Local companies say public-benefit corporation status helps them benefit the community and grow the business.

By Judy Woodward

Is it truly possible to do well by doing good? Can an investor advance a good cause without endangiing the bottom line? The idea of socially responsible investing has been on the scene for quite a while, but some area businesses and local groups are doing their best to test the standard formulation in new ways. Aided by legislation passed by the Minnesota Legislature in 2015, which allows companies to officially elevate social goals to equal standing with financial ones, they’re exploring new ways to benefit the community while continuing to turn a profit.

The new business designation is called a “public-benefit corporation” and it provides for two categories of recognition. Companies can choose to register as a specific public-benefit corporation, declaring that they will focus on a single social good, such as education, health care, or the environment.

The St. Paul Art Crawl is an example. In 2007, the art event created a wave of activity along Prior Avenue, leading to the incorporation of the St. Paul Art Crawl, Inc., a public-benefit corporation, in 2011. The group, which includes a board of directors that meets quarterly, is dedicated to bringing the arts and public life together, with an emphasis on the arts.

Art crawls into Bugleland April 27-28

The St. Paul Art Crawl will bring a number of gallery shows and events to the St. Anthony Park and Como Park neighborhoods the weekend of April 27-29.

Front Avenue Pottery will host a weekend of activities, starting with an artist reception Friday, April 27, from 5 to 10 p.m. South Como artists Mary Jo Schnaitz of Front Avenue Pottery and Jim Gindorff of Gindorff Landscape Photography have invited five local artists to exhibit with them at the pottery and tile studio located at 895 Finer Ave.

The pottery will be open Saturday, April 28, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday, April 29, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The weekend will include live music, opportunities to try your hands at a potter’s wheel and a hand-building workshop Saturday and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

Activities at Carleton Artists Lofts, 2285 W. University Ave., include a bikers’ stage all weekend with more than 20 musicians scheduled to perform, make-and-take art in the community room, and performances at the Flexline Stage and CAL Green Outdoor Stage all weekend.

Other venues in the St. Paul Art Crawl include Vandalia Tower, 550 Vandalia St.; the Dow Building, 2242 W. University Ave.; and Midway Triangle building, 2960 W. University Ave. Go to saintpaulartcrawl.org to find out more.

The 2281 Art Gallery, located at 2281 W. Hampden Ave., is on the St. Paul Art Crawl, but will host a three-day grand opening April 27-29 that will include a drawing for a painting by Lany Ross and two-for-one beer coupons for Urban Growler, which is one block away on Endicott Street. The new gallery will be open Friday, from 4 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 8 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Find out more at 2281artgallery.wordpress.com—Kristal Leebrik

“Let Go of Certainty,” by Linda Ricklefs Baudry, featured in the District Spotlight Gallery of the art crawl catalog. Her work will be displayed at the Dow Building during the St. Paul Art Crawl.

Como Ave. repaving project to begin in June

By Kristal Leebrik

Noise, dust and a whole lot of inconvenience will mark the summer of 2018 along Como Avenue between Commonwealth Avenue and Eustis Street in St. Anthony Park. Phase 2 of a multi-year paving project that began in 2017 will begin after the St. Anthony Park Arts Festival June 2 and take breaks for the neighborhood Fourth in the Park celebration July 4 and during the 12 days of the Minnesota State Fair, Aug. 23-Sept. 3.

Phase 2 will run from Commonwealth to Eustis Street and be staged in four increments, beginning at Eustis, Stage 1A (just east of Eustis to Hendon Avenue) and Stage 1B (from Hendon to Buford Avenue) are scheduled to be completed before July 4.

Stage 2 (between Buford Avenue and just past the Dowell Avenue intersection) will begin after July 4 and is scheduled for completion by Aug. 23. Construction of Stage 3 (just past Dowell to Commonwealth) will begin Sept. 5 and is scheduled for completion by Oct. 31.

The third phase of the project will stretch from Commonwealth to St. Paul city limits and is scheduled for 2020. The project includes adding new concrete curbs and gutters, new pavement, concrete driveway aprons, utility upgrades, new sidewalks and ADA-compliant pedestrian ramps, lantern-style street lighting with LED lights, sodded boulevards, the removal of all ash trees, dead trees and stumps, and planting of new trees on the boulevards. The trees in the raised planters in front of businesses on Como will be removed, as many were planted over existing water and sewer utilities, which will be replaced. There are other trees along the street that the city is asking the contractor to make a special effort to protect, according to project engineer Barb Mundahl. Many of the trees are on the St. Anthony Park Library lawn, she said.

The width of the street will be increased from 46 feet to 50 feet. The project will include 6 feet-wide painted bike lanes on both sides of the street. There will be no loss of parking on either side of the avenue between Commonwealth and Eustis.

Sidewalks in front of the businesses will be installed one side of the street at a time to provide pedestrian access at all times. “We will also provide temporary access ramps to businesses during construction as necessary,” Mundahl said.

You can find out more at www.stpaul.gov/departments/public-works/road-construction/como-avenue-paving-project.
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Como Park
The District 10 Community Council meets at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at the Como Street Station, 1224 N. Lexington Parkway. Here’s how to connect: 651-644-3889, district10@comopark.org or District 10 Community Council on Facebook.

Get gardening off to a great start
Library will hold its May Mosaic on p.m. at the Como Streetcar Station, Saturday, May 5, from 11 a.m. to 2 free event is an opportunity to swap seeds, plants and perennials; swap stories; get advice from Master Gardeners; learn the real benefits of bees, wasps and birds in your yard; and more. For details, go to comoseedswaps.groupon.us.

Rain barrel workshop May 19
District 10’s Environment Committee and the Capitol Region Watershed District will hold a Rain Barrel Workshop Saturday, May 19, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Twin Cities German Immersion School, 1031 Como Ave. Participants can get a rain barrel for $25 (plus tax) and learn how to set it up. If you already have rain barrels at your home, you can show up and learn how to use them correctly for free. Space is limited, so register now at www.bit.ly/d10-rainbarrels.

Fairgrounds Drop-Off is June 9
The annual Citywide Drop-Off at the State Fairgrounds is much earlier than usual in 2018: It’s Saturday, June 9, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Drop-Off, organized by the city of St. Paul and District 10, is a chance to rid of the junk you can’t throw in the trash (for a reasonable price). If you volunteer to help staff the event, you can get rid of a load of your junk for free.

Sign up to volunteer at www.district10@comopark.org/volunteer_form.html.

Yoga at the Streetcar Station
Como Community Yoga will be held Sunday, May 6, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., at the Como Streetcar Station. Bring a yoga mat or blanket, wear comfortable clothes and stretch your horizons with neighbors. The session is suitable for all levels of skill and experience. Sign up now at www.district10@comopark.org/communityyoga.html. Registration is $5, and the fee benefits the Como Community Council.

Upcoming District 10 meetings
• Environment Committee: Wednesday, April 25
• Neighborhood Relations and Safety Committee: Tuesday, May 1
• Land Use Committee: Wednesday, May 2
• Como Community Council: Tuesday, May 15
All meetings begin at 7 p.m. at the Como Streetcar Station. Community members are always welcome. Agendas are often posted in advance in the "Board News" section of District 10’s website.

Falcon Heights
The Falcon Heights City Council meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7 p.m. in Falcon Heights City Hall, 2077 W. Larpenteur Ave. Contact information: 651-792-7600 or falconheights.org.

Learn about solar group-buys
The St. Anthony Park Community Solar Committee, will host the Solar Power Hour, Thursday, May 10, from 6 to 7:30 p.m., at St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Ave.

The free workshop will present the basics of solar, its financial implications for households and information on how a solar group-buy program works.

Presented by the Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA), the workshop will include a free, no-obligation site assessment from the MREA’s installer.

The MREA program is offered with the support from the cities of Minneapolis, Saint Paul, Woodbury and Oakdale, the Southeast Como Improvement Association, and the Center for Energy and Environment (CEE).

In conjunction with the Solar Power Hour, the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) is offering free 20-minute energy-bill consultations from 5 to 6 p.m. to help consumers learn how to save energy and money. Bring your electric and gas bills and any questions. CUB provides consumer information on how to better understand the line items on your bill, can give customized tips to reduce energy use, and offers information on renewable energy or other energy-related topics.

RSVP for a free 20-minute consultation by calling Carmen Carruthers, CUB outreach director, at 651-300-4701 ext. 2. For more information about CUB, visit www.cubminnesota.org.

The Community Solar Committee is part of Transition Town All St. Anthony Park, a neighborhood group working toward a local response to climate change.

MSCA study shows elevations of air pollutants in St. Anthony Park
The results of a 2016 study of air quality in St. Anthony Park have been published online by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. The state agency monitored select air pollutants for 12 months from a location at 2265 Robbins St., a mixed residential and industrial area that is close to Highway 280.

The study found that pollutant levels measured in St. Anthony Park are similar to levels measured at other Twin Cities-area sites, but levels of total suspended particulate matter—including soot, dust, aerosols, fumes and mist—and some metals and volatile organic compounds were slightly elevated compared to other sites. Arsenic, cobalt and formaldehyde were also above the health benchmarks. All other air toxics were below health benchmarks, the report says.

You can read the report at www.state.mn.us/mnds/default/rep.asp?rep=38.pdf.

St. Anthony Park
The District 12 Community Council (SAPCC) meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Jennings Community Learning Center, 2345 University Ave. The council offices are located at 2395 University Ave., Suite 300. Contact information: 651-649-5992 or www.sapcc.org.

Park and Rec news
Falcon Heights Parks and Recreation summer program registrations are now open. Parks and Rec is offering a variety of summer programs and events, including youth activities that will start in June. Registration for sports, art and playground camps is open. To see the city’s Summer Program Guide, go to www.falconheights.org and click on “Parks & Recreation” on the left side of the page.

Falcon Heights is now hiring summer staff for its youth programs. Find out more at falconheights.org under “City Government” and “Jobs.”

Lauderdale
The Lauderdale City Council meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. in Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Walter St. Contact information: 651-792-7630 or www.ci.lauderdale.mn.us.

City-wide garage sale is May 11
To participate in the annual Lauderdale city-wide garage sale, residents must call City Hall at 651-792-7650 by Friday, May 11, to register the sale location and let the city know if you have any items of special interest to list. The garage sale is a great way to get rid of things, meet your neighbors and find good deals. There is no charge to register and the city does the promotion.

A list of sale locations will be available at City Hall the week before the event. If you are having a sale, don’t forget to put a sign in your yard. Sales may begin at 8 a.m.

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Please note, the library association cannot accept textbooks, due to returned textbook questions. Contact Susan Dean at smdean16@gmail.com.

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Take a look at St. Paul’s first ADU

By Mark Thieroff

Over the course of a recent Saturday afternoon, open house, more than 49 neighbors, friends and family stopped in to see a new apartment on Sherburne Avenue in the Hamline-Midway neighborhood and congratulate the owners, Eric and Chrissi Larsen, on its completion. This wasn’t just any apartment — it was the first accessory-dwelling unit to be built under St. Paul’s 2016 accessory-dwelling-unit ordinance.

Accessory-dwelling units, or ADUs, are separate housing units added to a single-family residence, either inside the house (such as in an attic or basement), as an addition to the house, or as a detached structure built on the same lot. So far, ADUs are allowed in only a small part of St. Paul, located within a half-mile of the Green Line, between Emerald Street and Lexington Avenue. This area includes all of South St. Anthony Park. (Minneapolis approved ADUs citywide in late 2014 and had permitted 92 new units through early this year, according to city staff. That number included 40 interior units, nine attached units and 34 detached ADUs.)

The Larsens became interested in building an ADU when a friend contacted them in early 2017 to let them know ADUs were now allowed in parts of the Midway. The idea of building an additional dwelling to their property immediately appealed to them.

“We really like the idea of shared living spaces, and an ADU will allow us to do that while still having our own house,” Eric Larsen said.

The Larsens had a one-stall garage that needed to be replaced, so they built a larger garage with an ADU on top. After discussing approaches with an architect and jumping through the hoops of a permitting process that was new to the family as well, they finally had their building permit in July and were ready to start work. Perhaps unsurprisingly, the project was more complicated than simply building a new garage with a bonus room above it. Because the garage includes living space, the building code required a full foundation to a depth of 42 inches, rather than the concrete slab more typical of garages. A sanitary waste line also had to be installed from the garage to the street in front of the house. With little space between the Larsens’ house and their neighbor’s house, this line was installed through a horizontal drilling process that avoided the need to dig a trench.

Jeff and Chrissi Larsen’s 624-square-foot ADU features a kitchen and living area, a bedroom and a bathroom. Photo by Eric Larsen

Itasca job a natural for U professor

By Jason DeMoe

Jonathan Schilling took a leap of faith in the direction of Itasca State Park when he was named director at the University of Minnesota’s Itasca Biological Station and Laboratories on Jan. 1. Leaving his role as a faculty member in the Department of Bioproducts & Biosystems Engineering at the university was a midcareer,” he said. “It was about the take on some administrative duties, out of left field. However, with a lot of colleagues mentioning that this sounded a lot like something I would be suited for, I had to really take a close look.”

After a series of deep discussions at home with his wife and 6- and 11-year-old children, Schilling decided to apply.

“The opportunity was posted about a year before it was filled, so I had a lot of time to think about it,” he said. “Ultimately, it was the right choice for me personally and for my family.”

Schilling will live at the station for part of the year. He officially moves in May 2018 and will live in a cabin from mid-May through August. His family will join him in the summer. Schilling will spend the other nine months of the year at his home in St. Anthony Park and continue as an adjunct associate in plant pathology at the U.

The biological station is housed within Itasca State Park and features a 50-acre campus with an auditorium, labs and housing facilities. Schilling will assist in running the station by dealing with the facilities and taking care of the maintenance. He will also participate in public-engagement activities and assist research groups that come to the station.

“Itasca has 25 percent of Minnesota’s old-growth forest cradling the headwaters of the Mississippi River,” Schilling said. “If you know me, you’ll know that this opportunity had my name all over it, along with my family. It’s a place to tuck into wilderness, while leaving the cabin door open for other scientists.”

Schilling’s wife is a faculty member at Augsburg College who is tasked with doing aquatic ecology research during the summer months, so this opportunity is a good fit for her as well. The Schilling children are also excited about this change.

“My kids are big nature nerds,” Schilling said. “They are excited to have the run of the land in a state park. They can’t wait to run around off leash, so to speak.”

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Dr. Karen Malone, PT, DPT
Just a few months after moving into our new home in St. Anthony Park two decades ago, my family discovered a Friday night concert series that welcomed children of all ages and their adults.

I can’t recall who we heard the first time we attended a Music in the Park Family Concert in St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, but I do remember a room filled with children and grown-ups grooving to world-class music by musicians who knew how to captivate their audience.

Attending the Family Concert Series became a family outing we tried never to miss, and we kept it up until, well, the children were no longer children. The Family Concert Series and its parent — the Schubert Club’s Music in the Park Series, which brings internationally renowned chamber musicians to perform at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ each year — is the gift of Julie Himmelstrup, who started the series in 1979. Himmelstrup’s last concert as artistic director of the series was the season finale April 15. She’s retiring this year, after 39 years.

“No community is truly great without art as its core,” said Jon Schumacher, executive director of the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation, after the concert. And Himmelstrup knows that. Not only did she create two concert series, she also brought performances into St. Anthony Park Elementary School and St. Anthony Park Home. “She loved music, she loved art, she loved community,” Schumacher said.

Himmelstrup has a deep knowledge of chamber music and is fiercely devoted to the artists, said her friend and Schubert Club Advisory Circle member Lynne Beck. That, combined with an “incredible sense of humor,” gave her the tools to bring us nearly four decades “of absolutely fantastic, fabulous concerts,” Beck said.

The concert series and the family concerts will continue under the direction of the Schubert Club. And Julie Himmelstrup will carry the title of “artistic director emerita.”

Applause and deep thanks, Julie, M. Lieber.
Local gardens harvest community

By Pat Thompson

Food — growing it with current farming methods and moving it to retail — pums a lot of carbon into the atmosphere. Growing your own food takes some of that carbon out of the process. Growing food for people who don’t have garden space or the money to grow their own has the added benefit of improving health and building community connections.

A neighborhood harvest

Growing vegetables requires sun, St. Anthony Park is blessed with a lot of shade trees, so since 1981 many gardeners have grown their vegetables at the St. Anthony Park Community Garden on Robbins Street near Raymond Avenue, just south of the railroad tracks. Ninety-five plots are rented for $30 each year. The St. Anthony Park Community Garden owns the land.

Three of those plots are reserved to grow food that is distributed at Seal Hi-Rise, a public-housing apartment building nearby on Raymond. Gardeners volunteer throughout the summer to tend the plots, along with their own, and then harvest and weigh the produce once or twice a week through late summer and fall. Volunteers can do the harvesting on Saturday evening or Sunday morning.

The program — called the Sunday Table because the vegetables are literally spread out on a table for Seal residents to select from — has been coordinated by two of the gardeners, Lois Braun and Sherman Eagles, with distribution on Sundays by Scott Simmons of Lydia Place, a Lutheran ministry based in South St. Anthony. Last year, it distributed 1,130 pounds of produce. In 2016, it was 1,260 pounds.

“For three years before that, we delivered the veggies to the food shelf at Keystone Community Services on University Avenue,” said Braun, “but deliveries had to be made between 10 and 3 a.m. on weekdays, and few of our volunteers couldn’t take those hours off work. And we couldn’t grow popular veggies like green beans, zucchini or cucumbers because they need to be picked on a regular schedule.”

The Sunday Table welcomes produce donations from other neighborhood gardens, as well. After mid-July, you can leave your extra produce on the shady north side of the shed at the east end of the community garden on Sunday before noon. The produce will be delivered to Seal Hi-Rise with the rest of the vegetables.

To help us with growing or harvesting for the Sunday Table, email sealg@softwarecpr.com.

There is also a community garden in the Como Park neighborhood, just east of Stelling Avenue near Como Avenue, where growers are encouraged to donate their extra produce. Find out more from the District 10 Community Council at district10@district10comopark.org.

Gardening at Murray and Jennings

Students at Murray Middle School and Jennings Community School are also growing food to share.

Science teacher Tim Chase said Murray’s work started last year, when his Environmental Inquiry Immersion students wanted to take advantage of the pollinator garden that was planted by the class in 2016. They knew they could get the bees to help people who didn’t have enough to eat. This year students from the Magnus Science II classes are also involved.

Murray has nine raised beds waiting to be planted with vegetables, and Chase and the students plan to add five fruit trees this spring. They are working with Tree Trust to figure out which fruits to plant, based on timing harvests throughout the season and the need for cross-pollination between cultures. The students started their vegetable plants from seed in early April and will plant them in May and June, before school ends.

All of the food grown at Murray last year — more than 500 pounds of tomatoes, broccoli, onions and cabbage — went to the food shelf at Keystone. “We hope to do more this year,” Chase said, “if we can find a way to keep the turkeys from devouring some of our produce.”

Students sign up to weed for a week during the summer. When the new students return in fall, they will harvest to cover the summer months. Chase recruits volunteer partners from the St. Anthony Park Garden Club to pick up any slack in weeding. Last year, he had most of the summer harvesting, but he’s interested in growing connections with other groups and volunteers to be part of the harvesting to increase capacity and make the program more stable in the long term.

Email timothy.chase@spps.org if you’d like to help in the Murray garden this summer.

Meanwhile in 2017, students at Jennings were working with their teacher Aaron Bloom to build two raised beds in a grassy area between parking lots behind the school on University Avenue. Working with expert gardeners from A Back Yard Farm, they filled the beds with lettuce, beans, tomatoes and squash for donation at the Keystone food shelf.

This spring and summer Bloom and students hope to add perennial fruits, such as strawberries, raspberries and blueberries, and may shift to producing the produce to Seal Hi-Rise. Students will work outside for an hour a week in spring, and then sign up for hours during the summer to tend and harvest.

Incredible Edible

Inspired by the Incredible Edible movement in the United Kingdom, Nadine Horchner started a local chapter in partnership with the St. Anthony Park Garden Club, Eagle Scouts, Transition Town and St. Paul Parks and Rec, and a lot of neighbors. In just one season last year, the St. Anthony Park Incredible Edible (IE) project planted fruit trees and bushes and pollinators-friendly plants on the corner of College Park at Raymond and Carter avenues; apple trees in Monkey Island Park at Branchton Street and Hendon Avenue; and herbs at the St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Ave. This spring, IE will expand to plant a bed with edibles at Langford Park as well.

Fruit and herbs in the IE beds are available for people to pick as needed. College Park, for instance, will have currants, raspberries, strawberries and sour-cherry pies as the plants mature. Last year, the library had plenty of rosemary, basil, parsley, sage and lavender to share. Horchner is exploring more perennial edibles, too, like chives, somel, oregano and thistles.

“I would like kids to be able to run or bike to little berry patches in the neighborhood and graze on healthy berries in the summer,” she said.

As a new resident in St. Anthony Park, Horchner said she met many people through IE she would not have otherwise. Planning meetings take place over homemade soup, and the volunteers gathered for a harvest potluck to celebrate in fall.

“Community resilience depends on interpersonal relationships and part of IE’s goal is to bring neighbors together and work with local community groups,” Horchner said.

All of IE’s work is done by volunteers. If you would like to help with an IE garden near you, email nadinehorchner@gmail.com.

Want to get involved? Here’s who to contact:
Sunday Table at Seal Hi-Rise: sealg@softwarecpr.com
Murray Middle School garden: timothy.chase@spps.org
Incredible Edible: nadinehorchner@gmail.com

Want to plant a row or two in your own garden for a food shelf or Seal Hi-Rise? Contact part@marksimonson.com.
Lauderdale residents concerned about sale of ‘Breck Woods’

By Kristal Leebrick

Lauderdale residents who live on a small stretch of Fulham Street north of Hoyt Avenue won’t know until mid-May if or when Luther Seminary will put the land behind their homes on the market for development, but they’re already looking for ways to save the nature area known as Breck Woods from builders.

Fulham neighbors learned about the seminary’s possible sale of its remaining 7 acres of land in Lauderdale when they met with Michael Morrow, the seminary’s vice president of finance and administration, and real estate consultant Tanya Bell at Lauderdale’s Comprehensive Plan open house in March.

Morrow’s office said it’s premature to make any definitive statement about a sale until after the seminary presents its campus-plan recommendations at a board of directors meeting May 10 and 11. Nevertheless, “we felt it was important to share our thinking with the city early so they could incorporate that information into their planning,” Morrow said.

“One Luther Seminary determines its direction for long-term campus use, we expect to work through formal community-engagement channels in Lauderdale and St. Paul, as applicable in moving the planning forward.”

Heather Butkowski, Lauderdale’s city administrator, said the city is months away from finalizing its comprehensive plan, which guides land use in the municipality.

“(The homeowners), of course, see the highest and best use as keeping the green wild woods,” said Fulham resident Lynn Abrahamsen. Tie that end, the neighbors on the street are exploiting Department of Natural Resources grants and other funding that could help the city purchase the land to keep it as a nature area.

Breck Woods abuts the Lauderdale Nature Area, which is owned by the city. The wooded area consists of two ravines separated by an abandoned railway embankment. The ravine north of the tracks is owned by Lauderdale. The ravine south of the tracks is part of Breck Woods. The area includes a mix of oak, maple, cottonwood, willow and dogwood, as well as a variety of wild flowers. Dog walkers and nature lovers know it as a place to spot numerous species of birds and wildlife. There are frequent sightings of owls, hawks, deer, fox and coyote, according to Ann Snel, who also lives on Fulham.

The land sits southwest of the northern part of the University of Minnesota golf course off of Larpenteur Avenue and east of the Greenway Village Apartments on Eustis. The area is referred to as Breck Woods because the land was originally owned by Breck School, which had a campus on Como Avenue until 1956. The city of Lauderdale has an easement on the property for a retention pond that was created in 1994 as a part of a housing development.

Luther Seminary has slowly been selling under-used portions of its property for several years. In 2014, the seminary sold five apartment buildings on Eustis Street to Greenway Village Apartments. Senior housing developer Ecosun bought 1.6 acres at Luther Place and Como Avenue in 2015 to build Zogos, a 49-unit co-op currently under construction. HealthPartners purchased 4.5 acres of land across from its Como Avenue building in 2016 to build a replacement clinic. The date for the clinic groundbreaking was projected to take place three to four years after the purchase.

Eric Larsen is an experienced builder and served as the general contractor and builder for the project, hiring out only the trade plumbing work. Chrisi Larsen handled the creative side of the project, including the interior decoration.

Inside the finished space, it is easy to forget it is above a garage. The apartment is a surprisingly spacious 624 square feet and consists of three rooms—a combination kitchen/dining area/living room, a large bedroom and a bathroom. A deck off the living room provides an additional 250 square feet for outdoor living in the summer, as well as an off-street parking spot underneath. The garage ceiling is insulated with spray foam to an R-30 rating, which largely blocks out sounds from the garage. Heating and cooling are provided by a high-efficiency ductless mini-split heat pump. The apartment also features a heat-recovery ventilator that provides fresh air without losing heat.

The Larsens were able to cut costs through their own efforts. Eric estimates the entire structure would have cost nearly $175,000 had they hired out all of the work. They plan to rent out the apartment, with the first tenant, a friend of theirs, moving in later this spring.

Meanwhile, the St. Paul Planning Commission is studying the possibility of expanding the ADU ordinance, either to include additional neighborhoods or extend it citywide.

Mark Thieroff, who served on the St. Anthony Park Community Council’s ADU Task Force, said, “The Larsens’ ADU is built above a garage and is the first ADU to be permitted under St. Paul’s 2016 ADU ordinance. Photo by Mark Thieroff
Holman readied racer at Curtiss Northwest Airport

In 1924, Charles “Speed” Holman was short of the cash he needed to enter the National Air Races that fall. Bill Kidder, manager of Curtiss Northwest Airport at Snelling and Larpenteur avenues in what is now Falcon Heights, had a suggestion: “Sell your wings,” he advised, meaning, find a sponsor. And that’s exactly what Holman did, signing on with the Washburn Crosby Company, predecessor of General Mills.

One of the heroes of early aviation in the Upper Midwest, Holman did most of his flying elsewhere, but Curtiss Northwest became his backyard for several weeks while Kidder’s mechanics modified his Thomas-Morse Scout biplane for racing.

In addition to a more powerful engine, the mechanics installed fuel tanks that were over twice the size that Kidder referred to the aircraft as a “flying gasoline can.”

The plane was painted an eye-catching bright yellow and bore the trademark of Gold Medal flour.

Holman, only 25, flew to a second-place finish in the “Ou to Duryea” dash from Minor, N.D., to Dayton, Ohio, the national race headquarters, adding to his growing reputation.

He earned the nickname “Speed” from racing motorcyclists at the Minnesota State Fair while still a teenager. Like Charles Lindbergh and other early aviators, he got into flying by becoming a wing-walker and parachute jumper.

By the time he was 20, Holm an had his own plane, barnstorming across the region and beginning to win prizes for his stunt flying. He was known for seldom wearing a parachute, because he tended to fly so low that it wouldn’t do him any good.

The Air Mail Act passed by the U.S. Congress in 1925 meant, find a sponsor. Holman knew a flying circus was performing at the Minnesota State Fair. Unannounced, he zoomed his plane past the grandstand and proceeded to perform a series of hair-raising stunts to the delight of the crowd.

Holman enthusiastically

promoted the development of airfields and aviation in the region and in 1931 was on hand to perform in the air show marking the opening of the new Omaha, Neb., airport.

There, before 20,000 people jammed into the grandstand, he performed one of his favorite stunts, taking his plane up to about 2,000 feet and nosing it straight down in a power dive. But this time Holman was unable to right the ship and it crashed in a ball of flames, killing the 32-year-old pilot instantly.

Although it was never proven, one theory was that Holman lost control when his seat harness broke. Back in the Twin Cities, 50,000 people gathered in and around Acacia Park Cemetery in Mendota Heights for Holman’s burial. A group of 20 or more planes circled overhead, with one peeling off and sweeping downward to drop a wreath of flowers on the grave.

In his eulogy, Gov. Floyd B. Olson called Holman “probably the greatest stunt flyer of all time” adding, “he made his flights not alone for the thrill of adventure, but that in order that he and the aviation industry might learn what planes could do under adverse conditions.”

The St. Paul airport was named after Holman and a memorial at the field bore the inscription, “He belonged to the heights and the heights claimed him.”

New signs commemorate former airport

Two new interpretive signs at Curtiss Field Park, 1555 W. Iowa Ave., Falcon Heights, will tell the story of Curtiss Northwest Airport, the flying field that flourished on the site in the early 1920s. The signs will be in place by the time of the city’s Spring Together event, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, May 12. Funding for the signs was provided by a grant to the Minnesota Historical Society from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.
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Pennington thinks mini-golf is the perfect draw. “It appeals to all age demographics,” she says. “People come for the golf, and they stay for another form of art that they haven’t experienced before. We grow new audiences for the arts.”

At Can Can Wonderland, the declaration of public-benefit status provides a way of insulating their mission from the rougher winds of commerce. “It protects our values” against investors who might otherwise call for bigger profits, Pennington notes.

A positive social impact
For Paul R. Hansen, president and CEO of the St. Anthony Park-based startup company, Minnepura Technologies, claiming the special social benefit status is a way “to make explicit our values. We want a financial return and a positive social impact.”

The company’s main focus is based on technology developed by a pair of professors at the University of Minnesota to address wastewater treatment created in the fracking process for oil extraction from shale deposits. As a commercial spin-off company, “Minnepura has pivoted to apply the technology to commercial and institutional swimming-pool use,” says Hansen, who adds that the process “could save billions potentially.”

Meanwhile, he is interested in “arranging, developing and retaining talent,” many of whom are millennials who are intrigued by the possibility of working with technology that can “make a positive impact” on the environment.

Although Hansen believes that Minnepura can maximize both financial gain and social impact, he says that the main problem with declaring the special social benefit status is dealing with “traditional investors who see those concepts as being opposed.” That means that Hansen, who has a background in industry at 3M, thinks “traditional investors may be put off.” For Hansen, “when less investor money and more grant money [from nonprofit sources].”

However, organizations like Sunrise Banks may be changing that paradigm. “It’s now commonplace for organizations to have a mission in addition to a profit motive,” says Beckstrand, noting that the bank donates up to 2 percent of its net profits to nonprofit groups. “It’s almost an expectation when I talk to audiences of [school kids]. It’s interesting to consider what kind of businesses those kids will be starting in 20 years.”

Beckstrand says. “We talk about making mission versus margin decisions,” summing up the balancing act between financial and social concerns. Sunrise adopted public-benefit status in Minnesota as soon as the legislation went into effect in 2015. But even before that —since 2009 —she has been a “Certified B Corporation,” commended by the B Lab, an out-of- state group that bills itself as “a nonprofit organization that serves a global movement of people using business as a force for good” for meeting the “highest standards of corporate purpose, accountability and transparency.”

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Supporting the arts or paying a livable wage, for example. Or they can opt for general public-benefit status, signaling their intentions to promote socially responsible goals across the board. So far, there is only one bank in Minnesota to elect general public-benefit status. With an estimated $800 million in assets, Sunrise Banks is also one of the largest companies to opt for public-benefit status.

“The movement toward socially responsible [enterprise] can be embraced no matter what kind of business is involved,” says Sunrise President Nichol Beckstrand. Quartly acknowledges that the banking profession “is not always viewed in the best light” by those who pay attention to financial scandals, she says Sunrise’s public-benefit status gives her a special job of pride in her profession. “Being able to use financial skills to improve people’s lives through products and interactions is very satisfying.”

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Transition Your money
By Judy Woodward
Not all groups interested in socially responsible investing enjoy corporate status.

St. Anthony Park resident Sherman Eagles is one of the organizers of a different kind of startup. “We’re not a formal organization. More of a working group of individuals … looking for anyone interested in investing in alignment with their values.”

The group, which calls itself Transition Your Money, grew out of a workshop held last summer at a Transition Town conference at Macalester College, Eagles explains.

About 15 people have attended each of the three meetings they’ve held so far, Eagles says. “We’re still learning, exploring different ways that people can invest locally and aligned with their values.”

Some of the ideas they’ve looked at include “unlocking” retirement savings held in IRAs or 401(k)s that are invested in investment vehicles not chosen by the individual saver. They’re also considering the idea of incorporating as a commercial real estate co-op, where “each member gets one vote. People can invest more, but you don’t get more votes.”

They would like to keep the focus local. “We may be interested in buying local rental properties and keeping them affordable,” Eagles says. “The only way to know what your money is doing is to know the businesses you invest in. And that improves your community.”

They may not have figured out the means yet, but Eagles says they’ve already got a firm vision of the long-term goal they want to reach.

“We want to discover ways to transition our money to build the community we’d like to live in,” he says.

Transition Your Money meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Lori’s Coffee House at Cleveland and Buford avenues in St. Anthony Park. Newcomers and drop-ins are always welcome.
Bell Museum will open July 14

By Roger Bergersen

The grand opening isn’t until the weekend of July 13-15, but people clearly are excited about the University of Minnesota’s new Bell Museum in Falcon Heights.

Summer camps for grades-kindergarten through eighth are filling up, school groups have reserved 2,000 tickets for tours in August alone, and weddings “under the stars” are booked for the new planetarium.

The new Bell Museum (the name has been shortened from the James Ford Bell Museum of Natural History) is expected to attract more than 100,000 visitors a year, triple the total at its former home on the Minneapolis campus.

After a long spell in political limbo at the state Capitol and several years of construction, the $75 million facility at Larpenteur and Cleveland avenues is complete and ready to welcome visitors to its high-tech exhibits and outdoor learning opportunities.

In addition, the Bell’s renowned dioramas have been fully restored and integrated with other exhibits to create a journey through Minnesota’s habitats.

“When you visit the new Bell, it will be clear that you are also visiting a world-class research university,” said Denise Young, the museum’s executive director. “Dozens of University of Minnesota researchers — including our own faculty curators — have helped create the new exhibits, planetarium shows and programs.

“You are likely to meet a scientist during your visit, or share in the thrill of discovery with one of our talented university student guides,” she added.

One of the major attractions of the new Bell will be the 120-seat Whitney and Elizabeth MacMillan Planetarium, with a unique seamless dome projection surface, the largest planetarium between Chicago and the West Coast.

Parke Kunkle, now retired, taught astronomy at Minneapolis Community and Technical College and serves on the Bell advisory board. He noted that the Twin Cities area has been without a major planetarium since the one in the Minneapolis Central Library closed more than 35 years ago.

In the interim, he took students to the planetarium that the St. Paul School District sponsors at Como Elementary School. The Bell planetarium will now network with the Como facility and planetariums around the state to showcase research work being conducted at the university.

“Think of the new planetarium as a digital immersive theater,” Kunkle said. “We can and will show you the night sky, but now we also have good data to virtually fly you into the sky and around the universe.”

And the opportunities to explore don’t stop there, he added.

“It will let us virtually wander around the interior of the heart or the human nervous system to visualize and understand how these systems work,” Kunkle said. “And we can tour the various biomes in Minnesota to learn how species of plants and animals interact and to see how rising temperatures might affect these systems.”

Young said the natural history museum is the official “record-keeper” of the biodiversity of Minnesota.

“We hold over a million plant and animal specimens in our collection, and they are used by university researchers and students, natural resources professionals and others here and around the world to better understand life on earth,” she said.

“The new Bell will allow us to better highlight our collections and the important work our curators do,” Young said.

To find out more about opening weekend activities, go to bellmuseum.umn.edu.
Events

Visit our website at the end of the calendar. Send your events to cal@parkbugle.org by Wednesday, May 2, to be included in the next issue.

1 TUESDAY
Baby/toddler storytime each Tuesday at St. Anthony Park Library, at 9:30 a.m. and at 10:30 a.m.
St. Anthony Park Cares Club: “The Life and Work of Luther Burbank, American Botanist, Horticulturist and Pioneer in Agricultural Science,” presented by Mary McGuire Lewis, St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church Fellowship Hall, 7 p.m. social time, 7:30-8:30 p.m. program.

2 WEDNESDAY
Exude Conversations Circles, every Wednesday, St. Anthony Park Library, 4-5:30 p.m.
St. Anthony Park Adult Book Club, St. Anthony Park Library, 6:30-8 p.m. All are welcome.

3 THURSDAY
Caregiver and Bonding Support Groups, last Thursday of each month, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 10-11:30 a.m.
Dialogues: Conversations meet every Thursday, U of M St. Paul Campus, Northham Research Station, 1992 Febuhl Rd., 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

4 FRIDAY
Preschool Storytime with Librarian each Friday, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

5 SATURDAY
Flores de Mayo, a pollinator party at Urban Commons, 2725 Endicott St., noon-5 p.m.

6 SUNDAY
St. Anthony Park Library is closed.

10 THURSDAY
SAPs craft nights, “Diapered Hook,” St. Anthony Park Library, 2 p.m. All welcome. Free.

11 FRIDAY
SAPs Car Day, Central United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.-noon. No charge or registration required.
St. Anthony Park Elementary School Spring Carnival, 5:30-8:15 p.m.

12 SATURDAY
Introduction to Hand Drumming, Workshop for women, Women’s Drum Center, 10 a.m.-noon. Fes $20. Register at womensdrumcenter.org.
Spring Together, city of Falcon Heights community gathering, Curtiss Field, 1557 W. Como Ave., 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Prelude,Bring a dish to share.

18 FRIDAY
SAPs Car Day, Central United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.-noon.
No charge or registration required.

20 SUNDAY
Sunday Afternoon Book Club, “The House of Sand and Wheal” by Stephen P. Krenz, Micah’s, 1:30-3 p.m. All are welcome.

21 MONDAY
Community Sing, Olsen Campus Center, Luther Seminary, 6-8 p.m. gathering, 7-8:30 p.m. sing. The event is free, but a hat will be passed for our wear, blankets and to make the songs possible. Children welcome. Co-sponsored by the District 12 Council.

SENIOR EXERCISE
St. Anthony Park Area Seniors Mondays and Thursdays, Lauderdale City Hall, 2-3 p.m.
St. Anthony Park Library, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

FREE SENIOR BLOOD PRESSURE Clinics
Como Park/Falcon Heights Black Nurse Program:
Monday, Falcon Heights City Hall, 12:45-1:30 p.m.
Third Thursdays, Arbor Pointe Senior Apartments, 10-11 a.m.

Fourth Thursdays, Falcon Heights Town Square Senior Apartments, 11 a.m.-noon.

Saint Anthony Park Area Seniors (SAPAS)
Wednesdays, Central United Methodist Church, 11:30 a.m.-noon.

Friday, May 4, St. Anthony Park Library, 2-3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 8, Seal Hi-Rise, 3-5:30 p.m.

VENUES
Abasr Prince Senior Apartments, 675 W. Maryland Ave.
Central United Methodist Church SAP campus, 2200 Hiawatha Ave., 651-607-8946
Clare’s Heights Elementary School, 1557 Kenos St., 651-293-8790
Falcon Heights City Hall, 207 W. Lauderdale Ave.
Falcon Heights Town Square Senior Apartments, 1350 W. Lauderdale Ave.
Lauderdale City Hall, 1891 Webster St., 651-631-0300
Minneapolis, Carter & Como, In Tran Milia Square, 651-646-5506
Muir Middle School, 2200 Buford St., 651-293-8740
Olsen Campus Center, Lutheran Seminary, 1490 Fillmore St.
Seal Hi-Rise, 825 Seal St., 651-298-4673
St. Anthony Park Elementary School, 2180 Kopp St., 651-293-8775
St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Ave., 651-642-0413
St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 2129 Cummings Ave., 651-646-7173
St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave., 651-645-3058
Women’s Drum Center, 2242 W. University Ave.

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Vina was born Nov. 7, 1926, in Hollis, N.Y. She and her husband moved to a home on Gordon Avenue in St. Anthony Park in 1958 and raised their large family there.
She was the receptionist at Children’s Home Society of Minnesota (CHSM) for 22 years.
“Vina was a wonderful, gracious lady who was loved by all of us at Children’s Home Society.”

Wayne Mahan
Wayne, 80, a longtime resident of Como Park, died unexpectedly on March 18, 2018.
He is survived by his wife, Bernadette; brother, Kermut (Madalyn); children, Christopher, Gregory and Brian (Jackie); and three grandchildren.
Wayne’s interment was on March 27 at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

David Miller
David Ervin Miller, 69, died April 1, 2018, due to a cerebral aneurysm that occurred as he was completing his daily walk around Lake Como.
Dave was born Oct. 6, 1948. He graduated from Murray High School (class of 1966) and the University of Minnesota.
Dave was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Betty Millet. He is survived by his brother, Daniel (Beth Haukebo), and sister, Nancy (John) Lindahl; and his longtime girlfriend, Patti Gibbs.
Dave was a talented, intelligent and gentle soul. He was a gifted woodworker; a dedicated crossword puzzle aficionado, a fabulous golfer (who got his hole in one!), a cyclist, a music lover and a movie enthusiast.
Above all, he was a great brother, uncle and friend.
A memorial service will be held May 4 at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ at 11 a.m., with visitation at 10 a.m.

Elizabeth Redshaw
Elizabeth Redshaw, 99, died April 5, 2018, at her home in St. Anthony Park. Born on June 18, 1918, in Springfield, Mass., she was the daughter of Thomas Stevenson Dillon and Marian Storm Dillon.
She spent an idiopathic childhood in Brookfield and her schooldays in Ashol, Mass.
She married Lincoln L. Redshaw of Lynn, Mass., in 1942. They made their home in Marblehead, Mass., where they raised their sons.
Elizabeth is survived by her sons, Thomas, of St. Paul, and Frederick, of Baster, Minn.; and granddaughter, Tonya Elizabeth Redshaw, of Minneapolis.
She will be sorely missed by all whom she loved and befriended in this life.

LaVonne Souther
LaVonne Meredith Souther, 96, of St. Anthony Park, died March 26, 2018, at Morning Song Villa in Menomonee, Wis. She was born Dec. 2, 1921, daughter of Willard E. and Frances C. (Lynten) Lorenz in Osseo, Minn. She was a graduate of Anoka High School and continued her education at the University of Minnesota in related arts.
LaVonne married Burton E. Souther on October 10, 1943. Homemaking and hospitality became her life’s career. She was an adept leader and teacher for Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops and 4-H clubs and was dedicated in faithful service for 73 years to St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ.
She expressed her creativity through gardening, writing, cooking, baking, making banners, weaving, painting and making her own Christmas cards for 73 years. She lovingly wrote letters to family and friends over generations.
LaVonne is survived by her brother, Robert Lorenz; children, Sarah “Sally” Conklin and twins Barbara Souther and Richard (Jude) Souther; five grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; two great-granddaughters; and seven great-grandchildren.
She was preceded in death by her husband, Burton; son, David; sister, Geraldine “Gertie” Jacob; and son-in-law, Roger Conklin.
A memorial service was held April 8 at St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ.

Catherine Tarnowski
Catherine A. Tarnowski, 97, of St. Paul, died March 15, 2018.
She was preceded in death by her husbands, Adam Schultz and Adam Tarnowski; son, Robert Schultz; parents, Henry and Josephine Felton; and brother, John Felton. Catherine is survived by a daughter, Karen Loeven; daughter-in-law, Betty Schultz; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.
Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated April 13 at St. Cecilia Catholic Church, with interment at Resurrection Cemetery.
Students lead book drive
Children’s Book Express to collect
elementary students this spring.
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students spent a day at the Federal
Reserve Bank in Minneapolis this
Invitational Econ C hallenge.

Econ  students rise to the challenge
and Shyann Salverda made the book
Friday, M ay 18, 5  to 8 p.m . Everyone
is welcome, including grandparents,
friends and neighbors.
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games, bounce houses, a raffle and
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History Day winn ers
Six Como students advanced to the
State History Day competition, which
will be held Saturday, April 28,
at the University of Minnesota. State
qualifiers in individual exhibits are:
Caillie Jones, Emma Mueller and Kayla Seltshicka. Kao Nou Lee, Lee
Thao and William Farley qualified for state with their group exhibit.
Earning honorable mention on the
regional competition were Panp
Thor, Thinh Nguyen and David
Attabi for their website, and Ron
Lay and Naw Sei for their group exhibit.

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Students march in Washington
Three students from Jennings
Community School attended the March
for Our Lives Rally in Washington, D.C., on
March 24. Chavonne Harwell, Kemonie Roan
and R’Ell Robinson were among an
estimated 800,000 participants at this
historic event.
People from across the nation were present to hear speeches by
young people from Florida’s Marjory
Stoneman Douglas High School.
There were other speakers, too—all
were young people. Not one adult
approached the podium.
Martin Luther King’s
granddaughter, Yolanda Renee King,
who 9, also spoke and expressed
her dreams of one day having a
gun-free world.

Eighth-year-old Douglas
High School student Emma Gonzalez’s speech was highlighted by
six-and-a-half minutes of silence.
Her classmate David Hogg appealed
to a call for action for young people
who vote,” said Jennings’ K emonie Roan,
“but when I can, I’m going to have
prior knowledge on who supports
what and who’s allied with whom.”

The Jennings Community School said this was a
life-changing experience and their
generation can have an effect to
drive the senior service project.
Since last fall, the two seniors helped
promote the project and collect the
books that will be distributed to
elementary students this spring.

Econ students rise to the challenge
Eight Como AP Macroeconomics
students spent a day at the Federal
Reserve Bank in Minneapolis this
spring competing in the Regional
Invitational Econ Challenge.
Both of Como’s four-member
teams finished in the top three
out of 14 teams. The team of Maria
Sanchez-Lopez, Kelenah Yang, Ell
Patrickson and Jensen Kerr advanced to
the State Econ Challenge.

Jennings Community School
The following Murray students
won awards at the Minnesota
Science Fair April 12. Their awards
are listed after their names:
Amoli Parcell, American
Chemical Society, honorable
mention; Ecolab Green Award;
Wolfram Research Mathematica
Software Award; Broadcast Masters
Award; and Minnesota Academy of
Science Award, silver
Adam Gaudio, Minnesota
Horticultural Society Award
Betty Hofre, Seagie Emerging
Scientist Award; Wolfram Research
Mathematica Software Award;
Broadcast Masters Award;
Minnesota Academy of Science
Award, gold; and Graduate Women
in Science Award, eighth grade
Maggie Fuller, third place
overall and Land O’ Lakes Award for
Food Innovation
Sebastian Zuckower, Broadcast
Masters Award and Minnesota
Academy of Science Award, silver;
Soren Seppenen and Siri Pattison;
Emerson Sackreiter, Elise Dunn, Olivia
Meeker, Hemmi Sv-Aar Apt
Group website: Annika Culver
and Alice Wagner-Hammarstedt;
Naomi Kempeck and Maddie
Schilling; Betty Hebble and
Campbell Wencel; Kai Sackreiter and
Henry Brandt; McKenna Frechette
and Sarah Parker
Individual website: Adam
Gaudino, Joseph Hoang, Charlie
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A preview of the Como Cougars on the diamonds

A few months ago, the Bugle ran a story about Como’s Nordic Ski team waiting for winter. It’s no secret that once it came, winter had an extended stay. April’s cold and snow brought challenges for teams of student athletes across the state in all the spring sports. The Como Cougars had more indoor practices than they could have imagined.

The field house at Como saw steady use after school and into the evening to accommodate baseball and softball players, and golfers, who can all hit into nets. While not ideal, practices than they could have done, including pitching and infield practice on a hard surface.

The track team ran down the hallways more than around the track. Other groups, including tennis and Ultimate Frisbee struggled to find time and space for training. It’s been a slow start to the spring season.

When it gets going, the game and meet schedules will be packed due to a slew of cancellations from the first month of the season. That means the baseball field and softball field directly east of Como Park High School will be a busy space with Cougar games nearly every day. Here’s a preview of the action on the diamonds — where Como teams have historically had strong showings in the St. Paul City Conference.

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“We’ve been working hard, and I’m pleased with their positive attitude and proud of them for putting in the time inside to get better,” Fischbach said.

Como baseball
The Cougars have been a fixture in the top half of the St. Paul City Conference standings for more than a decade. Under co-coaches Matt Smith and Lenny Franco, Como’s conference record is 70-29. The Cougars’ last conference championship was in 2014. The goal for 2018, as always, is to compete for the title.

Smith says that Highland and Central are the top teams going into this season, and a lot of things will need to go right for the Cougars to contend with them. The Como coaches are encouraged by what they’ve seen after weeks of work in the field house.

Senior leadership will be provided by Gunnar Olson, Danny Ventrelli, Colin Columbus and Patrick Cornies. They will form the heart of the batting order. Cornies and Columbus are capable of getting on base while Olson and Ventrelli (who are 6 feet 6 inches and 6 feet 5 inches, respectively) can drive runners home when they connect.

Olson will also be a key pitcher, as will junior Rafe Eddins and sophomore Ephraim Mau. Columbus will anchor the defense behind the plate as the catcher. The middle of the infield will be covered by junior Tommy Freberg, Mau (when not pitching), and whoever shows reliability on routine plays.

A big concern for many schools, including Como, is the depth of pitching. There are strict pitch counts enforced by the Minnesota State High School League (MSHSL), which coaches support and understand, because it protects players and their arms.

With the condensed schedule due to the prolonged snow, however, the challenge will be navigating multiple double-header games that are likely to occur. Teams with less experienced pitchers may struggle, as more kids are needed to comply with pitch counts.

Another new twist to this season’s schedule is the MSHSL approval of shortened five-inning games in doubleheaders, which was announced on April 11. The accommodation makes sense given the lack of days for games, but it will still be strange for teams and fans, and it will challenge coaches with a wide range of managerial decisions.
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Celebrate spring at the co-op
Hampden Park Co-op, 928 Raymond Ave., will celebrate spring at its annual Mayfest Saturday, May 12, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Mayfest is a plant sale and an extravaganza of music, food and activities. The family-friendly celebration that will include local musicians Dawn Tanner, Mama Caught Fire, the Old Smugglers and Just Wulf; the Foxy Falafel food truck and Urban Growler beer on tap; several vendors offering free samples; kids activities; pollinator-friendly plants from Glacial Ridge Growers (annuals, perennials, vegetables, herbs, hanging baskets and seeds); plant experts on hand to answer questions; and many other community partners.

The event will be held in the co-op’s parking lot, rain-or-shine. For more information, visit www.hampdenparkcoop.com.

Hats and high tea
Each spring, Kat Menaged at Scarborough Fair in St. Anthony Park hosts a celebration of millinery with Hats, Horses and High Tea—a nod to the Kentucky derby and spring and a fundraiser for area nonprofits. This year, the women’s clothing boutique in Milton Square in St. Anthony Park, hosted the party on March 17 as a benefit for Planned Parenthood Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota.

Urban Growler farmers market
A new farmers market will open Sundays at Urban Growler Brewing Co., 2325 Endicott St., in South St. Anthony Park beginning May 20. The market will be open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and feature produce, cottage foods, handcrafted goods and more. Interested in being a vendor? Email anja@urbangrowlerbrewing.com.