Oxfam America, an international development and relief agency committed to solving poverty, hunger and social injustice.

Worldwide Oxfam Hunger Banquets bring to life inequalities in the world and challenge the more economically fortunate to realize how their decisions affect others. At the event, each guest draws a ticket randomly assigning them to the high-, middle- or low-income tier, as determined by World Development Report statistics, and is served a corresponding meal.

The 15 percent in the high-income tier are served a gourmet meal.

The 25 percent in the middle-income section eat a simple meal of rice and beans.

The 60 percent in the low-income tier waits in line for small portions of rice and water.

Organizers hope the event will empower attendees to participate in social change, educate others, and help Oxfam partners who are finding solutions to end poverty and hunger.

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School News

The Bugle welcomes news about students and schools in the area. The deadline for the December issue is Wednesday, Nov. 2. Send your news to editor@parkbugle.org.

Avalon School

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Open house at Avalon

Avalon School, a 6-12 charter school with 220 students, is having an open house on Saturday, Nov. 12, at 10 a.m. at the school. Prospective students and families are welcome to tour the school, meet staff members and ask questions. Email enrollment@avalonschool.org for more information.

Chelsea Heights Elementary

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

Contribute to fall coat drive

Chelsea Heights Elementary will hold its annual coat drive during November's conferences. The coat drive is open to the community and will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 15, and Thursday, Nov. 17, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. each night. Coat and boot donations are currently being accepted at the Chelsea Heights front office. All are welcome.

Como Park Senior High

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Academy of Finance student nails health and wellness grant

Como senior and Academy of Finance (AOF) student William Toney was awarded a \$1,000 grant from SAP Adventure Capital to implement an idea. Toney was representing Como's AOF in student workshops on Oct. 4 at the University of Minnesota, where students from across the metro area were challenged to generate a solution that would solve a health and wellness issue in the schools.

He pitched the idea of a "Mic Space," an open microphone event for students to share opinions, talents, ideas and feelings in a safe space.

Toney's grant was unanimously awarded by the panel of judges, and the money will go toward the set up of a "Mic Space" at Como that may include comfortable furniture and décor to create an inviting coffeehouse-type of ambience.

Kudos to a National Merit semi-finalist, a budding filmmaker and a talented musician

Senior Noah Hamilton of St. Anthony Park has been named a National Merit Scholarship semi-finalist. This achievement recognizes students who are in the top 1 percent of students of students nationwide. Finalists will be announced in



Como Academy of Finance student William Toney displays the \$1,000 grant he earned for his "Mic Space" idea at the University of Minnesota.

February 2017.

Senior Sumaya Mohamed was selected to be the media representative for the state-wide Youth in Government program this year. Sumaya is an accomplished video producer and editor who has produced documentaries at the St. Paul Neighborhood Network (SPNN).

Freshman Amelia Schucker will be participating in a String Day Festival on Monday, Oct. 31, at the University of St. Thomas. Selected students from across Minnesota will be on campus intensely practicing and rehearsing with conductor Dr. Matthew George.

Schucker plays violin and viola in the Como orchestra led by Dr. Philip Fried.

Learn about college entrance exams at next Parent Academy

The next Parent Academy will take place at Como Monday, Nov. 7, 5:30-6:45 p.m. The November seminar will cover college entrance exams, including the SAT, ACT and Accuplacer.

A light supper will be provided and childcare will be available. All Como parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Fall musical is Nov. 10 and 11

Como's Theater and Music Department will present "Yearbook Reflections" in the Como auditorium on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 10 and 11, at 7 p.m. The show is an upbeat musical about the willpower, compassion and humor found within every high school.

Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students and can be purchased at the door.

Cougars meet the Vikings

The Como Cougars varsity football team spent the afternoon of Oct. 1 at the Minnesota Vikings training facility participating in a skills clinic and meeting NFL players and coaches with inspiring messages.

The Cougars worked with E.J. Henderson, Chuck Foreman and Super Bowl winning coach John Gruden who was in town with the Monday Night Football broadcasting crew covering the Vikings.

Dick's Sporting Goods also teamed up with the Vikings to host the event. They presented the Cougars with a \$2,000 check to purchase much-needed equipment.

Homecoming was spirited and fun

Homecoming week events at Como

were spirited and fun with dress up days in school, a pep fest, coronation, and battle of the classes on Friday, Oct. 7. Saturday, Oct. 8, included a parade, picnic, football game and dance at the school.

A special thanks goes out the Como Park Booster Club for its support and behind-the-scenes work to make so many of the events happen.

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

Fall festival is this week

The St. Anthony Park Elementary School Fall Festival will be held Thursday, Oct. 27, 5:30-8 p.m. The event, which includes a variety of activities, is free. The community is welcome to attend.

Food drive

St. Anthony Park Elementary School's fifth-grade group Our World: Take Action Club is collecting nonperishable food for the food shelves at Keystone Community Services. The food drive ends Monday, Nov. 1.

If you want to contribute, bring the food items to the Fall Festival on Thursday, Oct. 27, 5:30-8 p.m. or drop it off at the school up to Nov. 1. Or you can give your donation to a student to bring to the school.

The new club will participate in a community-service project each month.

Give to the Max

Give to the Max Day is Thursday, Nov. 17. Please give what you can to St. Anthony Park Elementary School.

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Eric Erickson highlights Como Park Senior High School athletics each month in the Bugle.

Como cross country runners connect across abilities

Como Park's cross country program is a collection of 30 students with a wide range of ability and experience: from novice runners to seasoned seniors who have won elite events.

The differences in time from Como runners can span a dozen minutes for the same 5K course. Como has an extremely young team on the girls' side, with several participants still in middle school and just one senior.

On the boys' side there are returning lettermen, including a well-known high school cross country star, Innocent Murwanashyaka, who has received attention from media and major universities while winning championships and placing in the state's top finishers.

How does an accomplished senior earning his way to a Division I college scholarship get along with inexperienced runners several years younger? And how do beginners feel about training with the fastest kid in St. Paul, possibly the state?

Talk to any team member and you'll find out that the admiration and support goes both ways.

Innocent is extremely encouraging, according to sophomore Bridget Proper. "He's always cheering us on and is really supportive," she said. "He's at a level where he knows what he's doing so much that we really trust his words. You feel a lot of pride to be on a team with such a great runner."

As for the team's competitive standing, it's solid. The girls have proven to be the consistent third-place team out of seven in the St. Paul City Conference. The boys are in the same position. The Cougars won the Pike Island Invitational on Oct. 11 in both gender divisions, beating out St. Paul teams from Johnson, Washington, Harding and Humboldt.

Managing tendonitis, Innocent was told to take a break on the day of the Pike Island. He reluctantly agreed

to follow his coach's advice and not even travel to the event to ensure rest. Innocent is well-known and respected, so competitors were inquiring as to his whereabouts. For the team to win the meet without its star shows the depth that the varsity program is developing.

Cougar sophomore Antero Sivula was the top individual at Pike Island with a winning time of 18:22. Sophomore Isaac Harker was the second Cougar across the line and third overall. Junior co-captain Eli Pattison was next and fourth overall. Sophomores Frank McGuire and Jared Czech rounded out Como's scoring (a team's top five finishers are used for the varsity scores in meets, with separate categories for boys and girls).

The girls' varsity victory was fueled by junior co-captain Ana Caballero who was second overall, followed by Bridget Proper in third. Middle-schoolers Mira Seeba, Saylor Landrum and Claire Olson completed the team score with Janey Post and Justine Wulff close behind.

Senior co-captain Florence Uwajenza (Innocent's sister) was present supporting the team but did not run as she also was nursing a nagging injury. She hoped to be healthy for the St. Paul City meet on Oct. 18 to defend her conference title from last year.

The 2015 St. Paul City title is also on Innocent's resume. Additionally, he has a Section 4AA medal and an eighth-place finish in state last season. Combine that with his recent repeat win of the prestigious Roy Griak Invitational where he bested 490 other runners in the Maroon Division at the University of Minnesota golf course and people notice.

Teammates and coaches admire how Innocent handles the attention with grace. In fact, he has fun with it. "I have made many friends with runners from other schools," he says,



Members of the Como Park Cross Country program celebrated victories for the boys' and girls' varsity teams at the Pike Island Invitational on Oct. 11. *Photo by Carl Stover*

"but I'm motivated. I like to show people what I'm capable of."

Teammate Antero Sivula says that Innocent has an impact on the entire program: "He helps all the new runners. He talks to everybody on the team and is a great captain."

Junior Dominic Wolters noted how Innocent encourages interaction among all teammates. In turn, Innocent thrives on the positive support he has helped to create.

Describing a race, Wolters says, "You'll be cheering for Innocent and you'll see him go past and he's just smiling from ear to ear as you're cheering for him. He'll respond to what the crowd is doing. It's awesome."

Coach Tim Kersey has carefully constructed activities over the years to create the camaraderie that exists in the Como cross country program. He's also been blessed that his best runner is an unselfish, charismatic

leader. Combine that with highly intelligent, respectful, hard-working kids seeking positivity, and you have the chemistry needed to play the "Cougar Games."

Friday "Cougar Games" sessions involve mixed-gender, mixed-age "black" and "gold" teams that remain constant through the season. The friendly rivalry and spirit grow through games of capture the flag, kickball and other traditional playground activities. The prize is bragging rights. The result is that it brings the team together.

Several other traditions such as the team's pasta dinners, Saturday morning runs followed by breakfasts produced by parents and movie nights all enhance the team morale and foster friendships.

Beyond bonding, Kersey says one of cross country's other main attractions is that all members of the team get to compete. Everyone runs, even if their time doesn't contribute to the team's score.

Scoring for the team's results and trying to win against other schools is just one aspect of the experience. Motivation and competition are present for every runner seeking to improve their own time and beat

their personal record.

In that quest, it's common for the Como runners to encourage the first finisher and the last. So seeing one of the state's top 10 male runners circle back to the course after winning a race to cheer on the Cougars' youngest girls is the norm.

With a support network so strong, the Minnesota State High School League Meet on Nov. 5 at St. Olaf College is likely to have an enthusiastic group of Como student athletes in attendance. Realistically, qualifying times indicate just one Como Cougar will be running at state, but the entire team has visions of lining the course.

"I think for all the support Innocent has given the rest of the team, and all the pushing that's he's done for us we should really be there for him," Wolters says.

Innocent will feed off the energy, grinning from ear to ear and race for a personal best while proudly representing the Como black and gold.

Eric Erickson is a social studies teacher at Como Park High School and a long-time coach of school and youth sports in St. Paul.

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The Quilt Ladies of St. Anthony Park

Group gathers weekly to piece together fellowship and goodwill

By Michelle Christianson

In 1919, a group of women from Wartburg Congregation in St. Anthony Park (later to become St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church) formed a new organization, “The Quilting Ladies,” taking orders for quilts from both members of the congregation and nonmembers. The quilts were hand-stitched, and the money they raised went to the church’s Ladies Aid Society.

The quilting organization continues today, although with a slightly different purpose.

The quilts now are donated to a variety of charities, both local and international. Before Christmas, the quilts are distributed to local organizations such as the Salvation Army, the Dorothy Day Center, Union Gospel Mission and Rezek House (a transitional-living program for homeless youth ages 16-21). Sometimes members of the congregation who are in nursing homes or are shut-ins get quilts. After Christmas, all of the quilts go to Lutheran World Relief or to the Blue House, where children who have been orphaned by AIDS in Uganda can find food, shelter and help with education and basic life skills.

Each Thursday morning from September through May, six to 12 very dedicated regulars gather in the church parish hall to sew, talk, eat and share fellowship. They are all retired from careers that included education, medicine, law and homemaking; their ages range from early 60s to 97, so they have a vast wealth of experience to share.

The women help each other get out the sewing machines and fabric, as well as any unfinished quilts from the week before. They each know which table to go to and who will be doing which task: Some cut the fabric for the quilt tops, some piece them together on a sewing machine, some put the tops and bottoms of the quilts together and fill them with batting, some finish the edges and, finally, a couple of them tie the quilts through the “holey sheet,” their own invention with evenly spaced holes to allow for uniformity in tying.

It’s “guerilla quilting,” they say, not precise or fancy, but fast. The quilts (about 100 each year) turn out beautifully.

The quilters follow the guidelines set up by Lutheran World Relief, including using bright colors (they don’t show the dirt) and making a 60-by-80-inch quilt (the



From left, Jenifer Ryan Moberg, Leslie Whitney and Evelyn Vik



Eleanor Gorden works at a sewing machine. Photos by Lori Hamilton

size of a queen-size comforter). The quilts can have multiple uses besides bed coverings. They can be used as a baby carrier on a mother’s back, a sack for transporting goods to market (and a base for displaying market goods), a sunshade, a shawl and, of course, a reminder that someone far away cares.

The sewing machines are donated by church members, as is the fabric, thread and yarn. The batting is bought in bulk with funds from the church, and the quilters go to thrift stores to find the flat sheets that make up the quilt bottoms. The women do their own maintenance and troubleshooting on the machines, so quite a bit can be done with a little money.

Here are a few of the quilters:

Lila Storaasli, a former nurse who at 97 is the oldest member of the group, joined when she quit singing in the choir. She drives herself to the meeting every week because she likes to be able to contribute to the life of the church in a way that’s not too demanding, plus she enjoys

the fellowship and friendship. She likes to hear new ideas and learn from the other members.

Jenifer Moberg, who joined after retiring from her nurse-anesthetist job just over a year ago, may be the newest member of the group. She says it’s a good way to get to know other people in the church while providing a service and looks forward to the conversations, coffee and devotions at the 10 a.m. break. “And it’s really fun to figure out how to put the pieces together—the quilts turn out so pretty!” she says.

Leslie Whitney started quilting in 2004 (while she was still working as a special education teacher) in order to bring her elderly mother

each week. She continued to come even after her mother died because she enjoys sewing and loves to hear the stories the women have to tell. “The women of that generation are to be treasured and learned from,” Whitney says. She also appreciates how kind they were to her brother when he joined them for a time.

The quilting group is open to anyone who would like to join them, including non-church members. They meet each Thursday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the church, located at 2323 Como Ave.

Michelle Christianson is a longtime contributor to the Park Bugle.

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