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## Court says city must honor trash contract

But opponents contend that a 'no' vote in referendum will give St. Paul more leverage in seeking a better contract

BY JANE MCCLURE

The city of St. Paul must honor its five-year contract for organized trash collection even if a majority of citizens vote "no" in the November 5 referendum, according to a ruling issued on October 16 by the Minnesota Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court had ruled in August that a referendum must be held on the controversial trash program, as provided by St. Paul's City Charter and in response to a petition signed by more than 6,400 registered voters. However, that ruling was made with the understanding that a more detailed ruling would come later. Although it may have cleared up some uncertainty, the Supreme Court's new 23-page ruling has also reignited the debate between supporters and opponents of the current system of organized collection.

At a press conference following the ruling, Mayor Melvin Carter said the November 5 referendum is no longer about whether organized trash collection will continue, but how it will be paid for. A "no" vote would mean dropping the quarterly bills sent to the owners of single-family homes, duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes and instead paying the trash haulers from the city's general fund, Carter said.

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**Toe-tapping under the bridge.** The Washboard Brothers—Caleb Loomis, 17, and Noah Gundermann, 16—entertained folks with a free concert beneath the Hamline Avenue bridge near Hague Avenue on October 19. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

## Society strives to honor earlier history of fort site

### Fort Snelling renaming would recognize site's significance to Indians

BY ROGER BARR

Historic Fort Snelling, site of the first permanent white settlement in Minnesota, may get a new name to more accurately reflect its historical significance. An eight-member task force of the Minnesota Historical Society (MHS) has been studying the matter, asking residents how they would like the site named through a series of public meetings and an online survey. If comments made at an October 14 meeting are any indication, the study will have to overcome some confusion over which

parcels bearing the Fort Snelling name would be affected.

The study was sparked by a planned renovation of Historic Fort Snelling and ongoing efforts by the MHS to tell the many stories associated with the site. "We're committed to making the programming at Fort Snelling more diverse," said Kevin Majjala, deputy director of Learning Initiatives for the MHS. "Some parts of the fort's history haven't been told as well," he said, and the site may benefit from "having a name that reflects that larger history."

The MHS, in addition to interpreting Historic Fort Snelling's long military history, has been moving toward interpreting its even longer history as a site of cultural significance for Native Americans. The fort's role in the 19th century with respect to the slavery of African Americans and the experiences of Japanese Americans dur-

ing World War II have also been increasingly highlighted.

The name change would only affect the 23 acres of Historic Fort Snelling. That acreage includes the four-acre fort with its limestone buildings and diamond-shaped parade ground. Those four acres would retain the Fort Snelling name; it is only the historic site around the fort that would be renamed. The names of Fort Snelling State Park and Fort Snelling National Cemetery would also remain the same.

Fort Snelling, which lies at the confluence of the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers, was built in the 1820s to protect what was then the northwestern corner of the United States from the expansion of British settlements to the north and west. It was also intended to protect Native

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# St. Paul raises tobacco age to 21

## Dangers cited with rise in youths vaping

By JANE MCCLURE

The St. Paul City Council voted on October 16 to raise the legal age for purchasing tobacco and tobacco-related products from 18 to 21, becoming the 53rd Minnesota city to do so.

The vote, which was taken after a brief public hearing, drew applause from more than three dozen supporters present. The ordinance was laid over last month after council member Dai Thao called for removing penalties for underaged purchasers. That required notifying affected store owners again.

No one testified against the ordinance on October 16—a marked difference from the hearing in September when the owners of tobacco and e-cigarette stores turned out in force to oppose it. They said the change will only drive buyers to make their purchases online or in other cities. They also contended that vaping illnesses and deaths are caused by products delivered by mail, and that they carefully police the products they sell.

There have now been three deaths and 73 confirmed or probable cases of severe lung injuries in Minnesota related to vaping, which involves inhaling vapor from an e-cigarette or other device. Another 32 cases of lung injuries

caused by the practice are under investigation.

Thao noted the deaths nationally from vaping—which now stand at 289, with some 1,300 lung injuries—and called St. Paul's ordinance “very proactive.”

Council member Chris Tolbert thanked the youth activists for turning out for the public hearings. Many of the youths wore Tobacco 21 shirts, which stated that 95 percent of adult smokers began smoking as teens. Tolbert cited that statistic, saying the shirts illustrated why the council took the action it did.

West End resident Ellie Bever also spoke in support of raising the tobacco age to 21. A cancer survivor and American Cancer Society volunteer, she stood with her young daughter Eliza and talked about the need to keep tobacco products away from youths.

Several young people who support the ordinance change have said that stricter regulations are needed, especially against vaping. They previously spoke of how classmates have become ill from vaping and how high schools have become overwhelmed with the smell from the use of vaping devices.

The Minnesota Department of Health last week cited the ongoing national outbreak of vaping-related deaths and injuries. Governor Tim Walz is calling for an aggressive, multi-



Central High School student Bilese Dinsa, shown with other students wearing Tobacco 21 shirts, testified before the City Council on the need to increase the smoking age.

PHOTO CAPTURED FROM COUNCIL VIDEO

faceted campaign focused on youth education, outreach and tightening limits for accessing vaping products.

According to the 2019 Minnesota Student Survey, one in four 11th-graders in the state reported using an e-cigarette in the past 30 days—a 54 percent increase from 2016 when 17 percent of juniors reported vaping.

The jump among eighth-graders is even

more stark, with nearly twice as many students—11 percent in 2019 compared to 5.7 percent in 2016—reporting using e-cigarettes in the past 30 days.

The survey also found Minnesota youths are ill-informed about the health risks of e-cigarettes, with 76 percent of 11th-graders saying there is only a moderate or lower risk in using e-cigarettes.

### 1 ◀ FORT SNELLING NAME CHANGE

American tribes from the incursion of American settlers from the east. By 1825, a 12-foot wall and 15 limestone buildings had been completed around the fort's parade ground. Originally called Fort St. Anthony, the name was changed upon its completion in honor of Colonel Josiah Snelling, who oversaw most of the construction.

Well before the fort was built, however, the Dakota Indians referred to the site as B'dote (ba-doe-tay), a word that roughly translated means “where the waters come together”—a reference to the Minnesota and Mississippi rivers.

Ed LaBelle, a Native American of Dakota descent, said at the October 14 meeting that he was not familiar with the word B'dote—the Dakota language has several dialects, he explained—but he was well aware of the sacredness of the site, being a place where two rivers become one and serving as a symbol of human procreation.

Native Americans have long criticized the MHS's historical interpretation at Fort Snelling, noting that it long ignored the fort's role in 19th-century conflicts between Native Americans and white settlers.

“Concentration camp and genocide”

are the first words that come to mind for Cheyanne St. John when she hears the name Fort Snelling. St. John, a citizen of the Mde-wakanton band of Dakota at the Lower Sioux Agency and a descendant of the Mille Lacs band of Ojibwe, serves as the tribal historic preservation officer for the Lower Sioux Indian Community near Redwood Falls, a historic site operated in partnership with the MHS.

“To Dakota people (the area of Fort Snelling) was a sacred place, and that's a history untold when you visit it,” St. John said. According to her, a new name that includes Native American words “would acknowledge a shared history, no matter how traumatic.”

Fort Snelling figured prominently in the treaties that transferred swaths of Minnesota from Native American tribes to the United States. It also served as the site of a prison camp for Native Americans following the Dakota War of 1862.

By the 1850s, many of the fort's original 15 buildings had been dismantled or were in disrepair and the U.S. was considering selling the property. However, with the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861, its use as a military post was revived and expanded and it continued in that capacity until its decommissioning after World War II. In 1960 the fort was declared Minnesota's first national historic site.



A public meeting on the possible renaming of Historic Fort Snelling drew an attentive crowd of 60 Minnesotans on October 14. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

The October 14 meeting at Fort Snelling was the fifth of six public hearings on the name change held around the state. About 60 people attended. They offered a variety of cultural and historical perspectives, but no clear-cut preference for a new name.

Minneapolis resident Pam Costain observed that “we've been telling one story (at

the fort) for a very long time.” The name of the fort should be “inclusive,” she said. A frequent hiker in Fort Snelling State Park, Costain noted that “every time I visit the flats, I think of the (Dakota) women and children who died there” in the aftermath of the Dakota War.

Historic Fort Snelling is “a very elegantly inclusive name,” countered Minneapolis resident Bruce Glasrud. “No name change is needed.”

Grant Abbott, a St. Anthony Park resident, suggested renaming the site “Fort Snelling at B'dote, Confluence of Many Stories.”

As of October 14, approximately 5,400 people had taken the MHS's online survey—more than twice the number that was expected. The survey may be taken through November 15 by visiting [mnhs.org/naming](http://mnhs.org/naming).

Once the survey is complete, the task force will spend three to four weeks evaluating the data and then forward its findings to the MHS Executive Council. If the Executive Council decides a name change is warranted, it will forward that recommendation to the Minnesota Legislature for approval.

The ongoing renovation of the fort is scheduled to be completed in 2022, according to Maijala. Any recommendation for a name change would likely be submitted during the 2020 legislative session.

“The name change is about the public perception of Historic Fort Snelling,” he said. “If there's to be a change, now's the time to do it.”



An artist's rendering of Historic Fort Snelling following its planned renovation shows much of the 23-acre area that is under consideration for a name change. The historic fort itself, seen in the background, would retain the name Fort Snelling.

1 ◀ TRASH REFERENDUM

If the “no” votes prevail in the referendum, Carter said, “the \$27.1 million contract will shift from individual rate payers to all property taxpayers in the city, resulting in a 17.4 percent increase in the city’s property tax levy.” The \$27.1 million property tax increase would be shared by every taxpaying property in St. Paul—residential, commercial, industrial and large multi-family residential, the mayor said. He urged everyone to educate themselves on the ballot question before voting.

The City Council, on a 5-2 vote in September, adopted a maximum 22.3 percent increase in the city’s property tax levy for 2020. Even without the need to fund organized trash collection, the maximum levy increase was expected to be 4.85 percent. That was the increase Carter had included in his proposed 2020 city budget in August.

St. Paul Trash and St. Paul CARTless, the two main groups opposed to the current organized trash collection system, accused Carter of using the property tax increase as a scare tactic. They contend that a majority “no” vote and a repeal of organized trash collection may be the only way to get the trash haulers and city officials back to the negotiating table to revise what they believe is a flawed contract.

“While the court had previously ruled in favor of the petitioners and ordered the city to put the measure on the ballot, today’s court decision merely affirms that the only way for St. Paul residents to lower their trash bills and fix a broken trash system is to vote ‘no’ on November 5,” St. Paul Trash stated.

“Only a ‘no’ vote will allow for a system that’s more affordable and works for all St. Paul residents,” said Alisa Lein, a leader in the Vote No effort. “A ‘no’ vote gives us the chance to pass a new ordinance, prevent a property tax hike, and fix the numerous problems with the current system.”

Organized trash collection got underway in St. Paul in October 2018, supplanting the city’s previous system, which required property owners to

## Referendum on organized trash collection

**City Question 1** — Should Ordinance ORD 18-39, entitled “Residential Coordinated Collection,” remain in effect for residential trash collection in St. Paul? Ordinance 18-39 creates new rules for the collection and disposal of trash and payment for trash service; and requires that certain residential dwellings have trash collected by a designated trash hauler. A “yes” vote is a vote in favor of keeping Ordinance ORD 18-39. A “no” vote is a vote to get rid of Ordinance ORD 18-39.

manage their solid waste but gave them the freedom to hire their own trash hauler and negotiate their own fee and level of service.

Supporters of organized trash collection contend that it provides consistent pricing and reduces air and noise pollution and wear and tear on city streets and alleys by reducing the number of trucks plying those roadways.

Opponents argue that the organized trash contract does not do enough to encourage waste reduction. They decry the inability of neighbors to share trash carts or to haul their own trash. Many say that with even the smallest cart and lowest level of service, they are still paying much more for trash collection than they did before.

A long-standing argument in favor of the organized trash collection contract approved by the city was that it protected the market share of the small haulers operating in the city. However, many of those small haulers have since sold their market share to larger haulers in the consortium. When negotiations on the trash collection contract began in 2016, 15 private haulers were serving homes in St. Paul. Now only six haulers remain.

Ward 7 City Council member Jane Prince, who has been raising red flags about the organized trash collection contract for some time, said she has reached out to the haulers’ consortium and found that they are open to talking about changes.

“In fact, rather than fighting petitioners for the past year, what we should have been doing—and should be doing now with increased vigor and purpose—is working with the consortium

to find a better price and trash hauling service that works for everyone, including the haulers,” Prince said. “The haulers don’t like the excessive record keeping required by the city. There may be other concessions they would seek. We should be getting creative about how to better serve the whole city.”

Much of the Supreme Court’s 23-page ruling on October 16 was devoted to reaffirming its decision in August to require the November 5 referendum on organized collection. Carter and the City Council majority had rejected the referendum petition and its 6,400-plus signatures last fall by arguing that state law gives the city the authority to organize trash collection and that that law trumps the City Charter.

The foes of organized collection then sued the city, arguing that the refusal to put organized collection on the ballot violated the city charter. The charter arguments were upheld in Ramsey County District Court and by the Minnesota Supreme Court. However, the Supreme Court has now affirmed that the city is bound by the trash contract regardless of the referendum’s outcome.

One issue the court did not address in its ruling is the trash contract’s “force majeure” clause. Joseph Olson, a professor at Mitchell Hamline School of Law, disagrees with Mayor Carter on the meaning of a majority ‘no’ vote in the referendum. Force majeure is defined in law as unforeseeable circumstances that prevent someone from fulfilling a contract. According to Olson, the city could invoke the clause if voters repeal the trash ordinance and force the haulers to renegotiate the contract.

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# Proposed parks for Ford site gain support

By Jane McClure

When Ford Motor Company's former assembly plant property in Highland Park is re-developed, it will include four publicly owned parks on 10.3 acres of land. Plans also call for privately owned public spaces, including trails and open space around a central water feature and two fields currently used by Highland Ball.

The St. Paul Parks and Recreation Commission on October 10 unanimously approved a resolution supporting the proposed park spaces within the 122-acre Ford site. Final action is now in the hands of the City Council. The plans include more green space than required under the city's parkland dedication ordinance and includes changes from the Ford site master plan that was adopted by the council in 2017.

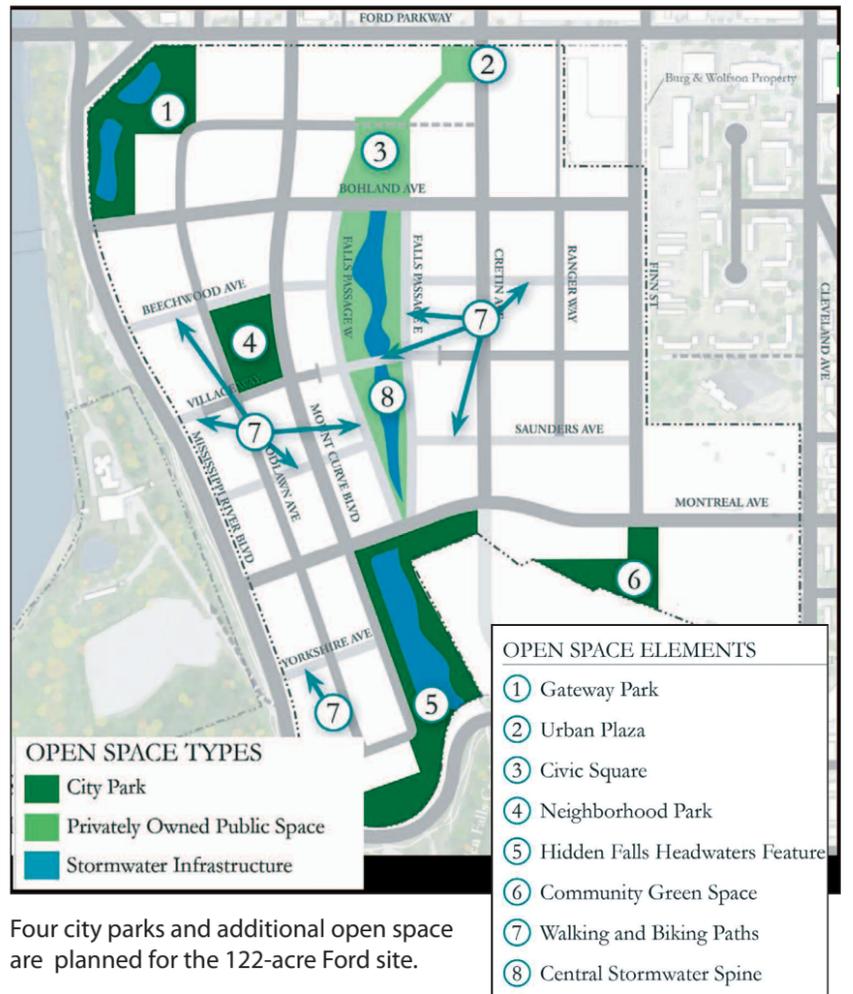
Once the 14-page plat is approved this year, design and a public comment period are expected to continue for two years. Construction would follow that.

Parks and Recreation director Mike Hahm said the commission's action is unique. Typically, developers make a monetary contribution instead of setting aside land for parks. But with such a large open site like Ford, land is being laid out for parks space as part of the planning process.

At least 9 percent of a site's developable space is to be reserved as park property under city ordinances. The Ford site has almost 92 acres that can be developed, if roads and other areas are removed. The 10.3 acres set aside for public parks puts the percentage of parkland at 11.3. Hahm called that amount "significant."

Master developer Ryan Companies will be working with the city on designing the parks. "We're very early in the process," said Jared Olson, director of engineering for Ryan. "A lot more design has to happen."

City landscape architect Ellen Stewart said that parks and other open spaces laid out in the Ford master plan were designed in conjunction with adjacent land uses, such as residential and commercial developments. The master plan identifies potential uses for each space,



Four city parks and additional open space are planned for the 122-acre Ford site.

ranging from dog parks to community gardens. Stewart noted the uses outlined in the plan are intended as suggestions and not to dictate what goes where.

The proposed publicly owned parks include a 2.5-acre gateway area near Ford Parkway and Mississippi River Boulevard, a 1.5-acre neighborhood park closer to the center of the site, a 1.5-acre park near the current ballfields and a 4.8-acre headwaters natural area that could channel storm water to nearby Hidden Falls Regional Park.

"Hidden Falls might actually be a falls again," said Parks and Recreation commissioner and Highland Park resident John Mountain.

An urban plaza along Ford Parkway and a connected civic square will be public spaces that are privately owned and developed. Trails and open space

around a central water feature will also be privately developed and managed, and the ballfields will be managed through an agreement with Highland Ball.

Parks commissioners were pleased with the plat and the ideas for the park space.

"As a resident of the neighborhood, I've appreciated the engagement we've seen in the community," Mountain said. He said he looks forward to ongoing work with the city and Ryan as a design advisory group works on plans for the four publicly owned parks.

The Parks Commission will hear regular updates about the planning process for each park and will weigh in on design and operating budgets for them. Naming of the parks will also go through a public process.

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# Plans are brewing for Starbucks drive-thru at redone Sibley Plaza

Planet Fitness now open in center, Aldi's to follow soon

By JANE McCLURE

Construction of a Starbucks with drive-through service is being proposed on the corner of West Seventh and Davern streets as part of the redeveloped Sibley Plaza. The project was reviewed by the Highland District Council (HDC) Community Development Committee on October 15. The district council will collect comments through October 28 and then make a recommendation at its board meeting on November 7.

Paster Properties owns the shopping center, which has undergone a major renovation over the past several months. A Planet Fitness workout center opened there on October 19 and an Aldi supermarket is scheduled to open in November.

"Renovation of the shopping center is about 98 percent complete," said Mike Sturdivant of Paster, who outlined the coffee shop proposal for the committee.

Paster has worked on the site plan for Starbucks for about four months. The property is zoned for commercial use, but a conditional use permit is needed for the drive-through. That permit request will be taken up by the city's Planning Commission later this year.

If the permit is granted, work on the coffee shop will begin next spring and be completed by the fall of 2020. The 2,200-square-foot Starbucks would be erected at the corner where a gas station has stood for many years. The station would be torn down, the fuel tanks removed and pollution cleaned up before work on the Starbucks begins.

The new coffee shop would have a 450-square-foot patio. The station's curb cuts on West Seventh and Davern streets would be removed, and vehicles would enter and exit Starbucks through the shopping center's parking lot. The site plan shows space on the center's property for 13 vehicles to line up

for the drive-through.

Committee members wanted assurances that the new Starbucks would not generate the type of traffic problems that the one at Snelling and Marshall avenues has caused. (Another pedestrian was struck by a vehicle coming out of the drive-through there on October 15.) One idea that was discussed is whether the shopping center's entrance and exit on Davern could have restricted turns during rush hour.

"I know how busy Davern can get," said HDC member Gary Maitland.

A traffic study for Starbucks is now underway and should be ready soon, Sturdivant said. One of his concerns is that turn restrictions not affect traffic for other businesses in the center. More than half a dozen businesses operate there and the remaining vacant spaces are now being marketed.

HDC committee members generally favored the idea of a Starbucks at Sibley Plaza if controls can be placed on traffic and the lineup of vehicles can be limited. "This could add some real value to that shopping center," Maitland said.

Committee members would also like to see West Seventh sidewalks reconstructed once the four curb cuts near the current station are removed. "It's an awful corner for pedestrians as it is now," said HDC board president Howard Miller.

The Starbucks would be an addition to a shopping center transformation that has been years in the making. In 2014, city planners wanted to change the shopping center's zoning from commercial to traditional neighborhoods. Paster officials said that would not work for what at the time was their planned five-story mixed-use project featuring apartments, a grocery store, fitness center and smaller retail building.

Paster's quest to keep the commercial zoning for Sibley Plaza was approved by the City Council in early 2015. However, the ambitious mixed-use development was set aside in favor of the shopping center's facelift.

# St. Paul to lower speeds on city streets

By JANE McCLURE

The St. Paul City Council is expected to adopt an ordinance on October 23 that will allow its engineering staff to reduce speed limits on residential streets to 25 mph or lower if they feel it is warranted. All seven council members have indicated they support the change, following an open house on October 3 and a public hearing on October 16.

The Department of Public Works would be allowed to lower the speed limit on city streets beginning next year based on crash data, speed studies and other technical information. The changes would not affect county or state roads in the city.

District councils are following the issue closely. On October 14, the West Seventh/Fort Road Federation board voted to support reducing speeds on city streets to 25 mph and to allow neighbors to petition for a 20 mph limit on their streets. It also asked the city to work with county and state officials to lower the speed limits on West Seventh Street, and Randolph and Smith avenues.

For many years, the speed limit on most city streets has been 30 mph. Speeds on county and state roads are often higher, guided in large part by traffic studies. A new state law that took effect in August gives cities the ability to more easily set speed limits at 25 mph or even lower if circumstances warrant doing so, according to Fay Simer, pedestrian safety advocate for Public Works.

The city is now looking at where speed limit changes should be made, said city traffic engineer Randy Newton. The changes are

expected to be unveiled in the first quarter of 2020, with implementation by mid-year.

St. Paul officials are also looking at how other cities are implementing such a change, and are working closely with the Minneapolis Department of Public Works.

"We're looking at the system as a whole," Newton said. "We're not looking at individual roadways. It's a big change."

It will also be a gradual one, he said, as the city will have to change numerous speed limit signs. Public Works staff cautioned that the new law only affects city streets, and that neighborhood groups will not get to nominate streets for lower speeds.

Public Works director Kathy Lantry said the cost of posting and changing speed limit signs in the city could reach \$300,000. She also said a patchwork of different speed limits could cause confusion, so a public education campaign should be considered.

Lowering speeds has its benefits, according to Simer. "There's a large body of evidence that slower streets are safer streets," she said.

National studies show that about 13 percent of pedestrians are killed or suffer serious injuries when struck by a vehicle going 20 mph, compared to 40 percent at 30 mph and 73 percent at 40 mph.

Those who turned out for the October open house supported the change, though some were disappointed to learn that they cannot nominate streets for lower speeds.

Highland Park resident and bicyclist Nita Hanson asked for extra consideration for streets marked for bicycles, especially those with share-the-road arrows or "sharrows."

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# Expo School rallies for funds to replace treasured playground

By JANE McCLURE

Children scampered around Treasure Island on October 12 with the same glee that children have displayed at the Expo Elementary School playground since it was constructed in 1992. The only difference was these children were in snowsuits. And while they played, their parents huddled in a tent thrown up as protection from the season's first snow.

With the temperature in the low 30s, the families had come at the school's invitation to mark Treasure Island's final year of service and to promote a fund drive to replace the aging play structure.

The St. Paul Public Schools has given Expo until December to wrap up its fundraising campaign for the new playground. If the goal is not reached, plans for a new playground will have to be downsized.

The school district has set aside \$313,000 for the new Treasure Island. The Expo Council of Parents and Teachers has contributed \$25,000. And between now and December 1, an anonymous foundation has offered to match every dollar donated up to \$10,000.

As of last week, playground backers had raised a little more than half of the \$742,000 needed to build the playground of their dreams. Although they have a long way to go, "we're still committed to making this playground happen as planned," said Amy



An artist's rendering of the proposed new playground to replace 27-year-old Treasure Island playground behind Expo Elementary.

Huerta, one of the leaders of the fundraising effort and the mother of several children who attended Expo.

The Expo Council of Parents and Teachers is seeking the support of local residents and businesses for the new playground. (Tax-deductible donations can be made online at [expo.schoolauction.net/playground](http://expo.schoolauction.net/playground). Checks made out to the "Expo Council of Parents and Teachers" may be dropped off or mailed to Expo Elementary, Attn: Treasure Island, Expo Council Treasurer, 540 S. Warwick St., St. Paul, MN 55116. More information about the playground is also available at [spps.org/Expo](http://spps.org/Expo).)

The school district limits what it spends

on playgrounds, but allows parent-teacher groups to raise money above the district's budget. Fundraising has been a challenge, Huerta said. One disappointment was the failure this spring to obtain a \$100,000 grant through the city of St. Paul's Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) Program. The Expo request finished just out of the running for that program in 2018, and was ranked near the bottom this year.

"This has been my family's destination playground for many years," Huerta said. "We want to make sure we replace Treasure Island with a really good community playground that can continue to be a destination for families."

Expo school parents and neighbors have agreed to donate their time to install the new playground, as they did in 1992. Expo neighbor and parent David Redmond was among them 27 years ago. He spoke at the October 12 event about how much his children have enjoyed playing at Treasure Island. "It was a great project and it's been a great playground," Redmond said, "but it needs to be replaced."

Expo principal Darren Yerama agreed. The wooden pirate-themed playground "has reached the end of its useful life," he said. "We're obviously grandfathered-in, but the playground doesn't meet current accessibility and safety standards."

Treasure Island was built by more than 200 volunteers over five days in May 1992. The Highland and Macalester-Groveland community councils, local neighbors and businesses all supported the project.

Yerama, who has been at Expo for the past 17 years, recalled the many volunteers who helped reconstruct the playground when part of it was damaged by arson in 2008. At that time, a new tower and climbing wall were added.

Wooden playgrounds typically last from 10 to 15 years, according to Yerama, but Treasure Island has lasted for almost 30 years. There is excitement about its replacement, but there is also sadness about its pending demolition. "I'll be out there watching it come down," he said, "but I may have to turn away."

# Bruegger's on Grand allowed to operate without leased parking

By JANE McCLURE

After more than two decades out of compliance, the St. Paul Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) voted 5-1 on October 7 to rescind a condition on a parking variance that required Bruegger's Bagels at 800 Grand Ave. to lease 10 nearby off-street parking spaces.

The variance was granted in 1988, despite the opposition of neighbors and the Summit Hill Association (SHA). Bruegger's, which has no off-street parking of its own, originally leased the spots between 8 a.m.-4 p.m. from Grand Central at 788 Grand.

When that bar and restaurant closed in 1991 and Lyon's Pub opened in its place, Bruegger's signed a new lease for the spaces after the BZA allowed shared parking from 6:30-10:30 a.m. instead.

However, when Lyon's Pub was sold to the

Wild Onion more than 20 years ago, the lease with Bruegger's was terminated. The space is now home to the Red Rabbit. Neither the Wild Onion nor the Red Rabbit had a parking agreement with Bruegger's.

The city's Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) received a complaint in July 2018 about Bruegger's noncompliance, which sent the matter to staff for its review and then to the BZA. The matter was laid over in September due to a hearing notification snafu.

BZA staff member Jerome Benner, who stepped down from city employment last month, had recommended dropping the off-street parking condition. "My understanding is that Bruegger's has operated just fine without having leased parking for 30-odd years," he said.

Zoning administrator Yaya Diatta, who took over the matter, agreed, noting that most of Bruegger's customers arrive early in the

morning when on-street parking is not an issue. "I don't know if there's a parking problem," Diatta said. "We haven't heard that."

BZA chair Thomas Saylor also stated that there was no evidence of a parking issue at Bruegger's. He, Daniel Miller, Luis Rangel-Morales, Danielle Swift and Diane Trout-Oertel voted to rescind the condition.

Robert Clarksen cast the sole "no" vote. He said dropping the condition sends the message that the city does not care what the neighbors think.

Other board members said the lack of attention paid to the issue was telling. No representatives from property owner Graven Properties, Bruegger's or the neighborhood attended the BZA meetings on the issue.

The SHA took no position on the request to rescind the condition. Three people, including an adjacent neighbor and the owner of the Mischief Toy Store at 818 Grand, sent letters

asking that the condition be dropped.

"I fail to see how enforcing compliance with an old condition—enacted when the neighborhood was quite different—serves the good of the current community," neighbor Jennifer Caritas said.

Summit Hill resident and former district council board member Lori Brostrom said the issue came to the attention of the SHA's Zoning and Land Use Committee early last year. She cited an April 2018 survey in which residents in the Grand-Avon area were among those citing concerns about parking congestion. She also said a study from the 1990s stated that there was a 1,500-space parking deficit on Grand between Dale and Milton streets.

Brostrom called it "disturbing" that it took DSI staff more than a year to determine that Bruegger's has no parking lease in place. Benner said he did not see the violation as a priority.



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**Pick of the crop.** Highland District Council volunteer Peter Brustman and Brian Zaidman from the Temple of Aaron bagged eggplant outside the Neighborhood House's Francis Basket food shelf in Highland Park as some 5,000 pounds of locally raised produce was distributed to the needy on October 2. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

## News Briefs

### BZA allows additional signage for Victoria Crossing West Mall

Escom Properties can add another 149.2 square feet of signs for new tenants at Victoria Crossing West Mall, the property it manages at 867 Grand Ave., following the approval of the St. Paul Board of Zoning Appeals on October 7.

The mall already has 288.26 square feet of signs, which is legally nonconforming from the maximum of 215 square feet allowed under the zoning code. Existing signs include a business directory, flat signs for individual businesses and a projecting sign for Bread & Chocolate.

The building was constructed in 1915 and is zoned for commercial use. It is also governed by Grand Avenue Special Sign District regulations that were passed in 1983.

City staff recommended approval of the sign variance, contending that allowing the extra signage is important in a changing business climate and is consistent with comprehensive plan policies focused on attracting and retaining small businesses.

One neighbor sent an email opposing the request, stating that the mall already has more signage than it should. The Summit Hill Association took no position.

### Mac-Grove resident allowed to build addition to his home

The St. Paul City Council decided on October 16 to overturn the denial of a height variance by the city's Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) and allow Dorian Nelson to build an addition to his home at 1946 Wellesley Ave. The addition has the support of neighbors and the Macalester-Groveland Community Council's Housing and Land Use Committee.

The home is in an area governed by design guidelines that were passed in the wake of a spate of housing teardowns and intended to limit the height and massing of replacement houses in the Macalester-Groveland and Highland Park neighborhoods. Nelson wants an addition that is 23 feet, 10 inches tall, while the maximum height allowed is 22 feet.

The BZA in September denied the height variance, along with a request to not have detailing on one sidewall, but it did approve a side-yard setback variance.

Nelson has agreed to add the sidewall

articulation, which can be a detail such as a dormer or bay window, but appealed the height decision. He told the City Council that the addition has been designed to match the existing house and to preserve as much green space on the property as possible.

No one appeared at the City Council hearing to oppose the appeal.

Council member Chris Tolbert said the BZA erred in not considering circumstances unique to the property. He said the addition will not negatively affect the neighborhood's character and cited the level of support for the project.

### Homeless shelter to remain operating on Kellogg Blvd.

A 64-bed homeless shelter can remain downtown as a result of a technical zoning change approved on October 9 by the St. Paul City Council. The change allows the temporary shelter to remain in the basement of the Ramsey County Government Center at 160 E. Kellogg Blvd.

The space first opened as an interim winter shelter two years ago, but the demand for its beds has continued. The City Council in May agreed to extend the interim permit to allow ongoing use. The time extension also allowed for a study of more shelter options in downtown St. Paul.

With the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the City Council approved a change to one of the downtown's two types of central business district zoning. One category allowed overnight shelters and the other did not until the council voted to amend the zoning code. Now all of downtown will be able to have overnight shelters if they meet distance separation requirements from other residential facilities.

Council member Rebecca Noecker, who represents downtown, sought the change. One person testified against the zoning change in September, saying the city has too many homeless shelters, a contention Noecker disagreed with.

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners was expected to vote on October 22 to allow Model Cities of St. Paul to operate the so-called "Safe Space" overnight shelter at 160 E. Kellogg Blvd. year-round beginning November 1.

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# Viewpoint

## Inbox

**A note to our readers:** The *Villager* received an unprecedented number of letters to the editor over the past few weeks, many of them letters of endorsement for candidates running for the St. Paul City Council and School Board. While we appreciate our readers' interest in the election, there is no way we could have published all of the letters of endorsement in this, the last issue before the November 5 general election, so in fairness to the candidates, we decided not to publish any of them.

### Vote 'yes' and let's fix trash

In the year since the citywide trash collection program took effect in St. Paul, I have appreciated that I now only see trash carts along the streets of my neighborhood one day per week. I like that the trash truck comes through once, and after the recycling truck makes its pass, that's it for the week. Cleveland Avenue has been in terrible shape for the eight years that I've lived in Highland Park until a few weeks ago, when the much-needed repaving was finally done. I'm hopeful that the road will stay in good shape longer without all those trash trucks going up and down it every single day.

Given that the goal of the city in negotiating the citywide trash collection plan was to hold the haulers harmless in terms of revenue streams, I'm certain the city will have to pay the full amount of the contract if the ordinance is voted down. Money used for the legal costs to break the contract will not be available for road and sidewalk improvements, parks, affordable housing and other public goods.

I would like to hear from the City Council on how they will respond to residents' concerns about the current trash collection arrangement. There are real problems that need to be addressed, such as reasonable cart sharing at duplexes, reduced costs to households with minimal waste and direct billing to tenants who have household carts. We're having these problems because the City Council attended fully to the trash haulers and neglected the residents in their planning. A profound apology and clear demonstration of a changed approach would be good arguments for the current members of the City Council to retain their seats.

Despite all the problems, citywide trash collection is a good idea that was badly needed in St. Paul. I'm voting "yes," as in "yes, let's fix it." I'm looking for a City Council member who is willing to work with citizen input to improve the current program and make it even better.

*Trudy K. Cretsinger  
Highland Park*

### A step in the right direction

The fight about whether we'll keep our coordinated trash system is about more than how we pick up trash. It's about whether we believe that we can and should come together to build common, public solutions for challenges we all face. I hope that one day trash collection is a public service that we all enjoy and expect from our city. The coordinated trash program is a step in the right direction, and I'm voting "yes" to keep it.

*Ann Mongoven  
Highland Park*

### Vote 'no' and send a message

St. Paul City Council member Rebecca Noecker and her cohorts would have avoided the 'property tax threat they are considering if they had acted responsibly by putting the organized trash initiative on the ballot originally. They would have acted even more responsibly if they had managed the staff that put the organized trash plan together.

How did it happen that for the same weekly garbage and recycling collection service a St. Paul household pays \$364, Maplewood pays \$195 and St. Louis Park pays \$259 per year? It is even worse when you realize that the St. Louis Park fee includes organic and yard waste collection.

It is through a lack of due diligence and poor negotiations by city staff, the City Council and former mayor that we now get the \$27million property tax threat thrown our way.

It is quite offensive to have our local officials threaten citizens with increased taxes because citizens petitioned to be listened to. We are regularly taxed for the ongoing incompetence of city staff and elected officials. We put up

## If you want a better trash system, vote 'no'

BY TOM GOLDSTEIN

Dale Mischke's excellent editorial, "Referendum is about more than just trash" (*Villager Viewpoint*, October 9), concludes by raising the question of whether a "yes" vote or a "no" vote would lead more quickly to an improvement in the current system for organized trash collection in St. Paul. That system prohibits residents from sharing carts or opting out of garbage collection altogether. From my perspective, only a successful "no" vote offers any chance of fixing an inequitable system that, among its other shortcomings, unfairly penalizes low-wage earners, renters and senior citizens living on fixed incomes.

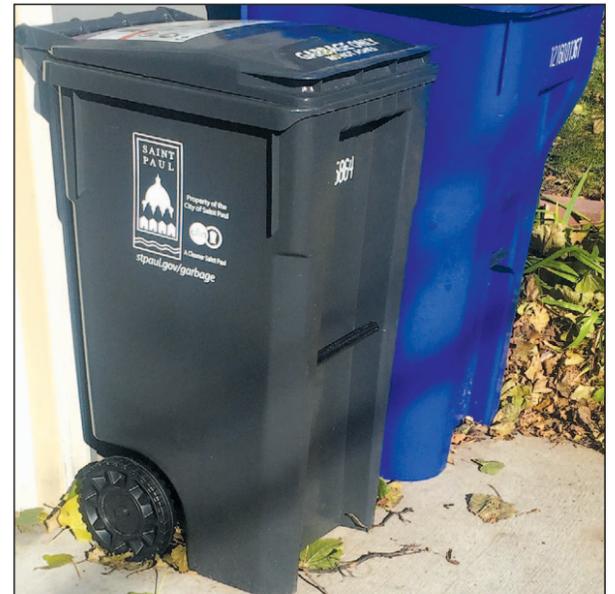
Under the current contract between the city and the haulers' consortium, the city has no power to force the haulers to renegotiate. According to an analysis done for the Vote No group formed by the St. Paul Trash Lawsuit Committee, the haulers are now making an additional \$12 million in profits each year under the city-administered program over the previous open-market arrangement.

That's 12 million reasons for the haulers to want to maintain the status quo.

On the other hand, a successful "no" vote at the polls would meet the definition of a "triggering" event within the contract's force majeure clause, relieving both the haulers and the city of their obligation to fulfill the contract. Such an outcome does not require the parties to end the contract, but it does give them that option. And a repeal of the ordinance that created the coordinated trash system is the only way the city can gain the leverage it needs to force the haulers back to the bargaining table.

Mayor Melvin Carter and several media outlets have argued otherwise, claiming that the recent decision by the Minnesota Supreme Court makes the referendum moot or meaningless. Not true. All the court stated is that the results of the referendum will not "impair" the city's contract with the haulers. In fact, the court avoided making any conclusions about whether or not a repeal of the ordinance enables the city to void its contract with the haulers' consortium.

That means the city has an out: It can take steps to



terminate the contract if the haulers refuse to renegotiate. The problem is, Mayor Carter does not want a change in the contract. Why? Because conceding how bad the contract is would be politically embarrassing for the City Council members who pushed through this hugely flawed arrangement in the first place. That's really what's at stake here: saving face.

A successful "no" vote has no bearing on whether or not the city chooses to raise property taxes next year. Such a necessity only exists if the city does nothing to seek a revision of the contract to make cart sharing and opting out possible for residents.

One thing is certain: Voting "no" is the only way to find out.

Voting "yes" preserves a lousy system for another four years, at which point there may be only one hauler left controlling the entire St. Paul trash market. Imagine how costly trash collection will be then.

*Tom Goldstein, an attorney, lives in the Hamline-Midway neighborhood. He was a candidate for mayor in 2017.*

with this regularly because St. Paul is a great town. I hope my fellow citizens view the trash referendum as an opportunity to send a message that we are tired of the ignorance, arrogance and incompetence displayed by our elected officials and city bureaucrats.

*Colleen Halpine  
Ramsey Hill*

*Editor's note: The writer is a member of St. Paul Trash's Lawsuit Committee.*

### Vote 'yes' for the climate

Climate change is the greatest moral and existential challenge of our lives. We can't address the threat before us and make the changes we need on our own as individuals. Instead, we'll need to be able to come together through collective action to change the systems around us.

Garbage trucks get as little as three miles to the gallon. We can't afford the unnecessary energy consumption and carbon pollution that we were creating with the old inefficient system for trash hauling. The new collective system is a powerful step forward together. I'm voting "yes" on the trash referendum.

*Ginny DeLuca  
Merriam Park*

### Vote 'yes' for quiet mornings

Every Friday morning for nearly 23 years, my husband and I awoke to the sound of multiple trash haulers driving down the alley behind our house. They clanged, they roared, they obliterated flowers and raspberry bushes, and they broke off chunks of the pavement. Just when we thought it was over for the day, it wasn't. There were always more trucks.

Imagine my surprise when this summer, I realized the alley noise had dissipated to one brief rumble. With just one truck caring for our pickup route, we enjoy quiet mornings with

windows open. Even the plants revived. Who would ever want to return to multiple haulers?

Americans are blessed with abundance and obsessed with choice. We've been conditioned to expect an endless number of options, whether in consumer goods, education or entertainment. Some level of choice is nice, sure. Too much choice is inefficient and overwhelming. In the case of basic public services, forcing consumer "choice" on individual taxpayers is the epitome of poor management.

Contracts can be renegotiated and improved over time. The effect of multiple industrial trucks in our alleys cannot. I thank our City Council member, Mitra Jalali Nelson, for taking the principled position on trash and making our city a far better place to live, and I hope my neighbors join me in voting "yes" on the trash referendum.

*Mary Morse Marti  
Merriam Park*

### Voting 'no' is the way to go

St. Paul's city attorneys, mayor and City Council are battling 0-for-3 on the garbage issue. They were wrong last fall when they rejected the petition to allow people to vote on the new garbage system, they were wrong thinking they would win in front of a district judge, and they were wrong thinking they would prevail in front of the Minnesota Supreme Court. Now they are telling us our property taxes will skyrocket if the "no" vote prevails. Does anyone think these aforementioned entities can rightly interpret legal language?

The "vote no" people say that if this current folly is rejected, the City Council, hopefully with many new members, can write a new contract with the trash haulers of which the majority of citizens will approve. They have been right so far.

*Georgia Dietz  
Highland Park*

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### Vote 'yes' for city trash system

The city of St. Paul's existing organized trash system is working just fine for most residents. Is it fair for everyone, probably not, but why not try and make internal changes as opposed to eliminating the program? We have been impressed with the service, the free pickup of bulky items and good response to a few customer services questions. According to several city officials, if the current system is voted down, there will be a significant property tax increase. Our property taxes are high enough. Vote "yes" to keep what is already working and avoid even higher property taxes.

*Gary Marx  
Highland Park*

### A long road for the old Short Line

It gets my dander up when people say, let's make Ayd Mill Road a linear park or a two-lane road with a bike path. I've lived in the West Seventh area for 39 years. My parents lived in Merriam Park for at least that many years. In 1980 I thought the Short Line, as Ayd Mill was then called, was a secret road that took me from my house to Selby Avenue near my parents' house. It was rarely crowded. I loved it.

I remember going to the very first meetings where a task force was formed to suggest a future use for Ayd Mill Road. One task force led to another. Fast-forward 30-odd years, and here we are again, only now Ayd Mill Road is awful. Selby and Snelling avenues where Ayd Mill Road spills out is beyond terrible. I wonder how much of our taxes were wasted on those many task force studies.

It is still my opinion to hook up Ayd Mill Road to I-94. It would reduce traffic congestion on our neighborhood streets. Victoria and West Seventh streets are so crowded now that traffic cuts down our side streets and alleys at high speeds to avoid the congestion. Safety for all of the children crossing the streets after school is a concern. Wasn't Ayd Mill Road intended to hook up to I-94? How about we put this question on the ballot.

*Mary Jo Bjornson  
West End*

### The arrogance of Ayd Mill plan

The proposed changes to Ayd Mill Road have generated a bit of heat, as they should. Mayor Melvin Carter's proposal, and the St. Paul City Council's apparent willingness to accept it, is just the most recent example of the arrogance of our elected officials.

In a story in a recent issue of the *Villager*, St. Paul Public Works director Kathy Lantry is quoted as saying Ayd Mill Road was studied in the 1980s and 1990s and thus needs no more study. Ms. Lantry seems to give no consideration to those who drive Ayd Mill Road or live in the adjacent neighborhoods.

When it comes to a change of traffic flow, she is quoted as saying that over time people will find the routes that work best for them. What about the people who reside along the now higher-traffic roads? What changes will work best for them? Has consideration been given to seeking state aid for Ayd Mill Road? Although it is a city street, most of its traffic comes from outside of St. Paul and passes through the city.

We live about a mile west of Ayd Mill Road on a block of 14 single-family homes. Of those homes, at least one resident in each is retired. Although some of us are still occasional bike riders, we don't ride in the rain or winter and would not ride along Ayd Mill Road. I repeat

what others have said: Cars will not disappear. They are needed for shopping, getting to doctor's appointments, to church, to children's games, etc.

We use Ayd Mill Road primarily to visit our friends who have moved from St. Paul to Mendota Heights or Eagan. Ayd Mill would have no logical south exit for bike riders. This was a road designed for automobiles to get from and to a freeway.

How did the funds become available to do the proposed changes to Ayd Mill Road? The city cancelled a project in the Macalester-Groveland area because the affected residents declared they did not want the proposed sidewalks nor the loss of the many trees that would have had to be removed.

What is the cost of all these bike lanes? Does anyone really know? I am confident the cost would surprise most of us. All I ask is that common sense, including corresponding costs, as well as the number of people affected, both positively and negatively, be considered.

*Richard Wilhoit  
Macalester-Groveland*

### A fine redesign of Ayd Mill Road

St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter's decision to make Ayd Mill Road a two-lane city street and provide a path for bikers, walkers and scooters is the right choice for St. Paul. It will fix much ailing infrastructure while reducing long-term liability and cost burdens. As someone who drives on Ayd Mill Road often, I can assure you the road will function just fine in a two-lane configuration. I have heard those against it whine about social engineering. Just remember, you are not in traffic, you are traffic. And a lot of engineers worked very hard to build a street grid at 300-foot and 600-foot intervals for you to use instead.

*Jeff Zaayer  
Highland Park*

### A lack of vision for Ford site

A story in the September 25 issue of the *Villager*, "HDC questions adequacy of Ford development impact studies," stated that both the Highland District Council (HDC) and the group Neighbors for a Livable St. Paul (quaintly referred to as "the Neighbors") are calling into question the Alternative Urban Area-wide Review (AUAR) and the environmental impact studies for the Ford site project. The Neighbors claim that the St. Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development (PED) "may not be able to objectively evaluate the environmental impacts, given their interest in the success of the project as proposed and given the tax revenue at stake." However, there are significant problems with the way this story was written.

First, by smoothly transitioning between the HDC and the Neighbors, the story elides the fact that they are nearly one and the same. Since the Neighbors run the HDC, they run the meetings, which they allow to degenerate into refighting the Ford site rezoning decision. Go to an HDC Community Development Committee meeting to learn about the AUAR and listen to the Neighbors angrily rehash the same ground trod two years ago. Finally, since the HDC passed no resolutions regarding the objectivity of the environmental studies, the headline of the story is rather misleading.

Had the HDC passed such a resolution, it would be flirting dangerously with the precipice of the bottomless hole that is cable

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news postmodernism, the one the Neighbors jumped into by accusing PED of corruption and fraud in the name of some purported gain. This is a line crafted to inflame any small sparks of fear or doubt in the community by the fact that it could be remotely plausible. It's reprehensible. We as a community deserve better than this. I call on the Neighbors to provide anything at all to substantiate the accusation.

Michael Daigh  
Highland Park

## Building a network of neighbors

There are many wonderful things about living in Ward 3—beautiful gardens to admire, local businesses to frequent, parks and green space to enjoy, and so much more. Perhaps my favorite thing, though, is the community. When I first moved to St. Paul, I didn't know many people. It wasn't long, however, before I was welcomed into the neighborhood by people all over Highland Park and Macalester-Groveland. My introduction to the community? An invitation to a grill out.

Now, years later, I have a thriving, vibrant and active network of people whom I'm proud and grateful to call my community. My community is made up of renters, homeowners, parents, children, students, workers—so many people, so many neighbors.

So how do you grow your community? How do you build or add to your network of neighbors? Host a grill out. Take a moment to say hello to your neighbors in passing. Greet new neighbors and ask them if they have any questions about the neighborhood. Just talk, get together, have fun, be neighborly. It's as simple as that.

Lauren Nielsen  
Macalester-Groveland

## Police were unfairly impugned

I would like to respond to the irresponsible comments made by so-called community activists in the wake of the fatal shooting of Ronald Davis, who came at St. Paul Police Officer Steve Mattson with a knife on September 15. The comments, which were published in the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*, impugn the integrity of the St. Paul police.

Attacking an officer at close range with a knife justifies the

use of deadly force. Perhaps they should have refrained from expressing their views before they saw the video, which they knew was to be released shortly.

Yes, it is possible to plant evidence and tamper with videos, but no amount of tampering could erase Mr. Davis' charging at the officer with a knife at close quarters. (Remember, Mr. Davis had rear-ended the police cruiser and was very close to the officer.) In any event, it is irresponsible to make an allegation without evidence. In regards to the white man who did not lose his life after pointing a gun at the head of a police officer, the record shows that the officer did fire at the white perpetrator but missed, and he was later captured unarmed.

Yes, Mr. Davis was a father and a student and it would have been preferable if Officer Mattson had been able to de-escalate the situation, but it is obvious from the video that there was neither time nor space for de-escalation. And any attempt to compare the outcomes of black and white encounters with the police is meaningless without an analysis of the relative degrees of compliance, if any.

Sandy Beitsch  
Downtown St. Paul

## Be discerning about vaccines

Kristin Heinmet's "CDC hasn't earned our trust" and James Johnson's response, "The CDC is our ally against disease" (*Villager* Inbox, August 28 and September 11), are two very convincing letters to the editor. Yet one of them speaks truth and the other parrots propaganda that has been pushed on society for decades. For me, diving down this rabbit hole began about 10 years ago when I drove away from the hospital emergency room for the third year in a row, in the same week of the same month that my two children received their influenza shots.

My 3-year-old son was admitted for a croup cough and breathing difficulty, and my 4-year-old daughter was admitted for incessant vomiting. I asked the emergency nurse, "Could this be from the flu shot?" Her response was, "No, it wouldn't be from that."

Now, I'm not a doctor or a nurse, but I certainly have enough intelligence to see that my children had the same reaction repeatedly, bringing me to the conclusion that the flu shot caused their coughing, breathing difficulty and incessant vomiting. From that day forward, my children have never had to go back to the emergency room for those horrible symptoms because the flu shots stopped.

I know, our ally the CDC strongly encourages us to get the flu shot each year. It's everywhere you look: "Get your flu shot today!" But I can't help but have my suspicions. The world wants to yell at me, call me anti-vax, call me crazy. Well, this crazy lady doesn't take trips to the emergency room anymore for vaccine reactions, and she's blessed to say that her two children are extremely healthy. There was a time when doctors welcomed viruses such as the measles, chicken pox, etc. They knew the importance of allowing the body to experience these viruses so that our immune systems became stronger and true immunity set in for life.

Our wonderful doctors and nurses never intended to cause injury to my children. Doctors and nurses are good people, and those who are learning the truth about what's in vaccinations are speaking out as they witness the horrible effects that vaccines have caused their patients.

Vaccines can cause injury and even death. Don't take my word for it; look into the adjudicated settlements on the government website. Or look up the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program. You'll learn that over \$4 billion has been paid for vaccine injuries and deaths since 1989—paid for by all of us who purchase these vaccines. That's right, an excise tax is placed on all vaccines, and this money goes into the vaccine-injury kitty.

The truth is buried. Please use discernment.

Diane (Burke) Smith  
Forest Lake

*Editor's note: The writer is a former teacher and principal at the Lubavitch Cheder Day School in Highland Park.*

## Rough riders

If St. Paul's mayor and City Council want to get people out of their automobiles and onto bicycles, we need good roads on which to ride the bicycles. Many stretches of St. Paul roads are very hard on bicycles, and I have a mountain bike with shock absorbers in the front. I was thinking of getting a speed bike with thin tires, but I decided against it because I believe the roads would mangle the tires. Some of the bike paths are in bad shape also. I am now considering buying one of those bikes with the big fat tires.

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# District Council News

## Highland Park

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**Fall deer hunt**—St. Paul’s archery hunt to cull the deer population in Crosby Farm Park and a 20-acre portion of the Highland Park bluff north of West Seventh Street will continue on November 4-6. Those two areas will be closed to the public during those three days.

**Turkey Trot**—The eighth annual Highland Park Turkey Trot, including a 5K walk/run and a 1K Gobble Wobble, will be held on Thanksgiving morning, November 28. For information, visit [highlandparkturkeytrot.com](http://highlandparkturkeytrot.com).

**Give seniors a hand**—The Highland Block Nurse Program needs volunteers for raking leaves and shoveling snow for seniors in the neighborhood. Contact Paula Fischer at 651-696-8425 or [paulaf@ourladyofpeace.org](mailto:paulaf@ourladyofpeace.org).

## Macalester-Groveland

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**Getting to know you**—The Macalester-Groveland Community Council would like to chat with those who are interested in adding their skills or voice to local programs and events. Residents are invited to email the office to meet for coffee.

**Board meetings**—Starting this fall, all meetings of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council’s board of directors are being streamed live via Facebook. Refer to the council’s Facebook page or website for details.

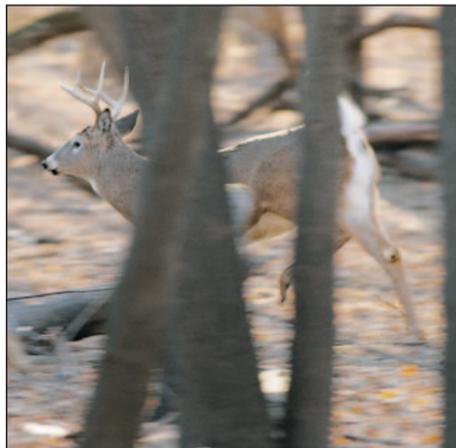
**Get involved**—The community council currently has openings on its board for at-large business and student representatives. The board also has three standing committees that meet once a month.

**Upcoming meetings**—Transportation Committee, 6:30 p.m. Monday, October 28, Edgcombe Recreation Center; and Housing and Land Use Committee, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 30, Groveland Recreation Center.

## Union Park

unionparkdc.org • 651-645-6887

**Annual meeting**—The Union Park District Council will hold its annual meeting and board elections from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 6, at the Concordia University Technology Center, 1282 Concordia Ave. Residents of the Lexington-Hamline, Snelling-Hamline and Merriam Park neighborhoods are invited to meet their grid representatives, enjoy refreshments and learn more about what has been happening in the area.



This fall’s deer hunt in Highland Park will continue on November 4-6.

**Skyline’s Fall Festival**—Experience the diversity of Union Park by coming out and making new friends during the annual Skyline Fall Festival from 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, November 12, at Skyline Tower, 1247 St. Anthony Ave. There will be music, fun activities and refreshments.

**Upcoming meetings**—Neighborhood Involvement Committee, 6:30 p.m. Monday, October 28, Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave.

**Stay in contact**—The public is invited to “like” the UPDC on Facebook, follow it on Twitter @UnionParkDC and subscribe to its e-newsletter, “Neighborhood Matters,” by emailing [info@unionparkdc.org](mailto:info@unionparkdc.org).

## West Seventh

fortroadfederation.org • 651-298-5599

**Board update**—At its meeting on October 14, the West Seventh/Fort Road Federation’s board of directors heard updates from Catholic Charities and Ramsey County about the new Dorothy Day Place and St. Paul Opportunity Center in downtown, and about homelessness in the area. The board also voted to support reducing speed limits to 25 mph on city streets.

**Won’t You Be My Neighbor?**—The Fort Road Federation is hosting its inaugural fundraiser at 6 p.m. Tuesday, November 12, in the historic rathskeller of the former Schmidt Brewery at 882 W. Seventh St. There will be free food and drink, along with a chance to explore the space and weigh in on issues facing the neighborhood.

**Stay in touch**—People are invited to “like” the West Seventh/Fort Road Federation on Facebook and subscribe to its electronic newsletter on its website.

# Business Briefs

**James Farnsworth** is now serving as the interim executive director of the Highland Business Association. He succeeds Kari Tierney, who after six years in that position stepped down to join her husband’s business. Farnsworth has served on the Highland Fest Steering Committee for five years and was this summer’s festival co-chair. A 2016 graduate of Highland Park High School, he is a former marketing and membership coordinator for the Grand Avenue Business Association, a former board member of the Summit Hill Association and is now a senior at the University of Minnesota.

**Animal Medical Clinic**, 234 S. Snelling Ave., recently announced that Charlie Cosimini has joined its team of veterinarians. Cosimini is a lifelong St. Paul resident. He earned his bachelor’s degree at Macalester College and his veterinary degree at the University of Minnesota.

**Crisp & Green** will open its seventh location in October in the former Pieology at 2111 Ford Pkwy. in Highland Village. The

space is changing hands from one pro athlete to another, as Pieology was owned by ex-Viking Matt Kalil and the new Crisp & Green will be the third one owned by former NBA player Kris Humphries. Crisp & Green specializes in salads, grain bowls, soups and smoothies. Another location also is scheduled to open soon in the former D’Amico & Sons on Grand Avenue.

**The MetroIBA** will present its 2019 Independent Business Awards at 6 p.m. Tuesday, October 29, at Bauhaus Brew Labs, 1315 Tyler St. NE in Minneapolis. Tickets are \$25 for MetroIBA members and \$40 for others. Visit [metroiba.org](http://metroiba.org).

**The 11th annual Halloween candy buyback** will be held from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, November 2, at Shablott Family Dentistry, 400 Selby Ave. Children will receive cash (\$1 per pound up to 5 pounds) when they bring their unopened Halloween candy to Shablott, which will donate the candy to Operation Gratitude to be sent to U.S. military personnel. For information, call 651-789-1144.

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# Voters' Guide

## Vote on Nov. 5

### The fate of trash collection, makeup of City Council and School Board hang in balance

St. Paul voters will head to the polls on Tuesday, November 5, to choose among candidates for City Council and School Board and to decide the fate of the city's year-old organized trash collection system.

School District 197 in Mendota Heights, West St. Paul and Eagan is also holding a School Board election on November 5. However, the four incumbents who are up for re-election there are running unopposed.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on November 5. In St. Paul, ranked-choice voting will be used in the City Council race. In the School Board race, the top four vote-getters will be elected to four-year terms beginning on January 1.

Sample ballots with the names of all of the candidates appear below along with the wording of St. Paul's citywide referendum on trash collection. An asterisk (\*) after a name denotes an incumbent in that particular race.

To be eligible to vote in Minnesota, you must be at least 18 years of age, a U.S. citizen, and a resident of the state for at least 20 days prior to the election. You must not be serving a felony sentence, felony proba-

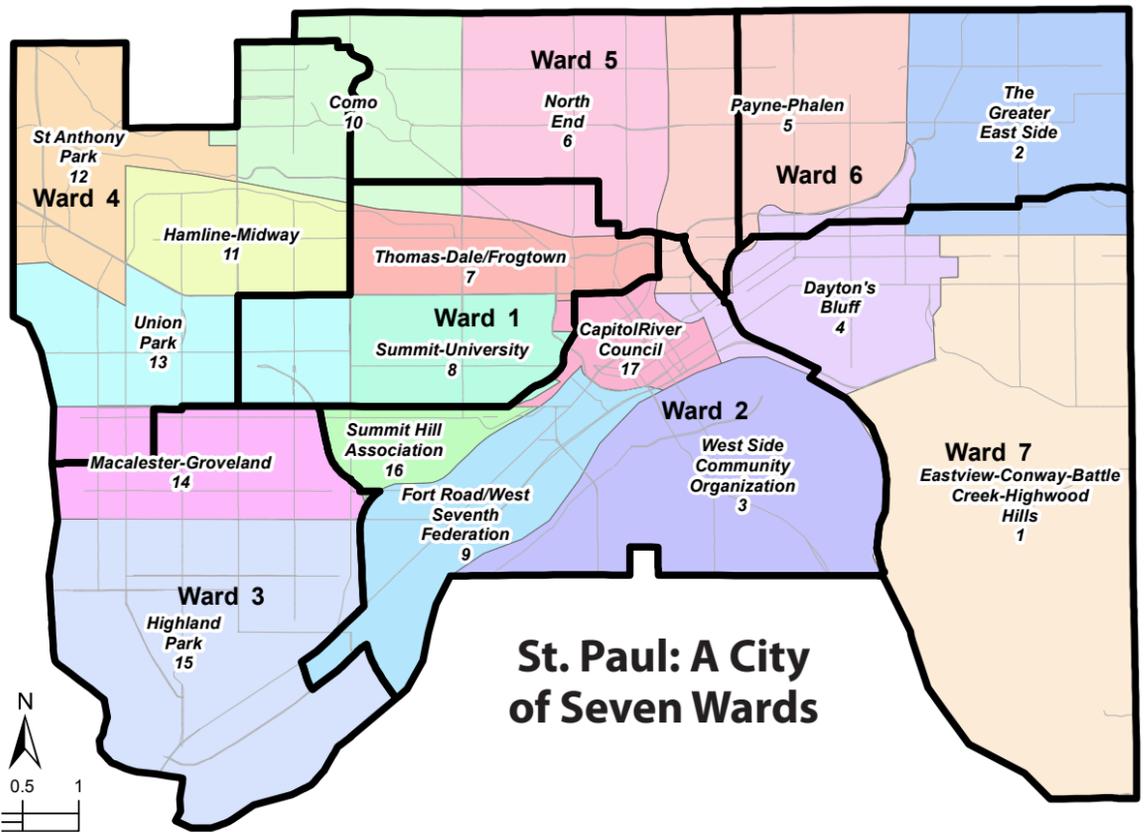
tion or parole currently, and you may not be under legal guardianship with your right to vote revoked by court order.

Voters who are not yet registered in their respective precincts may register at the polls by showing their Minnesota driver's license, learner's permit, ID card or tribal ID card that includes a photo and their current address.

If their ID card lists a previous address, voters may register by showing a U.S. passport, U.S. military ID card or a Minnesota college student ID card with photo along with a current utility bill that includes their name and current address, a mortgage or rent statement dated within 30 days of election day, or a current student fee statement.

Voters who do not have the proper ID may still register at the polls by having a registered voter in the same precinct or an employee of their residential facility vouch for their residency in the precinct.

For more information on voter registration, absentee ballots, early voting and other election matters, call 651-266-2171 in Ramsey County or visit [rcelections.org](http://rcelections.org), call 651-438-4380 in Dakota County or visit [co.dakota.mn.us](http://co.dakota.mn.us), or call 1-877-



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#### ST. PAUL BALLOTS

**City Council Ward 1** — Anika Bowie, Liz De La Torre, Abu Nayeem, Dai Thao\*.

**City Council Ward 2** — Sharon Anderson, Bill Hosko, Lindsay Ferris Martin, Helen Meyers, Rebecca Noecker\*.

**City Council Ward 3** — Patricia J. Hartmann, Chris Tolbert\*.

**City Council Ward 4** — Chris Holbrook, Mitra Jalali Nelson\*, Tarrence Robertson-Bayless.

**City Council Ward 5** — Bob Blake, Amy Brendmoen\*, Jamie Hendricks, Suyapa Miranda.

**City Council Ward 6** — Alexander Bourne, Kassim Busuri\*, Greg Copeland, Danielle Swift, Terri Thao, Nelsie Yang.

**City Council Ward 7** — Kartumu King, Jane Prince\*, Mary Anne Quiroz, David Thom.

**St. Paul School Board** (vote for up to four) — Chauntyll Allen, Charlie Castro, Zuki Ellis\*, Tiffany Fearing, Jessica Kopp, Steve Marchese\*, Jennifer McPherson, Elijah Norris-Holliday, Omar Syed, Ryan Williams.

**City Question 1** — Should Ordinance ORD 18-39, entitled "Residential Coordinated Collection," remain in effect for residential trash

collection in St. Paul? Ordinance 18-39 creates new rules for the collection and disposal of trash and payment for trash service; and requires that certain residential dwellings have trash collected by a designated trash hauler. A "yes" vote is a vote in favor of keeping Ordinance ORD 18-39. A "No" vote is a vote to get rid of Ordinance ORD 18-39.

#### MENDOTA HEIGHTS BALLOTS

**School District 197 Board** (vote for up to four) — Joanne Mansur\*, Brenda Corbett\*, Terry Stamman\*, Byron Schwab\*.

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# Nine candidates vie for four open seats on School Board

BY KEVIN DRISCOLL

Nine candidates are in the running this fall for the four open seats on the St. Paul School Board. Joining one-term incumbents Zuki Ellis and Steve Marchese on the November 5 general election ballot will be educational assistant Chauntyll Allen, systems analyst Charlotte Castro, administrative assistant Tiffany Fearing, community organizer Jessica Kopp, public television employee Jennifer McPherson, pharmacy technician and coffee shop owner Omar Syed and Minneapolis Public Schools educator and child care assistant Ryan Williams.

**Allen**, 45, of Hamline-Midway, is the mother of two grown children, both of them graduates of Central High School. Currently engaged to be married, she is an undergraduate student of African-American studies and psychology at Metropolitan State University and is working as an educational assistant at Como Park Senior High School.

"My expertise as an educator, program innovator and youth advocate and my passion for the community have prepared me for the School Board," Allen said. "I have 25 years of experience working with youth in schools and a decade in child protection. I'm an expert in addressing the impact of trauma and creating safe spaces where people can thrive."

According to Allen, the school district's top priority should be to raise student achievement and "create safe environments where students can learn in trauma-free settings that incorporate restorative practices. That will help address racial disparities and bridge the persistent achievement gap." Allen advocates the expansion of full-service schools with "wrap-around services for students and families." She would also increase employment opportunities for graduates by reintroducing the trades to the curricula.

**Castro**, 39, of downtown, is single with no children. She is employed as a systems analyst with Loffler Inc. and holds a master's degree in communications from Bethel University and a teaching certificate from the College of St. Benedict.

"I've been involved in education and training most of my working life," Castro said. "As an adjunct faculty member at two Minnesota state colleges, I've seen the power that education has. As an outsider, I have innovative ideas for serious issues facing the St. Paul Public Schools and the School Board."

"The number-one thing the school district needs to do to improve student achievement is remove the school-to-prison pipeline for students of color," Castro said. "We need to work on promoting those of color in our schools so they can become their best selves."

**Ellis**, 45, of Frogtown, is married and the mother of three children, all of them students in the St. Paul Public Schools. She earned a B.A. in social science and ethnic studies at Metropolitan State University.

"I worked as a national trainer for the Parent Teacher Home Visit Project before being elected to the School Board," Ellis said. "Since my election, I've developed a better grasp of state funding for schools." Currently chair of the St. Paul School Board, Ellis touted her work in hiring Superintendent Joe Gothard,

shifting school start times, getting all district employees a living wage, and helping to pass the district's 2018 excess levy referendum. She serves on the board of the Minnesota State School Board Association and has been a delegate to the National School Board Association.

To improve student achievement, Ellis would expand access to advanced coursework, support new opportunities for students to connect with adult mentors outside of school and advocate for fully funded schools. "Priorities within the district budget also need to be focused on staffing to ensure that our students are supported with nurses, mental health services, social workers, and any resources and services they need," she said.

**Fearing**, 33, of the West End, is single and the mother of a student at Humboldt High School. She has an associate's degree in multimedia technologies and web design from Rasmussen College and works as an administrative assistant in a downtown law firm.

Fearing said she is "resourceful and creative and a great leader who knows how to organize and prioritize. I've volunteered for the St. Paul Public Schools, United Hospital, woman's shelters, Teens Networking Together, the Salvation Army, Target Market, the Minnesota Aids Project and Feed My Starving Children. I'm also from Ward 2, unlike anyone now on the School Board. I think if we're representing the whole city, the board should have a member from each ward."

Fearing believes "the number-one thing the school district could do to improve student achievement is improve school safety. Too much time is wasted on trying to discipline students who should have already been expelled per the student handbook. As a district we need to set those rules and abide by them for every student. Then, we can focus more on learning. We need to talk with students who are being disruptive and find out what's going on with them. More times than not, if a student is getting in trouble, it's because he or she is bored."

**Kopp**, 45, of Hamline-Midway, is married and the mother of a student at Murray Middle School. A former middle and high school teacher, she has a master's degree in secondary education from the University of St. Thomas and works as a community organizer and stay-at-home mother.

Kopp cited her "broad-based educational experience" as a teacher, school advocate, parent group leader, and member of the Hamline University School of Education Advisory Board. "I've attended dozens of School Board meetings, am deeply familiar with district and board processes and the strategic plan, and have experience building collaborative teams and community partnerships," she said.

To improve student achievement, Kopp would fuse the culture and curricula of the "learning environments into ones that are innovative, inclusive, collaborative and affirming. To do that, we'll have to consider a mix of short-, medium- and long-term commitments across multiple departments, give teachers more flexibility in course and program design, expand restorative practices and provide ongoing professional development to address implicit bias. It also means work-



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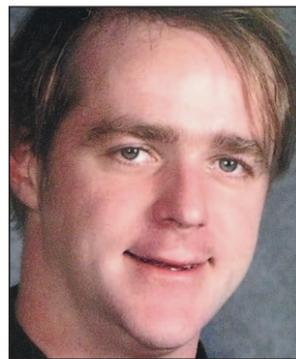
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Omar Syed



Ryan Williams

ing with a wide variety of entities—with local governments to expand mental health and other supports, and with community organizations and universities to develop curricula and remodel teacher preparation programs."

**Marchese**, 52, of Summit-University, is married and the father of two children, one a graduate of Central High School and the other a junior there. He holds a B.A. in history from Yale University and a J.D. from New York University School of Law and works as public service director for the Minnesota State Bar Association.

Marchese touted the significant changes he has helped bring about on the School Board, including the new district leadership, new school start times and the successful excess levy referendum. "I bring a lawyer's eye to many of the issues before the board," he said, and as the parent of a student he knows "the choices and issues facing many families."

To improve achievement, Marchese said, the district must create "a culture that supports students and teachers, allocates resources equitably in alignment with the needs of students and with a focus on rigor and compassion and provides services focused on medical, social, emotional and mental health. We must give teachers the tools and techniques to provide instruction in a manner ap-

propriate for an increasingly diverse student body."

**McPherson**, 37, of Payne-Phalen, is married and the mother of five children, all of whom attend district schools. She studied cosmetology at St. Paul College and the now-defunct Vatterot College, attended the Apostolic Bible Institute in Oakdale and became an ordained minister. She currently works for Twin Cities Public Television.

McPherson cited her ability to "never give up, to work with everyone and blend ideas and to help parents successfully navigate the system" as qualities that she would bring to the School Board. "I'm an advocate and very vocal," she said. "I believe every child deserves a fair and free education and will fight for that."

To improve student achievement, the district needs to "focus on families, break down barriers for families, make families feel welcome in the school buildings," she said. "Let's hire more teachers of color and translate homework so that parents can understand and help with homework."

**Syed**, 45, of Summit University, is married and the father of a Como Elementary student. He immigrated to the U.S. in 1997 without

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## Two attorneys plead their case for election to City Council from Ward 3

By KEVIN DRISCOLL

Two-term City Council member Chris Tolbert is facing a strong challenge from Patty Hartmann this fall in his bid for re-election in Ward 3.

Hartmann, 65, an attorney in private practice for 35 years, said she will “be more accessible and more creative in problem solving” than Tolbert has been. “I’ve talked with many people who have come back to St. Paul after a long period away and they say they’re shocked at how it has deteriorated,” she said. “They say the streets are dirty, potholed and less safe. I also think the city is moving too fast on the Ford site re-development and not listening to public feedback in the process. That’s how they dealt with organized trash, and look where it is now—on the ballot for the people to decide, where it should have been in the first place.”

Tolbert, 36, an assistant Hennepin County attorney, touted his accessibility to constituents, saying he keeps in touch through “phone, social media, living room meetings and just plain knocking on people’s doors to talk about issues.” He said he has also been able “to bring police commanders and other appropriate city personnel to people’s homes and community meetings to talk about crime safety and other relevant issues.”

“I’ve always been collaborative on both large and small scales,” Tolbert said. “Last year, I visited every PTA in Ward 3 to better coordinate the after-school programs offered by the city and school district. I don’t just wait for people to call with complaints. I proactively seek out people and information to help solve problems. I’m running for re-election to continue bringing forward-thinking ideas and effective, results-driven leadership to our community.”

It was the city’s handling of the new organized trash collection system that got Hartmann thinking of running for City Council. “In response to the thousands of residents who say that the current city trash plan is bad, I would not say that we should just live with it for the next four years,” Hartmann said. “I would not burden city taxpayers with more than \$100 million over four years for unnecessary trash services. Instead of telling citizens that there are too many what-ifs, I would direct the city to file a declaratory judgment action seeking the court’s declaration of the rights and obligations of the parties to the trash contract.”



Patricia Hartmann



Chris Tolbert

Hartmann said she would also change the manner in which public hearings on the Ford site are handled by making all brochures, maps and other documents available to the public weeks before meetings, not just on the day of. People ought to be able to download all materials related to the development ahead of time so that everything is out in the open at public meetings, she said.

“I’m proud of the robust public conversation that our neighborhood and city has had over the last decade (on the Ford site),” Tolbert said, citing the Ford site neighborhood task force, close partnership with the Highland District Council and over two dozen large public meetings. “I personally had over 20 living-room meetings in the neighborhood, door-knocked to talk with neighbors about Ford, and held a town hall forum with hundreds in attendance,” he said.

Tolbert also touted his work on expanding the stock of affordable housing in St. Paul. “Producing and preserving affordable housing has been our top priority,” he said. According to him, that included a \$71 million investment in affordable housing over three years beginning in 2019, a tax incentive program to preserve naturally occurring affordable housing, and a new trust fund for affordable rental and homeownership opportunities. “These are recent actions that we are already beginning to see results from, although we need to continue and expand our efforts,” he said.

Hartmann offered other ideas for promoting affordable housing in St. Paul, including rehabbing vacant buildings, increasing the support of nonprofit housing agencies such as Habitat for Humanity, providing low-interest and forgivable loans for down payments and other assistance to families willing to remediate code violations or other issues that render properties uninhabitable. City housing and inspection fees should also be kept to a minimum, she added.

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any formal education, but has since gotten a high school diploma and a two-year college degree. He earned his certificate as a pharmacy technician at Century College and now works as a pharmacy technician for Health-East and owns Chili Time Coffee on St. Paul’s East Side.

Syed believes he can help the district’s English language learners by providing greater assistance with the language and interpreting what they read, see and hear. He wants to give teachers more help in learning about the cultural backgrounds of students.

“We need more resources in the schools and to hire more teachers of color to address these gaps,” Syed said. “We need to invest in programs that help families learn English. I can act as a liaison for these families. We must have respectful schools that welcome all families and have success as the goal for each and every student.”

Williams, a West End resident, did not re-

turn telephone calls and emails seeking comment. In an earlier interview, he said he has an associate’s degree from Normandale Community College and is working toward licensure as a teacher.

Elijah Norris-Holiday will also appear on the ballot. However, he has since been declared ineligible for election because he is on probation for two felony drug charges. He pleaded guilty in 2017 for selling marijuana and possessing amphetamines, according to a story in the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*. He received stays of adjudication, but after a third probation violation, the stays were revoked.

The top four vote-getters in the November 5 general election will be seated on the School Board.

### Correction

Contrary to a story in the October 9 *Villager*, Tarrence Robertson-Bayless, a candidate for St. Paul City Council in Ward 4, is a member of the DFL Party.

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# St. Paul residents could save a buck or more on trash collection in 2020

But fees for other city services would increase

By JANE McCLURE

Residential trash collection fees would be lower in 2020, but other St. Paul city fees would increase under a proposed plan that will be the subject of a public hearing before the City Council at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 6.

For single-family homes, duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes, the monthly fees for trash collection would decrease from \$34.15 to \$33.03 for large carts, from \$32.02 to \$30.91 for medium carts and from \$23.44 to \$22.32 for small carts picked up every week, and from \$20.28 to \$19.09 for small carts picked up every other week.

City Council President Amy Brendmoen said the lower base rate for 2020 is based on the past year's experience with organized collection and reflects a commitment by council members to review fees after the program had operated for a time.

The original fees were based on estimates of the tonnage of garbage collected. The actual tonnage over the past 12 months was lower than expected at 56,066.12 tons. Property owners are billed quarterly for trash service.

If adopted the changes would take effect on January 1, 2020.

Another proposed change would affect the collection of bulky items. Under the current contract, small cart users are allowed free disposal of one bulky item and one holiday tree annually. In 2020 small cart users would be allowed free disposal of two bulky items and a holiday tree. Medium and large cart users would continue to be allowed free disposal of three bulky items and one holiday tree annually. The additional fees for extra bags of trash and yard waste would also remain the same.

The fee for residential solid waste collection would remain at \$2.05 per month.

The fees for recycling collection would remain at \$4.85 per month for single-family homes and \$3.01 per month for multifamily residences.

The street maintenance fee for the typical St. Paul home with a 2020 market value of \$199,200 would increase from \$91 to \$101. The street maintenance fee covers the cost of street lighting, street and alley sweeping, and street and alley seal coating.

Annual sanitary sewer charges would increase from \$296 to \$305 for the typical home. Storm sewer costs would increase from \$98 to \$101. Water charges for the typical home are expected to increase from \$301 to \$306 per year.

## School Notes

The University of St. Thomas has appointed Dr. MayKao Hang as vice president and founding dean of its new College of Health. Hang, who has served as president and CEO of the Wilder Foundation since 2010, began her role part time in October before transitioning to full time on November 4. The College of Health is composed of the university's existing School of Social Work and Graduate School of Professional Psychology. It also will create a nursing school within the college. Hang earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from Brown University, her master's degree in public affairs from the University of Minnesota and her doctorate in public administration from Hamline University.



Dr. MayKao Hang

Mary Frances Clardy, a Summit-University resident and teacher at the Heights Community School, has been appointed by Governor Tim Walz to represent teachers on the Minnesota Board of School Administrators. Clardy has spent more than 20 years as an educator in the St. Paul Public Schools and has served on the Minnesota State Board of Teaching.

Ann Mabbott, a Highland Park resident and professor emerita at Hamline University, has been chosen by the U.S. Department of State to teach in Russia through the English Language Specialist Program. She will be working at universities in St. Petersburg, Moscow and Krasnoyarsk. Only 80 U.S. citizens serve each year as an English Language Specialist. This is Mabbott's second assignment. Last year she taught in Spain.

St. Paul City School and River's Edge Academy, two formerly independent charter schools, have merged into one district. Both schools will keep their names while serving students in grades preK-12. Meg Cavalier is the executive director of the district and will continue to lead

River's Edge, 188 W. Plato Blvd. Justin Tiarks will remain principal at City School, which serves primary students at 260 Edmund Ave. and middle school students at 643 Virginia St. For information, contact River's Edge at 651-234-0150 or City School at 651-225-9177.

Betsy Parrish, a Macalester-Groveland resident and education professor at Hamline University, has published an updated second edition of her textbook *Teaching Adult English Language Learners: A Practical Introduction* (Cambridge University Press). Parrish has worked as an ESL/EFL educator, writer and consultant for more than 30 years.

The Collide Academy of Dance is being opened by the Collide Theatrical Dance Company at 755 N. Prior Ave. The academy offers primary and pre-professional divisions for ages 3-6 and 7-18, along with adult and teen drop-in classes as part of its mission to train students in traditional jazz dance and nurture future Broadway dancers. Visit [collidetheatrical.org](http://collidetheatrical.org).

Reading Partners, a national early-literacy nonprofit organization, is seeking volunteers to tutor students in the Twin Cities. Local schools include Benjamin E. Mays and Maxfield in St. Paul, and Hiawatha Leadership Academy in Minneapolis. Visit [readingpartners.org](http://readingpartners.org) for information.

St. Catherine University has extended its St. Kate's Complete program to provide an easier transition for students from Inver Hills Community College, both men and women, who want to complete their bachelor's degrees. St. Catherine has similar partnerships already in place with St. Paul College and Minneapolis Community and Technical College. For information, visit [stkate.edu/complete](http://stkate.edu/complete).

Concordia University-St. Paul has the largest freshman class in its 126-year history as it welcomed 351 first-time students this semester. The school has a record enrollment of 5,139 students this fall, including 3,127 undergrads and 2,012 graduates. It marks the first time its graduate population eclipsed 2,000 students and the 13th time in the past 14 years the university has recorded enrollment growth. The overall student population is 65 percent women and 35 percent men.

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# Crime Report

The following crime incidents were compiled from St. Paul and Mendota Heights police department reports and other sources.

## Highland Park

**Burglary**—Home break-ins were reported on the 500 block of Montrose Lane on September 27 and on the 1600 block of Edgumbe Road on October 9.

**Theft**—Purse-snatchings occurred on September 30 at the Dentists of Highland Park, 2096 Ford Pkwy., and on October 14 at Trader Joe's, 484 S. Lexington Pkwy.

—Vehicles were stolen from Ras Restaurant, 2516 W. Seventh St., between September 27-October 1, on the 1200 block of East Maynard Drive on October 3, on the 600 block of South Cleveland Avenue on October 6-7, on the 700 block of South Wilder Street on October 8, and at 7th Street Storage, 2060 W. Seventh St., on October 10.

—A laptop computer was stolen from a vehicle on the 2100 block of Ford Parkway between 4:45-5:45 p.m. Thursday, October 3.

—The wheels were stolen from a vehicle on the 1800 block of Pinehurst Avenue during the evening of October 4-5.

## Lexington-Hamline

**Robbery**—A strong-arm robbery was reported on Lexington Parkway and University Avenue at 12:52 a.m. Tuesday, October 1.

**Burglary**—Occupied residences were burglarized on the 1100 block of Summit Avenue and on the 1100 block of Portland Avenue during the evening of October 7-8.

—A 30-year-old man was arrested in the parking lot while trying to flee with a television stolen from the Midway Target at 5:24 p.m. Friday, October 11.

**Theft**—The catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle at Skyline Tower, 1247 St. Anthony Ave., at 9:17 a.m. Monday, September 30.

—A 35-year-old man was arrested for trying to steal more than \$500 in merchandise from the Midway Target at 9:30 p.m. Monday, October 7.

—A purse was stolen from a vehicle at Central High School between 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, October 8.

**Miscellaneous**—A 49-year-old man was arrested on an outstanding warrant after he was found passed out behind the wheel of a vehicle at Speedway, 399 N. Lexington Pkwy., at 3 a.m. Saturday, October 12.

## Robbery suspect charged

**D**elfonzo Denell Wallace, 30, of West St. Paul was charged in Ramsey County District Court on October 16 with two counts of aggravated robbery in connection with the armed holdups of the Wendy's restaurant and Shuang Hur Supermarket on University Avenue on September 19 and 23, respectively.

St. Paul police enlisted the help of the public to identify Wallace, who is a suspect in a handful of other robberies that occurred in St. Paul between August 12 and October 10. That includes the Speedway on Snelling and Portland, Caribou Coffee on Snelling and Grand, McDonald's on Jefferson, and Speedway on West Seventh and Armstrong.

According to the criminal complaints, Wallace approached employees in the morning when the stores had just opened, brandished a handgun and demanded money from the safe or cash registers.

Wallace was arrested and officers executed a search warrant on his apartment, where they recovered three BB guns from his bedroom and clothing similar to the items worn during the robberies.

## Macalester-Groveland

**Burglary**—At Home Apartments, 1289 Grand Ave., was burglarized at 4:45 a.m. Friday, September 27.

**Theft**—Several items were reported stolen from a vehicle on the 1500 block of Osceola Avenue at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, October 12.

**Sex crime**—A 38-year-old man was cited for indecent exposure inside a laundromat on the 1300 block of St. Clair Avenue at 7:16 p.m. Saturday, October 12.

## Mendota Heights

**Burglary**—A storage area was broken into on the 900 block of Highway 13 between September 27-October 2.

—A wallet was reported stolen from a vehicle inside a garage on the 600 block of Cheyenne Lane at 4:18 p.m. Wednesday, October 2.

**Theft**—Thefts from vehicles were reported on the 2000 block of Lexington Avenue on September 30, on the 1000 block of Highway 13 on September 30, on the 1000 block of Lilydale Road on October 7 and on the 1000 block of Highway 13 on October 9.

—The catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle on the 1000 block of Highway 13 between October 1-8.

—A vehicle was reported stolen on the 1000 block of Highway 13 at 9:23 a.m. Wednesday, October 9.

## Merriam Park

**Robbery**—A motorist said he was robbed at gunpoint after he pulled over to help a stranded person on Monday, September 23, on I-94 and Snelling Avenue.

**Burglary**—Jewelry was reported stolen from an apartment on the 1500 block of St. Anthony Avenue at 8 a.m. Thursday, October 3.

**Theft**—A vehicle was stolen on the 300 block of Dewey Street on October 5-6.

**Sex crime**—A rape was reported on the 2100 block of Summit Avenue at 6:16 p.m. Saturday, September 28.

## Snelling-Hamline

**Burglary**—A business on the 1500 block of Marshall Avenue was broken into on Wednesday, September 25.

—Apollo Locksmith, 1532 University Ave., was broken into between October 12-14.

**Theft**—More than \$1,000 in merchandise was reported stolen at Foot Locker, 1484 University Ave., at 8:16 p.m. on Friday, October 11.

## Summit Hill

**Burglary**—The break-in of storage lockers was reported on the 500 block of Lincoln Avenue at 7:53 a.m. Tuesday, October 1.

**Theft**—A vehicle was stolen on the 900 block of Grand Avenue on October 3.

**Assault**—A man was punched in the face when he confronted two male suspects, ages 17-18, when they tried to steal from Jimmy John's, 975 Grand Ave., at 12:26 a.m. Saturday, October 5.

## Summit-University

**Burglary**—Homes were burglarized on the 1000 block of Ashland Avenue on October 4-5, on the 900 block of Selby Avenue on October 13 and on the 900 block of Dayton Avenue on October 14.

**Theft**—Vehicles were stolen at the Cathedral of St. Paul on September 30, on the 300 block of Dayton Avenue on October 2, on the 600 block of Holly Avenue on October 5-6,

on the 200 block of Dayton on October 6 and on the 400 block of Marshall Avenue between October 10-12.

—A drill, drill bits and box of 25 mercury vapor bulbs were stolen from a vehicle on the 900 block of Hague Avenue during the evening of September 28-29.

—A laptop computer, tools and other items were reported stolen from a vehicle on the 200 block of Dayton Avenue at 8 a.m. Monday, September 30.

**Miscellaneous**—A 48-year-old man was cited for puncturing two tires of a woman's vehicle on the 900 block of Selby Avenue at 11:56 p.m. Thursday, October 3.

## West End

**Robbery**—Wings Financial Credit Union, 1804 W. Seventh St., was robbed at 3 p.m. Tuesday, October 1.

—Robberies at gunpoint were reported at the RS Eden facility at 855 W. Seventh St. on October 11 and 13.

**Theft**—Two cellphones, a purse and other items were stolen from a vehicle in a parking ramp on the 300 block of North Smith Avenue between 11 a.m.-12:20 p.m. Monday, September 30.

—Vehicles were reported stolen on the 500 block of Bay Street on October 7, on the 400 block of West Seventh Street on October 10, and on Armstrong Avenue and Drake Street on October 14.

**Sex crime**—A rape was reported on the 100 block of West Seventh Street at 10 p.m. Friday, September 27.

**Assault**—A female shoplifter threatened to pepper spray employees at Cooper's Foods, 633 W. Seventh St., at 5:33 p.m. Friday, September 27.

—An assault occurred at Burger King, 244 Grand Ave., at 8:21 a.m. Saturday, October 5.

**Weapons**—A shell casing was recovered following a report of a shot fired and a man running from Chatsworth Street and Otto Avenue at 11:20 p.m. Sunday, September 29.

**Miscellaneous**—A 42-year-old man was arrested for DWI after he was found unconscious in a vehicle on Otto Avenue and Shepard Road at 9:10 p.m. Thursday, October 3.

—A 34-year-old man was arrested for disorderly conduct and felony drug possession after police were called to Famous Dave's, 1930 W. Seventh St., on a report of the suspect yelling at people and throwing food.



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## Thursday/October 24

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**"INCITEMENT, HATE and Free Speech,"** a discussion with panelists from the American Civil Liberties Union, Council on American-Islamic Relations and Jewish Community Relations Council, will be held from 7-9 p.m. in the Conservatory Room at Mitchell Hamline School of Law, 875 Summit Ave. The cost \$10, \$5 for students and seniors. Visit [worldwithoutgenocide.org](http://worldwithoutgenocide.org) to register.

**A FREE SUPPORT GROUP** for persons with anxiety disorders meets from 6:30-8 p.m. today and the second and fourth Thursday of every month in Room 108 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 700 S. Snelling Ave. For more information, call the National Alliance on Mental Illness at 651-645-2948.

## Friday/October 25

**NEW APPROACHES** to preventing Alzheimer's and other brain disorders will be addressed by William Frey II of HealthPartners Center for Memory and Aging in a meeting of the Institute of Theological and Interdisciplinary Studies at 7:30 p.m. in Weyerhaeuser Board Room, Grand Avenue and Macalester Street. The program is free and so is the buffet dinner that precedes it at 6:30 p.m.

## Saturday/October 26

**A FALL BAZAAR**, the 35th annual, will be presented from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Field Avenue and Edgcombe Road. The event will feature a rummage sale, bake sale, raffle, food, beverages, and a show and sale by 18 artists and craftspeople. Call 651-698-9443.

**THE PHENOMENON OF HEALING**, a documentary film about the Bruno Groening Circle of Friends, will be shown in a free program from 1-7 p.m. (with two breaks) in Room 102 of the Carondelet Center, 1890 Randolph Ave. For more information, call 218-349-1571.

## Sunday/October 27

**A BAKED POTATO DINNER** will be served from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3430 E. 51st St. in Minneapolis. Large baked potatoes will come with a variety of toppings. A salad bar, pie and beverages will round out the meal. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for



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## Monday/October 28

**THE LEXINGTON-HAMLIN** Community Council will hold its annual meeting from 7-9 p.m. at Yellowbird Coffee Bar, 1168 Selby Ave. Lex-Ham neighbors are invited to celebrate the accomplishments of the past year and elect a board of directors for the coming year. For information, visit [lexham.org](http://lexham.org) or call 651-645-3207.

## Tuesday/October 29

**ST. PAUL TRASH**, the political action committee that sued the city of St. Paul for the November 5 referendum on organized trash collection, will hold an informational meeting on the trash issue from 6:45-7:30 p.m. in Room A of the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave.

## Wednesday/October 30

**THE CARD CLUB** has opened a new season of bridge, 500 and cribbage at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 700 S. Snelling Ave.

New members are welcome to join in the competition at 8:30 a.m. every Wednesday. Participation is free. Following the games, an optional lunch is served at noon for \$10.

**WANT TO LINE DANCE?** Veteran teacher Dariel Allen is offering a drop-in class from 10:30-11:30 a.m. every Wednesday at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 700 S. Snelling Ave. The cost is \$5.

## Friday/November 1

**FARE FOR ALL'S** monthly distribution of fresh produce and frozen meat will take place from 10 a.m.-noon at the West Seventh Community Center, 265 Oneida St. The food will be available in packages priced from \$10-\$25. Cash, credit and debit cards are accepted. Call 651-298-5493.

## Saturday/November 2

**BASSETT CREEK COHOUSING** will host a potluck brunch from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Palace Community Center, 781 Palace Ave. Come learn about its efforts to find an urban location for an energy-efficient cohousing community. Coffee and tea will be provided. To register, visit [tinyurl.com/](http://tinyurl.com/)

[cobrunch.com](http://cobrunch.com). For more information, visit [cohousing.org](http://cohousing.org).

## Sunday/November 3

**A FREE MENTAL HEALTH** support group for young adults sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness meets from 6:30-8 p.m. today and the first and third Sundays of every month at Unity Church Unitarian, 733 Portland Ave. Contact Leah at 207-272-4450 or [leahwilcox9@gmail.com](mailto:leahwilcox9@gmail.com).

## Monday/November 4

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY**, a program for people in recovery from addiction, is meeting every Monday evening at Central Baptist Church, 420 N. Roy St. A meal is served at 5:45 p.m. A large group meeting follows at 6:30 and a small group meeting at 7:30. Call 651-646-2751 or email [steve.nuessle@centralbaptistchurch.com](mailto:steve.nuessle@centralbaptistchurch.com).

## Tuesday/November 5

**"NONVIOLENCE AND RELIGION** in India's Independence Movement: Mahatma Gandhi and Sri Aurobindo Ghose" will be addressed by theology professor Dr. Ted Ulrich in a series of free lectures beginning at noon Tuesdays, today through November 19, in the Anderson Student Center at the University of St. Thomas. For information, visit [tinyurl.com/yy2jvz4q](http://tinyurl.com/yy2jvz4q).

## Wednesday/November 6

**CELEBRATE THE OPENING** of the new Vinyl Room from 6-8 p.m. at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave. The owner of Hymie's Vintage Records will be there with a wealth of knowledge about the Twin Cities' record store scene and some rare albums for spinning. Bring a record of your own to add to the library's 800-plus collection. Or check out the library's 300-album "dig bin" and listening room. Call 651-642-0385.

**"FROM NAZIS TO NEO-NAZIS,"** a program on Nazi sympathizers in 1930s America and neo-Nazism today, will be presented by Holocaust survivor Fred Amram and Ellen Kennedy of World Without Genocide from 7-9 p.m. in the Conservatory at Mitchell Hamline School of Law, 875 Summit Ave. Admission is \$10, \$5 for students and seniors. To register, visit [worldwithoutgenocide.org](http://worldwithoutgenocide.org).

**SUPPORT GROUPS** for people with depression or bipolar disorder meet from 7-8:30 p.m. today and the first and third Wednesday of every month at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The groups are free, and reservations are not necessary. Contact [jsimon77@comcast.net](mailto:jsimon77@comcast.net).

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## Something wicked this way comes Wayward stages 'Macbeth' at Hill House

BY FRANK JOSSI

Wayward Theatre Company is making all the historic James J. Hill House a stage for its production of William Shakespeare's tragedy *Macbeth* from now through November 17.

Wayward has also performed two other shows—Moliere's *Tartuffe* and Shakespeare's *Hamlet*—at the Hill House, 240 Summit Ave., so the performers have a good understanding of the layout, according to company co-founder Michael Kelley, who plays Macbeth. He said the current production is much more ambitious than the previous two, taking the attergoers into several rooms on nearly every level of the mansion, including the basement.

"What we heard after *Hamlet* was that people wanted to see more of the house, so that's what we're giving them," said Kelley, who lives in Minneapolis' Nokomis neighborhood. The famed witches are introduced in the grand hallway. Soldiers sneak into the basement, rather than onto a battlefield, in a scene leading up to Macbeth's inevitable doom.

The actors are modulating their voices to adjust to the mansion's cavernous art room, the echoey basement and the smaller rooms where a conversational style can work, Kelley said. He has learned a voluminous number of lines from the play, including a few additional ones for people who will be selected for audience-participation roles.

"These are special moments when a member of the audience might be chosen to experience something on their own," Kelley said. "Our attempt in doing plays in houses is to make them more immersive."

For the past five years Wayward has done

site-specific theater, performing in such spaces as the Minnesota Transportation Museum, the Urban Growler and a hotel room near the Mall of America. The troupe hopes to someday perform *Julius Caesar* at the state Capitol and *Little Shop of Horrors* at the Bachman's store in Edina.

Kelley cofounded the theater in 2014 with fellow Augsburg graduates and South Minneapolis residents Sarah Nargang and Tim McVean. Nargang, who plays Lady Macbeth, said part of Wayward's mission is to attract those "who aren't theater people" to come to a nontraditional theater.

The mansion, which was the home of railroad tycoon James J. Hill and his family, seemed an appropriate venue for a play about politics, power and building an empire, according to Nargang. "What better place to perform a show about this than the Empire Builder's house?" she said.

McVean, who works with Kelley at a local audiovisual company, is directing *Macbeth*. Generally, the theater does just two shows a year—one a major production and the other a storytelling series called Mixed Tape. St. Paul has been a popular venue for the shows, with the Urban Growler serving as the site of *The Weir* by Conor McPherson as well as three Mixed Tape events.

All of the performances have been part of a learning process that gave Wayward the kind of experience required for a mammoth version of *Macbeth* with two dozen ensemble players, its largest production to date.

One of Shakespeare's most famous tragedies, *Macbeth* tells the tale of a Scottish general who hears from three witches that he will be crowned the King of Scotland. Encouraged by



Michael Kelley plays Macbeth in Wayward Theatre's retelling of the Shakespearean tragedy running through November 17 at the James J. Hill House. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

his wife, he kills King Duncan and embarks on a murderous spree to maintain the throne, while suffering bouts of paranoia. His power grab leads to a violent end.

Wayward's production is set in the 1940s to reflect a decade when war and peace ushered in a new, modern age. Nargang sees the play as having gender dynamics, with the power of the witches and Lady Macbeth's dominant role. Kelley and McVean believe the play also has added relevance in today's power struggles in Washington, D.C.

Producing the play in the Hill House presents other unique challenges. The actors cannot touch the walls, and props will be limited and covered with felt to avoid any scratches.

"Everything has to be done carefully because we're performing in a museum," Kelley said. "We had to earn the trust of the Minnesota Historical Society, which runs the house."

Performances are limited to 90 seats. Half the audience will be admitted at 7 p.m. and the rest at 7:30 p.m. The earlier group will watch part of the first act and then be entertained for a half hour while the later group catches up. The two groups will come together at around 8 p.m. for the remainder of the production, which is likely to last at least two more hours.

*Macbeth* will continue on October 24-28 and 31, and November 1-4, 6-11 and 13-17. Tickets are \$35. Call 612-568-4225 or visit waywardtheatre.org for information.

### Scare up even more fun

Here's a rundown of other local events being held in honor of Halloween:

**Shadows and spirits** will stalk the halls of the state Capitol during tours on the half-hour from 6:30-8 p.m. October 24-26. The cost is \$12-\$15. Call 651-296-2881.

**Victorian-era seances** will be explored during programs held on the hour between 8-11 p.m. October 24-26 at the Alexander Ramsey House, 265 S. Exchange St. The program is suitable for those 16 and older. The cost is \$22-\$24. Call 651-296-8760.

**The Horace Mann Boo Bash** will be held

from 5-8 p.m. October 24, at the school, 2001 Eleanor Ave. Enjoy games, refreshments, a "bootique" and haunted house. Kids ages 11 and younger, Horace Mann alumni and all grownups are welcome.

**The 26th Barebones Halloween Outdoor Puppet Extravaganza** will be presented at 7 p.m. October 25-26, 31 and November 2 in Hidden Falls Park. The suggested donation is \$10-\$20. Visit barebonespuppets.org.

**Trick-or-Treat in Highland** will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. October 26 in Highland Village. Kids are encouraged to dress in costume and visit businesses that will be handing out treats. Call 651-699-9042.

**The Monster Dash** half-marathon and 10-mile run will begin at 8:30 a.m. October 26, starting from the Cathedral of St. Paul. A 10K and 5K will take place at 9 and 10:30 a.m., respectively, at Upper Landing Park. Visit minnesotamonster.com.

**A Trunk or Treat** event will take place from 3-5 p.m. October 27 in the parking lot at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 700 S. Snelling Ave. Participants will be handing out candy, books and more from their car trunks. Contact 651-699-1378.

**The Great Pumpkin Halloween** Celebration will take place from 1-3 p.m. October 27 at Landmark Center. The free festival will in-

clude a kids' DJ, crafts, treats and a costume parade. Call 651-292-3063.

**A Halloween Wing Ding** will be held from 4-8 p.m. October 31, at Keg & Case Market, 928 W. Seventh St. The inaugural event will include a dance party, trick-or-treating, prizes and fun frights. Costumes are required. Visit kegandcase.com.

**A Halloween bonfire** will be held from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, October 31, in the lot behind Mendota Plaza on Dodd Road and Highway 62 in Mendota Heights. Hot dogs and pop will be provided. The city will supply oak pallets for the bonfire, so no brush should be brought to the site.

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# On the Town

## Milking the moment

Rituals of daily life resonate with new meaning in poetry of James Rogers

BY ANNE MURPHY

James Silas Rogers never met a digression he didn't like. The writer enjoys adding to the subject at hand—not taking off on a new tangent, but introducing a curve here and there to enhance the discussion with a quip, a quote or a slice of wisdom.

That tendency will likely be evident when he discusses his latest book of poetry, *The Collector of Shadows*, in readings at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 24, at SubText Books, 6 W. Fifth St.; 5:30 p.m. Friday, November 8, at Grand Hand Gallery, 619 Grand Ave.; and 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 12, in the Hearth Room of the Anderson Student Center at the University of St. Thomas.

Rogers retired in July as the emeritus director of the Center for Irish Studies at St. Thomas and editor of the *New Hibernia Review*. He read his poetry at the 42nd Clifdon Arts Festival in County Galway, Ireland, in September, but instead of coming directly home, he detoured to Shanghai to visit his son. "I literally went around the world," said Rogers, who has made his home in Summit Hill for the past four years after living in Merriam Park for 32 years.

His new collection of poetry is a chronicle of people, places and events that have been important to him, arranged by the seasons of the year. "It's a beautiful collection, brilliantly and fastidiously structured, beginning in the frozen depths of winter and opening out in that slow, relentless spring of Minnesota," said Irish poet Thomas McCarthy. "To a large extent, it survives as a triumph of spring, but pushes into the summer of the barred owl and onto that southernmost tamarack bog, like a curing tea all the way to October."

For the cover of *The Collector of Shadows*, Rogers chose the image of an alley in Duluth by LaCrosse artist Jamie Heiden, an alley that could well be in St. Paul. "I've had people come up to me here and say, 'I think that's my alley,'" Rogers said. The poems were culled from works composed over many years with the help of longtime collaborator Tracy Youngbom.

"My middle name is not really Silas," Rogers quipped. "It's Project. For me, this was about completing a project, not writing

a book of poetry. I couldn't set out to write a book of 25 or 50 poems about one subject—the parks, the streets of St. Paul, how to leave your lover.

"I wrote the title poem as a love poem for my late wife. I was visiting our son, who was living in New Zealand at the time, and we were hiking in a park with huge leaves or fern fronds. It felt like Jurassic Park. And when I saw the shadows, it made me think of her love of shadows.

"This poem, although it originated on the other side of the world, its emotional core is back here at home. Same thing with the poem 'Late Night in Kilkenny,' which

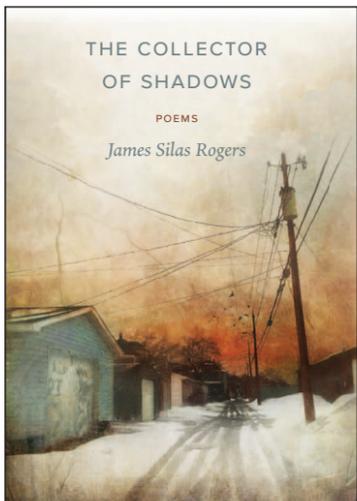
may have been spurred in Ireland but it's all about home. If poetry is meant to be an intimate art, you should be able to smell the dirty socks in the laundry basket."

Rogers was striving for universal appeal in *The Collector of Shadows*. There are Catholic overtones here and there, he said, but the rituals of daily life and shared experiences speak to everyone.

"The writer J.F. Powers, who taught at St. John's University in Collegeville, once said, 'I don't think there's such a thing as a Catholic writer,'" Rogers said. "I don't really think of myself as a poet. I think of myself more as an essayist and memoirist. Essays and memoir are much better suited to explicating what's going on below the surface, to articulating what's in the shadows. Poems, at least the kind of poems I write, are more about evoking moments, and if there are shadows in those moments—or deeper meanings at play—the reader is invited to recognize those shadows and build a bridge to them out of his or her own experience."

Rogers was a finalist for a Minnesota Book Award for *Northern Orchards: Places Near the Dead*, his 2014 collection of essays and poems exploring sacred places such as cemeteries. He followed that up in 2016 with another work of prose, *Irish-American Autobiography: The Divided Hearts of Athletes, Priests, Pilgrims, and More*.

"A poet's first and overriding responsibility is to use language well," Rogers said. "There are always going to be more sophisticated thinkers, better social commentators, people with a deeper understanding of human



Summit Hill poet James Silas Rogers has released *The Collector of Shadows*.

PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

psychology. Poets get into trouble when they try to be thinkers. Their job is to find the right words.

"The Irish poet Eleanor Hooker once told me that my poems had 'quiet intensity,' and I think that pleased me more than anything anyone has ever said about my work. That's exactly what I want to achieve. You have to render a moment precisely, and yet leave a little room for mystery.

"There's a vast poetic tradition of elegy, but

for whatever reason I've never been able to write them. I do have poems that are filled with loss, like 'At the Falls of St. Anthony' or 'Pain Management,' but I think memoir is perfectly suited to elegize a person.

"In some ways, I feel like I've only written two poems, one that says 'something is wrong here' and the other that says 'something is right here.' I find it more satisfying to write the second kind. I'm not especially good at practicing the virtue of gratitude. In fact, I'm much better than most people at feeling petty and put upon. But I find that writing poems is one of the ways I can be grateful."

When asked what he plans to write next, Rogers said, "Plans" might be too grandiose a word, but I've got some ideas for memoir pieces about places of my childhood. They'll start as prose, but some might end up as poems. A literary definition of place is that it's an environment invested with meaning, and that's what I'm after, the meanings embedded in place.

"I'm just a blow-in to St. Paul, having only lived here for 46 years and coming from the remote region of South St. Paul, two miles downriver. But one of the things I really like about St. Paul is its deep sense of place. I'm kind of a nut about the importance of place.

"I raised three kids—they're all in their 30s now—and one of the takeaways of that experience was that I darn well had to learn how to write in stolen moments. Most of my poems begin with just a scrap of paper with a few words about something I've noticed that might make a poem. But I almost always write and revise on my laptop. I found word processing to be hugely liberating to my writing, and I change the font or font color with each revision."

### The Day After We Carved Pumpkins

Getting the paper, unsure if I am hungover or just sleep deprived, I halt to study a blue jay, its blunt beak

picking among the still-sticky seeds of pumpkin guts that lay on the porch floor in a clump

of husks and strings, like medical waste.

A noisy, quarrelsome bird, yet the pattern of its feathers, certain

as brush strokes on a china plate, is decisive and tender at once.

I was as conscious of this bird's

presence as I would be of the rain were I caught out in a storm; as conscious as I am of color; of cold; of home.

A more focused man than me could make a haiku out of a blue jay on the porch, first thing in the morning.

— James Silas Rogers, from *The Collector of Shadows*

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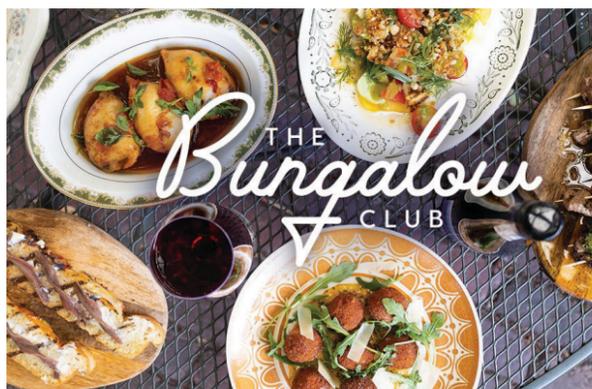
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# On the Town *Briefly*

## Theater

**Motherlanded**, Julia Gay's one-woman show of poetry, memoir and movement exploring her experience as a Chinese adoptee, is being staged through October 27 at Dreamland Arts, 677 N. Hamline Ave. The curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$10-\$20. Visit [dreamlandarts.com](http://dreamlandarts.com).

**Pipeline**, a searing drama by Dominique Morisseau about the school-to-prison pipeline for young men of color, is being performed through November 3 at Penumbra Theatre, 270 N. Kent St. Lou Bellamy directs this play about a teenager who finds the halls of his private prep school just as dangerous as the city in which he was raised. Show times are 10 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$15-\$40. Call 651-224-3180.

**The Rocky Horror Show**, the campy rock musical by Richard O'Brien and cult film of the 1970s, is playing through November 2 on the proscenium stage at Park Square Theatre, 20 W. Seventh Place. Directed by Ilana Ransom Toepfritz, the provocative comedy tells of a naive couple who stumble upon the eerie mansion of Dr. Frank-N-Furter and his cohort of kooks. The curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays with special 6 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. curtains on October 26 and 31. Tickets are \$25-\$55 with discounts for seniors, military personnel and anyone under age 30. Call 651-291-7005 or visit [parksquaretheatre.org](http://parksquaretheatre.org).

**Ghosts of the Emerald Isle**, a series of supernatural tales set in the graveyards, castles and pubs of Ireland, will be performed by Classics Lost 'n' Found Theater at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, October 25 and 26, at Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, 17th Avenue and 46th Street in South Minneapolis. Tickets are \$12, \$10 for students and seniors.

Shakespeare's **The Comedy of Errors** takes a turn on the beach circa 1965, mixing it up with biceps, bikinis and surfboards at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, now through November 3, at Theatre in the Round, 245 Cedar Ave. S. in Minneapolis. A discussion with members of the company will follow the matinee on



**Doubt-ing Katies.** Tumelo Khupe (left), Jordan Lena, Juliana Reinschmidt and Cole Fahey star in the St. Catherine University Theater Department's production of *Doubt: A Parable*, opening at 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 30, in Frey Theater on campus. John Patrick Shanley's Tony Award-winning drama delivers a maelstrom of suspicion and scandal where simple truths and answers are nowhere to be found. Performances will continue at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, November 1 and 2, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, November 3. Tickets are \$10. For reservations, call 651-690-6700.

October 27. Tickets are \$22 with discounts for students and seniors. Call 612-333-3010.

**Journey's End**, playwright R.C. Sherriff's classic drama of 1925 about the ravages of war, is playing through November 10 at Gremlin Theatre, 500 N. Vandalia St. Directed by Bain Boehlke, the play is set in the trenches of World War I among a company of British infantry as they await the outbreak of battle. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays and 7:30 p.m. Monday, October 28. Tickets are \$28 with discounts for seniors and anyone under age 30, and whatever you can afford on October 28. Call 888-718-4253.

A **psychologist and single mother** gets a visit from a new patient, God, and as He comes to terms with His feelings about humanity and how the world has evolved, she re-examines her long-lost faith in *O My God!*, opening on October 26 on the Minnesota Jewish Theater Company's

stage at the Highland Park Community Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. Directed by Robert Dorfman, the drama by Israeli playwright Anat Gov stars James A. Williams as God, Laura Stearns as the psychologist and Sean Carroll as her autistic son. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8 p.m. Saturdays and 1 p.m. Sundays through November 17, at 7 p.m. Sunday, October 27, and at 1 p.m. Tuesday, November 5. Tickets are \$23-\$38. Call 651-647-4315.

**Feed Your Head**, a fresh take on the mad tea party in *Alice in Wonderland* set among the employees of the Best Butter Company, will be performed by Sparkle Theatricals at 6:30, 8 and 9:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, October 31-November 2, at 2306 Robbins St. Audiences are invited to step into the shoes of a new hire at Best Butter and be captivated by a roomful of curious characters. Tickets are \$35. Visit [feedyourhead.show](http://feedyourhead.show).

The Macalester College Theater and Dance

Department will open Richard O'Brien's *The Rocky Horror Show* on October 31 in the Janet Wallace Fine Arts Center on campus. Directed by Professor Harry Waters Jr., the musical is filled with elaborate dancing, wild singing and other surprises. Theater-goers are invited to come in costume. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays through November 9 and also at midnight on November 2 and 8. Tickets are \$10. Call 651-696-6359 or visit [macalester.edu/boxoffice](http://macalester.edu/boxoffice).

A **classic mix** of absurdist humor and traditional Broadway comedy, the 1965 Tony nominee *Luv* will be performed from November 1-17 in Weyerhaeuser Auditorium at Landmark Center. The Passport Stages production tells of two college buddies who run into each other three decades later on a bridge in New York City where one is contemplating suicide and the other the end of an unhappy marriage. The curtain will rise on this tale of alienation, identity loss and the meaninglessness of life at 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$22, \$18 for seniors and students. Call 612-438-6233.

## Exhibits

**"Horror Vacui: Across the Margins,"** an exhibit by close to a dozen ceramicists celebrating visual excess in art, is being displayed through November 3 at the Northern Clay Center, 2424 E. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis. The clutter is in the tradition of the Victorian decorative arts. Call 612-339-8007.

**"Everything We've Ever Been, Everything We Are Right Now,"** an exhibit by multi-disciplinary artist Nicholas Galanin, is on view through December 8 in the Law Warschaw Gallery in the Fine Arts Center at Macalester College. Galanin disrupts the definitions, limitations and representations of indigenous culture while celebrating its knowledge and aesthetics. Admission is free. Call 651-696-6279.

**"History Is Not Here,"** paintings, drawings, photography, sculpture, book art, installation and video by 17 artists who reject history as a fixed category and look to alternative imagery to examine social, cultural and political issues, is on view through January 5 in the Main Gallery of the Minnesota Museum of American Art, 350 N. Robert St. Presented

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**"Simplicity is the Name of the Game,"** a demonstration by watercolor and mixed-media artist Karen Knutson, will be presented at a Northstar Watermedia Society event at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 24, at Roseville Skating Center, 2661 Civic Center Drive. Call 651-690-5571.

**Minnesota photographers** Linda Brooks and Pao Houa Her will open exhibits of their work with a public reception from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, November 2, in the Catherine G. Murphy Gallery at St. Catherine University. Brooks, a former teacher at St. Paul Academy and Summit School, will display images from her personal archive of prized possessions going back four generations in her family. Her will show portraits of local Hmong Americans around themes of displacement, geography and a yearning for their ancestral home. Her will give a gallery talk at 7 p.m. Thursday, November 14. Brooks will do the same at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 5. Admission is free. Visit [gallery.stkate.edu](http://gallery.stkate.edu).

## Books

**Next Chapter Booksellers**, 38 S. Snelling Ave., will play host to readings with authors Preeti Mathur and her book, *From Seven Rivers to Ten Thousand Lakes: Minnesota's Indian-American Community*, October 23; Peter Campion and his essay collection, *Radical as Reality*, October 24; Chris Fink and his story collection, *Add This to the List of Things That You Are*, November 1; Kiersten Hall and her children's book, *Jellybeans*, 2 p.m. November 2; Sheila O'Connor and her book, *Evidence of V: A Novel in Fragments, Facts and Fictions*, 2 p.m. November 3; and Jack El-Hai and his book, *The Lost Brothers: A Family's Decades-Long Search*, November 6. The readings are free and begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise indicated. Call 651-225-8989.

**SubText Books**, 6 W. Fifth St., will play host to readings with authors William Kent Krueger and his novel, *This Tender Land*, on October 23; James Silas Rogers and his poetry collection, *The Collector of Shadows*, October 24; Courtney Maum and her novel, *Costalegre*, November 1; Elliott Foster and his novel, *Panic River*, 3 p.m. November 2 at Black Dog Cafe, 308 E. Prince St.; Martha Bordwell and her memoir, *Missing Mothers*, November 6; and Shannon Gibney and Kao Kalia Yang and the anthology, *What God Is Honored Here?*, November 7. The programs are free and begin at 7 p.m. at SubText unless otherwise indicated. Call 651-493-2791.

**Minneapolis author Jack El-Hai** will discuss his book *The Lost Brothers: A Family's Decades-Long Search*, about the disappearance of the three Klein brothers in north Minneapolis in 1951, one of the country's oldest active missing-child investigations, in a free program at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 24, at Twin Cities Public Television, 172 E. Fourth St. The event will also feature refreshments and a preview of a related podcast.

**Resistance and Resilience**, a new collection

of essays, memoirs, poems and imagery from St. Paul Almanac, will be featured in a series of readings by contributing writers. The schedule includes Liza Docken, Ethna McKiernan, Sara Dovre Wudali, Mimi Oo, Will Tinkham and Kate Bitters reading at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 24, at Eat My Words Bookstore, 214 13th Ave. NE. in Minneapolis; Mary Turck, Mary Barghout, Debra Stone and Sagirah Shahid reading at 7 p.m. Monday, November 4, at Golden Thyme Coffee & Café, 934 Selby Ave.; and Ellen Fee, Frank M. White, Erica Wallace and Lucas Scheelk reading at 6 p.m. Tuesday November 12, at Tillie's Farmhouse, 232 N. Cleveland Ave.

**The First Friday storytelling series** returns at 6:45 p.m. on November 1 at Coffee Bene, 53 S. Cleveland Ave. Storyteller Richard Rousseau hosts the hour-long program. Joining him will be guest tellers Sue Searing and Ward Rubrecht. Admission is free, though donations will be accepted.

## Film

**Superpower Dogs**, a documentary about six working dogs that brave earthquakes and avalanches, protect endangered species and transform the lives of people with special needs, opened on October 17 in the Science Museum of Minnesota's newly upgraded digital Omnitheater, 120 W. Kellogg Blvd. Viewers will be transported around the world to witness the heroism of dogs, the bond they share with humans, and the science behind their "superpowers." Admission is \$9.95, \$8.95 for children ages 4-12, and concessions will be available. Call 651-221-9444.

**Family in Transition**, a 2018 documentary about an Israeli family whose father transitions to a woman, will be screened at 3 p.m. Sunday, October 27, at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Tickets are \$12. Call 800-838-3006.

## Family

**Red Balloon Bookshop**, 891 Grand Ave., will play host to the following free programs: musicians Chan Poling and Lucy Michell introducing their picture book, *Jack and the Ghost*, at 6:30 p.m. October 24; illustrator Kayla Harren and author Frank Murphy in a storytime with their book, *A Boy Like You*, 2 p.m. October 27; Halloween storytime (costumes encouraged), 10:30 a.m. October 31; Cheryl Minnema and her picture book, *Johnny's Pheasant*, 2 p.m. November 2; and Kiersten White discussing her book, *The Guinevere Deception*, 6:30 p.m. November 7. Call 651-224-8320.

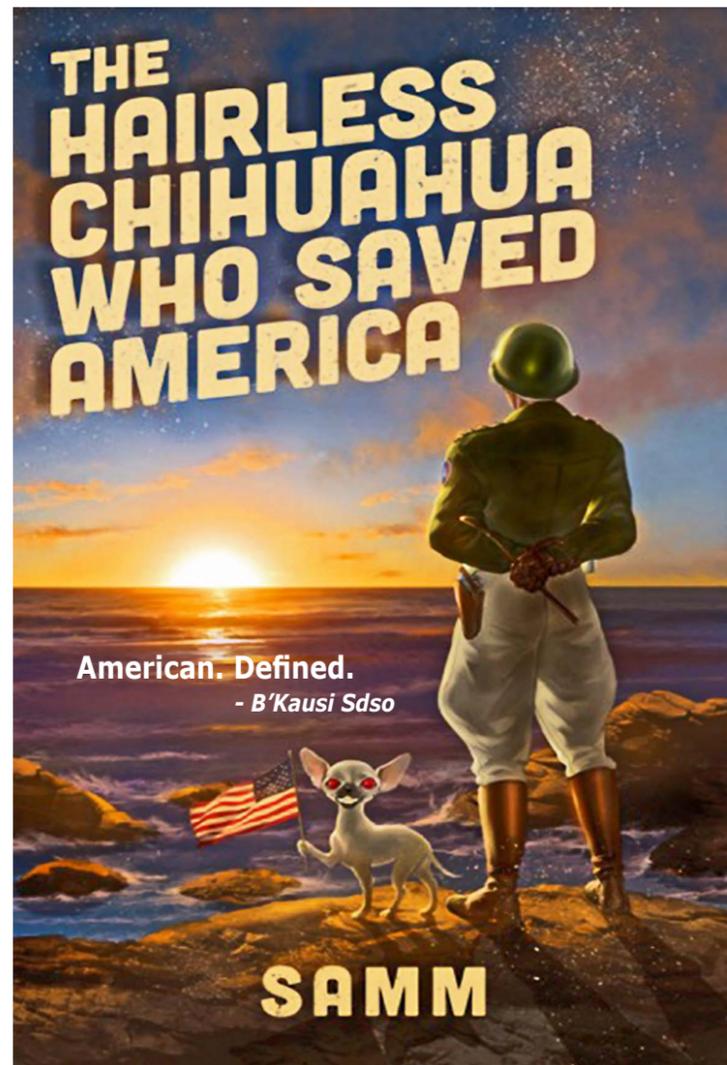
**Merriam Park Library**, 1831 Marshall Ave., will offer the following free programs: board game competition for all comers, 2-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays; Family Storytime, 10:30-11 a.m. Fridays; and You Can Make It STEM crafts and other activities, 3-4:30 p.m. Mondays. Call 651-642-0385.

## Music

**The lives and music** of Russian composers Mussorgsky, Borodin and Rimsky-Korsakov are explored in a four-week lecture series offered by the Friends of the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra from 10 a.m.-noon on Wednesdays, October 23-November 13, at House of Hope Presbyterian Church, 797 Summit Ave. The classes will be taught by Dr. Daniel Freeman. The cost is \$35 each or \$120 for the series. Visit [friendsofthespc.org](http://friendsofthespc.org).

**The life and ministry** of the late Mount Olive Lutheran Church cantor Paul O. Manz will be celebrated on October 25 and 26 at Mount Olive, 3045 Chicago Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Organist John Schwandt will perform compositions by Manz and his mentors

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**"From the Ground Up,"** a celebration of hip hop culture, will be held on October 25 and 26 at the Ordway. Tish Jones, Carnegie the Executioner and Desdama will perform in a choreographed concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Ordway Concert Hall. Grammy Award-winner Terence Blanchard, choreographer Rennie Harris, and visual artist Andrew Scott will explore racial tensions and injustice through music, dance and visual projections at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Ordway Music Theater. Harris will conduct a master class in hip hop at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Drake Room. A free workshop in krump dance will be offered by Herb "Fair Warning" Johnson III at 1 p.m. Saturday in the Drake Room. For reservations, call 651-224-4222.

**The Minnesota Bach Ensemble**, under new artistic director Mischa Santora, will perform J.S. Bach's Chamber Cantata in E minor and Overture No. 1 in C Major, C.P.E. Bach's Concerto for Flute and Strings in D minor, and W.F. Bach's Sinfonia in F Major in concerts on October 26 and 28. Joining the ensemble will be soprano Linh Kauffman, baritone Philip Zawisza and flutist Adam Kuenzel. The music begins at 3 p.m. Saturday and 7 p.m. Monday in Antonello Hall at the MacPhail Center for Music, 501 S. Second St. in Minneapolis. Tickets are \$30, \$10 for students. Call 612-237-1690.

**J. S. Bach's BWV 80** "Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott" will be performed at 5 p.m. Sunday, October 27, at St. Paul-Reformation Lutheran Church, 100 N. Oxford St. The choirs of St. Paul-Reformation and Lutheran Church



**Turning a Paige.** *Paige in Full*, playwright, choreographer and actor Paige Hernandez's visual mixtape about a girl's journey through hip hop to self-discovery, will be performed on October 25-27 on the thrust stage at Park Square Theatre, 20 W. Seventh Place. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$16-\$30. Call 651-291-7005.

of the Redeemer will join with soloists and an orchestra in presenting the masterwork. Admission is free. Beer and German food will follow. Call 651-224-3371.

**The nine-piece orchestra Salsa del Soul** will play in a benefit concert and dance for Puerto

Rico disaster relief from 7-10 p.m. Saturday, November 2, at Hamline Church United Methodist, 1514 Englewood Ave. The church is sending members on a mission trip to Puerto Rico in January to help clean up and rebuild in the wake of Hurricane Maria in 2017. Tickets are \$12, \$5 for children ages 6-12. Traditional Puerto Rican snacks will be served. Child care will be available. Call 651-645-0667.

**"Spirits Dwell Here,"** a free concert exploring the light and dark sides of spirit and memory, will be presented by the Capital City Brass Quintet at 3 p.m. Sunday, November 3, at Olivet Congregational Church, 1850 Iglehart Ave. The program includes the music of Mussorgsky, Mozart, McGrath and Gregan, as well as traditional tunes from Europe, South Africa and the American South.

**The Chamber Music Society** of Minnesota will perform at 4 p.m. Sunday, November 3, in Sundin Music Hall, 1531 Hewitt Ave. Guest violist Nobuko Imai will join violinists Ariana Kim and Young-Nam Kim, violist Sally Chisholm, cellist Anthony Ross and pianist Asako Hirabayashi in a program that includes the premiere of Song of the Birds by Akira Nishimura, String Quintet in E flat major by Dvorak and Bach Chorales arranged by Toshio Hosokawa. Tickets are

\$25, \$20 for seniors, \$15 for students. Visit [chambermusicmn.org](http://chambermusicmn.org).

## Dance

**"Wildflowers: A Feminine Genesis,"** a sensuous celebration by dancer and choreographer Maureen Fleming inspired by the poetry of William Butler Yeats, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, October 26, in the O'Shaughnessy at St. Catherine University. Fleming's interdisciplinary work combines her singular sculptural movement with Yeats' text, video imagery and live music by Dublin violinist Colm Mac Con Iomaire, uilleann piper James Mahon and pianist Bruce Brubaker. Tickets are \$24-\$34 with discounts for students, seniors and military personnel. Call 651-690-6700.

## Et cetera

**Anne Frank's childhood friend**, Eva Schloss (née Geiringer) will tell of her experiences with the famous diarist as neighbors in Holland and inmates at the Nazi concentration camp in Auschwitz at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, October 27, at Northrop Auditorium. Schloss has devoted much of the past 34 years to world peace and educating people about the Holocaust, recounting her wartime experiences in two books and more than 1,000 speaking engagements. Tickets are \$20, \$50 reserved, \$180 VIP or free to students. Visit [northrop.umn.edu](http://northrop.umn.edu).

**"Hyprov,"** a jaw-dropping demonstration of the intersection of hypnotism and improvisational comedy, will be presented by comedian Colin Mochrie and hypnotist Asad Mecci at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, October 27, in the Ordway Concert Hall. Twenty audience volunteers will be put under hypnosis and five of them will be turned into masters of improvisation. Tickets are \$58-\$79. Call 651-224-4222.

## New York Times and other outlets ask: Does CBD work?

One of the commonalities of the past months in the cannabis trade has been the need to consistently explain the possibilities and limitations of CBD.

Across the media landscape, features and exposés have proliferated as the phenomenon of CBD has reached new audiences of fervent supporters and customers. The most recent of these is from New York Times reporter Dawn MacKeen.

The story tells a complicated but promising story of excesses and real hope for relief within the new cannabidiol, or CBD, market.

CBD is a non-psychoactive relative of THC found in marijuana, and offers many of the relaxation and pain relief benefits of marijuana without getting users high.

The Times is able to trace CBD use back to 750 B.C., when it was used as a holistic remedy in similar ways as it is being turned to today.

Given the amazing true history of CBD and CBD's amazing progress since hemp was legalized in the U.S. in 2018 with the most recent Farm Bill, one would think the claims of CBD's uses would speak for themselves.

People all over the country and the world are using CBD for their anxiety, insomnia and chronic pain symptoms, but many of these benefits are reported mostly in testimonials and personalized takes.

The science that has been reported on the benefits of CBD has frequently come in the form of animal testing studies, or in small group surveys and control test with people. Therefore, the claims of some CBD purveyors can be overstated if they aren't careful, but this by no means discredits the substance's viability.

Dr. Brad Ingram of the University of Mississippi's Medical Center spoke with the Times about a new study of CBD's effects on children and teens with epilepsy.

"It's the monster that has taken over the room," Ingram said.

Expert sources told the New York Times the science of CBD use is promising but may be overhyped. The key is to stick with high-quality, pure products and avoid gimmicks, some say.

"CBD is not a scam," Institute of Mount Sinai's Addiction Institute Director Yasmin Hurd told the Times. "It has a potential medicinal value, but when we are putting it into mascara and putting it into tampons, for God's sake, to me, that's a scam."

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# Sports



## The Wright Call By Dave Wright

### One last look at the summer of '19

Well, it was fun while it lasted, wasn't it? The problem is, it didn't last very long. The Minnesota Twins made a quick exit from the postseason, dropping the American League Division Series to the hated New York Yankees 3 games to 0.

Other final numbers were grim as well. In those three games Minnesota was outscored 23-7, out-homered 5-4 and only held the lead in one game. We could go on, but as original Twins public relations director Tom Mee would have noted, we'd be using negative statistics.

Suffice it to summarize the series this way: October baseball against the Yankees isn't the same as a July afternoon against Kansas City or Detroit.

But enough of the negativity. The fact is, it was a heckuva fun ride. Granted, the Twins got some help when Cleveland's pitching staff was plagued with injuries. But then, Minnesota suffered its share of misfortunes as well. And granted, the locals had the pleasure of playing 19 games against two teams that were deep into a rebuilding mode and, thus, eminently beatable. But then, it wasn't that long ago when the Twins were that kind of team as well.

It's been nearly a decade since we've had so much fun at the ballpark and watching games on TV. It was a blast to witness the home run bombs—all 307 of them. It was grand to see Willians Astudillo run the bases like an angry goose. Although Byron Buxton didn't play as long as Twins fans might have wanted, watching him make diving catches while bouncing off center-field fences was thrilling.

More important, the 2019 team reminded folks that baseball can be a relevant game. A lot of games went long—11 of them lasted four hours or more, two of them passed the five hour mark and only five games were played in under 2½ hours—but there were still plenty of things that occurred during games to spark fan interest. So let's not fret over the finish and enjoy how the team got there—for now.

You see, once the World Series is over, the euphoria will start to fade. The Twins will look deep and decide how much they want to spend and who might turn out to be the next Nelson Cruz. It does bear noting that the Yankee series exposed a few gaps that, say, Kansas City was unable to exploit. It also needs to be noted that while the Twins did win the division, the Indians managed to stay within shouting distance almost to the end, despite a myriad of injuries to the pitching staff. They are likely not fading into obscurity anytime soon.

Baseball is unlike other sports in that it's self-fulfilling. Winning begets winning, while losing begets losing.

Come next February, the Twins fans' experience will no longer have the excitement of a first date. There will be high expectations for this team. Mistakes that were glossed over

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## Girls' soccer playoffs

### Tough, talented CDH team surges into state

BY BILL WAGNER

Crete-Derham Hall punched its ticket to the state girls' soccer tournament with a 3-0 win over Minneapolis Washburn in the Section 6AA final at home on October 15. The win came on the heels of a 4-0 pasting of Minneapolis Southwest in the semifinals and a 2-1 decision over Armstrong in the first round.

The Raiders (15-4) will face Rosemount (16-2-1) in the opening round of the state Class AA tournament on October 22. This is CDH's ninth trip to state and first under Rosie Malone-Povolny, now in her fourth year as head coach.

Going into state, the Raiders have shown an ability to dominate, outscoring their opponents 68-21. Their only losses have been against highly rated teams from White Bear Lake, Hill-Murray, Andover and Orono. That has left Malone-Povolny with reason to feel positive about the team's prospects.

"We have a lot of talent throughout our roster," she said. "It's all about peaking at the right time. Our team is really excited and we don't feel like we're done."

Along with facing some tough competition, Malone-Povolny said there has also been a matter of the elements to conquer this season. "Of the last six games, five have been in the rain," she said after the team's semifinal victory. "The ball can bounce anywhere when it's wet out, but it's been good training for us."

CDH's biggest asset is senior forward Paige Peltier, who leads the state with 40 goals this season. Any team that wants to beat the Raiders has to do a good job of defending her, but that's hard to do given her speed, strength and vision. And she knows how to put the ball where it counts.

"She's the real deal, for sure," said Malone-Povolny about Peltier, who committed to play at Notre Dame when she was only a freshman. "It's hard to find players who can score goals, and she's always trying to finish the play off."

The section final win over Washburn was a prime example of how Peltier can control a game. Following a scoreless first half, she created space with her speed to score 10 minutes into the second period against the stubborn Millers. "We figured it was just a matter of time," Malone-Povolny said.



CDH senior forward Paige Peltier races Minneapolis Washburn's Quinn Jurek for the ball in the first half of the Raiders' 3-0 win over the Millers in the Section 6AA final on October 15. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

Peltier also scored the third Raider goal of the game. Senior defender MaryKate Kocourek scored CDH's second goal, while senior goalie Olivia Kalla logged her 10th shutout of the season.

Another key element to the Raider win was the defensive job turned in by junior midfielder Ellie Wahnoutka and sophomore midfielder Aimee Fielder in marking Washburn senior midfielder Ella Endo.

"She's a very active player," Malone-Povolny said of Endo, "but our two (midfielders) matched her and contained her."

CDH senior midfielder Bridget Tierney had eight goals and two assists going into state. Sophomore defenders Caitlin Mulcahy and Ari Evans had also been solid contributors. "They're both super-strong and they add to our composure," Malone-Povolny said.

The first round of sections was a little shaky for the Raiders, and many thought they'd have an easier time with Arm-

strong. "It was kind of a wake-up call for us," Malone-Povolny said.

Goalie Kalla has been steady all fall. Her coach credited her for holding the fort in the first half of the Washburn game, and for making timely saves throughout the season. Malone-Povolny rates Kalla as one of the best goalies in the state.

There were two games the Raiders can look back on that showed they are really playing well. The first was a 3-0 victory over Stillwater on October 1, followed the next day by a 4-1 triumph over East Ridge. Both wins came against historically outstanding teams.

"We had those back-to-back games and both were in the rain," Malone-Povolny said.

The Raiders' state tourney hopes will hinge on consistency. "If we do well, it'll be because we stay true to our style of play," the coach said. "We're more of a countering team, rather than a possession team. We need to read what the other team wants to do."



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# Visitation's unbeaten season ends in section final shootout

By BILL WAGNER

Visitation's hopes of reaching the girls' Class A state soccer tournament were dashed with a heart-wrenching 1-0 overtime loss in a shootout against Holy Angels in the Section 3A final on October 17.

It was the first loss of the season for the top-seeded Blazers (15-1-3) and came at the hands of a team they had beaten 5-0 during the regular season, admittedly with the Stars employing a backup goaltender.

It had been business as usual for Visitation heading into the section final, after beating St. Paul Academy and Simley, both by 3-0 scores, in the previous two rounds. Prior to the final match, Blazers' coach Jay Miller spoke highly of why his club had been so hard to beat. "We don't let a lot of stuff in," he said, "and we're very fast."

All of which went for naught when Holy Angels won the shootout by a 5-4 margin after no goals were scored during regulation and two overtime periods.

"Our girls are pretty heartbroken," said Visitation assistant coach Carly Gustad afterward. "There were quite a few tears across the board."

Gustad said she felt especially bad for the team's five seniors who won't get another chance to compete at state. Visitation has been to state just twice, most recently in 2017.

"They'll be OK," Gustad said. "This is a chapter in their lives that'll be hard to forget,

but we didn't lose for lack of trying."

The Blazers didn't have the best first half. "We were all over the place," Gustad said. "You have to give Holy Angels credit. They did a really nice job. We just didn't capitalize on the opportunities we got."

Gustad pointed to the team's several near-misses. Visitation senior forward Katherine Jones hit the crossbar in the first half. The team also had a couple of breakaways that didn't pan out. About seven minutes into the first overtime, junior forward Andi Barth appeared to be alone on a breakaway, but a Holy Angels defender caught up with her and managed to deflect the ball away.

Gustad also saluted Jones and Barth for playing good defense in neutralizing Holy Angels' attack.

Despite the loss, there were many positive takeaways from Visitation's season. The team discovered that it had solid depth in goal as sophomore netminder Sarah Strub endured an injury-plagued year and sometimes couldn't answer the bell. In those instances she was replaced by sophomore Kate Norman, who was between the pipes for the semifinal shutout over Simley.

Norman also split the shutout against SPA when she took over for the injured Strub and logged about 60 minutes of the game. Miller announced after that game that Norman would start against Holy Angels in the finals.

Scoring for the Blazers against SPA were senior midfielder Sammi Sabin, Jones and



Visitation senior forward Katherine Jones vies for the ball against Holy Angels' Megan Anderson during the Blazers' 1-0 loss in a shootout to the Stars in the Section 3A title game on October 17. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

sophomore midfielder Elizabeth McCarr. Against Simley, the scoring included two goals by Jones and another by senior defender Ella Hinkmeyer.

Gustad also pointed to the performances of junior midfielder Liv Montpetit and sophomore center back Ella Sukup for their stellar seasons. She said both were good enough to be considered for all-state honors.

Vis' season featured several notable high

spots. They included ties against Hill-Murray, Benilde-St. Margaret's and DeLaSalle, and victories over Highland Park, South St. Paul, Central and St. Anthony.

But how the Blazers wish their 5-0 win over Holy Angels during the regular season had come in the playoffs.

All of which left Gustad to sum up the section final loss. "We were convinced that we had something special this year," she said.

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will get a second look. Reputation will mean nothing in 2020. Just ask the Boston Red Sox what happens when a couple of things that went right the year before go haywire.

Still, one should never underestimate the value of an entertaining baseball season. All summer, every day, a fellow on Facebook posted recaps of the Detroit Tigers' 1968 season. That, too, was a glorious summer in a baseball town that was hungry for it. There were daily responses to the postings about a team for which over half the players who were on it are now deceased. The reason was simple: For the folks who were there that year (I was one of them as a 15-year-old), it was a sweet trip down memory lane.

That's why 2019 will likely be remembered similarly in these parts. Winning the division was an improbable thought in February. It became a hopeful wish in May and June. By August, it was real and was capped off with an appearance in a postseason series.

Now the question is: What will the Twins do for an encore?

## Officially speaking, the NFL has a problem

Since it was the Green Bay Packers playing, a lot more local televisions were probably tuned to the team's recent Monday Night Football game against the Lions. But even if you didn't watch it, you heard about the officiating snafus. The NFL came out a day later and admitted one of the calls was a bad mistake. They defended many others calls, but viewers' eyes

weren't fooled. The officials had a very rough night.

This is a subject that has been discussed here before and we needn't return to old arguments. Rather, let's get to the crux of the issue: Beyond the flaws that instant replay has exposed, a big part of the problem is the league's refusal to hire full-time, professional officials. The NFL has always been big on hiring bankers, lawyers and CEOs to officiate games. These folks get paid very well by the NFL—roughly \$200,000 a year for the regular season—but while they get vilified on TV and in print, the league does little to reassure folks that everything is on the up and up and that the league really wants to clean up the obvious faulty calls.

Right now, the conspiracy theorists are going wild because the NFL has let them do so. The NFL powers that be like the money they get from TV and are apparently not bothered by the fact that there's a weekly officiating screwup that affects which team could have won the game.

That may work for a while, but not forever.

## Cadets get top seed in football playoffs

It wasn't the route St. Thomas Academy football coach Dan O'Brien would like to have taken, but such is life. The Cadets lost their regular-season finale 20-0 at Chaska, but still gained the top seed in the Section 3AAAAA playoffs. The Cadets (7-1) drew a first-round bye and will play either Bloomington Kennedy or Park at home on Saturday, October 26. (First-round games were on October 22.) A win there and STA would host the section title game on November 1.

# Sports Shorts

**St. Thomas Academy's Road Scholars**, a team composed of STA alumni, staff and parents, successfully completed the 2019 Ragnar Minnesota Relay, a 205-mile, 33-hour run from St. Paul to Duluth on August 16-17. Each team member ran three legs over the course of two days, with the distance per leg varying from 2.7-10.7 miles. Team members included team captain Colonel Neil Hetherington; parents Holly Balfour, Erin Delaney, Sharon Goblisch and Amy Murphy; math teachers David Chambers and Jeff Smith; administrator Deborah Edwards and her husband Kerry; assistant running coaches Kim and Roger Friede; alumnus Jack Lawder; and middle school assistant Anne McQuillan.

**Matt Bos** has been appointed head coach of the Concordia University-St. Paul swimming and diving program, which is set to make its debut in 2020-21. Bos spent the last eight years as head swimming coach at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis, where he was named the 2013 Summit League Coach of the Year. He also was head swimming coach

for three seasons at his alma mater, Eastern Illinois University. During college he was a two-time Midwest Classic champion in the breaststroke. He and his wife, Amanda, also a former Division I swimmer, have two daughters.

**The Minnesota Superior Ultimate Frisbee** U20 boys' team tied for fifth place at the U.S. Youth Club Championship in August. The team had students from eight Twin Cities high schools. Local players included Aiden Lomen of the West End, Alex Hitchler of Macalester-Groveland, Mauricio Badillo-Moorman of Minneapolis, and Gunnar Mikko, Anson Parker and Jack Willits of Highland Park.

**Highland Park Senior High School** inducted the following members into its Athletic Hall of Fame on October 5: Katherine Aubrecht (class of 2002), soccer, Nordic skiing, track and field; Peter Brown (2002), football, basketball, baseball and baseball/football coach 2004-15; and the 1979 baseball team (St. Paul City Conference and section champs, third at state), including Andy Olson, Pat McGrath, John Rovie, Doug Keyes,

"I thought we played OK in the first half (STA trailed 6-0 at the break), but things fell apart in the second half," O'Brien said a day later. "Hopefully, we learn from that and move on."

Henry Sibley (0-8), which is in the same section as the Cadets, opens the playoffs at Hastings. The Warriors hung tough when they played their season opener at Hastings, falling 16-7.

The SMB Wolfpack (8-0), a combined team of Minnehaha Academy, St. Paul Academy and Blake, have the second seed in Section 5AAAA and will face either Mound Westonka or Minneapolis South on October 26. Benilde-St. Margaret is the top seed in that section.

It will be a rematch in the first round of 4AAAAA play as Highland Park will host Central, a team the Scots defeated 26-12 on September 27. Both teams had 2-6 records in the regular season. The winner of that game takes on a surprising Tartan team that earned the top seed.

For the first time in anybody's memory, Cretin-Derham Hall will be on the road in sectional play. The Raiders (4-4) have to trek to Prior Lake to open the 4AAAAA playoffs. CDH started out hot, but dropped its last four regular-season games. If they're successful at Prior Lake, the Raiders will take on the only team in the section that drew a bye—Champlin Park.

Minneapolis Roosevelt (3-5) will host St. Croix Lutheran in Section 4AAA play. A win would send the Teddies to second-seeded Cannon Falls.

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Jim Goldman, Jim Augustine, Cliff Gustafson, Jeff Burrige, Scott Rutzick, Rick Jelinek, Steve Jordon, Mike Schramm, Pete Young and coach Dick Furey.

**The Minnesota Youth Ski League** will offer a new SkiSparks Club this winter to teach cross-country skiing to children ages 4-14. The club will meet from 1-2:30 p.m. on Sundays, beginning January 5, at the Highland 9-Hole Golf Course. Registration is \$40 before December 6. Visit [mysl.org/skisparks](http://mysl.org/skisparks).

**The Ramsey County Sheriff's Office** Youth Plus Program started its hockey season that will run through the end of October. Kids ages 9-15 from diverse backgrounds are learning the importance of preparation, goal setting and teamwork. The youths also completed a summer literacy program and continue to connect with law enforcement in a positive manner. Donations to support the program can be made by visiting [ramseysheriffsfoundation.org](http://ramseysheriffsfoundation.org). Hockey and skating equipment can be dropped off at the Gustafson Phalen Ice Arena, 1320 Walsh St., through October 31.

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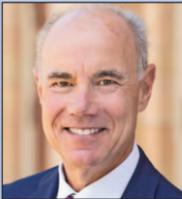
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**1314 WATSON**  
Surprisingly spacious is this 1940's Cape Cod. Located in demand Highland Park, this 4 bedroom, 2 full baths, 2 car garage home has it all! Quality updates. Walk to simply everything! Contact Moraghan for details.

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**750 STEWART**  
Unique opportunity to own in demand West Seventh! This 2 bedroom 1 bath home is conveniently located close to the river, parks, schools, grocery store, local eateries and breweries! Own for less than renting!

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**496 HOLLY AVE #4 SAINT PAUL, MN 55102**  
Stately condo in the heart of Cathedral Hill boasting over 2,500 sq. ft. w/ 3 bedrooms, and 3 bath. Beautiful old-world charm with modern updates like AC, chef's kitchen, and newer bathrooms.

**BRYAN BEDESSEM**  
612-382-8415



**TEMPTING TWO STORY CLASSIC!**  
Handsome 4BR, 3BA in a great West St. Paul location! Well-designed kitchen, formal dining room plus breakfast room. Lovely hardwood floors, finished lower level with family room. Fenced back yard, attached 2-car. 1231 Galvin Ave.  
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**ANITA C. HILL**  
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**849 OSCEOLA AVENUE, SAINT PAUL MN 55105**  
Lovely Summit Hill home! Perfect mix of historic character and charm with modern conveniences complete with a treetop writer's nook! Bright and sunny eat in kitchen with British AGA range.

**MYA HONEYWELL**  
651-329-3619



**421 SUMMIT AVENUE #2, SAINT PAUL MN 55102**  
Stunning condo on historic Summit Avenue! Premier location across from University Club. Lovely open kitchen with Wolf and Sub Zero appliances, and butler's pantry with wet bar!

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**AFFORDABLE!!!**  
365 Butler: Delightful 3 bedroom walk-out rambler with a large fenced yard. It features 2 cozy wood burning fireplaces, 2 ceramic baths, newer furnace and windows.

**JIM BURTON**  
651-690-8556 • \$199,000



**ROOM TO ROOM!!!**  
295 Salem Church Rd: Spectacular Sunfish Lake home offering 12,447 sq ft to be used for your largest entertainment need but designed for comfortable everyday living as well. Quality construction and finishes.

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THE HIVE  
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**QUALITY ONE LEVEL LIVING!**  
Walkability factor a "10" for this 3BR, 2 BA mid-century rambler owned by the same family and lovingly maintained for the last 50 years. Beautiful hardwoods and extremely spacious. LL family room with wet bar. 60' wide lot and no alley! 1931 Saunders.

**LOLLY MCNEELY SALMEN**  
612-810-4138 • \$339,900



**NEW MACALESTER GROVELAND LIST!**  
Great attention to detail abounds in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath extraordinary two story. Beautiful mahogany woodwork along with newer kitchen, baths, lower level and idyllic back yard gardens and patio. Location, location! 1876 Princeton.

**LOLLY MCNEELY SALMEN**  
612-810-4138 • \$500,000



**PREMIER OFFER!**  
Beautiful '20's 4BR, 3BA 2-story lovingly maintained and updated by the same family for over 60 years! All period charm intact with stunning hrdwd flrs, corner cabinets and crown moldings, main flr FR and massive master suite. Highly sought after Macalester Groveland location.

**LOLLY MCNEELY SALMEN**  
612-810-4138 • \$457,000



**942 ELEANOR AVENUE!**  
Must see exceptional 3BR 2BA cape cod with newer windows, kitchen with granite and custom cabinets, hardwood floors, newer baths and lovely lower level. Kitchen walks out to beautiful deck and backyard. Walkable to everything! Call Lolly for details.

**LOLLY MCNEELY SALMEN**  
612-810-4138 • \$279,900



**KAREN KELJIK**  
612-414-3245



**447 MARSHALL AVE #4**  
This magnificent brownstone is located in the heart of Ramsey Hill. Features include fireplace with wood burning raised hearth, hardwood floors exposed brick 2 bedrooms 1 bath. High ceilings, back patio and stunning gardens.

**SARAH KINNEY**  
651-282-9621 • \$228,000



**438 PORTLAND AVE #6**  
Fabulous Ramsey Hill condo has been completely renovated top to bottom. Cooks kitchen with Viking Stove and dishwasher, custom cabinets and counter tops. 2 new bathrooms. All new electrical and plumbing, refinished hardwood floors, air conditioning, garage parking.

**SARAH KINNEY**  
651-282-9621 • \$548,500



**570 LAUREL AVE TRIPLEX**  
Rare Opportunity to own a rehabbed Triplex in St Paul's historic Hill District. Remodeled as three handsome condo units. First and second floor have two bedrooms and one bath. Third floor is the remodeled attic with one bedroom and one bath.

**SARAH KINNEY**  
651-282-9621 • \$665,900



**79 WESTERN AVE #203**  
This 2BR, 2BA condo features a spacious master BR suite with private master BA and walk in closet, in unit laundry with washer & dryer and heated underground parking. You will love the premier location, close to charming shops of Grand Ave.

**SARAH KINNEY**  
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