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## Voters OK \$18.6M increase in school levy

BY KEVIN DRISCOLL

St. Paul voters on November 6 approved by an almost two-to-one margin the St. Paul Public Schools' request for an increase in its excess operating levy of \$18.6 million per year. The approval by 66 percent of voters will raise the school district's annual operating levy from \$705 to \$1,180 per pupil beginning in 2019. The higher levy will continue for 10 years with annual increases tied to the rate of inflation, according to district finance chief Marie Schrul.

St. Paul homeowners will see the school district's portion of their property tax bill increase accordingly. The new excess operating levy alone will increase property taxes in 2019 by \$136 on homes valued at \$186,200; \$212 on homes valued at \$300,000; \$279 on homes valued at \$400,000; and \$349 on homes

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**All atwitter.** The aviary caught the eyes of Alie O'Hern, 9, and parents Shawna Petersen and Tom O'Hern as they took in the annual Christmas boutique on November 18 at Little Sisters of the Poor on Exchange Street. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

## City ups minimum wage to \$15/hour

Minimum to reach \$15 in 4 to 9 years

BY JANE McCLURE

Just 11 months into his term, Mayor Melvin Carter has followed through on a campaign promise and signed into law a \$15 minimum wage in St. Paul. The signing ceremony on November 14 before an audience of 200 followed a unanimous vote by the City Council to approve the ordinance, which raises the minimum wage in stages over 3½ to 8½ years depending on the size and nature of the business.

"This is an exciting day because we're impacting people's lives in the truest sense," said Ward 3 City Council member Chris Tolbert, who led the effort to draft the ordinance.

The phase-in of the higher minimum wage in St. Paul will actually be-

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## St. Thomas outlines plans for two new dorms

\$85M project to begin next summer on north campus

BY JANE McCLURE

Two new residence halls on the University of St. Thomas' north campus could be open by the fall of 2020. The university recently unveiled plans to tear down the John Paul II residence hall and faculty apartments and replace them with two residence halls that will house 480 first-year and 200 second-year students, respectively.

Both John Paul II, which is located on Selby and Cleveland avenues, and the faculty apartment building, which is south of the Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas, will close at the end of this academic year. Construction is scheduled to start on

the new residence halls this summer.

The residence hall planned for the John Paul II site will be unlike any current housing at St. Thomas. John Paul II, which has 130 beds, will be replaced with a five-story "pod-style" hall for freshmen. Small groupings of 15-20 double rooms will have a shared bathroom and private shower facilities. There will be a dining hall on the first floor and one level of underground parking. The Opus Group design-build firm will do the work on the project.

The faculty apartments will be replaced with a four- or five-story building containing suite-style units for sophomores. Residents will have access to a community kitchen, study and lounge space, and underground parking. That project will be built by Ryan Companies.

Along with the new construction, the Dowling and Brady residence halls will be renovated

and modernized. The work will be staged over the next two to three summers to allow for student occupancy during the academic year.

Many Macalester-Groveland and Merriam Park residents have pushed for years for St. Thomas to provide more on-campus student housing. Replacing the two buildings was called for in the university's 2016 campus master plan. The work will take place at the same time that the Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas is expanded and renovated (see story on page 2).

Mark Vangsgard, the university's vice president for business affairs and chief financial officer, said the new residence halls will cost about \$85 million. Financing for the projects is still being worked out, but tax-exempt bonding is the most likely source.

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# UST unveils \$12.7M plan to expand chapel, build faith center

By JANE MCCLURE

The iconic Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas at the University of St. Thomas will be renovated and expanded during its centennial year of 2019. The project, which was announced on November 15, will feature a contemporary 23,000-square-foot subterranean glass addition that will put the chapel on a lit "pedestal" with a grass roof extending to the campus' upper quad, bordering the chapel's north and west sides.

The estimated \$12.7 million project will be funded entirely by private donations. The expanded facility will be named the Iversen Center for Faith in recognition of Al and Brenda Iversen, the project's lead donors. About \$11.2 million has been raised so far.

The expansion and renovation is one of the first of 14 projects that are outlined in the university's 2016 master plan. Work will start next spring, and the renovated chapel and new faith center are expected to open in the fall of 2020.

Ryan French, associate vice presi-



The project design features a 23,000-square-foot subterranean glass addition that puts the nearly century-old Chapel of St. Thomas Aquinas on a lighted pedestal. Construction is set to begin next spring.

dent for advancement in the university's development office, said that though the chapel has served St. Thomas very well, it is time for improvements. Plans call for the addition of a multifaith meditation room and sacred-arts gallery, a 300-guest multipurpose room to host receptions and other events, an outdoor amphitheater for musical performances and an entrance

accessible from Cleveland Avenue.

The project will provide expanded facilities for brides and grooms, since the chapel hosts more than 60 weddings a year. The building will be made accessible for people with disabilities, restrooms will be improved and campus ministry offices that are now dispersed across the campus will be consolidated there.

The chapel was designed in 1919 by Emmanuel Masqueray at the request of then-Archbishop John Ireland. Masqueray also designed the Cathedral of St. Paul and the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis.

"With its awe-inspiring Classical Revival architecture, the chapel perfectly enshrines our mission as a faith-based university," said Victoria Young, chair of the university's art

history program and a member of the project's planning team. "This renovation will preserve the original structure while creating gathering spaces that are welcoming, functional and accessible for today's users."

Opus Design Build is the designer and builder and Opus AE Group is the architect and engineer for the expansion.

"It's a privilege to work on a project of this deep significance," said Ernesto Ruiz-Garcia, vice president of Opus AE Group. "By embedding the faith center into the landscape, we found a way to put the chapel on a pedestal while also making the public space and plazas around it inviting and accessible to the entire community."

St. Thomas president Julie Sullivan said she was grateful to all of the donors and the generosity of the lead benefactors for the Iversen Center.

"Their gifts form the bedrock of our new addition and will allow us to better serve the spiritual needs of many faiths in our community," she said.

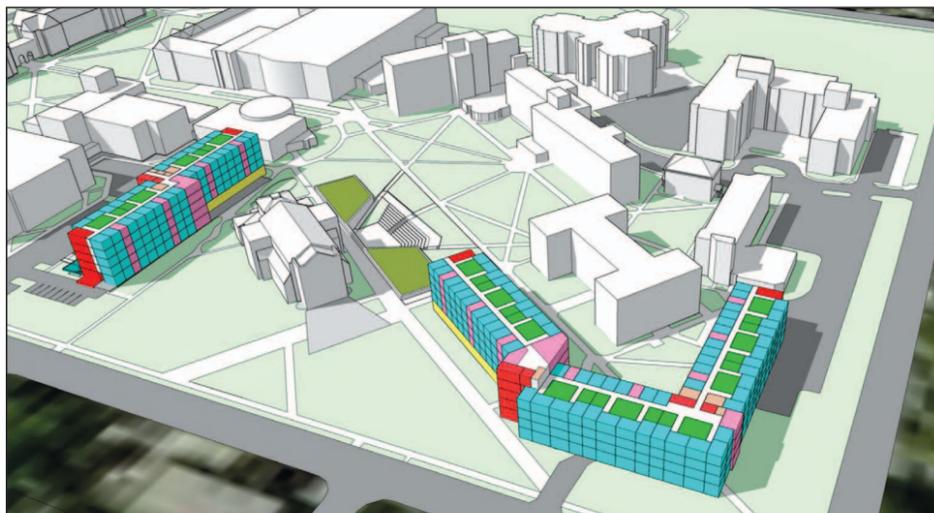
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"We've listened to the community and we've heard that people want us to build residence halls sooner rather than later," Vangsgard said.

Adding the new halls will enable St. Thomas to move toward a two-year residency requirement for first- and second-year students. Currently there is only a one-year requirement. Vangsgard said requiring freshmen and sophomores to live on campus will help support student learning and personal connections with other students, faculty and staff.

About 92 percent of first-year students and 45 percent of second-year students currently live on campus. Moving to a two-year residency requirement is expected to take a year or more to implement and will not affect the upcoming school year.

St. Thomas has a record freshman class this year, and some students are being housed in basements and common areas of residence halls. Most of the university's student housing dates from before World War II and requires updating. No renovation or construction is scheduled at this time for Ireland, Grace or



The University of St. Thomas is moving forward with its plans to construct new residence halls that will house 480 first-year students in the multicolored building shown at right and 200 second-year students in the one shown at left. The John Paul II building and faculty apartments on those sites will be torn down to make way for the new halls.

Cretin, the university's oldest residence halls. During the master planning process, the suggestion of replacing Ireland drew protests

from some alumni. Flynn Hall, built in 2005, is the university's newest residence hall.

The north campus projects are moving

ahead of those being considered on the university-owned two blocks bounded by Summit, Cleveland, Grand and Cretin avenues. In recent months, university officials have discussed adding student housing at the northwest corner of Cleveland and Grand avenues.

That project was included in a recent neighborhood survey. While the survey indicated strong support for more university-owned residential units, including first-floor retail, the building heights and setbacks there would require amendments to the university's conditional use permit. That raised objections from neighbors who worry about the potential for opening up the entire permit for revisions.

The new residence halls planned for the north campus do not require permit modifications.

St. Thomas' 2016 master plan for its St. Paul campus also identifies the construction of an arts and innovation building on Summit Avenue west of McNeely Hall and expansion of the science and engineering buildings on the south campus. University officials said those projects remain high priorities, but are subject to securing additional financial support.

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# Ryan Companies stresses need for changes to Ford master plan

By Jane McClure

Ryan Companies representatives told members of a Highland District Council (HDC) committee on November 13 that its plans for redeveloping Ford Motor Company's former assembly plant in Highland Park could be shelved if changes it is seeking to the city of St. Paul's master plan for the site are not made.

"Our development plan will not be successful without some of the changes we wish to make, and we'd have to walk away from the project," said Tony Barranco, senior vice president of real estate development for Ryan Companies. Ryan can live without some of the changes, Barranco said, but if others are rejected by the city, that could be a deal breaker.

The HDC will hold a special meeting on Thursday, December 6, to vote on Ryan's proposed amendments to the city's master plan. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Highland Park Community Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy.

Any recommendation made by the HDC will be reviewed by the St. Paul Planning Commission when it holds a public hearing on the master plan amendments on January 25. The Planning Commission will forward its recommendation to the City Council, which will have the final say.

Ryan Companies has submitted dozens of changes to the 165-page Ford site master plan that was adopted by the City Council in 2017. They include rowhouses along one side of a man-made stream, a public parking ramp in the retail area off of Ford Parkway, and various changes to the street grid.

City planners have opposed the idea of three-story rowhouses on the west side of the proposed stormwater stream. The city's master plan envisioned large apartment buildings on both sides of the stream.

According to Barranco, the rowhouses

*Free public parking is needed in the retail district along Ford Parkway, he said, not just for shoppers but for those who come for events in the park spaces.*

and the large single-family houses Ryan has proposed along Mississippi River Boulevard would make for a more pleasing variety of housing on the 122-acre Ford site, complementing the apartments, condominiums and senior housing included in the city's master plan. "We think the project will be put at risk if it's built with all apartments," Barranco said. "We also feel very strongly that the water feature would be more attractive if it's framed to the west with rowhouses."

The HDC's Community Development Committee recommended on November 13 that the full HDC support the changes most important to Ryan. Committee members noted that the addition of rowhouses has drawn strong neighborhood support. "Those have made the plan more palatable to people who otherwise had issues with the development," said HDC board member Howard Miller.

Ryan Companies' plan for a public parking ramp in the retail area off of Ford Parkway may prove to be especially controversial. In the Ford site's commercial districts, the city's master plan calls for a minimum of one parking space per 600 square feet and a maximum of one parking space per 400 square feet of gross floor area. Ryan wants a maximum of one parking space per 200 square feet of gross floor area.

Not having adequate off-street parking will make it difficult to attract the quality of retailers needed to make the project successful, Barranco said. Free public parking is needed in the retail district along Ford Parkway, he



Ryan Companies' vision of the retail district at Ford, looking east along Ford Parkway.

said, not just for shoppers but for those who come for events in the park spaces. The parking would be in ramps and not in large surface lots.

City planners have objected to having a public parking facility in the retail district. "It is not known how many stalls in the parking facility would be assigned to retail uses or office uses, so it is hard to justify allowing additional parking for office and retail uses," city staff stated.

As for the master plan's street grid, Barranco said, "Finn Street continues to be a challenge. The city's master plan calls for extending the north-south street through the Highland Village Center parking lot, 'but my sense is that the property owners would have a problem with that,'" Barranco said.

Highland Village Center is owned by an affiliate of Ryan Companies. The strip mall to its east is owned by an out-of-state trust. The commercial spaces there are fully leased with long-term commitments by many tenants, according to Barranco. Ryan is asking that the extension of Finn Street be considered as a future site change.

Other points of contention involve the extensions of Hillcrest and Saunders avenues. The city's master plan calls for a new Hillcrest to be built between the new Finn Street and Cretin Avenue extensions. Hillcrest would

be a minor street for that block, a bike and pedestrian trail between Cretin and Mount Curve Boulevard, and a minor street between Mount Curve and Woodlawn Avenue. Ryan would like to see Hillcrest be a minor street between Cretin and Woodlawn and remove the portion of Hillcrest east of Cretin to create a larger block for development west of the Highland Village Center.

Ryan would also like to retain two of the three Highland Ball diamonds near Montreal and Cleveland avenues. That means Saunders Avenue could not be extended west from Cleveland Avenue to Cretin Avenue as called for in the city's master plan. City staff said that change should only be allowed if it is supported by a comprehensive environmental study that just got underway. City staff made a similar recommendation regarding Ryan's request to change the proposed bike and pedestrian route known as Ranger Way just east of Cretin Avenue into a two-lane street running north and south from Bohland to Saunders avenue.

The city is opposed to Ryan's request to make a two-way street of the Village Way bike and pedestrian connection to Mississippi River Boulevard west of Mount Curve. City staff also objected to Ryan's request to have on-street parking on Woodlawn Avenue and to add a retail road between Cretin and Mount Curve.

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valued at \$500,000. Those increases do not include the 2019 tax levy increases being contemplated by the city of St. Paul and Ramsey County, nor the proposed 3.9 percent increase in the school district's regular tax levy.

Unlike most excess levies, operating levies are not directed to a specific program or capital improvement. "This one is simply to maintain ongoing operations," said St. Paul Superintendent of Schools Joe Gothard. "Federal, state and local funding has not kept pace with the needs of students and the increasing costs of providing educational programs. For example, the special education programs the district is required to provide (by state and federal mandates) cost \$42 million more than the district receives each year in government funding for that purpose."

The St. Paul Public Schools' annual budget has increased from \$558 million to \$750 mil-

lion over the past 15 years—a 34 percent increase. Meanwhile, school district enrollment has declined—from 44,033 students in 2002 to 36,915 in 2017. However, this year school district enrollment rose to 38,055.

In each of the past 10 years, the school district has balanced its budget by borrowing from its reserves—from a minimum of \$500,000 in 2010-11 to a maximum of \$12.7 million in 2012-13. The annual budget deficits have required the district to cut \$17.2 million in expenditures this year and more than \$50 million in expenditures over the previous three years, Gothard said.

Without the levy increase, the school district would have faced more cuts in special education, instruction for English Language Learners and programs for students who are struggling with basic academic skills. All district schools would have been subject to cuts in academic programs and in the number of classroom aides, administrators, and clerical,

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custodial and other support staff.

While the above programs will be among the beneficiaries of the new tax revenue, not all of the uses of the money have been determined, Gothard said. However, early childhood programs will be expanded and a new middle-school model will be designed to expand the pathways secondary students can follow to postsecondary education, he added.

"Just where the money is going will be better known after the district's new Strategic Plan is announced on December 18," said St. Paul School Board vice chair Steve Marchese. "Planning for the district's 2019-20 budget will begin immediately after that. We'll be talking with our Budget Advisory Committee and other stakeholders as we move toward a June approval of the 2019-20 budget." In the meantime, he said, the money will be used to support and enhance current programs.

"I can't tell you how heartened I was by the number of 'Vote Yes' signs I saw during the electoral campaign, and by the percentage of voters who were willing to dig a little deeper into their pockets for our schools," Marchese said. "The vote exceeded the margins of (successful levy referendums) over the past 30 years. Even better, we have a new governor and state House of Representatives leaders who are willing to look at per-pupil funding formula increases."

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Looking very organized are the trash and recycling carts placed along the alley behind a garage in Highland Park.

## City Council cites state law in rejecting valid petition to hold referendum on trash collection

By JANE McCLURE

St. Paul residents will not be able to take their objections to the city's organized trash collection system to the polls. The St. Paul City Council voted 6-1 on November 14 to reject a petition seeking a referendum on repealing the city's new garbage hauling program. While the petition had enough valid signatures to launch a referendum, City Attorney Lyndsey Olson said that repealing the ordinance would interfere with a valid and legally binding contract and violate state law.

The Minnesota Legislature gives cities the authority to handle trash collection, and St. Paul has opted for organized collection. Recent court cases also appear to confirm the City Attorney's opinion. In June the Minnesota Supreme Court ruled that Bloomington residents could seek a city charter amendment to change that city's organized trash collection system. However, the Minnesota Court of Appeals ruled in October that because Bloomington has an existing contract for organized collection, putting the matter to a vote in that city is illegal.

The St. Paul City Council's vote was a disappointment to those who worked for months to gather more than 5,000 valid signatures on each of two petitions. However, they are hoping the City Council follows through on its promise to explore possible changes to the organized trash collection contract when it meets in January with the consortium of haulers who are handling trash collection in St. Paul.

Council members said they have heard residents' concerns about organized trash collection, which replaced the city's long-standing policy of allowing residents to hire their own trash hauler. However, with a five-year contract in place, it is not clear what, if anything, can change at this point.

"The City Council went into this thinking (organized collection) would be a good thing for the city," said Alisa Lein, a Highland Park resident and residential property manager who helped lead one of the two petition drives. Lein said she has talked to people who were angry or even crying over the high rates they must now pay for trash collection. "The petition was their voice, and they really thought it would make a difference," she said.

A recent web posting suggested the next step for opponents of organized collection would be litigation. However, Lein said, "it's trash. We don't want to go to court over trash."

The city approved the contract for organized trash collection a year ago. The new system involves every single-family home and apartment building in St. Paul with four or fewer units. The city contract was with St. Paul Haulers LLC, a consortium of 15 private haulers who divided up the city according to their current market share. However, since the contract was signed, about half of those haulers have sold their shares to other consortium members.

"You had a lot of people—over 6,000 people—who signed this petition, and now it doesn't count," Bostrom said.

"Why have a process for a referendum if people are going to be told at the end that it doesn't count?"

The new system of organized collection has received mixed reviews. Proponents like having just one garbage truck running up or down their street or alley each week. Some had been paying more for trash collection before, and are happy to have the option of getting a lower rate with a lower volume of trash. Opponents have complained about having to pay a higher rate, not being able to negotiate a lower rate with their own private hauler, or being forced to pay for a service they do not use because they generate so little waste.

The contract requires apartment building owners to pay for one trash cart for every unit. It does not allow tenant households to share a cart. Lein said her family is now paying almost \$365 per month for carts that have never been used by their tenants and in fact are still taped shut.

Customer service has also been a problem, with residents complaining about unjust late fees and a cumbersome process for suspending trash collection during vacations away from home.

City Council President Amy Brendmoen expressed her unhappiness with "sloppy customer service, poor billing and inappropriate information," singling out the larger national haulers for many of the problems.

Ward 6 City Council member Dan Bostrom cast the sole vote against rejecting the petitioners' request for a referendum. "It's disappointing," he said. "You had a lot of people—over 6,000 people—who went out and signed this petition, and now it doesn't count. Why have a process for a referendum if people are going to be told at the end that it doesn't count?"

Other council members said they shared Bostrom's frustration, but were hamstrung by the contract. They have all received complaints from constituents about higher prices, double billing and late fees.

Ward 7 City Council member Jane Prince said she had hoped a referendum would be held on organized collection. "We need to fix this thing," she said.

Mitra Nelson, who was elected to the City Council from Ward 4 after organized collection had already been approved, is not sure whether she would have supported the contract. "The neighborhoods have been left to pick up the pieces," she said.

The city tried to negotiate a good contract, said Ward 1 City Council member Dai Thao, who said he shares responsibility for the problems. "But this is not the end," he said. Thao pledged to work on improving the contract.

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1 ◀ \$15 MINIMUM WAGE

gin in 2020. The first workers to reach the \$15 per hour minimum will be those who work for the city or for businesses of more than 10,000 employees. That will happen in July 2022.

Businesses with more than 100 workers will be required to pay the \$15 minimum by July 2023. Small businesses will reach that minimum in July 2025, and "micro" businesses of five or fewer employees will reach it in July 2027. Once the minimum wage reaches \$15 per hour, it will increase annually by the rate of inflation. City staff estimate that more than 56,000 workers across the city will be affected by the wage increase.

There are exemptions in the new policy. The minimum wage will not apply to contract workers, to people with disabilities in certified employment programs, nor to St. Paul Saints ball-players. A 90-day exemption will apply to youths employed in city-approved enrichment programs and to youth trainees. Also, the size of locally owned franchises of larger regional or national corporations will be determined according to the size of the local franchise.

Last month Ward 1 City Council member Dai Thao pushed through an amendment that slowed the increase in the minimum wage for small and micro businesses, limiting it to \$1 or 75 cents per year for the first five or seven years, respectively.

Debate over the minimum wage has roiled City Hall for almost a year. Carter pushed the City Council to move quickly on the measure, but council members pushed back, saying they wanted to see the results of a Citizens League study and receive public testimony before crafting an ordinance.

Council members praised the final measure while conceding that not everyone is satisfied. The Minnesota Chamber of Commerce issued a statement in opposition to the St. Paul ordinance and to the growing tendency of local governments to mandate private-sector wages and benefits. (Minneapolis passed a similar \$15 per hour minimum wage ordinance last year.) The St. Paul and Midway chambers of commerce, while voicing support for a living wage, urged city officials to consider the impact of the mandate on different kinds of businesses.

Restaurant Workers of America, which led a high-profile campaign for a reduction in the minimum wage for workers who receive tips as part of their compensation, was unhappy that a tip credit was not included. So was the Minnesota Licensed Beverage Association, which represents liquor license holders statewide. St. Paul's hospitality industry remains deeply divided over the tip credit, which would have allowed employers to pay tipped employees less than the minimum wage as long as their tips brought their wage up to the minimum.

Ward 2 City Council member Rebecca Noecker acknowledged the fears of employers and employees alike about the effects of the mandated minimum wage.

"In my ward, for many businesses, the wage increase will be a burden," Noecker said. The city, she added, will need to be ready to step up with resources to help businesses, especially small businesses, that are hurt as a result of the wage increase.

However, she said, the experience in other cities with higher minimum wages has shown that there have been no negative impacts.

The City Council meeting on November 14 was the second time in two weeks that minimum wage advocates and opponents have packed City Hall. The council's November 7 public hearing on the ordinance drew more than 350 people, delaying the hearing while provisions were made to avoid violating the city fire code for over-occupancy.

Testimony at the public hearing was impassioned on both sides. At one point, Ward 1 City Council member Jane Prince considered introducing some form of tip credit, but was unable to garner enough support from her council colleagues.

Tipped workers dominated the opposition on November 7, saying that tips help them to make a good living and support their families. Manuel Dousti, manager of Moscow on the Hill on Selby Avenue, and his mother Marina spoke in favor of the tip credit. Manuel said that in Portland, Oregon, which raised its minimum wage, some restaurants have had to switch to counter service to reduce payroll costs. He predicted that St. Paul restaurants will lay off employees or even go out of business.

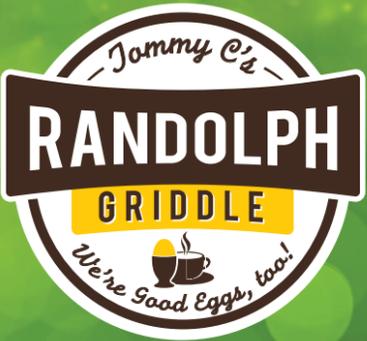
Jennifer Schellenberg, a Lowertown bartender and a leader in Restaurant Workers of America, was disappointed that a petition with more than 1,100 signatures in support of a tip credit did not sway the City Council. The room burst into applause when she said that voters will need to remember that when the City Council is up for reelection next year.

Opponents of the tip credit testified that a \$15 minimum wage for all restaurant employees is more equitable and will allow wait staff to rebuff the sexual harassment of restaurant patrons without fear of losing tips.

Desiree King, who has worked for tips in downtown St. Paul establishments for more than 30 years, opposed the tip credit. Tipped workers cannot predict what they will make from day to day, she said.

Others objected to the 90-day exemption for youth trainees. Young people testified that they, too, have to work to help their families pay the rent and grocery bills.

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## Summit bike safety upgrades sought

By JANE McCLURE

Advocates of safer bicycling on Summit Avenue are calling for the St. Paul City Council to include \$500,000 in the 2019 city budget for new bicycling enhancements as proposed by Mayor Melvin Carter.

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council joined them on November 8 in urging the City Council to approve the funds. The council and its Transportation Committee are hoping that the money for new bicycling safety features becomes an annual allocation, as Carter has proposed.

The City Council is scheduled to adopt the 2019 city budget in mid-December, following a December 5 public hearing. With pressure to reduce Carter's proposed 11.5 percent property tax levy increase for 2019, bicycling advocates are concerned that the bike improvements could be canceled.

One of those advocacy group, Safety on Summit, met in October with the Macalester-Groveland Transportation Committee. Safety on Summit was formed earlier this year after Minneapolis bicyclist Alan Grahn was struck and killed by a school bus in May at Summit and Snelling avenues. That intersection has been the scene of other serious accidents involving bicycles and motor vehicles.

City officials took a closer look at the safety of the Summit-Snelling intersection following Grahn's death, according to Rueben Collins, a city engineer who heads up bicycle facility planning in the St. Paul Department of Public Works. "We identified a few treatments which we plan to implement in 2019," Collins said. They include enlarging the traffic signal heads, installing overhead traffic signals and adding left-turn arrows.

Another proposed change is extending the bike lanes with green pavement markings across the intersection. According to Col-

*With pressure to reduce Mayor Carter's proposed 11.5 percent property tax levy increase, bicycling advocates are concerned that the bike improvements could be canceled.*

lins, city and Ramsey County officials have discussed adding green pavement markings at the intersection of Summit and Lexington Parkway, too. However, until next year's city budget is approved, it is not known what if any money will be available for bike improvements in 2019, Collins said.

Brian Martinson, chair of the Macalester-Groveland Transportation Committee and a year-round bicycle commuter, said the case needs to be made for a dedicated fund in the city budget for bicycle safety improvements. Other committee members agreed, and said they want the \$500,000 allocation in 2019 preserved.

Summit's bike lanes are among the oldest in the city. In most places the street has a 5-foot bike lane, a 9-foot parking lane and two 16-foot traffic lanes. Safety on Summit is calling for wider bike lanes that are better separated from motor-vehicle traffic. The group would like to see the bike lanes placed along the outside curb, with a two-foot median and permanent bollards between the bike lane and the parking lane. The traffic lane would be between the parking lane and the median.

Bicycling advocates would like to see every intersection on Summit, beginning with Snelling, given more visible bike and pedestrian crossings, dedicated bike signals and "walk" signals that give pedestrians a head start in crossing before the semaphore turns green for motor vehicles.

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# City holds hearing on capital improvements in '19

BY JANE McCLURE

The \$2.23 million development of Pedro Park downtown, reconstruction of the Summit Avenue bridge over Ayd Mill Road, and phase two of the Woodlawn-Jefferson street repaving are among the projects included in the 2019 Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) that is expected to be approved by the St. Paul City Council on December 12.

The council will hold a public hearing on the CIB at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 5. Next year's will be the last of more than 40 years of CIBs as city leaders prepare to inaugurate a broader, more comprehensive capital funding process called the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). A task force of citizens and city staff has been working on a five-year plan for the CIP with a goal of having it completed by April 2019.

Under the biennial CIB process, city departments competed with district councils, community development corporations, business associations and booster clubs to secure funding for everything from street pavement to playgrounds. The last competitive CIB process occurred in 2015 for projects carried out in 2016 and 2017.

Former Mayor Chris Coleman's admin-

istration called for the redesign of the process. Rising project costs were one concern. Another was the tendency of large city projects to gobble up most of the available funds. There was also a perception that the city's poorer neighborhoods were being muscled out in the competition. Yet another issue were the many hours of staff and volunteer time required for project reviews conducted by the CIB task forces and committee.

St. Paul has \$50.3 million available for its 2019 CIB, according to city budget director John McCarthy. The total had been at \$48.2 million, but was increased to accommodate the work on Pedro Park. Park advocates in October lost their quest to have the city's former Public Safety Annex razed to make way for a large Pedro Park as originally envisioned, so a smaller park will be developed at 10th and Robert streets.

The CIB comprises \$13.23 million in capital improvement bonds, \$12.5 million in street reconstruction bonds, \$8.03 million in municipal-state aid funds and \$4 million in federal Community Development Block Grants (CDBG).

Ten community development corporation projects will split \$1.645 million in CDBGs in 2019. Various city housing and

economic development programs will share another \$2.128 million of CDBGs.

Other projects included in the 2019 CIB are the Frogtown Community Center (\$5.41 million), design work for the East Side's Fire Station No. 7 (\$500,000) and the North End's Rice Recreation Center (\$500,000), a city forestry vehicle garage study (\$25,000), and Public Works, Parks and Recreation and other city department projects (\$4.5 million).

The CIB includes \$1.12 million for the reconstruction of Fairview Avenue between Shields and University avenues, \$6 million for the Woodlawn-Jefferson repaving project, \$9 million for a Wheelock Parkway reconstruction project, and \$1.5 million for the replacement of the Summit Avenue bridge over Ayd Mill Road, a \$7.3 million project that is also being paid for with federal and state money.

Under the new CIP, city departments and community development corporations will submit their proposed projects in 2019 for possible funding in 2020. Neighborhood groups will vie in 2020 for the \$500,000 that will be available for their projects in 2021.

Some of the city's district councils have questioned whether \$500,000 is enough for neighborhood projects.

## 'Tis the season for Truth in Taxation hearings

All three of St. Paul's taxing jurisdictions will hold public hearings in the next two weeks on their proposed property tax levies for 2019. The city of St. Paul, St. Paul Public Schools and Ramsey County are all proposing tax increases for next year, and the cumulative effect is expected to bring large tax increases to property owners across the city.

First up is Ramsey County, which will hold its truth-in-taxation hearing at 6:30 p.m. Monday, November 26, in the Red Cap Room of Union Depot, 214 E. Fourth St. The county has proposed a maximum 4.3 percent increase for general operations and a 78.8 percent increase for regional rail.

The St. Paul Public Schools will hold its tax hearing at 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 4, at school district headquarters, 360 Colborne St. The School Board will adopt its levy the following week. A maximum 3.9 percent increase is proposed in the regular levy. When the \$18.6 million excess operating levy approved by voters on November 6 is included, the tax levy increase would be 15.8 percent.

The City Council will hold its public hearing at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 5, at City Hall, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd., and will adopt its budget and levy one week later. The city is considering a maximum 11.5 percent increase in its tax levy.

# HRA grants \$15M in revenue bonds for new Higher Ground upper school

The St. Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority voted unanimously on November 14 to approve issuing up to \$15 million in conduit revenue bonds to create a new home for Higher Ground Academy's upper grades.

Higher Ground, a K-12 charter school that has operated since 1999 at 1381 Marshall Ave., plans to use the money to purchase, renovate and expand a school building at 1471 Brew-

ster St. for its middle school and high school. Higher Ground, whose founders include former City Council president Bill Wilson, is now at full capacity with 785 students and has a waiting list of 276.

The Brewster building was formerly home to the Metro Deaf charter school, which recently moved. The building is 40,000 square feet and sits on a 1.75-acre site near Como and Snelling avenues. The school was built in

1973 as a one-story structure. A two-story addition was built in 2009.

Higher Ground plans to add a second story and renovate the portion of the structure that was built in 1973. The renovated and expanded building will include 20 classrooms, five labs, offices, common area, restrooms, forum space, and a new kitchen and dining area. When completed, the building will be 60,000 square feet.

The expanded building will enable Higher Ground to increase enrollment in grades 7-12 from approximately 300 to 450. The Brewster building is 2.8 miles from the Marshall building and easily accessible from all directions. The school also provides its own bus service for students.

Earlier this year, Higher Ground officials considered but then dropped a proposal to relocate to the grounds of St. Paul College.

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# Viewpoint

## Inbox

### Let's reclaim crime-free Village

As a child in the 1960s, my mom would send me to Highland Village with no worries. My friends and I would walk or ride our bikes there. The Village was our second home. We were safe.

Fast-forward some 50 years, and my mom, now a senior citizen, goes to the Village with her friends and has a nice lunch at a local restaurant. Next thing she knows, her wallet has been stolen right out of her purse. Literally, from the floor next to her chair. What's going on here?

I read the Crime Report in the *Villager* and see that this happens in other restaurants in the Village. I see that the streets I have known all my life are no longer safe.

I'm asking everyone who lives or shops in Highland to please be aware of your surroundings. Business owners and employees, if you see a situation that doesn't seem right, please take action to protect not only our seniors but all folks who live and work here.

Let's take back our Village!

Scott Goldberg  
Highland Park

### Limit parking and you limit cars

If new development brings more housing but doesn't limit the number of new cars, we're going to have more serious traffic congestion. As I understand the city's policies, a new apartment building must provide a minimum number of off-street parking spaces. While increased density is good for mass transit, if more density brings more cars, the buses won't be able to function on streets choked with cars. Some say put the new multi-family housing at major intersections to better connect with transit. However, new apartment buildings may result in the same number of new cars regardless of their location.

My proposal is to eliminate the city's minimum off-street parking requirement for new multi-family housing and replace it with a maximum off-street parking requirement. Residents living in the new multi-family housing would not get permits to park on the street, or there would be only a limited number of permits issued. Existing area residents would be granted parking permits. Permit parking program costs could be paid for with fines for violators. And if the city is making so much more in property taxes, this would help offset the administration of a permit parking program.

If developers know the rules and constraints prior to developing, they can choose to undertake a project or not. Future residents would need to know the parking limitations before they move in.

Senior citizens, college students and many young adults are happy to live without cars, so there should be a market for such housing. We've been told at a meeting on the Ford site that it can cost \$10,000 or more for each parking stall within a multi-family apartment building. If the developers can reduce the number of parking stalls, these savings could be passed on to the new tenants.

Peter Berglund  
Macalester-Groveland

### Don't fence us in

Another race was held on Shepard Road on Saturday, October 27, causing it to be closed in both directions. For the hundreds of people who live on Spring Street, it was, as usual, inconvenient since we have to cross Shepard to get anywhere by car. Normally, when this occurs, Eagle Parkway is open to allow residents to come and go, getting to and from work, grocery shopping, etc. This time, however, Eagle Parkway was closed to Spring Street. Residents returning home were met by a barricade and a police car blocking the lane.

I parked at Irvine Park and walked over to the police car. Two officers were sitting inside. I asked them how we were to get to our residences with all the entrances blocked. One of them said to just drive around their car. That meant using the other lane going the wrong direction.

Why block the lane if we're allowed to do this? How are visitors supposed to know to do this? What about traffic coming up from Shepard when cars are going around the barricade into their lane to get down to Shepard?

A route for Spring Street residents to get out and in needs



### Let's widen our horizons when planning housing

I am sick to death of the narrow, unimaginative and just plain stupid thinking that goes into our city planning regarding housing. Too many of those involved were taught to color inside the lines and not think outside the box, which is what we sorely need in St. Paul.

What is the sense in tearing down historic single-family homes on Marshall Avenue, or indeed, around the city, to make room for apartment buildings, while putting new single-family homes on the Ford Plant site? Where in this city are we planning to build co-housing, as has been done in the Northwest and in other parts of the country decades ago to provide affordable living spaces for multiply-abled people. There is no reason that a blind person, a paraplegic, a rehabbed stroke patient, a deaf person, an elderly person and perhaps an able-bodied college student could not live together in private spaces with shared commons.

Many of our problems in the U.S. stem from so few of our citizens having traveled outside the country to more socially advanced countries. This would give people a sampling of how far we have slipped into second class in many ways.

In Holland, people with less money are not considered lesser citizens. In the 1920s there was a huge influx to Amsterdam of poor people from the countryside after crop failures, all of them seeking jobs and housing. On a wide boulevard, not unlike Summit Avenue except wider and with more trees, the homes of millionaires sit on one side and on the other side are a number of apartment buildings. The city leaders hired multiple notable architects to design buildings that would house with decent, respectable living space those who needed rent subsidies. To this day, it remains millionaires' homes on one side and across from them subsidized apartments that still look very smart and not built cookie-cutter style. There has been no class warfare, and poorer people have been afforded the opportunity to live in dignity.

When are we going to start housing people with minimal incomes in decent living spaces and doing some really creative planning?

Kathleen Deming  
Macalester-Groveland

to be identified and marked during events. We understand races on Shepard are important, but not at the expense of the people who live there.

Russ Jowers  
West End

### Preserve the Highland 9-Hole

I live near Hamline and Randolph avenues. I enjoy walking down Hamline and Edgumbe Road along the sidewalks and through the woods. In the winter I enjoy cross-country skiing on the Highland 9-Hole Golf Course, which is groomed regularly for both traditional and skate skiing. I value having this uninterrupted green space that includes grass, trees, picnic and playground areas in the midst of a residential area.

There is increasing demand for sporting fields. There are sporting fields across from Highland Park Middle and High Schools and other neighboring schools. I think it is important to preserve open green spaces without buildings and fields for the many people who enjoy walking in the area without having to drive to find such green spaces.

Barbara Taylor  
Highland Park

### Raise the bar in social discourse

As one of the administrators of the Highland Facebook Group and a regular reader of the *Villager* Inbox, I've observed how negative the tenor of the conversations has become. When the culture of name-calling and an inability to work together at the federal level seeps down to our local neighborhood, it's a sad day.

I'm disappointed we can't bring a more positive attitude to our interactions with our neighbors. These are the same people we say hello to when we walk our dogs, lend a hand to when their car gets stuck in the snow, and keep an eye out for their kids as they walk home from school. It's much easier to write unkind words than it is to say them to someone's face. I understand that as an elected official you subject yourself to public feedback in a different way, but can we agree it's unnecessary to publish a letter that equates our only woman-of-color City Council member to chicken droppings? (*Villager* Inbox, November 7).

Let's raise the bar for how we interact with each other in these letters and on-line.

Sally Bauer  
Highland Park

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### Feelings have no place in debate

You cannot have a learned and reasonable conversation or argument with anyone who says, "This is how I feel, therefore this is what I know." But you can enter into an argument with someone who says, "This is what I know, therefore this is what I think." Even if that knowledge is suspect, it at least can be reasoned with. When you confront facts with reason and knowledge, the conversation can continue and should not result in a childish screaming match.

*John A. Scherman  
Highland Park*

### We vs. they rhetoric diminishes us

Is it possible that the "one developer who has pushed to profit on his own projects" to whom a letter to the editor refers is a member of our community and of a family whose business acumen and sweat equity have provided us with places to live, work, eat, learn, play, gather, buy wicker and have our clothes cleaned and our hair trimmed (*Villager* Inbox, October 24)?

If so, I'm sorry for us.

*Cathy Plessner  
Macalester-Groveland*

### Guns and us

There have always been lots of guns, since our frontier days to the present, but not until the present have there been so many mass killings. So what changed? Modern semi-automatic guns with large magazines are more lethal, but what brings people to use them on people they don't even know?

I wonder if we are addicted to gun violence. A look at what we view daily in the entertainment media, TV, movies and video games seems to confirm that belief. The gun is seen as the solution to all problems, by bad guys and good guys alike. Want something? Stick a gun in somebody's face to threaten, kill or just make your point. In some of the most popular video games, mass killing is presented as heroic action.

Is this harmless entertainment or desensitizing soul killing? This type of entertainment is available at the press of a TV remote 24 hours a day. Media can be a powerful teacher.

*Jim Anderson  
Battle Creek*

### Not in Lincoln's league

I agree with T.J. Sexton when he describes the leader of our great country as crude, arrogant and an embarrassment to us (*Villager* Inbox, November 7). Unlike T.J. Sexton, I will not give our president a pass because of supporting particular Supreme Court justices, lowering taxes for certain people and companies or promising to build a wall. I want a leader of the U.S. for all of us. As the late Senator Wellstone said, "We all do better when we all do better."

In his letter to the editor, Mr. Sexton mentions General Ulysses Grant and President Lincoln. The following is how General Grant described President Lincoln shortly before Mr. Lincoln's tragic death:

*I regard Lincoln as one of the greatest of men. He is unquestionably the greatest man that I have ever encountered. The more that I see of him and exchange views with him, the more he impresses*

*me. I admire his courage and respect the firmness he always displays. Many think from the gentleness of his character that he has a yielding nature; but while he has the courage to change his mind when convinced that he is wrong, he has all the tenacity of purpose which could be desired in a great statesman. His quickness of perception often astonishes me. Long before the statement of a complicated question is finished, his mind will grasp the main points and he will seem to comprehend the whole question better than the person who is stating it.*

The party of Lincoln should learn from President Abraham Lincoln.

*J.K. McKim  
Summit Hill*

### Story of immigration success

I want to thank you for your Hmong immigration story featuring the Wongs (*Villager*, November 7): an interesting and informative immigration success story, similar to many that I have read over the years. What is missing, and has been missing all along, is Minnesota's and Ramsey County's successful assimilation of thousands of Hmong following the Vietnam War.

This is a story for a historian to write, one that should take into account all the elements of immigration success, with attention to politics, welfare, education, health, church sponsorships, food and restaurant organizations, recreation and sports, etc. There are also several modest, unassuming heroes to be mentioned, such as one particular University of Minnesota professor of psychiatry and the many Ramsey County caseworkers and their countless hours of service.

Not just the Hmong should be proud of their story; our community should be proud, too!

*David Fox  
Highland Park*

### Support everyday philanthropist

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*Jennifer Zisser, Director  
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## Merchants greet season with 46th Grand Meander on Dec. 1

Lights will be glowing and cider will be flowing when Grand Avenue rings in the holiday shopping season with the 46th annual Grand Meander from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, December 1.

Families can enjoy a free pancake breakfast with Santa, stroll the avenue while listening to the sounds of carolers or hop a trolley to soak in the sights of the season. The Meander will also feature a soup-tasting contest, art shows and a wide assortment of merchants offering complimentary holiday treats.

The sponsoring Grand Avenue Business Association has compiled the following list of free activities for this year's Meander:

- **Breakfast with Santa.** The kids can share their holiday wish list with Santa and all can enjoy a free pancake breakfast from 8:30-10:30 a.m. at Tavern on Grand, 656 Grand. Families are asked to bring an unwrapped donation for Toys for Tots if they are able.

- **Art at Ramsey.** Eighty artists and craftspeople will be exhibiting in the 24th annual juried holiday art show and sale, which will be presented from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Ramsey Middle School, 1700 Summit Ave. The show is sponsored by

the St. Paul Public Schools' Community Education program in cooperation with the Artists' Circle. Admission is free.

- **Youth Art Fair.** The 25th annual Youth Art Fair will be held from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., also at Ramsey. The work of local artists ages 8-18 will be displayed for show and sale.

- **Summit Avenue Artisan Festival.** More than 40 local artists and artisans will sell their wares during the festival, which will run from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 900 Summit Ave. The event also will feature a silent auction, homemade pot pies and children's activities.

- **Soup tasting.** The soup-tasting contest will continue this year as local businesses once again serve up free samples of their signature soups (while they last) throughout the day. Celebrity judges will vote for their favorite recipe of 2018.

- **Free trolley rides.** Hop aboard a free trolley that will pick up passengers and drop them off at bus stops on Grand between Dale Street and Fairview Avenue.

- **Fire truck rides.** Free rides for kids will be provided by the St. Paul Winter Carnival Vulcans from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. beginning and ending



Author Ara Elizabeth Schmidt read from her latest work at last year's Grand Meander. At right, John Powers and granddaughter Jillian admired the decor outside Bibelot. PHOTOS BY BRAD STAUFFER



in the parking lot at Dixie's, 695 Grand.

- **Petting zoo.** Animals that would be right at home in a manger will be on hand at Frattallone's Ace Hardware, 650 Grand Ave.

- **Holiday story.** Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand, will have a "Countdown to Christmas" story time and craft activities for kids.

- **Chestnuts roasting.** Grand Spectacle, 764 Grand, will continue its long-standing tradition of serving freshly roasted chestnuts on an open grill.

- **Take an Elf selfie.** Stop by the Coulee Bank patio at 742 Grand

to take a selfie with a cutout of Elf and enter a drawing for tickets to the Ordway's holiday production of *Elf the Musical*. There will also be a make-and-take craft activity.

- **Sounds of the season.** Carolers will be entertaining guests at several locations and strolling the avenue during the Meander.

- **Eyes all aglow.** The jolly old elf will be making appearances at a variety of shops along the avenue. Businesses also will be competing in a window decorating contest.

For more information, call the Grand Avenue Business Association at 651-699-0029 or visit [grandave.com](http://grandave.com).



## Snowman scavenger hunt returns for Holiday in Highland

For the second year, a scavenger hunt to find Parker the Snowman will join strolling carolers, a library story time, in-shop promotions, a pancake breakfast and photo opportunities with Santa when the Highland Business Association (HBA) presents its annual Holiday in Highland on Saturday, December 8.

Here is the schedule of the day's events:

- **Find Parker.** The sly little snowman will be hidden in stores throughout Highland Village from December 1-9. Hunters young and old can pick up a passport at Menchie's Frozen Yogurt, 750 S. Cleveland Ave., starting at 11 a.m.

Saturday, December 1. Once they have found 12 of the snowmen, they can bring their completed passports back to Menchie's by 7 p.m. Sunday, December 9, to be entered in a drawing for a gift basket.

- **Breakfast with Santa.** The venerable Breakfast with Santa will take place from 9-11:30 a.m. at the remodeled Tiffany Sports Lounge, 2051 Ford Pkwy. The breakfast includes free pancakes with donations to Toys for Tots and the Neighborhood House Food Shelf. A craft activity hosted by College Nannies and Tutors will also be offered. Breakfast reservations are required by calling

Tiffany's at 651-690-4747.

- **Story hour.** Head over to the Highland Park Library, 1974 Ford Pkwy., to listen to holiday stories at 11 a.m.

- **Strolling carolers.** Carolers from Highland Catholic School and Highland Park High School will sing songs of the season as they stroll throughout Highland Village from noon-2 p.m.

- **In-store specials.** Local businesses will offer treats and special promotions during the day.

For more information about Holiday in Highland, call the HBA at 651-699-9042 or visit [highlandba.com](http://highlandba.com).

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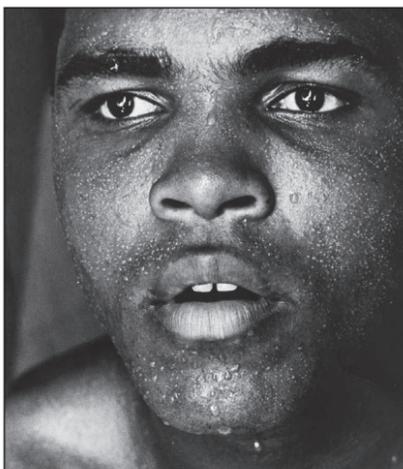
# MMAA opens its new space in downtown

After almost a year of construction, the Minnesota Museum of American Art will hold its grand reopening from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, December 2, in its new quarters at 350 N. Robert St.

The free event will feature three new exhibits, a ribbon-cutting ceremony at noon with state and city leaders, hands-on activities for all ages with artists Carrie Thompson and Aki Shibata, dance performances by SuperGroup, an introduction to the museum's resident artist Rebekah Crisanta de Ybarra, and live music by Ybarra (aka Lady Xok) beginning at 4 p.m.

Among the new exhibits at the M is "100 Years and Counting," a sampling of the museum's permanent collection of early 20th-century paintings, photographs, drawings, prints, sculpture and American Indian art. The M's two-story sculpture court will feature a colorful fiber art installation by Sheila Pepe of New York. The Window Gallery will feature the dynamic "wave line" by Duluth artist David Bowen.

The Minnesota Museum of American Art is one of the oldest visual arts organizations in Minnesota with roots stretching back to the 19th century. Since 2013 it has presented exhibitions and programs in its Project Space gallery in the Pioneer-Endicott building. Its new space in the same building includes



Among the artwork on view in the MMAA's "100 years and counting" are (clockwise from top) Patrick DesJarlait's "Red Lake Fishermen," Gordon Parks' "Muhammed Ali" and Frances Cranmer Greenman's "Portrait of Clara Mairs."

20,000 square feet of exhibition, learning and gathering spaces. A second phase of construction will provide an additional 16,000 square feet of gallery space for its permanent collection.

First Night, a ticketed preview party

and fundraiser, will be held at the M on Saturday evening, December 1. After December 2, the M will be open to the public free of charge from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday and until 8 p.m. on Thursday. Visit [mmaa.org](http://mmaa.org).

# Volunteers

**Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels** is marking its 49th year of providing freshly prepared, full-course turkey dinners to Twin Cities families and is once again seeking several hundred local drivers to make the deliveries on Thursday, November 22. Volunteers are asked to pick up the meals and a routing map on Thanksgiving morning at the entrance to Cretin-Derham Hall, 550 S. Albert St. Delivery begins at 7 a.m. and is over by 10:30 a.m., which gives volunteers plenty of time to enjoy their own Thanksgiving feasts with their families. "What we really need are drivers," said Highland Park

resident Bill Foussard, who founded the nonprofit program with Barb Aslesen in 1970. Two adults per vehicle are sought to deliver the meals. Foussard said anyone who wants to help package food for the drivers should show up at 2:15 a.m. on Thursday at CDH. Monetary donations to help with food costs may be sent to Thanksgiving Meals on Wheels in care of Alliance Bank, 55 E. Fifth St., St. Paul, MN 55101. Call 651-699-5404.

**St. Paul YMCA Service Club** volunteers recently unloaded 1,000 Christmas trees that will be sold in Highland National's

parking lot beginning from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. November 23. This is the 79th year the club has been selling trees to support YMCA programs. After the opening, regular lot hours will be from 3-8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

**The Mendota Heights Police Department** is collecting gifts for Toys for Tots. Unwrapped donations may be dropped off at the station, 1101 Victoria Curve, through December 10. The focus for 2018 is gifts for teenage boys and girls. Visit [mendota-heights.com](http://mendota-heights.com).

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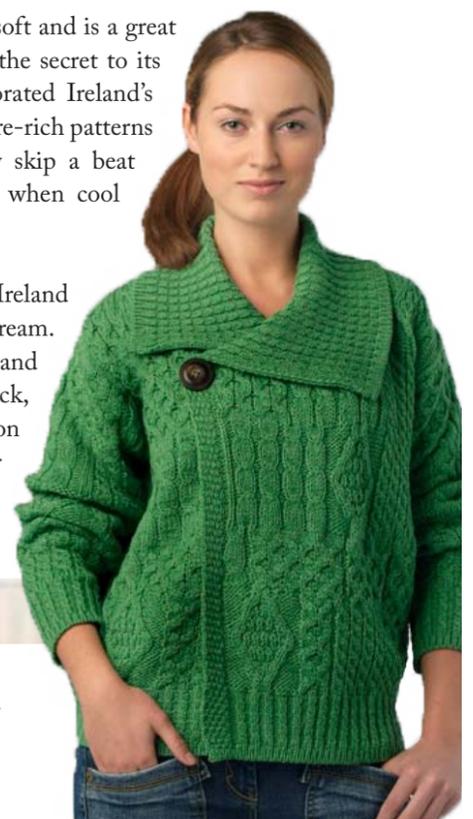
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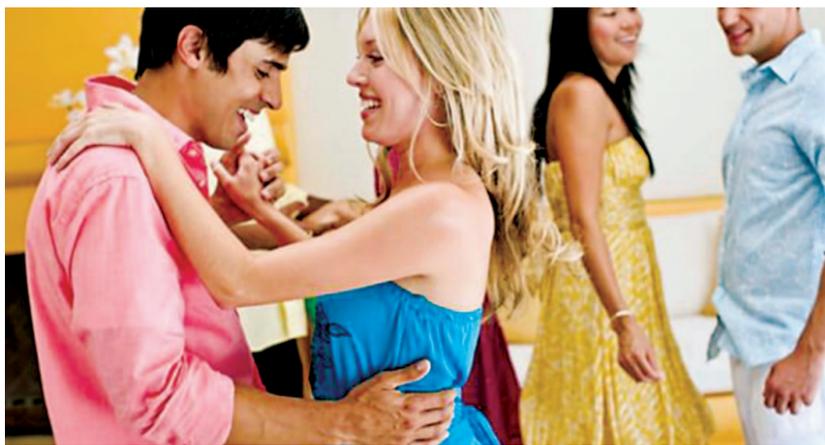
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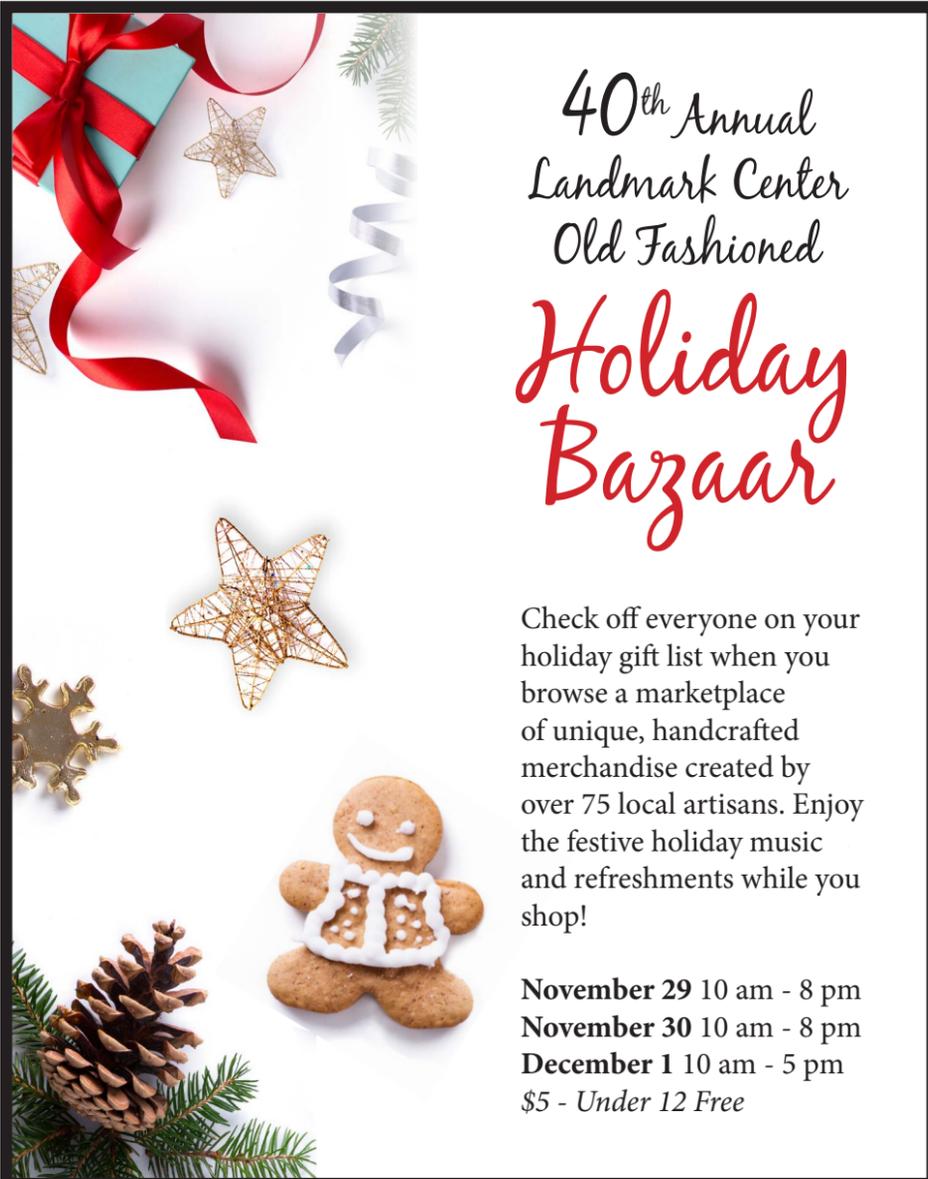
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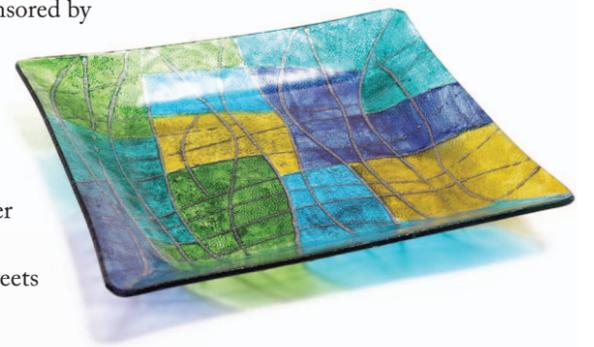


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# Crime Report

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

## Highland Park

**Burglary**—A suspect reportedly entered an occupied home and stole a purse on the 1300 block of Edgcumbe Road at 5:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 31.

—Cold Front, 490 S. Hamline Ave., was broken into between 4:30-6:30 a.m. Friday, November 9.

—Two apartments were burglarized on the 500 and 600 blocks of South Cleveland Avenue on November 12.

**Theft**—A cellphone was reported stolen at Tiffany Sports Lounge, 2051 Ford Pkwy., at 12:31 p.m. Thursday, November 1.

—A billfold was stolen from a purse at Trader Joe's, 484 S. Lexington Pkwy., around 2:30 p.m. Sunday, November 4.

—Backpacks and iPads were stolen from two vehicles parked at the Charles M. Schulz-Highland Arena, 800 S. Snelling Ave., between 3-5:30 p.m. Monday, November 5.

—A vehicle was reported stolen on the 2000 block of Ford Parkway at 6:23 p.m. Tuesday, November 6.

—A 27-year-old homeless man was arrested for tampering with a motor vehicle after he was seen sitting in the driver's seat of someone else's truck on the 700 block of Ridge Street at 11:47 a.m. Friday, November 9.

—A trailer was reported stolen on the 600 block of South Cleveland Avenue at 1:07 p.m. Friday, November 9.

—A bag containing clothing and an iPhone was reported stolen at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave., between 9:30-10:45 a.m. Saturday, November 10.

**Assault**—Police were called to Lumen Christi Church, 2055 Bohland Ave., for a felony assault at 11 a.m. Sunday, November 11.

## Lexington-Hamline

**Theft**—A 2000 Ford pickup was stolen at Skyline Tower, 1247 St. Anthony Ave., between October 27-28. The owner believed it was taken by a woman he had met earlier.

—At the Midway Target, a cellphone was reported stolen on November 8, a 39-year-old man was arrested for trying to steal around \$700 in merchandise on November 9, a 16-year-old female employee was arrested for trying to steal more than \$1,000 in items on November 10 and a male suspect tried

to walk off with more than \$500 in items on November 12.

**Assault**—A 31-year-old man was arrested for assault and disorderly conduct when he punched a security guard in the face after being asked to leave Skyline Tower, 1247 St. Anthony Ave., at 7:43 p.m. Sunday, November 4.

## Macalester-Groveland

**Burglary**—The glass door was broken and two cash registers were damaged at Dunn Bros. Coffee, 1569 Grand Ave., at 1:28 a.m. Friday, November 2.

—Two men were arrested for breaking into a residence on the 400 block of South Griggs Street at 4:32 p.m. Tuesday, November 6.

**Theft**—A backpack containing a laptop computer, textbooks, notebooks and calculator was reported stolen from a vehicle on Grand and Hamline avenues at 6:45 p.m. Friday, November 2.

—Vehicles were stolen on the 200 block of South Snelling Avenue between November 2-5, and on Cleveland and James avenues on November 3.

## Mendota Heights

**Burglary**—Cash was stolen from a business on the 700 block of Main Street at 5:35 p.m. Sunday, November 4.

**Theft**—Several items were reported stolen from three vehicles on the 1300 block of Highway 13 between 7:10-7:55 p.m. Friday, October 26.

—A trailer was stolen on the 1400 block of Commerce Drive on October 27-28, and a construction trailer was broken into on Dodd Road and Ivy Falls on October 29.

—A male suspect grabbed a laptop computer off a table and ran out of a store on the 700 block of Main Street at 6:07 p.m. Thursday, November 1.

**Miscellaneous**—A deer was struck by a car on Wachtler and Emerson avenues at 11:01 a.m. Thursday, November 1. The person who reported the incident was not involved in it, but wanted to have the meat. He was issued a deer tag and took possession of the animal.

## Merriam Park

**Burglary**—An apartment was burglarized on the 500 block of North Prior Avenue between midnight-4 p.m. Monday, November 5.

—Police arrested two men for breaking into Augustine's Bar & Bakery, 1668 Selby Ave., at 11:38 p.m. Monday, November 5.

—A 45-year-old man was arrested for breaking into the Family Tree Clinic, 1619 Dayton Ave., at 1 p.m. Sunday, November 11.

—An attempted burglary of an occupied apartment was reported at 5:15 p.m. Monday, November 12, on the 1900 block of Marshall Avenue. The complainant said he was napping when he heard a noise and saw a male climbing through his window. The suspect fled when confronted. He was described as a black man with dreadlocks and a stocky build.

**Theft**—A vehicle was stolen on the 2300 block of Marshall Avenue between October 25-November 1.

**Assault**—A male victim said he was crossing University Avenue at Wheeler Street when a passing vehicle almost struck him at 10:30 a.m. Friday, November 2. He said a male and female then exited the car and assaulted him with a stun gun.

## Snelling-Hamline

**Robbery**—A purse-snatching was reported at 1:10 p.m. Sunday, November 11, on the 1500 block of University Avenue. The suspect was described as a black male in his 20s and wearing a gray Chicago Bulls sweatshirt.

**Burglary**—A home burglary was reported on the 1500 block of Portland Avenue at 3:13 p.m. Friday, November 2.

**Theft**—A tow truck was stolen on the 1400 block of Carroll Avenue on November 5-6.

—An iPad and wallet were stolen from a vehicle at the Midway Walmart between 5:15-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 7.

—Vehicles were stolen at Crosstown Auto, 1440 Marshall Ave., on November 5, and at the Midway Walmart on November 12.

## Summit Hill

**Burglary**—An apartment break-in occurred on the 700 block of Grand Avenue between 2:23-3:07 p.m. Monday, November 12.

**Theft**—A laptop computer, work files and two pairs of boots were reported stolen from a vehicle on the 1100 block of Grand Avenue at 7:32 a.m. Tuesday, November 6.

—A wedding band, gold rings and gold teeth were stolen from a vehicle on St. Albans Street and Grand Avenue between 7:47-8:34 p.m. Thursday, November 8.

—A vehicle was stolen on the 800 block of Goodrich Avenue between 2-7:30 p.m. Friday, November 9.

**Assault**—A 34-year-old man was arrested for felony assault by strangulation at 2:37 p.m.

Tuesday, November 6, on the 1100 block of St. Clair Avenue.

## Summit-University

**Burglary**—An apartment was burglarized on the 200 block of Marshall Avenue during the evening of October 31-November 1.

—A home was broken into on the 900 block of Carroll Avenue between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, November 2.

**Theft**—A backpack with miscellaneous items was reported stolen from a vehicle on the 500 block of Selby Avenue at 11:25 a.m. Wednesday, October 31.

—A laptop computer was stolen from a vehicle and a laptop bag was taken from another at the Happy Gnome, 498 Selby Ave., between 5:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, November 5.

—A barbecue grill was stolen from a porch on the 300 block of Pleasant Avenue during the evening of November 5-6.

**Miscellaneous**—Four tires were slashed on a car at Carroll Avenue and St. Albans Street between November 4-5.

—A complainant stated he heard yelling outside and found what appeared to be red paint dumped all over at the Cathedral of St. Paul at 2:15 p.m. Tuesday, November 6.

## West End

**Burglary**—Several items were stolen from a residence on the 300 block of Clifton Street between November 1-5.

—Tavial Grill, 1199 W. Seventh St., was broken into on November 9 and Claddagh Coffee, 459 W. Seventh St., was burglarized on November 10.

**Theft**—Three watches valued at \$950 were reported stolen during a move from one apartment to another at the Montreal Hi-Rise, 1085 Montreal Ave., between 8:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 6.

—Credit cards were stolen from a vehicle on the 300 block of Spring Street between 5:46-6:42 p.m. Friday, November 9.

—Stolen vehicles were reported on the 200 block of Wilkin Street on November 9 and the 300 block of Sherman Street on November 11.

**Weapons**—Pepper spray was recovered from a student's locker at Journeys Secondary School, 90 S. Western Ave., at 11:05 a.m. Friday, November 9.

**Miscellaneous**—All four tires of a vehicle were flattened during the evening of October 31-November 1, on the 800 block of West Seventh Street.

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# District Council News

## Highland Park

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**Turkey Trot**—The seventh annual Highland Park Turkey Trot 5K will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day, November 22. A separate Gobble Wobble 1K will start at 8 a.m. Register between 4-6 p.m. Wednesday, November 21, at Tiffany Sports Lounge or beginning at 7:30 a.m. on the day of the event at Highland Catholic School. The cost is \$35 for adults for the Turkey Trot and \$10 for the Gobble Wobble (with \$5 for each additional sibling). Visit [highlandparkturkeytrot.com](http://highlandparkturkeytrot.com).

**Holiday in Highland**—All are invited to Highland Village on Saturday, December 8, for a free Breakfast with Santa at Tiffany Sports Lounge, a holiday story hour at the library, a scavenger hunt for Parker the Snowman, and various promotions and giveaways by local businesses. For information, visit [highlandba.com/holiday-in-highland](http://highlandba.com/holiday-in-highland).

**Upcoming meeting**—Community Engagement Committee, 6:45 p.m. Tuesday, November 27, Highland Park Community Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy.

## Macalester-Groveland

macgrove.org • 651-695-4000

**Calling all creative types**—The Macalester-Groveland Community Council is looking for people to submit T-shirt designs that represent the neighborhood. The winning design will be printed on shirts that will be sold to the public. The submission deadline is December 31. For full contest details, visit [macgrove.org/2019tshirt](http://macgrove.org/2019tshirt).

**A holiday gift for the home**—The owners of homes and businesses in the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood that were built in 1922 or before are eligible to purchase plaques for their buildings. Order by November 30 to receive the plaques in time for the holidays. Visit [macgrove.org/100years](http://macgrove.org/100years).

**Home Improvement Fair**—Registration is now open for businesses and organizations that want to participate in the Macalester-Groveland & Highland Park Home Improvement Fair on March 16 at Cretin-Derham Hall, 550 S. Albert St. Visit [macgrove.org/hif2019](http://macgrove.org/hif2019) for registration forms.

**Science of saving**—Save on visits to the Science Museum of Minnesota by signing up at the community council's office in the Edgumbe Recreation Center. Office hours are 3-6 p.m. Mondays and noon-3 p.m. Thursdays.

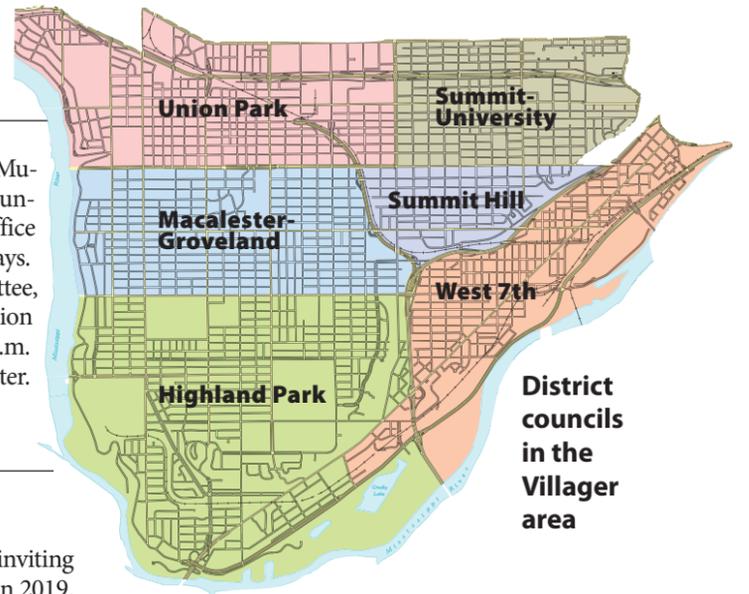
**Upcoming meetings**—Transportation Committee, 6:30 p.m. Monday, November 26, Edgumbe Recreation Center; and Housing and Land Use Committee, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 28, Groveland Recreation Center. No committees will meet in December.

## Summit Hill

summithillassociation.org • 651-222-1222

**2019 book club**—The Summit Hill Association is inviting residents to participate in a neighborhood book club in 2019. The club was inspired by the Read Brave St. Paul intergenerational reading program that was launched in the city this fall. During four monthly meetings, the club will read and discuss books related to the theme of housing. The first will be *Evicted* by Matthew Desmond at 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 22, at the Linwood Recreation Center, 860 St. Clair Ave. It will include a discussion about housing insecurity. Childcare, food and beverages will be provided. Other meetings will be on *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo on February 19, with a conversation about racism; *Voices of Rondo* by Kate Cavett on March 12, with a conversation about the Rondo neighborhood; and *The Hate U Give* by Angie Thomas on April 23, with a discussion about the Black Lives Matters Movement. People do not need to attend all four meetings to participate. Copies of *Evicted* are available in the SHA office to borrow. Call the office to reserve one, register for the first meeting or get more information. Details also will be available on the SHA website.

**Get involved**—Those who are looking for a way to get involved in the neighborhood might consider participating on an SHA committee. The committees include Environment and Beautification, Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Calming, Communications and Outreach, Zoning and Land Use, and Development. Volunteers also are needed to help update the SHA's neighborhood plan. For information on how to get involved, email [info@summithillassociation.org](mailto:info@summithillassociation.org).



District councils in the Villager area

## Union Park

unionparkdc.org • 651-645-6887

**Community Benefits Fund**—The Union Park District Council will cosponsor a discussion from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 28, on a proposed Community Benefits Fund with the Minnesota United professional soccer team. The event, which is also being sponsored by the Ward 1 and Ward 4 City Council offices as well as the Frogtown Neighborhood Association and Hamline-Midway Coalition, will be held at the Midpoint Event Center, 415 N. Pascal St. Attendees are encouraged to bring their hopes for the neighborhood around the new Allianz Field soccer stadium as well as questions and suggestions to mitigate any challenges that may arise. An online survey also will be available soon.

**Upcoming meetings**—board of directors, 7 p.m. Wednesday, December 5, Otto Hall at Episcopal Homes, 1860 University Ave.; Transportation Committee, 6:30 p.m. Monday, December 10, 1821 University Ave., Suite 127; and Committee on Land Use and Economic Development, 6:30 p.m. Monday, December 17, location to be determined.

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

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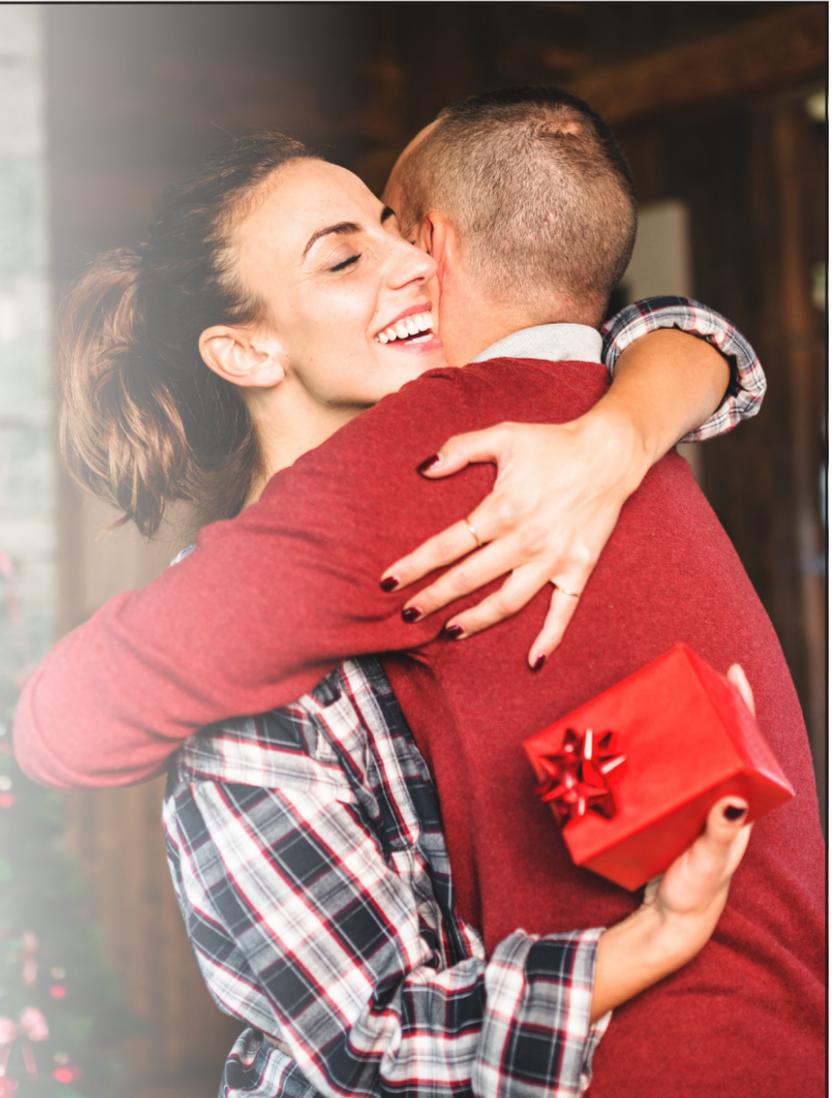
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# The Kiosk

## Thursday/November 22

A **THANKSGIVING DINNER** with turkey and all the trimmings will be served at noon at Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church, 435 S. Hamline Ave. Come one, come all. The family-style meal is being offered free of charge by the members of the church.

**J. SELBY'S**, 169 N. Victoria St., will play host to its second annual Thanksgiving dinner from noon-6 p.m. today or until the food runs out. Free and open to all comers, the dinner will feature plant-based versions of the traditional Thanksgiving dishes. Take-out is also available. Diners will be asked to make a donation for the homeless people camping out near Franklin and Hiawatha avenues in South Minneapolis.

**WALK OFF** that Thanksgiving dinner and get some fresh air under a full moon. The Friends of Coldwater invite folks to join them on the walk beginning at 7 p.m. at the entrance to Coldwater Springs park, located off the frontage road southeast of Hiawatha Avenue and 54th Street in South Minneapolis.

## Monday/November 26

A **SUPPORT GROUP** for the family members and friends of people living with mental illness meets from 6:30-8 p.m. today and the fourth Monday of every month at the Wilder Foundation, 451 N. Lexington Pkwy. The program is sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness. Contact Jennifer 507-254-5524.

## Tuesday, November 27

**THE PAX CONVERSATIONAL SALON** will focus on *The Warmth of Other Suns*, a book by Isabel Wilkerson about the great migration of African-Americans from the South to the North, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Mississippi Market, 1500 W. Seventh St. Admission is free, though donations are appreciated. Call 651-227-3228.

## Wednesday/November 28

**THE AMERICAN RED CROSS** will be



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accepting blood donations from 2-7 p.m. at Mount Zion Temple, 1300 Summit Ave. For reservations, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 800-733-2767.

**"WANDA GÁG: Reinventing the Picture Book"** will be addressed from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave. Free and open to all, the program will cover the varied career and colorful life of the New Ulm-born author and illustrator of *Millions of Cats* (1928). Call 651-642-0385.

## Thursday/November 29

**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/November 30

**EMOTIONS ANONYMOUS**, a 12-step program for people who are seeking help in

dealing with daily stress, is offered at 7 p.m. today and every Friday at the Twin Cities Friends Meetinghouse, 1725 Grand Ave. Everyone is welcome. There are no required fees. For information, call Paul at 651-402-6774 or visit [emotionsanonymous.org](http://emotionsanonymous.org).

**SAMBA SCHOOL**, a co-ed class in the Latin-style of percussion, will be offered from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Women's Drum Center, 2242 University Ave. The cost is \$20. Instruments are provided. Visit [womensdrumcenter.org](http://womensdrumcenter.org).

## Sunday/December 2

**CARAMEL ROLLS** baked by the women of Holy Spirit will be served with coffee and milk from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in the basement of Holy Spirit Catholic Church, Randolph Avenue and Albert Street. Local crafters will be selling their handmade gifts, and games and craft activities will be available for children. Those who prefer their caramel rolls to go may stop by between 5 and 6 p.m. on Saturday, December 1.

**GIFTS HANDMADE** by artisans from East Africa and gifts and egg rolls handmade by the local Hmong American community will be for sale in a pop-up shop from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church, 60 N. Kent St. Shoppers are invited to stick around and make an Advent wreath. Refreshments and all materials are provided. To reserve wreath supplies, email [rjhansen3128@gmail.com](mailto:rjhansen3128@gmail.com) by November 25.

## Tuesday/December 4

A **MENTAL HEALTH** support group for adults ages 18-30 meets from 6:30-8 p.m. today and the first and third Tuesday of every month at Unity Unitarian Church, 733 Portland Ave. The group is facilitated by young adults with a mental illness who are doing well in recovery. It is sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness. For information, call Tess at 507-226-3369.

**THE ST. PAUL CAMERA CLUB** will hold its December Salon at 6:30 p.m. in Otto Hall of the Gardens Building at Episcopal Homes, 1860 University Ave. Monochrome digital images and prints will be judged. Visitors are always welcome.

**"ELUSIVE JANNAH: The Somali Diaspora"** will be addressed by University of Minnesota professor Cawo Abdi in a free program from 7-8 p.m. at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. Abdi will tell of how political turmoil has forced Somalis to migrate to places as varied as South Africa, Sweden, the Middle East and Minnesota and what effect that has had on their Muslim identity. Call 651-259-3000.

## Thursday/December 6

**COMPUTER PROGRAMMING** will be introduced to families with school-age children from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Cyber Village Academy, 768 S. Hamline Ave. The free computer coding event will feature activities for beginning through advanced coders. Participants are asked to bring their own laptops, tablets, smartphones, etc., though a limited number of devices will be available to borrow.

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## Bigger, better European Christmas Market returns to Union Depot plaza

With the Old World ambience of the *Christkindlmarkts* of Germany and Austria, the European Christmas Market will return from November 30 through December 10 on the East Plaza of St. Paul's Union Depot, 214 E. Fourth St.

Close to three dozen vendors will be on hand at the fifth annual event, selling a variety of clothing, toys, jewelry, other gifts, cards, and packaged food. Everything from handcrafted wooden toys to Scandinavian and German doll clothing, from imported Polish mouth-blown glass to imported wool outerwear, will be available.

The open-air market will be open from 4-9 p.m. Fridays, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturdays, noon-6 p.m. Sundays and 4-9 p.m. Monday, December 10. Among the refreshments prepared and served on site will be sweet and savory crepes, potato pancakes, gulasch, lentil soup, spaetzle, pierogis, bratwurst, pretzels and roasted nuts. German beer, mulled wine and coffee will also be available. For more information, visit [stpaulchristmasmarket.org](http://stpaulchristmasmarket.org).

The European Christmas Market is the centerpiece of a host of happenings this holiday season at Union Depot. Its opening will coincide with the annual Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony at 7 p.m. Friday, November 30, on the depot's North Plaza. Live music by singer-songwriter Keri Noble, a screening of the film *Elf* and a spectacular fireworks show will also be featured from 5:30-7:30 that evening.

A Holiday Bake Sale will be held in the Waiting Room of Union Depot from 10



Laurie Hartmann admires an ornament imported from Poland at a previous European Christmas Market.

a.m.- 5 p.m. Saturday, December 8. The sale will feature more than 30 purveyors of baked goods, confections and other hostess gifts. Live entertainment and cooking and baking demonstrations will also be featured at the free event.

The North Pole Express will be offering train rides with Santa and tours of his workshop from November 29-December 2 and December 6-9. However, the train rides were already sold out two weeks ago.

The festive Canadian Pacific Holiday Train will pull into Union Depot on Monday, December 10, bringing the Trews and Willy Porter for a live performance at 7 p.m. Admission to the concert is free, though VIP tickets to a preferred viewing area are available for \$10, with all proceeds going to Keystone Community Services' food shelf.

In fact, donations of money or nonperishable food for Keystone will be collected at all of the above holiday events. For more information, visit [uniondepot.org](http://uniondepot.org).



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# On the Town

## Go tell it on the mountain Penumbra heralds Christ's humble birth with unadorned staging of *Black Nativity*

BY ANNE MURPHY

*Black Nativity*, the gospel musical by poet Langston Hughes, has been Penumbra Theatre's Christmas gift to local audiences for more than three decades. The Summit-University-based company will unwrap another four-week run of the holiday classic on November 29 on its stage at 270 N. Kent St.

"We first produced the show in 1987 at the suggestion of its first director, Lewis Whitlock," said Lou Bellamy, the founder of Penumbra and director of this year's *Black Nativity*. "We've done a spinoff of the show annually ever since.

"*Black Nativity* has become a touchstone for our community," Bellamy said. "People come from all over the Upper Midwest to experience our production. Indeed, many believe they haven't truly experienced the Christmas season until they've attended."

*Black Nativity* was first performed in New York City in 1961, according to Bellamy. Originally titled *Wasn't It a Mighty Day*, the musical celebrates the Christmas story through spirituals and hymns, including the call-and-response singing so familiar in African-American churches. From the beginning, the play was left open to interpretation if not a complete metamorphosis by theater directors.

"(Hughes) constructed his text to leave room for the community to own the experience by choosing its own musical

arrangements and interpretations," Bellamy said. Penumbra took Hughes up on the offer, setting the story in other time periods and in Africa as well as St. Paul. However, its upcoming production will more closely resemble the play as written by Hughes.

"The years when we didn't produce Hughes' script, we celebrated the season with a more contemporary treatment," Bellamy said. "I felt mild pressure from a portion of our audience that they'd been there and done that. Eventually, I came to believe that the Nativity story had endured for over 2,000 years and that Hughes' treatment was as pure and elemental as we needed to pursue."

Bellamy realized that the embellishments he had made to *Black Nativity* "were artistic flourishes that may have contemporary relevance, but didn't reinvent or extend Hughes' original story," he said. "That's why I stripped all the flourish away and have for the last few years presented the play as close to Hughes' original idea and staging as possible. The play was originally performed with just a narrator, two dancers and a choir. We've returned to that construction and found that placing the story ensconced in African-American culture, storytelling and soaring gospel music is the purest, most beautiful and spiritual expression we could offer."

Greta Oglesby, longtime lead vocalist for *Black Nativity*, agreed. "I love that Penumbra has once again returned to telling the story of Mary and Joseph and the Holy Child born in a manger through the poetic words of



Dennis Spears belts out a song backed by the Kingdom Life Church Choir under the direction of Yolande Bruce during a 2017 performance of *Black Nativity*. PHOTO BY ALLEN WEEKS

Langston Hughes and the power of gospel music," she said. "I love all the songs, but my favorite is 'Oh Come All Ye Faithful' because it invites the audience to also lift their voices and sing. And oh, when the band stops playing and you just hear the voices, it's absolutely majestic.

"*Black Nativity* has been a tradition in the Twin Cities because it's a healing balm,"

Oglesby said. "With so many things dividing our communities, it's important to keep this tradition. It's truly a celebration of story, music and dance that's good for the soul."

Jazz singer Yolande Bruce has a long and proud association with *Black Nativity*. "My godmother, the late Katherine Gagnon,

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## The Met: Millett tells of the rise and fall of architectural gem

BY ANNE MURPHY

"It's the trophy fish that got away," said author and architectural historian Larry Millett of the Metropolitan. The 12-story building stood at the corner of Third Street and Second Avenue South in downtown Minneapolis from 1890 until it was demolished for redevelopment in 1961.

"We let it out of our grasp—and it was a remarkable building," Millett said. So remarkable, in fact, that he has devoted an entire book to it—*Metropolitan Dreams: The Scandalous Rise and Stunning Fall of a Minneapolis Masterpiece* (University of Minnesota Press, 2018).

The Metropolitan was the architectural jewel of Minneapolis, according to Millett, a resident of St. Paul's West End neighborhood. All streets seemed to lead to the granite and sandstone structure. The building had a skylit atrium at its center, a rooftop garden and more ironwork than any building of its kind at the time. Originally called the Northwestern Guaranty Loan Building, it was purchased by Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in 1905.

"I've written extensively about the Metropolitan before," said Millett, who has more than a dozen books about Twin Cities architecture and history to his credit, as well as a series of mystery novels. "It's featured on the cover of my 1992 book, *Lost Twin Cities*."

Pondering how best to memorialize the Metropolitan, Millett decided to venture beyond the architectural details of the city's first skyscraper and delve into the back story of the building's birth, life and death.



Author and architectural historian Larry Millett at home on the West End.

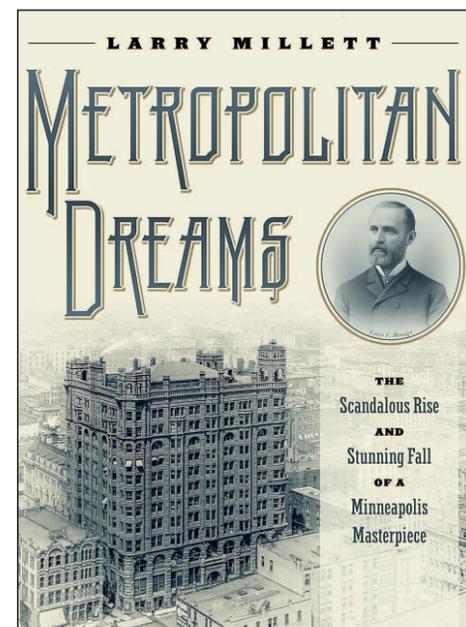
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That approach, according to his editor, Erik Anderson of the University of Minnesota Press, allowed Millett to bring his novelist's eye to the story.

"The guy who built the Metropolitan was essentially a crook," Millett said of developer Louis F. Melange. "The whole thing was built on credit. Layering. It was a Ponzi scheme. When the depression of 1893 hit, (Melange) went belly up. He left the country for South America."

Some prestigious companies had offices in the Metropolitan. However, in the years after World War II, downtown's Gateway District had grown seedy and the Metropolitan got caught up in an extensive plan for urban renewal in that area. Despite efforts to reel in the wrecking ball, the Minneapolis City Council voted 13-0 to demolish the building. "It's still hard to grasp," Millett said.

Millett grew up in North Minneapolis and earned a B.A. in English at St. John's



University in 1969 and a master's degree in English at the University of Chicago in 1970. Two years later, he got a job in the newsroom at the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* and worked there as a reporter and editor before becoming that newspaper's first architecture critic in 1995.

"I wanted to be an architect and probably could have become a decent one," Millett said, "but I also liked to write, so I ended up combining those interests." His first book, about architect Louis Sullivan's National Farmers' Bank building in Owatonna, was published in 1985. "I was hooked after that," he said.

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# On the Town Briefly

## Theater

**Triple Espresso:** A *Highly Caffeinated Comedy*, the long-running hit at Minneapolis' Music Box Theatre, has crossed the Mississippi for a two-month run on the thrust stage at Park Square Theatre, 20 W. Seventh Place. Created by Bill Arnold, Bob Stromberg and Michael Pearce Donley, the drama recaptures the magic of vaudeville through the reminiscences of a hapless comedian, musician and illusionist. Performances are scheduled afternoons and evenings through January 13. Tickets are \$25-\$52.50 with discounts for seniors, children and military personnel. Call 651-291-7005.

**History Theatre** has gone back to the '60s with a reprise of its popular pop musical, *Teen Idol: The Bobby Vee Story*, playing through December 16 at 30 E. 10th St. Written by Bob Beverage and directed by Ron Peluso, the show captures the meteoric rise of the Fargo hitmaker. Tyler Michaels stars. Show times are 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Fridays, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 2 and 4 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$25-\$62, \$15 for college students, \$10 for children. Call 651-292-4323.

**Agatha Christie's *Go Back for Murder*** is playing through December 16 at Theatre in the Round, 245 Cedar Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Adapted by Christie from her own novel *Five Little Pigs*, the mystery tells of Carla Crale, who is convinced her late mother was wrongly convicted of her father's murder. She persuades those who were present 15 years earlier to recount their version of that day. Through stories warped by time and perception, the dark and terrible truth emerges. Lynn Musgrave directs the nine-member cast. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$22. An audience discussion with members of the company will follow the matinee on December 2. Call 612-333-3010.

**Complex female characters** who find power in powerless situations will strut the stage from November 30 through December 23 at Gremlin Theatre, 550 N. Vandalia St. Classical Actors Ensemble will be performing two plays from the Jacobean era that are



**Gospel goes electric.** Jamecia Bennett (right) and Rajane Katurah Brown star as gospel singer and guitar virtuoso Sister Rosetta Sharpe and her protégé Marie Knight in *Marie & Rosetta*, a musical drama by George Brandt that opens on November 30 on the proscenium stage at Park Square Theater, 20 W. Seventh Place. Sharpe (1915-1973), a 2018 inductee into the Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame, had a strong influence on Elvis Presley, Chuck Berry and Etta James. Following previews on November 23-25 and 27-29, *Marie & Rosetta* will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through December 30. Tickets are \$20-\$60 with discounts for seniors, military personnel and those under age 30. Call 651-291-7005. PHOTO BY PETRONELLA J. YTSMA

very relevant today. Thomas Middleton's *Women Beware Women* and Shakespeare's *Measure for Measure* will alternate showings at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets — available at the door or by visiting [classicalactorsensemble.org](http://classicalactorsensemble.org) — are priced on a sliding scale from \$18-\$40. Pay-what-you-can shows will be offered at 7:30 p.m. Mondays, December 10 (for *Measure for Measure*) and 17 (for *Women Beware Women*).

**Gian-Carlo Menotti's opera, *The Consul***, will be performed by the Arbeit Opera Theatre at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday, November 29 and 30, in the theater at the Wellstone Center, 179 E. Robie St. Arbeit is a new company dedicated to presenting

socially relevant productions. *The Consul* is a story of immigration as told through the experiences of a young mother and her activist husband. Norah Long and Gary Briggler star. Tickets are priced at whatever you can afford, and an audience discussion will follow each show. Visit [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com).

**A *Hunting Shack Christmas***, a holiday comedy in the spirit of Minnesota, will be staged by Actors Theater of Minnesota from December 1-29 in the Cabaret at Camp Bar, 490 N. Robert St. It tells of Charlie, who on the eve of his 10th wedding anniversary heads up north to his hunting shack to reassess his life. To his surprise, he finds the shack occupied by his uncle Big Paul, Paul's girlfriend June and June's grown son Ham.

A snowstorm forces the group to settle their differences and celebrate Christmas together. Nick Wolf, Shana Berg, Maxwell Mars, Marci Lucht and John Haynes star. Show times are 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 5 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$27 and \$34. Visit [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com) or call 800-838-3006.

**The Minnesota Jewish Theatre** will return from December 2-18 with its traditional holiday production, *The Chanukah Guest*. Based on the book by Eric Kimmel, the interactive drama by Jenna Zark tells the story of Bubba Brayna and her run-in with an unexpected guest on the first night of Chanukah. Craig Johnson directs. Show times are 1 p.m. Sundays and 9:45 and 11 a.m. Tuesdays through Fridays in the auditorium of the Highland Park Community Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. Call 651-647-4325 or visit [mnjewishtheatre.org](http://mnjewishtheatre.org).

## Music

**Thursday Musical** will present performances by cellist Faith Farr, soprano Robin Helgen and pianist Mary Hunt, pianist Kristine West Denton, and violinist and Young Artist Scholarship Competition winner Sofia Schutte on November 29. The concert begins at 10:30 a.m. in Antonello Hall at the MacPhail Center for Music, 501 Second St. S. in Minneapolis. Admission is \$15, \$6 for students. A reception with free coffee and doughnuts will precede the show at 10 a.m. Call 612-333-0313.

**Celtic Junction**, 836 N. Prior Ave., will play host to an acoustic CD release show by solo guitarists Adam Kiesling and Scott Keever at 7:30 p.m. Friday, November 30 (\$15, \$12, free for children). Call 612-874-8892.

**Afro-Latin jazz pianist Nachito Herrera** will present Afro-Latin Renaissance, a colorful mix of African and Latin American music, dancing and painting, in concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, December 1, in the Ordway Music Theater. The program will be preceded at 6:30 p.m. by an exhibit of Cuban visual art and a performance by Congolese guitarist Siana Matuzungidi. Tickets start at \$27. Visit [ordway.org](http://ordway.org) or call 651-224-4222.

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**The St. Paul Vocal Forum** will perform music for Advent in concerts on December 1 and 2. The singers will be joined by Rachel Brandwein on harp and Lorelie Giddings on oboe at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at St. Olaf Catholic Church, 215 S. Eighth St. in Minneapolis, and at 4 p.m. Sunday at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 515 S. Albert St. Admission is free, though a \$20 donation is suggested.

## Exhibits

**Handcrafted fiber works** by more than 100 artists are being displayed for show and sale through December 24 in the Holiday Gallery Shop at the Textile Center, 3000 University Ave. SE in Minneapolis. From one-of-a-kind wearable art to home décor, the pop-up shop will have a plethora of gifts. Artist demonstrations, trunk shows and workshops will be offered between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturdays. The schedule includes Weave Fest, November 24; Stitch Fest, November 25; Fiber & Dye Fest, December 8; and Textile Machine Fest, December 15. Call 612-436-0464 or visit [textilecentermn.org](http://textilecentermn.org).

**“Roots and Fruits,”** 50-plus works by more than three dozen past and present members of the Women’s Art Registry of Minnesota (WARM), are on view through December 15 in the Catherine G. Murphy Gallery at St. Catherine University. The exhibit explores the evolution and impact of WARM with art works and archival material. Admission is free. Visit [gallery.stkate.edu](http://gallery.stkate.edu).

**“Thank You For Shopping,”** photographs from the golden age of Minnesota department stores, are being displayed through February 24 at the Mill City Museum, 704 S. Second St., Minneapolis. Dayton’s, Powers, Donaldson’s, Young-Quinlan, the Emporium and the Golden Rule ruled the retail landscapes of downtown Minneapolis and St. Paul throughout the 20th century and served as a center of social life. Call 612-341-7555.

**Three dozen potters** are displaying their works in the fifth annual Yunomi Invitational, running through December 22 at Raymond Avenue Gallery, 761 Raymond Ave. A Japanese folk art, yunomi employs the traditional handleless teacup as the canvas for myriad creations. Call 651-644-9200.

**“Autogenous,”** an exhibition by 20 students about to complete their B.A. in Art at the University of Minnesota, is on view through December 6 in the West Gallery of the Regis Center for Art, 418 21st Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Textiles, photography, paintings, ceramics, digital media, sculpture, print-making and film are all represented. A public program and opening reception will be held from 5:30-8 p.m. Friday, November 30. Two other student exhibits, “On Purpose: Portrait of the Liberal Arts” and “Fresh Works,” will be displayed that evening in the Katherine E. Nash Gallery and Quarter Gallery, respectively. Gallery hours are 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

**Christmas traditions** of the Hill family of St. Paul and their servants around the turn of the 20th century are featured during guided tours of the James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave. The hour-long tours step out between 10 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays and 1 and 3:30 p.m. Sundays, now through December 30. While circling through the basement and first and second floors of the mansion, guides will relate stories of the Hill family, including Mary Hill’s lavish seven-course holiday meal in 1910. The cost is \$12, \$10 for seniors and college students, \$8 for children ages 5-17. Call 651-297-2555 or visit [cart.mnhs.org](http://cart.mnhs.org).

**Revisit the sights, sounds and tastes** of Christmas circa 1875 during guided tours of the Alexander Ramsey House, 265 S. Exchange St. Listen to holiday music of the era played on the family’s 1875 Steinway

grand piano, view original family ornaments and gifts, discover how the Ramsey family and their servants celebrated Christmas and sample homemade cookies fresh from the wood-burning stove. The hour-long tours begin every 15 minutes between 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and noon and 4:30 p.m. Sundays from November 23 through December 30. The cost is \$12, \$10 for seniors and college students, \$8 for children ages 5-17. Call 651-296-8760.

**Fine art, recorded music** and other gifts by more than 40 artists and other vendors will be featured in a Holiday Market from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, November 23-25, at the historic Schmidt Brewery, 900 W. Seventh St. The music area will have a listening station for sampling the CDs of local musicians. Also featured will be an exhibit in the Landmark Gallery with textiles by Maggie Thompson, ceramics by Brad Menninga, paintings and drawings by D.C. Ice and etchings, drawings and paintings by Stuart Loughridge.

**Landmark Center** will present its 40th annual Old-Fashioned Holiday Bazaar, a show and sale of handmade gifts by more than 75 artisans on Thursday through Saturday, November 29-December 1. Jewelry, decor, woven and wearable art, children’s toys and clothing, handmade lotions and soaps, and packaged foodstuffs will be featured along with festive music and prizes donated by vendors. The hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. Admission is \$5, free for pre-teens.

**Highland Park photographer Kelly Povo** and two artist pals will present their fourth annual holiday sale from 4-7 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, November 30 and December 1, in the home at 1896 Saunders Ave. Glass ornaments, stone jewelry and key chains, and autographed copies of Povo’s *Searching for Minnesota’s Native Wildflowers* will be available.

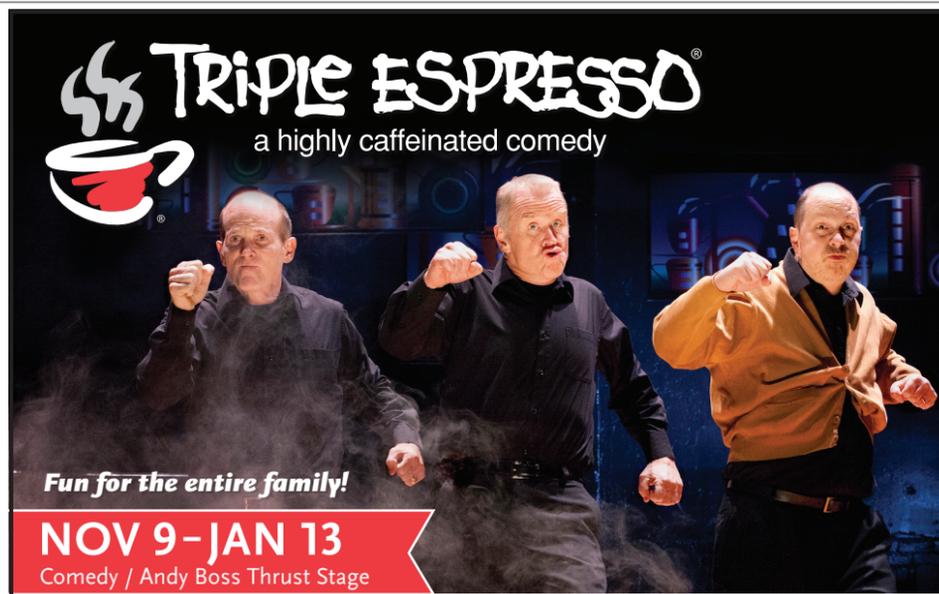
**Local artists will show and sell** their creations in jewelry, photography, pottery, textiles and more from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday, December 1, at Ginkgo Coffeehouse, 721 N Snelling Ave.

## Books

**Common Good Books**, 38 S. Snelling Ave., will play host to free readings and discussions with authors Jim Bohlen and his new collection, *I Travel in Rusting Burned-Out Sedans*, with fellow poets Sharon Chmielarz, Norita Dittberner-Jax and Joyce Sutphen, 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 27; Thomas D. Isern and his memoir, *Pacing Dakota*, 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 28; Larry Millett and his book, *Metropolitan Dreams: The Scandalous Rise and Stunning Fall of a Minneapolis Masterpiece*, 7 p.m. Thursday, November 29; and poet John Koethe and his collection, *Walking Backwards*, 7 p.m. Monday, December 3. Call 651-225-8989.

**SubText Books**, 6 W. Fifth St., will play host to free readings and discussions with authors Jim Bohlen and his new poetry collection, *I Travel in Rusting Burned-Out Sedans*, with fellow poets Sharon Chmielarz, Norita Dittberner-Jax and Joyce Sutphen, 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 28; Jacek Dehnel and his novel, *Lala*, 4 p.m. Saturday, December 1; Will McGrath and his memoir, *Everything Lost Is Found Again*, 7 p.m. Tuesday, December 4; Diane Jarvenpa and her poetry collection, *The Way She Told Her Story*, and Lynette Reini-Grandell and her poetry collection, *Wild Verge*, 7 p.m. Thursday, December 6; and Barb Geiger and her book, *Paddle for a Purpose*, 7 p.m. Thursday, December 13. Call 651-493-2791.

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## Family

**Dodge Nature Center**, 1701 Charlton St. and 365 W. Marie Ave. in West St. Paul, will offer the following: Our Wild Neighbors, hiking

in search of squirrels, deer, wild turkeys and raccoons, from 10-11:30 a.m. Friday, November 23 (\$3); and Winter Bazaar featuring homemade crafts, bath and body products, kitchen items and more, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday and 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Friday, November 29-30. Call 651-455-4531.

**Step inside a traditional Somali hut**, try your hand at Somali art and tour the Somalis + Minnesota exhibit between noon and 3 p.m. Friday through Sunday, November 23-25, at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. Admission to the museum is \$12, \$10 for seniors and college students, \$6 for children ages 5-17. Call 651-259-3000.

**Highland Park Library**, 1974 Ford Pkwy., will offer the following free programs: Baby Storytime, 10:15 a.m. Wednesdays; Nature

Smart, a trading post in natural history, biology and geology, 4 p.m. Wednesdays; Createch, high-tech fun for teenagers, 3:30 p.m. Thursdays; Children's Storytime, 11 a.m. Saturdays and 10:30 a.m. Mondays; Mini-Masterpieces, an arts workshop for preschoolers, 10:30 a.m. Monday, November 26; and Amharic Storytime, 6 p.m. Tuesdays. Call 651-695-3700.

**See vintage passenger trains** chugging through a winter wonderland in Night Trains, running from 6-9 p.m. Saturdays, now through February 23, at the Twin Cities Model Railroad Museum, 668 Transfer Road, Suite 8. The museum's overhead lights are turned down and the miniature street, train and building lights are turned up, giving a warm holiday glow to the landscape.

Admission to Night Trains is \$15, free for children age 4 and under. Visit [tcmrm.org](http://tcmrm.org). Santa will make a special appearance on December 15 and 22.

**A Year With Frog & Toad Jr.**, a musical about making and keeping friends, will open a three-week run on November 30 on the Youth Performance Company's stage at the Howard Conn Fine Arts Center, 1900 Nicollet Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Based on the books by Arnold Lobel, the whimsical production follows the cheerful frog and the rather grumpy toad through four seasons of fun and adventure. Twenty-three morning, afternoon and evening performances are scheduled through December 17. Tickets are \$15, \$10 for children and seniors. Call 612-623-9080 or visit [youthperformanceco.org](http://youthperformanceco.org).

### 19◀ 'BLACK NATIVITY'

was in the cast the first time I saw the production," she said. When asked how long she has been a part of the cast, Bruce said, "I don't even know. It's been many years with the current staging, and I was involved in prior versions off and on."

This year Bruce will be directing the Kingdom Life Church Choir. "My back is to the audience most of the time," she said, "but I always wear great shoes."

All kidding aside, Bruce said, "who doesn't enjoy great music combined with a great story? It's an opportunity for people to come together, be immersed in another style of music and know they're in a safe place to clap their hands, sing along and shout 'Amen!'"

According to Bruce, much of the enjoyment of this year's production will come from the musical direction of Sanford Moore (of Moore by Four fame) and the choreography of Uri Sands of St. Paul's TU Dance.

"I always think it's a good thing to get a look into another culture," Bruce said. "People are moved by the experience. They feel they must speak to us and share their feelings about what they experienced. For some, it's the first time they've spoken to a black person. I know that's hard to believe in this day and age, but maybe that's part of the problem. We should be getting to know one another as human beings in a way that allows us to bring our full cultural selves to the table to learn about each other."

"Black Nativity celebrates one of the oldest stories in our culture," Bellamy said.



Taylor Collier and Randall Riley portrayed Mary and Joseph in Penumbra Theatre's 2017 production of *Black Nativity*. PHOTO BY ALLEN WEEKS

"It allows the community to come together and experience their shared humanity. The simple story and the soaring gospel music buoys the spirit and connects individuals in a joyous manner."

*Black Nativity* will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays and 4 and 7:30 p.m. Sundays through December 23. For tickets, priced from \$15-\$40, call 651-224-3180 or visit [penumbra theatre.org](http://penumbra theatre.org).

### 19◀ MILLETT AND THE MET

Millett retired from the *Pioneer Press* in 2002, but continued to write histories and novels, including his series of mysteries featuring amateur detective Shadwell Rafferty of St. Paul and his old friend, Sherlock Holmes.

*Metropolitan Dreams* may be Millett's last architectural history. "I'm 71 now, and I think I've covered most of what I need to cover," he said. "But *Metropolitan Dreams* was certainly a good book for me because it gave me a chance to write about a building I've always loved. I was even in it once or twice with my father before the wreckers came."

"The Met's demise has become a kind of touchstone for local preservationists," Millett said, "an abject lesson in how even the greatest buildings can be destroyed in the name of urban renewal or some other passing fancy. But times have changed. We have preservation protections that didn't exist when the Met came down. The lesson from the Met is that cities and their defining works of architecture require constant care and keeping and a vigilant public."

"If the Met were standing today, it would be a four-star attraction and one of the wonders of the city," Millett said. "Let's hope we don't lose any more buildings of its quality and stature in the years ahead."

So what lies in the years ahead for Millett? "I'm working on a novel, a mystery novel,



Looking up from the central atrium of the Metropolitan at the skylight 12 stories above.

set in central Minnesota," he said. "It's titled *Pineland Serenade*. It's a murder mystery. The clues are in the past, but it is a combination of past and present."

Millett will introduce *Metropolitan Dreams* to local readers with a discussion and book signing at 7 p.m. Thursday, November 29, at Common Good Books, 38 S. Snelling Ave. Admission is free. For more information, call 651-225-8989.

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# Sports



## The Wright Call

By Dave Wright

## Mauer and Fritz: Two class acts moving on

They announced their retirements at virtually the same time on the same day. In both cases, it had become fairly obvious earlier that this year would be their last. And in both cases, they stepped aside with the grace and low-key approach that had been the hallmark of their tenure with their respective employers.

At first blush, Joe Mauer and Steve Fritz would seem to have little else in common. For one thing, they are decades apart in age. For another, one found himself in the spotlight six to eight months of the year, while the other one only seemed to pop up when the team he coached made it to nationals, or one of the teams he had supervision over did so.

But if you look closer, you find these two had more in common than you might have thought.

Let's start with Mauer. *Villager* readers have been seeing his name in print for two decades. He was a three-sport star at Cretin-Derham Hall, but when he decided baseball was the sport he wanted to concentrate on, he threw himself into it. He worked his way up the minor league chain and once he got to the major leagues, only two things seemed to slow him down—injuries and bad teams.

In his first season in the bigs—2004—a knee injury limited him to just 35 games. He came back healthier and better than ever to rattle off a string of excellent seasons, including three MLB batting titles in four years. That kind of success earned him an eight-year contract worth \$23 million a year.

Mauer was 28 years old at the time. He was playing catcher, a position where the physical attrition was becoming greater every year.

Tim Tschida, a fellow CDH graduate, stood behind Mauer many times as a major league home plate umpire. "You have guys throwing the ball 100 mph, a batter gets a small piece of it and you have no chance to get out of the way," Tschida once observed of the challenges home plate umpires face. After getting hit enough times, Tschida decided to simply hang it up and find another career.

Mauer, who is roughly 8 inches taller than Tschida, eventually did likewise and moved to first base. He did it without bemoaning his fate. Rather, he quietly honed his skills at the new position. As inevitably happens to all good baseball players, his batting numbers dipped slightly as he aged. Seeing that, the critics—believing they weren't getting their money's worth anymore—started howling. When asked about it, Mauer would demur and move on. It just wasn't in his character to be a Jimmy Butler and fire back at his critics.

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## Girls' hockey preview

St. Paul Blades, Sibley band together as Riveters

BY BRIAN JOHNSON

Two former girls' high school hockey rivals are sharing the same bench this year now that the St. Paul Blades and Henry Sibley teams have joined forces as the Riveters. The newly merged team has 35 players—17 from Sibley and 18 from the Blades, which includes students from all St. Paul public schools.

The players enjoyed competing against each other when they were on opposing teams, said Sibley's Allie Duellman, who shares head coaching duties for the Riveters with Tim Blase of the Blades. "When we played them, they were close games," Duellman said. "Our girls were excited to play each other and were always within one or two goals. It was always a big game for us."

Duellman said the merger will create a more competitive team, while giving more girls the opportunity to play hockey at the varsity and junior varsity levels. The cooperative team is a two-year experiment for now, she said, with home games played at the West St. Paul Arena. "At the end of those two years, we'll evaluate where both programs are numbers-wise and make sure we do what's best for the programs going forward," Duellman said.

Dwindling numbers were the impetus for the merger. The Blades had to drop their junior varsity team last year because of declining participation, and Sibley lost 11 seniors to graduation, Duellman said.

Sibley and the Blades are not alone in losing players. Participation in girls' hockey is down statewide, according to Duellman. One factor is that a lot of students are focusing on one sport year-around. That is having an impact on hockey as well as other sports, she said.

Still, Duellman said she is seeing a lot of interest in hockey among younger girls, so that bodes well for the future.

Combined programs are nice in the sense that they bring school communities together, said coach Mark Johnson of St. Paul United, whose players come from St. Paul Academy and Visitation.



Goalie Ellynor Haack of the Riveters fends off a shot by Minnehaha's Hannah Schommer in a 5-1 loss to the Redhawks on November 13. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

Even so, the numbers are down in girls' hockey and it "shows by all the mergers going on and the JV programs falling," Johnson said.

Sarma Ozmen, head coach of the team composed of players from the Minneapolis Public Schools, said mergers will "hopefully slow down to a stable level and we can grow the girls' game at the youngest levels and provide them with high school opportunities."

The Sibley-Blades merger brought an iconic image to Minnesota high school sports: the depiction of Rosie the Riveter, who represented the women working in factories and shipyards during World War II.

Here's a look at the local girls' hockey teams as they lace up for a new season:

### CRETIN-DERHAM HALL

League: Suburban East

Last year's record: 13-12-2

Coach: Brooke White-Lancette

### Key players and their strengths:

- Emily King, senior forward. Was third on the team in scoring last season with 11 goals and six assists.

- Makayla Lenz and Bri Willier, both seniors and both returning at forward.

- Alexis Rojas-Westall and Ali Eiden (seniors), Cece Ziegler (junior) and Lily Barrett (sophomore), who will anchor

the defense.

- Kaelie Smith, a senior who takes over in goal for the Raiders.

**Team strengths/weaknesses:** CDH has a deep team with 12 returning players. A strong freshman class will also have an impact. One concern is that the team lost last season's top two scorers to graduation.

**Outlook:** The Raiders hope to be highly competitive in the tough Suburban East Conference. Rivals include Forest Lake, Mounds View and White Bear Lake. CDH expects to keep fans enthused with its "chemistry, speed and grittiness," coach White-Lancette said.

### MINNEAPOLIS

(Minneapolis Public Schools)

League: Metro West

Last year's record: 10-16

Coach: Sarma Ozmen

### Key players and their strengths:

- Erica Lieske, senior forward. Has speed and smarts. Was the team's top scorer last year.

- Lizzie Mewes, senior defender. Led the charge on defense last season. Is crafty and smart.

- Julia Stevens, sophomore defender.

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~ *Philippians 1:9-10, Second Sunday of Advent*

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# Visitation swims away with sixth straight state Class A title

BY BILL WAGNER

Not surprisingly, Visitation had the talent and depth to win its sixth straight state Class A swimming and diving championship on November 16 at the University of Minnesota Aquatic Center. It was the 10th overall state title for the Blazers, who racked up 319.5 points to again best second-place Hutchinson, which had 272.

Visitation scored points in all 12 events. The Blazers got second-place finishes in the 200 medley relay and 400 freestyle relay. They also got silver finishes from junior Kali Fischer in the 200 individual medley (IM) and senior Maria Mattaini in the 500 freestyle.

Coach Nate Linscheid didn't spare his praise when talking about his latest championship team. "That's the highest point total we've ever had in a state meet," he said. "This is probably the deepest team we've ever had. As far as comparing this team to other teams is concerned, this one is unique. We didn't have an individual champion, but collectively we were able to get it done."

Linscheid said the Blazers knew after the preliminaries that they were in a good position to win. "We had a lot of our swimmers locked into the top eight," he said. "We knew we were probably going to be OK, that it was about sheer numbers. Hutch swam really well,



Visitation scored points in all 12 events at this year's state meet. Shown is Lucy Berg competing in the final of the 200-yard individual medley. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

but it really didn't have the numbers to do it."

The Blazers had plenty of motivation heading into the meet from Hutchinson, which has turned in valiant performances against Visitation in recent years.

"We were expecting Hutch to be right on or tail and I think that pushed us that much harder," Fischer said.

"Every time we go up against them, it brings out our best," Linscheid added.

Visitation, which had 15 girls competing at state as individuals, won the title because it

didn't have any soft spots in its lineup.

The quartet of Kali Fischer, junior Elinor Glass, eighth-grader Lucy Berg and freshman Libby Fischer took second in the 200-yard medley with a time of 1:48.18. The 400 free team of eighth-grader Ella Passe, junior Ava Hoffman, senior Sophie Kishish and Kali Fischer logged a runner-up time of 3:31.41. The 200 free foursome of junior Frances Holmstadt, Hoffman, Glass and Kishish finished fourth at 1:38.13.

Along with Kali Fischer's and Mattaini's

silvers in the 200 IM and 500 free events, the Blazers had several bronze finishes, including Kali Fischer in the 100 backstroke and Hoffman in the 50 free.

Fourth-place finishers included Berg in the 100 butterfly and Kishish in the 500 free. In fifth were Berg in the 200 IM and junior Mary Burke in the 500 free. Kishish was sixth in the 200 free. Taking seventh were Burke in the 200 IM, sophomore Sophia Mattaini in the 100 butterfly and Hoffman in the 100 free.

Visitation is not typically known for its diving prowess, but this year was an exception as senior Bella Maschia took eighth in that event. "That was a real accomplishment given the level of competition there," Linscheid said.

The Blazers powered their way into state by logging 680 points in the Section 4A tournament. That included first-place finishes by Kali Fischer in the 200 IM and 100 backstroke, and Kishish in the 200 and 500 frees.

Maria Mattaini went into state in the midst of a great comeback season. She was the state titlist in the 500 free her sophomore year, but had an injury-plagued junior season.

In what proved to be prophetic words, Linscheid pronounced his club ready for the big time prior to the start of the state meet.

"We're healthy and I think we're ready to go," he said. "We know what our tradition is. We should have a good state meet."

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Put in a lot of work during the summer. A solid defender with good offensive skills as well.

- Maddy Helmstetter, eighth-grade forward. Has good hands and a knack for finding the net.

**Team strengths/weaknesses:** Minneapolis has good senior leadership and a promising group of underclassmen. However, the team has a lot of newcomers and there may be a steep learning curve.

**Outlook:** Minneapolis opened the season with a 2-2 tie against St. Francis/North Branch. With a good mix of experience and young talent, coach Ozmen and her charges are excited for the season.

### MINNEHAHA UNITED

(Minnehaha, St. Agnes, DeLaSalle, Gentry Academy, Providence)

**League:** Independent Metro Athletic

**Last year's record:** 16-9-1

**Coach:** Dan Berthiaume

### Key players and their strengths:

- Jodie Clay, senior defenseman. Led the United last year in goals (16) and assists (23).

- Maddie Duca, senior defenseman. Was second on the team in scoring with 15 goals and seven assists.

- Rebecca Skweres, sophomore goalie. Had a sparkling 1.65 goals-against average and a .898 save percentage as a freshman.

- Leah Lyngen, senior defender. Returns to the ice after contributing six goals and five assists in her junior year.

**Team strengths/weaknesses:** Minnehaha has talented returning players on both offense and defense. The team lost six players to graduation, however.

**Outlook:** The cooperative Minnehaha United team got off to a roaring start this season with a 12-4 win over Waseca.

### ST. PAUL/SIBLEY RIVETERS

(St. Paul Public Schools, Henry Sibley)

**League:** Metro East

**Last year's record:** 8-17 Sibley, 2-23 Blades

**Coaches:** Allie Duellman, Tim Blase

### Key players and their strengths:

- Abby Ludwig, senior defender. A previous forward for Sibley who is moving to defense this year to fill in some gaps.

- Emma Nagel, junior forward. Was one of Sibley's leading scorers last season.

- Gigi Gabrielli, senior forward. Paced the Blades in scoring with 14 goals and three assists last winter.

- Grace Dodge, senior forward. Was a big contributor for the Blades.

- Rose Reubish, senior center. Does a great job on both ends of the ice.

**Team strengths/weaknesses:** The players are buying into the co-op, but have not played together at the high school level and may need some time to adjust.

**Outlook:** The Riveters look to make strides this year. The power play has been productive and penalty killing should start to come around, Duellman said. Teams to beat include Simley, Minnehaha United and South St. Paul.

### ST. PAUL UNITED

(St. Paul Academy, Visitation)

**League:** Independent Metro Athletic

**Last year's record:** 21-10

**Coach:** Mark Johnson

### Key players and their strengths:

- Catherine Kerin, senior forward. Was second in scoring last season with 10 goals and 28 assists.

- Jenna Hoops, junior forward. Scored 19 goals in 2017-18, second most on the team. She also had 12 assists.

- Sophia Hoppe and Kate Sabre (juniors), Seringa McHugh (senior) and Eleanor Wings (sophomore) will anchor the defense.

**Team strengths/weaknesses:** St. Paul United is loaded on defense and goaltending. The team works hard on the ice and the players get along well. The team would like to take its goal-scoring to the next level.

**Outlook:** After winning the state Class A consolation crown last year, St. Paul United look to make another strong run this season. The team lost a lot of offense with the graduation of Samantha Burke, but should still be a handful for any opponent.

## 23◀ WRIGHT CALL

No, unlike his critics, he understood that the only important judges of his performance were his manager—and himself.

A smart athlete knows his limitations and deals with them on his own terms. There were a few moments here and there, but for the lion's share of his 15-year career Mauer stuck to the same script because it fit him like a glove.

Now the time had come to say goodbye. Never considered much of a showman, Mauer gave the public something to remember going out the door that last day at Target Field. Then he reverted to form, waited a quiet six weeks and made one last public appearance to announce his retirement from the game.

It's hard to stay in character when the public keeps wanting a piece of you. It's hard to remain silent when the wolves are baying that you aren't doing enough for your team. It sometimes requires nerves of steel to stay the course.

Had he put himself on the open market when he was in his prime, Mauer quite possibly could have earned more than the Twins paid him. But could you see him in New York, Boston or Los Angeles where every little thing you do and say, whether on or off the field, is subject to withering critique? It takes a certain type of person to know in advance he might not have what it takes to navigate such waters.

The debate can now commence as to whether Mauer merits entry into the Hall of Fame. His .306 lifetime batting average with 923 RBIs and 601 extra-base hits is pretty darn good no matter how you cut it. Perhaps even more impressive is that Mauer batted a respectable .282 for a noncontending team in his final season. Compare that to Hall of Famers Johnny

Bench (.255), Cal Ripken (.239) and Willie Mays (.211).

### Fritz did it his way as well

It was announced last week that Phil Esten will take over for Steve Fritz in June as the athletic director at the University of St. Thomas. He'll start at St. Thomas after the football season is over.

A former baseball player for the Tommies, Esten spent time in the athletic departments at the University of Minnesota, Ohio State and UC Berkeley before taking his current post as deputy director of athletics and chief operating officer for Penn State athletics. When he comes home to Minnesota, he'll have some big shoes to fill—and not just because Fritz was a giant-size forward when he played basketball for St. Thomas in the '60s and early '70s.

Fritz has been on the St. Thomas campus for 52 years in a variety of roles, including 27 as athletic director. It'd be hard to find a more striking change in styles than when he took over as head basketball coach after Tom Feely retired. Feely was excitable and rarely sat still on the bench, while Fritz stood or sat quietly most of the time. When he did bark out an instruction, his players looked like alert terriers and attempted to do as instructed. Fritz didn't gripe at officials for show. When he spoke to them, it was because he believed they'd missed a call.

There were times when things just didn't go well. One year under Fritz, the Tommies ran the board with a perfect 20-0 record. They went into the playoffs and faced a Nebraska Wesleyan team that nobody knew much about. In what seemed like an instant, St. Thomas fell behind 12-4. Fritz

looked at Bill McKee, his assistant coach.

"Got any ideas?" he asked.

McKee made a face and sighed, "Not a one."

Fritz adjusted as best he could, but his team went down to defeat.

In 1994, the Tommies were lesser-known and facing Greensboro in the section final. The Spartans had scored 104 points in their semifinal win. The Greensboro coach implored his team to concentrate on defense because he knew the Tommies prided themselves on that as well. By halftime, St. Thomas led by 15 points.

"I told my players the Tommies were the best-coached team we'd see all year," the Greensboro coach said. "They didn't listen to me."

After several near-misses, Fritz finally got his national championship and then handed over the coaching reins to Johnny Tauer, who runs his program today in the same quiet, intense, dignified manner.

Fritz understood that the St. Thomas teams were often everybody's preseason target. He was fine with that as long as the coaches and players conducted themselves in a classy manner. When somebody stepped over the line, he stepped in and quietly handled the situation.

His final legacy may be still to come. Esten will undoubtedly face a situation that will require a Solomon-like decision in the future. No matter what the situation is, one inevitable question will arise: "How would Steve have handled it?"

There may not be a better way to compliment a coach.

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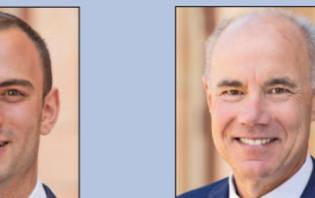
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