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Ryan Companies reveals what it will and will not include in plan for Ford site

BY JANE MCCLURE

When Ryan Companies unveils its plan for re-developing Ford Motor Company's former assembly plant sometime this fall, 10-story buildings will not be part of the mix. The new development will reflect the architectural character of the surrounding Highland Park neighborhood, and the density will not exceed the 4,000 new housing units and 7,000-plus residents envisioned in the city's master plan for the 122-acre site.

These were some of the details that Ryan Companies shared with about 200 people at Highland Park Middle School on August 16. Ryan officials had hoped to unveil the plan for the Ford site at the meeting, but pushed that public presentation back to September 26 at the earliest. The August 16 session was instead used to gather more comments from local residents and business people and share some preliminary ideas with them.

"We had hoped that we could roll out a vision tonight," said Mike Ryan, the market leader for Ryan's north region. But as the development team continued its review of the Ford site master plan approved by the St. Paul City Council in 2017 and the public comments received at a July listening session, Ryan Companies decided it needed more time to shape the plan, he

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And the beats go on. Liam Coolican, 17 months, and dad Patrick thrilled to the rhythm of the inaugural Beats in Boyd on August 17. The series of live concerts will continue from 5-9 p.m. Fridays, September 7-21, in Selby Avenue's Boyd Park. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

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August primary shakes up old guard in state politics

Election affirms generational shift in Minnesota electorate

BY KEVIN DRISCOLL

The weight of the DFL Party endorsement and the strength of the Republican Party in Minnesota came into question in the wake of the August 14 primary election. Though voter turnout was relatively high for a primary at 21 percent, close to twice as many voters filled out the DFL side of the ballot, which some political observers thought may portend trouble for the GOP in November. Meanwhile, DFL endorsees Erin Murphy and Matt Pelikan were trounced in their races for governor and attorney general, respectively.

"There's been a lot of discussion of the value of the DFL endorsement in the wake of the governor's and attorney general's races," said DFL ac-

tivist Roy Magnuson. "But endorsements matter. Congressman Tim Walz, who defeated Murphy 42 to 32 percent in the governor's race, benefited from a powerful endorsing coalition led by some of Minnesota's largest and most active labor unions. This race was a case of significant endorsements competing against each other."

Hamline University political science professor David Schultz disagreed. "The DFL endorsement process for governor has been dead for nearly half a century," he said, "only the party hasn't figured that out yet. The last time a candidate endorsed at a DFL convention won the general election for an open governor's seat was Wendell Anderson in 1970."

Attorney General Lori Swanson's 11th-hour decision to enter the DFL field for governor shook up that race as well as the race for attorney general, which was won by U.S. Representative Keith Ellison, who entered the race after Swanson made

her decision.

"This year might've been the worst drubbing ever for DFL endorsees," Schultz said. "Murphy received just a third of the vote, and Pelikan about a 10th. Those who say one has to support DFL-endorsed candidates because they're endorsed need to think again. Loyalty and fidelity to the process aren't enough. Winability and actually being a good candidate are important."

The Republican primary for governor also had surprises, according to Schultz. "Former Governor Tim Pawlenty came back to a state Republican Party that was no longer his," he said. "It's now the party of Donald Trump. According to conventional wisdom, it was always Pawlenty's primary to lose. And he did," with Republican endorsee Jeff Johnson garnering 53 percent to Pawlenty's 44 percent of the vote.

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Property tax picture coming into focus with proposed city, county levy hikes

Owners of median-value home in St. Paul will pay a projected 0.5%-18.8% more, but that is without including the school levy

By JANE MCCLURE

With the city of St. Paul, the St. Paul Public Schools and Ramsey County all contemplating significant increases in their property tax levies next year, property taxpayers across the city can expect to be paying more in 2019—or much more if their properties have seen a greater increase in their assessed market value over the past year.

The estimated market value of a median-priced home in St. Paul increased by 7.1 percent over the past year, from \$173,900 to \$186,200. The 11.5 percent increase in the city levy proposed by Mayor Melvin Carter, the 4.3 percent levy increase contemplated by the Ramsey County Board and the proposed 7.8 percent increase in the county's regional rail levy would increase the property tax bill on that median-value home by \$129 or 5.1 percent.

The \$129 increase would be higher if not for the expected \$24 decrease due to various tax shifts and changes, including changes to the homestead exclusion benefit and the 22.7 percent or \$5.7 million increase in St. Paul's allotment from the metropolitan area fiscal disparities pool.

The \$129 increase also does not include an as yet undetermined increase in the St. Paul Public Schools' regular levy for 2019 nor the proposed \$18.6 million increase in the St. Paul Public Schools' excess levy that will be on the ballot in November.

Homeowners in some St. Paul neighborhoods will be seeing greater tax increases than others because the estimated market value of their homes increased more over the past year. The highest market value increases are being seen in Frogtown, Dayton's Bluff, Payne-Phalen and the West Side—neighborhoods whose homes are just now recovering much of the value they lost when

the housing bubble burst in 2008. West End homeowners are also seeing relatively large increases in the estimated market value of their homes, and so are homeowners in Summit-University and Highland Park.

"We continue to see good market value growth in St. Paul," said Ramsey County treasurer Chris Samuel. "In fact, overall, the home values in St. Paul are higher than they've ever been."

The Ramsey County assessor determines the tax market value of homes based on the sale of comparable properties in the neighborhood and any recent improvements to the homes. Samuel presented a neighborhood by neighborhood look at housing market trends, along with likely projections of property tax increases, to the St. Paul City Council on August 15.

A St. Paul property owner's tax bill could be lower if any of the three taxing jurisdictions ultimately adopts a lower levy for 2019. It could be higher if voters approve the school district's proposed excess levy on November 6.

Frogtown leads the pack with a 16.3 percent increase in the market value of its median-priced home—from \$111,700 in 2018 to \$129,900 in 2019. The total city and county tax bill on that home would increase \$266 or 18.8 percent—from \$1,146 in 2018 to \$1,682 in 2019. (Again, those numbers do not include any levies by the St. Paul Public Schools.)

The neighborhood with the lowest increase in the market value of its median-price home is St. Anthony Park, at 3.4 percent, from \$285,600 in 2018 to \$295,350 for 2019. That home's total city and county tax bill would increase \$23 or 0.5 percent—from \$4,491 in 2018 to \$4,514 in 2019.

The value of the median-priced home

in the West End increased 8.4 percent, from \$162,600 in 2018 to \$176,250 in 2019, and the city and county taxes on that home would increase \$158 or 6.8 percent—from \$2,317 to \$2,475.

The value of Summit-University's median-priced home increased 7.4 percent, from \$199,000 to \$213,800, and the total city and county taxes on that home would increase \$158 or 5.3 percent—from \$2,960 to \$3,118.

Highland Park's median-priced home saw a 7.1 percent increase in value, from \$292,900 to \$313,600. Its total city and county tax bill would increase \$207 or 4.5 percent—from \$4,620 to \$4,827.

The median-priced home in Macalester-Groveland increased 6.7 percent in value, from \$308,400 to \$329,000. City and county property taxes on that home would increase \$196 or 4 percent—from \$4,894 to \$5,090.

In downtown, the value of the median-priced home increased 5.8 percent, from \$160,200 to \$169,500. Its city and county property taxes would increase \$85 or 3.7 percent—from \$2,274 to \$2,359.

The Union Park neighborhoods of Merriam Park, Snelling-Hamline and Lexington-Hamline saw the value of their median-priced home increase 4.7 percent, from \$287,600 to \$301,200. That home's city and county property taxes would increase \$90 or 2 percent—from \$4,525 to \$4,615.

The value of Summit Hill's median-priced home increased 3.8 percent, from \$367,600 to \$381,500. Its city and county taxes would increase \$49 or 0.8 percent—from \$5,940 to \$5,989.

The St. Paul Public Schools have until September 30 to set its maximum tax levy for 2019. The projected impact of that levy and the proposed maximum levies for the city and county will be reflected in the Truth in Taxation notices sent out to all St. Paul property owners in November.

A St. Paul property owner's tax bill could be lower than the projection if any of the three taxing jurisdictions ultimately adopts a lower levy for 2019. It also could be higher if a majority of St. Paul voters approve the school district's proposed excess levy in the November 6 general election.

Debate continues over organized trash plan

By JANE MCCLURE

A final set of ordinance changes to the city of St. Paul's new organized trash collection system drew just three opponents to an August 22 public hearing before the City Council. One key change removed October 1 as the program's start date. Organized trash collection will now begin 30 days after the adoption of the ordinances setting up the new system, which are scheduled for a final vote on September 5.

Many have hailed the organized system as a way to reduce truck traffic on neighborhood streets and make the cost of garbage collection more equitable across the city. Supporters also hope the program reduces the illegal dumping of trash. The city recently delivered carts to residents and announced which private haulers would serve each neighborhood on which particular day.

Opponents of the organized system contend the program will increase their garbage bills dramatically and will pro-

"They've got you over the proverbial barrel—a trash barrel," Brudevold said.

hibit homeowners from sharing trash cans. The owners of duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes said they will now have to find space for multiple carts even though they may only need one. City Council members said they will review the program in the future to make changes, but that has not mollified foes.

A group called St. Paul Trash has mounted a petition drive to put the issue of organized trash collection on the ballot. They are hosting a series of events, along with St. Paul CARTless (for Community Action to Reduce Trash). They need about 6,000 signatures by mid-September, but had gathered fewer than 1,500 as of last week.

Under the organized system, the costs for trash pickup range from \$20.28 per month for a 35-gallon cart collected every other week to \$34.15 per month for a

95-gallon cart collected weekly. Property owners will be charged an additional annual fee of \$24.60 through their property tax statement to cover the costs of administration, education and carts.

Macalester-Groveland resident David Brudevold and Highland resident Katherine Schilling were two of the three people who spoke against the ordinance at the most recent hearing.

"My wife and I are retired, and we try to make every dollar count," Brudevold said. His neighbors had already agreed to hire the same hauler to reduce costs and truck traffic. "Now everyone on our block will pay more," he said.

Brudevold blamed the new consortium of private garbage haulers for the higher prices of organized collection. "They've got you over the proverbial barrel—the trash barrel," Brudevold said.

Schilling said she and her neighbors recycle and share trash containers, "and all of us will be paying a lot more," she said. "Our costs have quadrupled."

Moving forward

Jie Ming brings popular Mandarin immersion program to Highland

BY FRANK JOSSI

Students in kindergarten through fifth grade will have a much larger space for studying Chinese when Jie Ming Mandarin Immersion Academy opens next week in the Homecroft building, 1845 Sheridan Ave.

Principal Bobbie Johnson said the move from its previous space at Hamline Elementary School gives Jie Ming its own campus with a large playground, tennis and basketball courts, a baseball field and grassy areas. It also places Jie Ming closer to the Chinese immersion programs that many of its students go on to at Highland Park Middle School and High School. Johnson said about a third of Jie Ming

students currently live in Highland Park.

Still, the move is not just about attracting students who live in St. Paul. "Chinese immersion brings lots of kids in from outside the city," Johnson said.

The move out of Hamline Elementary is expected to help both schools. "Now we'll be an independent school, reflecting our Chinese culture and what we're learning and the school mission," Johnson said. "It's good for Hamline and it's good for Jie Ming."

Jie Ming's move was originally scheduled for last year. It was delayed to give RiverEast, a K-8 school serving students with emotional disorders, time to move out of Homecroft and into a new \$20 million school being built at Minnehaha Avenue and Kent Street.

Efe Agbamu, the St. Paul school district's assistant superintendent of preK-5 schools, said Jie Ming opened eight years ago, sharing space with Benjamin E. Mays School, before growing large enough to move into Hamline.

"This school was fast-growing so we moved it to a prominent location," Agbamu said. "It's really proven itself. It's one of the highest performing in the St. Paul Public Schools and in the state in terms of retention and learning outcomes."

Nearly half of Jie Ming's students come from outside the district "which is a good thing for the St. Paul Public Schools," said Agbamu, a former Highland Park High School principal. "It's an impressive school. It's a beautiful thing to see happen, and we're proud of the work done by Bobbie Johnson and her staff."

Jie Ming's enrollment will jump from 273 to 330 students this year, enough for four kindergarten classrooms, more than ever before, accord-



Principal Bobbie Johnson stands outside the Homecroft building where her Jie Ming Mandarin Immersion Academy will open on September 4. PHOTOS BY BRAD STAUFFER



Painter Josh Olson dresses up the central corridor of Jie Ming Mandarin Immersion Academy, which features a "Moon Gate" passage at left.

ing to Johnson. The additional kindergartners are expected to increase other class sizes in the future, and Jie Ming is expected to reach capacity within two years, she said.

The school's first fifth-grade class graduated last spring. Its class size will remain around 20 this coming school year, though after that the number of graduates will begin to grow significantly. Kindergarten is where Jie Ming is really seeing a leap in admissions, with an expected 100 students this year, Johnson said.

In addition to the region's growing Asian population, one reason for the school's popularity is its high performance in subject proficiency. Nearly all students at Jie Ming were rated proficient in science in 2017, and 85.7 percent in math. The student population is 41 percent Asian, 34 percent white, and the rest split evenly between African American and Hispanic.

The school focuses on language immersion, teaching students different subjects in Mandarin and English to foster literacy in two languages. The curriculum targets classes in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) to develop critical thinking and design skills.

Homecroft is undergoing a few changes to prepare for Jie Ming's classes this fall. The building's main entry is being remodeled to reflect the school's cultural focus and to increase security. Anyone arriving at the school during the day will now enter through the office rather than having direct access to student corridors.

The three-story section of Homecroft built in 1919 is being rehabilitated by moving walls and refinishing or replacing wooden floors. Classrooms are getting new doors and the corridors will have new lockers.

The one-story 1950s addition has a mix of new carpeting and other flooring, and the four kindergarten classrooms will have direct access to single-user bathrooms, Johnson said. Classrooms have been enlarged and places added where students can put their backpacks and coats.

The remodeled kindergarten section has large windows and spacious hallways. Classrooms throughout the building have new paint along with sophisticated white boards and improved information technology.

"We can't wait to open," Johnson said. "This is a nice, nice area."

Variance approved for 162-unit building at Marshall-Western

Five-story structure to replace Boy Scouts HQ

BY JANE MCCLURE

Exeter Group's plan to demolish the former Boy Scouts of America headquarters at 393 Marshall Ave. and replace it with a five-story, 162-unit apartment building has been granted a setback variance by the St. Paul Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) to allow the building's entrance and balconies to extend five feet beyond what is normally allowed.

The property on the northwest corner of Marshall and Western avenues was rezoned

from office-service to Traditional Neighborhoods 2 last December. The Boy Scouts recently consolidated its St. Paul and Minneapolis offices and moved them to a site near Fort Snelling.

The proposed market-rate apartment building would be U-shaped with a swimming pool and other outdoor amenities in the center, which opens onto Marshall. The building's entrance would be on Western where a minimum setback of 10 feet is required from the property line. The covered entryway on Western and the balconies above would be just five feet from the sidewalk. The building would also have a two-level parking ramp at street level and below ground.

City staff recommended approval of the

setback variance, as did the Summit-University Planning Council. Neighbors at the BZA meeting, most of whom live at the Aberdeen condominiums at 366-378 Marshall Ave. and at Christ's Household of Faith at 355 Marshall Ave., questioned the development's impact on traffic safety and parking congestion. BZA members reminded the neighbors that while they may be unhappy about the size of the development, the only issue before it was the setback variance.

The prospect of late-night noise spilling into the neighborhood from the balconies was another concern. "The balconies proposed are very large," said Aberdeen resident Nick Ballas.

"When our building was built, we were

told we couldn't have large balconies," said Aberdeen resident Peter Hackett. "We could only have small balconies," which are typically used for plants.

Janet Shefelbine, who also lives at the Aberdeen, asked about the safety of protruding balconies, saying she does not want to walk beneath them. However, according to city staff and the developer, the balconies will not extend over the sidewalk.

Herb Tousley, chief development manager and principal at Exeter, said the development team considered moving the balconies back. However, that would have altered the building's design. "We would've lost about 20 parking spaces, or an entire row of underground parking," he said.

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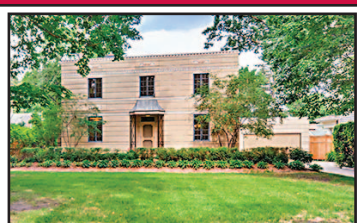
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Newcomer Nelson wins over Ward 4 in City Council race

By Kevin Driscoll

The generational shift in St. Paul politics continued when younger and less experienced Mitra Jalali Nelson soundly defeated the older and more experienced Shirley Erstad 54 to 41 percent in the August 14 special election for the Ward 4 seat on the City Council.

“Ironically, my age and experience made me the insider candidate when, in fact, I was the independent voice willing to ask questions of current leaders, many of whom supported my opponent,” said Erstad, 51, a former member of the Union Park District Council and the current executive director of the Friends of the Parks and Trails of St. Paul and Ramsey County.

“We knew it’d be an uphill battle,” Erstad said, “because I have a record of doing my homework and asking tough questions. My opponent’s DFL and special-interest endorsements meant she received outside money and volunteers while our campaign was totally grassroots. The party system and politically powerful benefit by having people who stay in their lanes. Identity politics are big right now.”

“We ran an innovative, original and positive campaign that sought to engage everybody in our ward,” said Nelson, 32, “especially people who are traditionally left out of politics. We worked hard to invest in organizing and face-to-face conversations. I ran on a platform of housing justice and homes for all, police accountability and true community-first public safety, a \$15 minimum wage and continuing to promote transit and sustainability.”

Nelson expects to assume office on September 5, replacing interim Ward 4 council member Samantha Henningson. Nelson will fill out the remaining 16 months in Russ Stark’s term. Stark resigned his City Council post last February to become new Mayor Melvin Carter’s chief resilience officer.

Voter turnout in Ward 4 was high for a primary election, at 32 percent.

According to Ted Davis, immediate past president of the Midway Chamber of Commerce, Nelson “won because she did a better job speaking to the voters who turn out for primary



Mitra Jalali Nelson



Shirley Erstad

elections. She also benefited from the times. The craziness in Washington and the gridlock at the state Capitol have left voters looking for fresh leadership wherever it presents itself. As we head into budget season, (Nelson) faces a steep learning curve to understand how to balance city resources against the need to keep the city affordable for residents and employers.”

Stark thought Nelson won “because she has a way of talking about challenges from an optimistic and positive perspective that makes her charismatic. The electorate in Ward 4 and St. Paul continues to change, and I think (Nelson’s) personal story as a child of immigrants may have played into her victory at a time when immigrants are being directly targeted by the White House.”

The eldest of three siblings, Nelson was born in Minnesota to parents who had immigrated from Korea and Iran, respectively. She grew up in the Twin Cities metropolitan area and moved to St. Paul and Ward 4 in 2016.

“The under-30-year-olds had a lot to do with Mitra Nelson winning the Ward 4 City Council race,” according to former state representative Andy Dawkins.

Former Ward 4 City Council member Jay Benanav agreed that Nelson’s election was part of a larger generational shift rippling through politics. Nevertheless, he said, “the political reality is that in Ward 4 the DFL endorsement is key. Mitra

had that. And while this race was important on its own, it was hard to break through the noise of the other statewide races.”

“For Nelson to defeat as strong a candidate as Erstad, she needed to be more than just a recipient of endorsements and an identity-politics candidate,” said DFL activist Roy Magnuson. “She clearly convinced voters that she was special in her own right. She also is extremely energetic, well-spoken, strategic, and was able to push back successfully when attempts were made to portray her as too young, too inexperienced, too new to St. Paul, too focused on renters’ issues, too beholden to Mayor Carter.”

Former St. Paul Mayor George Latimer, who supported Erstad in the race, said Nelson “will add a good voice to the City Council. I’m especially pleased at how many young people she brought into politics.”

“(Nelson) represents a constituency in our community that is often underrepresented, and we look forward to working with her to engage those residents and empower them in the decision-making process,” said Brandon Long, executive director of the Union Park District Council. “We’d also like to congratulate Shirley Erstad on a well-run campaign. We look forward to working with her in the future.”

Looking ahead to her service on the City Council, Nelson said, “some key immediate issues will be crafting a minimum-wage ordinance and shaping the 2019 city budget. I strongly support the broad priorities laid out in Mayor Carter’s proposed budget and the tax levy increase that will help us invest in our future.”

Down the road, Nelson said, she plans to push for “the adoption of a citywide legal defense fund for immigrants, and significant investments in affordable housing, energy efficiency, small-business support programs, parks and recreation centers, the city bike plan, and public safety beyond policing, including mental health and social work professionals to respond to residents in crisis.”

“I’m beyond grateful to the thousands of voters who put their faith in me,” Nelson said. “I’ll continue working hard to hear from Ward 4 residents regardless of who they voted for.”

Primary election results

U.S. SENATOR (SIX-YEAR TERM) — DFL			
Amy Klobuchar*	557,306	95.7%	
Steve Carlson	9,934	1.7%	
Stephen A. Emery	7,047	1.2%	
David Robert Groves	4,511	0.8%	
Leonard J. Richards	3,552	0.6%	

U.S. SENATOR (SIX-YEAR TERM) — REPUBLICAN			
Jim Newberger	201,531	69.5%	
Merrill Anderson	45,492	15.7%	
Rae Hart Anderson	25,883	8.9%	
“Rocky” De La Fuente	17,051	5.9%	

U.S. SENATOR (TWO-YEAR TERM) — DFL			
Tina Smith*	433,705	76.1%	
Richard W. Painter	78,193	13.7%	
Ali Chehem Ali	18,897	3.3%	
Gregg A. Iverson	17,825	3.1%	
Nick Leonard	16,529	2.9%	
Christopher L. Seymore Sr.	5,041	0.9%	

U.S. SENATOR (TWO-YEAR TERM) — REPUBLICAN			
Karin Housley	186,384	62.0%	
Bob Anderson	107,102	35.6%	
Nikolay Nikolayevich Bey	7,375	2.5%	

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 4 — DFL			
Betty McCollum*	86,842	91.0%	
Muad Hassan	5,398	5.7%	
Reid Rossell	3,156	3.3%	

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 5 — REPUBLICAN			
Jennifer Zielinski	8,680	56.5%	
Christopher Chamberlin	4,999	32.5%	
Bob “Again” Carney Jr.	1,688	11.0%	

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 5 — DFL			
Ilhan Omar	65,237	48.2%	
Margaret Anderson Kelliher	41,156	30.4%	
Patricia Torres Ray	17,629	13.0%	
Jamal Abdi Abdulahi	4,984	3.7%	
Bobby Joe Champion	3,831	2.8%	
Frank Nelson Drake	2,480	1.8%	

GOVERNOR AND LT. GOVERNOR — DFL			
Tim Walz and Peggy Flanagan	242,832	41.6%	
Erin Murphy and Erin Maye-Quade	186,969	32.0%	
Lori Swanson and Rick Nolan	143,517	24.6%	
Tim Holden and James P. Mellin	6,398	1.1%	
Olé Savior and Chris Edman	4,019	0.7%	

GOVERNOR AND LT. GOVERNOR — REPUBLICAN			
Jeff Johnson and Donna Bergstrom	168,841	52.6%	
Tim Pawlenty and Michelle Fischbach	140,743	43.9%	
Matt Kruse and Theresa Loeffler	11,330	3.5%	

ATTORNEY GENERAL — DFL			
Keith Ellison	281,142	49.8%	
Debra Hilstrom	108,048	19.1%	
Tom Foley	70,786	12.5%	
Matt Pelikan	59,876	10.6%	
Mike Rothman	44,522	7.9%	

ATTORNEY GENERAL — REPUBLICAN			
Doug Wardlow	135,971	46.3%	
Sharon Anderson	94,245	32.1%	
Robert Lessard	63,722	21.7%	

RAMSEY COUNTY DISTRICT COURT — JUDGE 20			
G. Tony Atwal*	30,111	41.3%	
P. Paul Yang	23,335	32.0%	
Elliott Nickell	19,422	26.7%	

RAMSEY COUNTY DISTRICT COURT — JUDGE 28			
Elena L. Ostby*	49,165	67.5%	

Calandra Revering	12,614	17.3%
Seamus R. Mahoney	11,102	15.2%

RAMSEY COUNTY DISTRICT COURT — JUDGE 11			
Scott Michael Flaherty	26,491	38.1%	
Adam Yang	23,197	33.4%	
Jeffry Martin	12,149	17.5%	
Gregory J. Egan IV	7,639	11.0%	

RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 5			
Rafael E. Ortega*	9,275	79.1%	
James Jaeger	1,510	12.9%	
Charles S. Barklind	937	8.0%	

HENNEPIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 4			
Peter McLaughlin*	16,122	45.4%	
Angela Conley	14,976	42.2%	
Megan Kuhl-Stennes	4,410	12.4%	

HENNEPIN COUNTY SHERIFF			
Rich Stanek*	99,443	49.2%	
Dave Hutch	69,905	34.6%	
Joseph Banks	32,867	16.3%	

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Kimberly Caprini	36,113	29.9%	
Rebecca Gagnon*	26,390	21.8%	
Josh Pauly	25,071	20.8%	
Sharon El-Amin	24,912	20.6%	
Doug Mann	8,355	6.9%	

ST. PAUL CITY COUNCIL — WARD 4 SPECIAL ELECTION			
Mitra Jalali Nelson	5,642	53.7%	
Shirley Erstad	4,335	41.3%	
David Martinez	533	5.0%	

Asterisk (*) indicates incumbent in race.

In bold-face type are candidates who advance to the general election or, in the case of the St. Paul City Council race, won.

1 PRIMARY ELECTION

“Johnson’s defeat of Pawlenty was stunning,” said Jeff Blodgett of Wellstone Action, “and there are at least three things to take from that: The anti-establishment feeling within the Republican Party is very much alive, loyalty to Trump is a requirement for getting through Republican primaries, and Tim Pawlenty ran a terrible campaign with no social media and no defense of his record as governor.”

Blodgett thinks Walz’s appeal to both rural and urban voters will stand him in good stead

against Johnson in November. “Walz’s win was solid,” he said. “He showed strength in the Twin Cities area as well as in non-metro Minnesota. His presence on the ticket also lowers the ongoing urban-rural divide that seems to be a common theme in today’s politics.”

Yusef Mgeni, a member of the nonpartisan advocacy group St. Paul STRONG, found the voter turnout of 21 percent statewide “significant” for a primary election in the middle of the summer. “And so, too, was the two-to-one turnout of DFLers over Republicans and the turnout by millennials and white women. It guarantees a lively campaign season in Min-

nesota and across the country.”

“The big question arising from the primary is whether the big Democratic turnout will result in a blue wave in the state that sweeps the DFL into power with big electoral gains in November,” said Steven Schier, a retired political science professor at Carleton College and a resident of Highland Park. “Alternatively, November may see a continuation of the Trump trend of 2016 when his support in Minnesota was actually higher than his overall national average. That was the first time in many decades that a GOP presidential candidate had performed better in Minnesota than

nationwide.”

Despite the enthusiasm of Democrats for retaking the Minnesota House and U.S. House of Representatives, Schultz foresees a more measured outcome in the November general election. “The prospects for the DFL winning back the state House and Senate are bleak,” he said. “And it’s possible that the DFL might lose at least one if not two U.S. House seats in Minnesota. There’s a significant generational shift going on nationally and in Minnesota politics. Both the GOP and DFL are facing existential threats over the next decade as the old guard exits and a new generation arises.”

City tees up a study for repurposing Highland Nine-Hole

Requests for more field space prompt a review of golf course's best use

By JANE MCCLURE

The St. Paul Department of Parks and Recreation is working on a study to determine whether to repurpose the property now occupied by the Highland Nine-Hole Golf Course on Montreal Avenue and Edgumbe Road for other recreational uses. Ward 3 City Council member Chris Tolbert said the \$30,000 study is in the preliminary stages. City officials are seeking comments and hope to meet with the public in September.

"My office has heard a lot of requests for more active recreational space in the area," Tolbert said. "People want space for soccer, softball, baseball, lacrosse—you name it. We have to ask if golf is the best use in an area where active recreational space is limited."

Members of the Women's Tuesday Morning Golf League would opt for keeping the

course. Also known as the Highland Niners, the league has been playing at the Highland 9-Hole for 50 years.

"We knew nothing about this idea," said Louise O'Hara, who sits on the league's board. Some of the members are women in their 80s and O'Hara doubts whether they would want to switch to the adjacent Highland National Golf Course across Montreal Avenue.

"Our members enjoy the smaller course and I'm not sure how many of them would continue to play if we had to move," O'Hara said.

The Highland 9-Hole is a par-35 course and plays at 2,791 yards from the back tees. Highland National is an 18-hole, par-72 course and plays at 6,638 yards from the back tees.

Tolbert said city officials will listen to all sides on the issue. "This is really just starting the public conversation," he said. Parks and Recreation has already been gathering information on course operations and conditions, according to him.

Highland is the city's only nine-hole golf course. In 2015, 19,950 rounds were played there. That number dipped to 17,850 in 2016, but climbed to 18,342 in 2017.

The course was established in 1971. Before that it was home to the last archery range in Highland Park. Earlier archery ranges were located near the historic Highland Water Tower and in the area where the Highland Aquatics Center is now.

The archery range at what is now the Highland 9-Hole shared space with youth baseball fields. Tolbert said he was unaware of that history, but would be curious to see how the property was laid out.

The need for additional field space has been raised by several local athletic groups, including the St. Paul Blackhawks soccer club, the Highland-Groveland Recreation Association, St. Paul Lacrosse, Highland Ball and local schools. "It's a need we hear about all the time," Tolbert said.

The need is becoming more acute with the redevelopment of the former Riverside School fields on West Seventh Street and Montreal Avenue. That site is being sold to the J.A. Wedum Foundation for development as a senior housing complex.

Another question mark is the ultimate fate of the Highland Ball fields on the former Ford Motor Company property. Developer Ryan

Companies has not made any decisions on what to do with that property, though there is strong public pressure to keep the fields.

Earlier this year, the St. Paul Regional Water Services Board voted to ask St. Paul and Ramsey County to collaborate on a proposal to develop recreational fields on the site of Highland's southern water reservoir. That reservoir, which is no longer in use, is scheduled to be removed.

A city proposal for that property includes two different concepts. One would create three youth soccer fields and a lacrosse field, and the other would create two youth soccer fields and two baseball fields. According to Tolbert, sharing the space with the county and its adjacent ice arena would mean less field space.

Tolbert said there is no firm timeline to finish the study on the Highland 9-Hole property. He also emphasized that the city has no funding earmarked for any new uses. Any proposed change in the use would be reviewed by the Highland District Council and the city's Parks and Recreation Commission, and would eventually have to be approved by the City Council.

1◀ FORD REDEVELOPMENT

added.

While local residents and business people may not agree on the vision that is ultimately developed for the site, Mike Ryan and others on the development team said they want people to know they are listening and are trying to balance a wide range of issues and concerns.

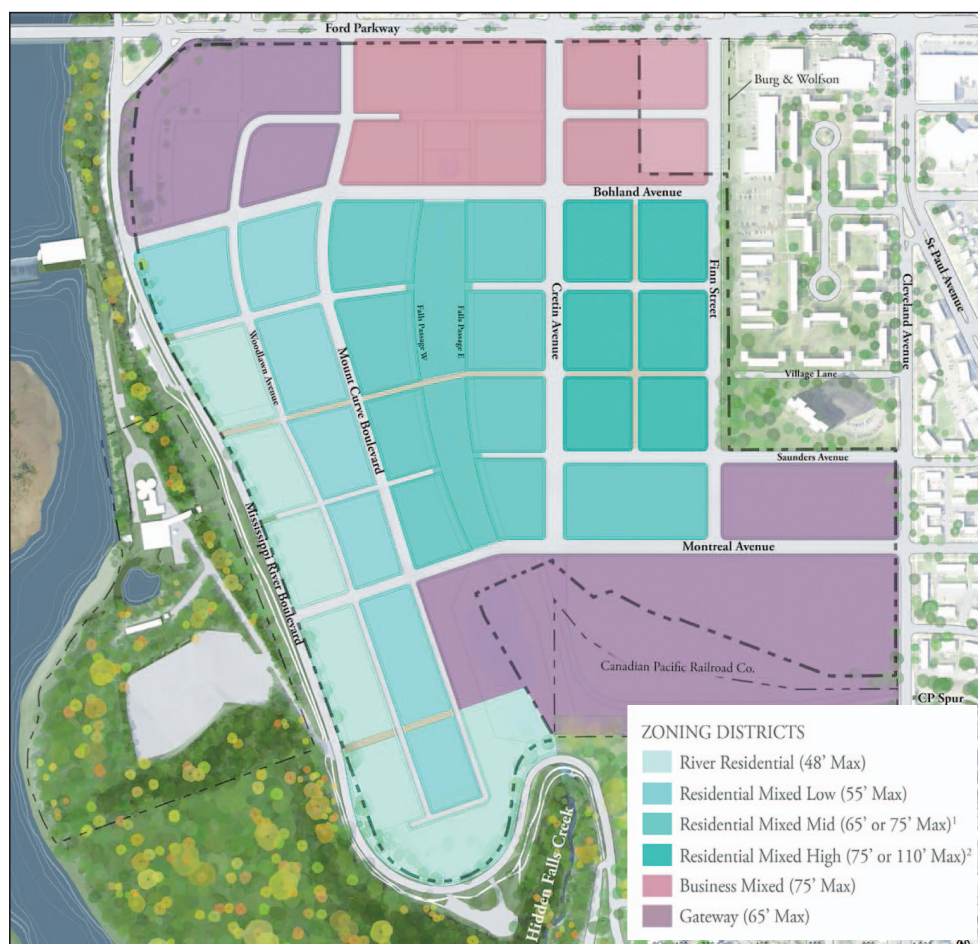
Ryan officials said they want a development that fits into the neighborhood and is viewed as an asset. "We don't want it to be big; we want it to be great," said Tony Barranco, Ryan's senior vice president for development. "As we peel this back, we see more and more issues that need to be addressed carefully."

During the meeting, audience members were invited to vote on several issues via text messaging, weighing in on matters ranging from housing to park space. The audience generally expressed preferences for rowhouses, senior housing, public gathering spaces, restaurants with outdoor patios, ramp parking within buildings or below ground, and a mix of formal and natural landscaping.

The meeting included an overview of what Ryan will and will not include in its plan. The plan will not involve property outside of the 122 acres Ford is selling to Ryan. That means any ideas for Ford's property on the river side of Mississippi River Boulevard, the 13 acres owned by Canadian Pacific Railroad on the south end, and the Highland Village Center adjacent to the site will have to wait.

Ryan officials have reviewed the riverfront property with Ford officials and the rail yard with CP Rail officials. The shopping center, which Ryan developed, is included in the city's master plan. However, none of those areas are part of the plan now being developed.

Those who attended the meeting applauded the news that 10-story buildings will not



With the city's master plan (above) as a guide, Ryan Companies continues to fine-tune its master plan for redeveloping the 122-acre Ford site in Highland Park.

be part of Ryan's plan. The city's master plan envisioned between 4,320 and 7,200 people living on the site and about 1,500 people working there by the year 2040. The housing density that Ryan Companies is envisioning will not exceed that, Barranco said, and the retail and office uses will be at the low end of the range. The focus will be on quality, not

quantity, he said.

Some of the housing could be rowhouses, and there will be a "significant amount" of affordable housing, Ryan officials said. The new architecture will not be out of character with the surrounding neighborhood, they added. The development will not include a golf course, a corporate campus or large surface

parking lots, and the density of the development will be scaled back at the edges adjacent to the surrounding neighborhood.

Another idea that will not be part of the plan is a museum to honor Ford Motor Company's nine decades of operations on the property. "We don't think we could do a Ford museum justice," Barranco said. However, some architectural features from the assembly plant's main building were saved and could be incorporated in new buildings. Another possibility is highlighting Ford's history through a self-guided walking tour on the site.

Although the sustainable, energy-efficient designs that are in the city's master plan will be incorporated in Ryan's plans, Mike Ryan said those issues need "much more homework."

The development team will adopt the street grid outlined in the city's master plan, which includes connections to the existing street grid. While that has generated concerns about increased traffic on some streets, others believe the street extensions will help disperse traffic and ease congestion.

The proposed street grid includes lots of space for biking and walking as well as mass transit. The development team also wants to include about 1,000 new trees, more than 50 acres of parks and other open spaces, and a central water feature that will also handle stormwater runoff. Nothing has been said yet about the fate of the Highland Little League (now Highland Ball) fields that are on the Ford property.

Ryan Companies has worked with the Highland District Council to set up a "constant contact" email list for the distribution of information about the project. To be included on that list, visit highlanddistrictcouncil.org/homepage/development-projects/ford-site-redevelopment-2/.

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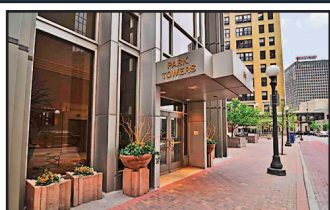
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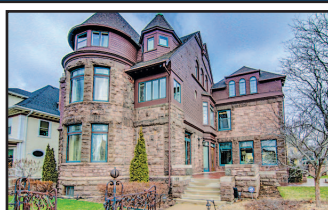
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Mendota's 2040 Plan seeks more development downtown

City of 200 aims for growth in population and a wider tax base

BY MIMI GELLER

The city of Mendota will hold a public hearing on its 2040 Comprehensive Plan at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 11, at VFW Post 6690, 1323 Sibley Memorial Hwy. The comprehensive plan is a blueprint for development for the next 20 years for this town of 200 located above the confluence of the Minnesota and Mississippi rivers.

Mendota has drafted the 2040 plan at the request of the Metropolitan Council. Unlike previous comprehensive plans, it places an emphasis on development in downtown Mendota, "an area where the community will likely see some change in the next five to 20 years," according to Chris Janson, a team leader and planner with MSA Professional Services who was hired by the Mendota City Council to draft the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

The 100-page plan is intended to "continue and improve Mendota's housing, which is predominantly single-family, and expand the housing opportunities for new families and retirees," Janson said.

Mendota is also looking for new devel-



Despite its location at the confluence of the region's two major rivers, Mendota is still a relatively quiet burg even along the several blocks of its downtown. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

opment to enliven the town and create new transportation opportunities, according to its Mayor Brian Mielke. "The city is excited for opportunities to grow and to re-envision downtown with an urban, walkable feel, a combination of retail and housing right on Main Street and along the Minnesota River," Mielke said. "If redevelopment happens, then transit will follow. Metro Transit could bring

in smaller buses to serve Mendota."

The Met Council expects Mendota's population to increase to 280 by 2040, and more homes will be needed to accommodate that growth. "Mendota's predominant land use is low-density housing, down in the valley and up the bluff," Janson said. "It's mostly single-family housing and a few apartment complexes."

New housing is needed to provide a greater diversity of housing options, to attract new residents and make it possible for current residents to continue living in Mendota as they age, according to Janson. The new development would also broaden the property tax base, increasing city revenue to fund road and sewer projects, he added.

"Mendota has some very successful businesses that continue to grow," Janson said. "Capturing some of that and continuing to see some future reinvestment are good for the city, but they're also good for property owners because they'll have that additional traffic and marketing that'll benefit everybody."

Mendota, which takes its name from *Bdote*, a Dakota Indian word for "where the two waters come together," was one of the first white settlements in the region. It was incorporated in 1844. At the time, St. Paul was a similarly small settlement of mostly French Canadians. But unlike St. Paul, Mendota is still a small town. Many of the homes there get their water from wells. And mail isn't delivered by a postal carrier; people pick it up at the post office downtown.

Although Mendotans find that old-town aura attractive, "we do need growth and redevelopment and additional housing," Mielke said. "Redevelopment will bring in additional dollars, allowing the city to take care of our infrastructure needs without raising taxes on existing residents."

Ford Parkway condo assn. agrees to replace landscaped buffer

New trees and shrubs will restore privacy of adjacent homes

BY JANE MCCLURE

The St. Paul Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) voted 6-0 on August 13 to modify the 16-year-old landscaping plan for Parkway Commons, 1941 Ford Pkwy., and to require its condominium association to replace the trees and shrubs that were removed last spring.

The landscaping was meant to provide some privacy for neighbors to the north and east of the 30-unit building. Last April the trees were trimmed by Xcel Energy because

they had grown too close to power lines. The condo association board later decided to remove the trees entirely when it was determined they were in poor condition. That generated a complaint to city officials and a request that Parkway Commons come into compliance with the building's original site plan.

The landscaping plan for Parkway Commons was adopted to mitigate a construction error when the three-story structure was built too close to the property line. The building was situated almost 3 feet closer to the alley and 1½ feet closer to the east property line than initially approved.

A backyard setback of 25 feet is normally required. The BZA approved a variance for a 20-foot setback in 2001. The actual setback is 17.1 feet. A sideyard setback of 20 feet is normally required from the east property line.

The BZA approved a variance for an 18½-foot setback in 2001. The actual sideyard setback is 17 feet.

When revised variances were approved in 2002, Parkway Commons developer Mendota Homes agreed to plant shrubs and a mix of evergreen and deciduous trees as a buffer. The intent was for the trees to grow 16 to 20 feet high. The power poles in the alley were raised 5 feet and a power line was moved to accommodate taller trees.

The loss of the buffer rankled neighbors. Some complained that it could take years for replacement trees and shrubs to fill out. Pinehurst Avenue resident Elizabeth Golden said the loss of the plants has meant a loss of privacy for her family. "It leaves us completely exposed," she said.

Lorraine Blake of the Parkway Commons Condominium Association said the associa-

tion wants to replace the plants that were cut down. It also wants to make sure the plants thrive with adequate sunlight and minimal problems with the power lines.

As approved by the BZA on August 13, three-fourths of the new plants must have a mature height of 20 feet, and a majority of those plants must be on the eastern end of the site where they are most sought by neighbors. The plants that are expected to reach 20 feet in height need to have starting heights of at least 10 feet. A 10-foot clearance must be maintained around the easternmost power pole for routine maintenance, although shorter plants could be installed closer to the pole.

The Highland District Council met with almost two dozen neighbors and condo residents in July. City staff had recommended approval of the new landscape plan, as did the HDC.



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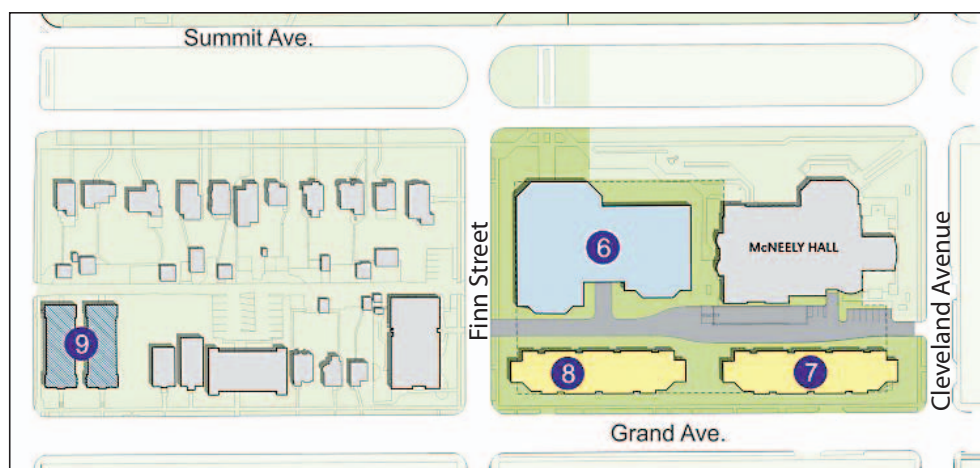
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The University of St. Thomas' 2016 campus master plan includes two new student apartment buildings north of Grand Avenue between Cleveland Avenue and Finn Street. One building (7) would have 112 beds and up to 13,000 square feet of retail space on the ground floor, while the other (8) would have 140 beds.

UST turns attention to more on-campus student housing

University's master plan suggests two residential buildings on Grand Ave.

By JANE MCCLURE

University of St. Thomas officials and the West Summit Neighborhood Advisory Committee (WSNAC) began a discussion of new on-campus student housing on August 14. However, it remains to be seen whether or not the new housing would be on Grand Avenue, and whether or not that would rekindle disagreements over building heights on that street.

The university's board of trustees has given its tentative nod to exploring additional on-campus housing options, said Mark Vangsgard, UST's vice president of business affairs. A recent survey of 400 local residents and a new campus master plan are expected to guide the housing decisions. Neighbors were asked about additional on-campus housing as well as parking, mixed-use buildings, and building heights and setbacks. The survey results will be ready in September, and a presentation to WSNAC will likely occur in October.

While there was strong support for more on-campus housing, most likely in the form of apartments or suites, WSNAC members who represent the Union Park and Macalester-Groveland district councils, Summit Avenue Residential Preservation Association and Neighbors United had mixed reactions to the survey and to the notion of additional student housing on Grand.

The 10-year campus master plan that was approved by the university's trustees in November 2016 outlined several potential projects, including four new residential buildings that would add 441 beds to the university's existing 2,630 beds.

Two of the residential buildings were proposed for the north side of Grand Avenue between Cleveland Avenue and Finn Street. That would involve tearing down a 40-unit apartment building owned by St. Thomas, a converted house where about 10 students typically live, and buildings on Finn that have served as campus offices for several years.

The master plan calls for one of the buildings on Grand to have 112 beds and the other to have 140. The apartment building closest to the Grand-Cleveland corner could also have up to 13,000 square feet of retail space.

Other new on-campus student housing has been eyed for the current site of the John Paul

II residence hall and faculty housing on the university's north campus. Several other sites also were suggested in the master plan, but they did not rise to a high priority.

Vangsgard said the east Grand block could be attractive to upperclassmen. "It feels off-campus," he said. "It's not in the campus core."

Building more housing could ultimately mean shifting seniors and juniors out of north and south campus dormitories and apartment-style housing, and getting sophomores back onto campus and out of surrounding neighborhoods. St. Thomas officials for years have contended that some of their biggest headaches have been caused by the off-campus behavior of sophomores.

A 2013 city zoning study resulted in limiting building heights to four stories on the south side of Grand west of Cleveland. The university's 2004 conditional use permit that allowed campus expansion onto the two blocks bounded by Summit, Cleveland, Grand and Cretin avenues set a maximum 40-foot height and minimum 25-foot setback for new buildings.

WSNAC members had mixed reactions to the notion of new student housing on Grand that would exceed three stories. Cathy Plessner, who represents

the Macalester-Groveland district council on WSNAC, said the housing should be looked at again, noting that "times have changed" since the conditional use permit was adopted.

Josh Capistrant, who represents the Union Park council on WSNAC, said since the permit was approved, "my corner of the neighborhood has turned completely" from owner-occupied housing to student rentals. Though he liked the idea of getting more students to live on campus, he said there may be better places to do so than on Grand.

Macalester-Groveland representative Marc Manderscheid said he did not think the university's money was well-spent, since the survey did not focus on all of the sites that were identified for possible student housing in the campus master plan. He and other WSNAC members also said they found some of the survey questions confusing.

Manderscheid said St. Thomas may want to think carefully before it considers higher building heights on Grand. That would require reopening the 2004 conditional use permit, which was adopted after a lengthy fight with neighbors.

He said that taller building heights were allowed in some campus locations as a result of those negotiations, with lower heights in other locations, including on Grand. "And now you're going to the well to ask for things you gave up in 2004," he said.

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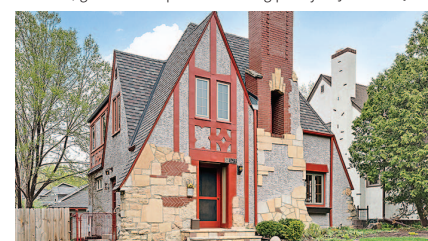
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No honor in 11.5% tax hike

The city of St. Paul doesn't need a \$606 million budget in 2019 (*Villager*, August 15). We had a 24 percent property tax levy increase in 2018, and we certainly cannot handle another 11.5 percent increase in 2019. That's ludicrous. It's not fiscally responsible.

Did Mayor Carter take a comprehensive poll of city taxpayers to determine if they're in favor of a property tax levy increase? Evidently not. Otherwise he would have seen that the majority are against another levy increase. Did he ever pose that question to the people who attended his neighborhood meetings on the city budget? Evidently not.

For an article in the *StarTribune*, Mayor Carter talked about where the money should go, when in reality he does not even have the money yet. He says that the budget should not be a "numbers" document but a "values" document. He forgets that values really equal numbers because if you don't have the numbers you cannot get the values.

Mayor Carter in that article stated that he is "honored to share" with taxpayers his proposed city budget for 2019, but there is no honor in proposing a budget increase from \$563 million in 2018 to \$606 million in 2019. To be fiscally responsible to constituents, the mayor should expend his efforts in streamlining city government and its programs, to extract more value from people and programs by getting rid of deadwood and duplication.

We taxpayers can't support double-digit increases in tax levies year after year to support the mayor's values. He asks ask us to do more with less. It's fair to ask him to do the same.

Andy Pakalns
Highland Park

Elections matter

Insanity has been defined as doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results. St. Paul voters have been doing that for decades, repeatedly putting in office mayors and City Council members of a definitely liberal, government-running-the-economy persuasion and expecting conservative-market-economy results—to wit, replacing private-sector trash pickup with a city-run system.

Folks, you voted for this. Time to stifle your aggravation. If the voters don't change, the results don't change.

Jim Buscher
Ramsey Hill

A city that doesn't share

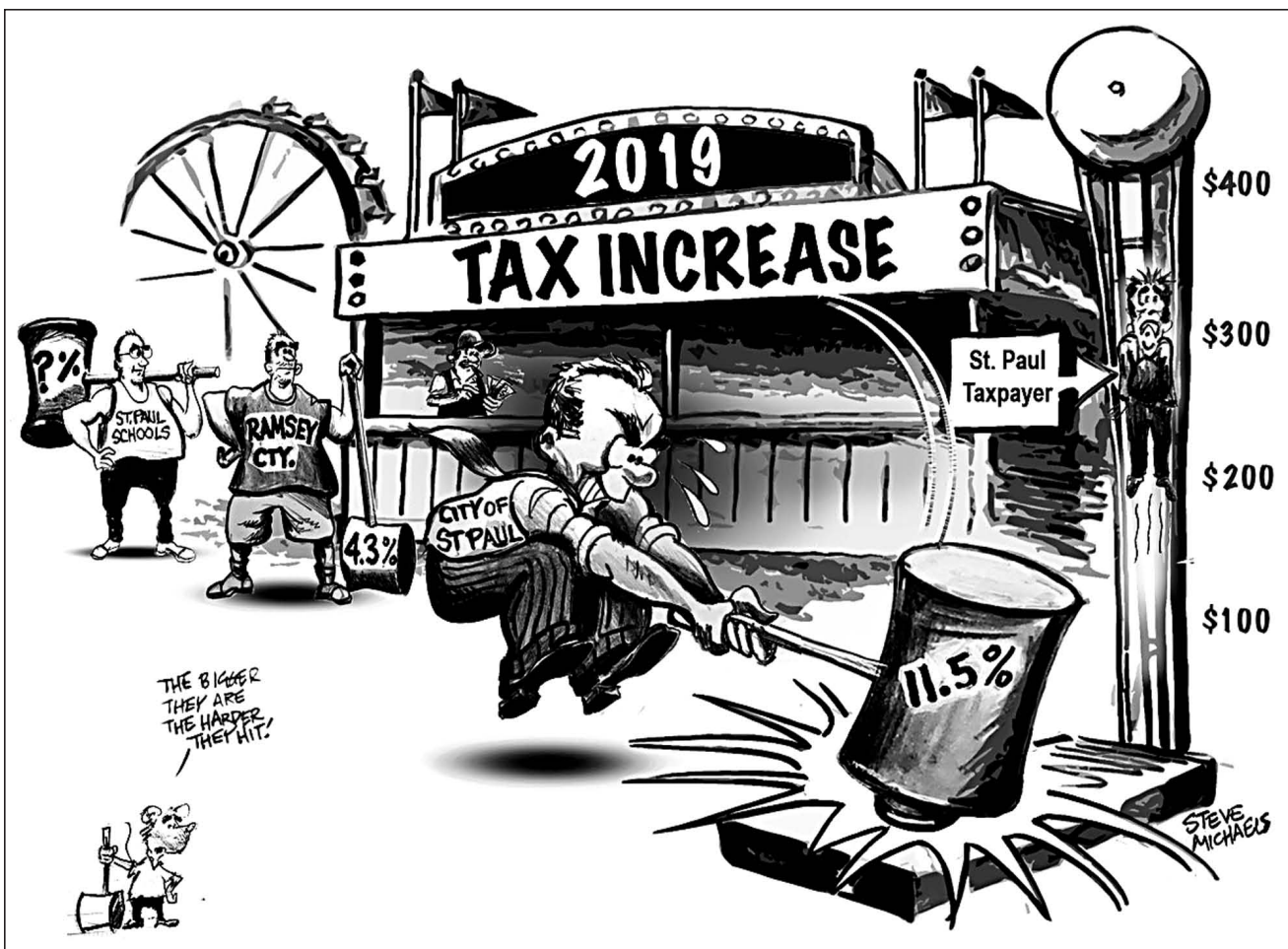
Have St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter and the City Council been bamboozled by garbage collectors? Those of us living in duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes have been ordered not to share garbage receptacles. While our collector tries to help us understand the new rules, it largely comes out as mishmash, betraying disorder and confusion and forcing a four-size-fits-all decision on residents without consideration of the recycling bins we share. I'm concerned that a new slogan for our terrific city might turn out to be, "St. Paul: We Don't Share."

Bill Olszewski
Summit-University

Cut state tax on Social Security

Governor Mark Dayton is a failure. His uncompromising behavior will result in thousands of Minnesota citizens paying more income taxes. Furthermore, Governor Dayton failed to remove Minnesota from the states that tax Social Security income. The majority of states have already stopped taxing Social Security income.

Minnesota's seniors will continue paying taxes on 85 percent of their Social Security income if their annual income is at or above \$25,000. This is a financial hardship, especially for seniors struggling to live solely on Social Security income. It is mean-spirited. Senior citizens deserve Social Security income taxes to be cut in at least half during the Minnesota Legislature's 2019 session. Think of the extra goods and services we could purchase to help boost Minnesota's economy if we paid less taxes on our Social Security income.



All candidates campaigning for the governor's seat this election season should be focusing on reducing income taxes for all Minnesota citizens.

Sue Shetka
Macalester-Groveland

Litter help goes long way

As a responsible dog walker, I always have bags on hand to clean up after my dogs. However, those bags are now most often used to clean up after humans. Every day I pick up a quart-size bag full of litter. Cigarette butts are the most numerous, and then it's food wrappers, gum, straws, Styrofoam, plastic bags, food packaging, rubber, hair bands, water and beverage bottles and more. All this trash would otherwise easily flush to the storm drains with rain and from there into the Mississippi River, the Gulf of Mexico and the world's oceans.

Anyone who drinks water should be disturbed, as this trash contains carcinogens from the cigarette butts and chemicals from the plastic. Water treatment facilities are not designed to remove chemicals. Birds, fish, frogs, turtles, manatees, seals, whales and other aquatic wildlife have to live in the toxic environment we've created. As we've seen in news reports, they're often injured or killed as a result. The increasing number of highly toxic red tides and blue green algae outbreaks are likely due to polluted runoff.

To those who litter our streets, sidewalks, rivers and oceans: These are not your private ashtrays or trash cans. Littering has long been illegal, but many seem not to care or maybe don't know. I encourage everyone to pitch in. Don't litter, pick up others' litter, call out those you see littering and ask them to properly dispose of their trash. Enforcing our litter laws could not only make our water cleaner and our city more attractive, it could add to the city's coffers.

Catherine Zimmer
Merriam Park

Scooters on sidewalks

In the article "Gentlemen, start your...scooters" (*Villager*, August 15), Jane McClure reports that "riders must follow the same state laws as bicyclists. They can ride scooters on the right side of the street or in a bike lane but not on sidewalks." However, Minnesota allows bicycles to be ridden on sidewalks except in business districts. Minnesota statute 169.222, Subdivision 4(d), reads, "A person operating a bicycle upon a sidewalk, or across a roadway or shoulder on a crosswalk, shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal when necessary before overtaking and passing any pedestrian. No person shall ride

a bicycle upon a sidewalk within a business district unless permitted by local authorities. Local authorities may prohibit the operation of bicycles on any sidewalk or crosswalk under their jurisdiction." I find no such prohibition in the ordinances of St. Paul.

Mark Gilbert
Macalester-Groveland

Beware of large scooters

Have you seen those motorized scooters? They're all over. People are just leaving them everywhere, and they're taking up tons of space. I've seen folks riding them real fast down Grand Avenue and residential streets and blowing through stop signs and crosswalks all over the place. I'm scared for me and my kids. I've heard they're hurting people.

Pedestrians have been hit in St. Paul by people riding the big scooters. Most of them are loud and run on gasoline, spewing toxic stuff in the air and making people sick. The new small scooters aren't so bad, though. They're super quiet, the accidents are less severe, and they take up almost no space when parked. Maybe we should ride the small scooters rather than the big ones.

David Washington
Summit Hill

Consider joining Reading Corps

I'm getting ready to start a new school year at Four Seasons A+ Elementary in St. Paul. As a Reading Corps tutor last year, I was amazed at the significant strides so many students made in reading. I saw children transform from shy, struggling students into confident learners. But many more students need support. In fact, one in every three Minnesota third-graders is not reading at grade level.

I'm one of more than 1,000 Minnesota Reading Corps tutors serving in schools and early learning centers as part of this AmeriCorps service program. I look forward to working with St. Paul children, and I am hoping that my story will inspire others to join me in this life-changing opportunity.

I served my first year at Normandale Hills Elementary School in Bloomington last year, but because St. Paul is my home, this year I wanted to serve in my community. I first joined Reading Corps because I wanted to transition out of retail. I am currently going to school for elementary education, and I wanted to do something in the education field. This experience really solidified my desire to become a teacher. Making connections with the students and watching their growth has been one of the most rewarding experiences. Their growth, both academically and personally, is significant. Reading Corps works.

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Reading Corps tutors use data-driven one-on-one and small-group instruction to get kids on track to read proficiently by third grade. Tutors work with kids daily in more than 700 elementary schools and preschools across the state. As a result, most students read at their grade level within one year.

Tutors receive extensive training and support from on-site staff. We earn a living allowance, as well as a financial award for education or student loans, plus health care and child care assistance benefits and opportunities to network and grow professionally.

I encourage anyone who is interested in tutoring to visit the website minnesotareadingcorps.org to find out more about the benefits and the independent research that shows the difference Reading Corps makes. You will also see inspiring testimonies from tutors, teachers and parents. I challenge you to discover if Reading Corps is right for you.

*Chelsea Smith, Reading Corps tutor
Four Seasons A+ Elementary School*

To bear a child

In Belgium, doctors have euthanized children with such illnesses as muscular dystrophy and cystic fibrosis. In Minnesota in 2017, more than 10,000 unborn children were killed by abortion. Planned Parenthood's clinic on Vandalia Street alone committed 6,234 abortions, or 61 percent of the state total.

In 1968, our class read "To Build a Fire" by Jack London. We all mourned the man who died in the frozen wilderness. Our teacher explained, "One death moves people emotionally more than wholesale carnage does, because one death is personal; 1,000 deaths is impersonal."

Since Roe vs. Wade decriminalized abortion in the United States in 1973, millions have been aborted. My recycling container reads, "Stealing recyclables is illegal." In Minnesota, stealing an aluminum can is a crime, but killing an unborn child is not.

*Ann Redding
Tangletown, Minneapolis*

Editor's note: The writer is president of the Christian Action League of Minnesota.

The high crimes of President Trump

I am sincerely convinced that President Donald Trump could and should be arrested, charged, tried and convicted of child abuse and other high crimes. Can you believe the agony he has put families through with his half-brain immigration actions? No one, not even Donald Trump, could tolerate such an illegal action as tearing children and parents apart and then imprisoning them in cages that are no different than dog kennels.

Does it matter that those affected are not U.S. citizens yet? No, this is about one man's inhumanity to man and the ferocious ire we all feel as we watch this ugly chapter of our history unfold. If the actions alone are not enough to disgust you, the lies that Trump's administration continues to issue simply reinforce his continued aura of incompetence as he treats the true count of detainees as an imaginary and floating number.

I am amazed that he is capable of walking about the West Wing with not so much as a stutter step over the guilt with which any normal person would have to deal. No, he just keeps wandering blindly around muttering "no collusion, no collusion" and "the

Mexicans will pay for the wall."

This man laughably reminds us that he is our "stable genius." Even geniuses can be locked up.

*Patrick F. Quinn
Macalester-Groveland*

A clear and present danger

John Brennan is a political slug, and he hates our president. As to that, he has a lot of company. But he's not the regular run-of-the-mill lefty who feels terrible that Hillary was such a terrible option. He's a former head of the CIA, and his fingerprints are all over the dishonesty, political bias and corruption that now infect our "intelligence community."

Now, there has been a good deal of spin about President Trump pulling Brennan's security clearance. The claim isn't that Brennan needs it—such a claim would be laughable. The claim is that he should have his clearance—a claim that's in some sense both pathetic and interesting. To assess its validity, the question to ask is, "Why?"

*T.J. Sexton
Highland Park*

A feast for the eyes

The Dowling Garden story was a joy to read from a historical and horticultural perspective (*Villager*, August 15). But there was a glaring mistake in the caption under the photograph on page 2. The flowers near Charlie are zinnias, not dahlias.

Zinnias are the flower as zucchini is the vegetable in a Minnesota garden—easy to grow from seed and a prolific producer. My Grandma Kate turned me on to zinnias' glorious colors more than 60 years ago. If you haven't grown them before, try them next summer. A homegrown patch of zinnias is a feast for the eyes on summer days.

*Margaret Hinrichs
West End*

Improving on the national pastime

Eight is enough: That's the mantra the American League might adopt regarding the designated hitter and the length of baseball games. Nobody wants to see pitchers bat again, like Dean Chance, who struck out over 450 times in 670 at bats. So let's eliminate the ninth position in the batting order entirely.

At the same time, to speed up the game, let's cut it to eight innings.

*Steven Hubbell
Downtown St. Paul*

Do write, won't you?

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Retired African justice rejoices in long-awaited peace for Eritrea

By Frank Jossi

A leading advocate for peace between the countries of Ethiopia and Eritrea, former justice Afeworki Ghiorgis Haregot of Highland Park was happy to join thousands of people who came to hear a speech by Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed on July 30 at Target Center.

Ahmed was visiting the United States to speak to the African diaspora about investing in their home country and he made a stop in the Twin Cities because of its large Ethiopian and Eritrean population. He came just after the announcement in July of the end to the border war between the two countries, closing a divisive chapter of violence that rarely ceased over several decades.

Eritrea has had a difficult history. In 1952 the United Nations declared it an autonomous region within Ethiopia. A decade later it was annexed by its larger neighbor. The country continued under Ethiopia's reign until the 1990s, when it voted for independence. The tension and war with Ethiopia thwarted development and created a diaspora.

"We finally have peace now," said Ghiorgis Haregot, who was a supreme court justice in Eritrea before coming here. "This is my life's dream. I hope for peace for eternity."

The announcement meant a great deal to the tireless peace advocate. Three years ago, he was presented with the Peace and Justice Award in Washington, D.C., from the Young American Eritrean Association in recognition of his longstanding passion for returning his country to normalcy.

The 85-year-old Ghiorgis Haregot is still spry, talkative and engaged in the Eritrean community in the Twin Cities. He served on the St. Paul Community Education advisory council as a translator and as an advocate for the 2,000-plus members of the local Eritrean



Former justice Afeworki Ghiorgis Haregot, left, was among those celebrating an appearance by Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed on July 30 at Target Center.

community. There are also more than 10,000 Ethiopians in the Twin Cities.

Ghiorgis Haregot often visits the nonprofit Community Learning Project, an adult education center that mainly serves immigrants out of the Griggs Building at 1821 University Ave. Terrance Fenne, who runs the center, said Haregot is always in motion.

"The judge never lets grass grow underneath his feet," Fenne said. "Even though he's supposed to be retired, when it comes to issues he isn't. He even got a high school diploma from us last year."

Ghiorgis Haregot brushed off the diploma by pointing out he had already earned several post-secondary degrees in his home country, including a law degree. Still, the story attests to his desire to stay active and engaged. Even his dress exemplifies an urge to stay relevant—and cool. He always wears a natty suit and tie, topped by a fedora.

In May he came out with his self-published, 102-page autobiography through Lulu.com.

The book recounts his education, family, a particularly important teacher and interesting legal cases that came before him in his career.

Ghiorgis Haregot grew up in a family of eight children in Asmara, Eritrea's capital that was largely built by Italian colonists decades ago. After marrying in 1954, he and his wife raised eight children. One son died in an accident in 2006 in Eritrea, where four of his children still live. The others live in the United States and Canada.

After working as a public prosecutor and judicial inspector, he was appointed in 1974 as a supreme court justice in Eritrea. After retiring in 1991, he stayed active there while some of his children moved to the United States, a place he would land for good in 1998 when he and his wife came to attend their daughter's wedding in Seattle. The day they arrived, war broke out between Eritrea and Ethiopia, making travel back home all but impossible.

With a son and a daughter in St. Paul, he and his wife, Esgaharia, settled in Highland

Park. Since arriving, he has met with local and national politicians to persuade them to pressure Ethiopia and Eritrea to come to a peace accord. Ghiorgis Haregot proudly displays a folder filled with letters he has sent to ambassadors, international officials and ministers, including the late Reverend Billy Graham, explaining why the war was destroying his country and that its end would bring relief and rebuilding. He has met Governor Mark Dayton, U.S. Representative Betty McCollum, St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter and countless other politicians.

During his time in the Twin Cities, he has teleconferenced with the State Department and United Nations, helped organize rallies, and chaired a fundraising committee for victims of the Eritrean war. He is also proud to have assisted in creating the Eritrean Community Center, 1935 University Ave., and writing the bylaws for it.

Jackie Mosio, who leads the Highland Community Initiative, said Ghiorgis Haregot often meets with African leaders at Starbucks in Highland Village. "He's an elder in the African community and he often listens and gives advice to young people," she said. "He shares his wisdom with many people. He's a real asset."

In drafting his book and letters, Ghiorgis Haregot was assisted by people like his neighbor Theresa Koehler. "He's been relentless in his pursuit of doing something—anything—to bring peace to these countries," she said. "He knocks on my door and asks, 'Can you translate this into English? Can you proofread this for me?'"

With peace now in his country, Ghiorgis Haregot would love to be involved in helping in his homeland.

"My dream is to work in the American Embassy in Asmara as an officer or observer," he said, "and watch for peace and justice."

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Poppy

Local style & staff, loyal customers

As a mother of nine-year-old twin sons, Jill Henderson describes herself as a hard-working "momtrepreneur." She is a wellspring of energy, creativity and enthusiasm. For seven years as the owner of the boutique Poppy, located at Snelling and St. Clair avenues, she has offered traffic-stopping apparel and gifts.

"My repeat customers say, 'I always get compliments whenever I wear your clothes. I get stopped on the street, and people ask where I got this,'" Henderson said.

Poppy shoppers believe in supporting local businesses. They know they do not have to drive 20 minutes to find clothes, accessories or gifts that suit their distinct tastes. The store on Snelling has become a destination shopping spot because there is no other place quite like it.

Poppy has a casual vibe that Henderson says reflects today's Midwest shopper. Her shop features stylish dresses, tops, pants, scarves and jewelry, all at remarkably affordable prices.

"Our fashion pieces generally fall between \$38 and \$88, and the scarves and jewelry are typically between \$18 and \$28," she said. "Of course, there are also a handful of brands that go above the \$100 mark."

Poppy originated as a small shop with a small, personable staff, and Henderson plans to keep things that way.

"With the dollars that come into my store," she said, "I employ people from Highland and Mac-Groveland. I'm just so thankful that the neighborhood has embraced and supported my business. We wouldn't have been here this long if we weren't getting positive feedback from our community."

"There's no sales commission here. We'll work with you and help you out when you're



Owner Jill Henderson displays women's clothing and accessories at Poppy.

shopping for something special. We're not about selling something that's not right for you. If you look and feel good in what you're wearing, you'll be confident. You'll get compliments, and you'll come in again."

That said, people are still discovering Poppy daily. "I love that," said Henderson. "That means we haven't stopped growing."

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Highland Park

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Citywide cleanup—A citywide cleanup will be conducted from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, September 29, on Shepard Road between Alton and Davern streets. Nonperishable food donations will be accepted during the cleanup to help stock the Francis Basket Food Shelf. Volunteers are still being sought to help unload cars. Those who work a three-hour shift will receive lunch and a \$20 voucher for disposing of their own household items. Call the HDC office to sign up. For information on the cleanup, check the HDC's website.

Barricades—Street barricades are available for rent for neighborhood block parties. The cost is \$10 per barricade, with a \$20 deposit. Call the HDC's office or email info@highlanddistrictcouncil.org to reserve one.

Kumbaya Highland—Friends of Highland Arts will host "Kumbaya Highland: Looking at our Neighborhood through an Improv Lens" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 25, at the Summit Brewing taproom, 910 Montreal Circle. The Theatre of Public Policy will lead the evening of comedy around themes relevant to the area, such as living well together as the Ford site is developed. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Upcoming meetings—Board of directors, 7 p.m. Thursday, September 6; Transportation Committee, 7 p.m. Tuesday, September 11. Both meetings will be held at the Highland Park Community Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy.

Summit Hill

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Summit Hill House Tour—Volunteers are being sought to work three-hour shifts during the Summit Hill House Tour on Sunday, September 30. They will receive a free ticket to the tour, as well as a pass that will let them jump to the head of the line before or after their shift, a T-shirt and an invitation to a post-tour party. Volunteers also are needed to serve as house captains, do various other jobs as needed, assemble guest packets and help with packet pickup. Register by visiting summithillassociation.org/volunteer-sponsor.

Annual elections—The annual elections for the Summit Hill Association's board of directors will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 11, at a location still to be determined. Information and an application may be found on the SHA's website or by calling the office.

Macalester-Groveland

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Mac-Grove Fest—The annual Mac-Grove Fest will be held from 2-6 p.m. Saturday, September 8, at Groveland Park on St. Clair and Prior avenues. Those who attend can visit

local businesses, organizations and artists at the Mac-Grove Marketplace; savor local fare from food vendors; and enjoy an afternoon of music by local acts. Participants are being encouraged to walk, take public transit or bike to the festival, and to bring a blanket. Visit macgrove.org/macgrovefest.

Citywide cleanup—Volunteers are being sought for St. Paul's next citywide cleanup from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, September 29, on Shepard Road between Alton and Davern streets. Those who work a three-hour shift will receive lunch and a \$20 voucher for disposing of their own household items. Contact mgcc@macgrove.org.

Neighbors meeting neighbors—A neighborhood potluck dinner will be held from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, September 30, in the Weyerhaeuser board room at Macalester College. Those who attend are being asked to bring a dish to share.

Upcoming meetings—Community Building Committee, 6:30 p.m. Monday, September 10; Environment Committee, 7 p.m. Thursday, September 20. The meetings will be held at the Edgumbe Recreation Center.

Union Park

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Ice Cream, Peanut Butter and Jam—The Union Park District Council's sixth annual Ice Cream, Peanut Butter and Jam event will be held from noon-4 p.m. Saturday, September 15, at Merriam Park. Neighbors are invited to enjoy free Izzy's ice cream, donate peanut butter to a local food shelf and jam to local music. There also will be activities for children. Business owners, nonprofits and artists are invited to participate as sponsors, exhibitors or vendors. Donations are being sought for a silent auction. For details, visit the UPDC's website.

Annual meeting—The UPDC will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, October 25, in Otto Hall at Episcopal Homes, 1860 University Ave. The meeting is open to all Union Park residents and business owners. A social hour will start at 5:30 p.m. with appetizers, followed at 6:30 p.m. with a presentation about board candidates and the work the UPDC has done over the past year. Contact Brandon Long at brandon@unionparkdc.org for information on running for the board. Applications are due by September 26.

Japanese beetles—The UPDC is selling Hb Nematodes to help combat the Japanese beetles that are ruining people's gardens and lawns. The cost is \$5 for a packet of 5 million Hb Nematodes by September 10. They will be ready for pickup at the Ice Cream, Peanut Butter and Jam on September 15. For details, check the newsfeed page on the website.

Upcoming meetings—Board of directors, 7 p.m. Wednesday, September 5, Otto Hall at Episcopal Homes, 1860 University Ave.; Transportation Committee, 6:30 p.m. Monday, September 10, 1821 University Ave.

Fire Station 10 earns historic designation

BY JANE MCCLURE

The St. Paul City Council on August 22 approved the designation of decommissioned Fire Station 10 at 754 Randolph Ave. as a historic preservation site. The city's Heritage Preservation Commission and Planning Commission also recommended approval of the designation in June.

No one appeared at a public hearing to speak against the designation. Some neighbors have objected to Travis Temke's plans to convert the two-story brick structure into a restaurant, coffee house, craft brewery and banquet facility. Noise and the lack of off-street parking are primary concerns, given the building's proximity to homes, a day care and churches.

The fire station was built in 1885 and was expanded in 1911. It was the oldest active fire station in the state until 2010, when its fire company moved to the new Fire Station 1 on Randolph Avenue and West Seventh Street.

The station housed various fire companies over the years. For a time, it also served as the infirmary for ill or injured horses that pulled fire equipment in the days before St. Paul had motorized fire trucks.

Fire Station 10 also is considered historically significant in part because it was one of the early city firehouses that was racially integrated. St. Paul disbanded its African-American fire companies in 1942 and those firemen were integrated into other companies.



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Iverson has created his own modern condo in the city atop a two-car garage at 3456 33rd Ave. S.



Chris Iverson with pet Ruby in the combined living room and kitchen of his 640-square-foot accessory dwelling unit in South Minneapolis. PHOTOS BY BRAD STAUFFER

Upside of downsizing

Mpls. man is living small & loving it with his accessory dwelling unit

BY FRANK JOSSI

Chris Iverson lives in one of the smallest and most popular homes in South Minneapolis' Longfellow neighborhood. His 640-square-foot domicile was the most visited property during last spring's Minneapolis & St. Paul Home Tour, and people daily stop while going by to have a look.

"The architecture has generated a lot of interest," said Iverson, who works out of his home in the information technology field. "People stop by and take photos and say, 'We love your house.' The kids say it looks like Tony Stark's house from *Iron Man*."

Although Iverson's home is about as big as a closet in the 11,000-square-foot California mansion that was used for the movie,

his buzzworthy modernist accessory dwelling unit (ADU) is hard to miss. It sits atop a new two-car garage behind the 1922 duplex he owns at 3456 33rd Ave. S.

ADUs are seen as a way of promoting new and denser housing options in cities. They can be built separately from a home or added to them and owners must live on the property. The units have been allowed in Minneapolis since 2014 and news reports say 94 of them have been completed or are now under construction there. The city has received a total of 121 applications for the units to date, and have approved 109.

St. Paul is currently considering adopting a similar policy that would allow ADUs to be built on single-family properties throughout the city, after allowing them within

a half mile of the light-rail Green Line on University Avenue between Lexington Parkway and Emerald Street for the last two years. Only one ADU has been built in St. Paul so far.

Iverson said his reason for building one in Minneapolis was the result of wanting to come back to the city from a 2,700-square-foot house in St. Louis Park—and doing something different. "I like the idea of being eco-friendly and I want to promote high-density living," he said.

The process was not easy, but that had more to do with a zoning snafu than anything else. He found Christopher Strom, a Minneapolis architect with a subspecialty in ADUs, to design the home in 2016. He spent \$3,000 to submit the paperwork, only to have the city initially deny the request.

"If they wanted to encourage density they should've approved it," Iverson said.

As it turned out, his duplex was out of compliance with the zoning for the neighborhood. A change to the code brought the duplex into compliance and allowed construction of the ADU without a variance.

"Not many people would've gone through the hassle I did for this project," Iverson said.

The ADU features a gray exterior and is designed for second-floor living. Visitors enter through a door on the side leading up a blue-stained wooden staircase. At the top, a single room features a lounge area with couch and a kitchen.

Two yellow pocket doors with clouded glass windows open onto an 11-by-11-foot bedroom. Adjacent to it is a walk-in closet where

Iverson said he plans to install an organizer to make better use of the space. On the other side of the bed is a bathroom with a washer-dryer combination.

"After it washes it dries clothes, but there's no (air) vent so it takes four hours to run a load," he said. "Sometimes I take my clothes out before they're done and air dry them."

He built in quality throughout the home by adding solid wood pocket doors and a dark brown Marmoleum floor. Radiant floor heat warms the apartment and an exchanger helps keep the air fresh. The design feels Scandinavian.

A sizable patio built from Epay wood decking has enough space for seating and a grill. The deck also

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Support builds for allowing accessory dwellings citywide

BY JANE MCCLURE

St. Paul appears poised to open the door to accessory dwelling units (ADUs) citywide. A proposed zoning change that would allow single-family homeowners to add a separate apartment in a home, above a garage or in a back yard is scheduled for a City Council vote at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 12.

Citizens remain split over the proposal, if comments at an August 15 public hearing are any indication. Because two City Council members were absent on August 22, the vote was postponed, but it is expected to pass on September 12. Dan Bostrom of Ward 6 is the only City Council member to have spoken out against ADUs.

"People will try to convert these to all rentals," Bostrom said. "I don't see any reason to do this."

Other council members have noted constituent concerns about design-related issues,

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including the height of above-garage and backyard ADUs and the possibility that ADUs will not fit the character of the surrounding neighborhood. However, the majority appear to be in support.

The ability to add an accessory dwelling has been touted as a way to provide more affordable housing in St. Paul, make it possible for extended family to live near each other and provide rental income for single-family homeowners. However, ADUs have also raised concerns about parking congestion,

regulatory enforcement problems, a proliferation of short-term rentals such as those advertised through AirBnB, and an increase in the problems associated with off-campus student housing.

Three people spoke against the proposal and more than a dozen lined up in support on August 15. The only group that has raised objections is the Summit Hill Association (SHA), which has asked the City Council to allow neighborhoods to opt out. "We don't see a compelling reason to do this citywide at this time," said SHA Zoning and Land Use Committee chair Lori Brostrom.

Longtime contractor and former City Council member Tom Dimond said he has spent much of his professional career returning to single-family status houses that had been carved up into multiple dwellings. "That (post-World War II) trend really haunted our neighborhoods," he said, eroding their original single-family character.

Former City Council member Jerry Blakey

supports the ADU ordinance, especially because it would promote more affordable housing. He and his wife are building a new garage behind their Summit-University home, and they considered adding an upper-level dwelling until they found out it was not allowed.

Other ADU supporters spoke of wanting to give an elderly relative in their care a private residence or wanting to add a small rental unit to help them make ends meet. "We have five children in a blended family," said Shantelle Bridgeford, whose family recently bought a single-family property on the West End. Being able to live nearby in separate units would be a good option, she said.

Several district councils, the city's Advisory Committee on Aging, and housing advocacy and professional groups have also thrown their support behind the proposal.

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At left, visitors to Iverson's ADU enter through a door on the side leading up a blue-stained wooden staircase to the main living area. At right is the combination laundry and bath opposite the bedroom.

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serves as a trellis-like cover over a path leading to the front door.

The unit has separate gas and electric hook-ups while tapping into the duplex's water and sewer lines. There are no issues with water pressure, Iverson said.

The ADU cost just over \$250,000 to build, Iverson said, and that amount is probably as good a guide as any for what a homeowner would pay for a typical unit. He said he spent enough on design to assuage the fears of

neighbors, while encouraging others who are thinking about building their own ADUs.

"I wanted a design that would be an example," he said. "It'd be terrible if we saw a bunch crop up and they were ugly little houses. We want these to fit into the neighborhood."

His neighbors have generally embraced his home. Nearly 1,200 people visited Iverson's ADU during the home tour and he said many of those he spoke with expressed interest in the idea.

Minneapolis City Council member Andrew Johnson, who represents Iverson's dis-

trict, said he has not "heard one complaint" about ADUs and he believes they offer another choice for families.

"I think they're a great option for infill development and for a lot of folks to fit their needs and where ADUs make sense," he said.

Strom said he receives three calls a week from people interested in ADUs, though few go through with them due to the cost. He has tried and failed to bring the price below \$200,000.

"The Twin Cities is not a cheap housing market and construction costs have gone up

20 percent over the past five years," he said.

Strom has constructed five ADUs, all in Minneapolis. One client wanted one built mainly as an Airbnb, while another ADU in Longfellow will be used as a second living room and a place for the owner's parents to stay.

ADUs will likely continue to have a small number of fans. "There's never going to be that many of them because they're expensive," Strom said, "but they offer another housing option for people to consider."

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ideas such as ADUs are part of the solution," stated the St. Paul Area Association of Realtors in a letter to the City Council. "Allowing property owners to have ADUs, if certain requirements are met, will help address the need for more housing in the city while giving homeowners more options for how best to use their land."

ADUs in the form of carriage houses have been around in St. Paul for many years. In 2004 the St. Paul Planning Commission recommended that the city allow more carriage houses, but the City Council chose not to do so. An ADU study was later commissioned for the neighborhoods adjacent to the light-

rail Green Line. In 2016 the City Council voted to allow ADUs within a half mile of the Green Line, but just before the vote Ward 1 council member Dai Thao moved to remove the Summit-University and Frogtown neighborhoods from the zoning district. Since then, ADUs have been allowed in the half mile north and south of the Green Line between Lexington Parkway and the western city limits. However, only one unit, on Sherburne Avenue in Hamline-Midway, has been built.

Earlier this year, the City Council asked for a zoning study of ADUs in five areas of the city, including the West End. Several other neighborhoods expressed interest, and the Planning Commission later recommended that ADUs be allowed citywide. The com-

mission also recommended the elimination of the minimum lot size requirement of 5,000 square feet if the ADU is added inside a single-family house.

Under the proposed ordinance, homeowners would still have to meet several conditions before adding an ADU, according to city planner Jamie Radel. The single-family home must be owner-occupied and have a deed restriction to that effect, ensuring that if the home were sold the new owner would live on the property or discontinue the occupancy of the ADU. The ADU may not be sold separately. A staircase for an upper-level unit may not be added on the front of a house. The ADU may not be taller than the main house on the property and must have its own entrance and

sidewalk connections.

The people who live on a property where an ADU has been added have to meet the city's legal definition of a family, which is one or two people and their lineal descendants, domestic help and two other unrelated people, or a total of four unrelated people.

An ADU is different from renting a room in someone's house because the ADU must be fully separated with its own kitchen and bathroom. An ADU is also different from a duplex, Radel said. For example, two unrelated families live in most duplexes. A duplex's units may be owned separately, while an ADU and its primary structure must have the same owner. Duplexes also have more required off-street parking.

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This summer's heat and humidity have led to spread of basil disease

BY MARY MAGUIRE LERMAN

A Caprese salad of fresh basil, heirloom tomatoes and mozzarella cheese. Or pesto, a pasta sauce made with fresh basil, Parmesan cheese, pine nuts or walnuts, crushed garlic and olive oil. These are just two of the mouthwatering reasons to grow your own basil. However, this summer those pleasures may be coming to an early end for local vegetable gardeners.

Take a close look at your basil plants. This growing season has been one of the warmest on record, and the higher nighttime temperatures and extreme humidity have contributed to an outbreak of basil downy mildew.

Basil downy mildew—which was first reported in Uganda in 1933, Italy in 2004, Florida in 2007 and Ramsey County in 2012—is most prevalent following long periods of high temperatures and high humidity.

“Scientists from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration have confirmed that for the 48 contiguous United States, May through July was the warmest in recorded history, back to 1895,” said Dr. Mark Seeley, a former Minnesota state climatologist. “That surpasses the previous record year of 1934.”

Look for purplish-gray spores on the underside of basil leaves. The spores develop in darkness in temperatures ranging from 50 to 78 degrees. The warm night temperatures this summer, along with the high humidity, provided just the right conditions for the airborne disease to spread.

The University of St. Thomas has reported incidences of basil downy mildew this summer. The Temple of Aaron has, too. The Jewish congregation in Highland Park planted a huge garden with four different varieties of basil to provide fresh herbs to a local food shelf. Only the cardinal basil, a variety of Thai basil with edible red flowers, continues to thrive. Sweet Genovese basil, the favorite for culinary use, is most vulnerable to basil downy mildew, but other basil varieties also succumb to the disease.

Gardeners may first notice a few yellow spots on the lower leaves of a basil plant and a dropping of the inner leaves. Often by the end of a week, the entire plant will be infected.

If their basil is not yet infected, gardeners may reduce the chance of infection by not watering the plant from above. Instead, gardeners should use drip irrigation or water the basil at soil level. When harvesting, they should prune from the inner branches to allow for better air circulation in and around the plant. However, these steps will not guarantee a plant's survival. At the first sign of any symptoms, it is best to harvest the entire plant.

If the basil is severely infected, gardeners should remove it. Using disposable gloves, gently pull the plant out of the ground, taking care not to shake it, and place it in a bag. Rake up and bag all of the basil leaves that have fallen to the ground. Add your disposable gloves to the bag, seal it and place it in the trash.

Do not compost the basil; the spores are



A garden patch of Sweet Genovese basil with a severe case of basil downy mildew.

easily spread by wind. If any tools were used to uproot the basil, the tools should be sterilized in a solution of one part bleach to 10 parts water.

Basil should not be replanted in the same area this year. What about next year? Mercifully, the organism does not survive winter in northern soils. However, gardeners

are well-advised to plant basil in a sunny area with good air circulation. The plants should be placed 18 to 24 inches apart, depending on the variety, so that they do not touch each other when fully grown. Container-grown basil may have a better chance to avoid infection because it often has better air circulation.

Margaret T. McGrath, a researcher at Cornell University, recommends container growing to avoid basil downy mildew and moving the basil plants indoors if possible during a rain or when heavy dew will be present.

Obviously, gardeners have no control over the weather, but following these guidelines will give them a better chance to avoid the disease from early summer until a killing frost.

Rutgers University has announced four new varieties of sweet Genovese basil that are resistant to basil downy mildew—Obsession DMR, Devotion DMR, Passion DMR and Thunderstruck DMR. The University of Wisconsin recommends the basil variety Eleanora, which has been specially bred for resistance to basil downy mildew. Rush Creek Growers of Spring Valley, Wisconsin, has also been monitoring the spread of basil diseases and testing different varieties for disease resistance. It recommends these varieties of sweet Genovese basil for resistance to fusarium disease—Everleaf, Gecofure and Envigor.

Cornell University in Ithaca, New York, has also been monitoring the spread of basil downy mildew in the U.S. For more information on the disease or to report infected basil or basil that has been resistant to the disease, visit vegetablemdonline.ppath.cornell.edu/NewsArticles/BasilDowny.html and select the link “Please Report Observations of Basil Downy Mildew.”

Crime Report

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

Highland Park

Burglary—A break-in was reported at Parkway Commons, 1941 Ford Pkwy., at 1:40 a.m. Sunday, August 12.

—An occupied residence was broken into on the 1700 block of Pinehurst Avenue at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, August 12.

Theft—An iPhone and gift cards were stolen from a vehicle on the 1900 block of Edgumbe Road on the evening of August 6-7.

—More than \$500 in cash was stolen from a residence on the 1000 block of St. Paul Avenue between August 8-10.

—Vehicles were stolen on the 2100 block of Watson Avenue on August 9 and on the 1800 block of Rome Avenue on August 11.

—A purse was reported stolen from a vehicle on Edgumbe Road and Montreal Avenue at 10:47 p.m. Friday, August 10.

—Golf clubs and a golf bag valued at more than \$2,500 were stolen on the 500 block of South Cretin Avenue between 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Friday, August 17.

—A cellphone was stolen from a vehicle on the 600 block of South Cleveland Avenue between noon-3 p.m. Friday, August 17.

—A purse was stolen from a vehicle in Hidden Falls Park around 8:14 p.m. Sunday, August 19.

Sex crime—A rape was reported on the 2000 block of Edgumbe Road at 8:15 p.m. Friday, August 3.

Lexington-Hamline

Robbery—A robbery at gunpoint occurred on the 1100 block of Concordia Avenue at 11:19 a.m. Tuesday, August 21.

Assault—A 34-year-old woman was arrested for felony assault and possession of a controlled substance after she was stopped for shoplifting at the Midway Target at 7:42 p.m. Thursday, August 9.

Weapons—Gunfire was reported on Lexington Parkway and University Avenue at 12:40 a.m. Tuesday, August 21.

Miscellaneous—The glass of an entry door was shattered at Catholic Charities, 1246 University Ave., between August 18-20.

Macalester-Groveland

Burglary—An apartment burglary was reported on the 400 block of South Lexington Parkway at 6:12 p.m. Friday, August 10.

—Bicycles were reported stolen from a garage on the 100 block of South Wheeler Street at 5:50 a.m. Saturday, August 11.

—A burglary in progress was reported at 5:40 a.m. Tuesday, August 14, on the 1200 block of Goodrich Avenue. The caller had encountered two male suspects in his home.

Police gathered evidence and searched the area, but no arrests were made.

—An occupied home on the 1200 block of Sargent Avenue was broken into and several items were taken between 3-9:15 a.m. Tuesday, August 14.

—Several items were stolen from an unlocked garage on the 1800 block of Stanford Avenue between 3 a.m.-noon Tuesday, August 14.

—A burglary was reported at 6:30 a.m. Thursday, August 16, at Coffee Bene, 53 S. Cleveland Ave.

Theft—The tailgate was stolen from a vehicle on Jefferson Avenue and Lexington Parkway during the evening of August 6-7.

—A vehicle was stolen on the 1400 block of Wellesley Avenue during the evening of August 10-11.

—A bicycle valued at nearly \$600 was reported stolen on the 1300 block of Summit Avenue at 9:30 p.m. Sunday, August 12.

Mendota Heights

Burglary—A burglary and theft of a motor vehicle were reported on the 2000 block of Timmy Street at 8:52 a.m. Sunday, August 12. A purse with the vehicle's keys was taken from inside the residence and the vehicle was stolen from the garage.

Theft—Police responded to a report of mail scattered on lawns on the 600 block of Linden Street at 7:38 a.m. Saturday, August 11. The mail was returned to addresses in Sunfish Lake.

—Phone fraud was reported on the 2000 block of Lexington Avenue at 8:20 p.m. Thursday, August 16. Police said the suspect claimed to be from the government and was able to convince the victim to give him \$1,000 on a gift card.

Merriam Park

Robbery—A robbery at gunpoint occurred on Aldine Street and University Avenue at 8:22 a.m. Friday, August 10.

Burglary—Two male suspects, ages 18 and 20, were arrested for burglary after a neighbor reported someone kicking in the back door of a house on the 1800 block of Roblyn Avenue at 8:46 a.m. Thursday, August 9.

—A business was broken into on the 1800 block of University Avenue during the evening of August 13-14.

—A business was broken into on the 500 block of North Fairview Avenue during the evening of August 13-14.

—An unlocked garage was burglarized on the 2200 block of Riverwood Place between midnight and 7 a.m. Tuesday, August 14.

Theft—An automobile was stolen from a sales lot on the 400 block of North Wilder Street between August 11-14.

Sex crime—A rape was reported at 9:30

a.m. Wednesday, August 15, on the 1800 block of Feronia Avenue.

Assault—A homeless man reportedly was disorderly and threatening employees at the Holiday Station, 281 N. Snelling Ave., at 11 a.m. Friday, August 10.

—A 23-year-old man was arrested for fifth-degree assault at 10 p.m. Tuesday, August 14, on the 400 block of Fry Street.

Miscellaneous—A 25-year-old man was arrested for felony criminal damage to property at 2:23 a.m. Saturday, August 11, at the Holiday Station, 281 N. Snelling Ave. The suspect reportedly smashed the back window of a vehicle. He also was wanted on a burglary warrant from Hennepin County.

Snelling-Hamline

Theft—An iPad was stolen from a vehicle on Pascal Street and St. Anthony Avenue between 6 a.m.-2:15 p.m. Tuesday, August 7.

Miscellaneous—A woman was cited for resisting arrest after being stopped for shoplifting at the Midway Walmart at 7:20 p.m. Friday, August 10. While in custody, she tried to flee and grab a knife during the struggle. She also had a felony assault warrant from Stearns County.

Summit Hill

Burglary—A burglary was reported on the 800 block of Fairmount Ave. at 11:53 a.m. Wednesday, August 15. Police arrested two boys ages 14-15.

Summit-University

Burglary—A home burglary was reported on the 600 block of Holly Avenue at 12:55 a.m. Sunday, August 12.

—A home burglary was reported at 9:31 a.m. Saturday, August 18, on the 800 block of Ashland Ave.

Theft—Vehicles were stolen on the 1000 block of Laurel Avenue on August 13-14, the 500 block of Laurel Avenue on August 17, the 200 block of North Victoria Street on August 17 and the 800 block of Ashland Avenue on August 18.

—A phone was reported snatched out of the back pocket of a victim who was walking on the 700 block of Holly Avenue at 5:45 p.m. Friday, August 17. Officers located a 14-year-old boy in the area who matched the description and was identified by the victim. The victim's phone was found on the suspect, who was arrested for felony theft.

Sex crime—A rape was reported on Grotto Street and Iglehart Avenue at 1 p.m. Thursday, August 2.

Assault—A 28-year-old man was arrested for punching a woman in the face on the 1000 block of Hague Avenue at 7:58 a.m. Sunday, August 12. The suspect had fled the scene, but was arrested after he checked into Regions

Hospital for a laceration on his neck.

—A 22-year-old man was arrested for aggravated assault after cutting the wrist of another man with a knife at 2 p.m. Monday, August 13, on the 600 block of Portland Avenue. Medical assistance was declined.

Weapons—A 65-year-old male was arrested and booked for felony threats of violence and felony discharge of a weapon at 2:06 a.m. Friday, August 17, near Mackubin Street and Portland Avenue.

—Officers responded at 7:35 p.m. Saturday, August 18, to a report of a man having been shot near Carroll Avenue and Dale Street. The victim was found on Selby Avenue near Dale and was transported to the hospital. Multiple shell casings and other evidence of the shooting were found at Carroll and Avon Street.

West End

Burglary—Tools valued at more than \$1,000 were stolen between midnight-6 a.m. Tuesday, August 14, from an open garage on the 300 block of Clifton Street. The suspect is believed to have left a bicycle at the site of the crime.

—An occupied residence was burglarized on the 800 block of Juno Avenue during the evening of August 19-20.

—A underground garage was broken into at the Riverview at Upper Landing Apartments, 360 Spring St., between 4:03-4:20 a.m. Monday, August 20.

—A 25-year-old man was arrested for breaking into the lower unit of an apartment on the 700 block of Laurel Avenue between 8:30 a.m.-5:23 p.m. Tuesday, August 21.

Theft—The tailgate was reported stolen off a truck on the 400 block of Daly Street at 7:13 a.m. Thursday, August 9.

—A 2015 Honda Grom motorcycle was reported stolen from a parking lot on the 300 block of North Smith Avenue at 1:38 p.m. Friday, August 10.

—Someone rewired train control boxes on Grace Street and Western Avenue, it was reported at 9:03 p.m. Saturday, August 11. Damage was estimated at more than \$1,000.

—A stereo, prescription glasses, ID and credit card were stolen from a vehicle on the 400 block of Superior Street during the evening of August 11-12.

—Tools valued at more than \$1,000 were stolen from a construction site on the 100 block of Randolph Avenue between 4:30-4:40 a.m. Monday, August 13.

—A bicycle was stolen at 1 p.m. Friday, August 17, from inside Best Pawn, 996 W. Seventh St. The manager had information about the suspect and surveillance video of the incident.

—A Caterpillar skid loader was stolen at Adams Spanish Immersion School, 615 S. Chatsworth St., between August 17-20.

Names in the News

The **St. Paul Sunrise Rotary Club** was named the 2017-2018 Small Club of the Year during the inaugural awards program for District 5960, which includes 64 clubs in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Sunrise also won six other Small Club awards. It meets at 7:30 a.m. on Thursdays at Episcopal Homes, 1860 University Ave. Visit stpaulsunriserotary.org.

Mano a Mano, a nonprofit organization that builds infrastructure for health care, education and transportation in rural Bolivia, is converting its headquarters at 925 Pierce Butler Route to solar energy with All Energy Solar. The 75-panel solar array will be installed atop the organization's newly refurbished roof and will generate more than 25,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity annually.

Ryan T. O'Connor, a resident of the Snelling-

Hamline neighborhood, is the new Ramsey County manager. He joined the county in 2013 as director of policy and planning, and has been deputy county manager in health and wellness since 2016.

Roger Barr, a Merriam Park resident and longtime freelance writer for the *Villager*, received third place in the national Hal Prize short story competition for his story "Hail Mary." The prize is sponsored by the nonprofit Write on Door County and the Wisconsin newspaper *Peninsula Pulse*. Among other works, Barr is the author of the popular Christmas stories that have appeared in the *Villager* over the past 20 years.

Dr. Artika Tyner, a Highland Park High School graduate and Hall of Fame inductee, took first in the charity/making a difference

category of the 2018 Purple Dragonfly Book Awards for her children's book *Justice Makes a Difference: The Story of Miss Freedom Fighter, Esquire*. Written by Tyner with Jacklyn Milton and illustrated by Jeremy Norton, the book tells the story of a little girl's realization that her name is her destiny. The book is available in hardcover or paperback at artikatytyner.com and on Amazon in a Kindle edition. Proceeds from its sale will go toward the nonprofit Planting People Growing Justice Leadership Institute founded by Tyner.

Rhoda Gilman, a West End resident, historian, author and political activist who died in May at age 91, was honored by the St. Paul City Council last month. Gilman had a decades-long career working at the Minnesota Historical Society, which published three

of her many books on the state's history. She was one of the founding mothers of the Green Party and in 2008 received the Vincent L. Hawkinson Foundation Award for her work for peace and social justice.

Nathaniel Khaliq, a Summit-University resident, civic leader and former firefighter, was honored by the St. Paul City Council on August 15. The resolution announced that funds from the city's Neighborhood STAR program would be allocated to Metro Transit to complete a public art portrait of Khaliq at the light-rail Green Line's Victoria Street station. Khaliq, who also served on the City Council and was head of the St. Paul NAACP, was involved in several initiatives to improve opportunities for housing, economic development and criminal justice for African-Americans.

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Sunday/September 2

A FARMERS' MARKET is available from 9 a.m.-noon every Sunday in the parking lot of St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church, Portland Avenue and Kent Street. Hmong-American farmers from Holy Apostles Parish will be there selling fresh produce, herbs, and flowers. Donations at the market also support the Fields to Families program, which buys fresh produce from the farmers and delivers it to local food shelves.

Tuesday/September 4

THE REVEREND Gregory Boyle Mitchell will discuss his new book, *Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship*, at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of Mitchell Hamline School of Law, 875 Summit Ave. Boyle is the founder of Los Angeles-based Homeboy Industries, which helps men and women who were involved in gangs or incarcerated become contributing members of society. Free and open to all, the event is cosponsored by the Ramsey County Attorney's Office. Light refreshments will be served.

Wednesday/September 5

"FROM THE AUCTION BLOCK to the Mic Drop," a free program on racism and the rise of black secularists and humanists in the U.S., will be presented by the Reverend Karen Hutt of United Theological Seminary at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 900 Summit Ave. Call 651-224-5809 or visit spuconsummit.org.

Thursday/September 6

FRIENDS OF THE MISSISSIPPI River are seeking volunteers to lop fruiting buckthorn from 6-8 p.m. along the river gorge near West River Parkway in South Minneapolis. Help restore the woodlands and prevent the spread of buckthorn and the crowding out of native oaks and maples. No experience is necessary. All tools, gloves and training will be provided. To register and receive directions to the site, call 651-222-2193 ext. 31 or email akilgore@fmr.org.

THE SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH of Carondelet will present their fourth annual Septemberfest from 5-8 p.m. on the lawn in front of 1890 Randolph Ave. Joe and Jillian of the Okee Dokee Brothers will perform. The free event will also feature food vendors from Foxy Falafel and Lucky Brisket BBQ. Craft beer and Hockey Mom Brownies will also be available.



A smile from the isles. One of the Greek Dancers of Minnesota, Christina Withers took a break to adjust her head-wear during a performance on August 19 at the Summer Festival at St. George Greek Orthodox Church on Summit Avenue.

PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

Friday/September 7

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. A variety of food will be available in packages priced from \$10-\$25. Cash, credit or debit cards are accepted. Volunteers are needed to help load boxes in customers' cars. Call 651-298-5493.

A THREE-DAY POWWOW by the Mendota Mdewakanton tribe will open at 5:05 this evening with a sacred fire, potluck dinner and live music on the grounds of St. Peter's Church, 1405 Sibley Memorial Hwy. in Mendota. It will continue with dancing from 1-9:30 p.m. Saturday and from 1-5 p.m. Sunday. For information, call 651-452-4141 or visit MendotaDakota.com.

Saturday, September 8

A CATHOLIC COMMUNITY Block Party will be held from 5:30-10 p.m. in the parking lot of Highland Catholic School and Lumen Christi Church, 2055 Bohland Ave. All are welcome. There will be food trucks, games, music and a beer garden.

"CROSSING BORDERS," a concert to benefit immigrant children and families seeking asylum in the U.S., will be presented by Leo Hawkins, Nici Peper and other local musicians at 7 p.m. at Olivet Congregational Church, 1850 Iglehart Ave. A buffet supper

will be served with a Latin theme at 6 p.m. Dinner music will be played by Liliana and Harold. All are welcome. A free-will offering will be collected. Visit olivetucc.net.

Monday/September 10

"QUESTION, PERSUADE, REFER (QPR)," a free hour-long presentation on the emergency steps for preventing suicide, will be offered at noon and 5:30 p.m. at the National Alliance on Mental Illness, 1919 University Ave. For more information or to register, call 651-645-2948 ext.198.

Tuesday/September 11

THE ST. PAUL CAMERA CLUB will hold its first meeting of the year at 6:30 p.m. in Otto Hall in the Gardens building at Episcopal Homes, 1860 University Ave. Darrell Tangen, Dakota County Technical College instructor, will speak on self-critique.

THE ADVANTAGES of breastfeeding for mother and child and overcoming any difficulties will be discussed from 7-8:45 p.m. by the Como-Midway group of La Leche League. Pregnant women, mothers and their children are invited to attend. For information, call Heidi at 651-659-9527.

Wednesday/September 12

"HINDUISM 101: What You Really Need to Know," will be offered by Neha Markanda

of the Hindu Society of Minnesota in a free program at 6:30 p.m. at St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 900 Summit Ave. Call 651-224-5809 or visit spuconsummit.org.

Thursday/September 13

FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES and bread will be distributed free of charge from 4-6 p.m. at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. The bounty is available for anyone, though it is especially intended for the many lower-income families in the area who do not have easy access to fresh produce. A collaboration among the JCC, Fabulous Friends Club and Second Harvest Heartland, the free produce will be available during those same hours every other Thursday through October 4.

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

"GUADELCANAL: Thwarting the Japanese Advance" will be addressed by author Trent Home and veterans of the South Pacific Theater in World War II at 7 p.m. at the Historic Fort Snelling Visitor Center. Admission is free for students and World War II veterans, \$5 for everyone else. A discussion with veterans and historians will precede the program at 6 p.m.

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Dynamic signs at Treasure Island/Tria Rink will need to wait

BY JANE MCCLURE

The St. Paul City Council approved a series of sign ordinance amendments on August 22, including some that will allow new signs at the entrance and on pylons outside Allianz Field, the Major League Soccer stadium now under construction at Snelling Avenue and I-94. However, prior to the 5-0 vote, Ward 4 City Council member Samantha Henningson moved to remove language that would have allowed dynamic signs at the Treasure Island Center and Tria Rink complex in downtown.

"There are concerns with the sign regulations proposed for downtown and whether those have broader implications," Henningson said. "They need to wait."

The St. Paul Port Authority had requested the dynamic signs for the Treasure Island

Center and Tria Rink, which it has developed in the former Macy's/Dayton's department store. Dynamic signs are brightly lit and can change every so often with new pictures and text and even show video clips.

Under the city's current sign ordinance, dynamic signs are prohibited within 300 feet of any homes, places of worship or schools. Port Authority officials have said they may rent part of the Treasure Island Center to a school.

"I'm really troubled about dropping the 300-foot limit," said Ward 7 City Council member Jane Prince. She called the prohibition a "really significant protection."

Prince joined Henningson and fellow council members Amy Brendmoen and Rebecca Noecker in voting to remove from the ordinance amendment changes that would have eliminated the distance requirement for dynamic signs.

City Council members Chris Tolbert and Dai Thao said the dynamic signs would be good for the Treasure Island Center and Tria Rink and would add to a vibrant downtown. However, Henningson had concerns about the distractions a dynamic sign might pose to downtown motorists. Noecker said that while she supports a vibrant downtown, that desire must be balanced with the problems the ordinance changes could create elsewhere in the city.

George Hoene, a senior project manager with the Port Authority, said the Treasure Island/Tria Rink signs would help to revitalize what has been a challenging redevelopment project. The Port Authority has invested about \$73 million in the facility. According to Hoene, the proposed dynamic signs would not be overbearing. "It wouldn't be Times Square," he said.

The St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce, several downtown businesses and the St. Paul Downtown Alliance supported the dynamic signs for Treasure Island Center.

The content of the dynamic signs also generated opposition. Under the sign ordinance changes, the electronic pictures, text and videos could not only advertise businesses within the Treasure Island Center/Tria Rink, but other businesses as well. That did not sit well with Scenic St. Paul. Members of the advocacy group said the proposed changes would roll back two decades of progress in removing billboards across St. Paul.

Allowing the proposed signs at Treasure Island/Tria Rink would be a step backwards for the city, according to Jeanne Weigum of Scenic St. Paul, and it might open the door to more billboard-type signs in the future.

Business Briefs

Rose Street Patisserie, a sister store to Patisserie 46 in South Minneapolis, will open at the corner of Selby and Snelling avenues this summer. Chef and owner John Kraus is planning to add ice cream and sorbet to his menu of French food. The 1,300-square-foot space is located in the former Starbucks space at 171 N. Snelling Ave.

Wild Tree Wellness has opened at 493 Selby Ave. Wild Tree Wellness, which replaces the former Wild Tree Psychotherapy clinic on Grand Avenue, provides mental health services in addition to massage, acupuncture, pay-what-you-can yoga classes, and health workshops and seminars.

TeaSource is celebrating its 20th year with parties on Saturday, September 8, at all three

of its locations, including the one at 752 S. Cleveland Ave. in Highland Village. Customers will receive a free mug of tea and have a chance to participate in raffles and giveaways.

The Union Depot Bar & Grill has opened in the historic Head House of the St. Paul Union Depot, 214 E. Fourth St. The grill features twists on American fare. Full lunch and dinner service is being offered, as well as grab-and-go items. Brunch may be added in the future, along with outdoor seating on the east end of the North Plaza.

Russ Nelson of Macalester-Groveland will be inducted into the Minnesota Real Estate Hall of Fame on November 7 during a ceremony at the Golden Valley Golf and Country Club. Nelson recently retired as president and prin-

cipal of Minneapolis-based NTH Inc., a real estate and project management firm.

Dr. Brenda Kress Higgins is now offering chiropractic services out of the Green Lotus Yoga and Healing Center in the Village at Mendota Heights, 750 Main St., Suite 100. Higgins previously operated a chiropractic office on Grand Avenue for nearly nine years and in Hopkins for the past five years.

Dawn Reding, a Mendota Heights resident and senior vice president at Alliance Bank in St. Paul, has launched **Gloves Up**, a new business that allows people to send a message of support to someone who is fighting his or her own personal battle. Purchasers can choose from three sizes of boxing gloves packaged with a personal note sent in a satin bag mod-

eled after boxing shorts. The lightweight gloves are tiny enough to hang on a bag or purse, while the heavyweight ones can be signed by several people as a sign of support.

Chris and Julie Hansen have opened a second Owl Optical at 1589 Selby Ave. The couple's first Owl Optical opened in 2013 at 4318 Upton Ave. S. in Minneapolis.

A health insurance forum for small businesses will be held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 12, at Sunrise Banks, 2525 Wabash Ave. To register, call 612-404-0268.

The Joke Joint Comedy Club, which was forced out of its previous location due to the sale of River Bluffs Center in Lilydale, is now presenting comedy shows at Camp Bar, 490 N. Robert St.

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"Grand & Syndicate is a market rate apartment building designed to attract a variety of renters – from the millennial to the baby boomer," said Leanna Stefaniak, chief real estate officer and general counsel. "Residents of Grand & Syndicate will enjoy the classic charm of Grand Avenue combined with the luxury, modern day apartment features that current renters expect."

"There are 26 apartments of various sizes with 16 different floor plans," noted Wendy Waibel, marketing manager. "Each apartment has private laundry facilities, central air conditioning, access to a rooftop community room, luxury finishes, hard-surface floors and a no-smoking, feline-friendly environment. There's a Nice Ride bike station across the street at the Kowalski's market."

The four-story building offers easy access to popular shops, restaurants and pubs, schools and colleges, public transportation, and underground parking. There is also room for a couple of businesses, including the At Home Apartments company offices.

"Grand & Syndicate provides an opportunity to bring new residents to Saint Paul while attracting those renters who are already familiar with our neighborhood and who love Mac-Groveland, Summit Hill, Crocus Hill, and Cathedral Hill as much as we do," said Stefaniak.

"We have been investing in our commu-



Members of the At Home Apartments leasing team from left, Dillon Pritchett, Jessie Kuss, Brandon Lupori and Marilyn Mangan, stand outside the company's newest apartment complex.

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On the Town

Cook takes his final bow at Park Square

A visionary, he expanded theater's audience, diversity of its stage

BY FRANK JOSSI

Richard Cook began working with Park Square Theatre in the mid-1970s when the company's "stage" was in a small room on the second floor of the Park Square Court Building at 6th and Sibley streets in downtown St. Paul. When the health of the theater's founder, Paul Mathey, began to fail, he asked Cook to be the new artistic director in 1980.

It was no small decision for Cook. Though he was trained as a theater artist, he had been making a good living at a pipefitting factory in Minneapolis. He debated whether to live out his life as a relatively well-heeled factory worker, as he put it, or pursue his muse in the theater.

During his 38 years as artistic director, Park Square has grown from an 80-seat theater in its namesake building to two theaters with a total of 550 seats, an annual budget of more than \$3.5 million and an educational program for high school students that is among the largest in the nation. Only the Guthrie Theater and Children's Theatre have larger budgets among Twin Cities theater companies.

Cook, 70, went from thawing radiators with a blowtorch to building scenes on stage and juggling the demands of the various directors, actors, playwrights, funders and staff with whom he worked. Under Cook's leadership, Park Square produced more than 370 plays, employed hundreds of actors and other theater professionals, and gave people another good reason to come downtown in the evening.

Cook, who directed more than 40 of those plays, is retiring in September, and New York actor and director Flordelino Lagundino is



After 38 years, Park Square artistic director Richard Cook (left) is ready to surrender the theater's two stages to his successor, Flordelino Lagundino (right). PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

taking over as Park Square's artistic director.

"Richard is a visionary," said actor James Williams. "He's always been ahead of the curve in programming theater. It's one of the things that has kept me constantly involved with Park Square. He builds a base of subscribers who are adventurous in their theater-watching."

Act I of Cook's career opened outside of Sergeant Bluff in western Iowa where he, his father and three brothers turned a tenant farm into a successful family business. His mother taught at a local high school. Cook

can still recall the excitement when the family acquired its first indoor bathroom.

After graduating from Morningside College in Sioux City, Cook received a full-ride scholarship in the Master of Fine Arts program at the University of Iowa. There he met his life partner and longtime collaborator Steven Kent Lockwood, who retired in 2012 after serving for many years as Park Square Theatre's executive director.

A scenic designer by training with a missing middle finger to prove it (long story), Cook landed theater jobs in North Carolina

and Wisconsin before following Lockwood to the Twin Cities in the 1970s and moving in with Lockwood's mother in the Kellogg Square Building in downtown St. Paul. Cook and Lockwood began to help Mathey out with his fledgling theater in Park Square Court, a building that had a budding artistic vibe that included the studio of a small network known as Minnesota Public Radio.

Working with Mathey, Cook used his talents to create two theaters on two different floors in Park Square Court. Faced with escalating rent, Park Square Theatre found a new home in 1985 in a 120-seat theater in downtown's Jemne Building, then the home of the Minnesota Museum of American Art. When a former 350-seat movie theater on West Seventh Place became available in 1991, Park Square moved into the Hamm Building, its home ever since.

Early in Cook's tenure, Park Square focused on producing established dramas by Shakespeare, Shaw, Ibsen, Wilde, Wilder, Williams and others. Its marketing at the time played off that emphasis with the slogan, "a classic theater in a classic city." Actors were hired for the season, not for one show.

When the Guthrie shifted from contemporary dramas to classic theater, especially under Joe Dowling's leadership, Cook decided to take Park Square in a new and potentially nerve-wracking direction, producing new works, commissioned dramas and regional premieres. And instead of a repertory theater, Cook would hold auditions for every show.

Park Square's audiences and subscriptions more than doubled. "It was the first time we

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Felix James once again will be leading the Urban Legends of Jazz during the 17th annual Selby Ave JazzFest on September 8. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

Selby in full swing

Newcomers, old favorites to take stage during annual JazzFest on September 8

BY LISA BRYANT

The musical lineup on the outdoor stage at the 17th annual Selby Ave JazzFest on Saturday, September 8, is sure to surprise festival-goers and once again get them dancing in the street.

"We're doing things a little differently this year," said Mychael Wright, owner of Golden Thyme Coffee & Cafe and creator of the festival, which will run from 11 a.m.-8 p.m., fanning out in all four directions from Selby and Milton Street.

Wright said the festival serves to showcase the abundance of talented jazz musicians in the Twin Cities who perform in such genres as Latin, Cuban, European, African and African-American jazz. This year he is introducing several artists who have never performed at the event.

Headlining the festival will be the Colorado-based Lao Tizer Band, which performs traditional jazz arrangements with a dash of funk. This band and its founder, Lao Tizer, are certain to bring audience members to their feet with tunes from their newly released "Songs from the Swinghouse."

Another musician performing for the first time this year is award-winning instrumentalist,

composer and instructor Nachito Herrera, a world-class musician from the Twin Cities who fuses Afro and Cuban jazz.

"Nachito is a globe-trotting local musician I've wanted to bring to the JazzFest for years," Wright said. "When I learned through my relationship with the Ordway that he'd be performing there this Christmas, I knew we had to find a way to make him a part of this year's festival."

Another band Wright is excited to bring back is the Urban Legends of Jazz. An ensemble of musicians who during their heyday set the Twin Cities music scene on fire, the band has performed at the Selby JazzFest stage each year since its inception.

This year, the band is doing something different. Band founder Felix James, a Twin Cities music legend and an instructor at Selby's own Walker West Music Academy, is bringing award-winning musician Frank Wharton to the JazzFest stage.

"When people see Frank on stage, they'll really be surprised," Wright said. "It's been a while since Frank, who's renowned for his musical genius and his work with Sounds of Blackness, has performed

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On the Town Briefly

Music

The architect of shock rock, heavy-metal veteran Alice Cooper will present a “Paranormal” experience, highlighting old hits and music off his 27th studio album in concert at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, August 30, at the Ordway Music Theater. Tickets start at \$58. Visit ordway.org or call 651-224-4222.

Hand drumming for beginners will be taught from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 4, at the Women’s Drum Center, 2242 University Ave. The basic techniques of using patterns and rhythms to build layered compositions will be covered. No experience is necessary. Drums will be provided. The cost is \$10. Visit womensdrumcenter.org.

Beats in Boyd, a new series of free concerts, continues from 5-9 p.m. Fridays in Boyd Park, 335 Selby Ave. The schedule includes Eli Fay and Thomasina on September 7; Irie Sol and the Fragrants, September 14; and Mala Many and Socaholix, September 21.

Theater

What I Thought I Knew, a heartfelt drama based on Alice Eve Cohen’s memoir about her journey through a high-risk pregnancy and the American health care system, is playing through August 30 on the Minnesota Jewish Theatre Company’s stage at the Highland Park Community Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. The curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Call 651-647-4315 or visit mnjewishtheatre.org.

Dial M for Murder, a life-and-death game of cat and mouse about an ex-tennis professional’s intricate plot to kill his wife for her money, will open on September 7 at Gremlin Theatre, 550 N. Vandalia St. Directed by Brian Columbus, the play stars Emily Dussault, Peter Christian Hansen, Dan Hopman, Grant Henderson and Alan Sorenson. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays through September 30. Tickets are \$28, \$25 for seniors, half your age for those under 30, and whatever you can afford for the additional show at 7:30 p.m. Monday, September 17. For reservations, call 888-718-4253 or visit gremlintheatre.org.

Minnesota pioneer Edward Phalen is inves-



Afraid of the dark? Heather Burmeister stars in Theatre in the Round’s production of *Wait Until Dark*, opening on September 7 on the stage at 245 Cedar Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Frederick Knott’s classic thriller has been adapted by Jeffrey Hatcher. The drama tells of a woman who is recovering from an accident that left her blind. While her husband’s away, she is threatened by ruthless con men. As the tension builds, she discovers that her blindness may be the key to her escape. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through September 30. Tickets are \$22. Call 612-333-3010 or visit TheatreintheRound.org. PHOTO BY BOB SUH

tigated for murder in *Minnesota’s Coldest Case: The Unsolved Murder of John Hays*, playing September 13-15 in Weyerhaeuser Auditorium at Landmark Center. In 1839 below what is now known as Dayton’s Bluff, the body of Sergeant John Hays was found and foul play was suspected. Pulling

testimony from Justice of the Peace Joseph Brown’s handwritten case notes, the drama re-creates the investigation of Phalen, which was based on eyewitness testimony or the lack thereof. Written by William Sikorski, the play is based on West End resident Gary Brueggemann’s book, *Minnesota’s*

Oldest Murder Mystery: The Case of Edward Phalen, St. Paul’s Unsaintly Pioneer. Joe Hendren directs. The roles are played by Paul Anderson, Tom Fabel, J. P. Barone, Kathleen Gearin and other current or former Twin Cities legal professionals. Show times are 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. Tickets are \$10. For reservations, call 651-292-3276 or visit landmarkcenter.org.

Books

SubText Books, 6 W. Fifth St., will play host to readings and discussions with authors Cecilia Konchar Farr and her book on literary criticism, *The Ulysses Delusion*, on August 30; Jill Johnson and her self-help book, *Compounding Your Confidence*, September 6; and William Kent Krueger and his latest Cork O’Connor mystery, *Desolation Mountain*, September 11. The programs are free and begin at 7 p.m. Call 651-493-2791.

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

Common Good Books, 38 S. Snelling Ave., will play host to readings and discussions with author Antonia Felix and her book, *Elizabeth Warren: Her Fight, Her Work, Her Life*, 7 p.m. September 5; local poets and their contributions to the anthology, *The Road by Heart: Poems of Fatherhood*, 7 p.m. September 6; and author Tanya Kateri Hernandez and her book, *Multiracials and Civil Rights: Mixed-Race Stories of Discrimination*, 7 p.m. September 7. Call 651-225-8989 or visit commongoodbooks.com.

Our Minnesota State Capitol: From Ground-breaking Through Restoration, a new book on the history of Minnesota’s state house, will be discussed by author Denis P. Gardner of the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office in a free program from noon-1 p.m. Wednesday, September 12, at Landmark Center. The Capitol was a marvel of modern engineering when it first opened in 1905 with its own heating plant and the second-largest self-supported marble dome in the world. After a meticulous renovation in 2015-17, the building glows with its original beauty.

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The Great Books Discussions Group will meet on Wednesday, September 12, to discuss two classic short stories, “The Professor’s Houses” by Ursula K. Le Guin and “Lost in the Funhouse” by John Barth. The discussion will begin at 5 p.m. at the University Club, 420 Summit Ave. Admission is free and open to the public. For information, contact Margaret King at 651-285-7550 or kingmuelken@q.com.

The Merriam Park Book Club’s selection for September is Neil Gaiman’s *Graveyard Book*. New members are invited to join the discussion from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, September 24. For more information, call 651-642-0385.

Exhibits

Explore St. Paul’s historic downtown or riverfront areas on free, guided walking tours beginning at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays through September. The area around Rice Park will be explored on September 12. The Heart of the City Tour will travel down St. Peter Street past some of the city’s most famous landmarks and influential buildings on September 19. The Great River Tour, highlighting the role the river played in St. Paul history, will follow the mighty Mississippi on September 26. Reservations are required. Call 651-292-3063 or visitlandmarkcenter.org.

“**Unpacking a Theater Attic,**” an exhibit that looks back at Park Square Theatre’s first 43 years in downtown St. Paul, will be displayed from September 6-30 in the North Gallery at Landmark Center. Retiring artistic director Richard Cook, who has worked at Park Square since its first season in 1975, has literally gone through the trunks to choose images and mementos from every one of the theater’s 350-plus productions, from Shakespeare to mysteries to world premieres. Admission is free. Call 651-292-1239.

American Pottery Festival, a show and sale featuring the work of 25 clay artists from across the country, will be presented from September 7-9 at Northern Clay Center, 2424 E. Franklin Ave. in Minneapolis. Admission is \$25 to the preview from 6-9 p.m. Friday. Admission is \$5 from 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Sunday. Pottery workshops will be offered by select artists all day Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 612-339-8007 or visit northernclaycenter.org.

AZ Gallery, an artists’ cooperative in the historic Northern Warehouse at 308 Prince St., will feature the work of Neil Johnston from September 6-30. The gallery is open to the public free of charge from 5-8 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays and from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sundays. An opening reception will be held from 6-9 p.m. Friday, September 7. Visit theazgallery.org.

“**Theatre de la Jeune Lune:** A Photographic Celebration,” a retrospective of the work of photographers Michal Daniel and Frederic Desbois for the award-winning Minneapolis theater, will open with a public reception from 7-10 p.m. Friday, September 7, in the Marsden/Gustafson Gallery at FilmNorth, 550 N. Vandalia St., Suite 120. Free and open to the public, the exhibition will remain on view from 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday through December 7. Call 651-644-1912 or visit myfilmnorth.org.

“**Get Behind the Work,**” the annual members’ show, will open with a

reception from 6-9 p.m. Saturday, September 8, at Vine Arts Center, 2637 27th Ave. S. in Minneapolis. The art will remain on view from 5:30-6:45 p.m. Thursdays and from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays. Patrons are invited to meet the artists at the closing reception from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, October 6. Visit vineartscenter.org.

Artists who explore the creative process through abstract painting, Caroline Kent of Chicago and Melanie Pankau of Minneapolis will display their works from September 8 through October 20 in the Catherine G. Murphy Gallery at St. Catherine University. Kent is known for dynamic acrylic compositions and wall-sized paintings that invite physical, spatial and emotional interaction. Pankau creates pristine geometric abstractions. Along with her paintings, she will show compositional drawings, color studies and other relics of the studio to provide insight into her creative process. The artists will be present at the opening reception from 4-6 p.m. Saturday, September 8. Admission is free. Visit gallery.stkate.edu.

Relive Minneapolis’ railroad history during a 105-minute walking tour of the city’s riverfront, stepping out at 1 p.m. Sunday, September 9, from the Mill City Museum, 704 S. Second St. From the laying of Minnesota’s first railroad in 1862 to the building of the Stone Arch Bridge and Milwaukee Road Depot, learn about the industries and people that filled the freight and passenger trains in Minneapolis. Along the way, discover clues to the vanishing of the trains and learn of the future of rail. The cost is \$14. For reservations, visit cart.mnhs.org or call 612-341-7582.

“**Chinese-ness,**” an exhibit of new photographs by Wing Young Huie of Minneapolis, will open with a panel discussion on Asian-American identity from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, September 11, at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. Part documentary, part meta-memoir, the exhibit explores the cultural riddle of Huie’s identity as a Minnesotan of Chinese descent. Admission is free. Call 651-259-3000.

Film

St. Paul filmmaker Phillip McGraw’s *8 Seasons of Art*, a groundbreaking documentary about African-American painters, musicians and poets who use their art to respond to social and economic injustice, racism and violence and as a means of healing, will be shown from 7:30-11 p.m. Thursday, August 30, at the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation, 451 N. Lexington Pkwy. Tickets are \$12, and light refreshments will be served.

Trylon Cinema, 2820 E. 33rd St. in Minneapolis, will screen the following: *The Maltese Falcon* (1941), director John Huston’s adaptation of Dashiell Hammett’s novel starring Humphrey Bogart as Sam Spade, 7 and 9:15 p.m. August 31 and September 1, and 3 and 5:15 p.m. September 2; director Hirokazu Koreeda’s *Maborosi* (1995), in which a woman wrestles with her husband’s shocking suicide, 7:30 p.m. September 2, and 7 and 9:15 p.m. September 3 and 4; *Arsenic and Old Lace* (1944), directed by Frank Capra and starring Cary Grant, 7 and 9:30 p.m. September 7 and 8, and 3 and 5:30 p.m. September 9; and director Hirokazu Koreeda’s *After Life* (1998), 7:45 p.m. September 9, and 7 and 9:30

p.m. September 10 and 11. Tickets are \$8. For reservations, call 612-424-5468 or visit trylon.org.

Family

Highland Park Library, 1974 Ford Pkwy., will offer the following free programs: baby storytime, 10:30 a.m. every Wednesday; Maker Camp, hands-on activities for children ages 7-11, 2 p.m. every Wednesday; Nature Smart, a trading post in natural history, biology and geology, 4 p.m. Wednesdays; Createch, high-tech fun for teenagers, 3:30 p.m. every Thursday; children’s storytime, 11 a.m. every Saturday and 10:30 a.m. every Monday; GED class, 5:45 p.m. every Tuesday; and Amharic storytime, 6 p.m. every Tuesday. Call 651-695-3700.

Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave., will offer the following free programs: Board at the Library, games of Clue, Apples to Apples Jr., checkers, chess and more, from 2-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays; Family Storytime, 10:30-11 a.m. every Friday; Maker Camp, hands-on activities for children ages 7 to 11, 3-5 p.m. Fridays and Mondays; Paw Pals, a chance for children ages 6-12 to read to a friendly dog, 6-7 p.m. Thursday, September 6; and “Adiós, Monarch Butterflies,” a celebration of the winged insects’ amazing journey to Mexico for the winter featuring stories, dancing, puppets and crafts, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, September 18. Call 651-642-0385.

Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand Ave., will play host to the following: Storytime with Donald Lemke and Bob Lentz, creators of the potty-training book *Call of Doodie*, at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, August 30; author Pete Hautman and a party for his new middle-grade book *Otherwood*, at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 11; and a birthday party for Curious George with stories, songs, rhymes, games and fingerplays, 9:30 a.m. Saturday, September 15. Admission is free. Call 651-224-8320.

Dodge Nature Center, 1701 Charlton St. and 365 W. Marie Ave. in West St. Paul, will offer the following: Nature After Dinner, a program on honeybees for children ages 3-8 accompanied by adult, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, September 13 (cost is \$7 per child); Nature Playdate, a program on bugs, butterflies and bees for children ages 2-5 accompanied by adult, 10-11:15 a.m. Friday, September 21 (\$7 per child, come dressed for the weather); and Autumn on the Farm, a program that invites all Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts to tour the barn, meet the animals, pick apples and help press fresh cider, 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, September 22 (\$10 per Scout). To register, call 651-455-4531 or visit dodgenaturecenter.org.

Et cetera

“**A Whistle-Blower in History.**” Join former FBI agent Colleen Rowley on the 17th anniversary of 9/11 as she recounts the federal government’s failure to act on the intelligence pouring in prior to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, in a free program at 1 p.m. Tuesday, September 11, at Roseville Library, 2180 N. Hamline Ave. Rowley will also discuss the consequences of what she considers the government’s ill-considered decision to exploit the attacks as a “new Pearl Harbor.”

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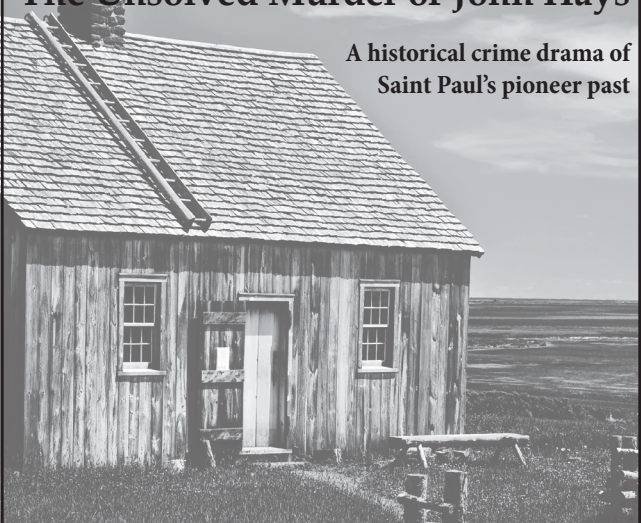
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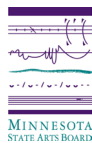
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had a front door and a street presence," Cook said, "and that made a difference, too. The growth shocked us. It happened faster than we ever thought. We had as much trouble managing growth as managing scarcity. Neither is easy."

If Cook's first act at Park Square involved mainstay dramas and filling its expanding auditorium, Act II was all about promoting new works and adding musicals to the performance schedule. A decade-long planning and fundraising effort led to the opening of the 200-seat Andy Boss Thrust Stage in 2014 in a renovated space in the basement of the Hamm Building.

"A capital campaign in those years was really hard, but they stuck with it and, lo and behold, the Boss is there," said Linda Kelsey, a frequent actor on Park Square's stages. "I remember before (the Boss) opened standing in the theater with Richard. It was very emotional."

Park Square and its three artistic partners keep the Boss stage busy for much of the year with productions that bring a variety of theatrical talent and audiences to downtown St. Paul. Part of Cook's vision over the past decade has been to promote cultural diversity by employing artists of color as actors and directors.

That emphasis may be relatively new, but according to Williams, Cook has had his door open to minorities for many years. In fact in 1981, at the request of Williams, fellow actor Terry Bellamy and director Marion McClinton, Cook agreed to stage a production of *Waiting for Godot* that was set in apartheid South Africa.

"Richard was a practitioner of diversity before it was popular," Williams said. "He has always been ahead of the curve in programming his theater."

That is one of the reasons Cook and Park Square's board of directors chose Lagundino as the theater's new artistic director.

"Flordelino is a working artist, actor and photographer who has founded two or three companies, and that spoke to me because that's what I did," Cook said. "He draws together actors of color to the theater, and he has a background in marketing, which is a good thing in this age."

Like any artist, Cook worries at times about the future of his profession, and that is why he is happy to have Lagundino directing the next act at Park Square. "You can always find theater people to make theater—that's the easy part," he said. "The hard part is finding the right audience for them at the right time."

A gala retirement party for Cook will be held from 5:30-8 p.m. Thursday, September 6, at Landmark Center. The event will coincide with the opening of a new exhibit at Landmark Center celebrating Cook's career and chronicling Park Square Theatre's history. Live music and commentary by theater professionals and others who have worked with Cook over the years will be featured, and refreshments will be served.

A meet and greet for Lagundino will be held at Landmark Center on Wednesday, September 26.

Reservations for the two events may be made by contacting Lindsay Christensen at 651-767-8483 or lchristensen@parksquaretheatre.org.



The Lao Tizer Band (above) and Nachito Herrera (at right) join the musical lineup for the Selby Ave JazzFest on September 8.

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on stage, and it'll be great to see him perform again."

Other bands playing at the JazzFest this year include Siama's Congo Roots Quartet. Siama Matuzungidi, a Congolese artist who now resides in Minneapolis, is known for his intricate guitar playing and spirited vocals. Then there's Elaina McRath, a self-produced singer and songwriter who is generating quite the buzz on the local music scene; the Selby Avenue Brass Band, which will once again kick off the festival with a traditional New Orleans-style procession; the Minnesota State Band, a 45-member, all-volunteer band that is celebrating its 120th year; and a talented ensemble of students from Walker West.

The festival will also feature a Family Fun Zone where children and their parents can create and play together; a Health and Wellness Village featuring more than 100 local organizations; and food trucks that will line Milton Avenue offering festival-goers a wide variety of culinary choices.

The Selby JazzFest, which was started



to celebrate the vitality of the Summit-University neighborhood, attracts an audience of more than 12,000 each year.

"It's all about creating a positive community," said Wright, once a vice president of operations at the Glam Slam nightclub in downtown Minneapolis and a man who continues to keep his fingers on the pulse of the Summit-U neighborhood.

Sports



The Wright Call By Dave Wright

Two role models right in front of us

It would appear at first glance that Lindsay Whalen and Joe Mauer have little in common. Whalen, who hails from a town of 14,000 people in farm country 70 miles west of the Twin Cities, started out as a hockey player before turning to basketball. Mauer, who was raised in the heart of St. Paul, excelled in football, basketball and baseball while attending Cretin-Derham Hall.

Whalen climbed the college ranks at the University of Minnesota, helping propel a moribund basketball program to heights never reached before—or since. After college, she played professionally in the WNBA, beginning with the Connecticut Sun and continuing with the Minnesota Lynx. She set a slew of WNBA records and was on four championship teams.

Mauer shunned a chance to play college football for a hefty paycheck to play professional baseball. In less than three years, he moved to the major leagues where he has been a steady star. As of this writing, he is one run shy of 1,000 for his career and has a lifetime batting average of .306. His baseball skills helped him get a nice, lengthy annual salary in the \$23 million range. Unfortunately, his chosen team—the Minnesota Twins—have made only a couple of postseason appearances, winning just one series.

However, when one takes a longer look, Lindsay and Joe do have a lot in common. They are similar in age—Whalen turned 36 in May and Mauer will be 36 next April. Whalen ended her playing career last week after the Lynx were eliminated in the first round of the playoffs. Mauer is in the final year of his contract with the Twins and speculation about where or whether he'll play in 2019 is simply guesswork at this point.

Both athletes' stats in 2018 are slightly below their career numbers, but both were vital performers for their teams. Whalen started 29 games and averaged a career-low 5.7 points per game, but retained her past numbers for rebounds and assists. Mauer was hitting .275, 30 points off his 2017 average, but was well ahead of his final numbers from 2015 and 2016.

Both athletes can still play, but there's another area where the two compare favorably and it's where stats don't matter. Both Whalen and Mauer have spent their entire careers with no controversy attached to them. They showed up ready for work every day. They stuck to their tasks, backed up their teammates whenever it was needed, and did what their bosses asked them to during working hours. Afterward, they retreated to their families, largely staying out of the limelight.

Whalen, who is about to embark on a new career as head coach of the Gopher women's basketball team, and Mauer, a future retiree, have each been as good of a role model as anybody could possibly have hoped.

Ted Rivero, the man who turned the University of St. Thomas women's hoops program into a Division III power, found out just how big Whalen was by accident one day. Now the head coach of the women's basketball team at Augsburg, Rivero was an assistant coach at the U of M on a scouting trip at an AAU tournament in Washington state when he made an amazing discovery.

"I walked into the arena and there was this monstrous picture of Whalen in a USA jersey. It took up the entire wall," Rivero recalled. "I called back to the office and told them about it. They had no idea how big she was outside of Minnesota as well."

Much was made last week about Whalen's career stats that set several WNBA and team records. However, there will be somebody coming along who will play more games and score more points. As far as Rivero is concerned, the numbers only scratch the surface with Whalen.

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St. Thomas Academy junior linebacker Ben Reppenhagen prepares for the start of the new season. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

Prep football preview

When it comes to offense, local coaches lay it on the line

BY BRIAN JOHNSON

In the annals of sports nicknames, NFL offensive lines have inspired such taglines as the Minnesota Moving Company for the Vikings, the Goon Squad for the Steelers and the Hogs for the Redskins.

The names put the spotlight on a group of players who typically toil in the shadows of quarterbacks, wide receivers and running backs. An offensive lineman's name or number is often called out only when he's flagged for a penalty.

However, guards and tackles on local high school teams don't need a referee to call them out to receive recognition from their coaches.

The "guys up front make the difference for a team," said Central coach Scott Howell, who will look to senior center Khou Thao to anchor the team's offensive line.

Henry Sibley coach Tom Orth said offensive linemen can come in all shapes and sizes. However, the guys in the trenches also have some things in common—they're smart, strong, gritty and the "ultimate team players," he said.

Those qualities are apparent in Sibley's offensive line, which is a key part of a Sibley attack that Orth said has the ability to be "explosive" this season.

Minneapolis Roosevelt coach Adam Flanders looks for his linemen to rise to the next level when it comes to pluck and perseverance. "It's helpful when an offensive lineman has a feistiness to him, maybe even a mean streak—a kid who doesn't back down from anyone and plays to the whistle," Flanders said.

Coach Dave Zeitchick's Highland Park squad has produced two Division II offensive linemen in recent years. This fall, he said, he doesn't have that kind of player, but he has more depth.

"I have more good linemen than I usually have," Zeitchick said. "They're

hard to find."

Here's a look at the local prep football teams as they line up for the start of a new season:

CENTRAL

League: Twin City Maroon

Last year's record: 2-7

Coach: Scott Howell

Key players and their strengths:

- Trenton Funches, senior quarterback. Has good size at 6-foot-2, 225 pounds. A solid passer and rusher.
- Daveonte Davis, senior wide receiver/safety. Will be counted on for big plays on both offense and defense.
- Khai West, senior cornerback/wide receiver. A newcomer to the Minutemen and another key two-way player.
- Khou Thao, senior center. Will lead the team's offensive line.
- Ben Yang, senior halfback. Has talent to burn.

Team strengths/weaknesses: Central returns some good athletes and features promising newcomers on this year's squad. One big concern is that the team's numbers are low.

Outlook: Coming off a 2-7 season, the Minutemen head into the season with the goal to be competitive.

CRETIN-DERHAM HALL

League: Metro East

Last year's record: 6-2

Coach: Brooks Bollinger

Key players and their strengths:

- Peter Udoibok, senior wide receiver. A University of Minnesota recruit who is an outstanding receiver and an elite athlete.
- Danny Callahan, senior quarterback. Will be under center again this year after a solid junior season.
- Tony Underwood, junior running back. Another returning starter who averaged 6.6 yards per carry last season.

• Zion Guerra, junior tailback. Another strong runner returning to the Raiders' backfield.

• Wyatt Garrity, senior lineman. Has good size and experience in the trenches.

• Sam Harris, senior lineman. Tipping the scales at 315 pounds, he will help anchor the offensive line.

• Rajiv Redd, senior cornerback. CDH expects big things from this up-perclassman.

Team strengths/weaknesses: The Raiders return some players with big-play capability. The team has no major weaknesses.

Outlook: Heading into the season, CDH was ranked sixth in the metro by at least one daily newspaper. The Raiders, who return their starting quarterback and top receiver from last season, should be poised for another strong season.

HENRY SIBLEY

League: Suburban Maroon

Last year's record: 3-6

Coach: Tom Orth

Key players and their strengths:

- Malik Spearman, senior wide receiver. A great athlete who caught 14 passes for 321 yards last year.
- Lapriese Myles, senior running back. An explosive back with great vision.
- Stefon Telles, senior offensive lineman. A 230-pounder who's tough and technically sound.
- Gabe Delmont, senior linebacker. A strong and fast defender.
- Quinn Davies, senior free safety. Another smart and tough player.
- Ethan McCowan, senior strong safety. Plays with intensity.

Team strengths/weaknesses: The Warriors have good overall team speed and

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strength, but not a lot of size or depth.

Outlook: Sibley looks to be competitive heading into the season. “We have a chance to be explosive on offense and defense,” Orth said.

HIGHLAND PARK

League: Twin City Maroon
Last year’s record: 4-5
Coach: Dave Zeitchick

Key players and their strengths:

- Seth Zeitchick, senior running back/defensive back. A three-year starter and all-conference player who averaged 5.7 yards per carry last season.
- Ashlin Schultz-Perry, senior running back/linebacker. Another three-year starter.
- Joe Mather, senior quarterback. Started at wide receiver last year.
- Trevon Ethridge, senior lineman. Will play both ways in the trenches again.

Team strengths/weaknesses: The Scots return a nice core group of starters. They have good speed and athletic ability, and decent size. They have enough kids out to field varsity, junior varsity and freshman teams, but numbers are still the biggest concern.

Outlook: Highland has high hopes entering the season. One of the teams to beat in the conference is St. Croix Lutheran.

ROOSEVELT

League: Twin City Blue
Last year’s record: 1-8
Coach: Adam Flanders

Key players and their strengths:

- Aaron Phillips, senior offensive/defensive lineman. A four-year starter who leads by example on the field.
- Fara Bangoura, senior wide receiver/free safety. Very athletic and has great skills.

Team strengths/weaknesses: Roosevelt is working hard to increase its numbers. The team is young and there aren’t many returning starters.

Outlook: The Teddies hope to improve on last year’s record while staying focused on building a successful program. In June, the



New head football coach Dan O'Brien leads the Cadets during practice. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

team went to a football camp at South Dakota State University. Thirty-five players, including 10 first-year guys, made the trip.

SMB WOLFPACK
(SPA/Minnehaha/Blake)

League: Twin City Maroon
Last year’s record: 6-3
Coach: Collin Quinn

Key players and their strengths:

- Jalen Suggs, junior quarterback. A 6-foot-4 signal-caller who was all-district first team and the team’s offensive MVP last season.
- Terry Lockett, junior wide receiver. Another all-district player. A good athlete with explosive speed.
- Siegel Howard, junior running back. An all-district first team player who started every game last season.
- Craig McDonald, junior running back. Yet another all-district player.
- Theo Crosby, junior kicker. Has a strong leg and the talent to play at the next level.

Team strengths/weaknesses: The players are coming together and learning to compete as a team. One concern is the lack of depth.

Outlook: The Wolfpack won three of their last four games last season. This year, they’re aiming to play in the section final and make another strong post-season run.

High school football roundup

Central

Aug. 30 at Johnson
Sept. 7 vs. Washburn
Sept. 14 at St. Croix Lutheran
Sept. 21 vs. Highland Park.....
Sept. 29 vs. Fridley
Oct. 5 at SMB Wolfpack.....
Oct. 13 at Patrick Henry
Oct. 17 vs. Mound Westonka.....

Cretin-Derham Hall

Aug. 30 at Totino-Grace.....
Sept. 7 at Mounds View
Sept. 14 vs. Woodbury
Sept. 21 vs. Blaine.....
Sept. 28 at East Ridge.....
Oct. 5 vs. Stillwater.....
Oct. 12 vs. White Bear Lake.....
Oct. 17 at Roseville

Henry Sibley

Aug. 30 vs. Hastings.....
Sept. 7 vs. Tartan.....
Sept. 14 at St. Thomas Academy
Sept. 21 at South St. Paul.....
Sept. 28 vs. Park of Cottage Grove.....
Oct. 5 vs. Irondale
Oct. 12 at Simley.....
Oct. 17 at Apple Valley.....

Highland Park

Aug. 30 vs. Mound Westonka.....
Sept. 7 vs. Fridley.....
Sept. 14 at Washburn.....
Sept. 21 at Central.....

ST. THOMAS ACADEMY

League: Suburban Maroon
Last year’s record: 6-5
Coach: Dan O’Brien

Key players and their strengths:

- Brendan McFadden, senior running back. A three-year starter and team captain.
- Jack Nozel, senior running back. One of the team’s best athletes. Has good speed and sure hands.
- Callan Happe, senior wide receiver. A two-year starter and captain who runs great routes.
- Jason Samec, senior defensive lineman. A three-year starter who may also see some time

Sept. 29 vs. SMB Wolfpack.....
Oct. 5 at St. Croix Lutheran.....
Oct. 12 at Providence Academy
Oct. 17 vs. Academy Force

Roosevelt

Aug. 31 at Concordia Academy
Sept. 7 vs. Spectrum.....
Sept. 14 vs. Humboldt
Sept. 21 vs. Columbia Heights.....
Sept. 28 at Brooklyn Center
Oct. 5 vs. Edison.....
Oct. 12 at St. Agnes.....
Oct. 17 at Harding.....

St. Thomas Academy

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Oct. 12 at Park of Cottage Grove
Oct. 17 vs. Hill-Murray

SMB Wolfpack
SPA/Minnehaha/Blake

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Sept. 29 at Highland Park.....
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Oct. 12 at Johnson.....
Oct. 17 vs. Southwest.....

on the offensive line.
• Ben Reppenhagen, junior linebacker. Had excellent summer and fall camps.
• Luke Herzog, senior defensive back. A two-year starter who is physical and runs well.

Team strengths/weaknesses: STA has a solid senior class and depth at the wide receiver and defensive back positions. However, the team lacks experience on both the offensive and defensive lines.

Outlook: The Cadets have a tough schedule this season. Staying healthy will be the key to their success. Some inexperienced players will need to rise to the occasion.

Sports Shorts

Pearle Vision will host its fourth annual OneSight Golf Tournament & Silent Auction on Wednesday, September 12, at the Phalen Golf Course in St. Paul. Proceeds will benefit OneSight, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving vision for those in need both here and abroad. It will be a Best Ball Tournament with a shotgun start at 1:15 p.m. Dinner will follow golf prior to the silent auction. To sign up and for more information, visit onesightgolfmn.org.

Minnesota United has picked Delaware North Sportservice as the club’s food and beverage partner for its new Major League

Soccer stadium currently under construction on Snelling and St. Anthony avenues. Allianz Field is scheduled to open for the 2019 season and will have a capacity of 19,400. Delaware North Sportservice will service the field’s four clubs, 22 suites and a variety of concession outlets. Among other food and beverage highlights, the north end of the stadium will boast a large brew pub—stretching the width of the pitch—with 96 taps, including local craft beers. Delaware North also operates food, beverage and retail services at Target Field, and is a food and retail partner at Minneapolis-St. Paul International

Airport. For more information, visit mnufc.com.

NAMIWalks Minnesota, a 5K to raise awareness about mental illnesses and celebrate hope, will be held by the National Alliance on Mental Illness Minnesota at 1 p.m. Saturday, September 22, at Minnehaha Park. There will be live music, picnics and food trucks, speakers, resource tables, a kids’ tent, a tree of hope, a T-shirt contest and more. Registration begins at 11:00 a.m. For more information, call 651-645-2948 or visit namimn.org.

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“You couldn’t pick a better person to watch,” he said. “She plays hard all the time. She also handles the off-court stuff perfectly.”

Indeed, at a press conference announcing her retirement from the Lynx, Whalen showed flashes of humor. As she was thanking all the people who had been with her on her journey, she mentioned her husband Ben Greve, a well-known amateur golfer.

“He’s celebrating this by being on the golf course,” Whalen joked. Greve was in California playing in the prestigious U.S. Amateur golf tournament.

“That’s why people like her. This is who she is. She’s unique,” Riverso said. “She reacts to things the way you hope she would.”

Mauer has been the same way. This could have been the season where he could grab headlines by talking about a new contract. His long-term deal with the Twins ends after the current season. Mauer’s career numbers are creeping close to where other players in his position made it into the baseball Hall of Fame. Barring injury, he will easily pass 2,100 career

hits this season. Add in more than 400 doubles, three batting titles and excellent fielding numbers at two positions, and Mauer, who is in his 15th season here, may be well on his way to Cooperstown.

By comparison, Cincinnati’s Johnny Bench, considered a no-brainer when he was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1989, ended his career with a .267 average, fewer hits and fewer doubles than Mauer during a 16-year career. After he moved away from behind the plate, the Reds tried him at several positions—unsuccessfully.

Instead of going the talking route, Mauer has simply stuck to his task. He has done his job so efficiently that about the only complaint that can be mustered is he’s not a good quote machine. It’s never been his style. Doing so now might create headlines but, as Riverso noted about Whalen, it’s about being yourself. Some people would rather be known as a good teammate.

The truly great players understand that their on-field or on-court exploits will speak volumes. They don’t need to do anything to attract more attention. It wasn’t the way they were raised and it probably wasn’t the main reason they got involved in their sport.

Some players are Hall of Famers for their on-field exploits, but you wouldn’t want your kids hanging out with them after hours. The Twin Cities are fortunate to have a role model for young female athletes and another one for young male athletes.

Parkas for the 2019 home opener

The 2019 Major League Baseball schedule was recently released. The Minnesota Twins found out they’ll welcome the Cleveland Indians, likely this year’s divisional champs, for the season opener. That’s the good news.

The not-so-good news is that the date of that first game at Target Field is March 28, when the average high in these parts is 46 degrees.

The series with the Indians extends to March 31. This year’s high on that date was 35 degrees. Pass the hot chocolate.

To add to the insanity, the Los Angeles Angels, San Francisco Giants and Arizona Diamondbacks all open their seasons next year on the road.

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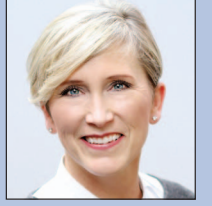


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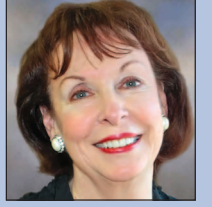
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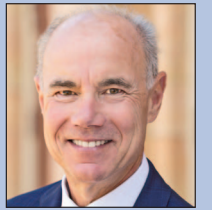
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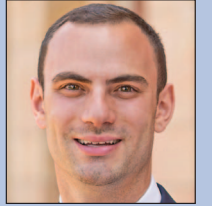
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2189 SARGENT AVENUE

Gracious Kings Maplewood home offers beautiful entertaining spaces! Enjoy generous room sizes throughout and many original architectural details. Updated custom kitchen with a main floor family room and bath. **GoodCompanyRealtyGroup.com**

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1889 STANFORD AVENUE

Classic two-story features newly refinished hardwood floors, freshly painted walls, large living room with wood burning fireplace. Spacious formal dining room and updated kitchen. Amazing screened front porch, upper back deck and fully fenced back yard! **GoodCompanyRealtyGroup.com**

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MAGICAL SETTING!

Discover lovely treetop views from this 4BR, 2BA beauty. Main floor family room, sparkling sunroom, 2 fireplaces, private owner's suite. Walk-out lower level, wooded privacy + convenient location! 821 Hilltop Road. *click on **www.teamedelstein.com**

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HISTORIC ENGLISH TUDOR!

Discover the timeless appeal of this elegant 7BR, 6BA brick masterpiece. Gorgeous hrdwd floors, inviting sunrooms, updated kitchen, 2 fireplaces. Upper level suite, paradise 2/3 acre setting on Summit Avenue. 952 Summit Avenue. *click on **www.teamedelstein.com**

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1657 WATSON

Beautiful 3BR, 3BA home in idyllic Highland Park neighborhood. The home features gorgeous wdwrk throuout with large master BR and en suite upstairs, 2BR's plus full bath on the main, and an office, FR, and large beautifully tiled 3/4 bath in LL. TONS of updates thru-out, call for info today!

MIKE & TOM DISTAD
612-275-1343 • \$425,000



445 VIEW

Great west 7th location walking distance to Palace Rec Center. Rare 4 bedroom, 2 full bath two story. The home features updated windows, new stucco and newer roof.

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612-275-1343 • \$229,900



1835 JULIET AVENUE

Stately English Tudor on beautiful street in prime Macalester Groveland available for private pre - MLS showings - Built ins, hardwood floors finished third floor and basement. Call for more information.

KAREN KELJIK
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NESTLED IN NATURE!

Sensational 4-bedroom, 2-bath, just steps to Market Square! Open main level with generous bedrooms. Walk-out lower level with family room, fireplace & inviting porch. New roof, 3-car, beautiful back yard! 692 Mulberry Lane. *click on **www.teamedelstein.com**

JOE UEBEL ABR, CNE
651-695-4304 • \$395,000



1789 JAMES

Rare 4 bed, 3 bath under 400K in the Mac-Groveland neighborhood. The home has a newer two car garage, central air, updated kitchen and tons of original charm. Great rental potential. Walking distance to St. Kate's!

MIKE & TOM DISTAD
612-275-1343 • \$319,900



BEAUTIFUL CROCUS BUNGALOW!

Charming 1920s bungalow in the heart of Crocus Hill at 1028 St. Clair. Wood floors, original built ins, updated bathroom and kitchen. 3 BR, 1 BA with 2+ Car Garage. Call for details!

**MICHAELA TOOHEY
PHILIP WAHLBERG**
651-282-9617



COMING SOON!!!

247 Winona St W: Charming 3 bedroom with a large fenced yard and stamped concrete patio, hardwood floors, newer kitchen.

JIM BURTON
651-690-8556 • \$229,900



JUST LISTED!!!

1654 Bayard: Immaculate 3 bedroom featuring gleaming hardwood floors, stunning oak woodwork, and a delightful front porch.

JIM BURTON
651-690-8556 • \$299,500



693 SMITH AVENUE SOUTH

Beautifully renovated duplex within minutes of downtown, eateries and more! All new kitchens, floors, carpet, landscaping - same owner for over 40 years! Call Lolly for details and when it will be available.

LOLLY MCNEELY SALMEN
612-810-4138 • \$259,900



MID CENTURY MODERN INSPIRED!

Mid-Century Modern inspired home that sits on 3/4 acre lot, privacy and amazing details both inside and out. Large windows, abundant light & architectural design fill the open floor plan and generous spaces of this McGuire/Engler/Davis design. **www.MichaelMcGuireHome.com**

KRISTA WOLTER
612-247-5106 • \$550,000



ON PLEASANT LAKE IN NORTH OAKS!

Stunning contemporary home on the island of North Oaks with 200' of lake shore! Gourmet kitchen and luxurious main floor master suite has it all. Fabulous entertaining spaces both inside and out! **www.NorthOaksIsland.com**

KRISTA WOLTER
612-247-5106 • \$1,500,000



HOME ON THE PARKWAY!

Classic 3 story home on the parkway within walking distance to restaurants, shopping, trails, & the river. Generous spaces abound with main floor sunroom, back porch & eat-in kitchen. Master suite includes fireplace & private sunroom. **www.HomeOnTheParkway.com**

KRISTA WOLTER
612-247-5106 • \$679,900



TOP FLOOR UPPER LANDING!

2BR, 2BA condo offers commanding views of the Downtown skyline, Harriet Island and the Cathedral. Top floor upgrades include higher ceilings, balcony and designer decor. Stunning, 2 parking spaces. Pet friendly & walk to everything downtown!

LOLLY MCNEELY SALMEN
612-810-4138 • \$435,000



1563 CRAWFORD DRIVE

Situated in a small, quiet development, this one owner 2007 built town home features an open concept main level with half BA, large windows, generous sized BRs, 2nd floor laundry, and convenient location! The upstairs loft is wonderful flex space; great office or play room.

MORAGHAN DeROSIA
952-486-3697 • \$199,900



EXECUTIVE RENOVATION-LIKE NEW CONSTRUCTION!

6BR/6BA, 4 car gar., 4 finished levels. 5500 sq ft. 2 master suites. Kitchen boasts SS appl, marble island, prep kitchen/pantry. Wine cellar, bar, 2 mudrooms. Wirsbo heated concrete floors. New mechanicals. Amazing. 1330 Edgumbe Road.

TJ PIERRET
651-755-6669 • \$1,199,000



SHADOW FALLS TWO STORY!

4 bedroom, 2 bath, 3 car garage on corner lot. Wonderful porch and backyard deck. Hardwood floors. Fireplace. CHARMING. 2238 Dayton Avenue.

TJ PIERRET
651-755-6669 • \$434,900



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