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Proposal to reduce Ayd Mill Road to two lanes raises doubts

Council members cite lack of public input on mayor's plan

BY JANE MCCLURE

St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter's \$5.2 million plan to convert Ayd Mill Road from four traffic lanes to two in order to accommodate new bike and pedestrian paths is meeting some pushback from City Council members and the public. Council members on September 11 asked for a public comment process and council review and approval of the plan before it is implemented.

"Are there any plans for any kind of public process?" asked council member Chris Tolbert. "I'm hearing a lot of comments, both for and against the proposal. This is an important decision that will affect several neighborhoods."

Department of Public Works director Kathy Lantry said no public process has been scheduled, given the amount of attention Ayd Mill Road has received in the past. Two different city-led task forces studied the street between the 1980s and late 1990s.

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Rash of gun violence enters debate over 2020 city budget

Chief Axtell argues against Mayor Carter's proposal to cut St. Paul's force by five

BY JANE MCCLURE

More than 100 people turned out on September 18 for a City Council discussion on the St. Paul Police Department's budget for 2020. Mayor Melvin Carter had proposed in August to cut the department's budget, reducing the number of sworn police officers from 635 to 630. However, a rash of gun violence and six fatal shootings in September prompted calls for an expansion of the police budget.

Members of Black Lives Matter, Root and Restore and other groups attended the discussion to call for other solutions to gun violence than simply hiring more police officers. Chants of "black lives matter!" filled the council chambers after the budget session. Afterward, people on both sides of the debate met with elected officials.

St. Paul Police Chief Todd Axtell told the City

Council that he understands the budget pressures the city is under and that his department will work within whatever budget is approved. "But I also know that cutting police officers is absolutely not in the best interest of the city," he said.

Axtell noted the challenges the police have faced in recent weeks, including an officer-involved shooting on September 15 in the Hamline-Midway neighborhood that resulted in a man's death. According to him, police response times to 911 calls have increased as officers find themselves rushing from one call to the next. Having to leave one crime victim to help another "simply does not build trust," he said.

The Police Department has added five officers to every shift in each of the city's three police districts in response to the recent spate of shootings. That comes at a time when the Police Department is on track to break a record for 911 calls in a calendar year.

At a budget hearing earlier in September, some City Council members criticized Axtell for not providing enough data to support his need for maintaining the Police Department's sworn strength. He responded with almost 200 pages of

statistics. "Behind every data point, behind every graph, behind every statistic there's a person," Axtell said. That person may be a crime victim, a victim's family or a citizen whose security and safety is affected, he said.

The Police Department has 608 officers on its payroll, but only 570 are actually available to work, Axtell said. Retirements, medical leaves, parental leaves, vacations and military deployments affect the actual numbers.

St. Paul's 2019 budget added nine officers to the police force, but because of the St. Paul Police Academy's graduation schedule and the time needed to fill those positions, that hiring has not happened yet, Axtell said. The Police Department began 2019 with 626 officers. Axtell expects the department to be at 630 officers once the new class graduates from the Police Academy.

The City Council had approved the conducting of a Police Department staffing study in 2018. City Council president Amy Brendmoen said there is a real need for the council to understand the staffing issues. However, the funding

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"Ayd Mill Road has been studied for decades," said Lantry, adding that it would be "disingenuous and a waste of everyone's time to seek input and not use it."

Tolbert was not satisfied. "I think Ayd Mill Road needs to come back to this council," he said. The council had voted earlier this year in favor of a \$3.5 million mill-and-overlay project to fix the potholed 1.5-mile city street this fall. However, the mayor asked Public Works to substitute that project with his current proposal.

The mayor's plan would put two-way traffic on what is now Ayd Mill Road's two southbound lanes and restripe the northbound lanes for bikes and pedestrians. About 24,000 vehicles travel on Ayd Mill Road daily, according to city traffic counts. The street has been in a deteriorated state for years, and the city spends about \$250,000 a year patching its numerous cracks and potholes.

Council president Amy Brendmoen said the council wants to continue its discussion of Ayd Mill Road as the 2020 city budget is debated. However, short of the annual truth-in-taxation hearing in December, no other public input is planned.

Council members noted that at an August 28 budget session, the mayor's plan for Ayd Mill

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Road drew many comments, both pro and con. About 150 people attended the session, meeting in groups by ward with council members.

Council member Dai Thao, who has voiced the most skepticism about the mayor's plan, asked Lantry where vehicles will go if Ayd Mill Road is reduced from four traffic lanes to two. Lantry replied that over time people would find the routes that work best for them.

Tolbert and Thao said they were concerned that reducing Ayd Mill Road's capacity for motor vehicles will bring traffic jams to Lexington Parkway. Tolbert said that is especially worrisome in light of the recent addition of bike lanes

on Lexington.

Thao said he wants to see a traffic mitigation plan for neighborhood streets that would likely be affected by changes to Ayd Mill Road. He also asked for a test of the mayor's plan before it is implemented.

"Are we going to test? There are real impediments to that," Lantry said. She added that engineering work on the project needs to be done soon if the work is to be completed in 2020, which likely would not allow for a test.

Council members also asked how the city would pay for the additional cost of the project. Funding for the mill-and-overlay work was transferred from a canceled street project in the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood. Lantry said the added cost would be put into a street project bond sale next spring. Money will also come out of the city's bike and pedestrian funds.

The Union Park District Council (UPDC) and Macalester-Groveland Community Council are also looking at the mayor's proposal for Ayd Mill Road. The UPDC Transportation Committee passed a resolution of conditional support for the project on September 9. The Macalester-Groveland Community Council's Transportation Committee is planning to take up the matter later this month. For both councils, concerns remain about the process and exactly how Ayd Mill Road would be redesigned.

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for the study was taken away when it was not spent. Axtell said the department is using its own resources to complete a staffing study, and that will be done by the end of the year.

Ward 4 City Council member Mitra Jalali Nelson said she would like to see more efforts made by the city to prevent crime that do not involve the need for police officers. She has been the City Council's biggest critic of Axtell's push to retain the five police officer positions. She believes the city would be more successful by addressing the root causes of crime.

Nelson was present at the corner of Thomas Avenue and Griggs Street on September 15 after the officer-involved shooting of Ronald K. Davis, 31, who had rear-ended the squad car of officer Steven Mattson at a stop sign and then accosted the officer, according to a spokesperson for the police. That incident and other police issues have put a knot in her stomach, Nelson said. She called for a focus on healing and community-based solutions.

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Problems created by destructive ash borer aren't going away

By JANE MCCLURE

St. Paul's infestation of emerald ash borers continues to be at a critical stage, and the destructive Asian insects are now prevalent throughout the city. The city's Department of Parks and Recreation is continuing its efforts to protect St. Paul's tree canopy, but that is being done with less funding proposed in 2020 than what will be spent this year. City forestry staff will be stepping in where contractors have done the work in the past.

It is estimated that St. Paul would need around \$23 million to remove trees and stumps infested by emerald ash borers (EABs) and plant new trees between now and the end of 2023. That would remove the more than 18,000 remaining ash trees on city property.

St. Paul in recent years has had state funding and added city funding to deal with EAB. For example, there was a one-time \$1.2 million allocation of city dollars for EAB this year, but that is not included in 2020. Parks and Recreation director Mike Hahm said some of that loss will be made up through a proposed increase in the Capital Improvement Budget allocation for tree replacement,

from \$660,000 this year to \$947,000 in 2020.

Overall, the city's forestry budget is pegged at \$5.6 million for 2020, with around \$2.5 million for EAB.

EABs were first discovered in St. Paul's South St. Anthony Park neighborhood in 2009 and they are now present in almost 20 Minnesota counties and three dozen cities. City Council president Amy Brendmoen expressed frustration that more is not being done statewide to address EABs. She said the infestation should be seen as a state emergency and state funds should be allocated to deal with the pests.

Hahm said one of the biggest impacts of EABs on the city's forestry work has been on boulevard tree trimming. Ideally, trees are trimmed every five to seven years. However, the demands caused by EABs mean that the city is now only trimming trees to address safety issues, such as branches covering traffic signs.

There has not been a proactive city boulevard tree trimming program for more than five years, and upwards of 2,000 requests for that service are now pending. The backlog for removing tree stumps sits at around 950, with



Rachel Coyle of the city of St. Paul's Forestry Division showed off a vial of emerald ash borer larvae in 2016. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER.

falling branches caused property damage in his neighborhood.

The city removes about 2,000-2,500 infested ash trees a year on public boulevards as part of its removal program. Large pockets of ash trees on the removal list for 2019 are on Grand Avenue in Macalester-Groveland; Ford Parkway, Highland Parkway and Hartford Avenue in Highland Park; and Iglehart Avenue and Fisk Street in Summit-University.

Council members said they would like to see more resources allocated toward combating EABs. Council member Jane Prince asked if more insecticides could be used. Hahm said that only 500-750 public trees are eligible for treatment, and that forestry workers have determined that removal is the better option. The city budgets about \$55,000 annually to treat trees on public land. That number is unchanged from 2019 to 2020.

"The staff's assessment is that we're behind in dealing with trees that are potentially dangerous and need to come down," Hahm said.

With city staff doing the work that private contractors previously helped with, the cycle of removing trees, grinding stumps and replanting trees now takes longer.

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Hartmann challenges Tolbert's bid for reelection in Ward 3

Candidates debate public safety, taxes, housing and trash

BY KEVIN DRISCOLL

Chris Tolbert's bid for a third term representing Ward 3 on the St. Paul City Council is being challenged this fall by Macalester-Groveland attorney Patricia J. Hartmann.

Hartmann, 65, who is "currently single" and the mother of one grown child, has been in private practice as an attorney for 35 years, she said. A former member of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council, she believes the city needs "to make the funding of our police and fire protection services a top priority. We shouldn't be trimming the size of our police force."

"The city," Hartmann said, "should consider placing a cap on

the amount that property taxes can be raised each year. Many residents have legitimate concerns that they are being taxed out of their homes. The city needs to reset its priorities and rein in wasteful expenses. Every year the city increases its budget for more city staff, spending millions on six-figure salaries for newly created positions while continuing to neglect the need for basic city services like street repair."

Hartmann is looking for a new approach to the city's need for more affordable housing. "New construction doesn't necessarily produce affordable housing," she said, citing the many new market-rate and luxury apartment buildings that have been built recently. "We have the resources to work with vacant or dormant properties. We should seek to refurbish, remodel and restore historic properties such as the Schmidt Brewery. And we can repurpose some of the largely vacant institutional and commercial prop-



Patricia Hartmann

erties to more affordably accommodate our unmet housing demand. Due to the exodus of so many businesses from downtown in the last 20 years, there's an opportunity to create more affordable housing more quickly and at a lower cost."

Hartmann believes there is "some support in St. Paul for the concept of organized trash collection," but she



Chris Tolbert

is opposed to the city's current program, "which was pushed through by the city despite the widespread disapproval of citizens," she said. The problems with the current system, she said, include the high costs for households with little or no waste and the tripling or quadrupling of costs for the residents of small apartment buildings. "The

higher collection rates burden our most vulnerable residents, who are retired or on fixed incomes," she said.

"If our citizens favor a citywide trash collection program, it needs to be implemented as a progressive plan that promotes recycling and offers lower collection costs for those who generate less trash," Hartmann said. "At a minimum, any organized collection needs to preserve a citizen's right to opt out and share services. It also should retain some element of free-market competition that would allow groups of neighboring properties to switch haulers should they encounter service issues."

Tolbert, 36, of Highland Park, who is single and has no children, serves as an assistant Hennepin County attorney. During his eight years on the City Council, he said, "I'm proud of the public safety in-

WARD 3 RACE ►7

Challengers play catchup in financing City Council campaigns

BY DALE MISCHKE

The candidates for St. Paul City Council have filed their latest campaign finance reports eight weeks out from the November 5 general election, and in almost every case in the Villager's distribution area, the incumbents hold a big advantage in amassing a campaign war chest.

City Council members Dai Thao, Rebecca Noecker and Mitra Jalali Nelson have greatly

outstripped their opponents in fundraising through the first eight-plus months of 2019. Of the challengers in Wards 1, 2, 3 and 4, only Patricia Hartmann in Ward 3 has raised more money than the incumbent.

Hartmann's campaign raised \$6,744 through September 5. It spent \$2,150, leaving it with a balance of \$4,618. Meanwhile, Ward 3 City Council member Chris Tolbert's reelection campaign raised \$5,100 from January through September 9 and spent \$7,320.

However, with donations and expenditures noted in previous campaign finance reports, the Tolbert campaign has a current balance of \$23,706.

Thao's campaign in Ward 1 raised \$44,197 and spent \$33,512 from January through September 9. With donations and expenditures from previous campaign finance reports, the Thao campaign has a current balance of \$19,219.

Of Thao's challengers in Ward 1, Anika

Bowie raised \$17,251 and spent \$14,034 for a current balance of \$3,217, Liz De La Torre raised \$10,651 and spent \$9,693 for a current balance of \$958, and Abu Nayeem raised \$198 and spent \$116 for a current balance of \$82.

Noecker's campaign in Ward 2 raised \$31,152 from January through September 5 and spent \$36,913. With the money raised and spent from previous campaign finance

CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS ►7

Farmers' group announces construction should center on hemp

A group of agriculturalists recently suggested that builders in Europe and the U.S. should focus on using hemp products and wool to create more environmentally friendly options.

The National Farmers Union in the UK recently released a report claiming that if people want to be environmentally-conscious, they should turn to hemp in lieu of more popular building materials and seek out wool instead of fiberglass insulation to save on energy.

The London Telegraph reported this month the NFU suggests that hempcrete, an experimental new material made from industrial hemp and with some of the most interesting conservational aspects available, should be used in construction projects from now on.

With the aim of going carbon neutral eventually, the guidance from the NFU shows how the fully renewable substance can attain some of the same attributes as traditional materials if handled correctly.

As previously described on the Nothing But Hemp blog, hempcrete can require some added care and attention – without special shaping and reinforcement, plus added time to set compared to ordinary

concrete the substance doesn't perform as well – but the tradeoff is a huge environmental win.

In addition to using hempcrete instead of more traditional concrete and cinder block methods, wool is another renewable resource the NFU says could replace fiberglass insulation and other potentially-harmful non-renewable materials.

While cost for these various solutions can range higher than the standard fair at times, the benefit of taking on the climate crisis head-on shouldn't be underestimated, the Telegraph reports.

Hemp was recently legalized in America in 2018, and the same interest seen across the U.S. has been felt in Britain and Europe as well. Still, these construction uses haven't been the main source of interest so far.



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City Council candidates in Ward 2 take a stand on the current issues

Police budget, affordable housing, trash and taxes dominate their debate

By Kevin Driscoll

Four candidates are challenging City Council member Rebecca Noecker's bid for a second term representing St. Paul's Ward 2—Bill Hosko, Lindsay Ferris Martin, Helen Meyers and Sharon Anderson. Six weeks out from the November 5 general election, the candidates were asked to address the issues of public safety, affordable housing, property taxes and organized trash collection.

Noecker, 35, a West Side resident who is married with two children, believes that "having a well-equipped police force that people trust is critical. I've supported additional police officers for our downtown beat and additional investigators to help solve heinous crimes. However, more police will not make a qualitative difference in the amount of crime we're seeing, and fewer police will not make our Police Department more trusted. It will take years of working together to establish a community-first public safety protocol."

Noecker, who is endorsed by the DFL, supports organized trash collection. "It reduces wear and tear on our roads, decreases pollution and illegal dumping, and ensures that everyone receives consistent service at the same price," she said. "But there are several parts of our organized collection program that need to change. For example, multi-family units should be able to consolidate their garbage into fewer bins, and there should be a bigger price difference between the largest and smallest cart. I believe there's room to negotiate a better contract if organized collection remains in place."

Noecker is calling for "new housing options, such as accessory dwelling units and tiny homes, to increase the supply of affordable housing. I don't support compromising on density in new developments such as the Ford site. I also voted in favor of a \$10 million trust fund in the 2019 city budget to support affordable housing."

To keep property tax increases to a minimum, Noecker said, "we need to expand our tax base by encouraging development, lobby the state for increased local government aid, use our public dollars more efficiently and seek new sources of funding. We should also explore a new local sales tax so that those who work or play in our city or visit it can help support our need for street maintenance, affordable housing and early-childhood education."

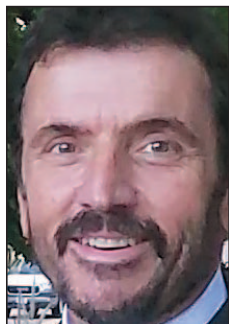
Hosko, 57, who is single with no children, lives in downtown and owns Hosko Gallery and Framing and Music Forest Cafe in downtown. If elected, he said, he would "end political pressure for police officers to not report crimes, create an online city crime report map that is updated daily with color-coded dots representing the type and location of crimes, implement sustained police patrols in high-crime areas, educate citizens on how to avoid becoming a victim of crime, and retrofit all light-rail transit stations to require riders to pay as they enter." Hosko would also install an interactive audiovisual security system in the skyway system. "Certainly, no police officer positions should be cut," he said.

Hosko believes "the City Council's ability to tax property owners endlessly is the largest driver of higher housing costs and traps many people in poverty. With responsible city spending under control, increases in housing costs can be slowed."

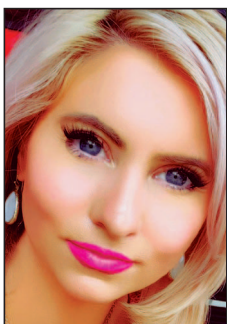
According to Hosko, Noecker failed citizens five times on the organized trash collection issue—"by not having a referendum to begin with, not allowing a referendum after citizens requested one, and remaining quiet" as the



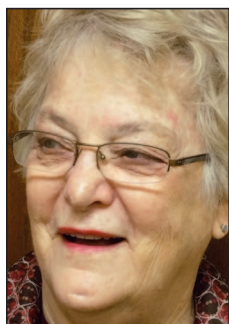
Rebecca Noecker



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citizens' right to a referendum was affirmed then reaffirmed twice in court, he said. Hosko chastised Noecker and the City Council for remaining silent when "Mayor Carter subsequently threatened a massive property tax increase if citizens vote against (organized trash). Together, we can repair this debacle after citizens have their say on November 5."

"If elected," Hosko said, "I will ensure that citizens have multiple referendum opportunities, including on term limits, moving city elections to even-numbered years to increase voter turnout, keeping or dismissing ranked-choice voting, banning special interests with conflicts of interest from donating directly or indirectly to City Council campaigns, and giving the power of increased property, fee and assessment taxation to citizens as is done with school levy increases."

Martin, 37, of the West Side, is married with one child. She works as a social media consultant and advocate for small businesses.

According to her, the biggest public safety issues facing the city are "an escalation of illegal drug use, (homeless) encampments, problem properties and the limited resources to correct these issues in a proactive way."

"If the mayor is looking to decrease the police budget by \$1 million, how will he supplement the much-needed resources for calls for services like mental health, persons in crisis, drug overdoses, domestic violence and home and auto theft?" Martin asked. "If the mayor wants to cut dollars, we need to know how he'll supplement the resources he needs for those distressed areas."

Martin believes the way to begin to control tax increases is transparency about where the money is going and how it is spent. "Real conversations need to happen with our neighbors first," she said. "More strategies, thoughtfulness and care need to be put into the resources we offer and how they're implemented."

Martin is "in favor of finding a new solution to our organized trash system that benefits all of our neighbors." She took issue with the city's approach to implementing organized trash and asked why the current City Council "continues to threaten the public with an astronomical rise in property taxes."

Besides building more affordable housing in a wider variety of neighborhoods, Martin said, "we need to reward homeowners for home remodeling and home improvements. Those who invest in their homes tend to invest in their community and neighborhood businesses."

Meyers, 74, of Highland Park, is an activist for the United Auto Workers and the United Food and Commercial Workers unions. Married with no children, she works in retail at

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Midway soccer stadium advisory on traffic and parking formed

By JANE MCCLURE

As the inaugural season of Major League Soccer in St. Paul's Midway Area winds down, neighbors are reviewing traffic and parking issues around the new Allianz Field and how the situation could be improved before Minnesota United's 2020 season opens in the spring.

The city's plans for parking and traffic control on game days this year worked well for the most part, according to St. Paul Police Department Commander Kurt Hallstrom. However, St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter has asked the Union Park District Council (UPDC), the Hamline-Midway Coalition (HMC) and the Midway Chamber of Commerce to appoint representatives to a new Allianz Field Traffic Management Advisory Committee.

The 15-member committee will also include a resident of Ward 1 and Ward 4, a citi-

zen at-large, and representatives of Minnesota United, Midway Center and city, county, state and federal governments. It will meet at least twice annually through 2021 and recommend modifications to the traffic management plan around the stadium at Snelling and I-94.

The local district councils have fielded many complaints this summer about traffic congestion and spillover parking related to the stadium. The UPDC asked in September that the soccer team remove the large orange traffic warning signs around the stadium within 24 hours after an event. Merriam Park residents have complained that the signs block sidewalks and obstruct motorists' views at intersections.

Minnesota United worked with city and Metro Transit officials on the traffic management plan, which involved street closures, remote parking lots and additional light-rail trains and buses. "How it went depends on

where you are," said Hallstrom, who noted that getting major-event traffic and parking to settle into a pattern takes time.

With only 400 off-street parking spaces around the stadium, there was a lot of "angst" in the neighborhood about soccer fans parking on local residential streets, according to Hallstrom. The expansion of a resident-only permit parking district was approved by the City Council this summer in the Snelling-Hamline neighborhood directly across I-94 from the stadium. However, the expansion of a second resident-only permit parking district just to the west in Merriam Park was voted down by the City Council.

Residents of the Hamline-Midway neighborhood just north of the stadium are now considering the establishment of a permit parking district on the streets in front of their homes, according to HMC executive director Kate Mudge.

Scott Berger of the UPDC board said more needs to be done to promote pedestrian safety, especially on the Snelling Avenue bridge over I-94. "It's scary when you're shoulder to shoulder and there's no barrier between you and the traffic," he said.

Traffic was heavy on both arterial and residential streets before and after soccer games this year, with long backups north and south of University Avenue. Changes were made as the season progressed to deter cut-through traffic, maintain access to Midway Center and Midway Marketplace businesses, and improve pedestrian safety on Snelling, University and Spruce Tree Drive. Some temporary barriers around the stadium will be replaced next year with permanent structures and landscaping.

Transit ridership picked up as predicted on game days. However, remote parking lots at the State Fairgrounds were not as popular as hoped, so they may be discontinued.

HDC questions adequacy of Ford development impact study

By JANE MCCLURE

The Highland District Council and the local group Neighbors for a Livable St. Paul are questioning the adequacy of the Alternative Urban Area-wide Review for addressing the environmental impact of redeveloping the 122-acre site of Ford Motor Company's former assembly plant in Highland Park.

The HDC and the Neighbors group are calling for greater scrutiny of pollution cleanup on the Ford site, the stability of a tunnel network beneath the site, the relative impacts of a lower-density development there, and the impacts on air quality, groundwater, soil vapor, noise, migratory bird patterns, motor vehicle traffic patterns and bike and pedestrian routes.

The public comment period on the Ford AUAR closed on September 18. City staff and consultants are now reviewing those comments and will publish their responses in November with the release of the final AUAR.

Neighbors for a Livable St. Paul asked whether a state agency would be better quali-

fied to determine if the AUAR is adequate. Under the established process, the city's Department of Planning and Economic Development (PED) will make that determination. However, PED "may not be able to objectively evaluate the environmental impacts, given their interest in the success of the project as proposed and given the tax revenue at stake," the Neighbors stated. "Please request that the Minnesota Board of Environmental Quality make the final determination of adequacy on the Ford Site AUAR."

The HDC decided to have two of its committees, Transportation and Community Development, respond to specific sections of the AUAR. The proposed density of the Ford redevelopment continues to be a sticking point. The city's master plan calls for up to 4,000 new housing units, 200,000 square feet of new retail and office space and 50,000 to 150,000 square feet of new civic and institutional space. Amendments sought by master developer Ryan Companies would reduce that to 3,800 housing units, 150,000 square feet of retail and office space and 50,000 square feet of civic and institutional space.

According to the draft AUAR, studying lower-density scenarios for the Ford site is not likely to identify "any significant environmental benefits compared to the project as proposed." The HDC and the Neighbors group are asking for that statement to be explained.

"Given this proposal of an island of extreme density in the middle of a low-density residential area," the Neighbors stated, "the AUAR should include a thorough analysis of how the proposed Ford development plan can be considered a compatible land use and how it can be considered to be consistent with the stated intents and purposes of the St. Paul zoning code, which are designed to protect the health, property, safety, aesthetics, livability and general welfare of the community."

According to Kate Hunt, a member of the HDC's Community Development Committee and the Neighbors group, Ford Motor Company has a long history of improperly disposing of industrial waste and of selling sites that are not properly cleaned up. She expressed skepticism that pollution on the main Ford plant site has been adequately cleaned up, despite the Minnesota Pollution Control

Agency's approval of the work.

Another concern raised by HDC committee members was so-called Area C, a former landfill adjacent to the Mississippi River and not part of the 122-acre redevelopment site. Ford has no plans to sell that property and continues to work with the MPCA on pollution cleanup there. Some HDC members want more scrutiny of Area C and its potential environmental impact.

The HDC's Transportation Committee stated that the AUAR "is overly focused on motor-vehicle trips and does not sufficiently address the mitigation of bike and pedestrian network gaps and deficiencies." The committee is asking that adequate provisions be made for future transit routes within the Ford site and for an improved east-west bike route along Ford Parkway, stating that shared traffic lanes and unprotected bike lanes are not sufficient. The committee wants the AUAR to address gaps in the bike routes around the Ford site, especially on Montreal Avenue and Mount Curve Boulevard, and is seeking better markings or a better separation of bike and walking paths along River Boulevard.

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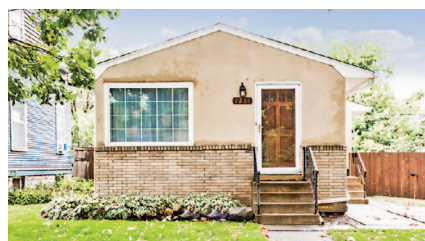
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4◀ CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS

reports, the Noecker campaign has a current balance of \$44,473.

Of Noecker's challengers in Ward 2, Lindsay Ferris Martin raised \$475 through September 10 and spent nothing for a balance of \$475, Bill Hosko raised \$657 and spent \$607 for a balance of \$50, and Helen Meyers and Sharon Anderson did not file campaign finance reports.

Nelson's campaign in Ward 4 raised \$92,209 from January through September 5 and spent \$57,088. With the money raised and spent in previous campaign finance reports, the Nelson campaign has a current balance of \$40,148.

Of Nelson's challengers in Ward 4, Tarrence Robertson-Bayless raised \$6,480 and spent \$2,039 through September 10 for a current balance of \$4,441, and Chris Holbrook raised \$5,812 and spent \$1,393 for a current balance of \$4,419.



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4◀ WARD 3 RACE

vestments we've made, such as securing the funding for the expansion of Fire Station 19 in Highland, which added a ladder truck and more coverage for the area. We also made investments in such priorities as community ambassadors, Safe Summer Nights and community policing outreach and training. In addition, I've been a vocal proponent of common-sense gun laws, making it a St. Paul priority at the Capitol.

"Last year we added criminal investigators in the Police Department to ensure that victims can have their crimes investigated and resolved in a timely and dignified manner. We worked hard to backfill those positions with additional officers to ensure we didn't lose other essential services. I don't believe it makes sense to cut officers while our population and rate of 911 calls continue to grow."

Tolbert supports organized trash collection. "It makes more sense than the system we had previously," he said. "It's better for our environment, more equitable and safer. That said, we need to learn lessons from our cur-

rent contract to fully realize the benefits of organized trash collection. We need to continue with our contract to be able to employ the lessons we've learned to future contracts.

According to Tolbert, the city "needs to continue to grow our tax base, carefully analyze our budgets and continue to lobby the Minnesota Legislature for more options to fund the essential services that cities provide so that we are not so heavily reliant on property taxes."

"As chair of the St. Paul Housing and Re-development Authority," Tolbert said, "I led the city's efforts to address the affordable housing crisis with our passage of a \$71 million investment over the next three years. We created the city's first Affordable Housing Trust Fund with a dedicated funding source that is not property taxes. I also authored our first deliberate use of a 4D Affordable Housing Incentive Program," giving tax incentives to landlords who maintain at least 20 percent affordable housing in their buildings. "These are huge steps forward in addressing the affordable housing crisis in St. Paul," Tolbert said, "but we still have a lot more to do."

5◀ WARD 2 RACE

Walmart and is endorsed by the Socialist Workers Party.

To address public safety, Meyers would "organize workers to fight against police brutality; demand that cops who murder and brutalize be fired, prosecuted and jailed; fight racial discrimination and the entire capitalist injustice system with its frame-ups, plea bargains, onerous bail and outrageous prison sentences, all of which disproportionately affect workers who are black; and give ex-prisoners and all workers behind bars the right to vote."

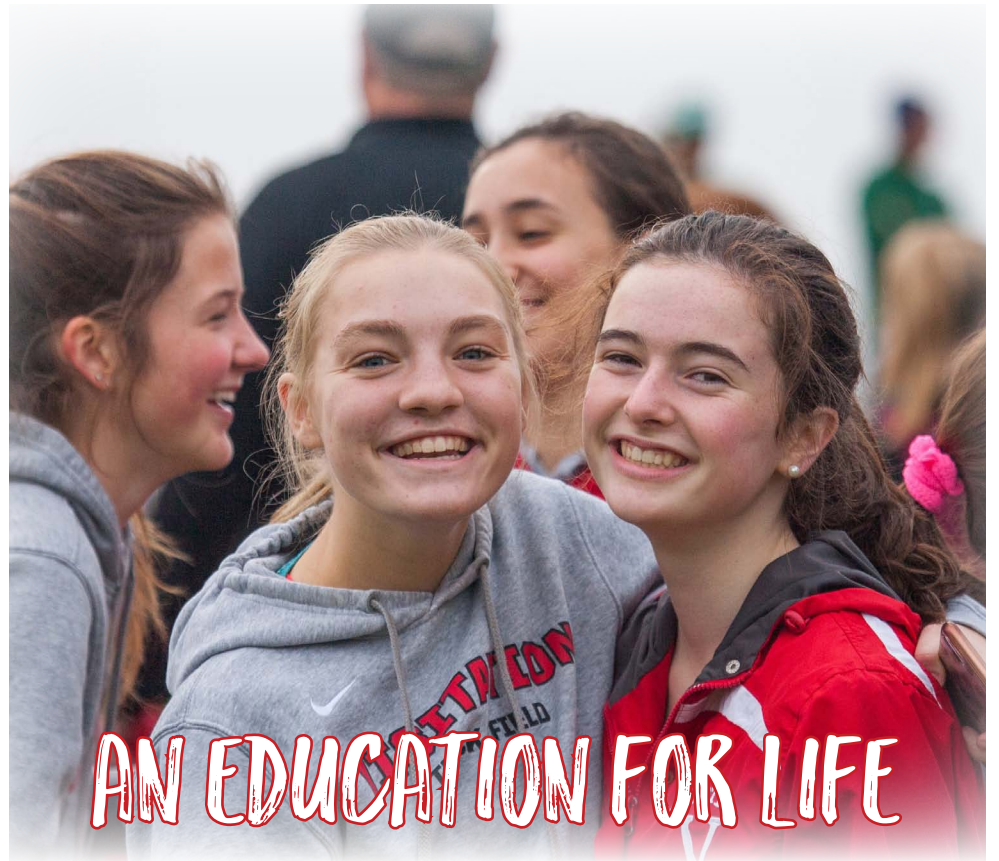
To make housing more affordable, Meyers said, "the working class and the labor movement must fight for a federally financed public works program to put millions to work at union-scale wages. The minimum wage must be set to allow workers to have a home and support a family.

"Workers should pay no property taxes, sales taxes, income taxes or any other form of

regressive taxation," Meyers said. "The working class has no interest in how the capitalist class organizes to fund their government. They use tax levies to fund their cops and prisons, their government bureaucracies and regulatory bodies, to pay for the profit-producing interest they rake in on their government bonds."

As for organized trash collection, "deciding which capitalists get access to the trash collection franchise is hardly of paramount importance to working people," Meyers said. "We're being ground down by the skyrocketing cost of housing, the opioid epidemic, lack of access to health care, the criminal justice system and wages that don't keep up with the cost of living."

Anderson, 80, a widow with one grown child, lives in Dayton's Bluff but claims residency in Summit Hill. A perennial candidate over the past three decades, she has run for numerous local, state and federal offices, but has never won.



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Viewpoint

Council needlessly limits its engagement on issues

BY ANDY RORVIG, JACK HOESCHLER
AND DON GEMBERLING

The St. Paul City Council has two main roles. The first is legislative, creating laws and ordinances for the benefit of citizens. The second is “quasi-judicial,” requiring the council to apply the laws to make decisions. The City Council should exercise its quasi-judicial authority in a manner that engages the public while working to find mutually beneficial solutions. However, that is not happening as of late.

Take, for example, what happened to City Council member Jane Prince. Before the City Council on June 5 was a decision on whether to accept the St. Paul Historic Preservation Commission’s recommendation that St. Andrew’s Church receive local historic designation and not be demolished to make way for the expansion of Twin Cities German Immersion School. Prior to the vote, Prince took it upon herself to visit the church and try to better understand the situation. While at the church, she had a conversation with a former parish priest about what the church meant to the community. Because of that conversation, she was told by the City Attorney to recuse herself from the vote on June 5, which she did. The final vote was 5-0 to deny historic designation. The church was subsequently demolished.

Why was council member Prince silenced? Is there a legal principle at play here that we should be aware of?

The short answer is no, there is no ordinance or statute that forbids ex parte contacts (in this case, communication with the developers and the neighbors without the presence of both parties). Instead, as the city of St. Paul’s own Conflicts of Interest & Government Ethics document confirms, the principle of due process should govern. Due process is a fairness principle. It isn’t a blindfold or a muzzle. It stands to afford each side a fair shake from the City Council based on the same set of agreed-upon facts. It means no council member should make up his or her mind before considering the arguments of both sides.

Listening and observing is not the same as taking sides. There was no evidence that council member Prince did anything but try to learn—something for which she should be commended. And there is no reason she couldn’t share with the entire council and both sides of the argument what she saw and learned during her visit.

Nothing should prohibit a council member from trying to mediate. In fact, that is what we should all want and expect. Anyone familiar with the legal system knows that judges, who have actual judicial authority, routinely get involved with the warring parties to try to reach amicable solutions. Mediation is the type of leadership we expect from our elected officials. We want more from them than picking winners and losers.

Another example of the failure of process was the fight over the expansion of Linwood-Monroe Arts Plus (now Global Arts Plus) School in Summit Hill in 2016-17. That, too, created an unnecessary divide between a school and the surrounding neighborhood. It was a fight that was eventually decided by the City Council on a 7-0 vote to allow the expansion to move forward and destroy what was viewed by many as a valued neighborhood park. That fight, too, unnecessarily pitted good people against each other. No City Council member took the initiative to mediate and to at least seek middle ground due to what appears to be an unrealistic fear of violating the misapplied doctrine of quasi-judicial authority.

Good process means that next time there is a development project that is not universally accepted by a community, all City Council members, regardless of ward, should be expected to educate themselves, listen and keep an open mind, striving to understand each side of the discussion; to show leadership where it is needed and seek amicable solutions; to bring people together instead of dividing and leaving lasting scars.

The process that led to the June 5 vote that denied St. Andrew’s historic preservation was flawed. It failed to include the voice of council member Prince, who based on past votes likely would have argued for the preservation of St. Andrew’s.

St. Paul’s success requires a process that includes all voices, even those not in the majority. How else can city government truly represent all voices? We can do better than this.

The writers are attorneys and members of St. Paul STRONG, a nonpartisan organization dedicated to open and representative government in St. Paul.

Inbox

A good heart in Highland

Last month I wrote a letter to the editors of the *Villager* with my concern for the neglected appearance of Highland Village. I specifically mentioned tall weeds growing on Cleveland Avenue. Two weeks later, those weeds were gone. I found out that the cleanup was done by Highland Village’s own guardian (gardening) angel, Chuck Neal. I was told he read my letter and went into action.

This man has done so much for our Village for many years. I see him clearing ice off corners for our safety in the winter, cleaning away debris and tree limbs and walking children home from school, to list a few of his kind deeds. It has taught me that one person with a good heart can touch so many.

Thank you, Chuck, for all you do for our community. You inspire me.

*Mary Lane
Highland Park*

Ayd Mill redesign calls for study

A recently revived proposal to alter the current operation of Ayd Mill Road has stirred up a bit of controversy. This possible change appears to have both pros and cons with both sides speculating on what the final impact might be. Before we commit to making this significant change in that road’s usage, it might be prudent to conduct an experiment of sorts. Leave the pavement as is, but block off the two lanes as proposed, thereby simulating the proposed configuration. Then give it at least a year to study the impact, thereby gaining a better picture of the various pros and cons.

*Kevin Clark
Mendota Heights*

Middle ground on Ayd Mill Rd.

The plan put forward by Mayor Melvin Carter for Ayd Mill Road is a good compromise. It finds middle ground between the linear park alternative selected by the Ayd Mill Road Task Force in 1999 and the two-lane extended parkway selected by the City Council in 2000. It maintains two lanes of traffic and dedicates the remainder to bicycle and pedestrian trails.

Prior to then-Mayor Randy Kelly’s decision to open a direct connection to I-35E in 2002, Ayd Mill Road carried 11,000 vehicles per day. The Environmental Impact Statement forecast that Kelly’s four-lane Ayd Mill Road would carry fewer than 21,000 vehicles per day by 2020. Here we are approaching 2020, and the traffic count exceeds 24,000 vehicles per day. If traffic volumes were underestimated, then emissions were underestimated, too. And that’s where the most serious concerns lie today. Every decision we make must consider the consequences for the planet. Infrastructure for walking, biking and mass transit will mitigate the harm.

*Mike Madden
Merriam Park*

The mayor’s traffic shell game

Has anyone else noticed that the expensive new bike lanes on roads such as Cleveland Avenue are barely being used? If Ayd Mill Road were finally connected to I-35E and I-94 and cars used it, we pedestrians and bicyclists would safely regain our neighborhood north-south routes and the street-level vitality of neighborhoods would return.

It’s ridiculous to think that by decreasing traffic on Ayd Mill Road in order for pedestrians to walk to nowhere and for bicyclists to have yet another unused route, it’s going to somehow address the problem with increased traffic. It concerns me that it’s yet another expensive pet project, a shell game that seems to be already underway without citizens’ needs in mind. Maybe that’s also why the potholes aren’t being fixed: to force us to walk, ride bikes and take public transportation.

May I send my recent expensive repair bills for car shock absorbers and struts to you, Mayor Carter?

*Chillon Leach
Merriam Park*

For a compromise on trash

A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. Before I would vote “no” to the present organized trash hauling system in St. Paul, I would need to hear what is being proposed to replace it. In the meantime, let’s look at the concerns of those opposed to the present system and explore ways to address them. To discard the system out of hand is to overreact. We have a good system in place. It addresses some major issues that were of concern to many. But it has raised some issues just as important that can be resolved through thoughtful discussion and compromise. Please, can these two groups come together and work out ways to resolve the concerns of both?

*M’Liss Switzer
Highland Park*

Soured on organized collection

I am currently being dunned by the city of St. Paul for non-payment of my garbage-collection bill since the inception of the mandatory service. The amount is going to be added to my property tax bill with a fee added.

I neither want nor need the pricey service, having shared garbage collection with a neighbor for more than 10 years. I produce so little garbage with my ardent recycling, little shopping, donating usable items to charity and inventive re-use of things that, to make my point before the service began, I mailed a month’s worth of trash to my City Council member by first-class mail at a fraction of the cost of garbage service. To underline my point, I dropped off my unwanted trash cart at the front door of City Hall with a note addressed to the City Council, saying they’d paid for the unwanted bin, so they could have it. The cost of unwanted garbage collection to me is grocery money.

The frosting on the cake for those who have paid for the unwanted service, and are assigned to Waste Management, is that their money is being sent to a company based in Arizona. Isn’t that just ducky in terms of keeping our dollars here for local businesses?

I don’t believe the issue was ever really about the noise of multiple garbage trucks serving the same alley or we’d have outlawed leaf-blowers and gas-powered weed whackers a long time ago. It was all just a sleazy money grab by the city. I hope voters will remember this when they exercise the power of their franchise in the coming election.

*Kathleen Deming
Macalester-Groveland*

Fools rush in

Adopting organized trash collection without a study or input from those impacted, and lying about its cost and benefits, is foolish. Cutting the number of police officers while violent crime is increasing and without studying its impact on our communities or spending the money set aside for just such a study is foolish. Changing a major artery through our neighborhood without a study of the impact but relying on your own superior intellect is foolish. Blaming prior city leaders for the lack of planning for the cost of maintaining our streets when you were one of those leaders is foolish. Spending city money fighting the citizens’ right to due process of the city’s own laws is foolish.

If wisdom without action is like a tree without nuts, as Yosef Qinchí said, then action without wisdom is like a nut without a tree. Our mayor is a nut with no tree. How much longer must we suffer this fool gladly? And how much will it cost us?

*Jim Sampair Jr.
Macalester-Groveland*

Kiddie on cars

Did you know that cars pollute the planet? They do! When the bad air comes out of the cars, trees push it out and in. Without the trees you would be so hot. You would die! The man who made them (cars) didn’t know. If he was still alive he would say, “I’m sorry.” If we had our very own train, we could still go to far away places.

*Sam Cavert, Age 6
Macalester-Groveland*

Room for small dogs to run eyed in Snell-Ham

By JANE MCCLURE

More than 40 people and one dog attended a meeting of the Union Park District Council's Environment and Parks Committee on September 17 to review a proposal to turn the green space at the southeast corner of Hamline and Ashland avenues into an off-leash dog area.

No timeline for action has been set. The .23-acre site is owned by the city's Department of Public Works and was long known as Ashland Park. For many years a few pieces of playground equipment stood there. It also housed a skating rink in the winter until the 1990s, but for several years it has sat empty.

The UPDC recently gave conceptual approval to the idea of being a fiscal agent for an off-leash dog area, similar to the agreement it has for the nearby Eleanor Graham Community Garden that is also on city-owned land.

A lease agreement between the city and UPDC won City Council approval this summer, even after the district council asked that it be pulled from the agenda. Neigh-

bors said they were surprised to see media reports that the lease had been approved. Several criticized the district council for what they saw as a lack of public input.

The UPDC has not signed the lease, pending the outcome of a longer public review process, said Mike Robertson, co-chair of the council's Environment and Parks Committee. Robertson said the discussion on September 18 was helpful. "I think we all learned a lot tonight," he said.

The off-leash area would be for dogs weighing 30 pounds or less. Local dog owners support the idea, believing there is a need for more areas where dogs can run free. The nearest off-leash dog facilities are at Meeker Island in Merriam Park and beneath the High Bridge on the West End.

Eric Thompson of the St. Paul Department of Parks and Recreation said the proposed site at Hamline and Ashland would be considered a "dog run," since it is too small to be a true off-leash dog park. Dog parks have to be at least 4 acres in size and have off-street parking, water and shade.

"I have an 80-pound lab and I wouldn't bring him to a facility of



Dan Richie played fetch with his dogs during the opening of the High Bridge dog park in 2012. Another off-leash area is being proposed at Hamline and Ashland avenues. PHOTO BY ANNE BRANDRUD

this size," Thompson said.

The proposal has raised objections from some neighbors who doubt the area is large enough for even small dogs. Lack of off-street parking, safety for people and pets crossing Hamline, noise and dog waste cleanup are among their concerns.

"It does seem odd to put this right next to a bunch of houses," said neighbor Rick Nelson. "Dogs bark. That's what they do."

Of the 43 respondents to a 2018 survey of neighbors within a block of the site, 73 percent opposed an off-leash dog area. Ninety-seven percent said they had concerns about traffic and parking, and 47 percent said the site would be too small.

No current estimate is available of what it would cost to create the off-leash area. In 2018, just fencing in the site was expected to cost up to \$27,000.

Property tax outlook coming into focus for 2020

By JANE MCCLURE

The St. Paul School Board was poised to increase the school district's property tax levy for 2020 by a maximum of 5 percent on September 24, after this issue of the *Villager* went to press. With the Ramsey County Board's approval of a maximum levy of 4.75 percent earlier this month and the St. Paul City Council considering a maximum levy of 4.85 percent on September 25, St. Paul property taxpayers can expect to dig deeper in their pockets next year.

The city, county and school district are facing a state-imposed deadline of September 30 for setting their maximum tax levies for 2020. Under state truth-in-taxation law, those levies may be reduced after that date but they may not be increased.

St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter had proposed

the 4.85 percent tax levy increase in August, but that was before the Minnesota Supreme Court ordered that a referendum be held on November 5 on the city's new system of organized trash collection. In the wake of that ruling, the City Council has discussed a levy increase of as much as 23 percent to cover the city's possible obligations if voters reject the organized trash program and private trash haulers still have to be paid under the city's five-year contract with them.

The property tax levy makes up about 20 percent of the St. Paul Public Schools' total budget, according to Marie Schrul, the school district's chief financial officer. The school district's levy would increase a maximum of \$8.935 million in 2020—from \$178.695 million in 2019 to \$187.630 million in 2020. That includes a \$577,857 or 0.8 percent increase in the operating levy, a \$1.684 million or 4.3

percent decrease in the levy for pensions or other post-employment benefits, a \$10.135 million or 15.8 percent increase in the facilities levy, and a \$93,406 or 2.5 percent decrease in the community services levy.

The city, county and school district are scheduled to adopt their actual property tax levies for 2020 before the end of the year.

Ramsey County will hold a public hearing on its proposed property tax levy at 6:30 p.m. Monday, November 25, at the Ramsey County Library, 3025 Southlawn Drive in Maplewood.

The St. Paul School Board will hold a public hearing on its proposed tax levy at 6 p.m. Tuesday, December 3, at school district headquarters, 360 Colborne St.

The St. Paul City Council will hold a public hearing on its proposed tax levy at 6 p.m. Wednesday, December 4, in City Hall.

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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—Twin Cities Hydro, 965 S. Mississippi River Blvd., was broken into between August 30-September 3.

—The cash register was stolen from Bee Nails and Spa, 635 S. Snelling Ave., between 1-9 a.m. Friday, September 6.

—Computer equipment was stolen from Planet Fitness, 2439 W. Seventh St., between September 6-9.

Theft—A set of new golf clubs was stolen from a vehicle on the 1500 block of Juno Avenue during the evening of September 1-2.

—Vehicles were reported stolen on the 1100 block of Juno Avenue on September 2-3, the 1200 block of Davern Street on September 10, the 400 block of South Griggs Street on September 11-12 and the Half Price Books parking lot at 2041 Ford Pkwy. on September 14.

Assault—A victim was taken to the hospital after an assault at Ras Restaurant and Lounge, 2516 W. Seventh St., at 1:50 a.m. Sunday, September 8.

Lexington-Hamline

Burglary—Homes were broken into on the 1100 block of Summit Avenue on September 3-4 and on the 1100 block of Ashland Avenue on September 14-15.

Theft—A laptop computer and wallet were stolen from a vehicle on the 1100 block of Carroll Avenue between 6:55-9:18 p.m. Tuesday, September 10.

—Suspects were arrested for trying to steal more than \$1,000 in merchandise at the Midway Target on September 7 and 14.

—A male suspect grabbed a \$500 Apple watch and sped away in a vehicle at 12:49 p.m. Friday, September 13, from the Verizon store, 474 N. Hamline Ave.

Macalester-Groveland

Robbery—A robbery at gunpoint was reported on the 1700 block of Grand Avenue at 11:22 p.m. Thursday, September 12.

—A man wearing a red bandana over his face robbed staff at gunpoint and stole money from the safe at Caribou Coffee, 68 S. Snelling Ave., at 5:07 a.m. Thursday, September 12.

—A strong-arm robbery was reported at 9:19 p.m. Thursday, September 12, near Grand Avenue and Ayd Mill Road.

Theft—A female stole more than \$705 worth of men's razors from Walgreens, 1585 Randolph Ave., between 1-1:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 27.

—Purses were stolen from vehicles on Mississippi River Boulevard and Summit Avenue on August 30 and September 9.

—Vehicles were stolen on the 1100 block of Palace Avenue on September 4-5 and the 1200 block of Wellesley Avenue on September 11-12.

—The wheels were stolen from a vehicle on the 2100 block of Stanford Avenue during the evening of September 5-6.

—A wallet and cellphone were reported stolen on the 1400 block of Lincoln Avenue at 3:17 p.m. Thursday, September 12.

Mendota Heights

Theft—A vehicle was stolen from inside a garage on the 1000 block of James Road at 5:18 p.m. Monday, September 9.

—Musical equipment was reported stolen on the 1000 block of Highway 13 at 12:31 p.m. Tuesday, September 10.

Miscellaneous—Police stopped two vehicles for racing on I-494 and Dodd Road at 2:17 a.m. Saturday, August 31. Both drivers were cited and their vehicles were impounded. One of the drivers was a juvenile and was released to a parent. The adult driver was booked and later released from jail.

—Three males were seen spraying graffiti on the walls of the Highway 62 pedestrian underpass between Mendota Plaza and the Village of Mendota Heights at 6:01 p.m. Saturday, September 7.

Merriam Park

Robbery—A male suspect stole two firearms from a potential seller and fled on foot on the 1600 block of Iglehart Avenue at 11:30 a.m. Sunday, September 8.

—A 38-year-old man was arrested for felony burglary and assault on the 1800 block of Iglehart Avenue at 6:24 p.m. Friday, September 13.

Burglary—A residence was burglarized on the 400 block of Herschel Street between 6:10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, September 4.

Theft—All four wheels were stolen from a vehicle on Exeter Place near Otis Avenue between 3-3:30 a.m. Friday, August 30.

—Vehicles were stolen on the 1700 block of Iglehart Avenue on September 2-3, on Cretin and Selby avenues on September 7-8, the 1900 block of Marshall Avenue on September 7-8,

the 2100 block of St. Anthony Avenue on September 11-12, and the 2100 block of Carroll Avenue on September 12.

Assault—A female was assaulted at Lynnhurst and University avenues on Wednesday, September 4, and a 30-year-old man was arrested there for punching another man in the face at 6:40 p.m. Saturday, September 7.

Weapons—A shot was fired from a vehicle at 2:22 p.m. Friday, September 13, near Cretin and Marshall avenues. No injuries were reported.

Snelling-Hamline

Theft—A backpack with cash, cellphone and other items was reported stolen at the Midway McDonald's, 1570 University Ave., at 12:50 p.m. Tuesday, September 3.

—Vehicles were stolen at the Midway Cub Foods on September 4, at the Midway Walmart on September 8 and on the 1300 block of University Avenue on September 14.

—A cellphone and \$400 in cash were stolen from a vehicle on September 6, and a laptop computer was stolen from a vehicle on September 9. Both incidents occurred outside LA Fitness, 1370 University Ave.

—Surveillance video showed a man cutting the security cable and stealing a laptop computer from Office Max, 1490 University Ave., at noon on Sunday, September 8.

—Several items were stolen from a vehicle at Concordia University's Sea Foam Stadium, 281 N. Hamline Ave., between 8-9 p.m. Monday, September 9.

—A laptop computer was stolen from a vehicle on Snelling and Ashland avenues between 7-7:45 p.m. Monday, September 9.

—A boy stole watches valued at more than \$1,000 from T-Mobile, 1460 University Ave., at 6:49 p.m. Wednesday, September 11.

Assault—Two girls, ages 16-17, were arrested for felony assault after one shot pepper spray at staff and customers while the other swung at them with a broom at 4:19 p.m. Tuesday, September 3, at the Midway McDonald's, 1570 University Ave.

—A 23-year-old homeless man was arrested on charges of felony assault after pulling a knife and threatening to stab security personnel at Allianz Field at 4:20 a.m. Thursday, September 5.

—A male reported that someone pointed a gun at him at the Midway McDonald's at 3 p.m. Thursday, September 5.

Summit Hill

Burglary—A home was broken into on the 1000 block of Lombard Avenue between 7:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, September 13.

Theft—Cellphones and a wallet were stolen from a vehicle on the 800 block of Grand Avenue between 4:40-5:19 p.m. Saturday, September 7.

—A shoplifter made off with more than \$500 in merchandise from Walgreens, 734 Grand Ave., at 1:48 p.m. Friday, September 6.

Weapons—Multiple callers reported hearing gunshots on the 900 block of Lincoln Avenue at 5 p.m. Sunday, September 8.

Summit-University

Burglary—A 55-year-old man was arrested for stealing items from the locked Rondo Education Center, 560 Concordia Ave., at 4:23 p.m. Friday, September 6.

Theft—Vehicles were reported stolen on the 700 block of Marshall Avenue on September 13 and on the 200 block of Marshall Avenue on September 14.

Assault—Men were assaulted at knifepoint at Cathedral Hill Park at 215 Summit Ave. on September 6 and on the 800 block of Selby Avenue on September 7.

Weapons—Police found 11 spent bullet casings after responding to a call about shots fired on the 700 block of Carroll Avenue at 3:10 a.m. Saturday, September 7.

West End

Burglary—Copper pipes and other items were stolen from Orthotic Care Systems, 678 W. Seventh St., on September 2-3.

—A break-in was reported at the Hampton Inn & Suites, 200 W. Seventh St., at 8:49 a.m. Thursday, September 5.

—An apartment was burglarized on the 900 block of Jefferson Avenue between 1 a.m.-2 p.m. Thursday, September 5.

Theft—Vehicles were stolen on Leech and McBoal streets on September 4-5, and on the 100 block of North Smith Avenue on September 14-15.

—All four wheels were stolen from a vehicle on the 900 block of Randolph Avenue during the evening of September 7-8.

—More than \$1,000 in merchandise was stolen from Music Go Round, 933 W. Seventh St., at 4:32 p.m. Thursday, September 12.

Assault—A 40-year-old woman was arrested for assaulting security officers at United Hospital at 5:55 a.m. Thursday, September 12.

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Home Improvement

Tudor revival

Highland Park home is lovingly updated while its elegance is restored

BY JANET LUNDER HANAFIN

A dignified 1936 English Tudor home in Highland Park welcomed its third owners a year and a half ago, and they began a five-year project to update and remodel the house and restore it to its original elegance.

The blond brick abode had five bedrooms and four bathrooms originally. It was purchased in 1972 by a family with nine children, and they remodeled it to serve their needs, converting the rear-facing two-car garage into a first-floor family room with a large bedroom and bathroom above. They opened the wall between the family room and the kitchen, remodeled the kitchen and removed a butler's pantry, creating open sight lines from the family room all of the way to the dining room. The former garage doors were camouflaged with bump-out alcoves. They added a new garage with a large deck above

it in front of the house.

When Karen and Dr. Chris Pensinger bought the property, they were given both the original house plans and the blueprints for the 1972 remodel. And then the fun began. Over the past year the couple demolished the garage and kitchen, reusing, recycling or repurposing almost everything they removed, Karen said. Some materials they salvaged for their own use; others were sold or given away.

Then, with their contractor, Buck Brothers Construction, they remodeled the kitchen and turned the family room back into a garage that will have charging stations for two electric vehicles. Once again a self-contained room, the new kitchen features white cabinets, white and brown granite countertops, a six-burner gas stove and tile floor. A custom-made African mahogany corner banquette and table provide an eating area. What Karen calls her "kitchen eye candy" is a custom-



An updated kitchen is only part of a major remodeling of this 1936 Highland Park home undertaken by owners Chris and Karen Pensinger with help from Buck Brothers Construction. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

made copper range hood that replicates the copper awnings on the home's exterior.

The house lagged far behind current energy-efficiency standards, so the couple replaced the windows and sprayed foam insulation in the attic. The home's R-value went from 9 to 55, Chris said. Now the house stays comfortable without central air conditioning, and winter heating bills are more than manageable. They saved the original windows and will incorporate some of them in a custom-designed hutch

planned for the dining room.

One of the challenges, according to project manager Joe Sularz of Buck Brothers, was accommodating the Pensingers' desire to retain some of the home's period radiators while employing a new hydronic in-floor heating system in some of the remodeled rooms. Sularz described in-floor heating as "the most comfortable heating there is." There are no air currents and no ducts to clean, and both systems will be served by a new dual-duty boiler.

The home's bathrooms, which

the Pensingers intend to preserve as much as possible, have the original tile floors and fixtures in shades of pink, mauve, peach and navy blue that were popular in the 1930s.

The home has oak woodwork and textured plaster walls and mahogany paneling in the dining room and first-floor den. When the carpeting was removed from the living room and bedrooms, the couple discovered oak and maple flooring in good condition and ready to be refinished.

PENSINGER HOME ► 12

Going with the flow: Highland main-floor remodel part of fall tour

BY FRANK JOSSI

Anmol Shrestha loves the flow of his family's newly renovated kitchen, with its gleaming white cabinets and stainless-steel appliances in a room that overlooks the backyard patio.

It is a big difference from the former kitchen, an antiquated room that had not changed all that much since the 1954 rambler was built. "The cabinets were original and the wooden floors still had the original staining," Shrestha said.

He and his wife, Laura Elizabeth Willson, hired Woodbury-based Ispiri for the renovation of their home at 1881 Hampshire Ave. in Highland Park. It is one of 67 residences that will be open for public viewing from noon-6 p.m. Friday through Sunday, September 27-29, during the Fall Parade of Homes Remodelers Showcase.

"Our kitchen remodels are the number one project people want," said Ispiri sales manager and business partner Jamie Anderson.



Anmol Shrestha and Laura Willson's updated Highland Park kitchen, which will be on view during the Fall Remodelers Showcase on September 27-29. PHOTOS BY BRAD STAUFFER

"Kitchens are the best rooms in the home for resale. It's where you get the best return. It's also where everyone in the house hangs out."

With two kids and busy lives, Shrestha

and Willson wanted more places to eat in the kitchen and additional space. Ispiri kept the L-shaped configuration intact, but reimaged much of the space. Originally, three

doors opened to the kitchen, creating a confusing traffic flow and a cramped design. The contractor walled in one door, widened one that led to the living room and kept a third connecting to the dining room.

The backside of the kitchen had a bank of windows overlooking the patio. A shelf next to the windows was removed and replaced by a built-in bench. A table with a stainless-steel top was positioned in front of the bench to serve as a dinette, with contemporary chairs filling the other side.

"That's been a great place for us to eat dinner or grab a snack," Shrestha said.

The existing cabinets, peninsula and island were removed, and new custom cabinets were installed along one wall and beneath a new island topped by Silestone quartz. Similar counters were added in the adjacent mud room.

"We have more cabinets now than we did before and yet the kitchen has more space," Shrestha said. "They really did a great job."

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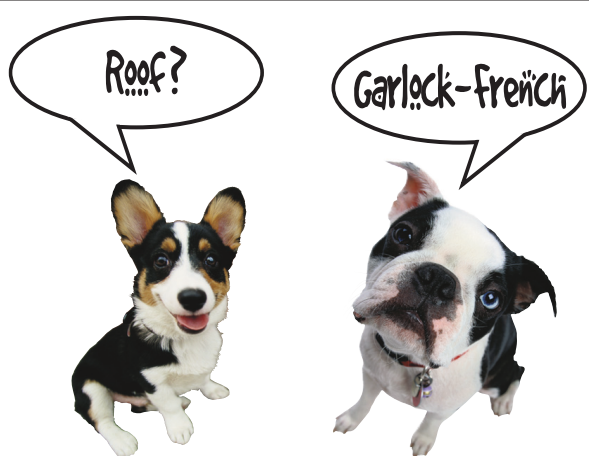
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The Pensingers had the entire house acid-washed to brighten the brick siding, which had darkened from years of air pollution. They then put in hours of sweat equity cleaning and sealing the copper awnings and painting the shutters and timber trim dark brown. Chris is rebuilding the retaining wall along the front-facing driveway and reusing the old limestone slabs to edge landscaping around the house.

The Pensingers needed more blond bricks for the exterior work, but that color was no longer available commercially. Walking through the neighborhood, they found a dumpster full of bricks that matched the ones on their house, and with the homeowner's permission spent a weekend "dumpster diving," hauling home four tons or 2,000-some bricks. Since then they have learned how to chip off the old mortar in "about two minutes per brick," Chris said.

The Pensingers grew up in South Minneapolis. As kids they used to ride their bikes to Highland Park. After Chris finished his medical training at the University of Minnesota, they moved to Zimmerman where he was in family practice for 25 years. They raised their three children in Zimmerman, but their plan all along was to move back to the Twin Cities.

Intending to build a house, they looked for the right vacant lot before finding their spacious new home. Though it was larger than what they had been seeking, they liked the style and realized it had great possibilities.

"A hobby of Karen's is to fix up and repurpose," Chris said. "This gave us an opportunity to do it."

With more than 4,000 square feet, the house has a family room, laundry room and a root cellar in the basement; kitchen, living room, dining room, powder room, den and porch on the main floor; and four bedrooms and three bathrooms



The Pensinger's Tesla is plugged into a charging station in their newly remodeled garage, which was the Highland Park home's original garage but had been turned into a family room by a previous owner. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

on the second floor. Chris has his office in the former maid's room on the third floor.

"It was a very well-built home in its original condition," Sularz said. "It's great to see that these people want to restore it to its original design."

11◀ REMODELERS SHOWCASE

The family bought nearly all new appliances. The gas stove was replaced by an induction cooktop that Shrestha said has taken some practice to learn to use.

A double wall oven was installed just a few feet from the stove. The top unit is a "speed oven" that serves as both a microwave and convection oven, while the bottom unit is a conventional oven. The ovens open from the side for easier access.

"We had a microwave, but we didn't want another appliance taking up more room if we could avoid it," Shrestha said. "The speed oven takes care of that."

Little things mattered in the renovation. The main sink on the island has a hot water dispenser. "We drink a lot of tea and it's nice to have hot water always ready," he said.

A beverage refrigerator occupies an open space in the mudroom adjacent to the main cooking and seating area. Shrestha said it was a nice addition because the large side-by-side refrigerator often fills quickly and leaves little room



A view of the backyard from Shrestha and Willson's updated kitchen.

for soft drinks, beer or wine.

The remodeling project included sanding and refinishing the oak floors and replacing part of the old hallway

flooring with wood. The kitchen now features LED lighting and motion detectors that turn lights on and off when people enter and exit. The windows behind the kitchen table were replaced with energy-efficient ones.

Ispiri's Anderson added that old closets and pantries in the mudroom were removed, opening up the space to create more inviting access to the patio.

Shrestha and Willson lived for a decade in Macalester-Groveland before moving to Highland Park in 2014. They looked at many homes before deciding on the one they bought. They said the investment in the kitchen was worth it.

"The flow is really nice," Shrestha said. "It's a space we really enjoy. It's become probably the best room in the house."

Admission to the Remodelers Showcase is free, with the exception of four dream homes where a \$5 donation is requested to support the work of the Builders Association of the Twin Cities Foundation. Guidebooks are available at Holiday Stations. For more information, visit paradeofhomes.org.

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Fall drop-off event—A citywide drop-off event being organized by the Highland District Council will be held from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, September 28, on Shepard Road between Alton and Davern streets. For information, visit tinyurl.com/yxudurqr.

Highland transit use—A public conversation on transit use in the Highland Park neighborhood will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 8, at the Highland Park Community Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. Metro Transit will provide current ridership data for Highland and the HDC will give a brief overview of how future development projects could affect transit use in the neighborhood.

Harvesting volunteers—Join the HDC in helping distribute fresh produce to families in the neighborhood from noon-3 p.m. Wednesday, October 2, at the Neighborhood House in Sibley Manor. Email Kathy@highlanddistrictcouncil.org to register.

Upcoming meetings—Board of directors, 7 p.m. Thursday, October 3, at the Highland Park Community Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy.

Macalester-Groveland

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Citywide drop-off event—St. Paul's final citywide drop-off event of the year to get rid of unwanted household goods will be held from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, September 28, on Shepard Road between Alton and Davern streets. Those who volunteer for a shift will receive lunch and a \$20 voucher for dropping off their own load of items. Email mgcc@macgrove.org or visit macgrove.org/cleanup.

Mac-Grove business roundtable—Local business leaders are invited to join the community council's business representatives for a fall roundtable discussion at Macalester College from 8-9:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 2. Register at mgcc@macgrove.org.

Fall plant share—The fall plant share will be held from noon-4 p.m. Saturday, October 5, at 1960 James Ave. Local gardeners are invited to share their extra perennials with their neighbors. A minimum donation of \$2 per plant is suggested for those without plants.

Council resolves daycare parking issue

By JANE MCCLURE

The St. Paul City Council voted on September 18 to deny a neighborhood appeal and uphold a Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) decision to grant a variance for Highland Village Montessori School to build a new facility at 1886 Ford Pkwy.

Council member Chris Tolbert, who represents the area, said he understood neighbors' concerns about alley traffic and daycare parents blocking garages and driveways when dropping off and picking up their children. However, he said no error could be found to justify reversing the BZA decision. If the use of the alley continues, Tolbert said neighbors have the right to complain to city officials.

The BZA voted in August to approve a variance that allows six off-street parking spaces for the new facility, instead of the required 12 based on the dozen employees scheduled to work there. Highland Village Montessori currently operates in a former duplex at 1882 Ford Pkwy. The center now enrolls 42 children, but would be able to double that number by tearing down the adjacent duplex and its detached garage and replacing them with a new three-story building.

The new building would have a footprint of 2,646 square feet. The property is zoned for a duplex and a daycare is an allowed use in that zoning district.

Seth Brand and two other neighbors spoke

Board update—Starting this fall, all meetings of the community council's board of directors will be streamed live on Facebook. Stay tuned to the council's Facebook page or website for more information.

Union Park

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Prospective members—Board members and staff will talk about serving on the Union Park District Council's board of directors during a gathering over food and drinks from 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, September 28, at Tillie's Farmhouse, 232 N. Cleveland Ave.

Stroll on Selby—A Selby Stroll will be held from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, September 28, on Selby Avenue between Saratoga Street and Fairview Avenue. The public is invited to walk Selby and take advantage of sidewalk sales and special offers.

Ward 4 housing forum—Join the UPDC to hear Ward 4 City Council candidates Mitra Jalali Nelson, Tarrence Robertson-Bayless and Chris Holbrook talk about housing issues in St. Paul during a forum from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, October 1, in Owens Science Hall at the University of St. Thomas.

Upcoming meetings—Board of directors, 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 2, Otto Hall at Episcopal Homes, 1860 University Ave.

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Board update—At its meeting on September 9, the West Seventh/Fort Road Federation's board of directors supported a request to waive the 45-day notice period for a public hearing on an additional liquor license for Mucci's Italian restaurant. A public hearing will still occur and neighbors of the restaurant will be notified. The board also supported applying to the city of St. Paul for joint boundary changes between the West Seventh neighborhood (District 9) and downtown (District 17).

Upcoming meeting—The board of directors will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, October 14, at the federation's new office, 882 W. Seventh St., Suite 6. For details, contact executive director Emily Northey at 651-298-5599 or emily@fortroadfederation.org.

on behalf of several residents living near the daycare. Brand said that when the project was first proposed, many adjacent neighbors were not initially aware of the extent of the expansion. He said the daycare was able to submit additional materials to the BZA that neighbors did not get to respond to because the BZA's public hearing had closed. Neighbors also complained that not all letters in opposition went to the City Council.

"The core critical issues weren't addressed by the BZA," Brand said.

Some neighbors also raised concerns that the daycare could expand further, which would require more staff and off-street parking.

Owner Shamil Ranasinghe said there are no plans to expand the daycare beyond 84 children and that the staff will not be increased. Part of the plan for the building's expansion is to provide interior play space in the winter.

Jerome Benner II of the BZA staff said city staff recommended approval of the variance. He noted that the site is along a transit route and that not all employees drive to work. The BZA's resolution specifies that there will be no child drop-off or pickup at the rear of the building unless a child has disabilities. Snow also cannot be stored in the lot.

Project architect Chad Haller said parents will be required to sign an agreement to not use the alley for drop-off and pickup, and the front of the building will be the only unlocked entrance for parents and children.

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The Kiosk

Wednesday/September 25

“BAIL REFORM,” a discussion on the bail system in Ramsey County and its impact on vulnerable communities, will be presented by the League of Women Voters of St. Paul from 6:30-8 p.m. at the Eastside Freedom Library, 1105 Greenbrier St. Speakers include Ramsey County District Court Judge Nicole Starr and Tonja Honsey of the Minnesota Freedom Fund. Admission is free. Light refreshments will be served. Visit lwvsp.org.

Thursday/September 26

“HER FLAG,” a traveling art project that celebrates the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment granting women the right to vote, will be presented from noon-1 p.m. at Landmark Center. Oklahoma artist Marilyn Artus is visiting 36 states in the order in which they ratified the amendment. In collaboration with a local artist, she will add a new stripe to the flag to represent that state.

RAMSEY COUNTY ELECTIONS officials will discuss the work they do preparing for an election and after the polls close in a free program at 5 p.m. at the Highland Park Library, 1974 Ford Pkwy. Voter Engagement 101, a free class on voter registration drives and other outreach events, mailings and canvassing, will follow at 6:15 p.m. Call 651-695-3700.

Friday/September 27

GREAT BARGAINS on furniture, housewares, clothing, accessories, games, toys, books, DVDs, CDs, tools, sporting goods, plants and more are yours to discover at St. Mark's Church's semi-annual rummage sale. The three-day sale of gently used goods will run from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. today, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and with a bag sale from 9 a.m.-noon Sunday in the parish hall, 1983 Dayton Ave.

A FLEA MARKET will be held from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. today and from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. September 28 at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 104 S. Snelling Ave. A bag sale will be held all day on Saturday.

“DIVERSIFYING SUSTAINABLE Farms with Industrial Hemp,” a discussion with urban farmer and food justice advocate Will Allen, will be held at 5 p.m. at Urban Growler Brewing Company, 2325 Endicott St. The event is a fundraiser for Farming for a Livable Planet. Admission is by donation. Appetizers will be provided.

FALLOUT, a free evening out for neighbors featuring music, games, snacks, a bonfire and other surprises, will be offered from 6-9 p.m. at the Edgumbe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St. All are welcome.

Saturday/September 28

A SUSTAINABLE AND LOCAL Food Cooking Competition for professional chefs and culinary students will be held from 8 a.m.-noon today and tomorrow at the St. Paul Farmers' Market, 290 E. Fifth St. Each chef will have just over 90 minutes to prepare, cook and plate their dish and clean up. They will be judged on organization, cooking skills, culinary technique and taste.

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY will be celebrated from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Hidden



Tall in the saddle. With a little help from his grandfather Peter Peine, 16-month-old Brooks Peine steadied his mount on the merry-go-round at Nativity Parish's annual County Fair on September 15. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

Falls Regional Park. Paddle a canoe on the Mississippi River. Shoot a bow and arrow. Ascend the heights at a tree-climbing station. Fishing, campfire cooking, games and nature activities will also be available. Participation is free. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

STORIED OWL BOOKS, 2059 Randolph Ave., will hold its grand opening from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Treats and craft activities will be available. Children's author and illustrator Drew Brockington will be there from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. to demonstrate drawing and to sign copies of his books.

NAMI WALKS, a 5-kilometer walk to raise awareness and hope about mental illnesses, will step out at 1 p.m. at Minnehaha Park. The fundraiser for the National Alliance on Mental Illness will feature live music, food trucks, speakers, resource tables, a children's tent, a tree of hope, team photos and more. To register, call 651-645-2948.

Sunday/September 29

LITTLE BROTHERS, Friends of the Elderly will celebrate the International Day of Older Persons by distributing fresh flowers and treats from 1-3 p.m. in Minnehaha Falls Park, 4801 Minnehaha Ave. S. in Minneapolis. The treats will be made from recipes in the organization's *Friends for Life Cookbook*, which will be available for purchase.

Tuesday/October 1

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

A WARD 4 CITY COUNCIL candidates forum will be held at 6:30 p.m. in Owens Science Hall on the south campus of

the University of St. Thomas. All three candidates are expected to take part, including incumbent Mitra Jalali Nelson and challengers Chris Holbrook and Tarrence Robertson-Bayless.

“FOLLOW ME: Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John” will be addressed in an eight-week Bible study from 7-8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, today through November 19, or from 11 a.m.-noon on Thursdays, October 3-November 21, in Carolyn Hall at St. Mark's Catholic Church, Dayton Avenue and Moore Street. The cost is \$20. For more information or to register, visit OneStrongFamily.org/biblestudy or call 651-645-5717.

Thursday/October 3

A RUMMAGE SALE with great deals on antiques, collectables, jewelry, vintage clothing, furniture, housewares, clothing, toys, books, tools and sporting goods will be held from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. today and Friday, October 4, at St. Mark Lutheran Church, 550 W. Seventh St. A \$4 bag sale will be offered all day on Friday. Baked goods and a snack bar will also be available.

THE CATHEDRAL FESTIVAL of Lights gala will be presented from 6-9 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Paul. The fundraiser will feature a cocktail reception, hors d'oeuvres, guided tours of the sacristy and Shrines of Nations, live music, a live auction and dinner catered by the St. Paul Hotel. Tom Hauser of KSTP-TV will emcee. Proceeds will help restore the Cathedral sacristy. Tickets are \$75 and \$175. To register, call 651-300-6584, email amy@dowellmgmt.com or visit cathedralheritagefoundation.org.

Friday/October 4

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

Saturday/October 5

LINWOOD RECREATION CENTER invites local families and friends to gather around a bonfire and socialize from 5-8 p.m. in the park at 860 St. Clair Ave. Call 651-298-5660.

ST. THOMAS MORE Catholic Church will serve a spaghetti dinner from 5:30-7 p.m. in the auditorium of the school, Summit Avenue and Oxford Street. Meal tickets are \$10, \$5 for children age 12 and under, or \$30 per family. Beer and wine will be available. Bingo and a prize drawing will be held at 7 p.m. Call 612-360-3958.

HALLIE Q. BROWN Community Center, 270 N. Kent St., will celebrate its 90th anniversary with “A Night at the Q” gala from 6-9 p.m. The semi-formal affair will open with a social hour and silent auction followed by the dinner and program at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$65, \$90 with admission to a pre-gala reception with executive director Jonathan Palmer. Call 651-224-4601.

Sunday/October 6

THE BOOYA you've been waiting for, the Church of St. Francis' famous stew, will be served at a Fall Fiesta beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Highland Park Pavilion, 1200 Montreal Ave. Hot beef sandwiches, hot dogs, pozole, soft tacos, Mexican coffee and atole will also be featured along with children's games, pull tabs, a raffle, and a performance by the St. Paul Police Band from 1-2 p.m. A bilingual Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Call 651-228-1169.

Tuesday/October 8

LA LECHE LEAGUE of the Midway-Como area will hold its monthly meeting for pregnant and nursing mothers from 7-8:45 p.m. at Hamline Church United Methodist, 1514 Englewood Ave. Babies, toddlers and support persons are welcome. Breastfeeding, parenting and pregnancy will be discussed. For more information, call Heidi at 651-659-9527.

ADVOCATING OVERLORD author Philip Padgett will discuss the conflict among America's allies over developing the atomic bomb and its effect on D-Day in a World War II History Round Table at 7 p.m. at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. Admission is free. An informal conversation with the author and local veterans will precede the program at 6 p.m.

Wednesday/October 9

“CREATING A PERIOD GARDEN” will be discussed by the Longfellow Garden Club at 7 p.m. at Epworth United Methodist Church, 3207 37th Ave. S. in Minneapolis. All are welcome.

Thursday/October 10

THE ARGUMENT CLUB for Women will host a panel discussion on school choices from 6-9 p.m. at the Church of St. Mark, 2001 Dayton Ave. Three women will speak to the joys and sacrifices of choosing a public school, Catholic school or home schooling for their children. Open to all women, the program will commence with dinner and drinks followed by the discussion at 6:45. Tickets are \$15 at the door, \$10 in advance at schoolchoice_acw.eventbrite.com.

On the Town

A star is made

From karaoke to solos to fronting a band, Dorr sings for her success

BY CAROLYN WALKUP

Mia Dorr has yet to perform in Las Vegas, but she has a new residency at St. Paul's Green Lantern and that may be the ideal venue to showcase her vocal talents. On a recent Sunday evening there, the Macalester-Groveland singer belted out songs ranging from Frank Sinatra's "Fly Me to the Moon" to Etta James' "I Just Want to Make Love to You" to Sam Cooke's "Bring It on Home to Me." Some of the songs were part of her ever-growing set list; others were audience requests.

The Green Lantern's intimate space in the basement of the Park Square Court Building at 229 E. Sixth St., with its old stone walls, vintage oil paintings and comfortable couches and easy chairs, provides the ideal ambiance for Dorr's sultry stylings. Alternating between standing with a hand-held microphone and sitting on a bar stool, she and her producer, Didi Pagitt, carry on a banter between songs reminiscent of the late television talk-show host Johnny Carson and his sidekick Ed McMahon.

Dorr draws from many musical genres, including pop from the 1920s to the present, classic rock, jazz, country, rhythm and blues and Broadway show tunes. "We ad lib what direction each show will take depending on the energy in the room," said Pagitt, who handles the technical end of the performances, including cuing up the soundtracks that accompany Dorr's vocals.

Dorr grew up in North Minneapolis as the youngest of seven siblings. She and all three of her sisters loved to sing as children. Among her early influences were James Taylor, Melissa Manchester, Stevie Wonder and Earth, Wind & Fire.

Dorr enrolled at DeLaSalle High School and sang in the choral concerts and theater productions there. She attended the University of Minnesota, but dropped out after her freshman year and moved to New York with the intention of going to drama

school. Her plans changed when her mother, to whom she was very close, was stricken with terminal cancer. She came back home to care for her.

After her mother died, Dorr went to cosmetology school and worked as a hair designer for about five years. She began singing karaoke at Mancini's Char House on West Seventh Street in the late 1980s when karaoke "was brand new on the scene," she recalled. When she realized her work as a hair designer was limiting the time she had for singing, she and her sister Katie started their own karaoke business.

Dorr auditioned for "Star Search" and for "The Voice," but did not make the cut. Undeterred, she continues to perform. "I really love what I do, and I believe that things happen for the best," she said.

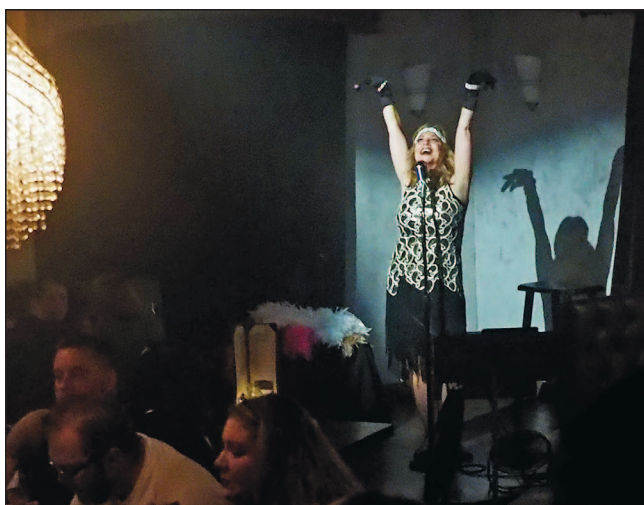
"I got my chops through karaoke, and my showmanship comes from that," Dorr said.

She took voice lessons for three years from four different voice coaches and auditioned once for "Star Search" with Ed McMahon and three times for "The Voice," but did not make the cut.

Undeterred, she continues to perform. "I

really love what I do, and I believe that things happen for the best," she said. "I don't need big fame."

Dorr took over the karaoke business when her sister left to do other things. Since then, Mia Dorr's Premier Entertainment has grown to the extent that it operates five shows simultaneously with the help of a team of independent contractors. The company has contracts with 14 regular venues and for the past 17 years has been the vendor for the Karaoke in the Garden stage at the Minnesota State Fair.



Dorr relishes the spotlight on a recent weekend at Al's.



Mia Dorr belts out a song during a solo gig at Al's Place in Northeast Minneapolis.

PHOTOS BY BRAD STAUFFER

"Karaoke shows are my bread and butter," Dorr said. Their popularity, she surmised, has increased with the success of such television shows as "The Voice" and "American Idol."

Free-lance musicians can struggle to make a living, but that has not been a problem for Dorr. She sings for private occasions and memorial services and had a long-running show at the Camp Bar in downtown St. Paul before that ended in June. Some of her followers at Camp are now finding their way to the Green Lantern.

"We created a community (at Camp Bar)," she said. "We got to know people and knew their stories. It was a magical decade. There were all ages, gay and straight. We celebrated marriages and births and mourned passings."

Among her current gigs are weekly weekend shows at Al's Place, a speakeasy upstairs from Stanley's Saloon in Northeast Minneapolis; a monthly show with the band YOLO (You Only Live Once) at the Black Hart of St. Paul on University Avenue; and monthly appearances with the Mark Arneson blues band at the Minnesota Music Cafe on Payne Avenue.

All of her shows have a relaxed, informal atmosphere, and Dorr encourages audience interaction. As she said at a recent Green Lantern gig, "Feel free to talk among

yourselves. This is a party room, not a listening room."

A party atmosphere also prevails at Al's Place, a popular venue for birthdays, anniversaries, bachelorette parties and other special occasions. Like Dorr, Al's patrons are often decked out in flapper wear from the 1920s.

Given her busy schedule, Dorr has not had time to plan far into the future, but she has co-written a couple of songs and hopes to write more, both the lyrics and the music. She is co-writing a song with members of the Mark Arneson Band. She would also like to do a studio recording. Yet another project in the works is a revival of her weekly "Evolution of the Diva" shows which featured a variety of local female vocalists.

Dorr is also teaching herself to play the guitar. "That's my music therapy," she said. She has taken up walk-running, an exercise regimen she does every day. She also spends time with her adult son. Single, she is not currently dating anyone. "I'm hard to date because I work every Thursday through Sunday," she said. "It's not easy."

Another of her daily rituals is to reflect on her personal vision statement: "I'm capable. I fearlessly welcome opportunities. I embrace my life's journey, savor the moments, trust myself and flourish. I'm ready!"

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Theater

Crowns, Regina Taylor's coming-of-age story about a self-destructive African-American teenager from Brooklyn whose mother sends her to live with her grandmother in the South, is being staged by New Dawn Theatre through October 6 at the Summit Center for Arts & Innovation, 1524 Summit Ave. The musical drama draws on the spiritual traditions of Africa and the blues, jazz, R&B, hip-hop and gospel music that evolved from the field songs of the American South. Jevetta Steele, T. Mychael Rambo and Thomasina Petrus star. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays. For tickets, visit newdawntheatre.org.

Pippin: A Mid-Life Crisis is playing through September 29 at Mixed Blood Theatre, 1501 S. Fourth St. in Minneapolis. The Theatre 55 production takes a fresh approach to this allegory about a prince searching for his purpose in life. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Friday, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$25. Visit theatre55.org.

The dark musical Ride the Cyclone is being staged through October 20 at Jungle Theater, 2951 Lyndale Ave. S. in Minneapolis. The drama tells of six teens in a Canadian choir who die in a freak accident but are given the chance in limbo to compete for a return to their earthly existence. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and 2 and 7:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$40-\$50. Call 612-822-7063 or visit jungletheater.org.

Swede Hollow Ghost Sonata, a staging of August Strindberg's *The Ghost Sonata* that evokes the history of Swedish immigration to St. Paul in the 19th century, will be performed by Black Label Movement at 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, September 28 and 29, in Swede Hollow Park near Beaumont and Drewery streets. Admission is free. Saturday's show will be followed by a free discussion on immigration issues at 8 p.m. at St. Paul Brewing, 688 E. Minnehaha Ave. For reservations, visit blacklabelmovement.com.

Jimmy and Lorraine: A Musing, playwright Talvin Wilks' meditation on American politics of the late 1950s and early '60s as seen through the eyes of artists James Baldwin and Lorraine Hansberry, is playing through October 20 at Pillsbury House Theatre, 3501



Courting mystery. Ryan D. Maddux, Thom Pinault and Alison Anderson star in *Witness for the Prosecution*, a murder mystery by Agatha Christie that will be staged from October 4-12 by Lex-Ham Community Theater. The drama tells of the trial of Leonard Vole, a young married man who is accused of murdering a rich, 56-year old woman who had taken a liking to him. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays at the Wellstone Center, 179 E. Robie St. Tickets are \$20, \$17 for students and seniors, or whatever you can afford on October 6. Visit lexhamarts.org.

Chicago Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays. For tickets, call 612-825-0459 or visit pillsburyhouseandtheatre.org.

Uprising Theatre Company is presenting Stephanie Alison Walker's dark comedy *Friends With Guns* through October 5 at Off-Leash Art Box, 4200 E. 54th St. in Minneapolis. The tense and witty drama takes a feminist approach to gun ownership. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Mondays and 1:30 and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays. Tickets are \$20. Call 612-520-1230.

Brewing a Scandal: Corruption, Politics and the Teapot Dome, a historical drama about the biggest scandal in American politics before Watergate, will be performed by a cast of Twin Cities lawyers and judges at 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, September 26-28, in Weyerhaeuser Auditorium at Landmark Center. The play stars retired Min-

nesota Supreme Court Judge Paul Anderson, Mitchell Hamline School of Law Professor Emeritus Douglas R. Heidenreich and U.S. Bankruptcy Court clerk Lori Vosjepka. For tickets, priced at \$10, call 651-292-3063.

Aubergine, a new play by Julia Cho about a first-generation Korean-American man's attempts to reconnect with his dying father, will open on September 27 on the thrust stage at Park Square Theatre, 20 W. Seventh Place. The drama delves into memories, a love of food and relationships fractured by the loss of a native language. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through October 20 and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 16. Tickets are \$25-\$55. Call 651-291-7005.

Backstabbing, bitterness and murderous revenge threaten a rag-tag group's attempt to resurrect a defunct club in *The Clemency of Tito's Tennis Club*. The adaptation of Mozart's

La Clemenza di Tito will be performed by Mixed Precipitation at 2 p.m. Saturday, September 28, in Swede Hollow Park, 657 E. Beaumont St., and at 2 p.m. Sunday, September 29, in Loring Park, 1382 Willow St., Minneapolis. It intersperses Mozart's classic arias and duets with New Wave and synth-pop hits by Devo, Pat Benatar, Berlin and Yaz. Tickets are a suggested donation of \$10-\$20. Visit mixedprecipitation.org or call 800-838-3006.

Gloria: A Life, a play by Emily Mann about Gloria Steinem and the feminist movement she embodied, will be staged from September 28 through October 20 at the History Theatre, 30 E. Tenth St. Directed by Risa Brainin and starring Charity Jones, the drama tells of Steinem's early years, the history of the feminist movement and the activists who influenced her. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, 10 a.m. October 3 and 1 p.m. October 10. Tickets are \$20-\$48, \$20-\$43 for seniors, \$15 for students. Call 651-292-4323.

Pipeline, a searing drama by Dominique Morisseau about the school-to-prison pipeline for young men of color, will be performed from October 1-27 at Penumbra Theatre, 270 N. Kent St. Lou Bellamy directs this play about a teenager of color who finds the halls of his private prep school just as dangerous as the city in which he was raised. Show times are 10 a.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays and 7:30 p.m. Monday, October 7. Tickets are \$15-\$40. Call 651-224-3180.

From Dream Girls to Mean Girls. Christina Baldwin, China Brickey, Meghan Kreidler, Ann Michels, Traci Allen Shannon and Colleen Somerville will deliver their own stories, in their own words and in the language of Broadway musicals that resonate with them, in an Ordway Cabaret at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, October 3, in the Ordway Concert Hall. Tickets are \$23-\$44. Call 651-224-4222.

The Rocky Horror Show, the campy rock musical by Richard O'Brien spun off and 1970s cult film by a similar name, will open on October 4 on the proscenium stage at Park Square Theatre, 20 W. Seventh Place. Directed by Ilana Ransom Toeplitz, the production stars Ben Lohrberg and Natalie Shaw as a naive couple who seek shelter in a storm and stumble upon the eerie mansion

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Music

Live from Serbia comes the Levante Guitar Duo of Aleksandra and Vojislav Ivanovic appearing in a Minnesota Guitar Society concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, September 27, in Sundin Musical Hall, 1531 Hewitt Ave. Their original compositions combine elements of jazz with classical music. Tickets are \$10-\$25. Visit mnguitar.org.

The improbable duo of saxophonist Branford Marsalis and pipe organist Jean-Willy Kunz of the Orchestre symphonique de Montréal will present a cross-over program of jazz and classical music at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 1, on the Carlson Family Stage at Northrop Auditorium. Tickets are \$21-\$45. A free master class with Kunz will be offered at 7 p.m. Monday, September 30. Call 612-624-2345 or visit northrop.umn.edu.

The All-Originals Jazz Series continues on Thursday, October 3, with the Chris Bates Red 5 featuring Chris Bates, bass; J.T. Bates, drums; Tom Nordlund, guitar; Jake Baldwin, trumpet; J.C. Sanford, trombone; Chris Thomson and Brandon Wozniak, saxophones. The concert begins at 8 p.m. in Studio Z, 275 E. Fourth St., Suite 200. Admission is \$10. Visit studiozstpaul.com.

Lyra Baroque Orchestra returns on Saturday, October 5, with music from the court of Frederick the Great of Prussia. Cellists Eva Lymenstull and Jaap Ter Linden and harpsichordist Jacques Ogg will perform solos in a program that includes Johann Gottlieb Janitsch's Sinfonia in G Major, Carl Philip Emmanuel Bach's Harpsichord Concerto in F Major and Cello Concerto in A Major, and Wilhelm Friedmann

Bach's Sinfonia in F Major. The music begins at 7:30 p.m. in Sundin Hall, 1531 Hewitt Ave. A preconcert talk will be offered at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5-\$30. Visit lyrabaroque.org.

Known for air-tight harmonies and razor-sharp arrangements, Monroe Crossing will present an electrifying blend of classic bluegrass, gospel and original music at 4 p.m. Sunday, October 6, at Hamline Church, 1514 Englewood Ave. Tickets are \$15, \$5 for students, free for children age 5 and under. Visit hamlinechurch.org.

Exhibits

"What is Forbidden?" a juried exhibition of work by 60 Women's Art Institute alumnae, is on view through October 19 in the Catherine G. Murphy Gallery at St. Catherine University. The show reflects the intensive approach of the 20-year-old WAI, which moved from the Minneapolis College of Art and Design to St. Catherine in 2012. The art ranges from painting and ceramics to installation and performance. WAI alumnae will field questions from the audience at 7 p.m. Thursday, September 26. Admission is free. Visit gallery.stkate.edu.

"History Is Not Here," paintings, drawings, photography, sculpture, book art, installation and video by 17 artists who reject history as a fixed category and look to alternative imagery to examine social, cultural and political issues, is on view through January 5, 2020, in the Main Gallery of the Minnesota Museum of American Art, 350 N. Robert St. Co-presented by Mizna, a St. Paul-based Arab cultural organization, the exhibit is curated by Heba Y. Amin and Maymanah Farhat. Admission is free. Call 651-204-0700.

Experience nature's most toxic flora at the Bell Museum of Natural History, 2088 Larpenteur Ave. "Wicked Plants" introduces more than 100 species, providing a comprehensive overview of an obscure corner of the natural world with interactive displays. Learn how the most mundane foods can be poisonous under certain circumstances. Discover how plants and animals

defend themselves with bad odors, annoying noises, bold patterns or weaponry. Author Amy Stewart will discuss her book, *Wicked Plants: The Weed That Killed Lincoln's Mother and Other Botanical Atrocities*, at 7 p.m. Thursday, September 26. Tickets for the reading are \$25 and include the exhibit. A Botanical Bonanza festival focused on the fascinating world of botany, plant pathology and invasive plants with hands-on activities, botanical art and experts in the field will be held on Saturday and Sunday, October 5 and 6. Visit bellmuseum.umn.edu.

"Horror Vacui: Across the Margins," an exhibit by close to a dozen ceramicists celebrating visual excess in art, is being displayed through November 3 at the Northern Clay Center, 2424 E. Franklin Ave., Minneapolis. The clutter is in the tradition of the Victorian decorative arts. An opening reception will be held from 6-8 p.m. Friday, October 11. Call 612-339-8007.

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

"Genocide and Justice: From Nuremberg to the International Criminal Court" will be displayed from September 26 through October 10 in the North Corridor at the State Capitol. The exhibit features 23 banners with information about the Holocaust of World War II; the genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur; and the international tribunals and prosecutions of the perpetrators of these tragedies. Admission is free and open during regular Capitol hours. Call 651-695-7621.

Explore the childhood haunts of Jazz Age novelist F. Scott Fitzgerald on a 90-minute walking tour stepping out at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. Saturday and noon and 2 p.m. Sunday, September 28 and 29, from the Commodore Bar

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Books

SubText Books, 6 W. Fifth St., will play host to free readings with poets Iris McCloughan, Timothy Otte, Sagirah Shahid, D. Allen and Maitreyi Ray at 7 p.m. Friday, September 27; poets Fred Schmalz, G.E. Patterson and Paula Cisewski, 7 p.m. Friday, October 4; and Margaret Renkl and her collection of essays, *Late Migrations: A Natural History of Love and Loss*, 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 9. Call 651-493-2791 or visit subtextbooks.com.

St. Paul Almanac: Resilience and Resistance, a collection of essays, memoirs, poems and images by local authors and artists, will be introduced at 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 24, at the East Side Freedom Library, 1105 Greenbrier St.; 7 p.m. Wednesday, September 25, at Next Chapter Booksellers, 38 S. Snelling Ave.; 2 p.m. Sunday, September 29, at Flying Pig, 722 N. Snelling Ave.; and 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 15, at SubText Books, 6 W. Fifth St. Admission is free.

Kao Kalia Yang, Hmong-American author of the Minnesota Book Award-winning memoir *The Latecomer*, will introduce her first children's book, *A Map into the World*, in a free program at 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 1, at the East Side Freedom Library, 1105 Greenbrier St. The picture book is a heartfelt story of a young girl seeking beauty and connection in a busy world.

Next Chapter Booksellers, 38 S. Snelling Ave., will play host to free readings with poet Joyce Sutphen and her new collection,

Carrying Water to the Field, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 1; poets Deborah Keenan, Mike Finley, Sherrie Fernandez-Williams, Ethna McKiernan and Tim Nolan under the theme, "Peace & Love: 50 Years After Woodstock," 2 p.m. Sunday, October 6; and poet Steve Healey and his collection, *Safe Houses I Have Known*, 7 p.m. Monday, October 7. Call 651-225-8989.

Swede Hollow, a novel about the hardships, joys, indignities and kindnesses experienced by a Swedish immigrant family in Minnesota around the turn of the 20th century, will be discussed by its author, Ola Larsmo, at 1 p.m. Wednesday, October 9, at the American Swedish Institute, 2600 Park Ave. S. in Minneapolis (free with museum admission); 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 9, at the American Swedish Institute (\$20 for nonmembers, call 612-871-4917); and 4:30 p.m. (with a walking tour of Swede Hollow) and 6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 10, at the East Side Freedom Library, 1105 Greenbrier St. (free).

Film

The Twin Cities Jewish Film Festival continues at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave., with a screening of *Promise at Dawn* (2017, in French with English subtitles), an adaptation of Romain Gary's autobiographical novel, at 7 p.m. Thursday, September 26; and *My Polish Honeymoon* (2019, in French with English subtitles), about a Parisian couple's journey of surprises that makes them reconsider their family history, at 8 p.m. Saturday, September 28. Tickets are \$12. Call 800-838-3006.

Intelligent Lives, a film by Dan Habib that aims to transform an intellectual disability from a life sentence of isolation to a life of possibility, will be screened at 6 p.m. Wednesday, October 2, at the Highland Park Library, 1974 Ford Pkwy. A panel discussion

facilitated by Upstream Arts will follow the screening. Admission is free.

Tap (1989, rated PG-13), writer-director Nick Castle's love letter to tap dancing starring Gregory Hines as an ex-convict who seeks redemption in dance, will be screened at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 9, in Best Buy Theater at Northrop Auditorium. Legendary tap dancers Bunny Briggs, Jimmy Slyde and Harold Nicholas make cameos in this film. Admission is free.

Dance

The Great Gatsby, a new ballet based on F. Scott Fitzgerald's Jazz Age novel of the same name, will be performed by the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre at 7 p.m. Saturday, September 28, on the Carlson Family Stage at Northrop Auditorium. The story ballet features the choreography of Jorden Morris and a cinematic score by Carl Davis. For ticket information, call 612-624-2345.

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Family

The movie Goonies will be shown at dusk on Friday, September 27, in Hidden Falls Park. Between 5 and 7 p.m., children will be invited to take part in a Friends of Highland Art project and to create their own art at the Creation Station. Admission is free and so is the popcorn thanks to the generosity of

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Gibbs Farm, 2097 Larpenteur Ave., a museum of 19th century Dakota and pioneer life, is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays through October. A special Saturday program will focus on pumpkin-carving on October 12. Admission is \$8, \$7 for seniors, \$5 for children ages 4-16. Call 651-646-8629.

Big, Little Monster, a new musical by playwright Jeremiah Gamble and singer-songwriter Noah Riemer about anxiety and fear and how all monsters are secretly scared, will be performed by Bucket Brigade Theatre from September 27 through October 12 at Art House North, 793 Armstrong Ave. With live music by Chris Erickson and Brian Lenz, Gamble and fellow actor Daniel Greco play multiple monsters, inviting the audience's help in reciting the Pledge of Monstrosity and learning the actions to the song "Jump Scare." Show times are 7 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, 3 p.m. October 5 and 12, and 7 p.m. Monday, October 7. Tickets are \$20, \$15 for students and seniors, \$12 for children age 12 and under, or whatever you can afford on October 7. Call 800-838-3006 or visit bucketbrigadetheater.com.

Nate the Great, a musical mystery in which a top-notch detective and grade-school student solves his toughest case yet, will open on September 27 at SteppingStone Theatre for Youth, 55 N. Victoria St. Rediscover the importance of art and the power of friendship in this hilarious reworking of the classic series by Marjorie Weinman Sharmat. Ten evening and matinee performances are scheduled through October 13 along with seven student matinees. For tickets, call 651-225-9265 or visit SteppingStoneTheatre.org.

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Sports



The Wright Call

By Dave Wright

Football as seen from the stands

It was a midweek afternoon in September when Mike Scanlan answered the phone. For four-plus decades at this time of day, during this time of year, Scanlan would be going over things in his mind about football practice.

When asked how many years he's been on a football field, he counted 35 as a coach and another 10 as a player, including the year he played quarterback for St. Thomas when it captured its first MIAC football title in nearly two decades in 1973.

"I guess that makes it 45 years," he said. "That's a long time."

Scanlan stepped down as the successful head coach at Cretin-Derham Hall four years ago. However, the game he was around for so long still holds a keen interest for him.

"I watched them play Roseville the other night," Scanlan said, regarding CDH's 35-7 win over the other Raiders to bring its season record to 3-0. "I left at halftime, but they're a lot of fun to watch. I try to get to their games as often as possible."

But it's different when you're coaching. Scanlan was asked if the game looks different now that he watches from the stands instead of the sidelines.

"I don't think the game has changed so much as its trends," he said. "Somebody sees something being done differently and adapts it to their own system, and suddenly a lot of teams are doing the same thing. For a while, for example, defenses will dominate. Then the offenses catch up and it goes in that direction. In the end, however, one thing never changes: It's still a war of attrition."

As noted, Scanlan was a signal-caller. The position has always been a lightning rod for controversy among football diehards. Just consider what was discussed at the water cooler, on the Internet and on talk radio regarding Kirk Cousins' performance after the Vikings' loss at Green Bay.

What has changed the quarterback conversation is the number of injuries that seem to be befalling the field generals. On a recent Sunday, two of the better-known QBs in the league—New Orleans' Drew Brees and Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger—suffered serious injuries. Brees is expected to be back this year, but Big Ben's season is over.

Scanlan reflected on the pro quarterbacks of his youth who seemed to play forever. "Guys like Johnny Unitas, Joe Namath and Fran Tarkenton knew how to protect themselves," he said. "They knew when to get rid of the ball. Of course, they also didn't have to face the size of the defensive players that

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Lanes for Friendship—Highland club spares no effort when supporting young adults with disabilities

BY ANNE MURPHY

Life is only rich if you have friends to share it with," said Renee Pritzker as she talked about the benefits of belonging to the Highland Friendship Club (HFC). Since 2002, the club has helped teens and adults with disabilities have a rewarding life through peer relationships, social activities and more.

An original member of the club, Pritzker said she and her husband, Fred, also believe in the importance of providing opportunities for people with disabilities to contribute to their communities.

Those are the benefits the Summit Hill residents say their son, Jake, 34, experiences every day through HFC, and will again at the club's 13th annual Lanes for Friendship fundraiser on Saturday, November 2, at Bowlero in Lakeville. They are looking forward to not only seeing major sponsor Joe Mauer again, but experiencing the fun and companionship that are always associated with the event.

"Thanks to Joe, this event has raised over \$500,000," said Highland Park resident and event chair Don Leseman, whose wife, Pat, is a cofounder of the club with Rose Fagrelus. They started Lanes for Friendship in 2006.

"The event is not only the biggest fundraiser of the year for HFC, but the members, the community and sponsors show such support for this organization," Leseman said. "They want it to succeed and allow it to provide more opportunities for the club's members. The HFC members absolutely have a blast. It's a huge party for the members and families. Bowlers of every ability level can participate, using adaptations if needed."

Every year, the nonprofit club works to bring in special guests during the event, mostly local sports stars like the Minnesota Gopher baseball team and Minnesota Twins alumni.

"We've had USA Olympic stars and Gopher hockey players," Leseman said. "There are former Major League Baseball players and coaches like Paul Molitor. The list goes on and on. Of course without Joe Mauer as the major



Now retired Twin Joe Mauer got things rolling by greeting participants during a previous Lanes for Friendship event to benefit the Highland Friendship Club.

supporter for this event, we wouldn't be where we are today."

Leseman said there is not a time when he has attended an HFC program that he did not wonder what the members would be doing if the club was not there. "It's a treasure of opportunities for those with disabilities," he said.

It was out of concern for their children to have those opportunities beyond high school that helped the Pritzkers and HFC founders embrace the idea of a club. They all had children who were friends at the time and wanted those friendships to continue.

Renee Pritzker, who served on the HFC board in the early years, said former Highland Park High School special education teacher Tom Leonard was instrumental in helping the families start the club. Others who helped build it included Gary Ales, a founder of the Humboldt Friendship Club, as well as Katy and Dusty Thune, who were key staff for over a decade.

"My point is, it takes a village and the Highland Friendship Club has had a village that has embraced it and helped it flourish," Renee Pritzker said.

Cretin-Derham Hall has been one of

the partners from the beginning and continues to provide space for dances and classes. The HFC has also gotten strong support from the Wilder Center, St. Paul Jewish Community Center and local churches.

"The success of the Highland Friendship Club is part of what makes St. Paul the city it is," Fred Pritzker said. "There's a shared vision that all people here should succeed in life."

The club offers opportunities of every kind to people ages 14 and older with developmental or physical disabilities. With Dan Reed as the current executive director, membership now numbers nearly 400 with programs and activities available at various locations three to four hours a day, six days a week.

"We always wanted Jake to be out in the community and be a part of regular daily life," Renee Pritzker said, "and that's possible through the club in ways we and other families always hoped for. The club is really a lifeline for them. Jake has lifelong friends he made in high school and the new friendships he's made will be lifelong, too."

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Senior linebacker Ben Reppenhagen (No. 2) has helped lead the Cadets to a 4-0 record so far. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

Athletic senior linebacker is valued STA asset

BY BILL WAGNER

Any blocker who tries to hold his ground against St. Thomas Academy senior linebacker Ben Reppenhagen is going to be picking himself off the turf.

The 6-foot-3, 230-pound Reppenhagen, who also plays offense and punts for the Cadets, is athletic and strong. Since his ascension to the starting lineup as a junior last season, he has established himself as one of the top high school linebackers in the state.

"He has good hands," said second-year STA head coach Dan O'Brien, "and he knows how to use his strength. He's just a fantastic kid. He does a great job

in the community, in the classroom and with his football skills."

Reppenhagen's stats show that he is usually around the ball for the Cadets, who finished as runners-up for the state Class AAAAA title last fall. He had 21 tackles through the first three games this fall, including eight in a lopsided win over Mahtomedi on September 13.

Reppenhagen not only stops the run, but can rush the passer and play pass defense. Watching film on opposing teams is a must for him.

"If we're well-prepared we'll be able to read the play," he said. "We'll be able to play off the blocks, using our hands to get the control we need."

That there is more "we" than "I" in

his conversation is not by coincidence. Reppenhagen actually is more at ease talking about his team, which as of last week was 4-0, had outscored its opponents 155-6 and was the state's second-ranked team in its class.

"We're like a band of brothers," he said. "It's not so much about me in particular, but about the team. We keep pushing each other to succeed."

Reppenhagen, who is forever critiquing his own play, is particularly gratified that his pass defense has improved. "I'm happy with the progress I've made," he said. "I enjoy that part of playing defense, knowing how to quickly pick up

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a back in man coverage and getting better at dropping into my zones.”

His athleticism has made him a valued asset to the Cadets. O’Brien also likes his potential on offense, noting that his blocking makes him a skilled fullback or tight end.

Reppenhagen does not mind that he is called on to play both offense and defense. “I played some fullback (against Mahtomedi) for the first time,” he said. “I enjoy blocking, but I’d rather play defense. I’ve been on that side of the ball my whole life.”

Through the first three games he has only been called on to punt six times because of STA’s potent offense, but was averaging 29 yards a boot.

Reppenhagen comes from good foot-

ball stock. His grandfather, Mike Wright Sr., played for the Gophers in the 1950s with Vikings coach Bud Grant.

Though Reppenhagen has not yet been recruited by a Division I program, O’Brien said he knows he will play college ball somewhere and do well. With Reppenhagen’s classroom stats, O’Brien said a prominent college on the East Coast is within reach.

“Academics are very important to Ben,” O’Brien said. “He has the grades.”

Reppenhagen speaks glowingly about how much he likes playing for O’Brien.

“He makes us better players, better men and better leaders,” Reppenhagen said. “Everyone on this team is a better person for having played for coach O’Brien. He might not like certain things that you do, but he never holds grudges. He never gives up on anyone.”

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QB’s of today see. A smaller guy like an Alan Page is rare now.”

Scanlan was blessed with some great quarterbacks when he coached at CDH. “A good quarterback helps make the game look better,” he said. “He makes other players better as well. There are guys like that out there and the officials know they need to be protected.”

While Scanlan still enjoys watching games under the Friday night lights, he doesn’t have to concern himself with the day-to-day practice routine. “I gotta go,” he said to his caller. “I have to lay some sod in the yard.”

Get ready for October baseball

Unless something horrific happens this week on the road, the Minnesota Twins will be playing October baseball and their likely foe will be the New York Yankees. Since it’s been a while since we’ve had this situation, here’s a brief refresher:

- The first round is best of five, not best

of seven. Normally, that might work to somebody’s disadvantage. However, both the Twins and the Yankees have pitching issues, whether it be injuries or suspensions.

- Get your cable TV wired and ready to go. The American League games will be on either FS1 or the Major League Baseball Network. The regular Fox Network is busy with football for now and apparently can’t be bothered.

- While it’s likely the network bigwigs will be wholeheartedly rooting for the Yankees, it’ll be for the simplest of reasons—a larger market means more viewership, which means more money. Whoever draws the Fox assignment as announcers, however, are not part of this. They get paid either way and really don’t care who wins.

- Finally, this will be a matchup of two teams who swat home runs the way the rest of us swat mosquitoes. Each park has an inviting right field to attack. Each team has a couple of starting pitchers who can work six or seven strong innings, but will need their bullpens to be solid. In the end, it may come down to the team that plays better defense.



Fred and Renee Pritzker are shown standing directly behind son Jake (in wheelchair) while posing with former Twins manager Paul Molitor, family, Pritzker Hageman law firm members and others during a previous Lanes for Friendship event.

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Just before Renee took time out to talk about the HFC, she had been signing Jake up for some of the organization’s October programs, numbering nearly 80. Like so many fellow HFC members, Jake takes full advantage of the club’s offerings every month.

According to Renee, Jake’s current favorites are Glee Club, swimming and art classes. “He really likes the Mindful Movement class his sister Sarah teaches,” Renee said. “He also loves to go to plays with the club at the Ordway and SteppingStone.”

Renee said the club’s offerings are incredibly diverse. “There are a number of fitness classes,” she said. “There’s a book club for all abilities. During the summer, there was The Art of Me, where students created portraits of themselves. They presented at the Minnesota

History Center and it was extremely moving.”

In addition, the HFC offers civic engagement programs and activities. “Our members get together at the University of St. Thomas campus and bowl and paint pumpkins,” Renee said. “There’s a new market-to-table class where members learn about foods from around the world, go shopping and then prepare a meal and eat together.”

Looking to the fall fundraiser, Leseman encouraged more people to become involved in Lanes for Friendship.

“There might be someone you know who can benefit from the club,” he said. “Come enjoy the fun, help raise money and experience the community.”

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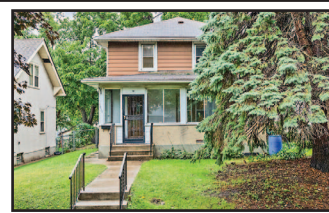
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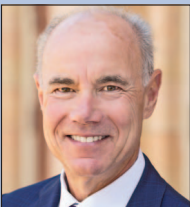
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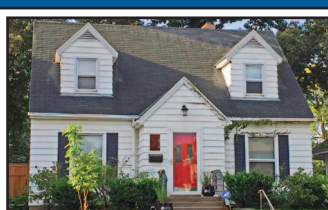
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700 OAKDALE

This historic home boasts all the grand space and charm within budget! Be amazed as you enter this home to find large living spaces, built-in dining room window seat perfect reading, twin staircases, 2 baths, and lots of storage. Extra wide lot.

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This Lake Elmo home has it all! 4 bedroom, 3 baths, 3 car garage on 2.7 acres. Completely renovated 3320 square feet. 5171 Hilltop Avenue North, Lake Elmo.

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This magnificent home has over 14,000 square feet, 10 bedrooms, 17 bathrooms, rich mahogany paneling, huge beamed ceilings, you will love the superb carriage house.

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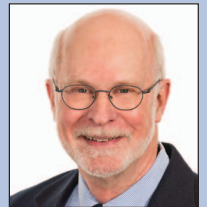
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