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City getting ready to roll out its new organized system of trash collection

Residents will be asked in May to select service level

By JANE MCCLURE

Mandatory organized trash collection will begin on October 1 for the residents of all single-family homes, duplexes, triplexes and four-plexes in St. Paul. Residents should know who their new trash hauler will be by sometime in August. The City Council on April 25 agreed to spend \$4 million to purchase new wheeled and lidded garbage carts, and residents should be receiving them in August or September.

Though the change to organized trash collection has been welcomed by residents who are tired of illegal trash dumping and the wear and tear of multiple garbage trucks traversing their alley, it has been questioned by those who will be seeing large increases in the cost of trash collection. Some residents will be paying two or even three times as much under the new system.

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Calvary celebrates a century of faithfulness

Lutheran church carries on tradition of service in answer to His word

By ROGER BARR

As the Reverend Joe Marsh prepares his sermon for Sunday, May 20, the pastor of Calvary Evangelical Lutheran will be contemplating the past, present and future of his church at 341 S. Hamline Ave. That morning the congregation will celebrate the 100th anniversary of Calvary's founding.

"We're celebrating the faithfulness of the people all those years," Marsh said. "We're celebrating the faithfulness of God and the things He has allowed this congregation to do for the community."

The centennial celebration will open at 9 a.m. with an open house, followed by a performance of gospel, folk and bluegrass music by the trio Singleton Street. The worship service will begin at 10

a.m. and be followed by a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. "I'm looking forward to seeing people who may not have attended for a while," Marsh said.

Calvary Lutheran traces its roots to the opening of a Sunday school in 1917. That fall the first worship services were held in a private home at 1270 Niles Ave. However, the congregation was not formally organized until March 24, 1918, under the name Randolph Heights Lutheran Church.

That year the congregation moved into a combination church and parsonage at 1352 Lansing Street (now Wellesley Avenue). Two years later, it was reorganized under the name Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church and a new church building was constructed. That building was razed in 1926 when the cornerstone for the existing church was laid.

The new church was dedicated on January 30, 1927. A pipe organ was installed and the church's interior was redecorated in 1941. A subsequent remodeling in 1954 relocated the front entrance and

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Calvary Lutheran's first confirmation class posed in 1920 with the Reverend John F. Otto, the church's second pastor.

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Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church pastor the Reverend Joe Marsh and his wife Mary Jo (second from left) pose with congregation members Sally Iverson, Mike Johnson and Bob and Gretchen Felt. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

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added a vestibule and baby "cry room."

At the May 20 luncheon, longtime member Mary Gardner said she may share memories of the old Luther League. "Every other Friday night, we'd have a church supper and afterwards we'd play volleyball, sometimes until 2 a.m.," Gardner recalled. "When I got home, my mother couldn't believe I was at church that long. It gave us such strength to be in a church with such a good group of Christian people."

Gardner, 84, has been a member of Calvary for as long as she can remember. She served as the church's substitute organist for many years before becoming its full time organist and musical director 15 years ago.

Calvary now has about 50 members. Attendance at Sunday worship varies, but the message does not. "Every minister every Sunday has always preached about the word of God," Gardner said. "There's been no politics. Sermons are true to the word."

Calvary feels "like home" to member Mike Johnson, who has lived in St. Paul since the late 1980s. Eight years ago, when he and his wife Carman were searching for a new church, they chose Calvary because it was Lutheran and in the neighborhood, he said. Now an elder in the congregation and a member of the church choir, Johnson enjoys the contemporary Christian music that Calvary incorporates in its worship services, though he remains partial to the more traditional hymns.

The congregation's mission is to spread the Gospel—not by preaching, but by serving the community. "We're a Bible-based church," Johnson said. "We want to apply that to people's daily living."

The church hosts the weekly meetings of two recovery groups, including a chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous. Boys Scout and Girl Scout troops meet at the church. The congregation also collects clothing and personal items for Metro Hope, a nonprofit organization that serves people in recovery.

Church members serve a free lunch each year to the teachers at nearby Randolph Heights Elementary School and gather donated supplies for the teachers



Calvary Evangelical Lutheran's confirmation class of 1963 gathers around the Reverend Arthur H. Braun, the Macalester-Groveland church's pastor for nearly 45 years, from January 1938 to October 1982.

to use in their classrooms. One congregation member volunteers each month to lead a worship service at Union Gospel Mission. Others lead monthly worship services at the state correctional facility in St. Cloud.

Calvary is a member of the Missouri Synod of the Lutheran Church. Its theology falls somewhere between the more conservative Wisconsin Synod and the more progressive Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. Like many Christian congregations, it has seen its membership decline in recent decades amid changing demographics and changing attitudes about religious practice.

Things are "never going to be the way they used to be," Marsh said. "Many people have accepted that, but they're talking about what we can do now" to reverse the trend.

"I think the biggest thing is how do we grow the ministry?" Johnson said. "How do we get more young people in the church and away from media and games? While our worship services may not have smoke machines and lasers, we do preach God's word and try to stick with that as close as possible."

Calvary members believe their evan-

gelical mission is still relevant, and they strive to connect with people who are looking for sanctuary from a chaotic world. "A lot of people struggle spiritually," Johnson said. "It helps to have a place to go when you're struggling and when you want to recognize how God is at work in your life."

That evangelical focus has succeeded in bringing former members back to Calvary, according to Johnson. Helen Miels is one. Her father, the Reverend Dr. Arthur H. Braun, served as Calvary's pastor from 1938-83. Following his retirement, Miels felt she "needed a change" and attended several other churches before returning to Calvary in 2016.

"I came back to a Christ-centered church where I knew scripture was being preached," she said. "I truly believe that Christ was crucified and rose again. To me, that's very important. I believe Jesus died for my sins and that I can look forward to being in heaven with Him because He forgives."

For information about Calvary Lutheran or its centennial celebration, contact the church at 651-698-6138 or celc341@msn.com.

Accessory dwellings gaining support—in theory anyway

By Jane McClure

Allowing single-family homeowners to add a separate dwelling above a garage, in a backyard or within or attached to a house is gaining support in St. Paul. The city's Planning Commission held a public hearing on April 20 on a proposed ordinance to allow accessory dwellings in the West End, Frogtown, Dayton's Bluff, Mounds Park and Battle Creek neighborhoods. However, interest in the accessory dwellings is also being heard in the Highland Park, Merriam Park, Hamline-Midway and St. Anthony Park neighborhoods.

The Planning Commission's Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee is expected to make a recommendation on accessory dwellings in the first five neighborhoods later this spring. The full Planning Commission could make its recommendation to the City Council as early as June.

Accessory dwellings are viewed as one way to meet the growing demand for housing in St. Paul. A second dwelling might help homeowners share expenses and give them the means to better maintain their homes. The dwellings could also make it easier for families to take care of an elderly relative while giving them some privacy.

The city's Advisory Committee on Aging

supports accessory dwellings. "I'm on the front end of the baby boom generation," said West End resident Edie Meissner, who co-chairs that committee. "St. Paul, I fear, is not going to be ready for the housing needs of my generation."

Accessory dwellings have been allowed since the fall of 2016 on single-family lots of at least 5,000 square feet that are located within a half mile of the light-rail Green Line between Lexington Parkway and the western city limits. However, in 18 months Hamline-Midway resident Eric Larsen and his family are the only homeowners to have added an accessory dwelling under that ordinance.

The Larsens are building a new garage with a rental unit above, and construction should be completed soon. The family held an open house recently to show the unit to neighbors.

"This allows the city to add density slowly and in a non-obtrusive way," Larsen testified at the Planning Commission hearing on April 20. It will also give his household greater means to pay the mortgage and meet other expenses, he said, since the future occupant of the garage unit will be paying rent.

Larsen said the biggest challenge in adding the extra dwelling was meeting the requirement that the new garage's height not exceed the height of the existing house. However, the minimum lot size of 5,000 square feet may be

a bigger challenge for others, he said.

The city's discussion of accessory dwellings has also elicited calls for a study of tiny portable houses. Former Ward 2 resident Stephanie Kubers recently purchased a tiny house. While she now has an affordable home, she had to move away from friends and family because St. Paul does not allow them. "St. Paul is my home, but I've had to leave it behind," said Kubers, who is a member of Midwest Tiny Living, an organization that advocates for portable tiny houses in cities.

According to planning commissioner Anne deJoy, the commission is considering legalizing cluster developments, and those could include tiny portable houses on smaller lots adjacent to a shared open space.

Planning commissioners have raised many questions about accessory dwellings. Some commissioners would like to see whether more flexibility could be built into the ordinance. Several would like to see the ordinance extended citywide. Some St. Paul neighborhoods have long opposed accessory dwellings out of concern about overcrowding or the promotion of problem properties.

Six people testified at the Planning Commission hearing on April 20, and all were in favor of accessory dwellings. More than a dozen people weighed in on the online forum Open St. Paul, and they too were all in favor.

Some of them asked the Planning Commission to consider ways to make the regulations more flexible.

Under the ordinance, accessory dwellings could only be added on single-family lots that are owner-occupied. A deed restriction would have to be filed with Ramsey County, and if the property were ever sold, the new owner could either maintain the accessory dwelling or have it de-converted.

The minimum lot size can be a problem in many areas of St. Paul. The typical lot in many neighborhoods is 40 by 120 feet or just under the minimum of 5,000 square feet. However, the proposed ordinance allows half of an abutting alley to be factored into the size, which would bring those typical lots above the minimum.

The maximum height for accessory dwellings was also questioned. The height of stand-alone accessory dwellings or accessory dwellings above a garage are limited to 25 feet or the height of the main dwelling, whichever is higher. "The intent is to maintain neighborhood character," said senior city planner Jamie Radel. "We don't want to have garages that are tall enough to be popping out over roof lines."

Planning Commission chair Betsy Reveal asked city staff for further study of the issues raised and the results of that study brought back before a final commission vote.

1 ORGANIZED TRASH

The city will be sending out a mailing this week with basic information on organized collection. Residents should also watch for a postcard during the week of May 14 asking them to select the size of cart and level of service they wish to receive, according to Ellen Biales, special projects manager for the city's Department of Public Works.

Residents will have to make their selection by June 1 by mailing back the postage-paid card, calling the phone number on the card or visiting the city's website at stpaul.gov. Otherwise, the city will make the selection for them based on a resident's current level of service. If the household has not had trash service previously, the city will assign a medium (64-gallon) cart with weekly pickup.

Under the new system, neighbors may no longer share a trash cart. The best the city can do for those who generate little trash is to offer the option of a 35-gallon cart picked up every other week at a cost of \$20.28 per month.

"We've tried to accommodate the trash cart sharers by offering a very minimal level of ser-

vice," said Biales. "I don't foresee that changing anytime in the near future."

The monthly costs for other cart sizes are \$23.44 for weekly pickup of a 35-gallon cart, \$32.03 for weekly pickup of a 64-gallon cart, and \$34.15 for weekly pickup of a 95-gallon cart. Households will be charged an additional fee of \$24.60 per year to be paid with their property taxes to help cover the costs of administration, outreach, education and carts.

Zero Waste St. Paul, a group that is dedicated to reducing the city's overall waste stream, has not taken a position on organized collection. Kristina Mattson, a member of the group from Highland Park, said her family will see savings under the city's new garbage rates. However, she said, other group members will be paying more for organized collection.

Some Zero Waste members are disappointed that neighbors will no longer be able to share a cart. Others have wondered if having to pay more for trash collection will discourage people from recycling and composting. Mattson thinks people "who are conscientious about the amount of waste they generate" will continue to recycle and compost as

much as possible. However, she and others would like the city to offer more incentives for recycling and composting and more education about how to divert household waste from the trash.

The City Council voted 5-2 last November to proceed with organized trash collection. City staff then entered into contract negotiations with St. Paul Haulers LLC, a consortium of the 15 private trash haulers operating in the city. Eleven haulers are now part of St. Paul Haulers LLC. Earlier this year, East Metro Environmental sold its share of the St. Paul market to Republic Services. The city's two Garbage Man franchises sold their client lists to Waste Management. Walters Recycling and Refuse, which had a small number of customers in St. Paul, also sold its client list to Waste Management.

According to St. Paul Haulers LLC's bylaws, an outside company may buy out the market share of one of the haulers, but only with the approval of all the haulers in the group. However, Biales believes that further consolidation among consortium members is unlikely.

The 11 haulers are now working to divide

the city with routes that match their market share. Haulers that have a smaller market share may only be working one or two days per week in the city, while others work three or more days per week. However, only one hauler will be assigned to a specific block.

Some St. Paul residents have wondered how organized collection will proceed, given the problems Eureka Recycling has encountered since it switched from the curbside pickup of bins to the alley pickup of carts. City staff and the haulers themselves do not foresee any problems.

"The same haulers we're working with are the same haulers that have been picking up trash throughout the city for years," Biales said. "They're familiar with our alleys and have equipment that works in them. We anticipate that residents will be able to have their trash picked up from the same location they have now. We'll be encouraging property owners to follow current city ordinances and make sure that their address is clearly indicated on their garage."


For updated information on organized collection, visit stpaul.gov/garbage.

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TJL Development's latest plan for a 118-unit market rate apartment building with first floor retail on the southeast corner of Snelling and St. Clair avenues features a stepped-back design and heights of from 47 feet to 68 feet 4 inches.

Permit for 6-story apartment bldg. at St. Clair and Snelling gets hearing

Latest proposal has more brick and fewer balconies near homes

By JANE McCLURE

Plans for a six-story, mixed-use development at the southeast corner of Snelling and St. Clair avenues will be the subject of a public hearing before the St. Paul Planning Commission's Zoning Committee at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, May 10, in City Council chambers at City Hall.

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council's Housing and Land Use Committee voted 11-5 on April 25 to recommend support for the conditional use permits the developer is seeking to exceed the maximum heights allowed by the property's traditional neighborhoods (TN) zoning.

Permit supporters spoke of the need for more housing in the area and for higher-density housing in transit corridors and at commercial corners with bus stops. Permit opponents said the building would be too tall, and that it could lead to parking and traffic congestion on neighboring side streets.

St. Paul-based TJL Development LLC is proposing 118 market-rate efficiency, one- and two-bedroom apartments and 4,100 square feet of retail space on the three lots at 246, 248 and 252 S. Snelling Ave. currently occupied by a surface parking lot and the former Sweeney Cleaners and Rosemark Bakery.

Most of the apartments would be on the second through sixth floors and would have balconies or decks. The first floor would have three large apartments, retail space at the Snelling-St. Clair corner, 28 enclosed parking spaces and 22 secured bike racks. Another 70 enclosed parking spaces and 98 secured bike racks would be provided in an underground garage accessed off of Snelling Avenue.

"Our goal since day one has been to work within the confines of the zoning code," said Jim LaVelle of TJL Development.

That comment was met with skepticism from some neighborhood residents who questioned the need then for the conditional use permits.

LaVelle said his desire is to keep rents as low as possible. With construction costs on the rise, that requires a higher building, according to him. When asked if he would consider a three-story building, he said, "I could do that, but no one could afford to live there."

TJL Development is seeking a height of 68 feet 4 inches on the north end of the building, or 13 feet 4 inches above the maximum height for that property's TN3 zoning. At the south

end of the building, TJL is seeking a height of 47 feet, or between 4 feet 8 inches and 6 feet above the maximum height for that property's TN2 zoning since the building's upper floors would be stepped back from the property line.

LaVelle is working with Momentum Design Group on the building's architecture, which has changed some since the plans were first unveiled in early April. Additional step-backs have been incorporated on the east side of the building, and some balconies have been eliminated near the southeast corner, which are the parts of the building closest to neighboring homes. A darker, richer shade of brick is now being proposed on the exterior facade of the first floor, and that same brick would not face the second and third floors.

"(The brick) will add to the project's cost, but we think it'll be an improvement," LaVelle said.

Sargent Avenue resident Erin O'Gara praised the proposed mix of housing and retail space in the building. "I think this is a great example of smart growth," she said.

"It's important to have this type of development in the neighborhood," said longtime Macalester-Groveland resident Leon Webster, adding that he may live there someday.

Brimhall Street resident David Wallinga said he appreciated the building's massing and attention to detail. "This is much more attractive than the LeCesse project," he said, referring to the six-story building that was proposed last year by a Florida-based developer. However, Wallinga added, parking by customers of the businesses at Snelling and St. Clair is already a problem in the neighborhood, and that could grow worse with the new development.

David Little, who lives on Saratoga Street, said he counted almost 470 motorists blowing through a stop sign in the neighborhood on a Saturday last November. "People are trying to avoid the stoplight at Snelling and St. Clair, so they cut through the neighborhood," he said.

"I don't think people have any idea of how much traffic there will be," said Goodrich Avenue resident Mary Huber. While the plans for the building look "beautiful," she said, "I don't think it's the right size."

"I'd like to see it come down a story," said Warwick Street resident Kathy Childers.

In addition to the conditional use permits, TJL Development is hoping for a favorable decision by the Minnesota Supreme Court in mid-May regarding a dispute over the future of the parking lot at St. Clair and Snelling. Cinema Ballroom, 1560 St. Clair Ave., is hoping to preserve its lease on the off-street parking there. The state's highest court could let an appeals court ruling stand in favor of the new development, or uphold a district court ruling that favored the owner of Cinema Ballroom.

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Carter holds first State of City May 19

St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter will give his first State of the City address at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 19, at Johnson High School, 1349 Arcade St. The address was rescheduled last month due to inclement weather.

Following the address, attendees can en-

gage in small group discussions at 11 a.m. to provide feedback about their visions for the city. Admission is free. The address will be broadcast live on Comcast 859 and Century-Link 1234. Viewers can also watch the address live at facebook.com/cityofsaintpaul.

League embarks on in-depth study of minimum wage hike

By JANE MCCLURE

The St. Paul City Council on April 25 voted to allocate \$60,000 for the continuing study of a \$15 per hour minimum wage for all employees within the city limits. The St. Paul Foundation and Minnesota Community Foundation contributed another \$35,000 for the study, which will be led by the nonpartisan Citizens League.

Following the City Council's vote, Citizens League executive director Pahoua Yang Hoffman announced the members of the committee that will carry out the study. Chairing the committee will be St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce president and CEO B. Kyle and Rick Varco, political director of SEIU Healthcare, a union of more than 35,000 health and long-term care workers in Minnesota.

The \$95,000 study comes on the heels of an initial \$25,000 study that was funded by the St. Paul Foundation and Minnesota Community Foundation and carried out by the Citizens League last winter. That study recommended a more in-depth second study to

address questions raised by the first study.

The new study will examine the pros and cons of a minimum wage, including the wage level itself and whether it should include other benefits like health insurance; possible exemptions for some employers and employees; whether to adopt a lower minimum wage for tipped employees; and whether or not to phase in a minimum wage increase over time and index it to inflation.

Also serving on the study committee will be Bob Brick, president and CEO of Ally People Solutions; Samuel Callahan, a cook at McDonald's and Taco Bell; Dillon Donnelly, a St. Paul resident and director of business development for Donnelly Custom Manufacturing; Matt Gray, a server at W.A. Frost restaurant; Jon Grebner, political action director of AFSCME Council 5; Matt Halley, executive director of Cookie Cart; Doug Hennes, vice president for government relations and special projects at the University of St. Thomas; Sarah Kopp-Reddy, a server at Pizza Luce; Andrew Kopplin, owner of Kopplin's Coffee Shops; Rebecca Lucero, public policy direc-

tor for the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits; Tim Mahoney, a St. Paul resident and owner of the Loon Cafe; Veronica Mendez Moore, co-director of Centro de Trabajadores Unidos en la Lucha; Oscar Murcia, owner of El Guanaco Bakery Y Café; Kera Peterson, political director of the St. Paul Regional Labor Federation; Sam Peterson, owner of Kyatchi; Analita Silva, co-owner of St. Paul Small Business; Pang Vang, owner of Rainbow Health Kare; and Mary Hicks and Barry Gisser, two members of the Citizens League.

The agreement with the organizations helping to fund the minimum wage study includes a commitment that the study committee work independently of the city. Committee members were selected by the Citizens League to represent a wide array of perspectives on the wage issue. The group is expected to review the initial study and the additional research and testimony before making a recommendation to the city by the end of August.

"As St. Paul weighs what the minimum wage in our city should be, it is essential that we have a meaningful and fact-based discus-

sion with those affected by it," said Ward 3 City Council member Chris Tolbert. "This continued work from the Citizens League is an important component in that."

"We found through the first phase of this study that a minimum wage ordinance has the potential to have big effects on employees and employers alike, some of which may be unintended," Hoffman said. "It's important that we convene different perspectives using the Citizens League approach to review the available data and find areas of common ground on the way to final recommendations."

"I look forward to moving St. Paul forward toward our goal of passing a \$15 minimum wage ordinance by the end of this year," said Mayor Melvin Carter. "This Citizens League committee will help us answer vital questions about how we structure a policy that works for all of us."

All committee meetings will be open to the public. Meeting times and locations, meeting minutes, supportive materials and other documents will be available at citizensleague.org/minwage.

HDC supports permit, rezoning, variance for old Riverside site

The long-discussed redevelopment of the former Riverside School property at 900 Albion Ave. is moving ahead. After several meetings on the plans, the Highland District Council announced on May 3 that it conducted an e-mail vote and recommended approval of a conditional use permit, rezoning and variance for the site.

Another presentation on the project is set for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, at the Highland Park Community Center, 1975 Ford Pkwy. The St. Paul Planning Commission's Zoning Committee is slated to take up the

requests on May 24 at City Hall.

The applications were filed with the city by Wedum Albion LLC, which is owned by the nonprofit J.A. Wedum Foundation. The foundation is purchasing the 5.4-acre site from the St. Paul Public Schools. The Riverside building was razed last August. The proposed zoning change is from single-family residential use to traditional neighborhoods 3.

A maximum building height of 65 feet is proposed, which requires a conditional use permit under TN3 zoning. A variance for the zoning's building design is also being sought.

A front door is required under TN3 zoning, but having a front door along a busy street like West Seventh is considered inappropriate for a senior living facility that will include memory care units.

Plans call for creating a cul-de-sac on Lexington Parkway north of Montreal Avenue. Lexington would then be rerouted through the former school property and across West Seventh to connect with Elway Street. One building entrance would be along the rerouted street and a second would be at the corner of Lexington and West Seventh.

The project calls for two buildings of senior housing. The first building would have 160-180 housing units, with construction to start this fall and be completed in 2020. The second building is still being planned, with the starting date of construction unknown. Housing options range from independent living to memory care.

HDC board members saw the project as a rare opportunity to reroute Lexington and eliminate the dangerous intersection where Lexington, Montreal and West Seventh Street meet.

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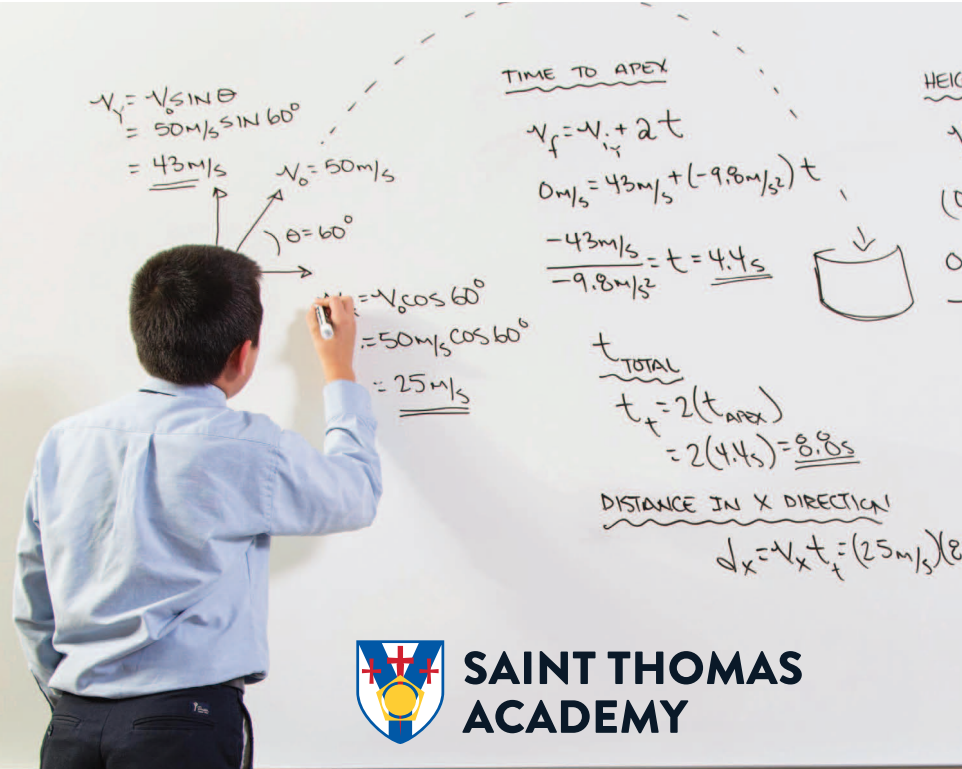


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City proposes new rules governing historic districts, sites

Plan would give more authority to Heritage Preservation Commission and raise fees for reviews, appeals

By JANE MCCLURE

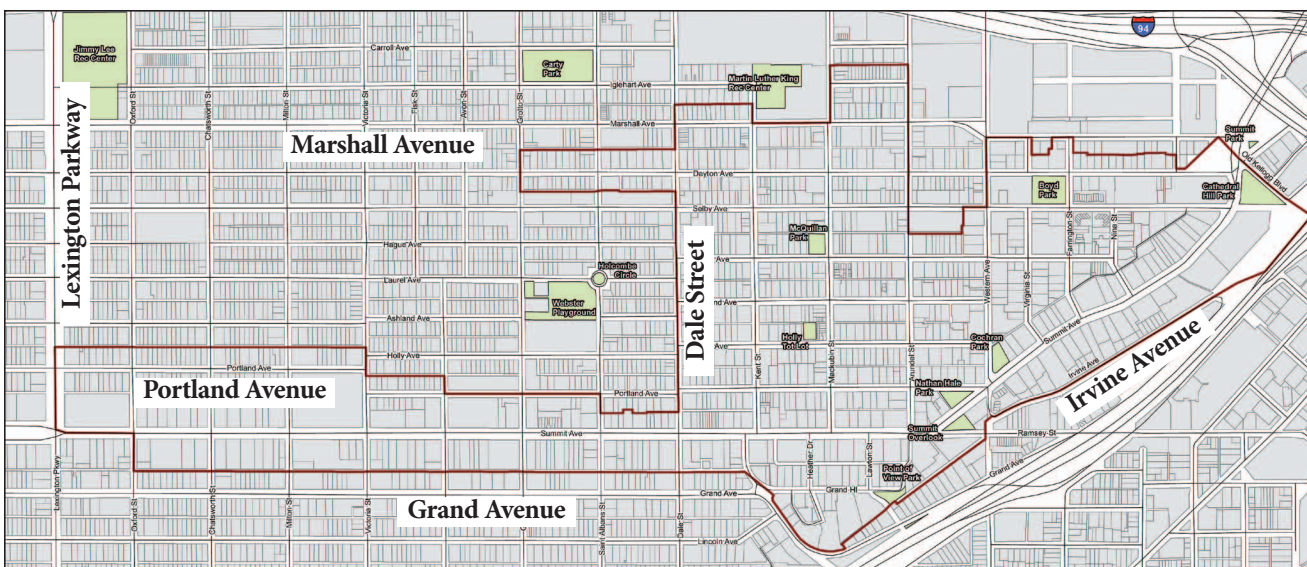
A proposal to tighten St. Paul's heritage preservation rules and bring its procedures in line with other city land-use processes and fees will be the subject of a public hearing before the St. Paul Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 24, in City Hall. The 13-member HPC will review the public comments and consider further changes before submitting a recommendation to the City Council for a final public hearing and vote later this year.

The proposed changes were developed over the past few years by HPC staff and the City Attorney's Office. St. Paul historic preservation specialist George Gause has been reviewing the changes with district councils and other civic groups.

According to Gause, much has changed since the city's historic preservation ordinances were written more than 40 years ago. St. Paul now has nine heritage preservation districts and several dozen heritage preservation sites. The oldest district is the Historic Hill District, which was established in 1980. Others include the Irvine Park, Lowertown, Summit Avenue West, University-Raymond Commercial, and Jacob Schmidt Brewing Company districts. Exterior changes in these districts and at these sites require a review by the HPC or its staff and are governed by regulations meant to preserve the property's historic character.

The proposed changes would make the heritage preservation processes consistent with those conducted by the city's departments of Safety and Inspections and Planning and Economic Development. For example, the owner of a historic property would be required to notify the owners of property within 350 feet of any changes covered by the historic preservation ordinances. That is the same notification distance used for zoning changes and variances and is up from the current 150 feet.

Currently, HPC reviews do not require a fee beyond what is paid for a building permit unless a zoning change or variance is requested. Under the proposed changes, \$70 would be charged for an HPC staff review and \$500 for a full HPC review. The fees would help defray the city's costs. "We're actually one of the only cities that doesn't charge a fee for (HPC) review," Gause said.



The Historic Hill District, outlined in brown above, is one of nine heritage preservation districts in the city of St. Paul.

The fee for an appeal of an HPC decision to the City Council would cost \$400. That is less than the fees paid for appeals to the City Council for decisions made by the St. Paul Board of Zoning Appeals or Planning Commission.

The HPC reviews about 400 building permits a year, according to Gause. Most are handled at the staff level, and about 8 percent go to the full HPC. All are for exterior improvements. None involve interior work, such as a kitchen remodel, and that would continue to be the case under the changes.

However, the HPC would be able to establish new minimum maintenance standards that the owners of historic properties would have to meet. The proposed ordinance states that properties designated as heritage preservation sites located in heritage preservation districts "shall be preserved against decay and deterioration and kept free from structural defects by the owner or other person(s) who have legal custody and control of the property."

The HPC would also have the authority to investigate any complaint alleging a violation of the city code's heritage preservation chapter or the conditions of any approval granted. The changes would also allow the HPC to be involved in citations for any violations discovered and to issue citations or stop-work orders.

Another proposed change would create interim protections against demolition or alteration for a potential historic property or historic district while that property or district was being

studied for historic designation. The interim protections are now a City Council process. The change would give the HPC the authority to impose the interim protections for 12 months from the date of an HPC decision to study a nominated property or district or until the City Council makes a decision regarding the historic designation, whichever is sooner.

Another goal of the proposed changes is to shorten the process for environmental assessment worksheets (EAWs). Currently, the EAW process falls under the review of the director of the Department of Planning and Economic Development. The changes would have the HPC handle the EAW review, which should shorten the process by 30 to 60 days, according to Gause.

About 1,800 St. Paul properties fall under the state law that requires an EAW before a city permit may be issued for the removal or total or partial demolition of a historic building. The EAW requirement, which the city only began enforcing in 2015, applies to properties that are listed on the state or national Registers of Historic Places. Many of those properties are in the Historic Hill District.

The Summit Hill Association reviewed the proposed changes in April. Its board members said they would welcome the shorter EAW review process, but some wondered whether the higher fees would create an economic hardship for some property owners.

Ward 4 DFL endorses Nelson in race for City Council seat

Erstad remains in race in hopes of robust campaign

By KEVIN DRISCOLL

The DFL endorsing convention in Ward 4 for the special election to fill the last 16 months of St. Paul City Council member Russ Stark's term was short and sweet for Mitra Jalali Nelson. It took just two ballots on April 28 to give Nelson the necessary 60 percent for endorsement over fellow candidates Shirley Erstad and Amy Ireland.

Nelson needed the support of 98 of the 162 convention delegates for endorsement. She got 95 votes on the first ballot to Erstad's 35 votes and Ireland's 23 votes. (Nine delegates voted for no endorsement.) Ireland immediately withdrew from the race. On the second ballot, Erstad remained at 35 votes, no endorsement received 18 votes and Nelson got 108 votes, or 67 percent.

Nelson thanked the convention delegates for their faith in her and promised that, if elected, she would work "24/7 for justice in housing, economic development and community safety."

As the second ballot votes were being counted, Erstad confirmed her intent to run for City Council with or without the DFL endorsement. "There are too many issues facing our city to limit electoral debate within our Democratic Party," she said in a statement released after the convention. "Ward 4 has some of the city's most active and well-informed voters, people who believe in government and want to see it work for everyone. I'm commit-



Shirley Erstad



Mitra Jalali Nelson

ted to engaging those voters, capturing their best ideas and ensuring that Ward 4 has a robust and open process to elect our next City Council member."

Stark resigned from the City Council in mid-February to become Mayor Melvin Carter's chief resilience officer. He was succeeded in the interim by his legislative aide, Samantha Henningson, who will represent Ward 4 until the special election is held in conjunction with the August 14 primary election.

Some DFL activists had objected to the party's decision to hold the April 28 convention with the same delegates who took part in the Ward 4 DFL endorsing convention in 2017 rather than allowing the candidates to caucus

for a new convention of delegates. The Ward 4 delegates in 2017 had overwhelmingly supported Carter's candidacy for mayor. When Carter endorsed Nelson for City Council just prior to the April 28 convention, several activists said it gave Nelson an unfair advantage.

Ireland told the convention that she would abide by the endorsement and withdraw from the race. However, in a letter to Ward 4 voters posted on her Facebook page, she also said that Carter's "decision to break with tradition and endorse a candidate (prior to the endorsing convention) is very disappointing," especially given the use of the 2017 delegates.

In fact, at the Ward 4 convention on April 28, Bill Harper, former chief of staff to U.S.

Representative Betty McCollum (DFL-4th District), was nominated as a fourth candidate for City Council in protest prior to the balloting. The nomination opened the door for Harper to address the convention and exhort delegates to vote for no endorsement. "It's the only fair and democratic way to give all Ward 4 voters an equal say in this election," he said before withdrawing from the race.

Nelson, 32, and Erstad, 51, have similar priorities as City Council candidates. They are both calling for the provision of more affordable housing, the reestablishment of trust between citizens and the St. Paul police and an increase in the minimum wage to \$15 per hour.

A resident of Merriam Park, Erstad serves as executive director of the Parks and Trails of St. Paul and Ramsey County. A graduate of South Dakota State University with a major in political science and a minor in economics, she is married and the mother of three grown children.

Nelson serves as the director of public safety and immigration outreach in the Minneapolis office of U.S. Representative Keith Ellison (DFL-5th District). Married with no children, she has a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and is a resident of St. Anthony Park.

Formal candidate filing for the Ward 4 special election will run from May 22 through June 5. If additional candidates join the race, ranked-choice voting will be used to determine the winner. With statewide races for governor and two U.S. Senate seats on the August 14 primary election ballot, the turnout is expected to be high.

Superintendent's strategic plan for St. Paul Schools is coming into focus

BY KEVIN DRISCOLL

Superintendent Joe Gothard's development of a new strategic plan for the St. Paul Public Schools is on track and will be ready for implementation by the fall of 2019, according to Toya Stewart Downey, the interim director of communications for the school district. "The School Board voted to accept the strategic plan's framework at their April 24 meeting," she said.

Of more immediate concern is the district's projected \$17.2 million deficit for the coming school year. According to district finance chief Marie Schrul, the preliminary general fund budget for the 2018-19 school year is \$546.3 million, an increase of \$24.1 million from the current year. Almost half of that increase is the \$11.6 million being set aside for long-term facilities maintenance, a new budget category established following the implementation of the district's Facilities Master Plan, which depends heavily on bonding for funding.

Other budgetary categories seeing spending increases are individual schools (\$1.1 million); school support services (\$6 million for such things as special education, multi language learning, substitute teachers and transportation); districtwide support services (\$6.1 million for such things as utilities, custodial services, employee benefits, insurance, and safety and security); and administration (\$42,505).

According to Schrul, those increases will be offset by cuts in the administrative budgets of the School Board, the Superintendent's Office, the Academics Office, the chief of operations, business and financial affairs, family and community engagement, communications, human resources and technology infrastructure. Athletics administration, boys' and girls' athletics, American Indian studies, staff development and counseling and guidance are also being considered for cuts.

As to the possibility of asking voters this fall to approve a new excess levy, "nothing has been decided yet," said School Board vice chair Steve Marchese. "We're having a feasibility study conducted and should have some results in late May. I'll be waiting for a recommendation from the superintendent on whether we should pursue a referendum and, if so, for what purposes."

The framework for the district's new strategic plan has five general focus areas: Positive School and District Culture, to create a sense of community and build trust and collaboration in and outside school; Effective and Culturally Relevant Instruction, providing instruction in ways that are relevant to each student so they stay engaged and feel valued; Program Evaluation and Resource Allocation, to evaluate the effectiveness of programs and make informed adjustments and investments; College and Career Paths, to expose high school students to more college and

career opportunities; and Family Access and Opportunity, to ensure equitable access for families to navigate the school system and the programs it offers.

The strategic plan is intended to raise the achievement of all students in reading and math while decreasing the disparities in achievement among students of various ethnic groups and ensuring that all high school graduates are ready for college or a career.

Latasha Gandy, executive director of the Minnesota chapter of Students for Education Reform (SFER), credited the strategic plan for "making reading literacy a top priority across all grades. That's a step in the right direction," she said, "as long as they set measurable benchmarks for accountability as the plan is further developed."

SFER submitted a petition signed by 800 of its members to the School Board on April 24 demanding that "the St. Paul Public Schools make closing the literacy gap across all racial lines a top priority in their next strategic plan," according to Kenneth Eban, director of organizing for SFER-MN.

"In 2017, 72 percent of white students in the St. Paul Public Schools were reading at or above grade level," Eban said, citing statistics from the Minnesota Department of Education. "That number plummets to 24 percent for black students, 30 percent for Latinos, 30 percent for Asian students and 26 percent for American Indian students."

Gandy, who graduated from Washington Technology Magnet School in 2002, said "all of my high school teachers told me I had reached my goals and that I should do well in college. Then I went to Inver Hills Community College and learned that I had to take remedial reading courses. That's when I realized I didn't get what I needed during my K-12 years. The first paper I handed in for my remedial writing class was all marked in red, every single line. I told my professor that I had always gotten good grades in high school. He said, 'You need the basics—structure, grammar.'"

Now in her second year of law school, Gandy said, "A lot of kids might not get the same kind of help I got, and they'll either drop out of college or never go. This is happening across the country. All school districts need to be making students of color their number-one priority in terms of equity in literacy."

Another SFER member, Sarah Doll, said she "got all the breaks and support in my youth because I'm white. I have one very close black friend who has had a series of mental problems. This person started to fall further and further behind because of a lack of support in school."

Doll attributed the difference to institutional or cultural racism. "It's not exactly intentional," she said. "It's subconscious. It's just how some teachers were taught in their youth, and then they bring it into their classrooms."

Wabash Ave. apartments plan dropped

BY JANE MCCLURE

An ambitious plan to redevelop a former meat packing plant into a 64-unit apartment complex has been shelved. Superior LLC withdrew its plan for 2103 Wabash Ave. just before the St. Paul City Council was to hear an appeal of Superior's conditional use permit for the project.

Developers Clint Blaiser and Rich Pakonen of Pak Properties/HGB have not decided what their next step will be, according to spokesman Mike Zipko. Any rezoning or variance requests would have to go through a new city review and approval process.

The St. Paul Planning Commission had approved a conditional use permit for the property, but it was appealed by American Engineering Testing (AET). AET recently

purchased the former Rihm Kenworth trucking facility at the southwest corner of Cleveland and University avenues and is planning to move its drilling and other services there.

The appeal stated that Superior LLC's project would put apartments too close to AET's new facility. AET raised concerns about having its operations fall under residential noise limits. Off-street parking and pedestrian safety were other concerns raised.

Minnesota Commercial Railway, 508 N. Cleveland Ave., also opposed the permit. The company operates a short line railway in the Twin Cities, including tracks adjacent to the Wabash site.

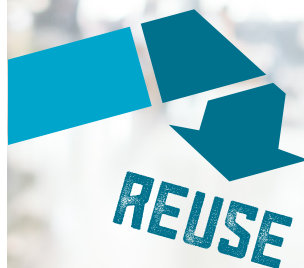
The long-vacant meat packing plant is zoned for industrial use. In recent years, its first floor has housed pet boarding, guitar repair and industrial tire sales.

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St. Paul's neighborhoods are losing their distinct character

BY GREGORY NAYMAN

Our neighborhoods are what make St. Paul great. The preservation of our neighborhoods has set us apart from other cities. In the April 25 edition of the *Villager*, the headline “Merriam Park development moratorium nixed; survey of historic homes will proceed without protection” pretty much describes the direction the city now seems to be going. Knock the houses down, destroy the neighborhood, we need affordable housing.

I'm curious how you can guarantee affordable housing when the profit motive is at work? The developer is in the game for the developer, not the tenants. I find it interesting that interim Ward 4 City Council member Samantha Henningson prefers to “put people before buildings” while eliminating a moratorium for the protection of a historic neighborhood in favor of developing bigger buildings.

We destroyed many of the most beautiful buildings in the Twin Cities through the years in the name of progress and urban renewal, wiping out the Rondo neighborhood and cutting Merriam Park in two with a freeway that should have been routed to the north along a strip of industrial land. We know that now. How is it that we are unable to learn our lesson?

Another article in the April 25 *Villager* tells us that Sustain Ward 3 now has six more members on the Highland District Council dedicated to high-density development in our neighborhood. Just the name “Sustain Ward 3” is grating and implies that somehow those of us who have lived in this community for decades need outside help and that the addition of 8,000 new residents on the Ford site will create a better Highland Park.

Has anybody seen the “Lost Twin Cities” series on Twin Cities Public Television? Now we can add St. Paul neighborhoods to that show.

Gregory Nayman is a resident of Highland Park.



STEVE MICHAELS

Inbox

Good to have church nearby

Thank you for the spotlight on Central Baptist Church's 125 years (*Villager*, April 25). As a neighbor of Central Baptist, I can attest to the positives of having the church in our community. When I am out talking with my neighbors, I often hear about the wonderful programs that my neighbors enjoy through the church. I see many of the attendees of some of their evening programs talking and enjoying themselves as they leave the church. In both cases, it seems like connections, friendships and support have all been found through the church's outreach. Central Baptist and Bethlehem Lutheran across the street exemplify what outreach in an urban community can accomplish. I hope they will continue to serve the neighborhood for many decades.

*Monica Millsap Rasmussen
Merriam Park*

Leery of Pelham bike lane

After six months of cars plowing down many of the posts that separate the bike lanes from the traffic lanes on Pelham Boulevard, I hope the city of St. Paul will finally reconsider this unsafe bike lane design. The bike lane on Pelham over I-94 has no posts remaining less than six months after their installation.

I find no precedent in city or state transportation association standards for this design of contraflow between bikes and motor vehicle traffic on two-way roads, only on one-way roads with hardened barriers to separate the bike lanes from traffic. I'm very concerned that this unconventional design will lead to traffic accidents with a cyclist injury or worse.

Just this week while driving in my car down the hill on Pelham next to the golf course, I saw two cyclists—one going up, the other going down in the bike lanes—and a third cyclist going down on the right-hand side of the car in the traffic lane, which is totally legal. The convergence of three lanes of bikes with two lanes of cars, plus the lane-separation posts (missing or not), was a scary situation.

As an avid cyclist, I call the downhill bike lane “the suicide

lane,” especially as the posts are no real protection from cars, and a bicyclist, going downhill fast, meets the uphill bicyclists head-on. At night, bikes with very bright lights in the bike lane approaching cars on their right side is an additional confusing situation. I've witnessed cars driving up the bike lane on the wrong side of the posts and then cutting over to the traffic lane by knocking down posts or waiting for an opening from previous post knockdowns.

This unconventional and unsafe design needs to be corrected—urgently.

*Terry Brueck
Merriam Park*

Sibley High is performing well

By cherry-picking Minnesota Report Card statistics for Henry Sibley High School, two letters in the April 25 *Villager* Inbox failed to make the case that School District 197 is in academic decline. The Minnesota Report Card also lists these data points, which the authors conveniently ignored:

- Henry Sibley's graduation rate has exceeded the state average each of the last five years.
 - The Latino graduation rate is 81 percent, 15 percent higher than the state average.
 - Henry Sibley consistently outperforms comparable school districts in both science and reading.
- The Minnesota Report Card only tells part of the story. Anyone close to the district would have to be distracted or misguided not to recognize the great things happening in our schools. A few examples, again from Henry Sibley:
- Henry Sibley is ranked 30th out of 769 Minnesota schools by *U.S. News and World Report*, in the top 4 percent.
 - The Henry Sibley Marching Band was selected to represent the state of Minnesota in the 2018 Independence Day Parade in Washington, D.C.
 - Ninety-eight Henry Sibley students earned AP Scholars Awards in 2017.

Twenty-six metro school districts are facing tough decisions as a result of budget shortfalls. Not School District 197. In fact, District 197 just received another Finance Award from the Minnesota Department of Education. The school

district continues to be a great steward of taxpayer dollars.

Please don't be distracted or misguided by others who haven't taken the time to understand what's really happening in, and is needed for, our schools. I voted “yes.”

*Pamela Siege Chandler
Mendota Heights*

A vision of sustainability

The letter, “Where would you rather live?” (*Villager* Inbox, April 11), starts off by saying, “Looking for a 21st-century development in which to settle?” It should have begun with “Looking for a 20th-century development in which to settle?” This would have been a more accurate description of what is basically another outer-ring suburban development. Rice Creek Commons, being built on the old Twin Cities Army Ammunition Plant in Arden Hills, is a fiction and an artifact, the same old commuter song adding more and more vehicles on journeys to work, shop and play in the Twin Cities, clogging our highways and streets.

Didn't we learn enough in the last century's postwar boom era (or error)? These purported ex-urban oases are mirages and are not sustainable. The author's dismissal of the Ford Plant redevelopment as a “cacophony of traffic and tall buildings” is the antithesis of the other project's design and purpose, which is to create on reclaimed urban land a more vibrant, livable, walkable and sustainable neighborhood in our city.

*Tom Reasoner
West End*

Speak up for DACA

Did you know that more than 690,000 DACA recipients are faced with the possibility of deportation from the United States? The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, which protects from deportation immigrants who came to the U.S. as children, was established in 2012 by President Barack Obama, and has been waiting for renewal by

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Congress and the White House since 2017.

I am a 7th-grader at Highland Catholic School. I am learning about Catholic social justice teachings, and I chose to research the DACA program. I feel strongly about DACA and believe that there is no greater injustice than taking away someone's freedom, family and home.

How would you feel if, after practically living your whole life in America, someone came along and forced you to leave? Hundreds of thousands of people in our country are faced with that horrid possibility, and we must do something about it. We must raise awareness about this terrible problem. We must support DACA recipients and the DACA program by calling on the administration to protect families and honor the dignity of these young people. Speak up for the DACA program and help support our neighbors.

*A.J. Dale
Highland Park*

Honor veterans, pass gun law

On Memorial Day we will remember those who died while serving our country, but will we include the men and women who died by their own hands due to posttraumatic stress disorder and other mental illnesses? The honor and support we extend to military families on May 28 must include the families of all soldiers lost, including those lost to suicide. The lingering stigma of suicide only adds to a family's grief.

Veterans commit suicide at a rate of at least 20 percent higher than civilians. Many have legal access to guns, and all have been trained to use them. A "red flags" law, one by which family members may request a temporary restriction on firearms, could save a distressed or unstable relative. Unfortunately, the Minnesota House's Public Safety Committee tabled such a measure, and now the bill languishes in the Legislature awaiting action from our elected officials.

It is time for some common-sense gun laws. It is time that we embrace the survivors of gun violence without prejudice. Let us honor all of those who defended our rights, including the Second Amendment. Let us honor them on Memorial Day, Wear Orange Day on June 2, and on November 6 when we vote.

*Gretchen Damon
Macalester-Groveland*

For affordable health insurance

I'm a 7th-grader at Highland Catholic School. Currently we are working on a social justice project. For my project, I've chosen affordable health insurance, specifically in Minnesota. I chose this because I have an autoimmune disease called juvenile dermatomyositis. I've been in remission for almost four years. Even so, when I require medical treatment and hospitalization, the bills are expensive. I couldn't imagine having to go through that without health insurance. To make sure that never happens to anyone, I've chosen to raise awareness of affordable health insurance and make a difference.

There are multiple ways you can support and raise awareness of affordable health insurance in Minnesota. For instance, you could support the Minnesota Health Plan (SF 2060). This plan would allow people to continue their insurance plan if they lose their job or switch to a new employer. This plan is not cheap, but it's remarkably less

than what we pay now. Another option, if you wanted to push for affordable health insurance nationally, would be the Medicare for All Act (S. 1804). This plan ensures that all American citizens have the right to health insurance. A third option is to educate lower-income citizens to apply for a subsidy that can greatly reduce the cost of health insurance. The subsidy can cover up to three-fourths of the cost of health insurance. There has to be a better formula than what we have now.

My hope is that more people will one day be able to have affordable health insurance, regardless of their state of health and economic situation. The more I know, the less I understand why the nation hasn't already fixed this problem.

*Ava Junker
Highland Park*

What's good for New Delhi

At the Highland District Council board election on April 18, I asked the two candidates in Grid 8 a question about the traffic problem in Highland, specifically the intersection of Cleveland Avenue and Ford Parkway, and the difficulty of getting from the Lunds and Byerlys parking lot to drive south on Cleveland. Navigating the right turn from Ford Parkway to Cleveland usually takes three stoplight cycles between 4 and 6 p.m.

My new grid rep, Tyler Tegatz, who won on a coin toss, told those of us who were there that "there is no traffic problem in Highland," and that people in other places in the world have a lot more traffic than we do. I am sorry that there was not one more person in attendance for that grid election who sees things as they are and is not interested in comparing an intersection in Highland to some faraway place. I hope this type of comparison from Mr. Tegatz does not become a habit, or will we be comparing St. Paul to New Delhi when discussing the need for high-density housing?

*Georgia Dietz
Highland Park*

A dietitian's lament

I'm a longtime patron of St. Paul Corner Drug, one of the few remaining independent pharmacies, because, as at "Cheers," it's a place where everybody knows my name. At Corner Drug, I get service from pharmacists who are acquainted with me as a person, not as an anonymous RX number. And the coffee at the soda fountain is still a nickel, as it has been since the drug store first opened in 1922.

Recently, I had the opportunity to chat with one of the pharmacists on break, who told me that with the oldest baby boomers now seven years past retirement age, the wonder is who will take care of all the elders, because the pharmacists are now filling multiple prescriptions for people in their 30s and 40s that used to be considered old-people meds. As someone who was a registered dietitian for 40 years, I was appalled. How could this be?

When I served as head dietitian at a Public Health Service American Indian hospital in a tiny town in Oklahoma years ago, I saw outrageous numbers of cases of Type II diabetes, gall bladder disease and other ailments that were related to extreme poverty, lack of education and indigenous people trying to imitate some of the white man's disastrous food selections. It wasn't uncommon for the young mothers to bottle-feed rather than breastfeed their babies, as that was what white women did, after which the babies would sometimes be weaned from canned formula to soda pop in a bottle.

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I read a recent news clip that the U.S. Army has had to increase the length of basic training by two weeks because the recruits are so unfit. Wake up, Americans! Leave the car in the garage, disconnect from the electronics, quit with all the junk food, and move! Your life just might be in peril.

*Kathleen Deming
Macalester-Groveland*

GOP muzzles gun measures

I do not understand why the Republican-controlled Legislature will not hold a discussion and vote on life-saving gun safety bills, especially the one on expanded criminal background checks, that 90 percent of Minnesotans support. Last Thursday, in the state Senate, they blocked them by procedural means, without discussion.

Thanks go to the more than 100 members of gun violence prevention groups, including Protect Minnesota and Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense, for showing up on short notice to support Representative Maye Quade's 24-hour sit-in and statement on sensible gun reform. We will not go away, and we will work hard to vote in legislators this fall who support sensible gun violence safety measures.

*Gary Thompson
Highland Park*

Honor wounded veterans

An act of misconduct can impact the life of a civilian for a few years, but it can radically change a soldier's future. Veterans with other-than-honorable discharges, whose misconduct was a result of a mental condition developed during their service, should be allowed the same access to medical care as veterans with honorable discharges.

According to a report by the Government Accountability Office, 62 percent of service members who had a change in active or reserve status because of misconduct between 2011 and 2015 had been previously diagnosed with posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD), a traumatic brain injury (TBI) or another condition. Twenty-three percent of those separated for misconduct received an other-than-honorable discharge.

According to the National Institute of Health, conditions like PTSD and TBI can impact behavior and may be partially responsible for the acts of misconduct that resulted in other-than-honorable discharges. These veterans fought for their country and thought that their country would help them recover, but their country turned its back because of a wrongful action the veteran may not have had control over.

In order to receive benefits from the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, a veteran needs an honorable or an under-honorable-conditions discharge. The benefits lost by those who receive an other-than-honorable discharges include

pensions, insurance programs and access to VA medical facilities. Veterans with a mental state already made fragile by war are thrown further into chaos when they receive no benefits. This injustice necessitates change.

*Ruth Olson, Senior
Cretin-Derham Hall*

Revitalizing our democracy

I recently came across a video of Jack Nelson Pallmeyer speaking at Westminster Church 10 years ago. He said that to build a social movement that will rescue the nation and save the earth we must address climate change, redefine national security funding and change the direction of U.S. foreign policy, and focus domestic and foreign policy to meet essential needs and enhance quality of life while respecting the well-being of future generations and the earth. To meet these challenges, Pallmeyer said, we must build a social movement with sufficient power to revitalize our democracy that at present is compromised by financial interests and corporate power. His words ring even truer today. We need peaceful solutions. There are no military solutions to the problems we face.

*Mike McDonald
Highland Park*

Crosswalk law is clearly stated

The faults Stephen Miller ascribes to the state crosswalk law (*Villager* Inbox, April 25) are not in the law but in ourselves. Too many of us don't know what the law says.

Pedestrians are prohibited from suddenly walking or running in front of a motorist who is too close to yield. The law recognizes that traffic can't stop instantly. It goes on to say that a motorist may not pass a car that is stopped for a pedestrian in a crosswalk. If there is a pedestrian in the crossing, that motorist must wait for the pedestrian to be clear of his lane and for the stopped car to continue. He must see the crosswalk empty before passing a car stopped at a crosswalk.

Government put the law in the driver's manual so that every driver should know it. They put it in the state law books available at libraries. They put it online (search for "MN crosswalk law").

*John Kaplan
Highland Park*

Food stamps are being abused

Anyone who shopped for groceries in St. Paul's Midway area or Minneapolis' Lake Street area in the 1980s and '90s knows that you could buy food stamps at 50 percent of face value or less most days of the month. At the beginning or middle of the month, you would often be approached in the parking lot or at the store entrance with offers. It was also

common knowledge which small shops would allow food stamps at less than face value for tobacco and alcohol.

With the introduction of the electronic benefit transfer (EBT) system, the process has evolved where the EBT recipients do the shopping and their clients (in some cases small retailers) pay them in cash. Shop owners juggle inventory records to mask the purchases.

On a grander scale, but equally well-known and widely practiced, is the trust fund switch. When the father in a family with a sizable net worth dies before his wife, the heirs form a trust and transfer the titles of the assets to this entity. Then their mother, with no apparent income and no actual major expenses, can legally claim eligibility for the EBT program and any and all other benefits created for the less fortunate.

We have inadvertently created a government-sponsored, cryptocurrency that makes bitcoins look like chump change.

*Tom Dunne
Downtown St. Paul*

Help educate the children

I'm a student at Highland Catholic School. We're learning about social justice and how as students we can help others resolve any problems they have. We've been asked to do an act of justice. The act of justice I chose to take is donating money to UNICEF. In our world there are 264 million people who don't go to school. When you donate to UNICEF, they take the money and use it to send children to school.

I know people in St. Paul realize that education is important. I encourage you to donate and help children all over the world.

*Ella Schuler, 7th Grade
Highland Catholic School*

Korean peace and the president

I'm deeply troubled by the chorus of support for Donald Trump as a candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize. I'm putting my faith in the Nobel committee and believing that they would never make such an awful, disgusting and brainless mistake. Mr. Trump's effort at "denuclearizing" the Korean peninsula needs to be recognized, but not overly recognized.

If the North and South agree to the plan, as Trump wants us to believe, we must realize that he has had little or nothing to do with this worthy action. At most, he implemented sanctions after being nudged, nudged and nudged again. The greatest amount of praise goes to the two countries' leaders. They are the ones taking the political risk of giving up their status as a holder of these awful war tools. Nobel would be taking the next greatest risk by forfeiting 98 percent of its credibility by awarding this otherwise honorable prize to Mr. Trump.

*Patrick F. Quinn
Macalester-Groveland*

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Met Council plans upgrade of aging sewer near Minnehaha

BY BILL WAGNER

The Metropolitan Council is planning to improve the existing sanitary sewer tunnel that runs along the north side of East Minnehaha Parkway near Minnehaha Park in Minneapolis. The \$31 million project is scheduled to begin next year and take until 2022 to complete.

The aging tunnel, which was built in 1935, goes under Minnehaha Creek, Hiawatha Avenue and the light-rail Blue Line. Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES) is proposing to clear sediment from 1,000 feet of the tunnel, install a new liner in 3-foot lengths within the existing pipe, rework some manholes and upgrade other components.

Representatives of MCES held an informational meeting on the project on April 24 at St. Peder's Church in Minneapolis. A public hearing is scheduled from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, at the Hiawatha School Recreation Center, 4305 E. 42nd St.

Originally, MCES had planned to replace the tunnel. However, after performing additional studies of groundwater flow in the area, it decided to amend its plans from new construction to rehabilitation. The change was made in order to not disturb groundwater at Coldwater Spring, a historic site 1.5 miles to the south that is considered sacred by Native Americans.

Tim O'Donnell, citizen liaison for the MCES, said the project can be



The project area map for improvements to the regional sanitary sewer tunnel near Minnehaha Park. Construction is expected to take from 2019-2022 at a cost of \$31 million. A hearing on the project will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, at Hiawatha School Recreation Center, 4305 E. 42nd St., Minneapolis.

done "without any deep excavation" to disturb the limestone formation that sends water to the spring.

The plan calls for two or three ventilation shafts to be drilled into the tunnel to provide fresh air for crews who will be working 80 feet below ground. MCES officials said the shafts can be drilled without affecting the groundwater flow to Coldwater.

Consultant Doug Hendricksen added that the National Park Ser-

vice will monitor water flowing into the spring daily once the project begins. "If there's any impact from our project, we'll be able to monitor it quickly," he said.

A temporary conveyance system will be installed during construction to redirect wastewater around the site. Officials said there could be noise, odor releases, increased traffic congestion, traffic delays and interrupted use of Minnehaha Park during the work.

Most of those attending last month's meeting mainly asked questions about the project, though some expressed concerns. One person asked why the project was going to take so long. O'Donnell said time is needed to carefully lay out and install the 3-foot sections of pipes.

Harold Weiss, who lives close to Minnehaha Creek, raised concerns about odor that might be released during construction. However, O'Donnell said high levels of odor

are not anticipated.

Weiss also voiced concern about the presence of the "ugly" system needed to convey wastewater from the site. O'Donnell said that system is another reason why the project will take so long. He also noted that area residents will gain the "peace of mind" of knowing that, upon completion, the section of sewer will perform properly for another 50-80 years.

Susu Jeffrey, co-founder of Friends of Coldwater, said that she did not endorse the first MCES plan to rebuild the tunnel and does not approve of the current one either. The problem, she said, is that there is still uncertainty about the manner in which Coldwater Spring is fed. She also has problems with the 80-foot air shafts that will be dug.

"Isn't there another way to go down 80 feet?" she asked. "They need to delineate the watershed. You want to build your project around not hurting the (Coldwater) site."

State archaeologist Amanda Gronhvd, who publicly agreed with Jeffrey on the previous MCES plan, said she still did not know all she needed to about the rehab work. Gronhvd said she was also worried that the proposed air shafts might disrupt the water and wanted to review the plans.

The formal comment period on the project will run through June 1. For information, call 612-405-5266 or visit metrocouncil.org/sewerconstruction/minnehaha.

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Marshall rezoning plan would put density where 'it makes most sense'

By JANE McCLURE

Proposed rezoning that could lead to increased housing density on parts of Marshall Avenue while holding down building heights and housing density in other areas of that street is headed to the St. Paul Planning Commission for review. The plan, which drew on the work of Merriam Park residents, was recommended for approval on May 2 by the Planning Commission's Comprehensive and Neighborhood Planning Committee. It will be released on May 18 in anticipation of a public hearing in June.

The properties that would be affected by the rezoning are on Marshall between the Mississippi River and Hamline Avenue. It includes the area between Wilder and Wheeler streets that is now under a development moratorium so that the homes on that six-block stretch can be studied for potential historic designation.

"We'd like to see density where it makes the most sense," said Merriam Park resident Scott Van Wert. He and other local residents have met for a month to discuss where more density could be added to take advantage of the buses that run on Marshall and where smaller homes could be protected from the construction of large new buildings. The push for the rezoning came after the approval of the construction of a five-story apartment building on the northeast corner of Marshall and Moore Street earlier this year.

The rezoning plan recommends allowing higher density development between the river and Cretin Avenue; at the corners of Cleveland, Wilder, Prior and Fairview avenues; and near the intersection of Marshall and Snelling. This includes the site of the former Richards Gordon School, which is now office space.

Another recommendation is to rezone Marshall between Snelling and Pascal Street to traditional neighborhoods, the zone for a mix of residential and business uses. That area is now a mix of industrial and business uses as well as a few homes. The plan also

recommends rezoning the Concordia University properties on the southwest corner of Marshall and Hamline Avenue to traditional neighborhoods use.

The plan would not change the zoning for the street's other institutional properties, including St. Mark's Catholic School, Thompson Hall and the Merriam Park Library.

Some of the Marshall properties that are now being eyed for historic preservation currently allow buildings of up to three stories in height. Lower maximum heights there could make the properties less attractive to developers, the zoning plan states, while allowing some of the larger single-family homes to be converted to duplexes or triplexes.

City planners Kady Dadlez and Allan Torstenson praised the Merriam Park neighbors who took part in the zoning study for balancing the need for more housing with the desire for historic preservation and the protection of single-family homes. "They provided a lot more rationale for spreading the density out," Torstenson said. "The plan creates an interesting pattern for land use and provides opportunities for growth. It puts density where it may make the most sense."

The neighbors had pushed for more changes than the city would allow, such as rezoning the Town and Country Club property from lower-density residential use to higher-density traditional neighborhoods use. Van Wert said that with the declining popularity of golf, the city should start thinking about the golf course's long-term future. A suggestion by neighbors to rezone the service stations at the southeast corner of Marshall and Cretin and the northeast corner of Cleveland and Marshall was also rejected by city staff.

All property owners in the Marshall study area will be notified of the possible changes prior to the Planning Commission's public hearing. The rezoning plan, if approved by the City Council, would not force a property's use to change, but rather is intended to guide future redevelopment.

April snowfalls bring May flooding

By JANE McCLURE

Late snowmelt followed by spring showers raised the Mississippi River to minor flood stage last week. The river had reached a high of 14.38 feet in St. Paul by April 30, causing the closure of Water Street and Lilydale Road, the trails through Lilydale to Highway 13, the Lilydale and Hidden Falls boat launches, and Hidden Falls Regional Park.

Rising waters also forced the closure of the Lilydale Pool & Yacht Club and much of Fort Snelling State Park. Flood warnings for both the Mississippi and Minnesota rivers were expected to continue through at least May 3.

Fourteen feet is considered to be minor flood stage in St. Paul, climbing to moderate at 15 feet and major at 17 feet. Harriet Island starts to go underwater at 17.5 feet, while Shepard and Warner roads become impassable at 18 feet. The last local major flood in St. Paul was in June 2014, when the Mississippi crested at 20.13 feet.

The Lilydale Pool & Yacht Club closed its doors on April 29 during the current flooding and was expected to remain shut until at least May 4. A Facebook post on April 28 stated, "Both roads to access the (club) will be impassable due to rising water beginning tonight at 10 p.m." The post urged club members to "Pray for no rain."

St. Paul Public Works announced that it was closing Water Street/Lilydale Road between Highway 13 and Plato Boulevard as of April 26. "Closing Water Street is a preventive action for anticipated flooding," said city Public Works director Kathy Lantry. "We'll continue

to monitor the river and respond as needed."

Along with river flooding, Public Works has been dealing with a rock slide on the West Side bluffs on April 28 that closed Wabasha Street. The city and its consultants were deciding their next steps, which could include blasting away some of the bluff.

Portions of Lilydale Regional Park began to flood in late April. Clare Cloyd, spokesperson for the St. Paul Department of Parks and Recreation, said city staff were closely watching the Mississippi River and the parks.

"We're waiting to see if events can go on (at Hidden Falls, Crosby and Harriet Island parks) or if they have to be moved or rescheduled," she said.

As of April 30, a portion of Raspberry Island was submerged. High water was also visible at Crosby and Hidden Falls parks and at the Upper and Lower Landings.

Since late April, flooding at Fort Snelling State Park has closed the majority of its trails, parking areas and roads near the two rivers.

Pike Island and Picnic Island were closed to the public until further notice. The fishing pier and the boat launch on Snelling Lake were not accessible, nor was the Visitor Center. Geocaching was temporarily suspended due to flooding. Complicating matters was that the park office phone system was down.

"A lot of the involvement of our department will come after the water recedes," Cloyd said. "We anticipate substantial debris and silt cleanup will be required on parkland and trails. The flood waters could delay seasonal water turn-ons for fountains and restrooms in parks along the river, as if the long winter wasn't challenge enough."

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Growing trend

Temple designs garden that will appeal to birds and bees

BY FRANK JOSSI

A 300-foot-long native garden is taking shape on a narrow slope behind the Temple of Aaron's parking lot on Mississippi River Boulevard. Ramsey County master gardeners joined local residents in planting the River of Grass Garden last Sunday on a 10-foot strip of land that stretches south from Hartford Avenue.

Leading the effort is temple member Mary Maguire Lerman, a former horticulturalist for the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Department for 32 years. On a rainy day last week, she detailed the positioning of plants and outlined the strategy of their placement.

Native gardens require long-term thinking, according to Maguire Lerman. "The River of Grass Garden will really be established in three years, but we'll be seeing good growth by the second year and even this summer," she said.

The new garden was once part of an alley that ran between the temple and the backyards of the homes on Mount Curve Boulevard. The alley was abandoned years ago, and it became a garden of sorts, though one that was marred by buckthorn and nonnative honeysuckle that sprang up from seeds dropped in the excrement of birds. The invasive plants have been dug out and the land cleared for the addition of more than 2,000 plants.

"We had volunteers working for the last two years getting rid of the undesirable plants, such as daylilies, non-natives and invasive shrubs," Maguire Lerman said.

A major feature of the new pollinator-friendly garden will be the "river" of Blue Heaven Bluestems, a perennial grass that is being planted in homage to the blue waters of the nearby Mississippi River. Blue Heaven Bluestem was developed

by University of Minnesota professor Mary Hockenberry Meyer and released in 2007.

Nearly all the garden's plants will be native to Minnesota, with a handful from Israel and other foreign countries. Sedges will line the parking lot side of the garden, according to Maguire Lerman. At the Hartford Avenue end, she planted a Pagoda dogwood, and near the dogwood will be a series of grasses meant to represent Lake Itasca.

Grays sedges will be used as border plants next to the parking lot. "They stay green through the winter," said Maguire Lerman. Other plants include Blue Zinger, switchgrass, Big Bluestem, Blackhawk and Red October.

The River of Grass Garden sits near the nests of two bald eagles who over the past four years have succeeded in removing just about all of the rabbits that have nibbled on the Temple of Aaron's other gardens. Maguire Lerman and her crew expect that the new garden will serve as a snack bar for bald eagles on the lookout for field mice and as a cafeteria for bees looking to pollinate among the native plants.

After the seeds of the River of Grass Garden are planted, Maguire Lerman is planning an elaborate preparation of mulch to stem the growth of weeds. She has collected 10 banker's boxes of old newspapers that will be spread over the ground and held down by hundreds of toothpicks. Mulch from Kern Landscaping will then be applied.

Temple of Aaron has two other gardens that Maguire Lerman has developed. One is a rain garden on the east side of the building just north of the entrance. The winner of a 2012 award from Blooming St. Paul, the garden is in an 18-inch depression filled with Siberian irises, astilbe, Old Man's Beard shrubs and puschkinia from the mountains



Sean Barker and parents Sharon Jansa and Keith Barker (above) of Macalester-Groveland joined a host of volunteers (right) in planting the new River of Grass Garden behind the Temple of Aaron. Sean Barker, who attends the adjacent Sunny Hollow Montessori School, had his hands full at one point (below). PHOTOS BY CHAS JENSEN



of the Middle East, and it captures much of the rain water that runs off the temple's roof. The second garden is a work in progress. Maguire Lerman is replacing old evergreens with native plants and herbs that will be harvested for the Francis Basket Food Shelf in Highland Park.

Many of the plants for the River of Grass Garden were donated by a nursery in Florida that is a client of Gary Portnoy, a Temple of Aaron

member who has sold plant seeds professionally for four decades. The garden, Portnoy said, brings "an abandoned strip of ground to life," and with the other refurbished gardens around the temple, will beautify the local landscape.

The River of Grass Garden is among the larger projects Ramsey County master gardeners have helped with, according to Jamie Aussendorf, the administrator of

that program. "We're about helping pollinators, which is a state priority," Aussendorf said. "Our master gardeners are doing presentations all over the county about native planting, and we'll be doing one related to this project."

"I want the River of Grass Garden to be a place where the public can learn," said Maguire Lerman. "But we're going to need a little more money for (interpretative) signage."

Plant sales and swaps are leafing out across the Twin Cities

People who are looking to give Mother Nature a helping hand this spring will find the following local plant sales, exchanges and tours in full bloom during the next few weeks:

Hmong elders will show how they keep their culture alive in Minnesota by planting seedlings in a pot and growing the ingredients for traditional meals to be harvested later this summer. The hands-on workshops will be held as follows: Grow Hmong Pho in a Pot, 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave. (651-642-0385), and 1:30-3 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at the Riverview Library, 1 E. George St. (651-292-6626); Grow Hmong Pepper Sauce in a Pot, 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, at the Rondo Library, 461 N. Dale St. (651-266-7400); and Grow Hmong Salad in a Pot, 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at the Rice Street Library, 1011 Rice St. (651-558-2223), and from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 24, at the Hmong Elders Center, 1337 Rice St. (651-558-2223). The workshops are free, but reservations are recommended by calling the location.

Friends School will hold its 29th annual

plant sale on May 11-13 at the Minnesota State Fair Grandstand. The event will offer more than 2,450 varieties of annuals and perennials, climbing plants, water plants, herbs, trees, shrubs, wildflowers, vegetable plants and more. The sale will run from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday. Parking and admission are free. Visit friendsschoolplantsale.com.

The Mendota Heights Garden Club will host its annual plant sale from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at 1422 Delaware Ave., West St. Paul. There will be perennials, natives and herbs, many from members' gardens. Email Jan Lynch at jlynch921@yahoo.com.

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council will hold a Garden Fest from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at the Edgumbe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St. The fest will feature the annual spring plant share, along with programs on do-it-yourself container gardening for children at 9:30 a.m. and for adults at 10:30 a.m. A Master Gardener and Master Water Steward will be on hand to offer advice and answer questions about lawns and gardens. The plant share is meant to be an

exchange. Those without plants to share may purchase them for a suggested \$2 donation per item. For information, contact 651-695-4000 or mgcc@macgrove.org.

The Dowling Community Garden, 3901 46th Ave. S., Minneapolis, will hold its annual plant sale from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, May 12. Heirloom and non-heirloom plants will be available and Dowling gardeners will be on hand to answer any questions about plants or practices. Call 612-467-9545.

Ramsey County Master Gardeners will hold their annual plant sale from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at The Barn, 2020 White Bear Ave., next to Aldrich Arena. There will be 15-minute presentations on pollinator-friendly plants from 7:30-11:30 a.m. as well as many varieties of annuals, perennials, native plants and grasses. Proceeds from the plant sale support University of Minnesota horticultural programs. Call 651-704-2053 or email auss0004@umn.edu.

The Garden Club of Ramsey County will hold its annual plant sale from 8-11 a.m. Saturday, May 19, at the Edgumbe Recreation Center, 320 St. Griggs St. Choose from over

3,500 plants, many plucked from some of the best gardens in Ramsey County. Included are perennials, natives, herbs and many varieties of tomatoes. Visit ramseygardeners.org.

The Longfellow Garden Club will hold a plant swap on Saturday, May 19, at Sanford Middle School, 3524 42nd Ave. S., Minneapolis. People can bring plants beginning at 11 a.m. The swap starts at noon and typically lasts only 30 minutes.

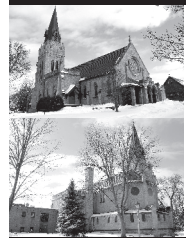
The Temple of Aaron Sisterhood will hold a plant sale from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, May 27, at the temple, 616 S. Mississippi River Blvd. The sale will feature annuals, perennials, vegetables and herbs. Only plants that will not harm pollinators will be sold.

The West End Neighbors' Garden Tour will be held for the 11th year from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 9. Guides with maps of the 15 gardens on the tour and a history of the neighborhood will be available at the West Seventh/Fort Road Federation office, 974 W. Seventh St. Tourgoers also can shop at a plant sale, chat with Master Gardeners, and check out the St. Paul Park Bee Cart. Contact joe@josfland.com or 651-297-9000.

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Highland Park

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Tour de Highland—Online registration is open until noon Thursday, May 17, for the fifth annual Tour de Highland. Participants also can register at the check-in station at Highland Bank when the event takes place from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 19. The tour includes bike rides of 10 or 20 miles and a chance to sample food from local eateries. A walking tour of Highland is also planned. Visit the website for details and to register. Volunteers interested in helping with one of the guided rides should contact Kathy Carruth at the HDC office.

Garage Fest—Registration is now open for the 2018 Garage Fest scheduled from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday and Saturday, June 1-2. The \$15 registration fee covers the cost of sale promotion, a garage sale sign, and maps of all seller locations and sale items. Visit the HDC website for more information and to register.

Organized trash collection—St. Paul will be launching its citywide garbage collection program on October 1. All residential properties with one to four units will need to have garbage service with a designated hauler under the new city ordinance. Look for informational brochures to arrive next week. Property owners will need to choose a cart size and service level by June 1. For information, visit stpaul.gov/garbage.

Upcoming meetings—Community Development Committee, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 15; and Community Engagement Committee, 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, May 22. Both meetings will be held at the Highland Park Community Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. For other meetings, see the calendar on the website.

Macalester-Groveland

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Alley Garden Awards—The Macalester-Groveland Community Council will host a flag-making event for its Alley Garden Awards from 7-8:30 p.m. Monday, May 14, at the Edgumbe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St. Nominations for the garden awards are not being accepted this year, since all alley gardens will be viewed during the June 21-28 judging period. Volunteers also are needed to help with judging. A training session will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 19, at Edgumbe. For information on being a judge or making flags, email britta@macgrove.org.

Garden Fest—The community council will hold a Garden Fest from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at the Edgumbe Recreation Center. The fest will feature the council's annual spring plant share, along with do-it-yourself container gardening for children at 9:30 a.m. and for adults at 10:30 a.m. A Master Gardener and Master Water Steward will be on hand to answer questions. A \$2 donation per item is requested from those without plants to share. Visit macgrove.org/gardenfest.

Macgrove Moves—A new season of MacGrove Moves has begun. To participate, people are being asked to leave their cars at home and walk, jog, bike or take public transit to their destinations at least 15 times between now and June 30. They may turn in up to three log sheets by the end of June (or a total of 45 trips) to be entered in a drawing to win prizes. Download log sheets at macgrove.org/mgm or pick them up at the Edgumbe or Groveland recreation centers.

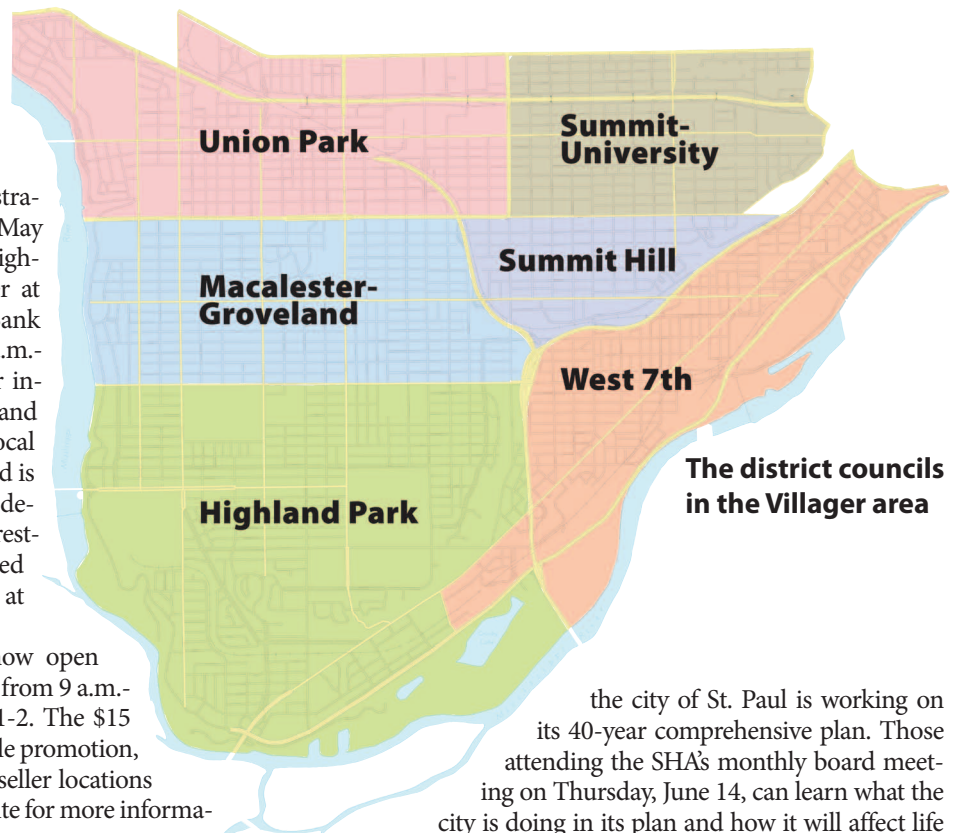
Get involved—The community council has openings on its board for at-large faith, business and residential representatives. It also has four standing committees that meet once a month. Those who attend three consecutive committee meetings can become voting members. For more information, visit macgrove.org/who-we-are/board.

Upcoming meetings—Community Building Committee, 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 14; Environment Committee, 7 p.m. Thursday, May 17; Housing and Land Use Committee, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, Groveland Recreation Center; and Transportation Committee, 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 28. The meetings will be held at the Edgumbe Recreation Center unless otherwise noted.

Summit Hill

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Summit Hill district plan—The Summit Hill Association is working on a revision of its 10-year district plan even as



The district councils in the Villager area

the city of St. Paul is working on its 40-year comprehensive plan. Those attending the SHA's monthly board meeting on Thursday, June 14, can learn what the city is doing in its plan and how it will affect life in St. Paul for the foreseeable future. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Linwood Recreation Center, 860 St. Clair Ave.

A taste of Coco—The life of Coco Irvine will be celebrated at 7 p.m. Monday, May 21, at SPA's Lower School, 1150 Goodrich Ave. Attendees will see scenes from the History Theatre's play *Coco's Diary* and hear stories about Irvine's life growing up in what is now the Governor's Residence on Summit Avenue. On hand will be Anya Kremenetsky, artistic associate with the theater, and Peg Meier, who discovered the 1927 diary of the 13-year-old Coco Irvine and wrote the book on which the play is based. The evening will include a book-signing by Meier and Jazz Age refreshments. Tickets for the SHA fundraiser are \$35. For reservations, visit the SHA website.

Linwood rain garden—With funding from the Capitol Region Watershed District, the SHA has enlisted the help of 2nd-grade science students from Linwood Monroe School to overhaul the rain garden at the Linwood Recreation Center. Students started growing seedlings and on Wednesday, May 23, they will walk to Linwood to plant them in the rain garden. They will also hear about the Adopt-A-Drain program and will join local artist Annie Hejny to create art pieces. Students, teachers and SHA members will work together and then enjoy a picnic lunch.

Mark your calendar—The public is invited to visit the SHA booth at the 45th annual Grand Old Day on Sunday, June 3, where they can register to vote and purchase tickets for this fall's Summit Hill House Tour.

Union Park

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Executive director sought—The Union Park District Council is seeking a new executive director to succeed Julie Reiter, who is leaving after four years at the post. The director runs the nonprofit organization and manages its programming. For more information, visit the UPDC website or check out the job posting at minnesotanonprofits.org.

Block party barricades—The season for block parties is finally here. For those who would like to organize a party on their street, the UPDC makes it a snap with easy and inexpensive barricade rentals. Barricades are available for a \$40 fee and a \$80 refundable deposit. People can apply for a block party permit at stpaul.gov/departments/police/connect-with-department/event-permits and can send a barricade rental request to alexa@unionparkdc.org.

Community engagement coordinator—Alexa Golemo is the UPDC's new community engagement coordinator. A graduate of Iowa State University, she comes to the council with strong experience coordinating large festivals for the Smithsonian. People can welcome her by visiting the UPDC's new office at 1821 University Ave., Suite 308.

Upcoming meetings—Transportation Committee, 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 14, Otto Hall at Episcopal Homes, 1860 University Ave.; Environment and Parks Committee, 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, Merriam Park Recreation Center, 2000 St. Anthony Ave.; and Land Use and Economic Development Committee, 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 21, Griggs-Midway Building, 1821 University Ave., Suite 330.

Stay in touch—The public is invited to "like" the UPDC on Facebook and subscribe to its e-newsletter, "Neighborhood Matters," by emailing alexa@unionparkdc.org.



No parking is allowed without a permit in this area south-west of Goodrich and Cretin avenues. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

City proposes changes to permit parking program

BY JANE MCCLURE

Reducing the number of permit parking districts, standardizing the number of permits per household, and allowing permits to be purchased online and by residents with leased vehicles are among the proposed changes to St. Paul's residential permit parking program that were recommended for approval on May 4 by the St. Paul Planning Commission. The recommendation will eventually go to the City Council for a public hearing, but no date has yet been set.

Sweeping changes to the way the city handles permit parking has been delayed in the face of public opinion. The elimination of some districts, including one north of Highland Village and another around tiny Snelling Park, has been dropped.

"I didn't think it would be so hard to make these changes," said Elizabeth Stiffler, who led a study of permit parking for the city's Department of Public Works.

After more than a year of surveys, neighborhood meetings and reviews, Stiffler said most people seemed happy with the permit parking system as it is. Changes are now only being suggested in the areas of administration, enforcement and policies.

Several local district councils and neighborhood associations have reviewed the recommended changes, but have not taken positions on them. The Summit Hill Association wound up providing the city with the results of its own survey after disagreeing on what to recommend approving.

Most of the focus in recent weeks has been around the University of St. Thomas, where 10 permit parking districts could be consolidated into seven. Time periods also would become standardized around the campus. Most districts would continue to have no parking without a permit from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. on weekdays. A district near the Marshall-Cleveland intersection would allow limited parking for business patrons, a change made two years ago following the addition of the Cleveland Avenue bike lane.

The recommended changes would set a citywide maximum of five parking permits per household—three for residents and two for guests. Some residents in Irvine Park and Summit Hill, where as many as six permits per household are allowed, are objecting to the proposed limit.

The changes would allow the city to set up an online database for easier permit applications and renewals. Signs would be updated to make them less confusing. Public Works would be allowed to make minor changes to districts as needed, such as when a property goes from residential to commercial uses.

Clarifying the language of the city ordinances, rolling all of the districts into one ordinance and using the same type of permit citywide are also being proposed. Most districts use permit stickers, though some use placards.

Residents have said they would like more permit parking enforcement. One hurdle is that St. Paul has only a dozen parking enforcement officers. The Police Department also lacks license plate reader technology, which would streamline the enforcement process.

The Planning Commission's Transportation Committee reviewed the changes in April and recommended approval on a 5-1 vote. Most committee members tepidly supported the recommendations. "St. Paul doesn't like change," said member Jessica Treat, executive director of St. Paul Smart Trips/Transit for Livable Communities.

"I found that out," Stiffler replied. She said some residents have lived with permit parking for 30 or more years and are fine with it.

The recommendations would reduce the current 27 districts to 24. Districts must have a minimum of eight contiguous block faces, though the City Council can waive that requirement. Stiffler cautioned that having a district is not a guarantee that residents can find a spot to park in front of their homes. It only means that those without a permit face a fine if their vehicles are found parked there during restricted hours.

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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—The BP Station at 2005 Ford Pkwy. was broken into at 5:38 a.m. Tuesday, April 24.

—A home was burglarized on the 500 block of Brimhall Street between April 28-29.

—Several suspects entered Yarmo Liquor Store, 2489 W. Seventh St., and stole several items at 10:08 a.m. Sunday, April 29.

Theft—A vehicle was stolen on the 1600 block of Ford Parkway during the evening of April 21-22.

—Tools, knives, an iPad Touch and 9 mm handgun rounds were stolen from a vehicle on the 1500 block of Randolph Avenue during the evening of April 21-22.

—A purse was reported stolen from a vehicle at Crosby Farm Park at 10:19 a.m. Thursday, April 26.

Sex crime—A rape was reported on the 1600 block of Bayard Avenue at midnight on Friday, April 13.

Assault—A female was assaulted near the Highland Target at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 24.

Weapons—Gunfire was reported at Hertz Rent-a-Car, 1420 Davern St., at 3:49 a.m. Saturday, April 28.

Lexington-Hamline

Burglary—A home was burglarized on the 1200 block of Marshall Avenue between April 18-19.

Theft—A vehicle was stolen on Lexington Parkway and Ashland Avenue during the evening of April 19-20.

—An attempted auto theft was reported at the Midway Target at 4:47 p.m. Friday, April 27. The vehicle's window had been smashed and the ignition damaged.

—A wallet was stolen from the men's locker room at LA Fitness, 1370 University Ave., between 10:48 a.m.-1:43 p.m. Saturday, April 28.

Assault—A boy was injured in a fight outside of Central High School and had to be taken to the hospital at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, April 26.

Macalester-Groveland

Burglary—The Green Mill Restaurant, 57 S. Hamline Ave., was broken into between 1-4:02 a.m. Friday, April 20.

Theft—Work tools were stolen from a vehicle on the 1400 block of Grand Avenue between April 23-24.

—A backpack, MacBook Pro, iPhone 7, Bose headphones and wallet were stolen on the 1500 block of Summit Avenue between 4:30-5:50 p.m. Monday, April 23.

—A bicycle valued at more than \$500 was reported stolen on the 1800 block of Grand

Avenue at 7:34 p.m. Tuesday, April 24.

—Ridge cases, drills, a circular saw, a backpack, tools, batteries, drill bits and a briefcase were stolen from a vehicle on the 200 block of Warwick Street between April 22-24.

—A laptop computer was reported stolen at Macalester College at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28.

Mendota Heights

Burglary—Burglaries were reported at two businesses on the 700 block of Highway 110 on the morning of Saturday, April 14. Cash was taken from one location and the office was gone through in the other, though nothing was reported missing.

—A home burglary was reported on the 2000 block of Lemay Lake Road at 5:55 p.m. Monday, April 23.

Theft—Eagan police recovered mail that had been reported stolen on the 1000 block of Kingsley Circle at 5:21 p.m. Monday, April 16.

Sex crime—A community notification meeting regarding level 2 sex offender Kirk Alan Fugelseth was held on April 26 in the Mendota Heights City Council Chambers. Fugelseth, 51, was expected to move to the vicinity of Farmdale Road and Wachtler Avenue in Mendota Heights on or after April 23 after being discharged from the state's sex offender program. He has a history of molesting boys and girls ages 7-15 and of possessing child pornography.

Miscellaneous—A woman reported a suspicious person kicking the front door of her neighbor's house at 9:49 p.m. Monday, April 23, on the 1100 block of Ivy Hill.

Merriam Park

Burglary—An apartment was broken into on the 1600 block of Marshall Avenue between April 20-22.

—Three 17-year-old boys were arrested for burglarizing an occupied residence on the 1900 block of Merriam Lane at 7:50 p.m. Saturday, April 21.

—A television was reported stolen from the Days Inn, 1964 University Ave., at 11:29 a.m. Wednesday, April 25.

Theft—A backpack, computer, passport and clothing were stolen from a vehicle on the 1600 block of Laurel Avenue between 9:45-10 p.m. Wednesday, April 18.

—A package was reported stolen on the 1700 block of Marshall Avenue at 11:35 a.m. Friday, April 20.

—A purse was stolen from a vehicle on Summit Avenue and Mississippi River Boulevard between 10:15-10:40 a.m. Thursday, April 26.

Weapons—A man threatened a woman with a knife on the 1700 block of Carroll Avenue at 2 a.m. Friday, April 20.

—Gunfire was reported on the 400 block of

North Wheeler Street at 9:20 p.m. Saturday, April 28.

Miscellaneous—Police were called to the University of St. Thomas at 6:18 p.m. Saturday, April 21, regarding an extremely intoxicated 20-year-old male. The student reportedly had been stumbling around the neighborhood before being given a ride to a dorm by concerned neighbors. He was taken to a UST care room where security staff stayed with him. When police were called to take him to detox at 10 p.m., his blood alcohol level was .173.

—A window peeper was reported on the 2000 block of Dayton Avenue at 10:17 p.m. Friday, April 27.

Snelling-Hamline

Theft—More than \$1,000 in merchandise was reported stolen at the Midway Walmart at 4:15 p.m. Saturday, April 21.

—A wedding ring was stolen on the 1500 block of Concordia Avenue during the evening of April 29-30.

Assault—A female customer was cited for striking a man in the head at Cash Payday, 1532 University Ave., at 3:27 p.m. Thursday, April 26. The suspect said she was reacting after the man rushed up to her and began yelling obscenities.

Miscellaneous—A 20-year-old woman was cited for obstructing traffic while panhandling at 4:36 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, on Snelling and Concordia avenues.

Summit Hill

Burglary—An attempted break-in was reported at Allure Intimate Apparel, 1051 Grand Ave., the evening of April 28-29.

Theft—A witness saw a vehicle being tampered with on the 1000 block of Grand Avenue at 4:32 p.m. Friday, April 27. He followed the suspect to the Linwood Recreation Center, where officers stopped and identified a juvenile male.

Summit-University

Burglary—An apartment was broken into on the 100 block of Summit Avenue between April 23-24.

Theft—Multiple tools were stolen from a business van on the 800 block of Iglehart Avenue between April 19-23.

—A radio was stolen on the 900 block of Carroll Avenue during the evening of April 20-21. A Sawzall, nail gun and other tools also were stolen on the same block during the evening of April 21-22.

—A wallet was reported stolen on the 200 block of Marshall Avenue at 3:46 p.m. Monday, April 23.

—Stolen vehicles were reported on the 800 block of Marshall Avenue on April 23-24, on the 100 block of Kent Street on April 25-26, on the 600 block of Iglehart Avenue on April

27, on the 600 block of Marshall Avenue on April 28, on the 700 block of Laurel Avenue on April 29-30 and on the 900 block of Hague Avenue on April 30.

—A gold necklace and rings were stolen on the 1000 block of Summit Avenue between 9-10:22 a.m. Saturday, April 28.

—Two work computers were stolen from a vehicle at the Red Cow, 393 Selby Ave., at 11:43 p.m. Monday, April 30.

Sex crime—A rape was reported on the 200 block of North Victoria Street at 7:21 p.m. Friday, April 6.

Weapons—Police received a report of the reckless discharge of a firearm in an apartment on the 800 block of Hague Avenue at 7:52 p.m. Friday, April 20.

—Gunfire was reported on the 900 block of Carroll Avenue on April 20, on Dale Street and Summit Avenue on April 23, and on Grotto Street and Selby Avenue on April 23.

West End

Robbery—The SuperAmerica at 1125 W. Seventh St. was robbed at gunpoint at 10:40 p.m. Friday, April 20. The suspect was described as a black male, around 6 feet tall, and wearing a black mask, black jacket with white sleeves, bleached jeans and red shoes.

Burglary—Multiple latches and locks were cut off storage lockers at the Victoria Park 2 Apartments, 750 Otto Ave., between 9:33-10:49 a.m. Tuesday, May 1.

Theft—Golf clubs were stolen on the 900 block of Armstrong Avenue between April 12-20.

—Tools were stolen from the storage area of an apartment building on the 700 block of Otto Avenue between April 12-26.

—Prescription glasses and sunglasses were stolen from a vehicle on West Seventh Street and Smith Avenue between April 15-16.

—A handgun, Air Jordans, Beats headphones, Ray Ban sunglasses and a gun safe were stolen from a vehicle on the 700 block of Mercer Street during the evening of April 19-20.

—A Chromebook laptop computer was stolen from a vehicle on the 100 block of West Seventh Street between April 20-22.

—All 24 lug nuts were stolen from a vehicle at E3 Environmental, 871 Jefferson Ave., between April 29-30.

—Tires were stolen on the 900 block of Goodrich Avenue during the evening of April 30-May 1.

—An iPhone and credit cards were stolen from a vehicle on Goodrich and Smith avenues between 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 1.

Miscellaneous—The tires of a vehicle were reported slashed at the Holy Mackerel tattoo shop, 196 Forbes Ave., at 4:43 a.m. Sunday, April 22.

Debate continues on design of new Dale St. bridge over I-94

By JANE McCLURE

As final design work wraps up on next year's replacement of the Dale Street bridge over I-94, residents in the surrounding neighborhoods continue to seek changes. Pedestrian access and safety remain critical concerns for the Summit-University Planning Council (SUPC), which voted unanimously on April 24 to send a letter outlining its objections to city and county officials.

The \$12 million project was slated to begin in 2017, but has been delayed for another year to allow for more public comments. Traffic over the bridge has outgrown its original 1961 design and 1983 expansion, according to Ramsey County officials.

Bridge and street design issues have been discussed since 2013, initially led by the

District Councils Collaborative. When that group shut down in 2016, the SUPC took over discussions for redesigning Dale Street and the bridge itself. Dale is scheduled to be repaved between Central and University avenues and to be rebuilt between Central and Iglehart avenues.

"The community's interest is to make Dale Street and the bridge safer, more pedestrian-friendly and more accessible," said former collaborative director Carol Swenson, who is continuing to work on bridge planning.

Other goals for the project include calming traffic, honoring the Rondo neighborhood that was lost when I-94 was built, and making Dale Street and the bridge more attractive. Another goal is to help local residents gain entry to careers in the construction trades through apprenticeships in the project.

The new bridge would have 16-foot sidewalks, which is much wider than the sidewalks now. One issue the SUPC is raising is whether there is a need for right-turn lanes and the amount of space they could take up.

Creating wider corners is another issue, because they are not as safe to cross on foot or bike, Swenson said. Some people would like to see the bridge's ramps narrowed for traffic calming. They also would like to see more accommodations for people with disabilities on the east and west sides of Dale.

Bridge design is still ongoing with the city and state, said Deborah Carter-McCoy of Ramsey County Public Works. She said lane widths and configurations have not been nailed down yet.

County officials have pushed back the project and made changes in response to public

concerns, she said. Outreach will continue with a public meeting in late spring or early summer, and an informational display during Rondo Days in July.

Among the changes made to accommodate pedestrians was the purchase of a former service station at the northeast corner of Dale and St. Anthony Avenue. The building was torn down and the space will be used to create a winding sidewalk that will make it easier for people with mobility issues to use the bridge.

Carter-McCoy said yet another change to address accessibility concerns was to use steel instead of concrete for the bridge approaches. Steel is stronger and reduces the thickness and slope of the path to and from the bridge.

The county is also working with the non-profit Springboard for the Arts on public art as part of the bridge project.

Health and Fitness

A light in the darkness

Firefly Sisterhood offers hope and guidance for MN women diagnosed with breast cancer

BY JANET LUNDER HANAFIN

Lanie Paymar said she figured something wasn't right when she got a call from her clinic. "I flunked my mammogram," said Paymar, who was told she had breast cancer. It's the kind of news that takes one's breath away and brings the world to a screeching halt.

Paymar, a Macalester-Groveland resident, was 65 years old and had been having mammograms since she was 40. Her cancer was at an early stage and could be treated by a lumpectomy, which removed the tumor and some surrounding tissue, along with three lymph nodes. Radiation treatment followed and Paymar has been cancer-free for seven years.

But that's not the whole story. Paymar, who learned firsthand how devastating a cancer diagnosis can be, is now an inspirational guide for the Firefly Sisterhood. She talks with other women who also find themselves facing breast cancer.

A breast cancer diagnosis nearly always puts a woman on a lonely road, and research has shown that women who have a support system and good information fare better

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than those who are isolated.

After she got her earth-shaking news, Paymar knew she needed to talk with someone who had walked that road before her. She reached out to an organization called Sharsheret, which links women who are newly diagnosed or undergoing breast cancer treatment with someone in similar circumstances. The name is the Hebrew word for "chain," and the not-for-profit group was intended to serve, in particular, young Jewish women with breast cancer.

Though Paymar was not young, she was matched with a volunteer and found the experience helpful enough that, when her own treatment was complete, she became a



Lanie Paymar is a breast cancer survivor and now serves as an inspirational guide for other women through the Minneapolis-based Firefly Sisterhood. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

Sharsheret volunteer.

"My Sharsheret link helped in my recovery," Paymar said. "I appreciated having someone near my age answer my questions."

In November 2016 Paymar saw a newspaper article about the Firefly Sisterhood. Funded by a \$300,000 grant from Yoplait and General Mills and founded in Minneapolis in 2014, Firefly is a nondenominational, nonprofit organization of volunteer breast cancer survivors who support other women with breast cancer one-to-one.

Paymar decided to volunteer for Firefly as well, and in the past two years has connected with several women.

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breast cancer with those who have literally been there and done that. The name comes from the notion that "a firefly lights the darkness," she said.

"One of the greatest benefits of the Firefly Sisterhood is being able to speak with a woman who had a very similar breast cancer experience," said Firefly program manager Jenny Cook. "When a woman reaches out for a match, we respond by email or phone within 24 hours. This is true 365 days a year."

Women who want to be Firefly guides go through training and learn about listening and confidentiality, Paymar said. They do role-playing exercises with each other. They also must sign a confidentiality agreement and another document stating that they will not

offer medical advice or opinions; endorse or recommend specific physicians, healthcare providers or facilities; or promote any treatments or products. Once certified, they are required to attend three hours of training each year to maintain their skills.

"We're a listening ear. We can say what our experience was, but not give advice," Paymar said.

Guides are matched with women in similar circumstances. A woman who reaches out to Firefly can describe what is most important to her in speaking with a matched guide. She can specify her age, marital status, whether she has young children at home and employment concerns.

Once a match has been made,

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Council supports parking bans for Lexington bikeway plan

By JANE McCLURE

The St. Paul City Council voted on May 4 in favor of parking bans on Lexington Parkway as part of a plan to install bike lanes there this summer from James to St. Clair avenues. The project will be taken up by the Ramsey County Board for action later this spring because Lexington is a county road.

Parking would be removed on the east side of Lexington between James and Juliet avenues, and on both sides of the parkway from Juliet to Jefferson avenues to maintain existing turn lanes. Parking would continue to be banned on both sides of Lexington from Jefferson to St. Clair.

The bike lanes are being added as part of the county's plan to resurface Lexington from James to University avenues. The county is expecting to have the work done after July 4 and before the State Fair.

Between James and Juliet, Lexington would have 11-foot traffic lanes, 7-foot bike lanes and an 8-foot parking lane (west side only). Between Juliet and Jefferson, Lexington would have 11-foot traffic lanes, 6-foot bike lanes and a 10-foot left-turn lane. Between Jefferson and St. Clair, Lexington would have 11-foot traffic lanes, 6-foot bike lanes and a shared 10-foot center turn lane.

Lexington narrows north of St. Clair, so adding bike lanes there is not possible.

Luke Hanson of the St. Paul Department

"The important point is that this will make Lexington a safer road," said Ward 3 City Council member Chris Tolbert.

of Public Works said the project will extend Lexington's current bike lanes that were added almost three years ago between Montreal and Randolph avenues. The extension would provide a connection to existing bike routes along St. Clair and Jefferson avenues.

Though the project is being hailed by cyclists as providing needed connections through the city, some neighbors are decrying the loss of on-street parking. Residents on the east side of Lexington turned out in force during a recent series of meetings to ask the city to ban parking on the opposite side of the street where there are 18 spaces, instead of on their side where there are 12. They pointed out that they do not have an alley, and residents on the west side do.

Ward 3 City Council member Chris Tolbert said that while he understands the objections to the loss of on-street parking, homeowners

on the east side do have access to driveways. He said studies have shown fewer people using the east side parking spaces, and that those spots are rarely full.

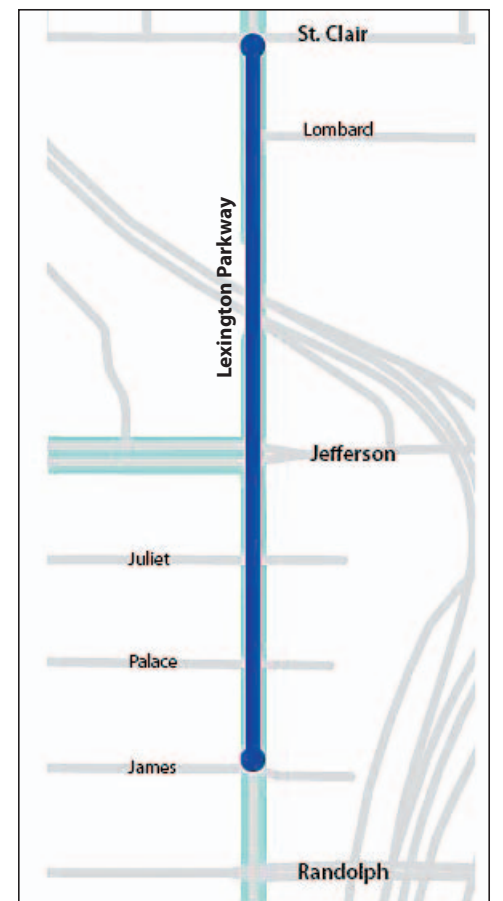
"The important point is that this will make Lexington a safer road," he said.

Only one resident, Diana Thorne, spoke at the hearing. She asked if any consideration could be given to providing even a few parking spaces on Lexington between Juliet and Jefferson. She described the loss of parking as "devastating" for the eight affected homes in that area. She asked that either a few parking spots be preserved or that share the road arrows, or sharrows, be used instead of striped bike lanes. She was concerned about how her elderly mother would be able to walk across busy Lexington to get to her house.

Eight people spoke in favor of the bike lanes. "I don't like it when bike lanes just end," said West End resident Quinn DeMaster.

Other cyclists said that Lexington is already part of their regular commuting route, and that bike lanes would help calm traffic and make it safer. "I have to bike this stretch to get to places and I don't feel safe," said Lexington resident Christine Roberts.

Macalester-Groveland resident Brian Martinson said he commutes by bicycle to Bloomington daily and uses Lexington as part of his route. When he hits the hill, "I'm out of breath and going slow. For everyone like me, there are 99 people not willing to do that."



Bike lanes would be extended from James to St. Clair avenues when Lexington Parkway is resurfaced this summer.

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both women receive each other's information. Sometimes one conversation is all that's needed to give comfort and confidence to a Firefly "sister" with breast cancer. Other times, life-long bonds of friendship are formed. After a month, Firefly checks in to see how the match is working for both women.

Firefly initially found women through referrals from hospitals, clinics and professionals who worked with cancer patients, and more than 550 matches were made in the first couple of years. However, since around 4,000 women in Minnesota are diagnosed with breast cancer annually, the organization needed more extensive outreach.

The group now offers presentations at vari-

ous businesses, clubs, corporations, law firms and faith groups. While the primary mission of Firefly is to create one-to-one connections, the organization also organizes gatherings that are social or educational.

Paymar, who retired from her clerical job with Ramsey County 17 years ago, is still very active. Besides volunteering for Firefly, she sings with a choir sponsored by the MacPhail

Center for Music and takes piano lessons. She and her husband volunteer for Feline Rescue, garden, work out, walk and take life-long learning classes together.

Women who would like to request a Firefly guide can call 952-582-2972 or visit the website at fireflysisterhood.org. The website also includes information about becoming a guide.



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Thursday/May 10

A **THREE-DAY GARAGE SALE** to benefit YMCA Camps Widjiwagan and du Nord will be held from 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m. today and Friday and from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, May 10-12, in the Merchandise Mart at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. More than 250 families contributed good used clothing, sporting and camping equipment, household items, toys, books, antiques and much miscellaneous. Admission is free. Call 651-645-6605.

INTERFAITH ACTION of Greater St. Paul will hold its annual assembly this evening at the Klas Center at Hamline University, Snelling and Hewitt avenues. Clifton L. Taulbert is the keynote speaker. Taulbert is the author of *Once Upon a Time When We Were Colored* and the CEO of a human capital development company and Roots Java Coffee. The assembly will open with a reception at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner and the program at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$40, or \$5 for Taulbert's talk alone. To register, visit interfaithaction.org.

LEARN ABOUT HMONG GARDENING and food traditions and how you can harvest a Hmong supper of pho for your family this summer in a free program from 6-7 p.m. at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave. Children are welcome if accompanied by an adult. To register, call 651-642-0385 or visit spl.org.

WANT TO IMPROVE your speaking skills in a light-hearted and supportive atmosphere? Join Midway Toastmasters. The club meets from 6-8 p.m. every Thursday at Seventh Street Social, 2176 W. Seventh St. No reservations are necessary.

THE MARSHALL PLAN author Benn Steil and veterans of the occupation in Europe after World War II will speak at the History Round Table at 7 p.m. at the Visitors Center at Historic Fort Snelling. Admission is a \$5 donation, free for students and veterans. Call 612-726-1171.

Monday/May 14

A **SMALL-TOWN NEWS EDITOR** struggles with the election of a demagogue to the U.S. presidency in *It Can't Happen Here*. The 1936 play, based on the novel by the same name by Sinclair Lewis, will be read by local actors in a free program at 7 p.m. at the Arlington Hills Community Center, 1200 Payne Ave. A discussion will follow. Visit thefriends.org/untoldstories.

Tuesday/May 15

A **MENTAL HEALTH** support group for adults ages 18-30 meets from 6-7:30 p.m. today and the first and third Tuesday of every month on the lower level of Macalester Plymouth United Church, 1658 Lincoln Ave. The group is facilitated by young adults with a mental illness and doing well in recovery. It is sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness. For information, call Tess at 507-226-3369.

Friday/May 18

A **HEALTH & WELLNESS EXPO** will be held from 1-3:30 p.m. at the Wellington, 2235 Rockwood Ave. A wide variety of organizations and businesses will be displaying their products and services.

Bike, eat, walk during fifth Tour de Highland

If they're not already, bicyclists will once again be able to get into pedaling shape for the summer at the fifth annual Tour de Highland from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 19. Cosponsored by the Highland District Council and Highland Business Association, the event will feature bike rides of 10 and 20 miles along both sides of the Mississippi River.

Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Highland Bank parking lot. The longer ride will commence at 9:45 a.m., followed by the shorter one at 10 a.m. Participants may head out on their own or join in guided trips. Riders are being reminded to wear a helmet and bring a bike lock.

Returning this year is an informative walk to learn about the history of Highland Park. The approximately 1-mile walk will begin at 10:15 a.m. Check-in starts 15 minutes beforehand in the bank's parking lot.

Erik's Bike Shop will once again provide free bicycle safety checks before the ride. And Alchemy will be conducting a pre-tour Yoga Flow warm-up beginning at 9:15 a.m.

After the ride, participants can lock up their bikes at the bank and stroll the neighborhood to enjoy free food and beverage samples from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Walkers and others who choose not to ride can still check in for food and drink samples after 11 a.m. at Tiffany Sports Lounge.

The businesses providing food and beverage samples this year include Tiffany, Lunds & Byerlys, Menchie's Frozen Yogurt, Seventh Street Social, Five Guys, Von Hanson's Meats, Vina, Highland Cafe and Bakery, Highland Grill, Famous Dave's, Life Time,

Healthy snacks and beverages will be provided, and a drawing will be held for an Alta Wireless Fitbit. Call 651-955-1399.

Saturday/May 19

SHRED UP TO FIVE BOXES of personal and confidential documents between 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the offices of the Odd Couple Team, 1460 Grand Ave. The free event is being offered as a public service by Realtors Jason Koenig and Shane Montoya.

CELEBRATE ARBOR MONTH at the free festival of trees presented by the St. Paul Department of Parks and Recreation from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in Highland Park, 1227 Montreal Ave. Plant a tree, take part in tree arts and crafts, meet Burly Oak, watch 40 arborists compete in the five events of the annual Minnesota Tree Climbing Championship, and take home a tree seedling to plant.

"FLAMES OF DISCONTENT," the story of the 1916 miners' strike in northern Minnesota, will be told by Gary Kaunonen in a free program at 2 p.m. at the Hayden Heights Library, 1456 White Bear Ave. Visit thefriends.org/untoldstories.

Sunday/May 20

AUTHOR MARY FILLMORE will discuss her historical novel, *An Address in Amsterdam*, about a young Jewish woman who risks her life in the Nazi Resistance, from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the St. Paul Talmud Torah, 768 S. Hamline Ave. Admission is free and open to the public. Visit oremnet.org.



John Healy, Matt Coe and John Andrastek greeted each other before biking the inaugural Tour de Highland in 2014. This year's tour is Saturday, May 19. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

Target, Dairy Queen, Bruegger's Bagels, Quixotic Coffee, Jimmy John's, TeaSource, Alchemy/Passion Flower and Haskell's.

The Tour de Highland will take place rain or shine. The cost is \$15 per person and \$50 for families, and includes the free samples, a free water bottle and tour backpack, and entry in a raffle for a cruising bicycle sponsored by Tiffany and New Belgium Brewery. The winner will be announced at 2 p.m. and must be present to win.

Volunteers are needed to assist with the guided bike rides. To sign up, contact Kathy Carruth at 651-695-4005 or info@highland-districtcouncil.org.

Online registration for the tour closes at noon Thursday, May 17. People may also register on the day of the event in the bank's parking lot. However, tour backpacks may not be available for walk-up registrants. For more information, including a map of the bike routes, visit tinyurl.com/jwaaq4a.

THE ST. PAUL HIKING CLUB will gather for a three-mile hike beginning at 2:30 p.m. at the King & I Thai restaurant, 760 Hwy. 110 in Mendota Heights. New members are welcome. Call Charlotte at 651-455-0052.

Monday/May 21

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS will be accepting blood donations from noon-6 p.m. at the Waters of Highland Park, 678 S. Snelling Ave. Walk-ins are welcome, but reservations are recommended. Visit redcrossblood.org or call 800-733-2767.

"COCO'S DIARY," the inside story of the book and musical drama about teenager Clotilde Irvine of Summit Avenue, will be featured at a fundraiser for the Summit Hill Association at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of St. Paul Academy and Summit School, 1150 Goodrich Ave. Author Peg Meier will tell stories about Coco and St. Paul in the 1920s. History Theatre actors will perform excerpts from the play. Jazz Age refreshments and desserts will be served. Tickets are \$35 and fully tax-deductible. Visit summithillassociation.org.

"SELECTING TREES for a Changing Climate" will be discussed by University of Minnesota forestry professor Gary Johnson at a meeting of the Garden Club of Ramsey County from 7:25-8:25 p.m. at St. Luke Lutheran Church, 1807 Field Ave. Admission is free and open to all.

LA LECHE LEAGUE'S St. Paul Metro chapter will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in the community room at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1895 Laurel

Ave. Mothers, pregnant women and their children are invited to attend and discuss the advantages of breastfeeding to baby and mother. Call 952-210-5998.

Tuesday/May 22

THE CHALLENGES of raising a child with mental illness will be discussed in a facilitated support group meeting from 6-7:30 p.m. today and the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 700 S. Snelling Ave. The program is sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Call Jonathan Wagner at 651-210-9549.

Wednesday/May 23

LUNCH, LEARN AND LAUGH from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Episcopal Homes Seabury Building, 1830 University Ave. Chicken caesar salad, fruit and breadsticks will be served while fitness specialist Matt Demma speaks about increasing strength, improving balance, setting achievable goals and finding a healthy weight. The cost is \$8 cash or check. For reservations, call 651-379-5102 by May 21.

Thursday/May 24

HEALTHY BRAIN AGING, dementia and Alzheimer's disease will be discussed by Dr. William Frey of HealthPartners Center for Memory & Aging in a free seminar at 11 a.m. at Kessler & Maguire Funeral Home, 640 W. Seventh St. Refreshments will be served and a light lunch will follow the program. Call 651-224-2341.



Hot Dish By Morgan Smith

Trio offer their take on Japanese favorite

Taiwanese-Japanese businessman Momfuku Ando's development of instant ramen noodles was named the greatest Japanese invention of the 20th century in a poll of Japanese citizens. My vote would have gone to Godzilla, but I understand ramen's appeal.

The origin of the noodle dish is somewhat obscure. It was probably first brought to Japan by soldiers returning from China after World War II. Cheap imported flour from the United States helped popularize the noodles, whose key ingredient is a type of alkaline mineral water.

Mocked for years in this country as a staple for starving college students, ramen has been growing in popularity. In fact, in the past year or so, at least three restaurants featuring ramen have opened in St. Paul. Given the increased interest in ramen as a culinary attraction, we thought it might be fun to compare the restaurants in a noodle soup smackdown—a Ramen-Off, if you will, with apologies to the Russian imperial family.

The restaurant with the cleverest name among the three is Rah'MN in the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood. With a build-your-own concept similar to Chipotle or Subway, the eatery at 300 S. Snelling Ave. is also the most kid-friendly.

Upon entering Rah'MN, patrons may select from among three main entrées—ramen soup, fresh noodle salad or organic green salad—all for a base price of \$7.95. To go with their entrée, customers have a choice between traditional ramen noodles or gluten-free rice noodles and among organic kale, arugula or spinach. They then may pick from among 15 different fresh vegetables and garnishes, including such ingredients as cucumbers, tomatoes, broccoli, carrots, shitake mushrooms, seaweed, bamboo shoots, bok choy, bean sprouts, onions, peanuts and sesame seeds.

Various dressings and oils can be added to the salads or soups, such as roasted garlic oil, chili oil, teriyaki sauce and white miso-soy sauce. Protein in the form of braised angus beef, local duroc pork, chicken, an organic soft-boiled egg or GMO-free tofu may also be added for \$1.95 or \$1.00 each. Among the optional broths for the soup are gluten-free shoyu pork, chicken, white miso-mushroom and spicy miso.

My wife Mecca and I made the mistake of not asking for help in creating our soups. We could have really used the assistance when it came to mixing in the oils and sauces.

I chose the pork broth with added pork and garlic oil, and she ordered the chicken broth with added chicken and sesame oil. Neither soup was spicy enough for us, so we sprinkled in some Kimlan Soy Sauce and Sriracha Chili Sauce, both of



Among the entrées served at Rah'MN, 300 S. Snelling Ave., are (clockwise from top) Mandarin Chili Noodle Salad, Vegetarian Spring Rolls, Sesame Soy Green Salad, Shoyu Pork Soup and Lemongrass Chicken Wrap. PHOTOS BY BRAD STAUFFER

which were available at our table. The next time we go, we'll ask the trained staff for help in adding a little more spice to our soup.

Like Rah'MN, Tori Ramen in the Summit-University neighborhood has around 30 seats, but with less space overall, it can get crowded. Tori Ramen is located in the former Lee and Dee's Barbecue space at 181 N. Victoria St. I stopped by one wintry spring day and asked for the Bali Bali (\$13). My order arrived in a beautiful ceramic bowl with a picture-perfect combination of ground chicken, tahini, slow-cooked egg, Korean chili, sichuan pepper, sesame, yu choy, bean sprouts, burdock, fried leeks, chili oil and scallion oil.

Sitting at the bar, I couldn't help but notice that the diners on either side of me had ordered the same thing. It must be popular, I thought, and after my first taste, I understood why. It was the most flavorful of all the soups I tried. Alas, it was also spicier than my long-abused gut could handle. However, just like money, I hated the thought of leaving any of soup on the table, so to speak. But try as I might, I had to quit before lapping up the last few spoonfuls, knowing that if I didn't I'd be in for a bout of heartburn.

On my second visit to Tori Ramen, I brought Mecca. My plan was to try either the Shio Ahiru (Salted Duck, \$15) or the Torikotsu (Chicken Noodle Soup, \$12). Unfortunately, the line was out the door and we couldn't wait for a table because of another commitment. The owners of Tori Ramen discourage take-out, but there's no way they could satisfy all of their

patrons without allowing some to have their soup to go.

A final word of caution: Tori Ramen is only open Wednesdays through Sundays and only for lunch and dinner, closing between 2 and 4 p.m.

While my soup at Rah'MN was too mild and the soup at Tori Ramen too spicy, the bowl I ordered at Ichiddo Ramen was just right. A bit larger than the other two restaurants, Ichiddo Ramen at 712 University Ave. was my rendezvous for a late lunch with three old friends. Juan tried the Beef Ramen (\$10.95), Dave the Vegetable Ramen (\$8.95), Jordan the Kimchi Ramen (\$10.95) and I the Teriyaki Ton Ramen (\$11.95).

I found the Teriyaki Ton Ramen perfect in every way. The combination of teriyaki pork, black fungus, bean sprouts, bamboo shoots, corn, green onion, red chili pepper and black garlic oil in a miso base provided solid flavor without being too spicy. The Kimchi Ramen, the spiciest of the four, was a bit too spicy for me, but Jordan, with our permission, picked up his bowl to drain the last few drops, so he obviously enjoyed it.

I had a spoonful of Juan's Beef Ramen and thought it was fine but not as good as the Teriyaki Ton Ramen. Dave was impressed with his Vegetable Ramen and couldn't get over the number of noodles.

It seems we saved the best for last. Ichiddo Ramen wins the inaugural St. Paul Ramen-Off. But I'm planning a return visit to all three restaurants. My guess is that on my next trip to Rah'MN and Tori Ramen, I'll find the happy medium spice that will leave my taste buds hungering for more.

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On the Town

For love of books

Mac grad opens store for bibliophiles on his old college stomping grounds

So we beat on, boats against the current, borne back ceaselessly into the past.

— F. Scott Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*

BY LARRY ENGLUND

Readers who appreciate the breadth and depth of information that can be found between the covers of an old book will appreciate Against the Current, a used bookstore that opened late last fall at 1658 Grand Ave. The narrow storefront can be easy to miss. But once inside, book lovers will find a kindred spirit in owner Hal Johnson.

A 1990 graduate of nearby Macalester College, Johnson had been working in journalism for about a year when he discovered his love of books while moonlighting in a used bookstore. “I liked being around books and learning from them,” he said. “Flipping through thousands of books, you can pick up lots of information and put together an understanding of the world. The other thing was meeting other book people and learning from them.”

By the late 1990s, Johnson had decided he would like to operate a bookstore of his own. “I started chasing after books at thrift stores, estate sales, garage sales and rummage sales,” he said. “I was looking for books that were on the unusual side, books that I thought would surprise people.”

His success in that endeavor is evident on the shelves of his store. They are packed with everything from Minnesota histories to books for identifying birds and bugs to tomes on the Bay of Pigs invasion and indigenous cultures of the Western Hemisphere. Johnson’s store has sections devoted to natural history, the social sciences, art, urban planning and cooking. “The more specific a book is, the better it is for me,” he said. “*The History of Glencoe* is a good example.”

Johnson pointed out a book about 20th-century African-American singer Paul Robeson that was written for the young adult market beside a collection of essays about Robeson published in East Germany on the occasion of his 80th birthday. “Both are good examples of what I look for,” he said.

Though Against the Current has been

open for five months, Johnson is still pricing books and deliberating over how to categorize them. “I’m still moving things around and deciding how much space to give to a particular subject,” he said. “‘Politics and Culture’ is a good example of my not having entirely conceived of how to split up broad subjects. I put things there when I don’t know where else to put them.”

The informality of the store is apparent in its work-a-day shelving, which stretches about 12 feet to the ceiling, and by Johnson’s use of Post-it notes to identify the subjects on shelves. “There are some subjects that aren’t labeled, and some labels that don’t really represent the subjects of the books found there,” he said, “but they’re on Post-it notes so they’re easy to change.”

Johnson said he was hesitant to open his shop in its original state. “I wanted everything priced and to stock the shelves with my best books to give a good first impression, but my friends convinced me otherwise,” he said. While sorting books last September and October, he realized he needed to open sooner than he had planned. “The holiday shopping season was coming up,” he said, “and every day people were asking if we were open yet. I was essentially turning away customers, so I decided to open up in November. On the whole, it’s been a good decision. I’ve sold an awful lot of books, which has helped pay the rent.”

He has also been able to buy more books from customers. He pointed to some by Minneapolis photographer Wing Young Huie. “They’re signed copies I got from a customer in the last month or so. I look for things like that,” he said. “Talking with customers has also been helpful in knowing what to look for and knowing how to price things. So I’ve been getting the work done while people come in and shop.”

“Hemingway has actually sold quite well,” he said. “It’s probably the best fiction seller so far. Poetry has sold very well, too. You can’t have a bookstore without a poetry section, and here an awful lot of people go to the poetry section, so I’m pleased about that. French language books have been selling quite well. Some buyers are students. Some are clearly not students, but are craving

“The old model of a used bookstore was someplace large and cheap with 100,000 books that could sit on a shelf for five years. I thought a busy location with reasonably priced books that turned over relatively quickly would give people a reason to continue visiting.”



Against the Current proprietor Hal Johnson looks out from behind a pile of used and rare books he has yet to shelve at his Grand Avenue bookstore. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

books in French.”

Johnson estimates he has about 8,000 books in the store, or about half his total collection. High atop one of the shelves is a series of books by the Oxford Historical Society of England. “Some are about ancient coins, some about surveys of the Oxford area and the people who lived there,” he said. “At some point I’ll list them online because it’s unlikely someone will come in needing a book published by the Oxford Historical Society 112 years ago.”

“It’s really tough to find a unique book, just because books are often published in hundreds and thousands of copies,” he said. “But if there aren’t too many copies of a book, it doesn’t take too many customers to make that book worth having.”

Johnson recently sold what he believes to be the most unusual book he carried: a collection of comic strips about that all-American dish, meatloaf. “It was 40 to 50 pages long, and had several comic strips per page,” he said. “It was almost not a book, as it was printed on someone’s home printer on 8½-by-11-inch paper and bound in a plastic sleeve. It had a title page, which stated that an

ISBN number had been applied for, so it was on its way to becoming a real book.”

It took a long time for Johnson to find the right location for his bookstore. “The old model of a used bookstore was someplace large and cheap, with 100,000 books that could sit on a shelf for five years,” he said. “That doesn’t work so well anymore. I thought a busy location with reasonably priced books that turned over relatively quickly would give people a reason to continue visiting. So I kept looking, and held out, and held out, and finally this space became available.”

The name of the store, Against the Current, is taken from a line in *The Great Gatsby* by St. Paul native F. Scott Fitzgerald. The full line is painted in large letters on the back wall of the bookshop.

“I was driving across the Marshall Avenue bridge a few years ago and thought of the phrase ‘boats against the current’ from the end of the novel,” Johnson said. “Besides being an allusion to Fitzgerald, it can be interpreted a number of ways, such as books not in the mainstream or going against the trend of bookstores closing.”

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Dance

Ballet Minnesota will present its annual Minnesota Dance Festival on May 11 and 12 featuring a variety of choreography from several local troupes. The curtain will rise at 7:30 p.m. Friday and at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Pearson Theater, 312 N. Hamline Ave. The program includes “Emerging” by CAAM Chinese Dance Theater; “Personal Space” by Hatch Dance; “Three Things to Remember” by TU Dance member Elayna Waxse; “There is No I” by TU Dance apprentice Juliana Johnson; and Ballet Minnesota and its Classical Ballet Academy in “At the Museum,” an experimental dance set to the first movement of Beethoven’s Piano Concerto No. 2, and a contemporary dance set to the second movement of Beethoven’s 9th Symphony. Tickets are \$30, \$22 for seniors and students, \$17 for children under age 12. For reservations, visit balletminnesota.org.

Theater

Natasha and the Coat, a new drama by Deborah Stein, is playing through May 13 on the Minnesota Jewish Theatre Company’s stage. Directed by Miriam Monasch, the play tells of the intersecting lives of two very different young adults—Natasha, who has just begun a fashion internship, and Yossi, who works at a dry cleaners. Avi Aharoni and Miriam Schwartz star. The curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, 8 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. Sunday in the auditorium of the Highland Park Community Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. Tickets are \$23-\$38 with discounts for those in their 20s and 30s and during the student rush. Call 651-647-4315 or visit mnjewishtheatre.org.

A haunting reminder of the strength it takes to love out loud, playwright Harrison David Rivers’ *This Bitter Earth* is playing through May 20 at Penumbra Theatre, 270 N. Kent St. Directed by Talvin Wilks, the drama tells of the relationship between a wealthy white man who is a passionate advocate for civil rights and an introspective black playwright coming to terms with his own activism in a society wracked by racial tensions. The curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$15-\$40. Call 651-224-3180 or visit penumbratheatre.org.

The Metromaniacs, an adaptation by David Ives of Alexis Piron’s French farce of 1738, *La Metromanie*, is being performed through May 20 at Theatre in the Round, 245 Cedar Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Among the Parisienne aristocracy of that day, poets are rock stars. Through plot twists, mistaken identities and other complications—all of it in rhyme—a happy ending is achieved. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$22 with discounts for seniors and students. Call 612-333-3010 or visit theatreintheround.org.

Under This Roof, playwright and veteran actress Barbara Kingsley’s new drama about family, disability and race, is being performed through May 20 by Full Circle Theater. Set in the late 1940s in a segregated black neighborhood of Cleveland, it tells of a middle-aged couple who face new challenges after hiring a down-on-her-luck woman to help with the housework. James A. Williams directs. Yolande Bruce, Brian A. Grandison, Laura Esping and Nathan R. Stenberg star. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, 7 p.m. Sundays and 1 p.m. on May 19 and 20 at the Guthrie Theater, 818 S. Second St., Minneapolis. For tickets, visit guthrietheater.org or call 612-377-2224.



To madam, with love. An aging professor who is questioning her relevance agrees to tutor a young slacker who is failing academically. Despite their vast differences, they make unexpected discoveries about themselves and each other while studying *Othello* in *Taking Shakespeare*. Linda Kelsey and John A.W. Stephens (above) star in this drama by John Murrell opening on May 11 at Gremlin Theatre, 550 N. Vandalia St. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays through June 3 with an additional show at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 22. Tickets are \$28 with discounts for seniors and those under age 30, or whatever you can afford on May 22. Visit gremlintheatre.org or Call 1-888-71-TICKETS. PHOTO BY SARAH BAUER

History Theatre is presenting the world premiere of *Lord Gordon Gordon*, a musical story of flim-flammery and romance by Jeffrey Hatcher and Chan Poling, creators of the History Theatre hit *Glensheen*. Mark Benninghofen, Jennifer Baldwin Peden, Gary Briggie, Jennifer Maren, Adam Qualls, Jim Ramlet and Randy Schmeling star in the true story of a 19th-century con artist who swindled his way into the hearts and wallets of some very well-to-do Minnesotans. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, now through June 3, on the stage at 30 E. 10th St. Tickets are \$25-\$52. Call 651-292-4323 or visit HistoryTheatre.com.

The Right Here Showcase, a juried platform of new works by four local performance artists, will be presented at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and at 5 p.m. Sundays, May 10-20, at the Off-Leash Art Box, 4200 E. 54th St in Minneapolis. Produced by Off-Leash impresario Paul Herwig, the showcase will feature the talents of theater artist Charles Campbell, dance artists Erinn Liebhard and Brian Evans, and visual and installation artist Rory Wakemup. Tickets are \$10-\$30. Visit righthereshowcase.weebly.com or call 612-724-7372.

The Room With Closets, a new dance-theatre work based on A. Pablo Iannone’s book by the same name, will be presented by Sparkle Theatricals in 13 performances from May 17-26 at the Southern Theater, 1420 Washington Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Directed by Jon Ferguson, the drama tells of joyous flights of fantasy and grim political reality in a life divided between continents, cultures and government regimes. Show times are 7 p.m. Thursdays, 7 and 9 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, and 7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday. Tickets are \$24 at the door, \$20 in advance, \$12 for students and seniors. Call 612-326-1811 or visit southerntheater.org.

Life Sucks, But I’m Cool With It, a satirical lecture on happiness, will be delivered by Dr. Deep at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, May 18-20, at Dreamland Arts, 677 N. Hamline Ave. Dr. Deep, a fictional character created by actor Zaraqwar Mistry, is the founder of Ultimate Liberation

Philosophy, a metaphysical study that focuses on the relationship of the individual to their existence. His lecture is the second in a series examining the intersection of science, spirituality and nonsense. Tickets are by donation. For reservations, call 651-645-5506 or visit dreamlandarts.com.

Acting Black, Carlyle Brown’s one-man show that riffs on the roots of American racism and its consequences for society, will be performed by Brown at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 18-25, at the Lowery Lab Theater, 350 St. Peter St. Part performance art, part standup comedy, the hour-long production is at turns hilarious and haunting as it explores the appropriation of the African-American narrative. Each performance will be followed by a discussion about race. Tickets are \$25. Call 612-339-4944 or visit illusiontheater.org.

Music

“Broadway Mixtape Live,” favorite numbers from the many years of Broadway musicals performed by some of the Twin Cities’ finest musical theater artists, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, May 9 and 10, at the Ordway Concert Hall. Taking the stage will be Jennifer Grimm, Caroline Innerbichler, Tyler Michaels and Rudolph Searles III, among others. Tickets are \$36. For reservations, visit ordway.org or call 651-224-4222.

“Madmen,” compositions about characters who are crazy, delusional or psychopathic, will be performed by baritone Alan Dunbar and pianist Mark Bilyeu at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 11, at Hamline Church, 1514 Englewood Ave. The 90-minute program will feature two pieces by Libby Larsen, a Schubert piece about poet and stalker Ernst Schulze, and a Swedish cycle about a king mad with power and jealousy. Admission is free, though donations will be accepted.

“The Greatest Generation: An American Oratorio,” a new work by Dan Kehde, Roger Ames and Elizabeth Bassine that pays homage to the American family at war by combining popular tunes of the

World War II era with new compositions and arrangements, will receive its world premiere at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at the Ordway Concert Hall. Performing will be the Oratorio Society of Minnesota with featured soloists Bradley Greenwald, Sarah Lawrence, Anna Baker and Adam Fieldson. Tickets are \$48, \$38 and \$28.

Cellist Cicely Parnas, 2016 Friends of the Minnesota Orchestra Young Artists Competition winner, will join the St. Paul Civic Symphony in a free concert for Mother’s Day at 1 p.m. Sunday, May 13, at Landmark Center. The program “Fantastic Tales” will feature Hétu’s *Légendes*, Saint-Saens’ Cello Concerto in A minor, Bruch’s *Kol Nidre* for cello and orchestra, and Stravinsky’s *Firebird Suite* (1945 version). All ages welcome. Visit spcsmusic.org.

The Hill House Chamber Players will explore the music, poetry and stories of World War I along with compositions for piano and strings by Beethoven and Brahms in concert at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 14, in the art gallery of the James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave. Tickets are \$23, \$13 for students, and that includes a preconcert conversation at 6:45 p.m., refreshments and a post-performance tour of the Hill House. Visit brownpapertickets.com.

Studio Z, 275 E. Fourth St., Suite 200, will play host to the following: New Ruckus Composer Night at 7 p.m. Monday, May 14 (free); Anicia Saxophone Quartet performing music from cultures around the world, 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19 (\$10 in advance, \$15 at the door); and Celtic Collective and the release of “The Boy Patrick,” the story of a boy who became a saint told through music, words and pictures, 1 p.m. Sunday, May 20 (free). Call 651-755-1600.

Young Russian pianist, Siberia-born Osip Nikiforov will perform Prokofiev’s Sonata No. 8 in B-flat major and Beethoven’s Piano Sonata No. 2 in F major in concert at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, at St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church, 60 N. Kent St.

Bill Staines, the veteran troubadour with more than 40 years of folk musicianship under his belt, will make his first appearance at Ginkgo Coffeehouse at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 18, on the stage at 721 N. Snelling Ave. Tickets are \$20. Call 651-645-2647.

Anicia Saxophone Quartet, featuring Joan Hutton on alto, David Milne on tenor, Matthew Sintchak on soprano and Angela Wyatt on baritone sax, will present a free concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 20, at the Highland Park Library, 1974 Ford Pkwy. The multicultural program includes “Ulla in Africa” by Heiner Wiberny, “Dervish” by Chris Rutkowski, “Tango Virtuoso” by Thierry Escaich, “Three Short Tales of the Sea” by Rika Ishige, “New York Suite” by Paquito D’Rivera, and “Mexican Folk Song Suite” and “Klezmer Wedding” by Mike Curtis.

Another Glorious Day, a celebration of American music, will close the Singers’ 2017-18 season on May 19 and 20. The program includes Jake Runestad’s “Come to the Woods,” set to the words of Scottish-American naturalist John Muir; “Fern Hill,” John Corigliano’s musical exploration of the Dylan Thomas poem with mezzo-soprano Clara Osowski; Argento’s “Dover Beach,” Ted Hearne’s “Privilege”; and works by Moira Smiley and Shawn Kirchner. The music begins at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Nativity Church, Stanford and Prior avenues, and at 3 p.m. Sunday at First Lutheran Church in Columbia Heights. Tickets are \$22-\$36. Visit singersmca.org.

The Cathedral Choir of Neuss, Germany, will perform the music of Esenvalds,

St. Mark's rolls out its 19th annual festival

Parish reaches out with two days of carnival fun for all comers May 18-19

They will be dancing in the street again when St. Mark's Catholic Church presents its 19th annual parish festival on May 18 and 19. Neighbors and friends are invited to join in the fun, which runs from 5-10 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday on Dayton Avenue between Prior Avenue and Moore Street.

Carnival rides and a wide variety of food and beverages will be available, including burgers, bratwurst, hot dogs, French fries, corn on the cob, egg rolls, homemade pies, ice cream, malts, chocolate-covered bananas, beer and wine.

Friday's lineup includes a silent auction from 5-9:30 p.m., live music by the Irish band Tipper Road from 6-7:30 p.m. and a street dance from 8-10 p.m.

Saturday's lineup includes children's games from 11 a.m.-5 p.m., zumba with Yolanda at 11:15 a.m., a medallion hunt at 12:15 p.m., bingo from 12:15-2:15 p.m., school tours at 1 and 3 p.m., a guided tour of the 100-year-old church at 2 p.m., and kitchen fire demonstra-



Chuck Bowes led the crowd in the Macarena during the Friday night street dance at St. Mark's Parish Festival in 2010. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

tions with the St. Paul Fire Department between 2 and 4 p.m.

St. Mark's students will present musical theater and band performances between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. The 3rd grade will present its spring play at 2:30

p.m. Catholic trivia will be played at 4 p.m. An outdoor Mass will be celebrated at 5 p.m. (Rides and food service will shut down from 5-6 p.m.) The big band Claudia & the Wise Guys will perform from 7:30-10 p.m.

Hammerschmidt, Poulenc, Bach, Miskinis, Ponniah, Todd and Carol along with choral arrangements of popular German folksongs in concert on Sunday, May 20. Organist Hans-Jakob Gerlings will play pieces by Bach and Boehm. The music begins at 3 p.m. at the Church of the Assumption, 51 W. Seventh St. Tickets are \$10 and available at RoseEnsemble.org or by calling 651-225-4340. Following the concert, all are invited to Landmark Center's Courtroom 317 for a free reception to meet the musicians of Capella Quirina and the mayor of Neuss, Germany, which is St. Paul's sister city.

Film

Hearts Beat Loud, the 2018 Sundance Festival film starring Nick Offerman and Kiersey Clemons as a father and daughter who form an unlikely songwriting duo in the summer before she leaves for college, will be screened by Sound Unseen at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 9, at Trylon Cinema, 2820 E. 33rd St. in Minneapolis. Tickets are \$12 at the door, \$10 in advance at soundunseen.com.

Dream Big: Engineering Our World is being screened through October 11 in the Omnitheater at the Science Museum of Minnesota, 120 W. Kellogg Blvd. A celebration of human ingenuity and the compassion and creativity that drive engineers to create a better world, the film introduces four people who make their living as engineers: Menzer Pehlivan, a geotechnical engineer from Turkey; Angelica Hernandez, a Mexican immigrant whose interest in engineering was sparked by a high school robotics club; Steve Burrows, a structural engineer who takes his inspiration from the marvels of the ancient past; and Avery Bang, a young Midwestern woman who builds footbridges in underdeveloped countries. Admission is \$9.95, \$8.95 for seniors and children ages 4-12. Call 651-221-9444 or visit www.smm.org.

Trylon Cinema, 2820 E. 33rd St. in Minneapolis, will screen the following: *The Great Race* (1965), a madcap

comedy starring Jack Lemmon, Tony Curtis and Natalie Wood, 7 p.m. May 11 and 12, and 5:15 and 8:15 p.m. May 13; *Hopscotch* (1980) starring Walter Matthau as an aging CIA agent who writes a tell-all memoir, 3 p.m. May 13, and 7 and 9:15 p.m. May 14 and 15; *The Taking of Pelham One Two Three* (1974) starring Matthau as a New York City cop trying to outfox the hijackers of a subway train, 7 p.m. May 18, 9:15 p.m. May 19 and 5:15 p.m. May 20; *Charley Varrick* (1973) starring Matthau as a bank robber who runs into trouble with the mob, 9:15 p.m. May 18, 7 p.m. May 19 and 7:30 p.m. May 20; *A New Leaf* (1971) starring Matthau as prickly playboy Henry Graham, 3 p.m. May 20, and 7 and 9:15 p.m. May 21 and 22. Tickets are \$8. Call 612-424-5468 or visit trylon.org.

Family

Highland Park Library, 1974 Ford Pkwy., will offer the following free programs: Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays; Nature Smart, a trading post in natural history, biology and geology, 4 p.m. Wednesdays; Creat-tech, high-tech fun for teens, 3:30 p.m. Thursdays; children's storytime, 11 a.m. Saturdays and 10:30 a.m. Mondays; GED classes, 5:45 p.m. Tuesdays; Amharic storytime, 6 p.m. Tuesdays; a rubber-stamp carving workshop, 6 p.m. May 15; and Yarn night for all ages and abilities, 6:15 p.m. May 17. Call 651-695-3700.

The Princess' Nightingale, a new adaptation of the Hans Christian Andersen story about the attractions of glitter and fantasy and the virtue of compassion, is being performed on Tuesdays through Sundays through May 19 at SteppingStone Theatre, 55 N. Victoria St. Set in 18th-century China, the production is a collaboration by SteppingStone and Theater Mu. For show times and tickets, visit muperformingarts.org or call 651-789-1012.

Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave., will offer the following free programs: Look at Those Wings

nature storytime, 6:30 p.m. Thursday and 10:30 a.m. Friday, May 10 and 11; You Can Build It, a drop-in exercise in creativity, 3-4:30 p.m. Fridays; identifying birds in the city with an Audubon Society exhibit, daily from May 10-20; and Kaleidoscope, an interactive program with folk musicians Jack and Kitty, 11 a.m.-noon Tuesday, May 15. Call 651-642-0385.

Dodge Nature Center, 1701 Charlton St. and 365 W. Marie Ave. in West St. Paul, will offer the following: Meet the Milk Makers, a close-up look at barn animals and a taste of the butter they help produce, for children ages 3-8 accompanied by a parent, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 10 (\$7 per child); and Rock the Barn, a festival of live music, barn tours, farm chores, old-fashioned games, ice cream and a raffle, 3-7 p.m. Saturday, May 19 (\$8 per person, \$30 per family, free for children age 2 and under, at the gate, \$6 and \$25 before May 17). Call 651-455-4531 or visit DodgeNatureCenter.org.

Tour France without leaving the Twin Cities. Landmark Center in partnership with Alliance Française will highlight the music, heritage, culture and cuisine of the French people from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, May 20. Admission is free.

Books

The Great Books Discussions Group will gather on Wednesday, May 9, to examine Lawrence Sargent Hall's short story, "The Ledge." Hall, who saw active duty in the U.S. Naval Reserve in World War II, operated a boat yard on the Maine coast. In his nautical yarn, a hardboiled fisherman confronts chance and the elements. The meeting, which is free and open to all, will begin at 5 p.m. at the University Club, 420 Summit Ave. Call 651-285-7550 or email kingmuelken@q.com.

SubText Books, 6 W. Fifth St., will play host to free readings and discussions with authors Carter Meland and his book, *Stories for a Lost Child*, 7 p.m. May 9; Bonnie Kristian and her book, *A Flexible Faith*, 7 p.m. May 15; former

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KSTP weatherman Barry Zevan and his memoir, *My Life Among the Giants*, May 17; Christopher Danielson and his children's book, *How Many?*, 10:30 a.m. May 19; and Cary J. Griffith and *Gunflint Burning*, his book about the Boundary Waters fire of 2007, 7 p.m. May 23. Call 651-493-2791 or visit subtextbooks.com.

Common Good Books, 38 S. Snelling Ave., will play host to free readings and discussions with authors Adrian Todd Zuniga and his novel, *Collision Theory*, at 7 p.m. May 15; Julia Fine and Will Boast and their new novels, *What Should Be Wild and Daphne*, respectively, 7 p.m. May 16; and Dorothy Marcic and *With One Shot: Family Murder and a Search for Justice*, her book about the killing of former Wisconsin police detective LaVerne Stordock, 7 p.m. May 17. Call 651-225-8989 or visit commongoodbooks.com.

An open lab for writers to discuss their current projects with other writers or just work on their own is offered from 10:30 a.m.-noon every Thursday at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave. Call 651-642-0385.

Stories to stir your imagination and feed your soul, inspired by the tales Graycloud Rios' grandmother told him in the highlands of central Mexico, are featured in Rios' new book, *The Jaguar and the Eagle*. The Highland Park author will read from the book from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, at the Finn, 725 S. Cleveland Ave. The program is free, but reservations are requested. Email becky_fillinger@hotmail.com.

Highland Park photographer Kelly Povo and South Minneapolis author Phyllis Root will celebrate the publication of their book, *Minnesota's Native Wildflowers: A Guide for Beginners, Botanists and Everyone In Between*, from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, at Sister Sludge Coffee Cafe and Wine Bar, 3746 23rd Ave. S., Minneapolis. The free program will feature an exhibit of Povo's photos. A cash bar and appetizers will be available. Visit mnnativewildflowers.com.

Poems and stories full of heart, soul and rhythm will be featured in the Reading by Writers program at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, at the University Club, 420 Summit Ave. Taking the stage will be poet and performance artist Tom Cassidy, *River Dead of Minneapolis Scavenged by Teenagers* author Mark Ehling, poet Ted King and carpenter and poet Scott Vetsch. Admission is free, though donations will be accepted. For dinner reservations, call 651-222-1751.



Romance at 33 rpm. The pop rock musical *High Fidelity* is being performed through May 20 amidst the stacks at the Electric Fetus, the iconic record store at 2000 Fourth Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Based on the novel by Nick Hornby and the 2000 film starring John Cusack and Jack Black, the drama follows a young man who retreats inside the record store he works in when he is dumped by his girlfriend and tries to figure out what went wrong. Along the way he revisits the top five breakups in his life, gets some advice from Bruce Springsteen and learns a little about life, love and the power of music. Show times are 9:30 p.m. Fridays, 8:30 p.m. Saturdays and 7 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$30. Visit aboutmmt.org. PHOTO BY UNSER IMAGERY

Exhibits

"Dissonance and Repair," new paintings by Barbara Krefl and Kimberly Benson, and "Dismantling Mindset," the art of senior studio art majors Ashley Tyler Alex, Sarah Borgen, Breanna D. Goudeau, Hannah Haughey and Teresa R. Widiger, are on view through May 20 in the Catherine G. Murphy Galleries at St. Catherine University. Admission is free. Visit gallery.stkate.edu.

"Towers of Tomorrow," 20 of the world's most astonishing skyscrapers recreated with breathtaking detail in Lego bricks by Ryan McNaught of Australia, are being displayed through September 3 at the Science Museum of Minnesota, 120 W. Kellogg Blvd. Toronto's CN Tower, Philadelphia's Comcast Technology Center, Los Angeles' Wilshire Grand Center, Chicago's Willis Tower, Taiwan's Taipei 101, Kuala Lumpur's Petronas Towers, China's Shanghai Tower and Australia's Eureka Tower are among the marvels of engineering and design that have been reconstructed at a scale of 1:200 with

more than half a million Legos weighing over 3,000 pounds. Visitors may build their own skyscrapers with the more than 200,000 loose Legos available in the exhibit area. Admission is \$18.95, \$12.95 for seniors and children ages 4-12. For information, call 651-221-9444 or visit smm.org.

"St. Croix and Namekagon Rivers: The Enduring Gift," a showcase of the work of nature photographer Craig Blacklock, is being displayed through June 24 at Mill City Museum, 704 Second St. S., Minneapolis. The exhibit marks the 50th anniversary of the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. Admission is free. Call 612-341-7555.

"St. Paul 1978," an exhibit of street photography by Jerry Mathiason, continues through May 26 in the North Gallery at Landmark Center. Cosponsored by Historic St. Paul, the show is free and open to all. For gallery hours, call 651-292-3225.

Summit Avenue Walking Tours highlighting the Gilded Age mansions that line the street and the people who built them and owned them, are being offered by the

Minnesota Historical Society on weekends through September. The 90-minute tours step out at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. on Saturdays and noon and 2 p.m. Sundays from the James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave. The cost is \$14, \$12 seniors and college students, \$10 for children ages 5-17. Visit mnhs.org/calendar.

2281 Gallery, a new exhibit space at 2281 Hampden Ave., is showing 17 paintings by abstract expressionist Bret Anderson. The gallery is free and open to the public from 5-8 p.m. Fridays, 2-8 p.m. Saturdays and 2-6 p.m. Sundays. Call 651-245-4191.

"Nature in a Dream State," an exhibit of 40 pieces of floral and landscape photography by Edie Karras, will open with a public reception from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at Vine Arts Center, 2637 27th Ave. S. in Minneapolis. The photos will remain on view from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays and 5:30-6:45 p.m. Thursdays through June 2, and also from noon-5 p.m. Mother's Day, Sunday, May 13. Call 612-728-5745 or visit vineartscenter.org.

Raymond Avenue Gallery, 761 Raymond Ave., will open an exhibit by potter Nick Earl and painter Sandra Peterson with a public reception from 6-8 p.m. Friday, May 18. Earl's wheel-thrown pots are influenced by Korean, Japanese and English folk tradition as well as nature, food and the philosophy of wabi sabi. Peterson projects human emotions and psychological elements in her renditions of wild animals. The art will remain on view through July 20. Call 651-644-9200.

"The Truth," a series of experimental paintings by Remo Campopiano dealing with beauty, truth and lies, will be displayed from 5-10 p.m. Friday, noon-8 p.m. Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday, May 18-20, in the California Building, 2205 California St. NE., Minneapolis. Campopiano's background as a sculptor is evident in his unconventional approach to painting, allowing acrylic colors to blend much like nature forms marble and then layering the paint. Admission is free.

An arts and crafts fair with a variety of works by local artisans, more than half of whom have ties to American Indian communities, will be held from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, May 19, at J & S Bean Factory, 1518 Randolph Ave. Live music and hot and cold refreshments will be available along with a show and sale of beading, jewelry, moccasins and other handcrafted leather, art quilts, paintings, prints, wearable art and herbal products. Call 651-699-7788.

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Sports



The Wright Call By Dave Wright

The game's the thing, no matter where it's played

Minnesota's miserable start to spring threw just about everybody's athletic programs for a loop. Nowhere was that more true than in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

College sports scheduling works backwards. It starts with the dates for the various NCAA tournaments. Regionals are then scheduled for the week or two before. The conference tournaments are then set before the regionals so the winners can advance accordingly.

All of which left MIAC teams with a lot of games, matches and rounds to play in a very short time frame this spring. And with limited facilities available, the teams had to get creative.

Macalester and Augsburg, two colleges located just a couple of miles from each other, ended up trekking 327 miles to Mauston, Wisconsin, to play a doubleheader in a domed ballpark. Two weekends ago, MIAC doubleheaders were played at St. John's University in Collegeville as well as at Concordia-Moorhead.

Moorhead? Sure it was cold, but the heavy snow that hit the Twin Cities didn't venture that far north. So it was that St. Thomas, Augsburg and St. Olaf joined host Concordia for a weekend of MIAC baseball.

All's well that ends well. There are a few sore arms to show for it, but the league caught up and a six-team conference tournament will be played this weekend at CHS Field in downtown St. Paul. As this is being written, St. Thomas is assured of a spot and Macalester is almost a lock for playing there.

Softball teams had to get creative as well. St. Thomas' team had to push to get the bus unstuck, but it finally got on the road and the team traveled to Rochester to get its needed games in.

In theory, it should have been a little easier for high school teams. While the college regular seasons ended last weekend, the high school seasons stretch to Memorial Day. A Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL) rule that was instituted last year restricts pitch counts for baseball. Thus, the league gave permission for teams to play five-inning doubleheaders to get their games in.

If there's one local school that hasn't been fazed by all this instability, it's Minnehaha Academy. The "M" on the Redhawks' jerseys has stood for "Mobile" as the various Minnehaha teams scrambled to find athletic facilities following the gas explosion that rocked the campus last summer.

Minnehaha athletic director Josh Thurow chuckled when asked how the sports scheduling has gone. "Well, Fort Snelling (the Redhawks' home field) finally opened for baseball and softball this week," he said. "We're out there every day now. So far, so good. Our baseball team is 7-0."

Before it could begin play at Fort Snelling, coach Scott Glenn's baseball team had been practicing on turf laid down in the Minnehaha's hockey arena. "Scott is smart," Thurow said. "He's been using a lot of pitchers. If we get a big lead, he'll use a guy from the JV team to save innings."

Baseball and softball have gotten the most attention during the spring morass. However, as Thurow discovered the other day, there are sports that present bigger challenges. You can usually find an umpire somewhere, but finding people well-versed as a track starter—the person with the pistol—proved to be a challenge.

"We had a meet here the other day," Thurow said. "I called Dick Eldridge (a well-known track starter). He was busy and

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Highly ranked welterweight boxer Jamal "Shango" James, fresh off last month's win at the Minneapolis Armory, is shown at the Circle of Discipline gym on Lake Street where he has trained since he was a kid. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

Fighting up a storm

Roosevelt grad James inches closer to world title bout

BY BRIAN JOHNSON

It was Friday the 13th last month and local fans of world-ranked professional boxer Jamal "Shango" James were in luck. James, a 2006 Minneapolis Roosevelt graduate and a rising star in the talent-rich welterweight division of the World Boxing Association, was about to fight in his hometown for the first time in nearly five years.

Much to the delight of the 3,500 fans who packed the renovated Minneapolis Armory for its first pro boxing event in nearly 45 years, James came away with a hard-earned victory over Abel Ramos.

Roars of "Shango!" (which is the African god of thunder) bounced off the walls throughout much of the fight, which headlined a nationally televised night of boxing. James, ranked No. 4 in the WBA's welterweight division, improved to 23-1 with the decision.

"It was a good fight. That guy was tough. He came to bring it like I knew he would," James said after the fight. "I caught him with some tough shots and was able to get slick with him on the inside and catch him with the harder, cleaner shots."

For James, 29, it was another step toward his dream of becoming a world boxing champion. And it was a triumphant return to a city that James has never really left, at least not in spirit. His roots in Minneapolis are deep.

While other local boxers have moved on to other states in hopes of advancing their careers, James still trains at the Circle of Discipline gym on Lake Street, an epicenter of boxing operated by his stepfather and trainer, Sankara Frazier.

Outside of the ring, James volunteers at the gym, manages a local coffee shop and mentors at-risk youths. He said in

a recent interview on the Premier Boxing Champions website that he tries to "bridge the gap" between inner-city kids and police officers.

James said the kids who walk through the doors of the Circle of Discipline tend to come from low-income neighborhoods and families. "They have more obstacles in front of them than other kids," he said. "Sometimes that can be distracting, especially to young kids."

James himself grew up at the Circle of Discipline. Long before embarking on an amateur career that would nearly take him to the U.S. Olympic team, he started coming to the gym when he was about 4-5 years old.

"The Circle was a place I could come and be around good role models older than me," he said. "They taught me social skills and how you deal with certain situations you run into in life, like how to deal with bullies or take criticism."

"One of our mottoes is 'Always give back.' Now that I'm successful as far as boxing and other aspects of my life, I want to give back and show these young men and women that success is possible no matter where you're coming from."

James has come a long way since his days at Roosevelt. With his long, lean frame, he is built somewhat like a basketball player. But when it came to athletics, he stuck mainly to boxing during his high school years.

"I did track for a short period of time. I wasn't very good at it," he said with a laugh, "but I tried it out."

All in all, he enjoyed his time at Roosevelt. "They had some really good teachers," James said. "You could tell the staff cared a lot about the students. I had a good time at Roosevelt. I take pride in it."

Inside the ring, James takes pride in

being a slick puncher with good defensive skills. A stinging jab, good hand speed and a high boxing IQ are all part of his repertoire.

Though he is not a classic knockout artist, James has some pop in his punches, as highly ranked contender Diego Chaves of Argentina learned last December. In a nationally televised fight, James knocked Chaves out in the third round with a barrage of punches, punctuated by a devastating body shot.

On April 13, James chose to mix it up at times, which gave Ramos an opening to get his licks in. A jolting left hook stunned James in the second round. However, he recovered nicely, using a piercing jab, shifty movements and a steady diet of straight right hands to good effect. James closed out the fight with a spirited 10th round to seal the victory.

Boxing publicist Robb Leer said August 24 is now being set aside as a "placeholder date" for another boxing card at the Armory. Ideally, he said, the event would be a "Minnesota extravaganza" featuring James and former International Boxing Federation super middleweight champ Caleb Truax of Osseo.

"The energy in the Armory for the Jamal James main event was electric," Leer said. "We can't wait to book another boxing card."

James said he plans to be ready for his next opportunity. He is not overlooking anybody and is treating every outing as a championship fight.

"My main focus now is on getting a world title," he said. "I'd love to do that and bring it back to Minnesota and fight at the Armory or, if it's not big enough, the Vikings stadium or Target Field. That'd be really, really cool."

Center of attention—Scots' Tucker primed for breakout year

BY BILL WAGNER

Highland Park High School softball coach Connie Korf said this could be the season that earns her speedy and powerful junior center fielder Majeur Tucker the acclaim she deserves.

"Hopefully, she'll be considered for all-state," Korf said.

Shaking off the affects of a late start due to inclement weather this spring, Tucker has picked up right where she left off in 2017. As a sophomore, she hit a blistering .635 while batting leadoff for the Scots. That came after joining the lineup as a freshman and hitting .400.

Through the team's first four games this spring, Tucker had five hits, including two doubles, for a .385 average. Add her three walks and her on-base percentage was .500.

Korf said Tucker was also continuing to do an outstanding job on defense in center. Tucker's anticipation and speed get her to almost every ball that stays in the park, and she can throw people out who attempt to take an extra base.

Korf said that some of Tucker's catches are fodder for highlight films. There was one during her freshman year where she made a diving grab on a ball that had been first deflected by the left fielder.

"I don't know how that catch happened," Tucker said, "but when you're playing the outfield, you have to make the important plays."

Tucker also uses her blazing speed on the base paths. Last year, she stole 27 bases and was caught only once—or maybe not.

"Personally, I thought I was safe," she said.

That kind of base-stealing percentage means you don't have to wait for the coach's



Junior center fielder Majeur Tucker is continuing to do an outstanding job in the field and at the plate this spring for the Scots. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

sign. "I have the green light," Tucker said. "(Coach) always tells me, 'You know what to do.'"

Tucker, who began playing T-ball at age 6, said she really enjoys patrolling the outfield. But that hasn't always been the case. Until she was 14, she played third base. "I liked tagging people out," she said.

That changed three years ago when she became an outfielder for the foreseeable future. "I love it now," she said. "I know now what it

means to a team if they have a good center fielder."

As outstanding as her play has been to date, Korf said Tucker is still getting better defensively. "Of course, she has amazing speed, but she's also getting better and better with her hands," Korf said.

Tucker has been moved to third in the batting order this season. She hit two homers last season and Korf said there seemed to be more pop in her bat as the season progressed.

"She started as a slap hitter, but we felt that she was ready to take the next step," Korf said.

Tucker has been able to accomplish so much on the field while battling what could have been a major handicap—scoliosis, a lateral curvature of the spine that she was diagnosed with at age 13. The news hit her like a line drive.

"The first thing I thought about was that I wouldn't be able to play softball anymore," Tucker said. "I thought I might need surgery."

She wore a brace at first to prevent further progression of the curve. But she has proven to be one of the lucky scoliosis patients. She no longer needs the brace and Tucker said she only needs to ice down the affected area after strenuous exercise. "It's not a hindrance at all," she said.

Despite being a junior, Tucker has already been musing about a college career. "I'd love to play Division I," she said. "I've thought a lot about it. But I also want to go to a place that's academically strong."

Tucker comes from some good athletic genes. Her father, who is originally from South Dakota, played baseball and football in high school and football in college, and her mother played softball at South St. Paul High School. Tucker acknowledged her dad's role in coaching her and instilling in her a love of her game. "Dad made me the player I am today," she said.

She has been so outstanding that Korf made her a team captain as a sophomore. It's a leadership role that Tucker takes seriously.

"I definitely like people to follow me," she said. "I won't yell at you if you make a mistake, but you have to work hard. I know I'm going to work as hard as I can."

Spike in interest—Central joins first season of high school boys' volleyball

BY BILL WAGNER

If interest alone means anything to the success of a new sports program, Central High School's boys' volleyball team appears to be off to a good start. The school held free clinics and tryouts earlier this year, and drew 62 players to compete for 26 spots on its varsity and JV squads.

The team started playing this spring as part of the Minnesota Boys High School Volleyball Association. The league, which was created by legendary former Apple Valley volleyball coach Walt Weaver and Minnesota Gopher coach Hugh McCutcheon, has 38 club teams, including JV, with more than 400 players competing during its inaugural season.

Central competes in the association's North Conference. As one might expect, the Minutemen were still finding their way on the court during the early going. The varsity suffered five straight losses, but then posted a 25-17, 21-25, 15-12 win against the Hmong College Prep JV2 on April 30.

Despite the rough start, there have been some encouraging signs and Central has been playing competitively, according to coach Tracy Olson.

"We're getting good," said Olson, who was a standout volleyball player at Concordia University-St. Paul and is also a veteran teacher and coach of girls' volleyball at Central.

She has been especially impressed with the play of 6-foot-2 senior left

hitter Quinn O'Keefe and 6-foot-5 senior middle hitter/blocker Logan MacGowan. She also appreciates the contributions of seniors Yoo Yo Poe, Sal Gonzalez and Robel Asmelash, and juniors Diego Gonzalez and Evan Stills.

"These kids are from every culture and economic background," said Olson, whose husband, Doyle, is an assistant for the team. "They're absolutely wonderful to coach. When you ask them to do something, they try it. They don't say, 'Wait a minute, my dad told me to do it the other way.'"

Despite the large number of players who turned out for Central boys' volleyball, Olson said there remain some inequities in the level of play among the conference teams.

"When we played Osseo," she said referring to a 14-25, 14-25 loss at home on April 23 to the conference leaders, "they had a kid who had played semipro volleyball in another country."

No school money is available to support the boys' volleyball program at Central. That comes from fundraising and grants, along with a \$25 participation fee. There is no team bus, so players have to arrange their own transportation to games. They practice at the Jimmy Lee Recreation Center across the street from Central. Their team uniforms came courtesy of a friend of Olson's who is in the sports apparel business.

"We got a great price," said Olson, who does not earn a dime as the team's volunteer coach.

Olson has also managed to use her girls' volleyball program as a fundraising source. And never underestimate the influence of social media. "We have a GoFundMe page," she said. "We got \$400 from it."

Harding, which usually competes against Central as a St. Paul City Conference foe, also has club volleyball teams. Its varsity was tied for fourth in the conference with a 3-1 record, including a win over the Minutemen. Henry Sibley has boys' volleyball teams as well. Its varsity was sporting a 1-5 record in the North Conference race as of last week.

Minneapolis has a varsity team composed of players from all of its public schools. It competes in the South Conference and was 5-1 so far this spring.

The boys' volleyball season will end with a state tournament on June 1-3.

Some say that offering another spring sport may reduce Central's pool of male athletes for other sports. However, Olson said that nearly 70 percent of her players also compete in another spring sport. She added that most of the school's coaches have been understanding. Still, having to sacrifice volleyball time for another sport can prove difficult at times.

"Volleyball is such a technical sport," Olson said, "but we've been doing pretty well with that so far."

Then again there's the flip side. The addition of boys' volleyball gives Central students a new



Six-foot-5 senior middle hitter/blocker Logan MacGowan serves during boys' volleyball practice at Central. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

option to play on a team. "I have six kids who are just volleyball players," she said. "They don't play any other sport."

The hope, Olson said, is that after two or three years of playing at a club level, the Minnesota State High

School League will approve boys' volleyball as a sanctioned sport.

"We think we can get some depth by the second year," she said. "We're a very viable sport. Volleyball is so prevalent in Minnesota."

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so was everybody he called.”

The next call was to Jason Nickleby, head of officials for the MSHSL. Nickleby sent out an SOS for Thurow’s meet to anybody he could think of. “I told them all that we’d pay anything,” Thurow said.

There were no takers, so there was nothing left to do for Thurow but grab a gun, get authorized to be an official, learn to say, “On your mark, get set...” and then shoot for the sky.

“Did you disqualify anybody?” Thurow was asked.

“No,” he said with a laugh. “I was too worried that the gun wouldn’t go off.”

The one sport at Minnehaha that has not been affected much is tennis. The school’s courts were about the only usable sports facility on campus after the explosion. The Redhawks have been able to compete almost on schedule in tennis this spring. Next year will be different. The current plans call for the courts to be taken out as part of the school’s reconstruction project.

“We’ve learned to be flexible around here,” Thurow said, “but I’m already discovering that alternative tennis courts are hard to find.”

SPA baseball keeping its head held high

Rob Thompson knew this would be an interesting season in his first year of succeeding Mike Brown as head baseball coach at St. Paul Academy. He was inheriting a very young team with just two starters back and only four seniors on the roster. Throw in the weather challenges and Thompson

found that the plans he had laid out in February for his team had to be adjusted quickly.

“We have to be careful with what we do,” he said. “What we’ve discovered (in the five-inning doubleheaders) is we’ve had to use more pitchers—some in situations where we weren’t planning to use them.”

SPA doesn’t have as big a pool of players as some other schools. “We’re being very careful with our arms,” Thompson said. “These are kids. It’s not worth risking an arm to win a game if they’re going to have to have Tommy John surgery down the road.”

Much has been made about the adults scrambling to find fields and get games in, but how are the kids holding up?

“They’re just happy to be out there and playing,”

Thompson said.

Thompson was asked about the changeover from Brown, whose time at SPA goes back decades. “This is what it must have been like to replace Tommy Lasorda (longtime Dodgers manager),” he said.

Like his predecessor, Thompson is taking it all in stride and focusing on the big picture. “We would’ve liked a few more W’s,” he said, “but the kids are learning and getting better.”

Much ado about what?

At about 4:30 p.m. the other day, a fellow stopped in a local St. Paul restaurant for a bite to eat and a beer. He spotted a table in front of a big-screen television where four guys who looked to be in their late 20s were wearing football jerseys of four different NFL teams. In front of this quartet were several sheets of paper with notes scrawled all over them.

The group was preparing for the first round of the NFL draft, one of the great marketing successes of all time. The draft has spawned a cottage industry of “experts” who assess each NFL team and declare who they should draft first.

A quick check online found at least 30 different entities chiming in with their ideas and, later, their analyses. They ranged from a known commodity like *Sports Illustrated* to “The Viking Age” fansite, whose editor goes by the Twitter handle @MNVikingZombie.

Few of these folks predicted cornerback Mike Hughes would be Minnesota’s first pick in the draft. Hughes played last year at the University of Central Florida, which went 13-0 and won a bowl game. Central Florida was actually Hughes’ third college in three years. He started at North Carolina, was suspended for an incident at a frat house, went to a community college and then moved to UCF.

Hughes may or may not become a great player. The same could be said of the other players the Vikings drafted, most of whom were names we never heard of around these parts.

But then, the NFL’s genius is in getting people to care about players most of us have never heard of—even with all the college bowl games played in December and January. Drafting 19- to 22-year-old college players isn’t an exact science. In many cases, it’s a gamble, just a hunch based on a need at a certain position.

There isn’t much professional hockey, basketball and baseball can do to compete with this marketing coup. Still there is one thing: All three of those sports are currently playing actual games.

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Sports Shorts

Erick Westerback has been named head coach of the St. Thomas Academy Nordic ski program. He succeeds Garry Loufek, who had been on the coaching staff for 18 years. Westerback, who graduated from STA in 1982, also serves as head tennis coach for STA and Visitation, and is chair of the academy’s math department.

The **St. Paul Department of Parks and Recreation** is offering Summer Blast, a program for youths entering grades 1-6, from 1-4 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays from June 18-August 16. The program features crafts, art, tennis, cooking, swimming, gym games, water fun, nature activities, fitness, kitchen

science and more. For information on this and other summer activities, visit tinyurl.com/yallpuqu.

Dean Verdoes, a former Henry Sibley High School coach and athletic director, was recently inducted into the Minnesota High School Basketball Hall of Fame. He was part of the 1960 Edgerton basketball team that went undefeated and won the state championship during the single-class era. The team was part of the inaugural Hall of Fame class of inductees, including Lindsay Whalen, Randy Breuer and Kevin McHale, who were introduced at a Minnesota Timberwolves game this spring.

St. Thomas Academy skated to a 5-1 victory over Edina White to win the 2018 Junior Gold B State Hockey Tournament on March 18 in Minneapolis. Senior goalie Jack Killian stopped 39 shots, while captain and senior center Patrick O’Meara scored two goals and senior forwards Cole Huettl and Jack Kubes combined for seven points for the Cadets. The championship, STA’s second in three years, followed a hard-fought 4-3 overtime win over Elk River in the semifinals. The Cadets capped a fantastic season with a 32-5 record, set a Junior Gold record with 172 goals, and had one of the lowest goals-against averages in the league.

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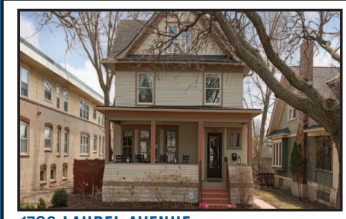
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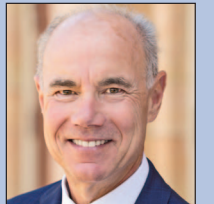
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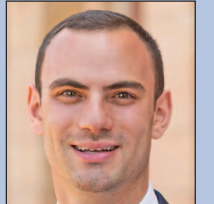
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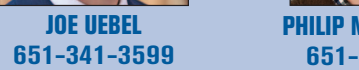
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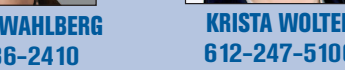
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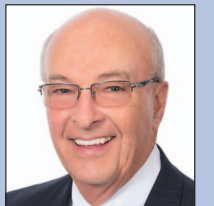
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