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Matt, Clare, Adam and Renee Swanson are back in Macalester-Groveland after completing the second leg of their cross-country bike trip. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

Coast-to-coast trip is latest in long line of family's bicycling adventures

BY ANNE MURPHY

It's not the miles logged. It's not the number of states visited. It's not even the physical accomplishment of biking about 4,000 miles coast to coast—from Washington state to St. Paul last summer and from here to Cape Cod this summer.

All of those are important to Central High School students Clare and Adam Swanson and their parents, Renee and Matt Swanson. However, what they all consider most important were the experiences they had and the people they met along the way.

Just back from their 2019 bicycling trip, the Macalester-Groveland foursome said they feel that way about all of their pedaling endeavors—and they have quite a collection of them.

"We call it 'being an opportunist,'" Renee said. "Since we're off the beaten path of typical tourism, we often come across experiences and opportunities you wouldn't find if you were in popular tourist spots. They're usually presented to us by locals who are curious about what we're doing and give us

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Highland, Mac-Grove committees consider proposed Starbucks

Drive-thru coffee shop planned for corner of Randolph-Hamline

BY JANE MCCLURE

More than 100 people attended a public meeting on August 5 to preview plans by Twin Cities-based Oppidan Investment Company to build a Starbucks coffee shop with drive-through service at the northwest corner of Randolph and Hamline avenues.

The meeting was convened jointly by Highland and Macalester-Groveland district council committees, since the property in question sits on the border of those neighborhoods. Both district councils will weigh in when the formal city review begins.

Though an application for the project is not expected to be filed with the city of St. Paul until fall, many of those in attendance at the meeting objected to the proposal.

"Regardless of what your traffic studies say, it's going to be a mess," said Macalester-Groveland resident Kristen Prada. She and others said the coffee shop will bring more traffic to an area where many students walk to nearby schools, including Cretin-Derham Hall, Holy Spirit, Expo and Randolph Heights.

Several speakers at the meeting invoked the specter of the Starbucks at Snelling and Marshall avenues, which has caused traffic tie-ups and accidents since it opened a few years ago. That coffee shop has been referred to as "Carbucks" for all of the traffic problems it has created.

The zoning for the property at 1351 Randolph Ave. allows for commercial uses. No variances are being sought, but drive-throughs in St. Paul do require

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St. Paul struggling with street maintenance costs

Public Works study detects \$1 billion backlog in upkeep

BY JANE MCCLURE

A quarter-century of deferred maintenance has left St. Paul's streets in a crumbling state, and catching up on their maintenance could cost as much as \$51 million a year for 20 years, according to a new report by the city's Department of Public Works. How to cover that \$1 billion tab is a question the City Council is now wrestling with.

The City Council reviewed the street report on August 7 with St. Paul Public Works director

Kathy Lantry and city engineer Paul Kurtz. The Public Works Department is not asking for additional money for street maintenance through the 2020 city budget, Lantry said. She called the report a "conversation starter."

However, without significantly greater investment, St. Paul's streets will continue to deteriorate, according to Kurtz. In 20 years, 35 percent of its arterial streets and almost 90 percent of its residential streets will be in poor to failed condition if the city does not find a way to finance more street work, he said.

St. Paul uses the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Pavement Condition Index (PCI) to evaluate its streets. According to PCI standards, arterial streets should score between 65 and 70

and residential streets should score between 60 and 70.

St. Paul's residential streets average 64 PCI, which is considered fair. The city's arterial streets average 55 PCI, or somewhere between fair and borderline poor. Overall, St. Paul's streets average about 62 PCI.

Minneapolis' streets average about 70 PCI. That city bumped up its street spending in 2016 when the City Council and Park and Recreation Board agreed on a 20-year, \$800 million plan to keep up with the maintenance and operation of city streets and neighborhood parks.

The St. Paul City Council is looking beyond

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inside tips, take us places and even take us in.”

Clare said she appreciates meeting other cyclists and people who are so curious about the trip that they invite them into their homes to make them dinner or even stay over. Adam said he enjoys seeing differences in the places that they travel to throughout the world.

It was, in fact, their extensive international traveling that prompted the family to decide to pedal coast to coast, Matt said. “We know how beautiful the U.S. is and have said for years that we need to see more of our own country, so we decided to bike across it,” Renee said.

Last summer, they biked through Washington, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota and Minnesota on the first half of their cross-country journey. This summer, they pedaled through Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. They came home by car each time.

For 13-year-old Clare, an incoming freshman at Central, and 16-year-old Adam, a junior, biking has been the preferred way of travel since they were young thanks to their parents. Renee, who was the 2018 Minnesota teacher of the year, teaches biology at St. Paul’s High School for the Performing Arts and Matt owns Swanson Painting and Wallcovering.

“Our family has always biked, so it just made sense to do our trips that way,” Renee said. “It’s a great pace to travel at—not too fast,



Adam and Clare Swanson pedal through Wisconsin on their way to the East Coast.

not too slow—and you’re immersed in the environment that you’re in. You can hear it, you can smell it, you’re interacting with people. You’re not just traveling through at 60 mph with your windows rolled up.”

Renee and Matt took bicycle tours together before they had kids and later decided to do it with the family.

“We loved it and we wanted to keep doing it, but the perspective changes,” Renee said. “It’s no longer about cranking out the miles. It becomes using the bike to fully experience a

setting and taking opportunities as they come, not as they’re planned.”

When traveling by bicycle, she noted, they have to carry everything they need to survive. “That quickly puts things in perspective because you don’t want to carry anything unnecessary—emotionally, mentally or physically,” Renee said. “It forces the trips to be not about souvenirs, but about experiences.”

The Swansons have taken previous bike trips through Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, British Columbia, Idaho, Mississippi’s Natchez Trace Parkway, Cuba, Austria, Hungary, Slovakia, Poland and Mexico. As a couple, Renee and Matt toured Spain, Italy, Slovenia, Norway, Argentina and Bosnia/Herzegovina.

“When the kids were little,” Renee said, “they toured in a Burley bike trailer. Then we went to one Burley tag-a-long and one bike trailer. We eventually made it on two Co-Motion tandems with couplers, so they can be packed up for traveling.”

As of this year, all four of them were riding their own bicycles with front and rear racks to hold their gear.

Adam said his first extended bike trip was in Michoacan, Mexico, when he was 16 months old. “My parents had taken me on some shorter trips before that, but that was the first long one,” he said. “Since then we’ve done at least one bicycle tour per year.

“My first trip without my parents was a regional overnight with my friends when I was 10 years old,” Adams said. “After that, my

friends and I did trips in Southeast Minnesota twice, Door County Wisconsin and the Texas Hill Country.”

Clare said her first extended bike trip was through Southeast Wisconsin when she was a 1-year-old. “My first parent-free trips were with Adam,” she said. She remembers getting a helicopter tour during a trip to Wisconsin. “We took showers with the water fountain and bathed in our collapsible bucket,” she said.

Among the memories from their family travels are finding local swimming holes with rope swings and rocks to jump from, swimming with dolphins in Cuba, sharing homemade delicacies with people in Eastern Europe, staying on working farms, camping in fairgrounds and parks, going to the opera, and being invited to go sailing and attend family barbecues.

“The list goes on and on, but it all comes down to curious, generous locals who want to show off their community,” Renee said.

“But we never have anything pre-booked or know where we’ll be more than one to two days out,” Renee said. “Our endpoint is almost always predetermined; it’s the in-between that’s the unknown adventure.”

Learning to embrace challenges is one of the things both Clare and Adam hope their travels impart to others.

“You don’t need to say, ‘Wow, I wish I could do that,’” Adam said. “All you need to do is get on your bike and ride.”

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a conditional use permit. Those permits are considered by the Planning Commission, with the option to appeal its decision to the City Council.

Ian Halker of Oppidan and members of the engineering firm of Kimley Horn presented the plans for Starbucks. The development team has already met with adjacent residents and businesses. The existing Lucky’s Station would close to make way for the Starbucks.

The plans call for a 2,100-square-foot building at the corner of the .46-acre site, with a patio on the building’s north end. Cars would enter and exit from Randolph, and the existing curb cuts on Hamline would be eliminated. Halker said that would improve safety for pedestrians, which drew jeers from some of the people present.

A 14-space parking lot would be located west of the building. The site has been designed to allow 13 vehicles to line up along the perimeter of the lot while waiting for drive-through service.

The property would be landscaped and would have an underground system to handle stormwater runoff. Halker said that would be an improvement to the current paved lot that sends storm water directly into the sewer.

Halker said the site is larger than the one on Snelling and Marshall, which was greeted by derision from some in the audience.

Macalester-Groveland resident Deb Vannelli said she liked the idea of having a Starbucks in the neighborhood, noting that the drive-through will be a convenience for parents with young children.

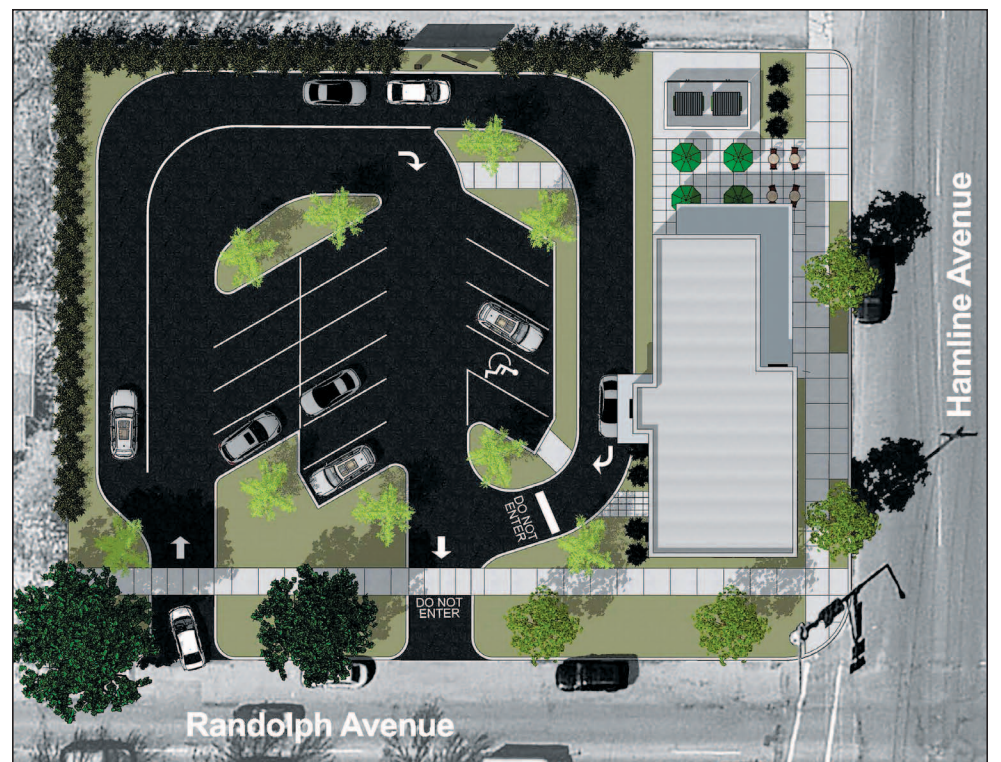
Others were against it. “You’ll create one hell of a traffic jam,” said Macalester-Groveland resident Ed Sennegar. He and others said that vehicles entering and exiting on Randolph would create traffic tie-ups.

Brian Martinson, who chairs the Macalester-Groveland Community Council’s Transportation Committee, asked who the anticipated Starbucks clientele will be. He noted that the coffee shop could draw customers from I-35E and add to the neighborhood’s traffic problems. Halker said it is anticipated that the Starbucks would draw people mainly from the neighborhood.

Macalester-Groveland resident John Chaja said the proposed development motivated him to attend his first-ever neighborhood meeting. According to him, adding a coffee shop with a drive-through does not make sense in a neighborhood that promotes environmental sustainability.

“I chose to live in this neighborhood because I could walk and bike to get to where I need to go,” he said.

Highland District Council member Kristina Mattson said “safety is a compelling reason to challenge this plan.” She added that building a Starbucks on the site is not consistent



The plan for a Starbucks coffee shop on the northwest corner of Randolph and Hamline.

with existing city and neighborhood plans.

Others objected to the opening of a Starbucks because of the competition it would create for other nearby businesses that sell coffee, including the JS Bean Factory, Copper Dome and Cold Front.

“I would guess this is a done deal,” said Steve VandeWater, owner of the JS Bean Factory.

Starbucks was founded in Seattle in 1971. As of early 2019, the company operates more than 30,000 coffee shops worldwide, including 50 in the Twin Cities.

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property taxes and Local Government Aid from the state to finance a new street maintenance program. “I don’t think we can rely on the general fund,” said Ward 2 City Council member Rebecca Noecker. “If we’re going to look at the general fund, along with all of our other needs, streets are going to lose every time.”

“These numbers are really hard to hear,” said Ward 7 council member Jane Prince.

Ward 3 council member Chris Tolbert said he was frustrated that the 2019 Minnesota Legislature was unable to pass a gas tax increase. According to him, other cities are in the same situation as St. Paul. “We need the state to act and invest in our crumbling infrastructure,” he said.

Past city administrations’ failure to invest in streets is at the heart of the problem, according to City Council members and city staff.

The city’s attempt to hold property taxes flat in the mid- to late 1990s and early 2000s was a huge factor in the city streets’ decline, Prince said. The city’s Long-Range Capital Improvement Budget Committee also has a long history of tapping street funds to pay for other projects.

“This is kind of a legacy issue,” Prince said. “It’s about 12 years of administrations that chose not to raise the tax levy to take advantage of increased property values at a time when our economy was in really good shape. Part of how we got here is based on the policies of 20 years ago.”

St. Paul has 762 miles of streets, including 199 miles of arterial streets and 563 miles of residential streets. The city assists Ramsey County in maintaining the 82 miles of county roads in St. Paul, and it works with the Minnesota Department of Transportation in maintaining the 25 miles of state trunk highways in the city.

Between 1985 and 1995, St. Paul carried out a court-ordered program to separate its storm and sanitary sewers under the streets. Hundreds of miles of city streets were reconstructed through that program. That left about 216 miles of streets yet to be reconstructed.

The city launched the Residential Street Vitality Program in 1996, a 10-year effort to reconstruct those streets in 88 project areas. Twenty-three years later, 15 project areas are still without reconstructed streets, and the program is expected to take at least another 15 years to complete.

Kurtz attributed inflation and rising construction costs for the delays in street reconstruction. The Public Works Department used to oversee four or five neighborhood street reconstruction projects per year. In recent years, only one or one-half of a project has been completed per year.

The Public Works report includes several suggestions for paying for the street work,

including an increase in the local sales tax, changes to right-of-way assessment policies, new user fees and an increase in the state gas tax.

The report notes that stepped-up street maintenance could reduce the need for pothole patching, which currently costs the city between \$4 million and \$6 million per year. The report recommends that the city consider instituting regular mill and overlay work on residential streets rather than just seal-coating them as is currently done.

The report also recommends ways to reduce the wear and tear on city streets and thus reduce the need for maintenance. These include further restrictions on truck traffic, converting some residential streets on blocks that have alleys to linear parks, and rebuilding streets with narrower widths but with more accommodations for bicyclists and pedestrians in the right-of-way.

County budgets for improved racial equity

By JANE MCCLURE

Ramsey County manager Ryan O'Connor unveiled proposed county budgets for 2020 and 2021 on August 6 that if adopted by the County Board later this year would increase spending by 0.5 percent next year and 2.9 percent the following year, bringing the total county budget from \$737.8 million in 2019 to 763.4 million in 2021.

The proposed budgets would result in increases of 4.2 percent per year in the county's portion of the property tax levy—from \$350.8 million for 2019 to \$381.1 million for 2021. The county's annual property tax increases in 2018 and 2019 were a similar 4.3 percent.

One of the biggest increases in the county budgets is in the area of administrative and general purposes, where spending rises from \$59 million to \$70 million. Much of that increase is in the county manager's office, where staff would expand from 117 to 130 to support new initiatives, mostly in the areas of racial and economic equity. In fact, racial and economic equity and inclusion are major themes of the proposed county budgets.

"These proposed budgets invest in transformative change that ensures that Ramsey County is...continually adapting and improving," O'Connor said. "We're focused on advancing our strategic priorities through systems transformation, investments in the people we serve and the employees providing that service, and in successfully implementing and managing change across a large and complex organization."

Ramsey County commissioners said that while they appreciate the need for new investments in county programs and services, they will consider the proposed levy increases carefully. "The board looks forward to reviewing these proposed budgets in detail in the weeks and months ahead," said Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt, who chairs the board's Budget Committee.

The Ramsey County Board will begin its review of the proposed 2020 and

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2021 budgets on August 13. The public will get its first chance to comment on the budgets in a hearing at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, August 29, in the Ramsey County Courthouse.

The Ramsey County Board will not give its final approval to the 2020 budget and property tax levy until December 11. However, it is expected to set its maximum property tax levy for 2020 on September 17. State truth-in-taxation law dictates that property tax levies for county, city and school district can be decreased after September 30 but not increased.

With a 4.2 percent increase in the county levy in 2020, the owner of a median-priced, \$199,800 home in St. Paul would pay an additional \$52 per year in property taxes on top of any tax increases proposed by the city and St. Paul Public Schools.

One new program, Transforming Systems Together, would focus on changing the county's traditional service models in the areas of health and criminal justice. County officials are looking at ways in which mental health and criminal justice are related with an eye toward reforming juvenile justice and seeking better outcomes for people. The intent is to strengthen struggling families and reduce the workload of the criminal justice system.

The Transforming Systems Together program is earmarked for \$2 million in 2020 and \$3 million in 2021. The county is planning to work with community

groups to develop and fund alternatives to the more costly juvenile justice system.

The county's new racial equity initiative addresses hiring. Improved communications is another focus, as are ways to modify services and the delivery of services to respond to changing demographics. The county will form a new staff-community committee to advance equity in all county departments and restructure services. According to O'Connor, the county cannot improve services and outcomes for residents without addressing racial disparities.

Other budget initiatives include a redesign of the county's child welfare system to reduce out-of-home placements by helping families stay together, developing an integrated housing office to help people find stable housing, adding more early-voting locations and resources before the 2020 election, and providing ongoing funding for body cameras in the Sheriff's Department.

Ramsey County is proposing to discontinue operating the nine-hole Ponds at Battle Creek golf course in Maplewood after 2020. Deliberations over how to reuse that property will begin this fall. The budget includes capital investments in other county golf courses, including \$3.7 million at Manitou Ridge and \$2.4 million at Goodrich. The budget would also eliminate late fees for youths at county libraries.

About 44 percent of the 2019 county budget is funded through property taxes. County revenue from other governments makes up 26 percent of the budget, and charges for services accounts for 20 percent.

St. Paul homeowners can expect to receive their notices of estimated property taxes for 2020 between November 10-24. The estimates will be based on the maximum levies approved by the county, city and school district. The final public hearing on the county budgets will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, November 25, at the Ramsey County Library in Maplewood. For more information, visit ramseycounty.us/budget.

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Rail Authority eyes 14% increase in transit levy

By JANE MCCLURE

The Ramsey County Regional Rail Authority has proposed 7 percent and 6.8 percent increases in its property tax levies for 2020 and 2021, respectively. The increases would raise the transit levy from \$24.3 million this year to \$27.7 million in 2021.

The increases represent the maximum amount the Rail Authority may levy each of those years. They will help fund the ongoing studies of the Rush

Line and Gold Line on St. Paul's East Side as well as the proposed Riverview Corridor streetcar line between downtown St. Paul, Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport and the Mall of America.

The Riverview Corridor transit study will soon enter its three-year engineering and pre-environmental assessment phase. The Ramsey County budget for 2020 calls for five positions to be added in the Public Works Department to help with the planning and operation

of transit projects.

Ramsey County's proposed Public Works budget totals \$37 million in 2020 and \$36.8 million in 2021, up from \$35.1 million this year. That includes \$4.3 million in 2020 and \$3.7 million in 2021 for multi-modal transit planning, \$10 million per year for Union Depot operations, and \$5.5 million in 2020 and \$5.6 million in 2021 for the operation of the light-rail Green Line.

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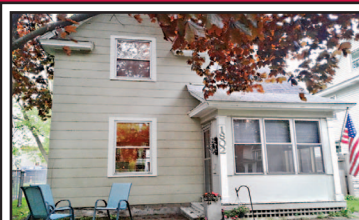
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All the buzz

Interest grows as Longfellow seeks to become a certified wildlife habitat community

BY BILL WAGNER

There is some outstanding gardening going on in the Longfellow neighborhood of Minneapolis and more than a few people are getting publicly acknowledged for their green thumbs.

As summer approached its midpoint, 56 home gardens in Longfellow had been certified as wildlife habitats through the National Wildlife Federation's "Garden for Wildlife" program. The list also included three schools and three businesses.

"We're making progress," said Longfellow resident Daniel Schultz, a real estate agent and master natu-

ralist who got his yard certified in 2010. With the support of the Longfellow Community Council, Schultz is coordinating an effort to have the neighborhood become the first in Minnesota to be a certified wildlife habitat community.

The Longfellow Wildlife Habitat Project began in 2015 with a five-year goal of obtaining the certification. Though not a fixed deadline, Schultz said local gardeners are well on their way to getting the 150 private yards, four schools and four churches or businesses needed to earn that status by next year.

The fact that the gardens are federally recognized is more than just



Greg Rohleder checks on a bed of bee balm for friend Leah Wilkes, who was awaiting certification of her Minneapolis Longfellow garden as a wildlife habitat. PHOTOS BY BRAD STAUFFER



A bumblebee darts from bee balm bloom to bloom in Leah Wilkes' Longfellow garden that is tailored to attract pollinators.

a feather in the neighborhood's cap. To Schultz, it is all about community and he marvels at how much excitement the project has created.

"It's an easy sale to people these days," Schultz said. "It's a great experience to talk to people who might want to take their gardens to the next level, but might not know how to go about it."

Longfellow resident Emma Smurr had just received notice that her garden was approved for certification as she was being interviewed for this story. "It's really cool," said Smurr, "and it's not hard to do."

The certification means that such gardens are verified as environmental-friendly places that support urban wildlife. The four components to certification are food (such as plant seeds, nectar, fruit or sap), water (such as a birdbath, stream or pond), cover (protection from weather and predators such as a water garden) and places to raise young wildlife (such as burrows, dead trees or wetland).

Gardeners also are encouraged to

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avoid pesticides, use native plants that attract bees, and create a wide variety of habitat to attract migratory fowl.

Schultz does his legwork in the neighborhood and either mentors the gardeners himself or refers them to other mentors. There are challenges, but Schultz said it is fun overcoming hurdles toward certification.

"The water source is tricky," he admitted. He cited cup plants as a good remedy for the water situation. The native species can grow over

8 feet tall and has cup-like leaves that hold water for birds and insects.

Sometimes there are challenges that even an avid gardener like Schultz needs to navigate through. "I'm allergic to bees," he said. "I break out in hives. I always have the EpiPen ready."

The three schools that have been certified so far in Longfellow are Anishinabe Academy, Michael Dowling School and Sanford Middle School. More schools are in the works.

"We just put in a new pollinator garden at Howe and we're working on Hiawatha," Schultz said.

The three churches or businesses are Epworth United Methodist Church, Belle's Toolbox and Sigma 7.

The movement seems to be gathering steam among seasoned gardeners as well as rookies.

"I'm very much a novice," said resident Leah Wilkes, whose garden is awaiting certification. "I've only

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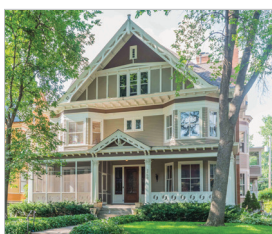
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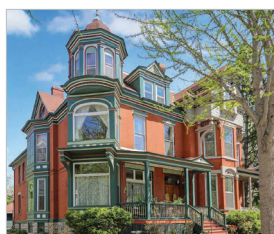
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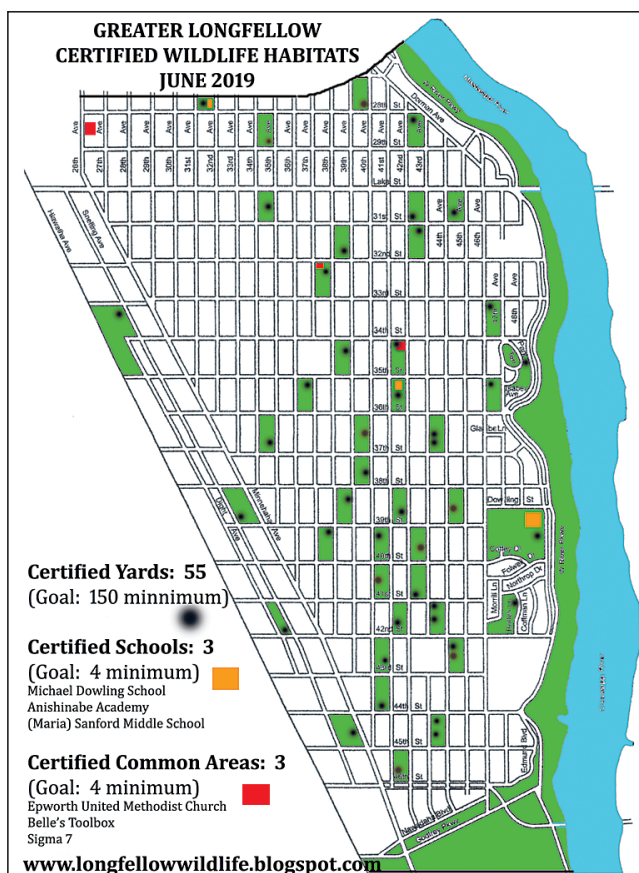
got about five years under my belt as a serious gardener. Daniel is my mentor and he's great. He has a lot of knowledge and enthusiasm for the whole process."

"I'd like to get (certified)," said Eileen Myers, who has an outstanding garden on 42nd Avenue. "I'm very conscious of what I put in here. I want it to be environmentally-friendly."

Carolyn Curti is another local gardener who is awaiting certification. "I want to help the neighborhood," she said. "I've been thinking about this for a long time."

Gardeners who meet the specified criteria can certify their property with a \$20 donation to the National Wildlife Federation. For another \$30, they can receive a lawn sign that proclaims the property as certified.

For more information about the project, visit longfellowwildlife.blogspot.com.



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Speaking of impacts

Highland council raises concerns about the toxins in old Ford dump

BY JANE MCCLURE

A study of the environmental impact of the redevelopment of Ford Motor Company's former assembly plant in Highland Park is drawing as much attention for what it does not include as for what it does.

The so-called alternative urban areawide review (AUAR) that is being overseen by the city of St. Paul focuses on the 122-acre site as well as the adjacent 13-acre Canadian Pacific Railroad yard and 4-acre Highland Village Center. However, it does not address the 22 acres on the west side of Mississippi River Boulevard that were once used as a dump by Ford, the city and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. That worries members of the Highland District Council (HDC) Community Development Committee, who met on August 5 with city staff, a city consultant and a representative of master developer Ryan Companies.

The AUAR is looking at everything from traffic to air and noise pollution to natural resources. It is based on the city's master plan for the site as well as Ryan Companies' own plan to build close to 3,800 new homes and 150,000 square feet of new retail and office space. The AUAR will outline potential problems and possible solutions.

The first draft of the AUAR will be the subject of public open houses from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, August 20, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 700 S. Snelling Ave., and from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, August 27, at the Highland Park Community Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. The

first open house will focus on the natural and built environment, and the second on traffic and transportation.

Susan Duffy, who chairs the HDC's Community Development Committee, asked why the so-called Area C along the Mississippi River was not included in the AUAR. She wondered whether the contaminants there could spread to the redevelopment site. Other committee members questioned why housing is being proposed near a contaminated site.

According to Luis Pereira, director of planning in the city's Department of Planning and Economic Development, and Tony Barranco, senior vice president for development at Ryan Companies, the AUAR for the Ford site does not include Area C because that site is not being eyed for redevelopment.

Nor has Ford marketed Area C for redevelopment, according to Barranco. "Ryan isn't interested in purchasing and redeveloping Area C," he said. "It's an encapsulated dump."

Ford Motor Company and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) have been monitoring Area C since the 1980s. The MPCA has asked Ford and its consultants to study several alternatives for cleaning up pollution on the site and to submit a feasibility study to the MPCA later this year.

Area C, which lies at the base of the Mississippi River bluff near the Ford Dam, was used by Ford from the mid-1940s through the mid-1960s to dispose of paint sludge and solvents left over from the automobile painting

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The alternative urban areawide review for the Ford site addresses the properties within the dotted yellow line above. It does not address the 22-acre dump site located along the Mississippi River to the west of Mississippi River Boulevard. The dump at the base of the bluff near the Ford Dam was used by Ford Motor Company, the city of St. Paul and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from the mid-1940s to the 1980s.

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Police chief takes aim at funding for tracking gunshots in St. Paul

By JANE MCCLURE

St. Paul Police Chief Todd Axtell outlined the possibility of adding ShotSpotter technology to the Police Department's toolkit while giving his annual update to City Council members in July in preparation for their 2020 budget deliberations.

New initiatives, including whether or not the city should add devices to track the precise location of gunshots, will be outlined by Mayor Melvin Carter during his budget address at noon Thursday, August 15, at the Frogtown Community Center, 230 Como Ave. The address will trigger months of City Council review before a final 2020 budget and property tax levy are adopted at the end of the year.

While Axtell focused on many issues, such as the end of the city's mounted police patrol and changes to the K-9 unit, he singled out gunshot detection technology as something that should no longer be put off.

"It would be good to at least start in one area to study its effectiveness," he said.

The Police Department, with support from district councils and other groups, has sought to fund trial locations for ShotSpotter for years. The last request for funding was considered by the city's Capital Improvement Budget Committee more than a decade ago.

One of the ShotSpotter locations that was eyed at that time was near Lexington Parkway and I-94. That request never made the funding cut despite being submitted during several funding cycles.

A single ShotSpotter can cost \$250,000 and cover up to 3 square miles. Axtell told the council he would like three such devices.

ShotSpotter uses acoustic, optical or other sensors to locate active shooters. The Minneapolis Police Department has used Shot-

Spotter technology since 2007 and has credited it with helping track down many criminals.

ShotSpotter includes real-time mapping as shots are heard and logged. The data collected include the type of gun used, how many shots were fired and if the shooter was on the move. One of the issues the St. Paul Police Department raised during the July review is that any gunshot detection technology would require additional staff to back it up.

City Council members expressed interest in the technology, although some raised questions about the cost and asked Axtell to consider seeking grants instead of city funding.

Assistant Police Chief Robert Thomasser told the council that the U.S. Department of Justice does not want to help cities start programs such as ShotSpotter. Still, he said, St. Paul could start a program and then seek outside funding to help expand it.

St. Paul has applied for \$750,000 in federal law enforcement grants for enhancing investigations of gun violence, with a focus on ballistics evidence and data from gunshot location technology. However, the grants would not pay for ShotSpotter technology itself.

The federal funding application has been criticized by elected officials for calling out crime along the light-rail Green Line. The City Council received an email from U.S. Representative Betty McCollum's office objecting to how the city and the light-rail line were negatively represented in the application, and how that could affect transit funding requests. The application states that gun violence has increased in St. Paul since the Green Line opened in 2014.

Council members said that while they agreed with some issues raised by McCollum's office, they have to balance those with the issue of gun violence.

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process, according to the MPCA. Although the specific disposal practices are not known, it appears that liquid solvents may have been dumped over the edge of the bluff and barrels of paint sludge may have been buried at the base of the bluff.

Ford also disposed of construction rubble, contaminated soil, scrap metal and other debris at Area C. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and city crews added construction debris to the site in the 1970s and 1980s during the reconstruction of Lock and Dam No. 1 and Mississippi River Boulevard.

Based on the testing to date, the MPCA has concluded that the concentration of pollutants in groundwater near Area C is well below the level that would pose a risk to the Mississippi River. However, the monitoring is ongoing.

The most recent groundwater and soil study of Area C was done by Ford and the environmental consulting firm Arcadis in 2015-2016. Deep soil borings were taken, 11 groundwater monitoring wells were installed and five shallow trenches were dug.

The soil borings revealed industrial waste beneath 40 to 60 feet of fill and construction debris. Two of the trenches revealed layers of paint sludge in soil as shallow as 2½ feet. It appears that the paint sludge had once been in drums because remnants of crushed barrels and scrap metal were found nearby.

Solvents, metals, asphalt-related compounds and polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), all related to the Ford Plant's painting operations, were found in the soil along with high concentrations of antimony, arsenic, barium, cadmium, chromium, copper, lead and zinc, the MPCA report stated. Some samples of industrial waste were found to be hazardous due to lead. The surface soil at Area C contained low levels of petroleum

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and asphalt-related contaminants at concentrations typical of urban fill containing road rubble.

The MPCA asked Ford and its consultants to evaluate groundwater at various levels to determine how the water table at Area C fluctuates in response to the changing level of the Mississippi River. Five of the 11 monitoring wells on the site track the water level continuously to reveal the direction of groundwater flow and the extent to which the buried waste is affected when the river floods. All 11 wells are sampled quarterly, and more samples are taken during a flood.

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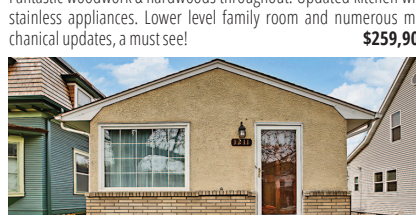
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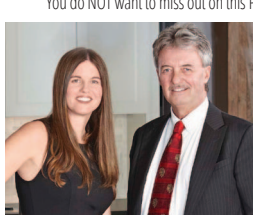
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Viewpoint

A new generation of NIMBYs

I'm a transplant, a mom and, yes, a millennial. So what was I doing at a local meeting opposing the proposed Starbucks drive-through at Hamline and Randolph avenues? Shouldn't I be thrilled at the prospect of pumpkin spice lattes that don't require unstrapping my kids from their car seats? And aren't community meetings better suited to lifelong residents with nothing better to do but complain about impending change?

In a super-packed, surely fire-code-violating meeting room, I wasn't the only young person who felt strongly enough to make this issue our first foray into extremely local politics. All but a couple of attendees were in the anti-corporate-coffee camp. Our reasons against the plan for Starbucks included traffic, undue competition for nearby independent coffee shops, more traffic, neighboring schools and yet more traffic.

To me, and to the much smarter and more seasoned community advocates in the room, this proposal is about more than traffic and more than chain stores vs. local businesses. It's about the long-term vision for St. Paul as a livable, walkable, forward-thinking city. It's about putting people and pedestrians above parking and personal convenience. It's about keeping St. Paul a place where you get to see your neighbors and your baristas face-to-face instead of through a windshield.

Maybe this makes me a NIMBY. Maybe I'll see you at the next meeting.

*Erica Wacker
Macalester-Groveland*

Gun laws that make a difference

Last session state Representative Dave Pinto (DFL-District 64B) authored the bill House File 8 making background checks mandatory for all private firearm sales. Sounds great. However, most of the mass killings in the last decade have been caused by people who bought their guns legally and passed a background check. Many of them had a history of problems that were never reported to the National Instant Criminal Background Check (NICS) system. Do you really think the gangs will demand that their members get their weapons through a background check? House File 8 may be doing something, but that something is giving a false sense of security.

House File 9, the Red Flag law that enables law enforcement and family members to petition a court to prohibit people from possessing firearms if they pose a significant danger to themselves or others, has no due process built into it. Taking away a constitutional right with no due process—isn't that why we have that silly thing called the Constitution? Besides, Minnesota already has laws on the books to put holds on people who are a danger to themselves or others, so why a new law with no due process?

Do you want to do something that might actually make a difference and does not infringe on law-abiding gun owners but actually stops the wrong people from legally buying guns? Go to fixnics.org. The National Shooting Sports Federation has a rating of how well states report to the NICS system. Getting the right people on the list is the first step. This bill almost passed in the U.S. House and Senate until both sides added things to sabotage it.

Universal background checks sound great, but they aren't going to stop this madness. Most of the perpetrators will still be buying guns legally and many won't care. I read a lot of comments that President Trump is a dictator. If he really is, then why do you want to give up your gun rights?

*Gary Fischbach
Highland Park*

Just fix the dang streets

Can anyone tell me that the city of St. Paul deserves a passing grade on street maintenance? It took until early July to get the potholes on our street filled, and that's just a short-term solution. There's still plenty of patching that needs to be done.

Never have I seen such negligence in our infrastructure. I'm sure many who have lived here long enough remember when our streets were patched, oiled and sanded on a regular basis. Now we're paying higher and higher property taxes and the services are not adding up to what we're getting. My daughter lives in Lakeville, pays half the property taxes for a wider lot and the city actually plows the side streets in a



timely manner in winter rather than the one to two days it normally takes to plow our streets, if at all.

It's time for a change. We need to stop voting for the slumlord politicians who are letting our city fall apart before our very eyes. When these people come knocking on your door asking for your vote, hand them a shovel and some pothole patch and tell them to get busy.

*Walter J. Huemmer
Highland Park*

Hold the line on property taxes

I am a senior citizen on a fixed income that has remained stagnant for at least the last nine years. During the past 17 years, my property taxes have skyrocketed 181.47 percent. St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter's proposed 2020 city budget must hold the line on property taxes and begin decreasing our property taxes by at least 9 percent, especially since the Major League Soccer stadium is generating more income from businesses for our city.

*Sue Shetka
Macalester-Groveland*

A Monroe by any other name

As a gradeschooler in the 1950s, I thought Monroe High School was named after the only Monroe I knew to be famous—Marilyn. Maybe if the good folks who are offended by the sins of James Monroe from two centuries ago would have considered switching their allegiance and the school's namesake to Marilyn Monroe—who, after all, is more reflective of today's social mores—they would have saved taxpayers lots of money and resolved the slavery issue once and for all. Or even better, how about considering Vaughan Monroe as the school's namesake? He wrote that wonderful 1950s hit song "Riders in the Sky," an apt description of the mental state of those who like to erase any history they find offensive.

*Anne Collopy
St. Anthony*

Trusting the CDC on vaccines

A letter by Deb and Kevin Sullivan ("Linking autism and vaccines," *Villager* Inbox, July 31) conspiratorially claims that the Centers for Disease Control cannot be trusted on vaccinations because they own and profit from a patent portfolio that covers vaccines. The CDC have a large and comprehensive patent portfolio because they conduct a significant amount of medical research. While it is true that

a handful of their patents cover vaccinations, their annual worth is roughly \$5.5 million, or 1/10th of 1 percent of the CDC's annual budget.

To put that in context, this is like claiming that the average adult in the U.S. cannot be trusted on any topic from which he or she earns \$48 a year.

*April King
Snelling-Hamline*

America has room for more

The entire population of the Western Hemisphere is under 1 billion. The United States has a population of 330 million and a land mass of 3.8 million square miles. China has a land mass of 3.7 million square miles but has a population of 1.25 billion. So you can put the entire population of the Western Hemisphere in the United States and still have a population that is smaller than China's.

China can house and feed 1.25 billion people. Why can't the United States, which claims to be the wealthiest nation, take on another 20 million or 50 million immigrants? America is a very sparsely populated country.

*Frank Erickson
Standish, Minneapolis*

The promise of a wealth tax

In an era when the U.S. government is in debt over \$20 trillion and goes even deeper in the hole by millions of dollars every day, it's just plain wrong that some Americans should be so rich. That's why Senator Elizabeth Warren's proposal for a wealth tax makes so much sense. It's unfair that the too wealthy and the too successful should be able to hold on to their excessive wealth. The government needs and deserves that money.

The big problem with Ms. Warren's proposal is its modesty. Instead of 2 or 3 percent of their wealth over \$50 million, it would be far better and less complicated to have the government simply confiscate 100 percent of all personal wealth over \$1 million. That would raise a serious amount for the U.S. Treasury. Maybe even enough to fund a paydown on the government debt, or a couple of new federal programs like free college, student loan forgiveness, more generous food stamp grants, etc.

I'm pretty sure Ms. Warren knows this, and her strategy is to start with 2 or 3 percent, confident in the knowledge that once the wealth tax finds its way into the tax code, raising it will be a piece of cake.

*T.J. Sexton
Highland Park*

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Ford AUAR—Two open houses are scheduled on the draft alternative urban areawide review (AUAR) for the Ford site and adjacent parcels during the public comment period. The open houses will be held from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, August 20, at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 700 S. Snelling Ave., and from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, August 27, at the Highland Park Community Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. The primary topics of the first open house will be natural and built environment, land use, geology, water resources, animal species, visual, air and noise. The primary topic of the second open house will be transportation. The 139-acre study area is located south of Ford Parkway and east of Mississippi River Boulevard. The order and scoping document can be found at stpaul.gov/Ford-auar.

Crime prevention—The Highland District Council and St. Paul's Western District police will host a crime prevention session from 6:30-8 p.m. Monday, August 26, at the Highland Park Community Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. The event will include information on when to contact the police, how police prioritize calls, how to follow up on an incident, recent crime statistics, the steps people can take to better protect themselves and their residences, and engaging with police.

Fall drop-off event—Volunteers are needed for the citywide drop-off event being organized by the HDC from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, September 28, on Shepard Road between Alton and Davern streets. Early- and late-morning shifts are available. Senior citizens can have their items picked up and delivered to the drop-off site. Call the HDC office to sign up to volunteer or to have items picked up.

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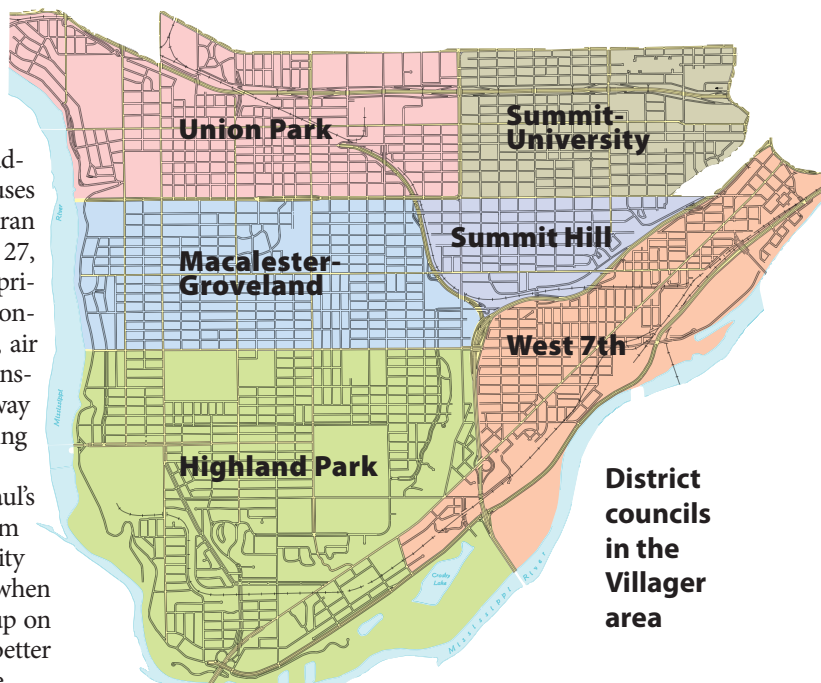
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Future is Grand—The new Future is Grand Task Force is asking members of the public to share their everyday experiences of visiting, shopping and dining on Grand Avenue by visiting rebrand.ly/grand-experiences through the month of August. The survey takes about 10 minutes and responses will remain anonymous. For information, email thefutureisgrand@grandave.com.

Mac-Grove Fest—The annual Mac-Grove Fest will be held from 2-6 p.m. Saturday, September 7, at Groveland Park on St. Clair and Prior avenues. The free festival celebrates the businesses, organizations, artists and residents that make St. Paul a great place to live, work, learn and play. For more information and a full schedule of activities, see macgrove.org/macgrovefest.

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NeighborFest 2019—The University of St. Thomas is once again inviting neighbors to campus for food, fun and camaraderie during NeighborFest from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, August 15, on Monahan Plaza south of the football stadium.

Central Honors Philando—The fourth annual Central Honors Philando benefit will be held from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, August 18, outside the Dunning Recreation Center, 1221 Marshall Ave. The public is invited to eat, play and celebrate the life of Philando Castile, a Central High School graduate who was fatally shot by a police officer in July 2016.

Ice Cream, Peanut Butter and Jam—The UPDC's seventh annual Ice Cream, Peanut Butter and Jam will be held from noon-4 p.m. Saturday, September 14, at Merriam Park.

Upcoming meetings—Committee on Land Use and Economic Development, 6:30 p.m. Monday, August 19; Environment and Parks Committee, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 21, Merriam Park Recreation Center, 2000 St. Anthony Ave.; and Neighborhood Involvement Committee, 6:30 p.m. Monday, August 26. The meetings will be held at 1821 University Ave., Suite 330, unless otherwise noted.

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Fast-growing St. Paul music school thrives in its new digs

With a new location, expanded programming and a chorus line of fresh new faces on board, the St. Paul Conservatory of Music is hitting all the right notes this summer amid an impressive growth spurt.

The nonprofit music school, dedicated to “enriching the lives of students and audiences through the joy of music,” has added nearly 200 new students and eight faculty members since relocating to the historically significant Summit Center for Arts and Innovation building in April 2018.

To better serve those budding musicians, the SPCM is introducing new programs, including a Contemporary Music Program led by Harry Chalmiers, the former president of the McNally Smith College of Music and former executive director of the MacPhail Center for Music.

The Contemporary Music Program will begin classes this fall. Serving students of all ages, including adults, the program will cater to students interested in rock, blues, jazz, bluegrass, folk and other genres.

Besides the inaugural Contemporary Music Program, the SPCM presents an array of programs related to music theory, piano, guitar, strings, woodwinds, brass, percussion, early music and chamber music.

The past few months have been busy for the students and staff, with camps, festivals and institutes filling the studios and performance space throughout the summer.

“The summer used to be very slow and all of a sudden it’s a pulsing summer,” said Cléa Galhano, executive artistic director at the SPCM. “This never, ever would have happened if we hadn’t had the growth and the move.”

The mission of the Summit Center is to “present adventurous cultural experiences that celebrate and connect community.”

Prior to the move, the SPCM occupied a much smaller space in downtown St. Paul. The Summit Center for Arts and Innovation, owned by St. Paul developer John Rupp,

prides itself on being one of the premier sources of classical music education in the Twin Cities.

Galhano said the new building has become a destination for people to showcase their musical talents. At the building, the SPCM hosts concerts and recitals through-

of possibilities.”

Community members are showing their appreciation for the school. One client, in a heartfelt testimonial, described SPCM as “a wonderful haven of music that has enriched our lives and we have recommended to many others.”

Another parent said, “I cannot say enough wonderful things about this place, their instructors, and the community of students and families. These musicians share their talent from the heart. Very grateful.”

After an SPCM contingent led a sing-along at a local care facility, the nursing home staff said more than half of the residents “were sit-dancing and clapping and singing along, having the time of their lives.”

“I feel alive again, like I want to get up and dance,” proclaimed one resident, who is in her mid-90s.

The SPCM will celebrate its new Contemporary Music Program with a free faculty concert at 7 p.m. on November 21 at the Summit Center for Arts and Innovation. Performers include faculty members Yazmin Bowers, LA Buckner, Randy Sabien and Harry Chalmiers. All are welcome!

Students in the program will learn how to perform, improvise, write songs and use technology to produce their own music. Classes range from Songwriting and Interpreting Chord Symbols at the Keyboard to Intro to Jazz Improvisation and Blues Immersion.

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out the year, and serves people of all abilities and income levels.

Holding true to its core belief that nobody should be denied access to music education, the SPCM offers financial aid and partners with area schools. It serves hundreds of public school students through an outreach program.

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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—Residential burglaries were reported on the 1300 block of South Cleveland Avenue on July 24 and the 1200 block of Bohland Place on August 2-3.

—A teenage boy and girl were arrested for burglary at Pearle Vision, 2024 Ford Pkwy., at 9:24 p.m. Friday, July 26.

—Leann Chin, 2014 Ford Pkwy., was burglarized at 5 a.m. Saturday, August 3.

—St. Paul Academy, 1712 Randolph Ave., was burglarized between 8:56-9:38 p.m. Sunday, August 4.

Theft—A laptop computer, purse, cellphone and personal papers were stolen from a vehicle at Core Power Yoga, 680 S. Cleveland Ave., between 5:05-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 16.

—Vehicles were stolen at Graham Place Senior Living, 1745 Graham Ave., on July 21-22; at Buca di Beppo, 2728 Gannon Road, on July 30; and on the 1600 block of Bayard Avenue on August 2-3.

—Catalytic converters were stolen from vehicles on the 1800 block of Rome Avenue on July 28 and on the 1300 block of East Maynard Drive on August 2-3.

—A diagnostic scanner was stolen from a vehicle on the 1600 block of Ford Parkway at 8:33 a.m. Sunday, August 4.

Lexington-Hamline

Theft—A MacBook Pro computer was stolen from a vehicle at the Midway Target between 5:35-6:13 p.m. Thursday, July 18.

—A vehicle was stolen at the Midway Target during the evening of July 26-27.

—A Surly Pugsley fat bike valued at more than \$1,000 was reported stolen from the Express Bike Shop, 1158 Selby Ave., at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, August 1.

Macalester-Groveland

Burglary—Widmer's Super Market, 1936 St. Clair Ave., was broken into on July 21-22.

—A \$3,000 bicycle was stolen from a garage on the 2100 block of Lincoln Avenue between July 24-27.

Theft—A Samsung cellphone, Nintendo Game Boy and iPad were stolen from a vehicle on the 1300 block of St. Clair Avenue during the evening of July 17-18.

—Vehicles were reported stolen on the

2100 block of Grand Avenue on July 22-23, the 1300 block of Sargent Avenue on July 26, the 1400 block of St. Clair Avenue on July 26-27, the 1300 block of James Avenue on July 27, the 1500 block of St. Clair Avenue on July 30-August 1 and the 2000 block of Wellesley Avenue on August 1.

—A DeWalt screw gun was stolen from a vehicle on the 1200 block of St. Clair Avenue during the evening of July 29-30.

Merriam Park

Robbery—A 78-year-old man was robbed by five people in the alley behind his Marshall Avenue home just before 8 p.m. Monday, July 29. The suspects demanded his wallet. When he refused, one of them grabbed it out of his pocket. The man was struck in the head as he fought to take the wallet back. One of the thieves then grabbed a sledgehammer from a nearby garage and threatened to destroy his car. He pleaded with them to go away and they did after taking \$10 and telling him they would come back and burn down his house if he reported the incident. One of his neighbors had already called the police and three girls, ages 12-14, were arrested as they tried to flee.

—A strong-arm robbery was reported at Denny's, 1664 University Ave., at 3:20 a.m. Saturday, August 3.

Burglary—Residential burglaries occurred on the 400 block of North Wheeler Street on July 17 and the 200 block of North Prior Avenue on July 26.

—Red's Savoy Pizza, 143 N. Snelling Ave., was broken into at 8:34 p.m. Sunday, July 21.

Theft—Tools and tool boxes were reported stolen from a vehicle on the 1700 block of Ashland Avenue at 3:41 p.m. Friday, July 19.

—A passport and a significant amount of cash were stolen from a vehicle at Town and Country Club, 300 N. Mississippi River Blvd., at 6:13 p.m. Monday, July 22.

—Cash, credit cards and other items were stolen from a vehicle on Eustis Street and Mississippi River Boulevard around 10:50 a.m. Monday, July 29.

—Vehicles were stolen on the 1700 block of Iglehart Avenue on July 30, the 1600 block of Dayton Avenue on July 30 and the 400 block of North Prior Avenue on August 1-2.

—A laptop computer was stolen from a vehicle on the 1700 block of Iglehart Avenue during the evening of August 1-2.

Assault—A woman said she was struck by a rock thrown from a passing vehicle at 2:50

p.m. Thursday, July 25, on Exeter Place and North Mississippi River Boulevard.

Miscellaneous—A 41-year-old man was being sought for using a baseball bat to cause felony damage to a vehicle at 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 30, on the 400 block of North Wilder Street. Police said the suspect was mad that the complainant had sought a restraining order against him.

Snelling-Hamline

Burglary—A tool kit was stolen from a garage on the 1400 block of Carroll Avenue between 6-7:40 p.m. Wednesday, July 31.

—A laptop computer was stolen from a residence on the 1400 block of Iglehart Avenue between 5-6:05 p.m. Wednesday, July 31.

Theft—A phone, wallet and personal items were reported stolen at the Midway McDonald's, 1570 University Ave., at 1:20 a.m. Thursday, July 18.

—Two wallets were reported stolen at LA Fitness, 1370 University Ave., at 7:50 p.m. Saturday, July 20.

—A man said his cellphone was stolen after he set it down on a counter at the Midway Walmart at 8 a.m. Thursday, July 25.

—A 17-year-old male employee was arrested for stealing \$600 in gift cards at the Midway Walmart at 4:30 p.m. Friday, July 26.

—A vehicle was stolen on the 1400 block of University Avenue the evening of July 28-29.

Assault—A male victim said he was assaulted by a group of juveniles ages 10-15 and was struck on the head with a large tree branch near University Avenue and Albert Street at 10:44 p.m. Wednesday, July 24.

Weapons—A 15-year-old boy was arrested for carrying a gun after police responded to a disturbance inside the Midway Walmart at 3:23 p.m. Tuesday, July 23.

—Police heard gunshots after responding to a call regarding a large group of people in the parking lot of Denny's, 1664 University Ave., at 2:27 a.m. Sunday, July 28. A 29-year-old man was arrested for possession of a firearm by a felon. He and a 24-year-old woman also were cited for discharging a firearm within the city limits.

Summit Hill

Burglary—Costume jewelry and tools were stolen from the storage units of a residential building on the 800 block of St. Clair Avenue on July 24-25.

—Around \$1,000 in hiking and camping

gear was stolen from a garage on Lexington Parkway and Grand Avenue between July 24-26.

—A residence was broken into on Avon Street and Grand Avenue between July 26-28.

Theft—A laptop computer and passport were stolen from a vehicle on the 600 block of Summit Avenue on July 26-27.

—Two MacBook laptop computers, cash, credit cards and other items were reported stolen from a vehicle on the 1000 block of Grand Avenue at 8:33 p.m. Sunday, July 28.

—More than \$1,000 in merchandise was reported stolen at CVS, 1040 Grand Ave., at 8:24 p.m. Monday, July 29.

—A vehicle was stolen on the 900 block of Goodrich Avenue between August 1-3.

Summit-University

Robbery—A strong-arm robbery was reported at O'Reilly Auto Parts, 448 N. Lexington Pkwy., at 9 p.m. Saturday, July 27.

Burglary—Residential burglaries were reported on the 1000 block of Portland Avenue on July 23, the 800 block of Holly Avenue and the 300 block of Laurel Avenue on July 26, and the 900 block of Ashland Avenue on August 2.

Theft—Several Makita power tools were stolen from a trailer at Christ's Household of Faith, 355 Marshall Ave., between July 19-21.

—A MacBook Air computer was reported stolen from a vehicle on the 500 block of Selby Avenue at 8:30 p.m. Monday, July 22.

—A wallet, credit cards and iPhone 8 were reported stolen at the St. Paul YWCA, 375 Selby Ave., at 6:35 p.m. Monday, July 22.

—An iPad Air was stolen on the 700 block of Selby Avenue between 1-2:30 p.m. Monday, July 29.

West End

Robbery—A robbery at gunpoint was reported at a residence on the 200 block of Colborne Street between 9-10 p.m. Thursday, July 25.

Burglary—St. Stanislaus Church, 298 Superior St., was broken into on July 21-22.

Theft—Tools were stolen from a vehicle at Harris Contracting, 909 Montreal Circle, between 4:57-5:25 a.m. Sunday, July 21.

—An iPad and Narcan were taken from a vehicle on Wilkin and McBoal streets during the evening of July 23-24.

—Vehicles were stolen on the 1000 block of Pleasant Avenue on July 26-27 and on the 200 block of Wilkin Street on August 1-2.

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Crowley answers call to serve as interim headmaster at STA

BY DAVE WRIGHT

John Crowley Jr., who took the helm this month as St. Thomas Academy's interim headmaster, learned a lesson about what can happen when duty calls nearly half a century ago.

In the spring of 1971, Crowley was in his senior year at STA. The Vietnam War was winding down, but interest in military careers was high and many Cadets were answering the call to service. Crowley looked into the Army, Navy and Air Force before enrolling at the Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut. Among his reasons was a love of being on the water.

Before school even started that fall, Crowley found himself on a boat in the Atlantic Ocean, learning quickly just how much is involved in working on a Coast Guard vessel.

"It was invigorating," he said.

That voyage launched Crowley on a 35-year career in which he took on many assignments en route to earning the rank of rear admiral before retiring from the Coast Guard in 2008.

Crowley never forgot where it all started and when his high school alma mater came calling he answered. When STA students return to the Mendota Heights school for the start of classes on August 26, they will find an interim headmaster with a background that includes stints as a judge advocate general, commander of the Coast Guard's Great Lakes Region and a founder of what is now known as the Department of Homeland Security.

"I'll stay as long as they need me here," said

Crowley, 66, who is married with children and had been living in Virginia. "St. Thomas needs a full-time headmaster. I'm here until that happens. I look forward to setting things up and paving the way for a successor."

Crowley succeeds Matthew Mohs, who resigned in June citing personal reasons after having served as the academy's headmaster for five years.

In announcing the interim headmaster, STA board chair Daniel Kubes wrote: "Admiral Crowley's leadership credentials, academic and human resources experience, collaboration skills and independence make him exceptionally qualified."

Those leadership skills were gained in part when Crowley at one point oversaw nearly 7,000 personnel while in charge of the Coast Guard's Great Lakes Region. The Coast Guard's main duty there was protecting the five Great Lakes, the St. Lawrence Seaway and the United States' border with Canada.

On the morning of September 11, 2001, Crowley was in a meeting in the office of the U.S. Secretary of Transportation.

"I was getting assigned to the Coast Guard's Miami office," he recalled. "The next day, I was called back. I was told the president would be making an announcement."

The news in the wake of 9/11 was the formation of the Department of Homeland Security and Crowley was designated to oversee the Coast Guard's portion of its duties. He also helped develop the country's first National Strategy for Maritime Security.

"In the service, it's a matter of being a pack-



STA interim headmaster John Crowley Jr. meets Neil Hetherington, the school's commandant of cadets, while getting acquainted with his new assignment. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

age to your success," Crowley said. "Hopefully, you make things better."

In short: You go where you are called and get to work.

Crowley's latest call to duty has several upsides to it. For one thing, he gets a chance to come home and spend time with his 91-year-old mother, Mary. He also gets to return to the place where he learned several core values.

"I enjoyed my time as a student here," he said. "The biggest thing was that St. Thomas allowed me to experiment with different opportunities. I wasn't a standout athlete, but I did participate in tennis, track and field, and swimming. I ended up on the speech

and debate team."

During his Coast Guard career, Crowley spent a decade on the water, patrolling in the Baltic and Black seas as well as sojourns to China, Russia and the South Pacific.

"I always seemed to have young crews," he recalled. "It was a challenge to keep up with them. I credit my St. Thomas training for that."

Crowley is excited to engage with an even younger crew this fall. "From my experience, today's youth are smarter, but face more challenges," he said. "I'm excited to get in touch again with young people and I look forward to the challenge."

O'Brien named academy's interim athletic director

BY DAVE WRIGHT

Dan O'Brien's calendar was already full this month. On August 12, he was expecting to greet roughly 90 players in his second season as head football coach at St. Thomas Academy. Seventeen days later the Cadets, who finished second at the state high school football tournament in Class AAAAA last fall, will open the 2019 season against Coon Rapids at home.

That would normally be more than enough to occupy one's time. However, O'Brien has a bit more on his plate these days. He was recently named the interim athletics and activities director at the school.

O'Brien was the athletic director who guided Concordia University-St. Paul from the NAIA to its current NCAA Division II status. He also served in the same capacity at Hamline University and was an assistant athletic director at the University of Minnesota.

Things are different this time, however, and present some unique challenges.

"I still have to get familiar with the nuances of the high school rules and regulations," O'Brien said. "During the football season, that won't always be easy to do."

To that end, O'Brien consulted Mike Grant, the longtime



football coach and athletic director at Eden Prairie High School. "Mike said you have to surround yourself with good people," O'Brien said. "That's the key because you can't be everywhere. We've added some help in administrative areas."

It didn't take long for the new boss to make a move. Brian Kallman, who played professionally for three different soccer teams, including most recently as a defender for the Minnesota United FC, was named the Cadets' new head soccer coach.

"We lost a very good coach in Noah Quinn," O'Brien said, "but we feel very good about getting Brian."

When he was hired at St. Thomas last year, O'Brien worked in fundraising as well as coaching. He said he liked the job and, although his role in fundraising will be scaled back, he will still be active in that area.

He said good time management will be the key. "My biggest concern this fall is making sure I have enough time for athletic department issues as well as football," he said.



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Minnehaha Academy's original 1912 sign has been preserved and incorporated into the main entrance of its rebuilt Upper School.



The commons area of Minnehaha Academy's rebuilt Upper School features two black olive trees. At right, Reid Westrem discusses options for his journalism and world history classroom with school administrator Sarah Jacobson.

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From tragedy to triumph

Minnehaha has much to celebrate in opening of rebuilt Upper School

BY ROGER BARR

Two years after a deadly natural gas explosion rocked the upper campus of Minnehaha Academy, students, families and alumni will cut the ribbon on a new addition that replaces two buildings destroyed in the blast. The ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place on August 19, following a "celebration walk" from the academy's lower campus to its upper campus at 3100 West River Pkwy. The event is open to the public.

"There's excitement, joy and celebration," said school president Dr. Donna Harris. "I think there's also a bit of apprehension. There are people coming back full time for the first time in two years. The tragedy is still in their minds."

People will gather at 4:30 p.m. at the Monson Family Chapel on the lower campus at 3900 West River Pkwy. to open time capsules from the 1912 and 1922 buildings that were destroyed by the explosion, as well as a time capsule from a 2002 addition. The walk north to the upper campus will begin at 5:15 p.m.

The ribbon-cutting will take place at 6:30 p.m. in front of the school's new main entrance. A picnic will be held on the nearby soccer field. Guests can bring a picnic supper or purchase items from food trucks. Beginning at 6:45 p.m., people can tour the rebuilt school, which will house grades 9-12. The event will conclude at 8 p.m.

"I'm so excited to be back where we started as freshmen," said incoming senior Tessa Leiner. "We now have brand new facilities that blend the old building and new ones into one school."

The celebration will mark the turn from tragedy to triumph for the preK-12 Christian private school that was incorporated in 1905. On the morning of August 2, 2017, two contractors were moving meters when a gas line exploded, claiming the lives of school receptionist Ruth Berg, 47, and alumnus and custodian John Carlson, 82. At least nine other employees suffered injuries, including Harris.

Just months after the explosion, Minnehaha launched a \$50 million campaign to finance the rebuilding.

Cunningham Group designed the new addition and M.A. Mortenson Company built it. Ground was broken on June 27, 2018, and the new addition received a certificate of substantial completion at the end of last month. Finishing touches will continue after students return to class on August 21.

"It's been a very compressed timeline," Harris said. "Typically, a building project of this magnitude has years of planning. We achieved this in 13 months."

At times Harris said she felt like she was on a treadmill as she attended "many, many meetings through the design and construction phases."

Known as the Riverside Addition, the new construction links the school's chapel to the south and athletic building to the north. Those buildings survived the explosion, but portions of them were renovated as part of the new construction.

The Riverside Addition consists of two three-story buildings joined together by a single-story commons. The two buildings house 20 classrooms and four science labs.



The classrooms face the river and feature bird-safe glass. Harris said the classrooms and study areas throughout the addition incorporate the latest advances in teaching and learning.

"The flexible space allows teachers to use different approaches," Harris said. "This space is for current students, but students who will be born 20, 30, 50 years from now will find it to be a place where they'll be well-educated."

Harris is particularly excited about the new Innovation Hub, a separate space for students to create prototypes for both science and social problems. "Students are natural problem solvers," she said. "The Innovation Hub gives students the

opportunity to address problems of interest to them."

The new addition has drawn praise from students and teachers alike. "I'm excited to have space to study alone or in groups," said incoming senior Brynne Whitman. "The new building is so much sweeter because we had two years with less space."

Minnehaha leased the former Sanford-Brown College in Mendota Heights to accommodate its senior high classes for the last two years. It had to shoehorn school functions and students that once occupied 125,000 square feet of space into 55,000 square feet.

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Science teacher Tim Swanson is excited to have science classrooms close to the Mississippi River. “Teaching science, you want to feel connected to the real world, and this environment makes that possible,” he said.

Several features of the new addition honor the memory of Berg and Carlson. A pair of pew-like wooden benches constructed by a 2017 graduate as an Eagle Scout project will bear plaques memorializing the two. Two stained-glass pieces will be displayed in the lobby of the chapel. A memorial on the lawn between the new addition and the river is also being developed.

The Riverside Addition uses materials salvaged from the two buildings that were destroyed. The commons flooring incorporates slate

stairs from the 1912 building. Elsewhere, bricks from the 1922 building are used as ornamentation. In the prayer room off the commons, the solid oak door was fashioned from planks sawn from one of the trees on the lawn that was cut down.

The commons also features two black olive trees symbolizing peace and friendship.

Widely praised for her leadership, Harris credits a higher power for the school’s recovery and for her to find strength to lead the school forward.

“We’re in the place we’re now in with God’s help,” she said. “The amazing resilience of this community is like nothing I’ve ever experienced.

“This is a story of courage and beauty rising from the ashes. We’ve risen because we’ve focused on unity through the whole process.”



A second-floor view of the library and fenced rooftop where a garden will be installed at Minnehaha Academy’s rebuilt Upper School. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

School Notes

The Reverend Dr. Brian Friedrich, president of Concordia University-Nebraska since 2004, has been selected to become the 10th president of Concordia University-St. Paul. Friedrich and his wife, Laurie, are both graduates of the school. He will succeed the Reverend Dr. Tom Ries, who retired at the end of the past academic year after serving as president since 2011. Provost and chief operating officer Dr. Eric LaMott will continue to serve as Concordia’s interim president until Friedrich assumes the role in January.

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of Minnesota will hold an open house on Thursday, August 29, to provide information on its noncredit courses, interest

groups and events being offered for adults ages 55 and older. Reservations are required by August 22. For information and to register, visit olli.umn.edu.

Nova Classical Academy, 1455 Victoria Way, was recently named the Best Public Elementary School in Ramsey County and Third Best Charter High School in Minnesota by Niche, an organization that provides comprehensive data on schools and neighborhoods in the United States. Niche compiles its annual rankings with information from the U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Census and surveys of more than 100 million students, parents and local residents.

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Waking up to a new year

St. Paul Public Schools are looking forward to benefits of new start times

BY KEVIN DRISCOLL

The St. Paul Public Schools will implement new school start times in September, with most elementary schools starting an hour earlier at 7:30 a.m. and most secondary schools starting an hour later at 8:30 a.m. The change was largely driven by a desire to give middle and high school students an extra hour of sleep in the morning while maintaining a staggered start time to avoid spending more money on school busing.

While studies have not demonstrated that later start times for teenagers necessarily improves academic achievement, "there's plenty of empirical evidence to show that teens are more alert, generally more healthy, more engaged and attend school more often" when school starts later, said Kate Wilcox, chief academic officer for the St. Paul Public Schools.

Three school district subcommittees have been working over the past year to revise before- and after-school child care options for families who need it and to iron out the new wrinkles in transportation and athletics scheduling. Although the subcommittees will remain in place, monitoring the situation and making adjustments if necessary, work on easing the transition for students and parents now shifts to the principals and individual school support teams, according to St. Paul Public Schools operations chief Jackie Turner.

"The school support teams, made up of counselors and teachers, will help students and parents with any concerns they have or problems they encounter," Turner said. "We believe the principals know best how to deal with their own schools."

"The change will be difficult for some families," said Darren Yerama, principal at Expo Elementary, 540 S. Warwick St. "We're planning to connect with families to provide support with getting their children to school on time. Any students arriving late to school will continue to be welcomed and able to get breakfast.

"I think any physical effects on Expo students with the earlier start time will be minimal," Yerama said, "and we'll work with students if problems arise. Expo has many options for engaging students in school, like our great outdoor spaces, movement opportunities in the classroom and Morning Meeting activities that engage the mind and the body.

"The Expo staff have worked together to look at the building schedule to ensure that students get premier educational opportunities throughout the school day," Yerama said. "We've also partnered with Discovery Club to determine how many families may need after-school care and have provided parents with information on other after-school care options."

Ramsey Middle School, 1700 Summit Ave., has what Principal Teresa Vihar calls "our four-day-a-week Flipside programming" before and after school, allowing students to extend their day for enrichment, academic support and athletics. As of this spring, Ramsey had yet to resolve problems with scheduling sports team practices and games with the later school start time. However, Ramsey athletic director Alicia Ekegren has since reported that the fall permits for fields and gyms have been secured, according to Vihar.

"Ramsey is fortunate to have a strong support staff, counselors, social workers, academic coaches and an administrative team always available to support the academic, emotional and social needs of our students," Vihar said. "I see moving to a later start time as a benefit

Most elementary, grade schools will be starting earlier

High schools and middle schools in the St. Paul Public Schools will be switching to an 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. school day next year, if they are not there already. For the district's elementary and grades K-8 schools, the school days will vary.

Here are the start and end times for elementary and grade schools in and around the Villager's distribution area:

Adams Spanish	9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Benjamin E. Mays	7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Capitol Hill (grades 1-8)	9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Cherokee Heights	7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Expo	7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Four Seasons Arts+	7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Galtier	9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Global Arts Plus (PK-8)	9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Groveland Park	9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Hamline	7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Highland Park	9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Horace Mann	7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Jackson	7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
J.J. Hill Montessori	7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Jie Ming Mandarin	9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Maxfield	7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Obama	7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Pre-K at Rondo	7:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
Randolph Heights	9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Riverview	9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

for our students. And our staff will now have more time before school to meet and collaborate and be better prepared to meet students' needs."

Dr. George Nolan, interim principal of Central High School, 275 N. Lexington Pkwy., is confident the athletics scheduling will work out with the later start time. "Two of our other high schools, Washington and Johnson, have had later start times for several years," he said. "We've learned from their experience how to ensure that things go well for our students, including our student athletes. We've adjusted the start times for games, worked out schedules, and I believe we're well-prepared for a successful new school year both in the classroom and on the fields.

"While research shows adequate sleep contributes to student attendance, attentiveness and overall health, a vital part of making the new start times successful is to ensure a supportive learning environment for all students," Nolan said. "This aspect is an essential focus of the district's SPPS Achieves strategic plan, which is centered around social and emotional learning and support. That includes relevant instruction, educators and support staff who work together as a student-centered team, and resources for students who may face challenges due to the change (in start times)."

Nolan said that he and his staff will keep tabs on any changes in attendance, attentiveness and overall engagement in the classroom. "These factors may or may not be accompanied by a change in academic performance," he said. However, he said he is convinced that a later start time "will be good for our students and will contribute to our efforts to decrease disparities and improve long-term student outcomes."



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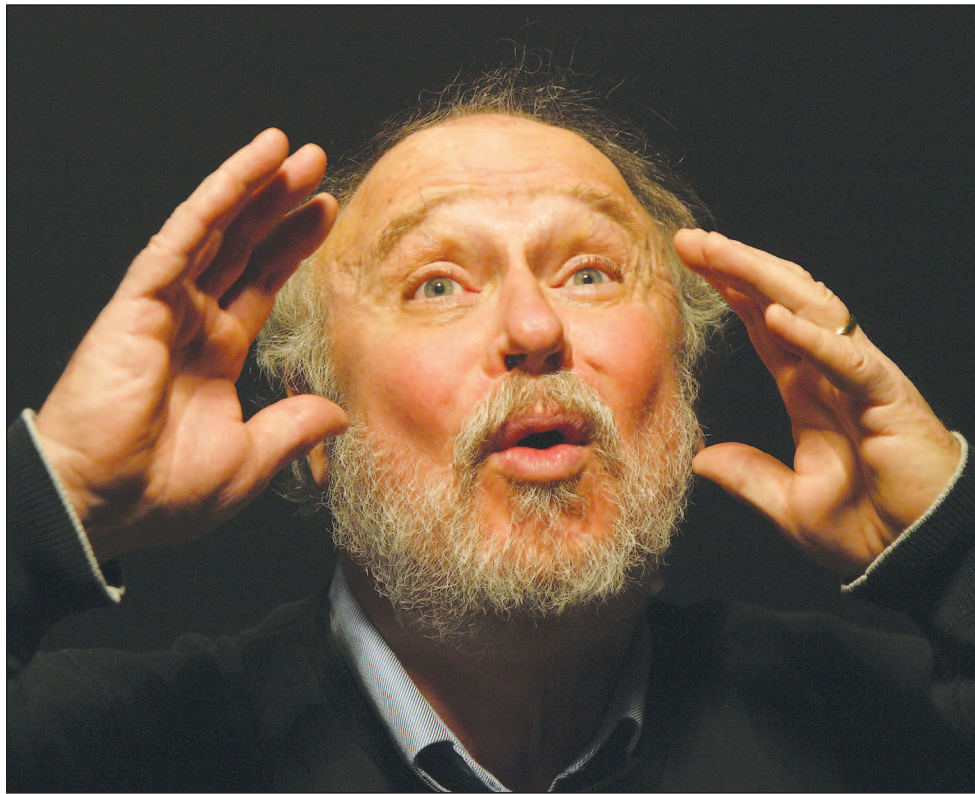


Names in the News

Storyteller Richard Rousseau of Snelling-Hamline was presented with a prestigious Oracle Award by the National Storytelling Network at its conference on July 26 in California. He was given the Regional Excellence Award in recognition of his creativity, professional integrity and artistic contributions in the network's North Central region. Rousseau is an avid promoter of storytelling and hosts the Winter Storytelling Series at Coffee Bené on Cleveland Avenue each year.

The St. Paul African-American Historic and Cultural Context study is a recipient of an award of excellence from the American Association for State and Local History. The 166-page study looks at the city's African-American history from 1837-1975 and is the first such study on a non-European cultural group in St. Paul. The report provides tools to help promote African-American cultural heritage and tourism in the city. It was a collaborative effort of the Aurora-St. Anthony Neighborhood Development Corporation, 106 Group consulting firm, Historic St. Paul, city of St. Paul and CultureBrokers company. For information, visit 106group.com/st-paul-african-american-context.

Robyne Robinson was named board chair and **Laura Wertheim Joseph** was named curator of exhibitions of the Minnesota Museum of American Art (the M), which recently opened its new museum in the historic Pioneer-Endicott building in downtown St. Paul. Robinson is a former television news anchor and spent six years as art director at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. Wertheim Joseph is a curator and art historian with a doctorate in contemporary art from



Storyteller Richard Rousseau in action. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

the University of Minnesota. The M is planning to open an additional 13,000 square feet of galleries in 2020 devoted to its permanent collection of American art.

World Without Genocide, a human rights organization headquartered at Mitchell Hamline School of Law, has received the Minnesota Ethical Leadership Award from the Citizens for an Ethical Minnesota initiative. World Without Genocide was honored for

its Ferencz Fellowships in Human Rights and Law, which help law school students and recent law school graduates pursue human rights issues. Visit tinyurl.com/y3mwndfd for more information.

Farhio Khalif has been elected president of the St. Paul Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Born in Somalia, Khalif and her two sons arrived in the Twin Cit-

ies 10 years ago. She founded Voices of East African Women, and has served as the political action chair of the NAACP's St. Paul Chapter and MN/Dakota Area Conference. Also elected to the St. Paul NAACP's Executive Committee were the first vice president Reverend Richard Pittman, secretary Kathy Kater, assistant secretary Marquitta Ransom, treasurer John Young, assistant treasurer Dr. Cheryl Chatman, and Richard Pittman Jr., Jim Hilbert, Yusef Mgeni and Gerald Ransom. The committee meets from 7-8 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the Hallie Q. Brown Community Center, 270 N. Kent St. Call 651-649-0520.

The 2019 Sidewalk Poetry Contest winners were recently announced by the city of St. Paul. Nine winning poems were chosen from 633 submissions and will be stamped into city sidewalks starting this summer. For the first time, a poem in Spanish, one in Hmong and another that incorporates a Dakota Indian word are among the winners. The winning poets are David Bard, Lauren Dwyer, Ellen Fee, Claudia Kane Munson, May Lee-Yang, Roberto Sande Carmona, Daniel Schauer, Amanda Tran and Zachary Owen Wilson. Honorable mentions went to Jaden Burns and Juliana Martinez-Farjado. The poems can be found at publicartstpaul.org/project/poetry/#about_the_project.

State Representative Rena Moran (District 65A) has been appointed as the 2019 Minnesota state director for the National Foundation for Women Legislators. It is the nation's oldest nonpartisan organization addressing the needs of elected women at all levels of government.

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City of St. Paul-Recycling

Recycle Smart-educating residents

The Reduce, Reuse and Recycle concept is a familiar one. It is at the heart of education about environmental protection and cost-effective waste disposal.

The cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, with support from Ramsey and Hennepin counties, have come together with a new campaign, Recycle Smart, to educate residents about what cannot be placed in their blue recycling carts.

According to Kris Hageman, St. Paul's recycling program manager, the goal of Recycle Smart is to "address the issue of increased garbage contaminants. We need to improve the quality of the material in our recycling carts."

Hageman said the rules governing the quality of recycled material are becoming stricter across the country and worldwide. It is an operationally and financially challenging time for municipal programs. In some cases, specific materials are no longer accepted in programs, materials are stockpiled waiting for markets or in extreme cases to be landfilled.

"In St. Paul, we are fortunate that 100 percent of our materials are marketed within North America and over 80 percent are marketed within Minnesota," said Hageman. She stresses that "our residents can feel confident that none of the recyclable materials are being landfilled or incinerated."

Prior to the switch to the lidded carts, the rate of materials that didn't pass recycling muster was 2 percent. Since 2017, the rate has increased to about 10 percent.

Hageman said it's harder for crews to tell what's in the carts, so they less frequently

leave educational tags that explain why they left behind unacceptable material. She believes we can work together to do better.

The Recycle Smart campaign encourages residents to think a little more about what belongs in the blue cart. "We are targeting the most problematic and harm-



City of St. Paul recycling program manager Kris Hageman is careful to place the proper recyclables in her cart.

ful items such as plastic bags, large plastic items, like your laundry tubs and storage bins, random metal items, as well as syringes and needles. These items should never be placed in your recycling cart."

Rather than guess what can be recycled, residents can learn more online at

City of St. Paul-Recycling

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No plastic bags



No large plastic items



No random metal items



Learn more at stpaul.gov/recycle

CBD offers skin care benefits to seniors and others who want to look fresh

If you're an older person who has heard about CBD, you've likely heard about the studies showing cannabis' potential for pain relief in arthritis and other chronic conditions.

Still, you may not be aware of the other benefits CBD and hemp products generally can offer to better your quality of life. Among these is its use in skincare products that can keep

For those unfamiliar, CBD is a cannabis compound related to marijuana that offers many of that substance's benefits without the mind-altering high.

What CBD can do goes far beyond just the benefits to chronic pain and conditions like anxiety and insomnia, where preliminary studies and testimonials by the truckload seem to indicate the compound's promise.

In skin care products, from lotions and ointments to bath bombs and soaps, many people have found they are able to get the life-changing benefits of the CBD compound while maintaining a regimen that maintains healthy, naturally youthful skin at the same time.

There are plenty of reasons people of any age may want to stay on top of their skin care, but as we age these concerns compound. Proper maintenance and self care can fight off crow's feet, wrinkles and blemishes in an organic and healthy way. [2]

Plus, newcomers to CBD will be glad to find that the same anti-inflammatory and relaxing properties the compound brings in other products will soak into the skin along with the lotion or soap of your choice. The variety of these choices is always expanding.

In fact, such demand has developed for more types of CBD cosmetic choices that craft brands and products are struggling to keep up with interested customers, according to Market Watch. [3]

Dr. Jules Lipoff, an assistant dermatology professor at the University of Pennsylvania, told Forbes the science still needs to develop before we know completely how effective CBD skin products can be. [2]

Still, Lipoff advises that newcomers try many different CBD skin products to see which work for them based on differences in their contents and manufacture. [2]



How can we make sense of the choices and options in the cannabis market when it comes to skin care and self care products and brands?

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Check out an expanding list of locations in Minnesota, Florida, Nevada and elsewhere around the country, and be sure to visit the Nothing But Hemp website to learn more.

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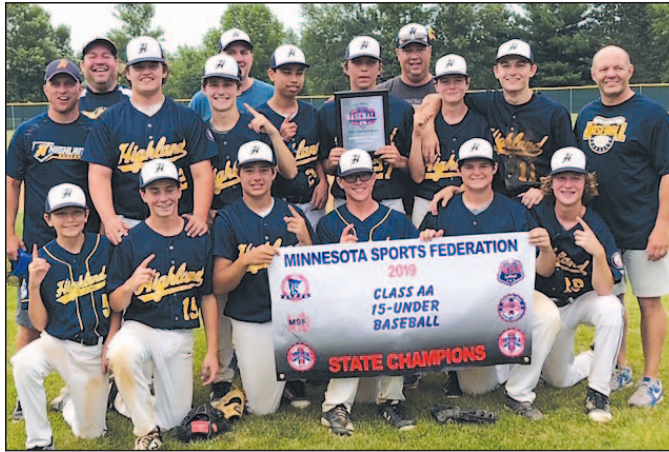
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Sports Shorts

Neil Lerner has been named the new head baseball coach at Concordia University-St. Paul. He succeeds Mark "Lunch" McKenzie, who is retiring after 20 years. Lerner has been an assistant coach in the Concordia baseball program for 12 years. He also led the Hopkins High School baseball team for eight years and is a professor in the education department at Concordia.

Concordia University-St. Paul recently announced 10 new additions to its Athletic Hall of Fame. They include George Altendorfer ('79 football), Emily (Shoop) Bredeisen ('04 cross country, track), Joe and Joseph Mapson ('05 football), Mark Marxhausen ('81 football, baseball, soccer), Kelsey Kyro Peel ('06 volleyball), Jake Schmidt ('09 baseball), Maria (Steinhagen) Spertl ('09 volleyball), Kyle Warren ('07 cross country, track) and Amanda Yurek ('08 softball). They will be inducted on Saturday, October 12, during homecoming weekend.

The 10th annual Warrior 5K Walk/Run and Family Mile will be held on Saturday, September 28, beginning at 9 a.m. on the new track at Henry Sibley High School. Proceeds from the event will support the District 197 Educational Foundation. All paid registrations include a T-shirt. Race and sponsorship forms can be found by visiting isd197foundation.org.



Highland Park defeated East Ridge 13-10 to win the Minnesota Sports Federation Class AA 15U state baseball championship on July 28 in Austin, Minnesota. Pictured, from left, are Highland team members (front row) bat boy John Cavanagh, Jack Krumm, Jack Giuliani, Will Haider, Josh Flaminio and Judah Thomas; (second row) coach Chris Haider, Colin Benick, Jack Muckala, Alex Figuera, Javy Hamlin, Max Cornell, Joe Cavanagh and coach Tony Flaminio; (back row) coaches Mike Krumm, Dan Muckala and Tony Giuliani. Not pictured are Gabe Schreier, Curtie Buchanan and Jalen Davis.

Senior News

St. Paul is a national winner of the Cities of Service Experience Matters competition. With support from AARP, Cities of Service will work with St. Paul and five other cities to develop volunteer initiatives that address issues related to poverty. Each city will receive \$25,000, technical assistance and two full-time AmeriCorps VISTA members who will work with residents age 50 and older. In St. Paul, that assistance will include helping residents with minor repairs to address housing code violations.

Free Home Energy Squad visits are being offered for income-qualifying households in St. Paul through a partnership of the city and Xcel Energy. The program helps residents save energy and money by swapping out old light bulbs for new energy-efficient LEDs, upgrading showerheads, installing programmable thermostats, weather-stripping doors and checking for air leaks. Call 651-328-6220.

The Thompson Park Activity Center, 1200 Stassen Lane in West St. Paul, will offer the following programs: Discover Group meetings at 10 a.m. Wednesdays, August 21 and September 18 (\$1 donation); "Rooting for the Arts," including root beer floats, a JAM Band concert and art show, from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, August 28; and a British history program on Stonehenge from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 10 (\$8). Call 651-403-8300 to register.

Volunteers

The American Cancer Society is seeking volunteers to drive Twin Cities cancer patients to and from their treatments as part of its Road to Recovery program. Last year, the program provided more than 2,100 free rides, but it could have added 1,500 more with additional drivers. For more information, visit cancer.org/drive or call 1-800-227-2345.

Jody Huber has been named Volunteer of the Year by the St. Paul Public Library for promoting learning, curiosity, connection and belonging. Huber started volunteering at the Merriam Park Library 25 years ago. The staff there recognized her knowledge of art, film and literature and invited her to

contribute in an even more substantial way. She now curates the popular Quick Picks collection at Merriam Park, choosing independent films, TV shows and books that are quickly snatched up by patrons. Over the past three years, Huber and Merriam Park Library children's specialist Margo Bock have developed the Art It Up! collaborative, in which families receive a free children's book, read it, discuss it at the library and then head to the Weisman Art Museum where Huber leads them on an adventure.

AARP Tax-Aide, the nation's largest free, volunteer-run tax preparation and assistance service, is seeking new volunteers

to help seniors, low-income, disabled and otherwise disadvantaged taxpayers at sites around the Twin Cities. Volunteers receive free training and reference materials, are provided with laptop computers and Internal Revenue Service-approved software during the tax-preparation season, and are allowed some program-related expenses. Volunteer greeters also are needed to help organize client documents. Bilingual volunteers are especially being sought. The application deadline is December 1 for tax preparers and December 15 for greeters. For more information, contact 612-812-0831 or taxaidejim@gmail.com.



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Wednesday/August 14

LONGFELLOW GARDEN CLUB will hold a potluck supper for all comers at 6:30 p.m. in a member's garden near 3207 37th Ave. S. in Minneapolis (details on the location will be posted there). Bring a folding chair (if convenient), a dish to share (preferably made with locally grown produce), a plate and utensils, and stories and photographs of the triumphs and travails of gardening. Ice water and tea will be provided.

Thursday/August 15

GET TO KNOW NAMI, an introduction to all of the services offered by the National Alliance on Mental Illness, will be offered from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at NAMI, 1919 University Ave., Suite 400. Meet the staff and volunteers and hear how NAMI affects the lives of children and adults with mental illnesses and their families. For reservations, contact Kay King at 651-645-2948 ext. 113 or kking@namimn.org.

"HEAR FOR THE HEALTH OF IT," a free, one-hour presentation on the health consequences of untreated hearing loss, will be offered at 2 p.m. in the auditorium of Sholom East, 740 Kay Ave. For reservations, call 651-328-2117 or email bgutzmann@sholom.com.

ST. PAUL POLICE will be serving grilled meat and side dishes at a Safe Summer Nights barbecue from 5-7 p.m. at the Palace Community Center, 791 Palace Ave. The public is invited to join in the free picnic, meet with their local police officers and take part in activities for children.

"WHO SPEAKS FOR ME," a conversation about end-of-life care, will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at West Seventh Community Center, 265 Oneida St. Free and open to all, the program will feature a panel of experts, information on community resources and a showing of the PBS special "Being Mortal." Refreshments will be provided. For more information, call the Jewish Family Service at 651-698-0767.

THE UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS invites local residents to attend its free NeighborFest from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Monahan Plaza just southeast of the football stadium. Meet St. Thomas student leaders and staff and learn more about campus resources that are available to the public, including the library and the Selim Center for Lifelong Learning. The Broadfork String Band will perform. A bubble artist, balloon animals, face painting and complimentary beverages and snacks will be featured along with inexpensive hamburger and hot dog baskets. For information, call 651-962-6123.

Friday/August 16

EMOTIONS ANONYMOUS, a 12-step program for people who want help in dealing with daily stress, is offered at 7 p.m. today and every Friday at the Twin Cities Friends Meeting House, 1725 Grand Ave. For information, call Paul at 651-402-6774.

Saturday/August 17

LEARN HOW TO TIE fishing knots, cast a line, bait a hook and catch a variety of fish species in a free program offered by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. along the



Greets and eats. Kirsten Lindsey of St. Paul's Parks and Recreation Department (top) welcomed Phil McGraw to the National Night Out celebration on August 6 at the Hallie Q. Brown Community Center hosted by Parks and Rec and the St. Paul Police Department. Above, Franny Julson, 3, munches on a hot dog while brother Vinny, 8 months, only wishes he could. PHOTOS BY BRAD STAUFFER

Mississippi River in Hidden Falls Regional Park. The event is geared toward anyone who does not have much experience fishing. Gear and bait will be provided. For more information, visit mndnr.gov/GoFishing.

HOPE FOR RECOVERY, a free workshop on mental illnesses, treatments and local resources, crisis management and suicide prevention, will be offered from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the National Alliance on Mental Illness, 1919 University Ave. To register, call 651-645-2948 or visit namimn.org.

GET A TASTE OF GREECE in St. Paul: Attend the summer festival at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, 1111 Summit Ave. In addition to traditional Greek entrées and pastries, the free event will feature authentic Greek dancing, children's games and church tours. Hours are 11 a.m.-9 p.m. today and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, August 18.

Sunday/August 18

A FARMERS' MARKET is taking place from 9 a.m.-noon on Sundays in the parking lot of John the Evangelist Episcopal Church, 60 N. Kent St. For information, email cbeattie96@gmail.com.

THE PHILANDO CASTILE Scholarship Fund at Central High School will present a free family-friendly fundraiser from 1-5 p.m. at Dunning Recreation Center, 1221 Marshall Ave. A bouncy house, face painters, raffles and refreshments will be

featured. Performers include Pavielle, Maria Isa, Mac Irv, KPW, DeeJay Digie, spoken-word artists and Arts-Us Youth Drummers and Dancers. Visit centralhonorsphilando.org.

Tuesday/August 20

AN ASSORTMENT OF FRESH fruits and vegetables will be distributed free of charge from 2-4 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. This every-other-week service is sponsored by the Fabulous Friends Club. The food is from Second Harvest Heartland. Recipients only need to bring their own grocery bags. Call Scott O'Malley at 651-338-8866.

WOMEN'S DRUM CENTER, 2242 University Ave., will offer a class in hand drumming for beginners from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The cost is \$10. Drums are provided. Visit womensdrumcenter.org.

ELECTRICAL 101, a class in basic home maintenance, will be offered from 6-7:30 p.m. at the St. Paul Tool Library, 755 N. Prior Ave. David Donnelly, a licensed contractor, will discuss updating old wiring and how to install new outlets, a basic switch and a lighting circuit. The cost is \$25 for nonmembers. Visit mntoolibrary.simplictix.com.

Wednesday/August 21

WANT TO LINE DANCE? Veteran teacher

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

SUPPORT GROUPS for people with depression or bipolar disorder meet from 7-8:30 p.m. today and the first and third Wednesday of every month at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The groups are free, and reservations are not necessary. For more information, contact Jeff Simon at jsimon77@comcast.net.

Thursday/August 22

FARE FOR ALL'S monthly distribution of fresh produce and frozen meat will take place from 4-6 p.m. at the Hallie Q. Brown Community Center, 270 N. Kent St. The food is available in packages priced from \$10-\$25. This month, \$30 Grill Boxes will also be available with an assortment of salmon fillets, chicken breasts, beer brats, burgers, pork tenderloin, chicken wings, beef kielbasa, Captain Ken's Firehouse Beans and frozen mango. Cash, credit and debit cards are accepted. Call 651-298-5493.

ST. PAUL POLICE will be serving grilled meat and side dishes at a Safe Summer Nights barbecue from 5-7 p.m. at the Oxford Community Center, 270 N. Lexington Pkwy. The public is invited to join in the free picnic, meet with their local police officers and take part in activities for children.

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.

Friday/August 23

MENTAL ILLNESS in the Victorian era will be explored in 75-minute programs beginning at 7 and 8:30 p.m. at the Alexander Ramsey House, 265 S. Exchange St. Hear excerpts from newspaper accounts and family letters and journals and discover how an influential family handled mental illness in the 19th century. The cost is \$12, \$10 for seniors and college students. Call 651-296-8760 or visit cart.mnhs.org.

Saturday/August 24

ABUSE PREVENTION will be addressed in a free public seminar at 2 p.m. at St. Paul First Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 1935 Princeton Ave. Call 651-690-1912.

Sunday/August 25

A Blessing of the Animals will be held at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, August 25, at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, 1935 St. Clair Ave. Music will be provided by the Urban Hillbilly Quartet. Refreshments will follow. People also can draw pictures and make proclamations of God's love in chalk on the pavements around the church as part of "chalk the walk" day. For more information, call 651-699-6886.

Tuesday/August 27

LIKE TO HIKE? The St. Paul Hiking Club will gather at 7 p.m. in the parking lot of Lunds and Byerlys at 2128 Ford Pkwy. and hike to Minnehaha Falls. New members are welcome. Call Sharon at 651-207-5926.

Council signs agreement for Midway stormwater district

By JANE MCCLURE

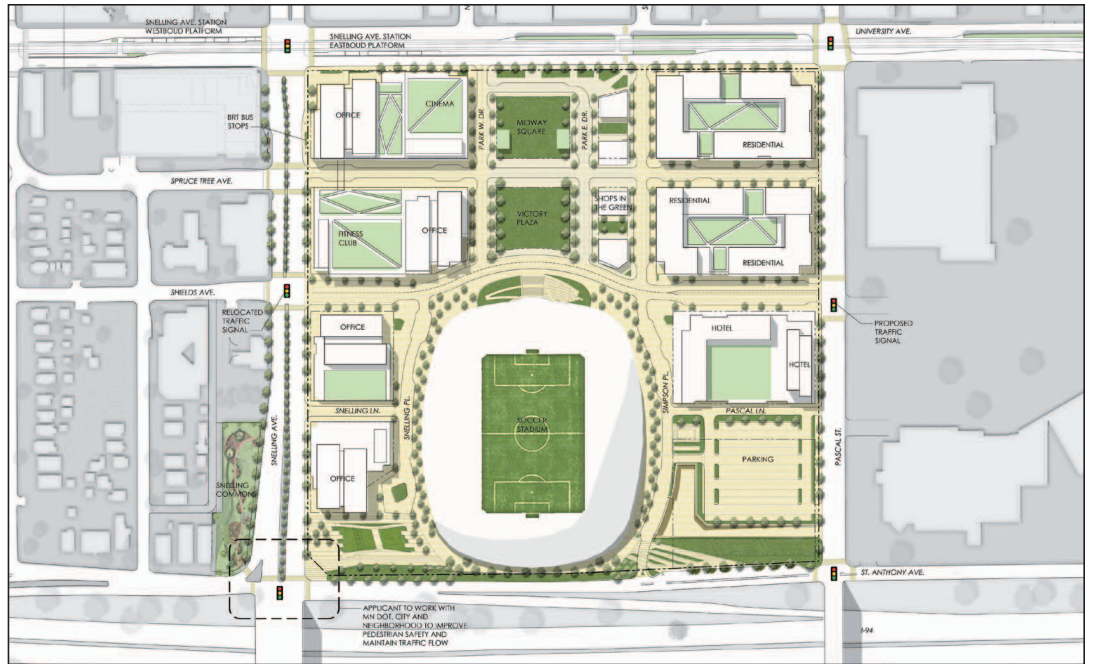
The St. Paul City Council approved an agreement for a new Snelling-Midway Green Infrastructure Stormwater Management District on August 7. The document outlines the management of and responsibilities for the extensive stormwater and drainage improvements that were done as part of the development of Allianz Field at Snelling and I-94.

Stormwater runoff on the block bounded by Pascal Street and St. Anthony, Snelling and University avenues is now being collected, filtered and reused on the site. The new stormwater management district was established

through a 2017 agreement with Minnesota United FC, Midway Center owner RK Midway LLC, RK University Midway LLC and its affiliates.

The agreement acknowledges that as the old Midway Center site continues to be redeveloped, any future buildings must pay to connect to the stormwater management system and help with its long-term maintenance.

St. Paul officials hope that the district and its environmental practices will become a model for other new developments in the city. A city ordinance passed earlier this year establishes regulations and payment structures for all future stormwater management districts.



The master plan for the area around Allianz Field shows the proposed commercial properties that may someday become part of the area's Green Infrastructure Stormwater Management District.

Business Briefs

Allegra Marketing Print Mail has merged with **Griffith Printing** and is operating under the Allegra name at its center at 635 N. Prior Ave. Longtime Griffith owner Jim Dailey will be working full time alongside the Allegra team. Allegra owner Chris Miller said in addition to the services that Griffith's customers have come to expect, they can now also look forward to new capabilities from Allegra, including promotional products, signs and banners. Independently owned and operated, Allegra is a member of Alliance Franchise Brands network. Visit allegramidway.com.

Shamblott Family Dentistry, with offices in Hopkins and at 400 Selby Ave. in St. Paul, carried out Operation Open Wide on July 2, offering free dental care to 24 veterans in need. Dr. Scott Shamblott created the program in 2015 to honor veterans for their service. Richard Juhl, 73, who completed three tours of duty in Vietnam as a U.S. Marine, received a full set of dentures at Shamblott, something his VA benefits did not cover. "This was like a gift from heaven," he said. Over the last four years, Shamblott Family Dentistry has provided more than \$200,000 worth of free dental services to veterans and is expected to give away about \$125,000 worth this year.

Ruth Hampton Olkon has been named chief executive officer of Jewish Family Service of St. Paul, 1633 W. Seventh St., effective September 3. She most recently was the manager of community health improvement at Allina Health.

Sweet Peas Public House, 472 S. Snelling Ave., has been sold by Hightop Hospitality to St. Paul resident Joe Kasel and his business partner, Alejandro Gonzalez. "We had a blast creating the brand and running Sweet Peas over the past few years,"

said Hightop CEO Paul Dzubnar, "but when the opportunity with Joe came about, we felt it was the right time for him to take over and buy the business." Sweet Peas was established in 2014. Hightop owns and operates 23 Green Mills, 11 Crooked Pint Ale Houses and Harriet's Inn.

Brake Bread, 1174 W. Seventh St., is offering pizza, story time and slow-roll bike rides every second Saturday of the month from now through October. The next ride will be held on September 14. The bike rides begin at 10 a.m., travel 8-10 miles and are intended for all ages. A storytime with Jeremiah Gamble of Bucket Brigade is offered at 10:30 a.m. Sourdough pizzas will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m. and until they are gone. For information, visit brakebread.com.

Doctors Kali Hildebrand and Elliot Yang recently joined Park Dental, 917 Grand Ave. Hildebrand earned her DDS degree from the University of Iowa and Yang earned his from the University of Minnesota.

The Old National Bank Foundation presented a check for \$10,000 to the YMCA's Beacons Program during its end-of-summer celebration at Maxfield Elementary School on July 26. Beacons provides after-school programs that focus on engaging children through active learning, healthy relationships and leadership development.

Menchie's Frozen Yogurt, 750 S. Cleveland Ave., has been acquired by Highland Park residents Dave Elmstrom and Mary Blake. The shop, which opened in 2011, was previously owned by a Wisconsin-based franchisee. Elmstrom and Blake have been married since 1999 and have children who attend Horace

Mann Elementary School and Highland Park Middle School. They served in Bulgaria with the Peace Corps from 2002-2004 and previously owned a fast-casual restaurant in Bloomington that they sold in 2016. Blake is a case manager at the Wilder Foundation and Elmstrom has a background in communications and grant writing, most recently for the University of St. Thomas. "I grew up in St. Paul and my first job was as an usher at the Highland Theater, just a couple of doors from Menchie's," Elmstrom said. "We live less than a block from Menchie's, so we obviously intend to be a committed part of our community."

Rachel Koep has been hired as the managing director of Ballet Co. Laboratory, a year-old ballet company and school at 276 E. Lafayette Road. Koep has 12 years of experience working for local arts organizations, most recently for the Cowles Center for Dance & Performing Arts in Minneapolis. Ballet Co. Laboratory will open its second season in October with *On Our Terms*, followed by *Nutcracker in Wonderland* in December, *Laboratory II* in March, *Freddie—Break Free* in April and *An American in Paris* in June.

FriendChip Farm, a free children's educational program, is taking place from 9:15-11:15 a.m. on select Saturdays through the end of September at the St. Paul Farmers' Market, 290 E. Fifth St. The program introduces kids ages 3-9 to fresh foods by using the food in games and other activities at the market. Kids can continue learning at home with an activity booklet that includes recipes. Upcoming programs are scheduled for August 17 and 24 and September 14, 21 and 28. For more information, visit friendchipfarm.com.

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On the Town

Flair for fantasy

That's the thing about science-fiction writer Naomi Kritzer

BY CAROLYN WALKUP

Naomi Kritzer will be traveling to Ireland this month in hopes of bringing home her second Hugo Award, this time for the best 2019 science-fiction novelette. The Highland Park resident has been nominated in that category for "The Thing About Ghost Stories," which was published in the online *Uncanny* magazine last November.

The honor is considered comparable to the Academy Awards in the science-fiction writing genre. She received her first Hugo in 2016 in the best short story category for "Cat Pictures Please." That story also won a Locus Award from *Locus Magazine* and was nominated for a Nebula Award from the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America.

Winning a Hugo marked Kritzer's highest honor to date since she began getting her stories published 20 years ago. "Cat Pictures Please" was one of 17 short stories collected in her book *Cat Pictures Please and Other Stories* (Fairwood Press, 2017). She said her own pet cats partially inspired the stories.

The publishing world really took note of her work after that recognition. A *Publishers Weekly* review referred to her stories in *Cat Pictures Please* as a "flawless collection" that tapped "deep wells of emotion and wonder."

Her newer tale, "The Thing About Ghost Stories," tells about a folklorist who researches ghost stories and ends up being haunted by a ghost herself. Inspiration for the piece stemmed from Kritzer's enjoyment of hearing people talk about ghostly experiences they have had.

"I've always loved stories like that," she said, including ones about supposedly haunted local buildings such as the Fitzgerald Theater and the now-closed Forepaugh's Restaurant.

Kritzer recently finished writing *Catfishing on CatNet*, a young-adult novel scheduled for



Highland Park writer Naomi Kritzer is in the running for a second Hugo Award with "The Thing About Ghost Stories." PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

publication in November by Tor Teen. The story explores the adventures of an artificial intelligence character who forms close online friendships with a group of teenagers. It is a thriller about "the importance of making connections and friendships in an increasingly fragmented society," she said.

The mother of two teenagers, Kritzer said her children and their friends prefer books in print over those on Kindles or online. "Reading books is a social activity because they can loan books to friends," she said.

Kritzer, 46, became interested in fantasy stories at a young age. She was 4 years old when *Star Wars* came out and became an avid fan. She also loved stories by J.R.R. Tolkien, *The Chronicles of Narnia* novels by C.S. Lewis, Hans Christian Andersen's "The Wild Swans," George Orwell's essays and *The Curse of Chalion* by Minneapolis author Lois McMaster Bujold.

The daughter of two University of Wisconsin-Madison professors, Kritzer began writing fantasy stories at age 15. It took her more than 10 years of writing and submitting stories before she got her first one published in 1999.

While attending Carleton College, where she graduated with a degree in religion in 1995, she took a creative writing course. Her professor gave the class some advice that she took to heart: that the writers who succeed

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are the ones who stick with it.

After college she joined a Twin Cities writers group called Wyrdsmiths, which she credits for giving her constructive criticism, support and encouragement. She remains a member today.

In her spare time, Kritzer writes a blog about local elections, especially races that do not get a lot of press elsewhere, like for judicial seats and those for soil and water commissioners. She includes her personal endorsements in her blogs, which can be found at naomikritzer.com.

Since gaining recognition as an author, Kritzer gave up her previous job as a

technical writer for the University of St. Thomas. She wrote five fantasy novels that were published by Bantam Spectra in the early 2000s: *Fires of the Faithful*, *Turning the Storm*, *Freedom's Gate*, *Freedom's Apprentice* and *Freedom's Sisters*.

After "Catfishing on the CatNet" is published, she plans to do signings at various bookstores in Minneapolis, including The Loft, Uncle Hugo's Science Fiction Bookstore and DreamHaven. She expects the book to be available at other bookstores as well.

Meanwhile, she is looking forward to seeing her many science-fiction writing friends in Dublin, including the ones she is competing against. "There are rivalries, but most of us are at least casual friends," she said.

The international Hugo Awards have been presented annually since the 1950s. Members of the World Science Convention (Worldcon) will choose the winners, who will be announced on August 18.

Kritzer's husband, Ed, who writes speeches as well as scripts for the Minnesota Fringe Festival, and their daughters will accompany her to Ireland.

Kritzer's nominated story "The Thing About Ghost Stories" will be published in a Prime Books print anthology, *The Year's Best Dark Fantasy and Horror 2019*, due out next month.

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On the Town Briefly

Music

Free open-air concerts are being presented this summer on Rondo Plaza, 820 Concordia Ave. Performing, weather permitting, will be the jazz of Jamela Pettiford and Trio from 5:30-6:30 p.m. August 20; Heart and Soul Drum Academy from 5:30-6:30 p.m. August 21; and the roots and blues music of Lady J from 5:30-7 p.m. August 24.

Music as free as the waves lapping the shores of Como Lake can be heard this summer in the open air of Como Pavilion, 1360 N. Lexington Pkwy. The concerts begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. The schedule includes the Minnesota State Band on August 14; Sarah Morris & the Sometimes Guys, August 15; Como Pops at 3 p.m. and the Moonlight Serenade Big Band at 7 p.m. August 18; the Swing Cats, August 19; North Star Chorus and Sweet Adelines, August 20; Minnesota State Band, August 21; Red Rock Swing Band, August 22; Little Fevers, August 23; Pan-handlers steel drum band, 6:30 p.m. August 24; Bavarian Musikmeisters at 3 p.m. and River City Jazz Orchestra at 7 p.m. August 25; Minnesota Mandolin Orchestra, August 26; Brio Brass, August 27; Harmonic Relief choir, August 28; and the native blues band Blue Dog, August 29.

Lowertown Sounds summer concert series continues from 6-9:30 p.m. on Thursdays in Mears Park. Two or three acts are featured each evening, including Porcupine and the Southside Aces, August 15; the Melismatics and the Plott Hounds, August 22; and the Mears Park Mystery Band, St. Small and Joe Hunt, August 29. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating. Several food trucks will be there, and craft beer, cider and wine will be available for purchase. Visit lowertownsounds.com.

Mill City Live, a series of open-air concerts, has returned from 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays in the Ruin Courtyard of the Mill City Museum, 704 Second St. S. in Minneapolis. The schedule includes Charanga Tropical on August 14; Jaedyn James & the Hunger, August 21; and Willie Wisely, August 28. Tickets are \$6. Call 651-259-3015.

Studio Z, 275 E. Fourth St., Suite 200, will present a concert by the jazz ensemble LifeForce featuring Kenne Thomas, Dave Graf, Rich Manik and Graydon Peterson at

Guitar heroics.

Julian Castro (right), Taylor Seaberg (below) and Mary Cutrufello (below right) are among the 20-plus performers who will be featured in the Lowertown Guitar Festival on August 17. The free event will run from 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m. on that Saturday in and around Como Lakeside Pavilion, 1360 N. Lexington Pkwy. For details, see the music listing below.



8 p.m. Thursday, August 15. Tickets are \$10. Call 651-755-1600 or visit studiozstpaul.com.

Lowertown Guitar Festival, 9½ hours of live music that demonstrates the versatility of this stringed instrument, will commence at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, August 17, in and around the Como Lakeside Pavilion, 1360 N. Lexington Pkwy. Twenty-plus performers will appear on three stages, including Steve Cropper, Greg Koch, Chris Castino, Taylor Seaberg, Michael Hauser, Mary Cutrufello, Jeremy Ylvisaker, Mike Michel and Carnage, the MacPhail Center for Music, Leonoris Causa, Paul Metzger, Julian Manzara, Parisota Hot Club, Tabah Duo, Matt Jennings, Lukas Murdych and Second Street Ensemble. A Minnesota Bluegrass and Old Time Music Association jam will also be featured. Visit lowertownguitar.com.

The Larry McDonough Quartet, featuring McDonough on piano and vocals, Richard

Terrill on sax, Greg Stinson on bass and Dean White on drums will celebrate the music of the late jazz great Bill Evans on the 90th anniversary of his birth with a concert from 7-9 p.m. Sunday, August 18, at Black Dog Cafe, 308 E. Prince St. Call 651-228-9274 or visit blackdogstpaul.com.

Theater

Shrek the Musical will be presented by the St. Paul JCC Theater in four shows from August 14-18 in the auditorium of Highland Park Senior High School, 1015 S. Snelling Ave. Nancy Michael and Melissa Warhol direct a multigenerational cast of 50-plus actors in this comedy about a hulking ogre and his loyal donkey and their effort to rescue a beautiful princess from the clutches of a love-sick dragon. The curtain rises at 7 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 2 and 7 p.m.

Sunday. Tickets are \$10, \$7 for seniors and children. Visit stpauljcc.org.

Shame of Thrones: Stupidity War is playing through October 12 at the Brave New Workshop, 824 Hennepin Ave. in Minneapolis. The satirical revue takes aim at the humiliation, chagrin, mortification and ignominy so prevalent on social media and the self-loathing that comes from just being Minnesotan. Leading the charge are writers and performers Lauren Anderson, Denzel Belin, Doug Neithercott and Taj Ruler. Show times are 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 7:30 p.m. on select Thursdays before Labor Day, and 7:30 p.m. every Thursday, 8 p.m. Fridays, and 5 and 8 p.m. Saturdays after Labor Day. Tickets are \$25-\$36 with discounts for seniors and students. Call 612-332-6620 or visit bravenewworkshop.com.

Agatha Christie's Rule of Thumb, three one-act dramas by the popular mystery writer, is being staged through August 25 on the proscenium stage at Park Square Theatre, 20 W. Seventh Place. Directed by Austene Van, the triple bill includes *The Wasp's Nest*, in which Hercule Poirot comes between a bitter triangle of lovers to prevent a murder; *The Rats*, about adulterous lovers who are lured to a flat only to be framed for murder; and *The Patient*, a thriller about a woman who is hospitalized after apparently falling from her balcony. Bob Davis, Audrey Park, Sara Richardson, Peter Christian Hansen, Ryan Colbert, Jamie White Jachimiec, H. Adam Harris, Neal Beckman and Rajane Katurah Brown star. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$25-\$60. Call 651-291-7005 or visit parksquaretheatre.org.

The Clemency of Tito's Tennis Club will be performed by Mixed Precipitation from now through September 29 at various outdoor locations. Back stabbing, bitterness and murderous revenge get in the way of a rag-tag group's attempts to resurrect a defunct tennis club in this adaptation of Mozart's *La Clemenza di Tito*. Mozart's classic arias and duets are interspersed with New Wave and synth-pop hits by Devo, Pat Benatar, Berlin and Yaz. A picnic operetta, the show will include a variety of edible treats for the audience from chef Tracy Yue of One Dish at a Time. Show times are 7 p.m. Thursday, August 15, at Dodge Nature Center, 1701 Charlton St. in West St. Paul; 2 p.m. Saturday



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and Sunday, August 17 and 18, in Upper Landing Park, 180 Shepard Road; 2 p.m. Saturday, August 24, at Skidmore Park Community Garden, 1085 E. Fourth St.; 4 p.m. Sunday, August 25, at Tony Schmidt Regional Park, 3500 Lake Johanna Blvd., Arden Hills; and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, August 31 and September 1, at Alexis Bailly Vineyard, 18200 Kirby Ave., Hastings. Tickets are by donation with \$10-\$20 suggested. Call 800-838-3006 or visit mixedprecipitation.org.

The Mikveh Monologues, a dramatic reading of the play by Anita Diamant and Janet Buchwald, will be presented on August 21-25 by the Minnesota Jewish Theatre Company. Directed by Miriam Schwartz, the drama reimagines the Jewish ritual bath as a source of healing, reflection and renewal. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Mount Zion Temple, 1300 Summit Ave.; 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Adath Jeshurun Congregation in Minnetonka; 1 p.m. Friday and Sunday at the Highland Park Community Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy.; and 8 p.m. Saturday at Shir Tikvah Congregation, 1360 W. Minnehaha Pkwy. in Minneapolis. Tickets are \$18. A discussion with Cantor Rachel Stock Spilker will follow the shows. Call 651-647-4315 or visit mnjewishtheatre.org.

Cruise the Mississippi River aboard the Jonathan Padelford while enjoying a drink, taking in the scenery and solving a murder mystery. Fearless Comedy Productions brings an immersive theatrical experience to life in *Murder on the Mississippi* from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, August 22. The mystery is set in 1856 when traffic on the river was at an all-time high with immigrants moving north to the growing towns of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Tickets are \$25. For reservations, visit parkconnection.org.

Dance

“The Cohort,” Rhythmically Speaking’s summer show, will present four works inspired by jazz and American social dance on August 15-17 at the Southern Theater, 1420 Washington Ave. S. in Minneapolis. The works are by choreographers Erinn Liebhard, artistic director of Rhythmically Speaking; Julie Warder, formerly of Ballet of the Dolls; Rohan Bhargava of New York City; and Pat Taylor of Los Angeles. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Tickets are \$12-\$24. Visit southerntheater.org.

Family

Highland Park Library, 1974 Ford Pkwy., will offer the following free programs: Baby Storytime at 10:15 and 11:15 a.m. Wednesdays; Nature Smart, a trading post in natural science, 4 p.m. Wednesdays; Createch, high-tech fun for teens, 3:30 p.m. Thursdays; Children’s Storytime, 11 a.m. Saturdays and 10:30 a.m. Mondays; and a workshop in using watercolor pencils at 6 p.m. on Tinker Tuesday, August 20. Call 651-695-3700.

St. Paul parks are playing host to free outdoor movies this summer. The schedule includes *Mary Poppins Returns* on August 15 at the Groveland Recreation Center, 2045 St. Clair Ave.; and *The Grinch* on August 23 at the Edgumbe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St. The films will roll at dusk, but children’s activities will be available beforehand.

Gibbs Farm, 2097 Larpentour Ave., a museum of 19th century Dakota and pioneer life, is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays through October. Special Saturday programs will focus on butter-making on August 17 and cross-stitching on August 31. The farm is serving free homemade ice cream with tours on select Sundays. Enjoy a root beer float on August 25. Admission is

\$8, \$7 for seniors, \$5 for children ages 4-16. Call 651-646-8629.

Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave., will offer the following free programs: board game competition for all comers, 2-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays; Family Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Fridays; a hands-on arts workshop with artist Simone Spruce for children ages 7-11, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Monday, August 19. Call 651-642-0385.

Intergenerational Play Time with stories, songs and live ukulele music will be offered from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 20, at the Minnesota Veterans Home, 5101 Minnehaha Ave. S. in Minneapolis. The free program is open to babies, toddlers, preschoolers and their parents. Call Erin Betlock at 612-548-5751.

Books

Next Chapter Booksellers, 38 S. Snelling Ave., will play host to free readings and discussions with poet Mary Christine Kane and her collection, *Between the Stars Where You Are Lost*, at 3 p.m. Sunday, August 18; and poet Sharon Chmielarz and her collection, *The J Horoscope: A Re-imagining of Stories in Genesis*, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 27. Call 651-225-8989.

SubText Books, 6 W. Fifth St., will play host to readings and discussions with poets Matthew Murrey, Sonia Greenfield, and Athena Kildegard and their recent collections on August 14; Julie Zhou and her story collection, *Generics*, August 28; and Deborah Baker and her biographical epic, *The Last Englishmen*, August 29. The programs are free and begin at 7 p.m. Call 651-493-2791.

How to Hide an Empire: A History of the Greater United States will be discussed by its author, Northwestern University history professor Daniel Immerwahr, in a free program at 1 p.m. Saturday, August 17, in the Visitor Center at Historic Fort Snelling. Call 612-726-1171.

Exhibits

“A Nation of One,” a survey of the works of New York multimedia artist Brad Kahlhamer, is being displayed through August 25 at the Minnesota Museum of American Art, 350 N. Robert St. The exhibit features large-scale paintings, drawings and other works that map the complexities and contradictions of American culture. A Native American, Kahlhamer was adopted by a German-American family, was raised in Arizona and Wisconsin, and spent his early adulthood as a musician living on the road before settling in New York City. Co-producers Melissa Olson and Ryan Dawes will present their podcast on Kahlhamer and his work in a free program at 6 p.m. Thursday, August 15. Reservations are requested. Curatorial assistant Mia Laufer will lead a tour of the exhibition at 2 p.m. Sunday, August 18. Call 651-797-2571 or visit mmaa.org.

“Pollinators: All The Buzz,” a 2,500-square-foot exhibit of live bees in a greenhouse garden filled with pollinator plants, is open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily through September 2 at Como Park Zoo and Conservatory.

The Upper St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam is open for tours beginning at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily through Labor Day, September 2. The free tours are limited to 20 participants, first-come first served. Reservations are not available. The public is also invited to explore the St. Anthony Falls Visitor Center, which is open from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. daily, and the lock wall, open from noon-2 p.m. daily. Visit nps.gov/miss/planyourvisit/hours.htm or call 651-293-8412.

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Explore St. Paul's historic downtown and riverfront on free guided walking tours beginning at 10 a.m. Wednesdays. The area around Rice Park will be explored on August 14. The Heart of the City Tour will travel down St. Peter Street past some of the city's most famous landmarks and influential buildings on August 21. The Great River Tour will follow the mighty Mississippi on August 28. Reservations are required. Call 651-292-3063 or visit landmarkcenter.org.

"The Builders: Shaping Minnesota's Architectural Landscape on the Color Line," the story of the African-American architects whose work helped shape the Twin Cities we know today, is being told through October 27 at the Mill City Museum, 704 S. Second St. in Minneapolis. Created by the African-American Interpretive Center of Minnesota, the exhibit includes maps and blueprints of the work of St. Paul city architect Clarence "Cap" Wigington, renowned stoneworker Casville Bullard and architect and stained-glass artist William Hazel and offers insights into the lives of blacks in Minnesota in the 19th and 20th centuries. Admission is free. For gallery hours, call 612-341-7555.

An art fair celebrating the work of local and Native American artists will be held from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, August 17, at JS Bean Factory, 1518 Randolph Ave. Jewelry, beading, woodwork, pottery, glass art, quilts, paintings, prints, greeting cards and other handmade items will be displayed for show



Flights of fancy. "Changing Planes: Anything Will Fly If You Throw It Hard Enough," the sculpture and pottery of Kyle Fokken and Ernest Miller, is being displayed through October 18 at Raymond Avenue Gallery, 761 Raymond Ave. An opening reception will be held from 6-8 p.m. Friday, August 16. Admission is free. Call 651-644-9200.

and sale. Live music will be featured, and food and beverages will be available. Call 651-699-7788.

Explore the childhood haunts of Jazz Age novelist F. Scott Fitzgerald on 90-minute walking tours stepping out at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. Saturday and noon and 2 p.m. Sunday, August 24 and 25, from the Commodore Restaurant, 79 N. Western Ave. Learn about Fitzgerald's early years, his relationship with his wife, his connections to the city's elite and the impact of St. Paul on his

writing. The cost is \$14, \$12 for seniors and college students, \$10 for children ages 5-17. Call 651-297-2555 or visit cart.mnhs.org.

Learn of the rise of St. Paul's historic Hill District from rural retreat to elite enclave, its fall into notoriety and its long struggle to regain its status as St. Paul's most fashionable neighborhood in a two-hour walking tour beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 24, at the corner of Marshall Avenue and Virginia Street. The cost is \$14. To register, call 651-259-3015 or visit cart.mnhs.org.

Et cetera

Free wellness programs are being presented this summer on Rondo Plaza, 820 Concordia Ave., including tai chi at 5:30 p.m. on August 14 and 28, chess for beginners at 10 a.m. August 17, and zumba exercise at 11:30 a.m. August 17.

Mississippi River Paddle Share is offering everything you need to kayak on the river on weekends through September, weather permitting. The cost is \$25 for a single and \$40 for a tandem kayak rental. Visit paddleshare.org.

Downtown St. Paul's Mears Park will be transformed into a mobile market of delectable food, beverages, retail merchandise and services when the St. Paul Food Truck Festival sets up from noon-10 p.m. Saturday, August 17. Forty food trucks will be selling their wares. Other trucks will be hawking clothing, jewelry, purses, vinyl records, haircuts, beard trims, shoeshines and an escape room. Live music will be played by Jacuzzi Puma at noon, the Riverside Hitmen at 3:30 p.m. and Alex Rossi at 7 p.m.

The River Heights Chorale, a 50-voice choir based in Mendota Heights, is seeking singers at all parts. The chorale will open its 14th season in September. It is planning four to six concerts through April. Rehearsals are held from 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays. Call Aaron Kapaun at 651-208-7813.

"The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel" actors Rachel Brosnahan and Kevin Pollak will relate their experiences creating the popular series in a Temple of Aaron fundraiser at 1 p.m. Sunday, August 25, in the O'Shaughnessy at St. Catherine University. Proceeds will support Neighborhood House's food shelf, Habitat for Humanity and various synagogue programs. Tickets are \$36-\$150, \$18 for college students with ID. Call 651-690-6700.

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St. George Greek Orthodox Church

St. George Festival celebrates Greek culture

To borrow a line from the St. George Greek Orthodox Church's webpage, local community members will have an opportunity this summer to "experience a weekend in Greece without leaving Minnesota."

The tagline is an invitation to the Aug. 17-18 Greek Summer Festival at the church, an architectural icon at 1111 Summit Ave. in St. Paul. Authentic Greek food, dancing, music and more await visitors at the free family-friendly event.

Established in 1992, the annual event benefits the church's youth and outreach programs, while introducing guests to Greek culture and Greek Orthodoxy. As noted on the St. George website, Greek Orthodoxy is the oldest Christian church in the world.

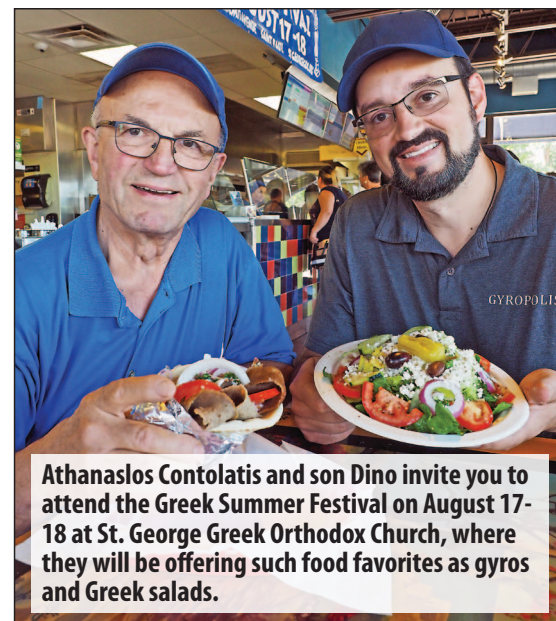
"Eat and celebrate like the Greeks, and learn about Greek culture and our faith," said Constantine Contolatis, a St. George parishioner and member of the Parish Council.

Festival guests will find a tempting array of ethnic food options. The menu features everything from authentic Moussaka and Pastitsio dinners to Greek salads, fries with feta and gyro sandwiches. Dinners come with rice, salad, tzatziki and pita on the side.

Entertainment at the festival is equally steeped in Greek tradition. A deejay will entertain festival guests with high-energy Greek music. In addition, a St. George-based dance troupe, dressed in authentic costumes, will perform traditional dances stemming from different regions of Greece and Cyprus, with six shows each day.

"They do dances for various festivals in the state and outside the state," Contolatis said. "They put on a very good show."

At the center of it all is the historic church itself. Built in 1968, the church will be open for tours during the festival, giving visitors an up-close look at its unique iconography



Athanasios Contolatis and son Dino invite you to attend the Greek Summer Festival on August 17-18 at St. George Greek Orthodox Church, where they will be offering such food favorites as gyros and Greek salads.

and architectural features.

Come rain or shine, the Greek Festival will be held from 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday, August 17, and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, August 18. More information is available at www.stgeorgegoc.org, or by calling the church office at 651-222-6220.

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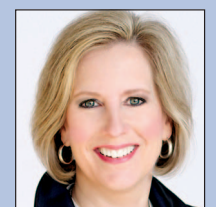
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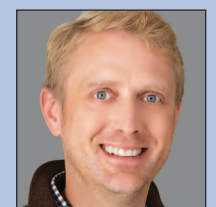
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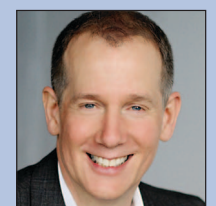
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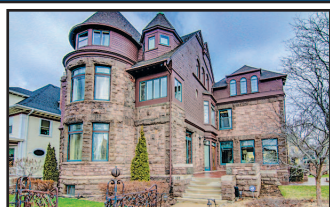
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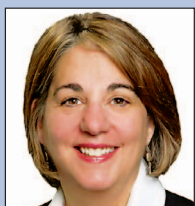
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