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## St. Paul reduces street work bills

But lawsuit seeks to move mill-and-overlay charges back onto property taxes

BY JANE MCCLURE

Relief is coming for St. Paul property owners who received large bills for recent mill-and-overlay street repair projects. The City Council on June 19 agreed to reduce the assessments for four projects, including one in the Summit Hill neighborhood. Twelve additional projects are expected to be brought back for adjustments in the coming weeks.

St. Paul does mill-and-overlay work on busy arterial streets every 10 years or so. The street surface is ground off and replaced with new asphalt. Seal coating, which involves spraying liquid asphalt onto a street and then covering it with gravel, is done on residential streets every eight years.

The city used to cover those costs through its general fund. However, in 2003 the City Council enacted right-of-way maintenance assessments so all St. Paul property owners shared in the costs. That arrangement was challenged in 2011 by several downtown churches. In 2016 the case reached the Minnesota Supreme Court, which ruled that the assessment was a tax and could not be assessed to nonprofit organizations.

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**Feeling like a king.** Getting to touch the sword of Vulcanus Rex LXXXII, aka Dan Leach, was a special treat for Ethan Post, who celebrated his fourth birthday by taking in the Mendota Day parade on July 13. He is shown with friend Nora Buzzell, also 4, and mom Amber. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

## High Court to hear city's appeal of trash referendum

Mayor will keep organized trash collection in place at city's expense if appeal fails

BY JANE MCCLURE

The Minnesota Supreme Court is expected to rule in August on the future of organized trash collection in St. Paul.

The city of St. Paul in June appealed a ruling by Ramsey County District Court Judge Leonardo Castro requiring the city to hold a referendum in November on whether or not to repeal mandatory organized trash collection. Citing a valid petition signed by more than 6,000 St. Paul voters and submitted to city officials last fall, Castro said the city should have followed its own charter and allowed the possible repeal of organized trash collection to be placed on the ballot.

The judge initially called for ending organized

collection on June 30, but at the city's request he agreed to allow the current system to remain in place pending the outcome of the Supreme Court's August 20 hearing on the appeal. In the meantime, residents are being advised to continue paying their trash bills to their assigned hauler.

Though he granted the stay, Castro rejected the city's contention that the Supreme Court review may not be completed in time for placing the repeal on the November ballot and he denied any relief sought by the city that would have delayed the referendum beyond the November 5 general election.

The Supreme Court has authorized an expedited hearing for August 20. The August date is key because anything on the November ballot must be in place by August 23.

The issue before the Supreme Court is whether the request for a referendum is valid and whether it should move forward. The petition by the advocacy group St. Paul Trash exceeded the

number of signatures required by the city charter to hold a referendum. However, the City Council rejected the petition, saying that the city's contract with the participating trash haulers and state law that gives cities the authority to arrange trash collection take precedence. Some of the petitioners then filed a lawsuit in district court.

St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter has said he plans to keep organized trash collection in place at the city's expense if the city's appeal should fail on August 20. He has declared that the city will not breach its contract with the haulers.

Lisa Hiebert of the St. Paul Department of Public Works, speaking in behalf of Carter and the City Attorney's Office, said organized trash collection will continue through the end of the year unless the Supreme Court reinstates Castro's order in its entirety. Residents should assume that their garbage service will continue as usual on the designated day, she added. They

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## City approves one, rejects another permit parking area near stadium

By JANE MCCLURE

Snelling-Hamline residents coping with streets lined with the parked cars of Major League Soccer fans will get some relief with the expansion of a residential permit parking district in their neighborhood. However, Merriam Park residents living directly across Snelling Avenue from that expanded permit parking district have been thwarted in their year-long effort to establish a new permit parking district in front of their homes.

The St. Paul City Council voted 6-1 on June 26 to approve the expanded permit parking district and 3-2 to reject the new district.

Minnesota United's Allianz Field has just 400 off-street parking spaces for the nearly 20,000-seat stadium. While many soccer fans ride the bus or light-rail transit to the games or park in Minnesota State Fair lots and take a shuttle to the soccer stadium, many others circle the neighborhood looking for free parking on the street. The neighborhoods directly across I-94 from the new stadium have been the most heavily affected.

The soccer fans not only make it impossible for residents to park near their homes, they tend to be noisy after games and leave trash in the neighborhood. Some residents have had their driveways blocked by the vehicles of soccer fans, and others say they are tired of planning their weeks around Minnesota United's schedule.

City Council member Mitra Jalali Nelson, whose Ward 4 includes that area of Merriam Park, said that while she sympathizes with the neighbors, she believes permit parking to be "too broad" in addressing the problem. "We need to see what this first soccer season is like and come up with some intervention before going to a much more permanent and more far-reaching solution," she said.

Nelson cast the sole "no" vote against the expanded permit parking district in Snelling-Hamline. That district will now include Concordia, Carroll and Iglehart avenues between Asbury and Pascal streets.

Nelson was joined by council members Amy Brendmoen and Chris Tolbert in rejecting the Merriam Park permit parking district, which would have included Concordia Avenue between Pierce Street and Snelling Avenue and Pierce and Fry streets between Concordia and Carroll avenues.

City Council members Rebecca Noecker

and Dai Thao had left the meeting before the Merriam Park vote. Thao said he had to pick up his children. Noecker said she had a constituent listening session. Though Noecker and Thao supported the expanded Snelling-Hamline parking district—Thao said the streets in Snelling-Hamline are very close to the stadium and need permit parking—they both said they would have voted "no" on the Merriam Park district, citing the issues raised by Nelson.

The Union Park District Council (UPDC) supported both permit parking requests. The city's Department of Public Works had studied the two areas. The Snelling-Hamline area was more heavily parked up, but both areas saw a significant increase in on-street parking during games, according to city staff.

The Snelling-Selby Area Business Association and the owners of small businesses and commercial property in the area opposed both of the requests. They contended that the permit parking districts will just move the problem with stadium parking further south and harm their businesses.

"My concern is that permit parking is just going to push the problems elsewhere," said Joe Hughes, the owner of Union Park Management, which owns several properties on Selby and Marshall avenues near Snelling.

Bill Corcoran is concerned that permit parking might make it harder for him to rent out the commercial building he owns at 1650 Carroll Ave.

The neighbors who applied for the permit parking said they are weary of game-day parking just months into the inaugural season at Allianz Field.

Snelling-Hamline resident Daniel Jambor, who represents that area on the Union Park District Council, described Allianz Field as the "500-pound bag of straws that broke the camel's back." His neighbors have seen an influx of parking by stadium employees as well as fans, he said, along with the disruptions of speeding cars, litter and unruly fans.

Jambor and other neighbors described having to park a half mile or more from their homes on game days. "All people want is reasonable access to their homes," Jambor said.

"I was excited to have the stadium," said Carroll Avenue resident Doni Hamann, "but I don't think it was planned properly in terms of parking. It just feels like we don't have anyone in our corner."

### 1 ◀ ORGANIZED TRASH

should not contract with a new hauler, but pay their trash bill by the due date, which is July 25 for the months of July, August and September.

In its appeal, the city is seeking a ruling by the Supreme Court that a referendum is not required, Hiebert said. If the Supreme Court rules that a referendum is required and the repeal of organized trash collection is favored by a majority of voters, organized trash collection will cease, she added.

City officials were asked if there is any chance to keep organized trash collection in place with changes that address the objections to some aspects of the system, such as the ban on cart sharing by neighbors.

"The city's current priority is to ensure public health and safety by making sure our residents continue to receive consistent, high-quality garbage service," Hiebert said. "St. Paul has a five-year contract with the hauler consortium to serve more than 73,000 households with residential garbage service. The contract does not allow cart sharing or opt-outs for residents. Any amendments to the contract would not impact whether or not the city is required to place the referendum on the ballot."

St. Paul instituted organized residential trash collection on October 1, 2018, assign-

ing areas of the city to close to a dozen private haulers according to their market share under the previous system in which residents contracted with a hauler of their choice.

Supporters of organized trash have touted the new system for reducing the number of trucks plying the city's streets and alleys, having uniform rates with discounts for smaller trash carts and less frequent service, offering to pick up several bulk items per year for no additional charge and reducing the incidence of illegal dumping.

Some opponents of the new system objected to having to pay for a service they rarely use because of the little trash they generate. Others enjoyed the freedom of being able to negotiate a price with their own hauler or to haul their trash themselves. Small landlords who used to be able to provide one large trash bin for all of their tenants have objected to being forced to pay for a cart for each of their units.

Foes of organized collection have also complained about the confusion they say the city has stirred up following Judge Castro's ruling. According to Bruce Clark, one of the plaintiffs in the lawsuit, the city's contract with the haulers consortium has a "force majeure" clause that allows the city to cancel the contract if it is forced to do so by a successful referendum for repeal.



# School Board approves renaming of Linwood-Monroe to Global Arts Plus

By ROGER BARR

The St. Paul School Board voted 6-1 on June 18 to change the name of Linwood-Monroe Arts Plus School to Global Arts Plus School, capping a year-plus process that drew both praise and criticism.

Linwood-Monroe Arts Plus is a preK-8 grade school with two campuses—the lower school in the former Linwood Elementary at 1023 Osceola Ave. and the upper school in the former Monroe High School at 810 Palace Ave. The reason for renaming the school and the resistance to changing the name can both be traced to the school's namesake, James Monroe, fifth president of the United States.

Monroe as a place name in St. Paul's West End dates back more than 100 years. The name graced an elementary school in the area as far back as 1880. The building at 810 Palace opened in 1926 as Monroe High School, which graduated its last class in 1977. The building then became a junior high school, and in 2008 the junior high merged with Linwood Elementary to form Linwood-Monroe Arts Plus.

The appropriateness of the Monroe name came under scrutiny mainly because of James Monroe's history as a Virginia plantation owner who owned slaves. Linwood-Monroe principal Dr. Bryan Bass and parent Saray Garnett-Hochuli, co-chair of the school's name-change committee, told the School Board on June 18 that the Monroe name "does not reflect the values and aspirations

of our diverse school community." With the recent completion of major renovations at the school's two campuses, Linwood-Monroe staff and parents saw an opportunity to align the school's name with its mission.

Bass and Garnett-Hochuli described how the school reached out to the Summit Hill Association and West Seventh/Fort Road Federation, which hosted neighborhood meetings on the name change. Garnett-Hochuli's committee proposed three new names for the school, and in a poll of the school community, Global Arts Plus received 36 percent, St. Paul Community Arts Plus got 32 percent and Linwood West 7th Arts Plus garnered 31 percent.

The school's renaming process was criticized by several Monroe High School alumni during the comment period prior to the School Board's vote. Quoting a letter he submitted to the board, 1960 Monroe graduate Al Hanzal said that Linwood-Monroe officials did not include neighborhood residents and Monroe alumni in the renaming decision. According to Hanzal, a petition signed by 700 people to keep the Monroe name "as part of the West Seventh community was never acknowledged in the school naming process."

School Board members acknowledged prior to their vote that its policy on renaming schools is somewhat vague. However, they said, Linwood-Monroe followed that policy closely. A motion to postpone a decision on the name change to the board's July meeting to allow the renaming process to be revisited failed. A second motion to delay the decision



The facade of Linwood-Monroe's upper school at 810 Palace Ave. still bears the school name prior to its 2008 merger with Linwood Elementary. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

until August also failed.

School Board vice chair Steve Marchese then made a motion to authorize the superintendent "to accept and declare the new name of the school as Global Arts Plus," to direct the school district to "work with Monroe alumni and the West Seventh community on a suitable way to honor the Monroe name going forward," and to order the school district to review its policy on school name changes and how to engage the community and board in future name changes.

Marchese's motion passed 6-1 with board member John Brodrick casting the dissenting vote. Marchese noted that in renaming

Linwood-Monroe, the school "followed the process set forth in board policy and presented a recommendation that emerged from the process. I believe the board's job is to be responsive to the needs of our students and staff first and foremost."

Brodrick said he opposed the motion because the board's "current policy isn't adequate to make a momentous decision to drop the name of a U.S. president from a school building, and a delay could have given us additional time to be sure we had adequate community participation."

Garnett-Hochuli insisted that her committee honored the district's renaming policy throughout the process. "We were very mindful of the policy and made sure we were following the revised procedure of last year," she said.

Garnett-Hochuli became involved in the renaming process early this year because her three children who attend Linwood-Monroe supported the name change and were already engaged in the process. "The outcome for the children was the best," she said. "My kids are pleased. They followed a process and saw it through from start to finish. They enjoyed believing in something and being civically engaged."

Hanzal was disappointed by the board's decision. According to him, the Monroe alumni were not necessarily opposed to any name change, but felt shut out of the process. He said the group's steering committee is willing to meet with school district officials to search for a new way to honor the legacy of Monroe High School. In the meantime, he said, the alumni group is concerned about the future disposition of Monroe High photographs and other memorabilia still housed in the school.

## Fourth time is charm for housing proposal at Laurel and Dale

By JANE MCCLURE

Plans for a five-unit housing development on a long-vacant parcel at 617 Laurel Ave. can move ahead with the recent approval of a conditional use permit and variances by the St. Paul Planning Commission.

This is the fourth plan in the past three years that Hupp Holdings LLC has proposed for developing the site. The current plan would cluster housing together on the lot, which is about 40 by 170 feet. It has been vacant since 1991.

The commission was poised to approve a

different conditional use permit and variances in May, but developer Alan Hupp asked for a delay to make design changes suggested by the city's Heritage Preservation Commission.

There still will be two apartments above a garage, but instead of three single-family houses there will be one single-family home and a duplex. The configuration also changed.

"In the previous design, two of the houses faced Dale," said city planner Tony Johnson. The HPC suggested buildings around a small courtyard, which is incorporated in the new design. The reconfiguration changed the required setbacks.

Laurel Avenue resident Joseph Rittman said putting so many dwellings on such a small site will add to existing parking and alley traffic issues in the neighborhood. He asked that the garage be set back further from the alley.

The garage/apartment building will be set back 10 feet, 7 1/4 inches from the alley instead of the required 25 feet. The project also will be allowed to have four off-street parking spots instead of the required seven.

Neighbors suggested having only three dwellings and eliminating the garage apartments. Hupp said he was trying to provide more affordable housing by adding the latter.

The project needed several variances. They included a lot size of 7,200 square feet instead of the minimum 21,000 square feet, a lot coverage of 39 percent instead of the maximum 35 percent and a 17-foot front-yard setback for the duplex adjacent to Laurel Avenue instead of 30 feet.

The duplex and the garage/apartment building also required side-yard setbacks.

Hupp's previous plans for the site included a row house with three three-bedroom units and one with three one-bedroom and three two-bedroom units. Hupp later said neither made sense economically.

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## Council declines appeal, allows plan for fourplex to stand at 2150 Grand

By JANE MCCLURE

The St. Paul City Council voted 4-1 on July 10 to reject an appeal and uphold variances that will allow a single-family home to be torn down and replaced with a fourplex at 2150 Grand Ave. The city's Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) had earlier approved two variances for the project.

MCR Property Holdings LLC plans to construct a three-story building with four four-bedroom units just south of the University of St. Thomas main campus.

Council members Mitra Jalali Nelson, Amy Brendmoen, Dai Thao and Chris Tolbert voted to uphold the BZA's decision. Jane Prince voted against it, and Kassim Busuri and Rebecca Noecker were absent.

Nelson, who represents the area where the fourplex would be built, said the BZA did not err when it granted the variances. "I can speak generally to the need for projects like this," she said.

Prince said the building is too large for the lot and asked if a smaller structure could be built there instead, such as a duplex or triplex. "I do think that four four-bedroom units are too big for this site," she said.

Father-son developers Jon and Max Schwartzman of MCR Property Holdings said the housing is needed in the area and the variances are needed because of the lot's small size.

"We really like this project because we believe it's a good fit based on what's around us," Jon Schwartzman said. The Schwartzmans also are completing work on a five-story, 61-bed apartment building at the northeast corner of Marshall Avenue and Moore Street.

The Grand property is zoned for medium-density, multifamily use. One of the approved variances allows a lot size of 6,388 square feet instead of the minimum 9,000 square feet

required. The other allows a seven-space parking lot to have no setback from the alley and a 2-foot setback from the west property line instead of the minimum 4-foot setback from any lot line.

The variances had the support of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council and a recommendation of approval from city staff.

Several neighbors argued that the project's proximity to St. Thomas means it will become a de facto dormitory. Three neighbors told the City Council that while they do not oppose increased housing density, the building will have a negative impact on the area.

Lincoln Avenue resident David Gibson, who filed the appeal on behalf of a group of neighbors, said that building expensive housing aimed at student renters does nothing to solve the city's shortage of affordable housing.

He and other neighbors said there already are issues with parking and snow storage in the Grand-Lincoln alley. "Honestly, it's a mess," Gibson said.

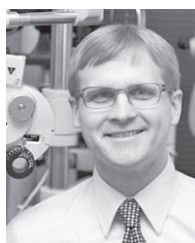
There is a residential permit parking district in the area, but according to some neighbors the number of permits that have been issued exceeds the amount of on-street parking spots available.

Lincoln Avenue resident Alyssa Rebensdorf said the variances were not granted due to hardship or extenuating circumstances, but were driven solely by the developers' desire to make more money.

Macalester-Groveland resident and student landlord Cathy Plessner said the fourplex will be a good fit for the area and criticized past efforts to limit housing density on the western end of Grand. She noted that St. Thomas is already moving toward requiring all first- and second-year students to live on campus.

"Our rental market is about to change," Plessner said, with fewer students in the neighborhoods surrounding St. Thomas.

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Following the decision, the city shifted more costs to adjacent property owners. The higher assessments for mill-and-overlay and sealcoating work began in 2018.

Ward 2 council member Rebecca Noecker was part of a group that worked over the past two months to change the assessment formula. She said council members were moved by the testimony about financial hardship and the need for fairness in street assessment costs. "We were all looking at ways to reduce the financial burden," she said.

A study showed that some cities charge property owners the full cost for mill-and-overlay work, Noecker said, while others charge nothing.

"The hardship was really astonishing to me," said Ward 7 council member Jane Prince. "We routinely tell people they don't own the street in front of their house, but when we bill them for these large assessments it's inconsistent. It's hard for us to have it both ways."

The bill reductions were made after a public hearing in April when property owners protested receiving bills for mill-and-overlay projects ranging from \$1,200-\$8,000. For those who have paid the assessments, "we'll issue refunds," said city real estate manager Bruce Engelbrekt. About 100 property owners will have their bills trimmed.

The key change approved on June 19 is that the city removed charges for handicapped-accessible curbs at intersections. The federally mandated curbs will now be paid for out of the city's general fund. Property owners will still pay for half of the mill- and-overlay work.

The assessment for work on Victoria Street between Summit and St. Clair avenues was reduced by 48 percent, from \$32.63 to \$17.02 per linear foot. Reductions for the other three projects that were approved last

month ranged from 18-62 percent.

Though their assessment was cut from \$4,900 to \$2,500, Victoria Street residents Simon Taghioff and Christina Anderson-Taghioff remain unhappy with the process. They created a website to publicize the dramatic change in mill-and-overlay costs at victoriastreetassessment.com.

While saying they appreciate efforts to reduce assessments, the Taghioffs want to see the city do more, especially in public engagement. They said property owners got little notice of the high charges and were offered no chance to discuss them before the work was done.

"Our position remains that these are taxes and therefore fail the 'special benefit' test among other concerns," the Taghioffs wrote in a web post. "Despite the city's welcome changes, we're still paying thousands of dollars, while our neighbors pay little or nothing to maintain major streets that benefit the entire community."

One issue they and other affected property owners have raised is that arterial streets are used by all city residents and that the costs should be shared.

Attorney Jack Hoeschler, who led the original fight on behalf of the churches against the right-of-way maintenance fees, put the city on notice on July 9 that the mill-and-overlay program faces its own legal challenge. He contends that the city should move the program off of assessments and back onto property taxes. He plans to file the case in Ramsey County District Court this week on behalf of the Taghioffs, the Soo Line Railroad and other property owners.

"Streets are not a special benefit," Hoeschler said. "Everyone uses them."

A spokesperson for Mayor Melvin Carter said a response to the latest lawsuit will be made soon.

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# Opus begins final design for senior housing along Lilydale bluffs

By KEVIN DRISCOLL

The Opus Group received unanimous approval of the Lilydale City Council on June 25 to begin final design work on a five-story senior apartment complex on the former River Bluffs Center site on Highway 13.

A planned unit development (PUD) is being proposed for the nearly 5.7-acre site, which was once home to Moose Country restaurant and a strip mall of around 16 other businesses. Those buildings will be torn down to make room for a mix of 140 studio, one- and two-bedroom apartments for independent living, assisted living and memory care. That amounts to roughly 25 units per acre.

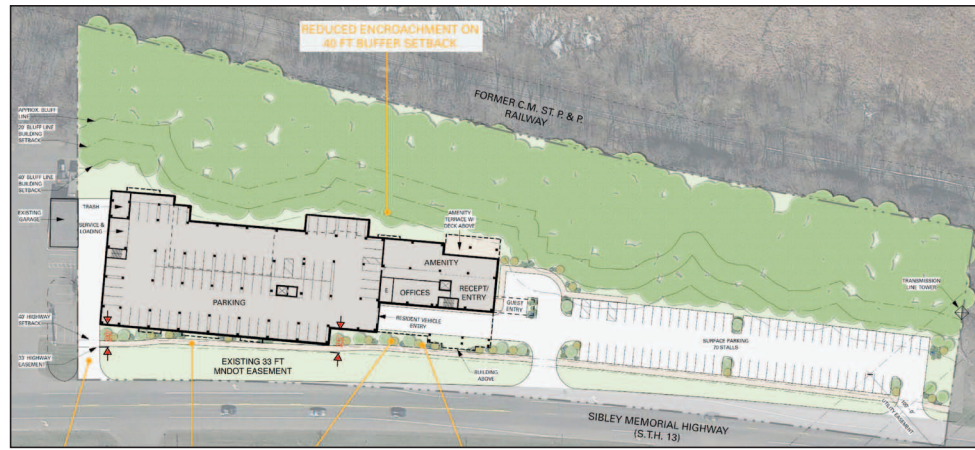
"That's greater than the underlying zoning standards, but reasonable for this kind of use and within the range anticipated for a PUD on the site," said city planner Phil Carlson. The original plan called for 150 units.

Much of the council meeting focused on how Opus had addressed concerns expressed by Friends of the Mississippi River and others over stormwater drainage, building height and setbacks from the river bluff.

Opus architect Dean Newins said the building being proposed is still 57 feet high, which will require a variance. A city ordinance sets the standard at 35 feet with a maximum of 50 feet.

"The height is reasonable and necessary given the bedrock and tapering conditions of the site," Carlson said.

Newins said the building will be set back



The latest plans for the proposed five-story River Bluffs Senior Housing project would set the building back 40 feet from both the bluffs and Highway 13.

the required 40 feet from the river bluff. The setback on the Highway 13 side of the project also has been increased to 40 feet.

Sidewalks and landscaping are planned along the front of the building. Opus is working with neighboring Thompson Lightning to see if a connection to a nearby walking and biking trail can be made.

A series of retention ponds on the river bluff side of the building will hold storm water runoff for disbursement either to the drainage easement along the highway right-of-way or through pipes down the bluff. In either scenario, the water will be treated first. Opus, the city and the Minnesota Department of Transportation must still work out the storm water drainage solution.

"In any case," Newins said, "there'll be less bluff runoff than there is now."

Irene Jones, a senior policy advocate for Friends of the Mississippi River, said her organization has been kept in the loop by both Opus and the city.

"We're happy the setbacks have been adjusted to the legal limits and we can put up with the height because of that," Jones said. "We're still concerned about what they're going to do with storm water drainage, so we're keeping an eye on that. But we're confident Opus, MnDOT and the city will find a good solution."

There will be 75 parking spaces on the first level of the building and 70 in a surface lot. Three driveways will be placed roughly where they are now, Newins said.

The building will be managed by Ebenezer Senior Living, an arm of Fairview-HealthEast Health Services.

"About 22 of the units will be for memory care, while the numbers for independent and assisted living will vary depending on individual needs," said Susan Farr of Ebenezer. "Independent tenants may need assisted living services at some point and can stay in their home and those services would be added."

Tenants would have to move to another unit if they needed memory care.

Farr said about 30 employees will be needed initially as Ebenezer ramps up its services. "Ultimately, we'll need about 22 in memory care and another 30 in staggered shifts throughout the day," Farr said.

Council member John Diehl asked when the current structures at River Bluffs Center are expected to come down. Newins said Opus likes to do teardowns when the ground is frozen. The company must still submit a final plan to the council and no timeline has been set for that.

"We'll want to get it in as soon as possible without sacrificing quality," said Opus project manager Joe Mahoney.

Rich Gabriel, who owns the Riverwood office building across Highway 13 from the site, said he could not be happier.

"This is the best possible use of a difficult site and premiere developer and senior health service companies associated with the project," Gabriel said. "I urge the council to approve this plan."

## Neighborhood STAR board takes shine to several local funding requests

By JANE MCCLURE

Twenty-five projects totaling \$2.6 million have been recommended to receive 2019 Neighborhood Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) grants and loans, which come from St. Paul's extra half-percent sales tax. The recommendations include projects in the West End, Highland Park, Summit-University and Lexington-Hamline neighborhoods.

The City Council is expected to approve the recommendations later this month. Twenty-six projects did not make the cut and two others were withdrawn. The total of all the loan and grant requests topped \$6.5 million.

The local projects recommended for funding included the following:

- The Coven, 165 N. Western Ave., was recommended to receive a \$100,000 grant and a \$100,000 loan to build out a co-working space in the Blair Arcade. A \$200,000 grant with a \$200,000 match was requested. (Ranked seventh overall.)

- Keystone Community Services' Express Bike Shop, 1158 Selby Ave., was recommended to receive a \$25,000 grant with a \$25,000 match. The youth-run shop would use the money to update exterior signs and bike racks, and make interior improvements. (Ranked eighth.)

- The St. Vincent de Paul store, 461 W. Seventh St., was recommended to receive a \$44,000 grant and a \$44,000 loan to fix part of its brick facade. A \$50,000 grant and \$50,000

loan were requested. (Ranked ninth.)

- The YWCA of St. Paul was recommended to receive a \$177,500 grant with a \$177,500 match to rehabilitate supportive housing it owns in the Summit-University neighborhood. (Ranked 15th.)

- The Rondo Center of Diverse Expression, 315 N. Fisk St., was recommended to receive a \$100,000 grant with a \$100,000 match to renovate its building and make it accessible to people with physical disabilities. (Ranked 16th.)

- The Rondo Community Land Trust was recommended to receive a \$25,000 grant with a \$50,000 match for its single-family housing programs. Plans call for rehabilitating 10 owner-occupied housing units over two years. (Ranked 18th.)

- The Minneapolis-based Center for Energy and the Environment was recommended to receive a \$175,000 loan for its Rondo Commercial/Residential Grant Program. The non-profit organization wants to improve the facades of up to 34 businesses and 13 residences around Selby Avenue between Dale Street and Lexington Parkway. A \$175,000 match is proposed. (Ranked 19th.)

- Sang Mouacheupao wants to transform the longtime Kruger Wholesale building at 2366 W. Seventh St. into an Ethiopian cultural center. The project was recommended to receive a \$17,433 grant and a \$17,433 loan, instead of the requested \$75,000 grant and \$75,000 loan, with a \$150,000 match. (Ranked 25th.)

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# Snuffy's bows out

## A Mac-Groveland favorite, Malt Shop serves its last burger July 25

BY FRANK JOSSI

Snuffy's Malt Shop will close on July 25 after 36 years of serving hamburgers, french fries and malts at 244 S. Cleveland Ave. Husband and wife owners Bryan and Dana Bach and their partner and grandmother Shirley Mueller are still looking for a new location in the area. "We'd like to find a spot someplace nearby," Mueller said. However, an increase in rent at their current location, coupled with the need to bring the restrooms into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, convinced them to close.

Other St. Paul restaurants have been threatened with lawsuits over ADA compliance. In Snuffy's case the landlord dealt with the lawsuit threat, according to Bryan Bach. But even though the ADA issue "went away," Dana Bach said, she and her partners decided the higher rent made it uneconomical to continue operating.

"We've been wonderfully supported by the neighborhood and our employees for decades," said Bryan Bach, 33, who began working at the restaurant as a teenager. "We had a great run."

Shirley's husband, Mike Mueller, who died three years ago, opened his first Snuffy's Malt Shop in 1983 in what had been a Bridgeman's

restaurant on Cleveland just south of St. Clair Avenue. He later expanded the restaurant into the storefront just to the south and opened three other Snuffy's Malt Shops in Bloomington, Minnetonka and Edina as well as malt stands at CHS Field and Xcel Energy Center.

However, the face of the Macalester-Groveland eatery may have been its longtime manager, David Sliter. With his signature wire-rim glasses perched on his nose, Sliter has greeted thousands of Snuffy's patrons over the decades and managed almost as many employees.

"When I'm out someplace, people will come up to me and ask, 'I know you from somewhere,' and I'll say 'Snuffy's?' and then they'll remember," Sliter said. "Even the priest at my church calls me Mr. Snuffy's."

Sliter began working for Mike Mueller as a teenager 50 years ago and never left. "Mike was like a father to me, and I grew close to him while working at the restaurant," he said. "I didn't realize then that I'd end up working my entire life with him."

The restaurant's burgers, fries and malts have attracted more than a few celebrities over the years, according to Sliter. Former U.S. Senators Al Franken and Norm Coleman have eaten there, as have many Minnesota Vikings and Twins players. Musicians of national renown, in town for a concert or to pick

*Snuffy's founder Mike Mueller "never thought burgers and veggies belonged in the same sentence together," Shirley said. "We believed in keeping it simple. We didn't change unless we had to."*



The face of Snuffy's Malt Shop for 36 years, manager Dave Sliter is joined by daughter Jackee, who waits tables at the Macalester-Groveland restaurant. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

up a new or repaired instrument at nearby Willie's American Guitars, have also stopped in for a burger, he said.

Whoever came through the door was handed a menu that changed very little over the years. Snuffy's serves 13 different burgers, all made with 100 percent Angus beef but variously dressed with an assortment of cheeses, sauces, bacon, chili, jalapeno peppers, mushrooms, onions, tomato or other toppings. Veggie and turkey burgers were eventually added to the menu, though no doubt grudgingly by Snuffy's founder.

"Mike never thought burgers and veggies belonged in the same sentence together," Shirley said. "We believed in keeping it simple. We didn't change unless we have to."

Mike Mueller remained true to his original menu because it brought success, Shirley said. Before opening Snuffy's, he owned and operated several other restaurants, including

Hoagie's in Hopkins and the Gold Nugget in Minnetonka. At that time, he conducted a feasibility study to determine what he should serve at his next eatery. The study confirmed what he suspected—a surefire interest in such American fare as hamburgers, malts and fries.

Shirley Mueller said her husband never went to college, but he created a college scholarship fund to help student athletes. In another life he would have been a coach, she said, but he contented himself in this life with a different sort of coaching: teaching thousands of high school students what it took to hold down what for many was their first job.

### Correction

The St. Paul Public Schools are projecting enrollment to drop by 513 students in the 2019-20 school year, to just under 36,000 students districtwide.



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## City looks at streamlining regs for complex Class N business licenses

By JANE MCCLURE

Tom Forti, who owns the Iron Ranger bar and restaurant at 1085 Grand Ave., has spent months seeking approval from the city of St. Paul to serve beer and wine on his patio until 10 p.m. from Sunday-Wednesday and until 11 p.m. from Thursday-Saturday.

"It's taken a long time to get this through the city process," he said.

Forti attended three meetings with neighbors and the Summit Hill Association before getting a recommendation of approval on a split vote in June. The matter went to a legislative hearing in early July because some neighbors complained about potential problems with noise and patron behavior. The license and recommended conditions have still not gone to the City Council for a final decision.

St. Paul City Council members and Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) staff have now launched a review of the city's Class N licenses to see if there is a way to simplify the public notification and petition requirements for bars and restaurants, health clubs, pawn shops and other businesses.

DSI and council members Dai Thao and Jane Prince met with more than a dozen people to discuss the license requirements on June 29. Another meeting is planned with the Midway Chamber of Commerce from 3-4:30 p.m. Thursday, July 25, at the Urban Growler, 2325 Endicott St.

Class N licenses affect about two dozen types of businesses. The licenses have distinct processes for approval, including petitions that must be signed by neighboring property owners. Each license has a notice period for neighbors, gives district councils an opportu-

nity to weigh in on the issue and establishes a public comment period. Council members would like to standardize the regulations and make them less time-consuming.

Ward 2 council member Rebecca Noecker is involved in the effort to streamline Class N licenses with Prince and Thao. She has already worked on revising other business regulations. One was to loosen restrictions for businesses wanting to put up sidewalk sandwich board signs, which the City Council approved earlier this year. Another eliminated the minimum 300-foot distance that downtown bars had to be from schools and places of worship.

The Class N license review is expected to take six to eight months. "A lot of these regulations have been on the books for a very long time, and we need to see what needs a refresh," Noecker said.

One example of a regulation that can stymie businesses is a 45-day waiting period for an on-sale liquor license. It requires notification of adjacent neighbors and a review by the local district council. The district council can waive the 45-day waiting period, but even one neighbor submitting a letter of objection can send it to a legislative hearing officer and create further delays.

"Can we look at shortening the time period, so that neighbors can have a say without such long delays for businesses?" asked Ross Haddow, a project manager at DSI, during the meeting on June 29.

Other ideas discussed include seeing if some regulations can be combined. An example is when a restaurant wants a sidewalk cafe. That requires DSI approval if alcohol is served. It also requires a permit from the city's Department of Public Works.

## Sandstone walk ends in Ramsey Hill

By JANE MCCLURE

The owners of a historic Ramsey Hill row house will be allowed to replace their deteriorated sandstone sidewalk with a concrete one following a 6-4 vote on July 1 by the St. Paul Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC).

The sandstone sidewalk is believed to be the only one of its kind remaining in St. Paul, according to George Gause, the city's heritage preservation supervisor. It runs along Riley Row, also known as Laurel Terrace, at 286-294 Laurel Ave. and at 123-127 Nina St., in the Historic Hill District. Built in 1887, the Richardsonian Romanesque structure was designed by St. Paul architects William Willcox and Clarence Johnston and has been described as one of the finest Victorian Era row houses in the country. Novelist F. Scott Fitzgerald lived in one of the units as a boy with his family in 1908-1909.

Almost half of the sandstone sidewalk panels there have sustained damage over the years. Gause said the request to replace them with concrete is based on safety as well as cost.

For many years, the replacement of sidewalks outside of downtown St. Paul resulted in a 50 percent assessment to adjacent property owners. Now sidewalk replacement is funded through the city budget. In historic districts, any work beyond a typical city sidewalk can be assessed to property owners.

The HPC can make recommendations when it comes to sidewalk repair and replacement, but the city's Department of Public Works has the final say if a sidewalk poses a safety hazard. That prompted some HPC commissioners to ask why they were considering the issue at all.

"Aesthetics are bumping into safety," said Marsha Porter, president of the Riley Row Association. "We have full support for concrete."

Much of the July 1 debate before the HPC

centered on the city's historic district guidelines and what justifies replacing sandstone with concrete. Commissioner Robert Lubke said that the guidelines call for maintaining historic materials, including sidewalks.

"We should reject this," he said. He also questioned the degree of the safety hazard.

Other commissioners asked how much weight should be given to safety issues in such cases. "The guidelines are pretty clear that we should maintain historic fabric," said commissioner Michael Justin, "but I also see the safety concerns."

The Riley Row Association looked at sidewalk options ranging from concrete with different finishes to granite pavers. The costs ranged from \$38,476 for concrete with a broom finish and sealant to \$203,000 for refinishing the sandstone panels that can be reused and replacing those that are too far gone.

Gause said trying to pry up the sandstone panels, which are 4-6 inches thick, could damage them further. "You probably wouldn't be able to take them out in one piece," he said.

Architect John Yust, who is working with the homeowners' association, said the panels have been in "really terrible shape for a long, long time." He said safety is the primary concern because there have been several injuries from falls.

"When the temperatures drop, sandstone can get super-slick," Yust said. The sidewalk also is uneven in places, which creates a tripping hazard.

The residents would like to see the sandstone reused elsewhere if possible.

"The sidewalks have always been an issue," said Roger LeClair, a 12-year resident of Riley Row. The association has correspondence dating back to 2006 stating concerns about the condition of the sidewalk.

"What if costs were no object?" asked commissioner Paul Nelson.

"We'd still prefer concrete," Yust replied.

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### Organized trash losing its appeal

I tried to keep an open mind when St. Paul's organized trash program was launched even though our rate increased from that of our prior hauler. I felt the promise of reduced neighborhood truck traffic was a decent trade-off.

Today, while in my home office, I witnessed perhaps a dozen Waste Management and Eureka Recycling trucks (some may have been the same truck) driving past my house throughout the day. There goes the reduced-traffic benefit. And by the way, even with all that truck activity, our trash container wasn't emptied, prompting me to call a 1-888 number only to hear an automated message stating that I needed to call back during business hours.

I know competition in business is healthy, and I'm pretty sure Judge Castro knows the law better than Mayor Carter ("Mayor digs in, vows to appeal court order for referendum on organized trash," *Villager*, June 19).

*Terry Frahm  
Highland Park*

### Liberty and trash service for all

One of the reasons stated for organized citywide trash collection in St. Paul was the number of trucks driving through the alley. This is what is called a red herring. Not every hauler collected in every part of the city. Also, for the most part, different haulers didn't pick up a lot of different days in the same neighborhood. This is a city, and cities have traffic. If trucks are too loud for you in doing their job, there are alternatives: Move into a senior-housing structure or to the quiet of the countryside.

While pulling weeds in my yard early in the morning the other day, I counted eight loud school buses. I assume those eight buses would become eight buses in the afternoon also. I don't hear anyone calling for changing the school busing policy to rid these noisy buses from our neighborhoods.

The city had ulterior motives for wanting to control a trash system that most people were content with, and that's why officials didn't want to put it up for a citywide vote. This is the freedom you lose when you put government in control of numerous aspects of your life.

*Kim Reckinger  
Merriam Park*

### True blue

A picture says 1,000 words. In that nanosecond glance, without reading the caption for the photo on the front page of the June 19 *Villager*, my first impression was one of bewilderment. What I saw were three aliens dressed in blue with oversized black eyes surrounding a little boy who was getting the umpire's thumbs-up sign: "You're OUT of here."

Say what?

As the nanoseconds turned into seconds and the caption of the photo was read, I saw the warm exchange between the child and the police officer. Truly this was a warm moment—for me, for both of them and I hope for you, too.

*Joanne Routzahn  
Macalester-Groveland*

### Advantages of organized trash

I called eight U.S. towns "home" prior to moving to St. Paul. Some were smaller and some were bigger than St. Paul. Some were wealthier and some were poorer, and in the end every single one was found critically wanting compared to St. Paul. Why? Because for a nominal fee tacked onto my municipal water and sewer bill, the city arranged for the removal of my garbage and what I most wanted out of life was the opportunity to shop for my own garbage hauler.

OK, so that last part is false. I actually laughed with incredulity when I moved to St. Paul three years ago and called the Public Works Department to set up my water, sewer and trash service and was told I would have to shop for my own garbage hauler. When I realized the friendly Public Works employee was serious, I went next door and asked my neighbor what to do.

"Just use the one listed on the side of your cart," he said. "It's what all of us do in this alley."



St. Paul was not unique in this regard. Ironically, the greatest city in this country, New York, has a mishmash of private haulers, too. However, New York is preparing to institute zone-based collection. It is a move supported by environmental groups, safety advocates and labor activists, as it will reduce private haulers' mileage from 49 to 68 percent, cutting down on emissions, pollution and hazardous traffic in addition to improving the lives of sanitation workers—all problems that St. Paul needs to solve, too.

The other problem we face in St. Paul is how ridiculously low the threshold is for placing any policy up for referendum. It is an aspect of the city charter that favors energetic minorities with time and resources, allowing them to paralyze municipal government.

*Mike Daigh  
Highland Park*

### The politics of potholes

Enjoyed your duck ponds in alley potholes ("City of 10,000 potholes," *Villager* Inbox, June 19). Our neighborhood has also complained to Ward 3 City Council member Chris Tolbert about the poor condition of the alleys and we have received only a token response. He's too busy arranging tax increment financing for developers to bother with the likes of lowly taxpayers.

*Nan Roberts  
Macalester-Groveland*

### When will name changing stop?

The St. Paul School Board's decision to rename Linwood-Monroe Arts-Plus School because its namesake, President James Monroe, was a slaveholder is in the mainstream of the movement to revise the image of public sites due to the discredited actions, beliefs or values of their historical cognomens. But it begs the question of what to do about similar appellations no longer deemed socially or politically acceptable.

The school's two campuses constitute a successor to the venerable Monroe High School, which closed in 1977. A portion of its alumni have protested the renaming to Global Arts Plus, a project that is estimated to cost the financially strapped school district in excess of \$12,000. The precedent established by the School Board could spread to other institutions in the community.

Alumni of Washington High, which was shuttered after 53 years and later resurrected as Washington Technical Magnet School, could see its name changed, wiping out the legacy of the father of our country who also was a slaveholder. Jefferson Avenue in the Macalester-Groveland and West End

neighborhoods and Jackson Street downtown, among other arteries, could undergo name changes, too, because of the slave-owning ways of their namesakes. Thomas Jefferson and Andrew Jackson are among a dozen U.S. presidents who were slaveholders at one time or another—eight of them while occupying the White House.

*Marshall H. Tanick  
Snelling-Hamline*

### Truck ban is being violated

Trucks are out of control on residential streets in St. Paul, snarling traffic and creating safety hazards. Take Highland Parkway, for example. Despite the sign on Highland Parkway at Cleveland Avenue banning trucks, commercial truck traffic has significantly increased. This is in part related to the Finn, a mixed-use development at that corner that draws fleets of semi-truck deliveries every day and at all hours. Road degradation is obvious along with the noise of idling trucks, brake releases and truck ramps crashing to the road.

The city is a major violator of the parkway ban; heavy Public Works Department vehicles appear to use Highland Parkway as a main truck route. In addition, the city has been pushing high-density mixed-use developments coupled with transit nodes in or near residential areas. This translates into more neighborhood traffic of all types along with a host of headaches.

This is an election year for City Council members, and perhaps they will listen to taxpayers.

*Kate M. Hunt  
Highland Park*

### Leaving America's kids in debt

Treason is a betrayal of trust. Financial treason, therefore, is a betrayal of a financial trust. A traitor is a person who betrays his or her country, cause or friends, etc. America's children fall into the "etc." category.

Visit the website [usdebtclock.org](http://usdebtclock.org). There you will find that the national debt is over \$22.378 trillion—or \$67,990 per citizen, including our kids, or \$182,185 per taxpayer, some of whom have kids. At the bottom of the page, you will find a category called U.S. Unfunded Liabilities. That number is over \$1 million per taxpayer. Our children will one day be taxpayers. This looks like a betrayal of the financial trust of our children.

George Orwell said, "A people who elect corrupt politicians, imposters, thieves and traitors are not victims... but accomplices." The politicians who committed this



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financial treason against our kids didn't elect themselves. The American people did. The American people are accomplices in treason, and American kids are the victims.

Given what the politicians have already done, I think providing free food, clothing, shelter, education and health care to people who are lured here for these benefits is just another example of financial treason against American kids. I think anyone who supports providing these benefits to people who are here illegally is also an accomplice in financial treason against American kids.

*Terrance Bushard  
Merriam Park*

## For an alternative to road salt

I agree with the three Visitation School students who wrote the letter "Road Salt is poisoning our water" (*Villager* Inbox, June 5). However, their suggested alternatives of sand, kitty litter and coffee grounds may only be safe for the environment. Sand does not provide enough traction on roads, thus endangering people and vehicles. My experience with kitty litter resulted in a slimy, slippery mess. Both sand and kitty litter, if tracked indoors, are hard to clean up and neither melts ice or compacted snow. I don't drink coffee, so using coffee grounds on icy or snow-packed roads seems weird to me. Traction grit or chicken grit are better and safer alternatives and are easier to clean up if tracked indoors, but they don't melt ice or compacted snow.

Metro area cities must work together and find a product that melts ice and packed snow pack and is less harmful to the environment and less damaging to roads before winter begins. If such a product is not available, I suggest metro area cities use a mix of 50 percent road salt and 50 percent grit during the winter to reduce both road damage and harm to the environment and keep roads safer for people and vehicles.

*Sue Shetka  
Macalester-Groveland*

## Fearing the fear of vaccines

At least two letter writers recently have claimed that autism in their children has been shown to result from vaccination (*Villager* Inbox, June 5 and 19). The fallacy that vaccination can lead to autism originated in a completely discredited paper in the British medical journal *Lancet*. The author's arguments were patently false. But because people keep using anecdotal evidence in favor of the causation fallacy, a group of physicians in Denmark tested the possibility scientifically. They looked at 657,461 children born between 1999 and 2010. Of these, 6,517 were diagnosed with autism. Their conclusion: The likelihood of getting autism was the same whether they were vaccinated or not.

There is no doubt that some vaccinated children get autism; so do some non-vaccinated children. However, the evidence that the MMR vaccine prevents measles is incontrovertible. Whoever told the letter-writing parents that autism resulted from vaccination was either uninformed or dishonest. That misinformation can lead to the kind of measles outbreak we're seeing in the United States, and children with serious medical problems preventing them from being vaccinated are at risk.

*P.T. Magee  
Summit Hill*

## Autism is not an injury

The past few weeks have seen a number of letters touching on vaccines and fears that people have about them (*Villager* Inbox, June 5 and 19). One of the primary fears is that vaccines cause autism, despite the overwhelming science showing us that they do not. My only son is sweet, kind, funny and autistic. He is not damaged or injured. He is as perfect as any other human being, and I would argue often even more perfect than most in the way he sees the world. I work hard to change the world so that it accepts him for who he is and further to challenge others to see the world through his lens, too.

These fears about vaccines and autism cause harm to my child. It plays into the idea that something is wrong with him when nothing could be further from the truth. What is wrong is continuing to promote this idea. I genuinely wish the *Villager* would stop running letters that help promote the fear and stigmatization of autistic people in our neighborhood. I hope that my son never has to open a newspaper someday and read letters that lead him to believe that he is anything less than who he was meant to be—himself.

*Jen Hover  
Highland Park*

## Scooter riders, know the risks

Though the news brief about the 1,000 dockless electric scooters currently available in St. Paul (*Villager*, June 19) mentions some concerns, it missed an opportunity to educate riders on scooter use and safety. Scooter accidents have resulted in traumatic brain injuries, facial injuries and death. Riders ought to be aware of the risks and educated on ways to minimize them to prevent injury to themselves and others.

The small wheels on scooters are highly susceptible to bumps, potholes, grass clippings, sand, etc., and riders may tip over or be thrown while traveling at speeds of up to 20 mph. Scooter companies encourage riders to wear helmets, but unless a helmet is available on each scooter, it is unlikely riders will take the extra steps required to bring one along. Scooters are like bicycles and must be ridden on streets, bike lanes or bike trails. Scooter riders must stay off of sidewalks and give the right of way to pedestrians.

Hopefully, more riders will become aware of the dangers and begin to use scooters properly, reducing accidents, injuries and near-misses.

*Abigail Jovanovich  
Highland Park*

## Hot air on greenhouse gases

The trash collection debate rolls on. Garbage trucks are declared to be harmful to the environment. Climate change is said to be happening so rapidly that we need to take action soon if there is going to be any hope of minimizing an environmental disaster.

If this is true, why have I heard nothing similar about school buses? The comparable numbers would be heavily tilted against their continued use. If this is true, why do we not immediately close down airline travel? Why are we not calling for immediate suspension of shipping via trucks?

When we are all driving electric golf carts (in the snow) around the city, the net effect on so-called climate change will be zero.

*Stephen Miller  
Merriam Park*

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# St. Paul adopts new regulations for harnessing solar, wind power

BY JANE MCCLURE

It has taken more than a few trips around the sun, but the St. Paul City Council on June 26 finally adopted new renewable energy regulations. No one appeared at a public hearing on June 19 to testify, but the amended ordinance was the target of several technical objections from Minnesota Opportunity Zone Advisors (MN-OZA).

"In general, we find the proposed text amendments to be overly burdensome and beyond what's appropriate for land-use regulations through zoning," stated MN-OZA managing partner Jamie Stolpestad in a letter.

The renewable energy organization Fresh Energy generally supports the ordinance changes, but also called for some revisions. Fresh Energy and MN-OZA agree that a requirement to bury power and communication transmissions lines between solar panels and nearby electrical substations could be cost-prohibitive for their owners.

They also would like to see a section of the ordinance revised that links solar installation heights and setbacks to a site's zoning. Fresh Energy wants the installations considered on a case-by-case basis with a conditional use permit. MN-OZA suggested more study of the height and setback issues.

The city last updated its solar regulations in 2011 and made changes to its wind regulations in 2002. Until now, St. Paul regulated wind energy in the same way it did cellphone antenna towers.

The push for new regulations got a boost in 2013 after state law changes were made related to solar gardens and a fight erupted over a wind turbine at Metro State University.

Over the past several years, some property owners wishing to add solar or wind energy

installations have been frustrated by the city's dated regulations. The amended ordinance now brings the city in line with current technology and is applicable to all city zoning districts, including those adopted as part of the master plan for Ford Motor Company's former assembly plant in Highland Park. That plan has a strong focus on renewable energy.

One key part of the ordinance allows solar installations in St. Paul as a primary use with the approval of a conditional use permit by the Planning Commission. Power generated by the installations can be used off-site on the power grid if several standards are met: An agreement must be in place with Xcel Energy; any solar facilities close to airports must follow federal restrictions on solar panel glare; and decommissioning would be required if a solar installation is not in use for a year.

Wind and hybrid wind/solar devices are now accessory uses tied to a main use on a property. The proposed changes set specific height and setback limits. The hybrid devices are typically small and are seen tied into electric vehicle charging stations, streetlights or speed limit monitors. They are now limited to 25 feet in height.

For windmills and wind turbines, several regulations for heights and setbacks are now in place, varying by zoning district. Generally, building-mounted systems can be no more than 15 feet higher than the structures they are attached to, with a minimum rooftop setback of 10 feet from all exterior walls.

Fresh Energy also asked for language in the ordinance to ensure that residences and businesses investing in solar or wind generators would continue to have access to sunlight and wind. That would protect someone from having a rooftop solar array affected by shade from a new building.

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The gummies receive their third and final internal screening at WYLD CBD after each batch is

completed. During this stage, water levels within the gummies are particularly important, as water content more than anything else determines how likely a gummy is to mold, thus determining its shelf life.

WYLD CBD wholesale account manager Myles Petretti-Seamon said that another aspect that sets the products apart is their unique approach to mixing in their hemp during the gummy cooking process, not before or after the gummies are created by dusting them with or folding them around the hemp additive.

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# Crime Report

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

## Highland Park

**Robbery**—A man passed a note to the teller at U.S. Bank, 711 S. Cleveland Ave., and fled with an undisclosed amount of money at 9:16 a.m. Monday, June 10.

**Burglary**—An apartment was burglarized on the 700 block of South Snelling Avenue between July 2-5.

**Theft**—A laptop computer was reported stolen from a vehicle at Buca di Beppo, 2728 Gannon Road, at 9 p.m. Friday, June 28.

—Vehicles were stolen on the 2000 block of West Seventh Street on June 29-30 and on the 1400 block of St. Paul Avenue on July 6.

—A laptop computer was stolen from a vehicle on the 1900 block of Ford Parkway around 7:10 a.m. Thursday, July 4.

—An iPhone was reported stolen at Ras Restaurant and Lounge, 2516 W. Seventh St., at 11:38 p.m. Friday, July 5.

**Sex crime**—A rape was reported on Inner Drive at 8 a.m. Friday, June 28.

## Lexington-Hamline

**Robbery**—A strong-arm robbery occurred at Speedway, 399 N. Lexington Pkwy., at 1:42 p.m. Monday, July 1.

**Theft**—A 20-year-old man was arrested for trying to steal more than \$1,000 in merchandise from the Midway Target at 2:29 p.m. Saturday, June 29.

—Catalytic converters were stolen from vehicles on the 1200-1300 blocks of Hague Avenue on June 30-July 1.

—Three men, ages 18-21, were arrested after police responded to a report of a theft from an auto at 1:13 a.m. Monday, July 1, on the 1200 block of Dayton Avenue.

**Weapons**—A knife was found in the backpack of a boy following a fight at Central High School at 11 a.m. Monday, June 24.

—A female shoplifter pulled out a knife when approached by security at the Midway Target at 11:55 p.m. Friday, July 5. She and a second suspect fled in a silver Honda Civic.

## Macalester-Groveland

**Burglary**—An apartment was burglarized on the 1700 block of Grand Avenue during the evening of June 27-28.

**Theft**—Vehicles were stolen on the 300 block of South Saratoga Street on June 15 and

on the 2000 block of Wellesley Avenue on June 29-30.

—A laptop computer was stolen from a vehicle on Brimhall Street and Randolph Avenue between 10-11:10 p.m. Friday, June 28.

—A GoPro camera and laptop computer were stolen from a vehicle at Plums, 480 S. Snelling Ave., on June 30-July 1.

—A laptop computer and dance shoes were stolen from a vehicle in the parking lot of the Groveland Tap, 1834 St. Clair Ave., around 11:20 p.m. Monday, July 1.

**Assault**—Police were flagged down by a female victim who said she was pushed out of a moving vehicle near Snelling and Jefferson avenues at 2:21 a.m. Sunday, June 16. She was taken to the hospital.

## Mendota Heights

**Burglary**—A vehicle was stolen from a garage on the 2000 block of Patricia Street during the evening of June 23-24.

**Theft**—Three male suspects were interrupted while trying to break into a vehicle on the 2000 block of Haverton Road at 1:44 a.m. Sunday, June 16.

—A purse and an iPad were reported missing from a residence on the 700 block of Evergreen Knolls at 11:08 a.m. Monday, June 17.

**Miscellaneous**—An estimated \$20,000 in graffiti damage was done to the building, parking lot and tennis courts at Sibley High School on Monday, June 10.

## Merriam Park

**Robbery**—A 26-year-old man was arrested in connection with an armed robbery at Arby's, 1810 University Ave., at 10:45 p.m. Friday, June 14.

—A strong-arm robbery was reported on Hague Avenue and Herschel Street at 1 a.m. Saturday, June 15.

**Theft**—Vehicles were stolen on Iglehart Avenue and Wilder streets on June 11 and at the Holiday Station at 281 N. Snelling Ave. on July 1.

**Assault**—A 28-year-old man was arrested for felony assault after threatening patrons with a knife at Denny's, 1664 University Ave., at 1:59 a.m. Wednesday, June 12.

## Snelling-Hamline

**Theft**—Vehicles were stolen at LA Fitness, 1370 University Ave., on June 16 and at Sterling Hall, 415 N. Pascal St., on June 30.

**Assault**—A female tried to stop a shoplifter, but the suspect hit her with her car while

fleeing from the Dollar Tree, 1420 University Ave., at 8:30 p.m. Friday, July 5.

**Miscellaneous**—A 48-year-old man was cited for drinking in public on Snelling and St. Anthony avenues at 8:32 p.m. Wednesday, June 26. Police said the location generates numerous calls regarding intoxicated people.

## Summit Hill

**Burglary**—The building that formerly housed Traditions, 1039 Grand Ave., was broken into during the evening of June 10-11.

—Jimmie John's, 975 Grand Ave., was burglarized at 6 a.m. Tuesday, June 11.

**Theft**—Two men ages 28-29 were arrested after they were seen driving down an alley in a stolen vehicle while trying to break into garages on the 600 block of Grand Avenue at 10:26 a.m. Sunday, June 16.

—A Playstation was reported stolen from a vehicle on Grand Avenue and Victoria Street at 10:05 p.m. Wednesday, July 3.

—A vehicle was reported stolen on the 100 block of South Victoria Street at 12:25 p.m. Friday, July 5.

—A laptop computer was stolen from a vehicle on Summit Court between midnight-8 a.m. Saturday, July 6.

## Summit-University

**Burglary**—An occupied residence was broken into on the 700 block of Holly Avenue during the evening of June 10-11.

—A Nintendo Switch was reported stolen from an apartment on the 100 block of Summit Avenue at 4:48 p.m. Friday, July 5.

**Theft**—A shotgun and shells were stolen on Thursday, June 27, from the back of a locked truck bed on Kent Street and Summit Avenue.

—The catalytic converter was stolen from a vehicle on Victoria Street north of Ashland Avenue during the evening of June 30-July 1.

—Vehicles were stolen on the 900 block of Hague Avenue on June 30-July 1 and on the 500 block of Ashland Avenue on July 4-5.

—A 12-year-old boy was arrested for auto theft after police responded to an accident with injuries on Marshall Avenue and Fisk Street at 4:25 p.m. Monday, July 1. The vehicle had been stolen that afternoon from the Oxford Community Center, 270 N. Lexington Pkwy., after its owner reported his cellphone and key fob were taken from his locker.

**Weapons**—The driver of a vehicle fired four shots toward the Tobasi Stop gas station, 809 Selby Ave., at 4:20 p.m. Saturday, July 6.

Police said an informal festival was taking place at the time, with food trucks and people selling barbecue from their front yards. There reportedly were around 100 people in the area during the gunfire, but nobody was injured.

## West End

**Robbery**—A strong-arm robbery was reported at 11:31 a.m. Wednesday, July 3, on the 300 block of Spring Street.

**Burglary**—A home was burglarized on the 800 block of Stewart Avenue on June 15-16.

—A 39-year-old man was arrested for attempting to break into an occupied residence on Irvine Park at 2:41 a.m. Saturday, July 6.

**Theft**—Two MacBook computers were stolen from Bridge View School, 360 Colborne St., between 1-2 p.m. Wednesday, June 12.

—An electric lawnmower was reported stolen from a yard on the 800 block of James Avenue at 11:18 a.m. Wednesday, June 26.

—Vehicles were stolen on the 500 block of Michigan Street on June 27 and on the 1500 block of Adrian Street on June 27.

**Assault**—A 32-year-old man was arrested for disorderly conduct after threatening to hit someone with a stool at Keenan's Bar, 620 W. Seventh St., at 1:19 a.m. Thursday, July 4. Officers were unable to locate a second man who pointed a gun in the complainant's face.

**Weapons**—A large group of people entered Grand 7 Saloon, 315 W. Seventh St., and began fighting with others there at 1:19 a.m. Tuesday, June 11. The fight spilled outside, where gunshots were fired in the air. A male who had been punched was taken to the hospital.

—The reckless use of a firearm was reported at Burger King, 244 Grand Ave., at 6:07 p.m. Thursday, June 13.

# Fire Calls

The following local calls were gathered from recent reports by the St. Paul Police Department and other sources.

**Bicyclist struck**—A male was struck by a hit-and-run driver on Richmond Street and St. Clair Avenue at 10:45 a.m. Saturday, June 29.

**Pedestrians struck**—A male was struck by a vehicle on West Seventh and Chestnut streets at 11 p.m. Monday, July 1.

—A male was struck by a hit-and-run driver at 3:30 p.m. Friday, July 5, on the 1300 block of West Seventh Street.

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# Highland Fest

## Tried and true

Highland Fest is alive, well & ready to serve up plenty of fun July 19-21

BY FRANK JOSSI

Kari Tierney wants the 36th annual Highland Fest to deliver a strong and straightforward message: that the celebration is alive and here to stay, with a full slate of activities and attractions running from July 19-21 in Highland Village.

Tierney, executive director of the Highland Business Association (HBA), said the demise and resuscitation of last month's Grand Old Day led to numerous inquiries about whether Highland Fest was still a go this year.

"I've told them absolutely, our budget is fine," she said. "We've got a great lineup of activities this year for all ages and interests."

Stretching along Ford Parkway from Howell to Finn streets, this summer's Highland Fest will feature a similar schedule of music, art, food and fun that has served the festival well in the past, with a few additional surprises.

"We're not really going to change much this year," said Tierney, who will soon be stepping down from her position with the HBA. "We're

going with the tried and true."

The festival will kick off on Friday with live music by four bands beginning at 4 p.m. on the main stage outside the Highland Park Community Center. The headliner is the Rolling Stoners, who promise a "gas, gas, gas" as the band evokes the music of Mick Jagger and company from 8:30-10 p.m.

"Friday is just the beginning of a great musical weekend," Tierney said. "We made an effort to increase the diversity of the music, and we're finding people are excited about it."

Friday will also offer food, beer, games and inflatables from 5-10 p.m. A wine and beer tasting sponsored by Thomas Liquors and Summit Brewing will run from 6-9 p.m. The tasting will offer a chance to sample more than 30 wines from five local distributors, along with several beers from the local brewery. Brake Bread will provide accompaniments for the wine drinkers.

The 16th annual Highland Fest 1K Kids Run and 5K Walk/Run also will take place on Friday along Mississippi River Boulevard. The Kids Run will start at 6:30 p.m., followed



Owen Ray, aka Highland Park grad Owen Backsai, belted out rootsy rock 'n' roll tunes with the help of guitarist Nate Beck at last year's Highland Fest. PHOTOS BY BRAD STAUFFER

by the 5K at 6:45 p.m. A warm-up session will be led by fitness pros from the Jewish Community Center at 6 p.m. near the Ford Bridge.

Participants will receive cold treats for the 1K and a happy hour drink coupon for the 5K. Pre-registration is encouraged, but can also be done starting at 5:15 p.m. on Friday.

Families can relax that evening with an outdoor showing in the park of the 1989 comedy *Honey I Shrunk the Kids* starting at 10 p.m.

Saturday will be the busiest day of Highland Fest. It begins at 9 a.m. with a free workout led by the staff of Power House in Highland.

The juried Highland Art Fair, now in its 52nd year, will feature more than 80 artists showing and selling their works from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday. Friends of Highland Arts founder Colleen Zero-White helped manage this year's fair, which will feature everything from photography and painting to jewelry and crafts.

"Stop by the art fair to visit some fantastic artist booths, view art demonstrations sponsored by Wet Paint and participate in a special hands-on community art project," Zero-

White said. Fair patrons will be invited to paint panels that will be mounted on the old Highland Park Pool House.

During the same time as the art fair, there will be a Business Fair, Community Village and Home Expo taking place on Ford west of Cleveland.

"Those events offer a chance for people to connect with local businesses," Tierney said. "It's a way to encourage them to shop locally for the products and services they need."

The inflatables, beer tent and food vendors will be open from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. on Saturday. Bingo will be conducted from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and the historic Highland Water Tower will be open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday for those unfazed about climbing the 151 steps to its observation deck on top.

The always-popular wiener dog races will start at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday. Dog owners can register their pets at noon. It's \$15 a dog.

The Boy Scouts will demonstrate safe archery at the community center from 2-4 p.m.

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Hudson Benedict, 4, chowed down on a ketchup-splashed brat as dad Adam grinned on the opposite side of his stroller while enjoying last year's festival.



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The keys to Lock and Dam No. 1's operation will be revealed when the St. Paul District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers hosts an open house from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, July 19, to coincide with Highland Fest.

The public is invited to meet the staff, explore the facility, learn about water safety and grab a front-row seat as vessels make their way through the lock.

Lock and Dam No. 1, which first opened to watercraft in 1917, is located just south of the Ford Bridge on the Minneapolis side of the Mississippi River. Often referred to as the Ford Dam, it is one of 29 locks and dams that provide a water stairway for commercial and recreational travel on the Mississippi from Minneapolis to the Gulf of Mexico.



Lock and Dam No. 1 will hold an open house on July 19 during Highland Fest. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

The lock operates every day during the boating season, and the visitor center is open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information, call 612-290-5919.

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Also on Saturday, visitors to the Highland District Council booth on Ford Parkway west of Cleveland Avenue will be able to meet Fox 9 news anchor Tim Blotz from 10-11 a.m. He will be available for photos and autographs.

The musical lineup on Saturday is just as packed, beginning with the School of Rock at 10 a.m. The headliners are Sawyer's Dream, which performs a blend of '60s-'70s folk and rock, at 7 p.m., followed by the nine-piece orchestra Salsa del Soul at 8:30 p.m.

On Sunday, the art fair, expos, beer tent and most other events will remain open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. The day also includes a few special treats.

An All-Ford Car and Truck Show will run from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday, with an educational presentation about the history of Ford's assembly plant in Highland Park

at 1 p.m. in the center's community room.

A petting zoo will be open on the center's grounds from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

The musical lineup on Sunday will feature five bands, beginning at 10 a.m. with the Pan-Handlers steel drummers. Annie Mack will close out the festival with her vocal stylings from 4-5 p.m.

Highland Fest is organized and promoted by the HBA, which uses the proceeds for operational support and street beautification projects throughout Highland Village.

This year's celebration will be the final hurrah for Tierney, who has led the business association for the last six years. She is leaving to join her husband's business.

"I loved my time at the HBA," she said. "It was a great way to be involved in the community. I hope I've left the HBA and the community better off."

# Highland Fest '19 schedule of events

## FRIDAY, JULY 19

5-10 p.m.—Food vendors  
5-10 p.m.—Beer tent  
5-10 p.m.—Magic Bounce inflatables  
6-9 p.m.—Wine and beer tasting  
6:30 p.m.—1K Kids Fun Run  
6:45 p.m.—Highland Fest 5K  
10-11:30 p.m.—Movie in the Park: *Honey I Shrunk the Kids*

## On the Main Stage

4 p.m.—Verdant Mile  
5:30 p.m.—Dan Israel & The Cultivators  
7 p.m.—The Shackletons  
8:30 p.m.—The Rolling Stoners

## SATURDAY, JULY 20

9 a.m.-5 p.m.—Water tower open house  
10 a.m.-6 p.m.—Juried Highland Art Fair  
10 a.m.-6 p.m.—Business Fair  
10 a.m.-6 p.m.—Community Village  
10 a.m.-6 p.m.—Home Expo  
10 a.m.-10 p.m.—Food vendors  
10 a.m.-10 p.m.—Beer tent  
10 a.m.-10 p.m.—Magic Bounce inflatables  
11 a.m.-5 p.m.—Bingo in the beer tent  
12:30 p.m.—Wiener dog races  
2-4 p.m.—Boy Scouts' safe archery

## On the Main Stage

9 a.m.—Power House free workout  
10 a.m.—School of Rock  
11:30 a.m.—Coyote Kid  
1 p.m.—Rod Picott  
2:30 p.m.—Mary Bue & the Monarchy  
4 p.m.—Willie Wisely  
5:30 p.m.—LowRay  
7 p.m.—Sawyer's Dream  
8:30 p.m.—Salsa del Soul



Sawyer's Dream will perform at Highland Fest on July 20. SHUTTER GLEE PHOTOGRAPHY

## SUNDAY, JULY 21

9 a.m.-5 p.m.—Water tower open house  
10 a.m.-5 p.m.—All-Ford car and truck show  
10 a.m.-5 p.m.—Juried Highland Art Fair  
10 a.m.-5 p.m.—Magic Bounce inflatables  
10 a.m.-5 p.m.—Business Fair  
10 a.m.-5 p.m.—Home Expo  
10 a.m.-5 p.m.—Community Village  
10 a.m.-5 p.m.—Food vendors  
10 a.m.-5 p.m.—Beer tent  
11 a.m.-3 p.m.—Bingo in the beer tent  
11 a.m.-3 p.m.—Petting zoo

## On the Main Stage

10 a.m.—Pan-Handlers (steel drums)  
11:30 a.m.—Todd Kessler  
1 p.m.—Modern Sovrans  
2:30 p.m.—The Bad Companions  
4 p.m.—Annie Mack

For more information, visit HighlandFest.com, Highland Fest on Facebook or @HighlandFest on Twitter.

# District Council News

## Highland Park

highlanddistrictcouncil.org • 651-695-4005

**Highland Fest booth**—The Highland District Council will staff a booth on Ford Parkway west of Cleveland Avenue during Highland Fest on Saturday and Sunday, July 20-21. Those who stop by can help create a common canvas with comments about what they love about the neighborhood. On Saturday, visitors to the booth will be able to meet Fox 9 news anchor Tim Blotz from 10-11 a.m.

**Join the board**—Two openings on the HDC board of directors are expected to be filled at the next board meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 18, at the Highland Park Community Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. There will be an election for an at-large member and the appointment of an at-large alternate. For details, call Kathy Carruth at the HDC office.

**Upcoming meetings**—board of directors, 7 p.m. Thursday, July 18; and Community Engagement Committee, 7 p.m. Monday, July 22. Both meetings will be held at the Highland Park Community Center.

## Macalester-Groveland

macgrove.org • 651-695-4000

**Mac-Grove Fest**—Registration is now open to sponsor or exhibit at the annual Mac-Grove Fest that will be held on September 7. Visit macgrove.org/macgrovefest.

**Neighborhood garage sale**—The Great Macalester-Groveland Garage Sale will take place from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, August 24. Register at macgrove.org/garagesale.

**Upcoming meetings**—Transportation Committee, 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 22, Edgumbe Recreation Center; and Housing and Land Use Committee, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 24, Groveland Recreation Center.

## Union Park

unionparkdc.org • 651-645-6887

**Pedestrian safety**—A Stop for Me pedestrian safety event will be held from 6-7 p.m. Thursday, July 25, at the intersection of Saratoga Street and Selby Avenue.

**Upcoming meetings**—Environment and Parks Committee, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 17, Merriam Park Recreation Center, 2000 St. Anthony Ave.; and Neighborhood Involvement Committee, 6:30 p.m. Monday, July 22, Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave.

**Stay in contact**—The public is invited to "like" the UPDC on Facebook, follow it on Twitter @UnionParkDC and subscribe to its e-newsletter, "Neighborhood Matters," by emailing info@unionparkdc.org.

## West 7th

fortroadfederation.org • 651-298-5599

**Board updates**—At its meeting on July 8, the West Seventh/Fort Road Federation's board of directors heard an update from Bill Smith of Biko Associates on the West Seventh Street parking study of Area 1 (from downtown to St. Clair Avenue). The board recommended that its Transportation and Land Use Committee prepare priority action items once the study is finalized this summer.

**Pedestrian safety**—Stop for Me pedestrian safety events will be held from 4:30-6 p.m. Tuesday, July 23, on West Seventh and Victoria streets, and from 3-4 p.m. Tuesday, July 30, on West Seventh and Perlman streets.

**Upcoming meetings**—There will be no board of directors meeting in August.

**Stay in touch**—People are invited to "like" the West Seventh/Fort Road Federation on Facebook and subscribe to its electronic newsletter on its website.

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# The Kiosk

## Wednesday/July 17

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

## Thursday/July 18

**UNION PACIFIC'S HISTORIC** Big Boy No. 4014, the world's largest steam locomotive, will stop at St. Paul's Union Depot from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to mark the 150th anniversary of the first transcontinental railroad. A multi-media exhibit telling the story of modern-day railroading will also be on view. Family activities, model train displays, local rail vendors and food trucks will all be part of the fun.

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

**A FARMHOUSE TOUR** that delves into the family history of original owners Jane and Heman Gibbs will be offered from 6-8 p.m. to those age 21 and older at the Gibbs Farm, 2097 Larpentour Ave. The \$20 cost includes a beverage and light refreshments. For reservations, call 651-646-8629.

## Monday/July 22

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY**, a program for people in recovery from addiction, is meeting every Monday evening at Central Baptist Church, 420 N. Roy St. A meal is served at 5:45 p.m. A large group meeting follows at 6:30 and a small group meeting at 7:30. Call 651-646-2751.

## Tuesday/July 23

**A DRIVING REFRESHER** course for motorists age 55 and older will be offered



**Hip-hop hooray.** Peter Leggett (above) of the hip-hop band Heiruspecs laid down a happy beat for Brandon Ricigliano (left) and other fans attending a free concert on July 9 at the Minnesota History Center. PHOTOS BY BRAD STAUFFER

from noon-4 p.m. at Rondo Library, 461 N. Dale St. The class is for seniors who have taken the eight-hour course but need the refresher to maintain their auto insurance discount. The cost is \$22. To register, visit mnsafetycenter.org or call 888-234-1294.

**HAND DRUMMING** for beginners will be taught from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Women's Drum Center, 2242 University Ave. The cost is \$10. Drums are provided. Visit womensdrumcenter.org.

**THE ST. PAUL HIKING CLUB** will gather for a three-mile hike at Fort Snelling beginning at 7 p.m. near the Watergate Marina entrance at Shepard Road and Davern Street. New members are welcome. Call Charlotte at 651-455-0052.

## Wednesday/July 24

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

**A SUMMER SAFETY FAIR**, cosponsored by the St. Paul Fire Department, will be held from 5-7 p.m. at the Groveland Recreation Center, 2021 St. Clair Ave. The free event will feature activities for the whole family. Watch a cooking fire demonstration, make your own first-aid kit, learn about bike safety and sign up for Project Safe Haven.

## Thursday/July 25

**SHARE THE RIVER GORGE**, two hours of canoeing and rowing on the Mississippi, touring a restored oak savanna, listening to live music and enjoying free ice cream, will begin at 6 p.m. near the intersection of 35th Street and West River Parkway in Minneapolis. The free event is cosponsored by the Longfellow Community Council, Wilderness Inquiry and the National Park Service. Call 612-722-4529.

## Friday/July 26

**ROOTS & KINSHIP**, a free gathering focused on revitalizing relationships to the earth and each other, will be held at 6:30

p.m. at the Lake Nokomis Community Center picnic shelter, 2401 E. Minnehaha Pkwy. in Minneapolis. The Wisdom Dancers and musician and poet Lyla June will perform. Bring a blanket or lawn chair for seating. If it rains, the program will be moved inside the community center.

## Sunday/July 28

**THE LEX-HAM COMMUNITY** Council will present its 47th annual ice cream social from 1-3 p.m. in the tot lot at Hamline and Hague avenues. Reconnect with neighbors, enjoy sundaes and rootbeer floats and revel to the Lex-Ham Community Band.

## Monday/July 29

**THE AMERICAN RED CROSS** will be accepting blood donations from 2-7 p.m. at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 700 S. Snelling Ave. Walk-ins are welcome, but reservations are recommended. Visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767.

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## Rondo Days are here again July 18-20

Friends and family from across the Twin Cities and beyond will gather to celebrate when the 36th annual Rondo Days is held this weekend. The festival honors the history of the predominantly African-American Rondo neighborhood that was split in two in the 1960s by the construction of I-94.

Every summer since 1983, Rondo Days organizers have done their best to span the concrete canyon that was created by the freeway. The event has grown ever since, attracting more than 80,000 people in recent years. This year's theme is "I remember Rondo."

Rondo Days will begin with the annual Senior Recognition Dinner at 5 p.m. Thursday, July 18, at Mount Olivet Baptist Church, 451 Central Ave. The free dinner offers an opportunity for the 300-plus members of the old Rondo neighborhood to reunite and reminisce over a home-cooked meal provided by festival-sponsoring Rondo Avenue Inc.

On Saturday, July 20, the festival will start with the Frank Adams 5K Walk & Run co-hosted by the Inner Cities Athletic Association. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the 5K at 8:30 a.m. The 5K will step off from the Hallie Q. Brown Community Center at 270 N. Kent St., make its way to St. Peter Claver Church at 1060 Central Ave., then loop back to the center. Information is available by calling 651-263-1136.

The Grande Parade will step off at 10 a.m. on Saturday from St. Peter Claver and end



Goodie Mob will entertain during this year's Rondo Days.

its way to the main festival grounds at the Rondo Education Center, 560 Concordia Ave. Following the parade, the Rondo Days festival will run from noon-7 p.m. Music will be performed by Goodie Mob, Kaleem the Dream, Why Khaliq and more. There will also be food, children's games and other entertainment.

For the third year, a second stage will be set up just to the south at Martin Luther King Park, where music and activities will cater to the more mature set. The park offers plenty of shade, less ground to cover walking and, if people get there early enough, a chance to catch the end of the parade. Rondo Days co-chair Gayle Smaller said free box lunches will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis for the older adults celebrating there.

For those who do not want to hassle with parking, Metro Transit will once again provide free rides to the parade and festival.

For more information on Rondo Days, visit [rondodays.net](http://rondodays.net) or call 651-315-7676.



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# On the Town

## Up close and personal

In 'Unrequited,' Cantus gives us more of what we love most about them

BY JANET LUNDER HANAFIN

Cantus' love for its Minnesota home is anything but unrequited. The world-renowned male vocal ensemble is planning for its 25th anniversary season in 2019-20, but before that happens, the singers have a date with fans at four Twin Cities venues.

"Unrequited," their third annual summer chamber series, will explore the emotions of passionate but ultimately disappointed love on July 16-19 featuring songs by such composers as Robert Schumann, Joni Mitchell, Stephen Sondheim and St. Paul's own Abbie Betinis.

The four concerts will be "intimate," according to Zachary Colby, a tenor with Cantus for the past five years and a resident of Minneapolis' Cooper neighborhood. The venues are smaller than usual, and the audiences will feel more closely connected to the musicians, Colby said. The lyrics are also personal, he added, and they will be sung at times by soloists.

The original four members of Cantus began singing together in the mid-1990s at St. Olaf College. Their first gig was a student recital, and they were told they needed a name. One of the fellows was studying Latin at St. Olaf, and he suggested Cantus, which means song. They went with the name, figuring they could always change it later.

Through two and a half decades and several personnel changes, the appellation stuck and Cantus' reputation grew. At one time the group had as many as 13 members, but for the past few years it has settled on eight—two basses, two baritones and "four tenors who

trade back and forth singing the high and low parts," Colby said. "We sing eight-part, seven-part, four-part and three-part music. We can rearrange ourselves into many different formations," and most of the programming is a cappella, that is, without instrumental accompaniment.

Cantus' concert programs are chosen around a theme rather than a particular period or composer. With a reputation for exquisite harmonic blending, the eight singers are truly a chamber ensemble. They work without an artistic director or conductor to create concerts that tell a story.

"We each have the power to change the music in ways that we think best tells the story," said Paul Scholtz, a Cantus tenor for the past four years and a resident of Minneapolis' Howe neighborhood.

"That collaborative model challenges me everyday to be a better listener, collaborator and friend," Colby said.

Cantus is known for versatile programs ranging from early music to new commissions, from gems of the classical genre to modern covers. The singers memorize about 100 songs each year, Scholtz said. Their seasons include five distinct programs presented in the Twin Cities and on tour. The ensemble has recorded 18 albums and is committed to educational outreach, offering master classes and workshops.

The centerpiece of "Unrequited" will be Schumann's song cycle *Dichterliebe*. The narrative, by poet Heinrich Heine, tells of the painful end of a love affair. The upcoming program will have lighter fare as well, however, including Sondheim's hilarious composition "Agony" from *Into the Woods*.



The eight singers of Cantus (clockwise from back center): Samuel Green, Paul Scholtz, Zachary Colby, Alberto de la Paz, Jacob Christopher, Sam Kreidenweis, Chris Foss and David Geist. PHOTO BY NATE RYAN

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Chris Foss, who has sung bass with Cantus for the past 11 years, knows that the opportunities to sing choral music full time are few and far between. When he was offered a position in the ensemble, the resident of Minneapolis' Ericsson neighborhood said he "jumped at the chance."

Cantus has traveled the world, presenting concerts in Europe, Asia, the Middle East and South America, as well as at the Lincoln Center in New York City, the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., Spivy Hall in Atlanta and Bravo!, the renowned music festival in Vail Valley in Colorado.

The singers have collaborated locally with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, the Minnesota Orchestra, James Sewell Ballet and Theater Latté Da and nationally

with the Boston Pops, Chanticleer and Sweet Honey in the Rock, among others.

Colby described Cantus' appeal: "Besides the obvious high level of music-making, I think it's the storytelling in concert and putting music in an emotional context that speaks to audiences."

"To me, it's about giving other people's voice a platform to be heard. It's about healing and understanding. It's truly living our mission of giving voice to shared human experiences and allowing people to be transformed by it."

"Audiences see and appreciate our unique level of engagement with the music," Scholtz said. "It's a result of hours of rehearsal and the artistic agency that we enjoy in Cantus."

"Our programming model

allows us to tell stories through music," said Cantus bass Sam Green of St. Paul's Hamline-Midway neighborhood. "It touches audiences in a personal and human way."

Green became a fan of Cantus in high school when he first heard the ensemble perform via YouTube. After singing with a quartet in high school, Green earned a degree in vocal music education, sang with the Kansas City Chorale and taught high school choir before joining the ensemble six years ago. "It's amazing to see people moved by music no matter where we are," he said.

"Unrequited" will be presented at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Landmark Center in downtown St. Paul; 7 p.m. Wednesday at the American Swedish Institute in Minneapolis; 7 p.m. Thursday at the Museum of Russian Art in Minneapolis; and 11 a.m. Friday in Westminster Hall at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis.

Tickets—priced at \$32, \$10 for children—may be reserved by calling 612-435-0055 or visiting [cantussings.org](http://cantussings.org).

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# On the Town *Briefly*

## Music

**Bands on the Boulevard**, a free outdoor concert series, will continue from 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesdays at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. Bring a lawn chair, pack a picnic supper or purchase food on the terrace and enjoy the rhythms of Monica LaPlante on July 16; Lena Elizabeth, July 23; and Nooky Jones, July 30.

**"Groovin' in the Garden"** has returned with free concerts from 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays in front of the Como Conservatory. The schedule includes the melodic pop-folk and twangy Americana of the Katy Vernon Band on July 17; and the Caribbean and Latin American rhythms of Malamanya, July 24. Pack a picnic supper and bring a blanket for seating. Lawn games, a climbing wall and bouncy house will be available for children. Refreshments will be available. In case of rain, the concert will be moved inside.

**Music as free** as the breeze cooling the shores of Como Lake can be heard this summer in the Como Pavilion, 1360 N. Lexington Pkwy. The concerts begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. The schedule includes Fellow Pynins on July 17; Dean Magraw and Davu Seru, July 18; John Eller's Rock 'n' Roll Piano Bar at 5 p.m. and the Kith & Kin Chorus Community Sing at 7 p.m. July 19; Star of the North Concert Band at 3 p.m. and Lex-Ham Community Band at 7 p.m. July 21; Bend in the River Big Band, July 22; Papa Bleu & Fistbump Congress, July 23; Matt Wilson and His Orchestra, July 25; Como Pops at 3 p.m. and Hopkins Westwind Concert Band at 7 p.m. July 28; River City Chorale, July 29; St. Anthony Park Community Band, July 30; and Rich Lewis Band, July 31.

**Rondo Plaza**, 820 Concordia Ave., will thrill to the sound of free concerts this summer. Performing, weather permitting, will be the Heart and Soul Drum Academy from 5:30-6:30 p.m. July 17; Jamela Pettiford and her jazz trio from 5:30-6:30 p.m. July 23 and 30; and the roots and blues musician Lady J from 5:30-7 p.m. July 27.

**Lowertown Sounds** summer concert series continues from 6-9:30 p.m. on Thursdays in Mears Park. Two or three acts are featured each evening, including Annie Mack and Nikki and the Ruemates on July 18; and Purple Funk Metropolis and Brianna Kočka



**The Lowertown Blues & Funk Fest** returns to Mears Park from 4:30-10 p.m. Friday and from noon-10 p.m. Saturday, July 19 and 20. The free event will feature, in the order of their appearance, Sumo Seven, Boogie Wonderland and Thomas McClary's Commodores Experience on Friday and the Craig Clark Band, Bridget Kelly Band, Joyann Parker, Carolyn Wonderland, Popa Chubby (pictured above) and Jon Cleary on Saturday. For free transit passes or VIP tickets, visit [lowertownbluesfestival.com](http://lowertownbluesfestival.com).

on July 25. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for seating. Food, craft beer, cider and wine will be available for purchase.

**St. Thomas More Church**, 1079 Summit Ave., is presenting free recitals this summer on its 39-rank Casavant organ. Performers include Holy Spirit Church organist Chuck Lenz on July 18 and Basilica of St. Mary organist Christopher Stroh on August 1. The music begins at 7 p.m. Families are welcome. Public receptions will follow.

**Violist Mark Hatlestad** and pianist Robert Ragoonanan will perform works by Takemitsu, Hindemith and Milhaud in a free recital at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 18, at St. John the Evangelist Church, 60 N. Kent St.

**Macalester-Groveland singer-songwriter** Joe Carey will celebrate the release of his new full-length recording, "Trying Time," in concert on Thursday, July 18, at the Hook and Ladder Theater, 3010 Minnehaha Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Jessica Carey and Scottie Devlin will kick off the night with an acoustic set at 7:30 p.m., followed by Martin Devaney and then Carey in a full band set.

Tickets are \$15 at the door, \$10 in advance at [jocareymusic.com](http://jocareymusic.com) or 612-345-7166.

**Studio Z**, 275 E. Fourth St., Suite 200, will present concerts by saxophonist George Cartwright and his Smashing Carp at 7:30 p.m. Friday, July 19, and the Illicit Sextet featuring Steve Kenny on trumpet, Paul Harper on sax, pianist Chris Lomheim, guitarist David Roos, bassist Tom Pieper and drummer Nathan Norman at 8 p.m. Thursday, August 1. Tickets are \$10 for either show. Call 651-755-1600.

**Jazz vocalist Connie Evingson** will sing of that "Sweet Happy Life" at 4 p.m. Sunday, July 21, at the Jungle Theatre, 2951 Lyndale Ave. S. in Minneapolis. The concert will feature 14 jazz and pop standards from Evingson's CD of the same name. Accompanying Evingson will be pianist Laura Caviani, guitarist Joan Griffith, bassist Gordy Johnson, drummer Dave Schmalenberger and sax player Dave Karr. Tickets are \$30. Call 612-822-7063.

**SisterTree** will perform from noon-1 p.m. Thursday, July 25, in the sky-lit cortile of Landmark Center. Admission is free.

## Theater

**Glensheen**, a musical retelling of the mysterious murder that gripped Minnesota 40 years ago, is playing through August 4 at History Theatre, 30 E. 10th St. Jen Maren and Dane Stauffer reprise their roles as suspects Marjorie and Roger Caldwell in playwright Jeffrey Hatcher and composer Chan Poling's compassionate, satirical and entertaining look at the 1977 murder of Duluth heiress Elisabeth Congdon and her night nurse Velma Pietila. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays, 1:30 p.m. Thursdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Call 651-292-4323 or visit [historytheatre.com](http://historytheatre.com).

**Samuel J. & K.** is playing through August 4 at Gremlin Theatre, 550 N. Vandalia St. A compelling drama about race, identity and brotherhood, the drama by Mat Smart tells of two adoptive siblings from suburban Chicago who travel to Cameroon, the birth country of one of the siblings, and there must navigate a foreign culture and the complexities of brotherhood. Paul LaNave and Wariboko Semenitari star. Brian Balcom directs. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays and 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 22. For tickets, call 1-888-718-4253 or visit [gremlintheatre.org](http://gremlintheatre.org).

**Mozart's *Così fan tutte*** is being staged in the Ruin Courtyard of the Mill City Museum, 704 S. Second St. in Minneapolis. Heather Johnson, Sarah Larsen, Andrew Wilkowske and Karin Wolverton star. Show times are 7:30 p.m. July 16, 18, 20, 22 and 24. The opera is sung in Italian with English supertitles. Tickets are \$50-\$125. Call 612-875-5544 or visit [millcitysummeropera.org](http://millcitysummeropera.org).

**Stinkers**, a heartfelt drama by Josh Tobiesen about the humor, humility and complexity of parenting, will open on July 20 at the Jungle Theater, 2951 Lyndale Ave. S. in Minneapolis. John Catron stars as a stay-at-home dad who comes under the influence of his mother (played by Sally Wingert) and her fellow ex-convict friend while his wife is away on business. Sara Rasmussen directs. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and 2 and 7:30 p.m. Sundays through August 18. Tickets are \$35-\$50. Call 612-822-7063 or visit [jungletheater.org](http://jungletheater.org).

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**42nd Street**, an Ordway production of the beloved musical but with a new twist and some updates, will be staged from July 23 through August 11 at the Ordway's Music Theater. Twin Cities favorites Jamecia Bennett, Tyler Michaels King, Tyler Lueck and T. Mychael Rambo star along with Phillip Attmore as Billy Lawler and Kimberly Immanuel as Peggy Sawyer. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through August 11. Call 651-224-4222.

## Exhibits

**Walking tours of Summit Avenue** highlighting the Gilded Age mansions that line the street and the people who lived in them are being offered by the Minnesota Historical Society on weekends through September 29. The 90-minute tours step out at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday from the James J. Hill House, 240 Summit Ave. The cost is \$14, \$12 for seniors and college students, \$10 for children ages 5-17. Visit [cart.mnhs.org](http://cart.mnhs.org) or call 651-259-3015.

**The Upper St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam** is open for tours beginning at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. daily through Labor Day, September 2. The free tours are limited to 20 participants, first-come first served. The public is also invited to explore the St. Anthony Falls Visitor Center between 9:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily, and the lock wall between noon and 2 p.m. daily. Call 651-293-8412.

**Explore St. Paul's** historic downtown and riverfront on free guided walking tours beginning at 10 a.m. on Wednesdays. 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 July 17. The Great River Tour will follow the mighty Mississippi on July 24. Reservations are required. Call 651-292-3063.

**"A Nation of One,"** a survey of the work of New York multimedia artist Brad Kahlhamer, is being displayed through August 25 at the Minnesota Museum of American Art, 350 N. Robert St. The exhibit features large-scale paintings, drawings and other works that map the complexities and contradictions of American culture. Admission is free. Call 651-797-2571 or visit [mmaa.org](http://mmaa.org).

**"The Four Sarah Sibleys,"** an exhibit and tour that tell the stories of Minnesota fur trader and governor Henry Sibley's mother, sister, wife and daughter, who were all named Sarah, is being offered at noon on Saturdays through September 2 at the Sibley Historic Site, 1357 Sibley Memorial Hwy. in Mendota. Among the highlights are handwritten letters by Sarah Jane and Sarah Alexandrine and a self-portrait by Sarah Jane. The cost is \$6 for nonmembers. Call 651-452-1596.

**"Minnesota's Secret Language School,"** a new exhibit by the Twin Cities Japanese American Citizens League about the 6,000 Japanese-Americans who were trained at Fort Snelling to serve as linguists in the Pacific Theater during World War II, is on display through September 2 in the

Visitor Center at Historic Fort Snelling. The illustrated narrative addresses the challenges of serving in the U.S. military while hundreds of thousands of other Japanese-Americans were being held in internment camps in the U.S. Admission is free. Call 612-726-1171.

**"Walking, Walking, Walking,"** a collection of paper and ink drawings, acrylic paintings, collage and interactive sculpture by Merriam Park artist Shiloh Clamons, is on view through September 1 on the second floor of the Student Center at Metropolitan State University, 700 E. Seventh St. The images draw on the stories of refugees she worked with in France, Belgium, Serbia, Italy and Greece. An opening reception will be held from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 18.

**Study the Torah** in a new way by touring "Parsha Posters" at the Jewish Community Center, 1375 St. Paul Ave. Graphic designer and painter Hillel Smith has created 54 works of Hebrew typography highlighting the parshat hashavua (weekly Torah portion). The exhibit will remain on view through August 30. Smith has also created a large scale mural on the outside of the JCC that addresses the Jewish value of community. For gallery hours, call 651-698-0751.

**More than 100 artists** will display their creations at the first Minnehaha Falls Art Fair, scheduled from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, July 20, in Minnehaha Falls Park. The show and sale will feature paintings, drawings, pottery, textiles, mosaics, jewelry, photography, screenprints, stained glass, leather goods, wood and metal sculpture, wreaths and more along with art workshops, face and hair painting, bubble making and other activities for people and their canine companions. Visit [minnehahafallsartfair.com](http://minnehahafallsartfair.com).

**The 50th anniversary** of the first Apollo moon landing will be commemorated from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, July 20, at the Bell Museum, 2088 Larpentour Ave. View archival footage of the moon landing. See samples of lunar rock and soil, ancient lunar lava flows and volcanic ash. Other NASA artifacts displayed include the Teflon-coated pants worn by Apollo 9 Commander James A. McDivitt, other spacesuit accessories and a handheld radio used in outer space. NASA ambassadors will lead science and engineering activities throughout the day. Offered outside will be water rocket launches, a scale model of a Saturn V rocket and a NASA astronaut physical fitness challenge. The planetarium will screen "One Giant Leap," a 360-degree experience that puts audiences on the surface of the Moon with Neil Armstrong, on the half hour from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. A Cosmic 5K Run will begin at 8 a.m., followed by the Kids Space Dash. For more information or planetarium tickets, visit [bellmuseum.umn.edu](http://bellmuseum.umn.edu).

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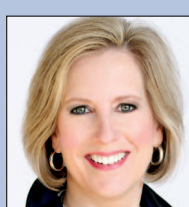
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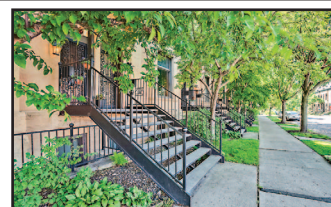
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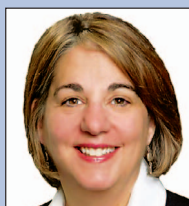
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