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"It didn't have to be this way"

What the controversy around the canceled Luther Seminary shelter proposal says about how the issue of homelessness is handled in St. Paul and beyond.

By Sommer Wagen
News analysis

The overnight shelter that was planned for Luther Seminary's vacant Stub Hall would've been illegal to begin with, according to land use attorney and St. Anthony Park resident Eric Galatz.

Galatz led the charge in the opposition from SAP residents that resulted in the seminary deciding it wasn't equipped to deal with challenges to the plan and recently pulling out of its planned lease with Ramsey County and the non-profit organization Model Cities.

As soon as he saw the May 8 Pioneer Press article announcing the shelter as essentially a done deal, Galatz said, "I knew that this kind of facility is only allowed in downtown business districts."

Galatz then called the St. Paul City Attorney's Office, which, he told the St. Anthony Park Listserv, was not even aware of the overnight shelter plans until he asked about it on Friday, May 10.

"Someone involved in the project ... did contact the City Planning Department about whether they needed any permits for the overnight shelter at Stub Hall," Galatz explained. "The City planner (I assume not THE City Planner) apparently told the project representative no permits were required."

Once unleashed, the intensity of the community opposition to the shelter took many aback, including Ramsey County District 3 Commissioner Trista Martinson.

"The campaign of fear mongering and innuendo waged against unsheltered people over the last few weeks has been the most disheartening thing that I have ever witnessed as an elected official in Ramsey County," she said in a statement on Monday, May 20. "All across our city, I see brightly colored signs declaring that 'ALL ARE WELCOME HERE.' Now I wonder how much we really mean it."

Is it bias?

Discomfort with unhoused people is not unexpected, nor unusual. According to the National Homelessness Law Center, at least 187 cities and 48 states have enacted laws over the past three decades to criminalize camping, sleeping in public places and panhandling.

Architecture and design often deliberately discourage such activities. For example, segmented and standing benches can be seen at bus and train stations throughout the Twin Cities as measures to deter unhoused people from sleeping there.

In its worst form, bias has led to the actual killing of unhoused people. The National Coalition



Luther Seminary's vacant Stub Hall was proposed to be used for a homeless shelter. The seminary canceled in the wake of neighborhood concerns. Photo by Courtney Perry, courtesy of Luther Seminary.

for the Homeless documented 97 reported acts of violence toward people experiencing homelessness from 2020 to 2022; almost half of those attacks were fatal.

The report asserts that violence against the unhoused is the result of the dehumanization of the homeless and poor people in general going back to the 1980s.

"Homelessness is not a moral failure of a person, it is a moral failure of society," said NCH executive director Donald H. Whitehead Jr. in the Coalition's 2024 Hate Crimes Report. "It is immoral to choose displacement and eviction over safety and equality."

Galatz maintains that using his knowledge of zoning laws to argue

against the shelter does not equate to anti-homeless sentiment.

"This isn't NIMBY-ism," he said. "The City ordinance says this shouldn't be in anyone's backyard."

Recent experience plays a role

There is another dimension to community opposition involving the people served at the shelter. One community member, Cynthia Ahlgren, wrote to the listserv about a resident of the previous emergency shelter at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic who had approached her husband asking for help.

Ahlgren said the resident had

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Foundation names 2024 Brasel Spirit of the Park winner

By Julie Drechsler

The St. Anthony Park Community Foundation has named Mark Hansen as the first recipient of its Michael Brasel Spirit of the Park Award.

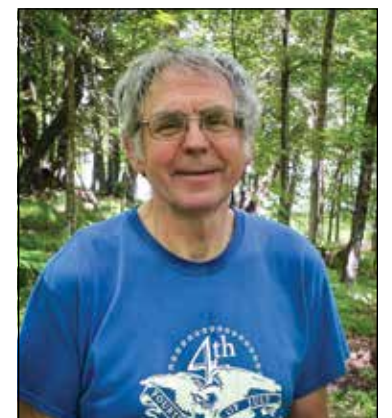
Mark has been a long-standing community leader and it is certainly time to publicly recognize him for his service to St. Anthony Park. He grew up and has lived most of his life in St. Anthony Park, volunteering in numerous ways throughout the years and across many organizations.

Although perhaps best known as a Boy Scout leader for the past several decades, Mark Hansen has worn and continues to wear several volunteer hats.

Many will remember Mark for his support of the St. Anthony Park Elementary School annual carnival and the fundraising barbecue at the 4th in the Park. He has also been a long-time supporter of local hockey, serving as a coach and flooding the rink in Langford Park.

Mark's involvement with his local church, St. Anthony Park Lutheran, has provided him with even more opportunities to share his talent and commitment to volunteering through his support of youth programs, fundraising and church building maintenance.

Perhaps most remarkable is Mark's demonstrated generosity, truly going above and beyond. When a friend and neighbor need-



Mark Hansen. Submitted photo.

ed a kidney transplant, Mark didn't hesitate to volunteer to donate his kidney.

Even when it was determined that it wasn't a successful match,

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District 10 Community Council

Neighborhood Cleanup Kits

The Como Community Council, in partnership with the Capital Region Watershed District, is now offering Neighborhood Cleanup Kits for community members or organizations to borrow to lead their own cleanup events.

Each kit includes trash grabbers, vests, bags and gloves. Plan a cleanup in your neighborhood, even if it's just your own household, or add one to your annual block party this summer.



To reserve a kit email kits@district10comopark.org. Reserve one kit for any event or two for a larger cleanup! More info on the D10 Website: District10ComoPark.org/Cleanup#kits.

Como Tree Trek: Meet the trees

Last year, District 10 Como Community Council received a grant from the St. Paul Audubon Society to support a new initiative for the Como Park Tree Trek.

For several years, the Tree Trek program has tagged Como Park trees and provided an accompanying self-guided map but thanks

to the new funding, the program has expanded content with Meet the Trees.

Our Tree Trek guide, Stephanie Mirocha, spent countless hours last year writing thorough and personalized tree species write-ups with photos for all 41 tagged tree species in Como Park.

It was wonderful to see that, like the experience of attending one of the guided Tree Trek events, the written content is not only informative but filled with personal touches and fun quirks.

While the photographs document the trees, many of them are also simply gorgeous and illustrate Stephanie's multitude of artistic talents.

Meet the Trees on the D10 website: District10ComoPark.org/Tree-Trek.

Annual Ice Cream Social: July 12

Every year, the District 10 Community Council plans our ice cream social, typically featuring free ice cream, live music, meet-and-greets with neighborhood organizations and activities for children and families.

The event is scheduled at the Historic Streetcar Station in Como Park, 1224 Lexington Parkway. Due to limited available parking, please consider walking, biking or carpooling to the celebration.

This event is still being planned. If you're interested in helping plan or volunteering at this event, please fill out our volunteer interest form,



Ice Cream Social at the Historic Streetcar Station in Como Park. Photo submitted by District 10.

come to our meetings listed below or reach out to organizer@district10comopark.org.

Find out more at district10comopark.org/IceCreamSocial.

District 10 meetings

- **District 10 community meeting:** 7 p.m., Wednesdays, July 3
- **District 10 community meeting:** 7 p.m., Tuesday, July 16

District 10 meetings are hybrid on Zoom and at the Como Streetcar Station, 1224 Lexington Parkway. Meeting details are at District10ComoPark.org. All District 10 community meetings are open to the public and include time for community members.

Submitted by Shevek McKee, District 10 Community Council Executive Director.

District 12 Community Council

New bike trail signage

Exciting updates for cyclists in the community: SAPCC is thrilled to announce the addition of bike signage for one of our unique bike trails.

Thanks to a generous grant from the University of Minnesota's Good Neighbor Fund (GNF), signage will be added by our partners at the city along Franklin Avenue and Pelham Boulevard in south St. Anthony Park, guiding cyclists to an off-road trail that connects Wabash Avenue to Westgate Commons Park.

This trail offers a safe route from the Pelham bikeway to Franklin Avenue, passing through the new park in Westgate. If you haven't yet explored this path or the Westgate Commons Park, make sure to check them out this summer.

A big "thank you" to the U for supporting neighborhoods—their grants make a significant impact and help make unique projects like this possible. Learn more about the GNF at bit.ly/umngnf.

Tree ID walk

Discover your neighborhood trees with the Tree ID Walk. Join the District 12 Environment Committee for an enlightening Tree ID Walk at College Park on Wednesday, July 10, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Learn to identify various trees in your neighborhood and discover the benefits and considerations of planting them in your yard. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up at: bit.ly/sapccvolunteer.

Pollinator patch and rain gardens

Have you noticed the vibrant coreopsis and catmint at the Pollinator Patch on Raymond and Robbins? Or the weekly "weeding" at the Sydney Triangle rain garden?

Initiated last year by the District 12 Environment and Transportation committees with the help of



Artist's rendering of Westgate Commons Park with bicyclists. Submitted by District 12 Community Council.

volunteers, these plants and green-spaces are thriving, thanks in part to recent rains.

This summer, Ramsey County Master Gardeners are joining the effort to rejuvenate the rain gardens along Raymond Avenue in south Saint Anthony Park.

Look for weekly and monthly planting and weeding parties at the Pollinator Patch and rain gardens this summer. Sign up today and volunteer in our green spaces with your neighbors at: bit.ly/sapccvolunteer.

Upcoming meetings


District 12 committee meetings are open to the public. If you are interested in attending a committee meeting, please RSVP at bit.ly/sapccvolunteer. By RSVPing, you will receive an agenda and Zoom link before the meeting.

- **Land Use Committee:** 7 p.m., Thursday, July 4 (canceled due to holiday)
- **District 12 Board:** 7 p.m., Thursday, July 11
- **Environment Committee:** 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 24
- **Equity Committee:** 7 p.m., Thursday, July 25
- **Transportation Committee:** 7 p.m., Tuesday, July 30

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Lauderdale launches Environment Commission

By Anne Holzman

Lauderdale has created a new city commission for environmental concerns and is seeking applicants this summer.

The city council adopted the ordinance creating the Environment and Sustainability Commission at its May 14 meeting after a brief public hearing at which no one asked to speak. The vote was 4-0 with council member Sharon Kelly absent.

According to the published notice, "The purpose of the commission is to promote awareness of environmental and sustainability issues among the public and serve as a resource for the city council and city staff regarding conservation and the management of energy and the environment."

The city will accept applications in July, with a tentative goal of having the new commission convene for the first time in September.

Initially, the city council will ap-

point five members for staggered terms of one, two and three years; four must be Lauderdale residents and the fifth can be a non-resident who owns property in the city. Once the rotation of members is established, all will serve two-year terms. There will also be a seat for a non-voting youth member.

At its May 28 meeting, the council discussed goals for 2025 as a preliminary step toward setting up next year's budget. Included were three topics for the new environ-

ment commission: solid waste collection, land use around Walsh Lake and the possibility of adding edible plantings such as fruit trees on city land.

Lauderdale currently has no other standing committees in city government. ■

Anne Holzman is a Twin Cities freelance writer who covers Falcon Heights and Lauderdale government news.

SAP history and architecture walking tours set

By Mary Mergenthal

Building on the interest in last year's walking tours and on the attendance at the monthly history talks at St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, retired Augsburg Art and Design professor Kristin Anderson will lead neighborhood walking tours on two topics this summer.

The tours will feature the University of Minnesota's St. Paul Campus and south St. Anthony Park's Hampden Park area. Both areas figured in the early development of the St. Anthony Park neighborhood in the 1880s.

Each tour will be offered three times: on Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., on Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and on the following Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m.

The dates for the St. Paul Campus tour are July 18, 20 and 23; and



University campus buildings in St. Paul along Eckles. Photo by Kristin Anderson.

the Hampden Park area tours will be offered on August 22, 24, and 27.

Suggested donation for each tour is \$10 and reservations are required. For more information and to sign up, visit KristinAnderson.org/SAPtours2024 or KristinAnderson.org/events.

Generous support towards an audio system provided by St. Anthony Park's Courtney Law Office. ■

Mary Mergenthal lives in St. Anthony Park and is a former Bugle editor.

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EDITORIAL

From the desk of the editor

By Scott Carlson

Celebrating 50 years of the Bugle

Dear readers,

This issue marks the 50th anniversary of the Park Bugle.

That is no small feat given recent trends in U.S. newspapering. The Medill School of Journalism reported in 2022 that of the number of local newspapers in the U.S.—one quarter of the total—had ceased publication since 2005.

We hope and pray the Bugle lives to see another 50 years. That we have made it this far is a testament to, among other things, continuing support from our legion of advertisers and business and individual donors.

In this issue, and in succeeding editions this year, we plan to run stories that look at what it took to get the Bugle to this anniversary milestone. Our lineup of anniversary stories this month include:

—A commentary from board chairperson Helen Warren on the key founder of the Bugle.

—Reflections from Adam Granger, a longtime Bugle columnist whose forte has been as a humorist.

In August, we plan to include Judy Woodward's look at several prior Bugle editors and Mary Mergenthal will share what it was like to serve as editor of the Bugle. I think you will agree that we have had scores of very talented and dedicated people helping make the Bugle a success.

There also will be anniversary-related stories from former editors Dave Healy and Kristal Leebrick.

In the process, we will be chronicling the survival and flourishing of a neighborhood institution that is a key ingredient in building and sustaining community in St. Anthony Park, Como Park, Falcon Heights and Lauderdale.

The new 2024-25 Bugle board

With the start of a new fiscal year, the Bugle has had a slight changing of the guard.

At our 2024 annual meeting in June, we honored two outgoing members—Rosann Cahill and Kristin Wiersma. Both women

were energetic and visionary board members, helping push the Bugle in new directions and deepening its footprint in the community. We thank them for a job well done.

Meanwhile, we welcomed three new board members—Allison Eklund, Andy Sackreiter and Ian Wreisner. Allison and Andy have deep ties to SAP while Ian is newer to the community and is a journalist at the Anoka County Union Herald.

We are looking forward to their contributions and an exciting new fiscal year! ■

Scott Carlson is the managing editor of the Bugle.

Holding Up a Mirror: Reflections on St. Anthony Park

By Helen Warren

"Why didn't you ask us first?"

That's the question neighbors posed when they learned about Luther Seminary's recent plan to convert Stub Hall to an emergency shelter for people without a home.

The opposition to the plan took shape quickly. Some neighbors mounted legal arguments, citing zoning ordinances and case law.

Others were practical: they asked what shelter residents would do and where would they go each day when the shelter closed in the morning. They suspected that underlying afflictions, like drug dependency or mental illness, would alter our social and commercial interactions in St. Anthony Park.

They worried about children walking to and from school and those in outdoor preschool. Some recalled problems associated with a previous shelter and worried the problems would recur.

These arguments formed an initial answer to the query about why Luther leaders didn't ask us first. Perhaps it was rooted in the urge to control and protect against opposition that resembled the "not in my backyard" mentality, a refusal borne of fear. Perhaps Luther leaders didn't ask us first because they knew the answer would be "no."

Conversely, perhaps they didn't ask us first because Luther leaders just assumed the answer to be "yes." They knew that many St. Anthony Park residents champion progressive politics, are generous and friendly, commit themselves to inclusion and equity, and declare "all are welcome here" on signs in their front yards and church vestibules.

It's also possible that Luther leaders didn't ask us first because they didn't believe they had to. They own the property and are within

their rights to contract with Ramsey County for its use.

So Luther leaders didn't ask us first, and then they changed their minds and canceled their plans. It felt like surrender, an admission of defeat.

I wonder if the real losers were those who made no plans, who offered no arguments, and who weren't consulted at any point in the controversy. The real losers may be unsheltered individuals.

Perhaps it's time to hear from them. So I searched for essays by homeless people. Google produced a predictably slim list of findings that included an article entitled "Homeless in the City" by Theodore Walther, published in *The American Scholar* in 2013.

Walter lived on the streets of Santa Monica, California, for 10 years. One of the items in his duffel bag was a laptop computer. He spent most days in a library, writing, and many nights drinking himself into a stupor.

Walter describes the rear of a post office parking lot that he called home. Not too far away, on the exterior wall of a drycleaning shop, was a mirror. Walther looked at his reflection in that mirror every morning.

"I call it the Magic Mirror, though there's nothing special about it," Walther writes. "It simply reflects reality, dispelling all those creeping, insidious thoughts that somehow society's judgment may be correct—that I really am just a piece of human waste, someone with nothing to offer, something less than human."

The mirror "shows me who I really am deep down, underneath the homeless façade that others see. It does all this for me just by offering my reflection, free of judgment. It keeps me going."

In his reflection, Walther sees himself "as a whole person, well or unwell." That view preserves the possibility "that somehow, perhaps with the help of people I do not yet know, somehow my situation will change.

"Somehow I will make the right move or meet the right person who will help me overcome these long years and make it all worthwhile—all of the suffering, the sleepless, freezing nights, the hunger . . . the humiliation . . . they all have to be worth something. I believe this. The mirror keeps me going."

Of course, pieces of glass don't work magic. The magic happens when we choose to look in the mirror every day and see what research studies and zoning ordinances and arguments conceal.

The magic happens when we pursue the possibility that our assumptions and fears and regrets are not inevitable, that something we can't imagine right now will make what we have endured worthwhile.

It happened to Theodore Walther. After a decade of homelessness, he made the right move and met the right people. He moved into a small apartment in Los Angeles and lived on his VA benefits.

Perhaps the "magic" can also happen in St. Anthony Park. The St. Anthony Park Faith Communities, a group headed by clergy at the neighborhood's churches, invited residents to attend a conversation on June 27th at the St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church at 6 p.m.

While the topic was "how to cooperatively address the issue of sheltering those most in need," the gathering promised to hold up a mirror so we can "see ourselves as whole persons, well or unwell." (We expect to report on that meeting for the August issue of the Bugle.)

I don't intend to convince any-

one of anything about having a shelter for unhoused people in St. Anthony Park. I haven't made up my own mind about it.

But I am convinced that our discourse ought to reveal possibilities we can't see when we are annoyed, outraged or frightened. I am convinced that accusing our neighbors of deception or hypocrisy doesn't protect or enhance what we treasure about St. Anthony Park.

I am convinced that what scares us about strangers we don't look in the eye is exactly what scares them: violence, theft, assault and depravity threaten them, too. What "keeps us going" is the same, too. ■

Helen Warren lives in St. Anthony Park and is chairperson of the Park Bugle board of directors.

Bugle deadlines

Here are our Bugle deadlines for the next three issues. We appreciate when writers and readers submit articles early.

Please remember publication dates represent when the newspapers go out for delivery. Mail distribution of the paper may take up to several business days.

Bulk drop-offs of the paper are usually completed two to three days after publication.

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October: Food and Drink

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COMMENTARY

Andy Boss: A catalyst for community in St. Anthony Park

By Helen Warren

Exactly 50 years ago, in July of 1974, the first issue of the Park Bugle was published.

The gestation of our community newspaper hasn't been fully documented. But you can piece together the story.

Community leaders wanted to share news, announce events, record the actions of civic, educational and religious organizations and profile neighborhood residents. Local businesses also wanted to advertise goods and services to customers.

That's where Andy Boss came in.

As he told the Bugle's former editor, Kristal Leebrick, in 2012: "I wanted to know more about putting a newspaper together."

So Andy conferred with Roger Swardson, the publisher of the Grand Gazette. A short time later, Boss joined others to establish Park Press Inc., the nonprofit board that still publishes the Park Bugle.

While Andy Boss didn't grow up in St. Anthony Park, it was the home of his grandfather, for whom he was named.

Andrew Boss (1867–1947) arrived in St. Anthony Park in 1889 to attend agriculture school at the University of Minnesota. Eventually he became director of the agricultural program and was known

as "the grand old man of agriculture" because he convinced farmers that science could help them improve crop yields and meat quality. The meat science laboratory on the University of Minnesota St. Paul campus was named the Andrew Boss Laboratory of Meat Science in 1977.

Andrew Boss also founded the St. Anthony Park Bank (now Sunrise Bank). His grandson, Andy, eventually became its president and owner.

Andy Boss's great uncle, William Boss, followed his brother to St. Anthony Park. His interest was in agricultural engineering—using mechanics, mathematics and physics to improve farming. He founded the department of agricultural engineering at the U and designed the first building to house it.

In 1943, William Boss was awarded the John Deere Medal for Distinguished Achievement in the Application of Science and Art to the Soil. William Boss also founded the Specialty Manufacturing Company, a very successful business, as well as Boss Engineering, a consulting company.

The achievements of his forefathers suggest that Andy Boss inherited the ingenuity and determination he used to champion a variety of civic and artistic enterprises. The younger Andy Boss

once remarked that "... the way to succeed is to select one's grandparents with care."

Like his grandfather and his great uncle, Andy Boss was curious about how things worked and how they could be made to work better. But his interests ran toward civic and artistic pursuits rather than scientific ones. Andy told the MSP magazine in 2003, "Solving community problems is my avocation."

In 2012, the Park Theatre held an event at Sunrise Bank to celebrate the conclusion of a fundraising campaign Andy Boss had helped lead. It was also a celebration of Andy.

As Kristal Leebrick wrote at the time: "During the party, a scroll was unrolled from the bank's second floor that contained the names of nearly 60 nonprofits where Boss (had) served as a founder, director, officer or funder, and sometimes, all four.

"That two-story resume spanned education—Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, Voyageur Outward Bound School, Friends of the St. Paul Public Library—government—St. Paul Public Housing Agency, St. Paul Port Authority, St. Paul Riverfront Corp.—and St. Anthony Park institutions—Children's Home Society of Minnesota, St. Anthony Park

Home, Music in the Park Series, to name a few."

Andy also founded the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation.

The range of Andy's interests is impressive. His service on behalf of the St. Paul Public Housing Agency over 26 years was so effective that its headquarters, built in 2007, bears his name.

In 1990, Andy partnered with Joan Mondale to launch the Northern Clay Center. Andy cared as much about the poor as much as he cared about the arts.

Perhaps the best way to understand these accomplishments is to consider how a catalyst works. A catalyst reacts with other chemicals to induce or accelerate chemical reactions without undergoing any permanent chemical change itself.

When Andy entered a conversation about a problem or challenge, he could activate or advise others until a chain reaction sustained itself. The effort didn't deplete his own energy. So he could enter other conversations and give them a catalytic boost.

In 2012, Andy described the process in terms we can all understand: "You get to know people. You ask about each others' kids.



Andy Boss, a founder of the Bugle. Photo from Bugle archives.

You become friends and work together, talk together about what you can do to improve whatever is on the table."

The catalyst of community change is seeing each other as we are, sharing what's important to us and finding a way forward we can travel together. That's what Andy Boss brought to the conversations where the Park Bugle was born. ■

Helen Warren lives in St. Anthony Park and is presiding officer of the Park Bugle board of directors.

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refused to return to the shelter, raising questions about how well residents were being treated by shelter staff and beyond.

"I firmly believe this placement of unscreened homeless men is inappropriate in any residential backyard," she wrote. "This facility does not belong in a residential area anywhere."

Ahlgren added that she was speaking as someone who is clear-eyed about mental illness and addiction.

"I have a family member who suffers from both," she wrote. "The problems they face are acute and varied and not limited to the mere fact that they do not have a roof over their heads."

The miscommunication that created the controversy surrounding the overnight shelter did much more than perturb St. Anthony Park residents.

"Widespread homelessness is manufactured by failed policies at every level of government," the NCH said in their report.

According to Commissioner Martinson, no additional direct funding was allocated to homelessness causes from this year's legislative session.

Last year, conversely, the state of Minnesota dedicated the most funding ever to homelessness programs, according to Matt Traynor, acting executive director of the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless.

There appears to be no clear answer on whether homelessness is being properly addressed.

It is clear, however, that the statewide figure remains high. According to Wilder Research, homelessness in the state of Minnesota remains at the second-highest level out of the past 30 years.

A religious exemption, or a religious obligation?

Once Luther Seminary started to receive feedback from the surrounding community, it appeared the scope of the issue was beyond what it could manage.

"The complexity of managing the proposed lease and supporting a vulnerable population exceeded our current capacity in terms of staffing and resources," said Rachel Farris, Director of Public Relations for Luther Seminary in an email statement.

Farris explained the seminary's understanding from the City of St. Paul and Ramsey County that the shelter was allowable "based on federal law pertaining to land owned by religious organizations."

That law, the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act (RLUIPA), prohibits imposing a "substantial burden on religious practice" via the law.

However, Galatz contended the Luther Seminary's capacity as a landlord in the shelter deal without any hand in shelter operations from clergy, congrega-

tion or staff exempts Luther from RLUIPA protection.

"The County decided to break the law," he alleged. "Changing an ordinance (so RLUIPA could apply to Luther) should be a public process."

With the seminary unable by law to serve the unhoused population and an elected official claiming to be out of options, local religious leaders have since set their sights on finding solutions through community.

"It did not have to be this way," said co-pastors of the St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church Jill Rode and Daniel Tallon Ruen, referring to the poor communication between Ramsey County, the neighborhood and Luther Seminary.

Co-pastors Rode and Ruen scheduled a community meeting on June 27 at the St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church to address the needs of the unhoused "cooperatively."

"We would like nothing more than to re-start conversations with the seminary, the county, and the wider community about how to work together to provide support and care for one another and for people in need," they said in their statement. ■

Sommer Wagen is a University of Minnesota journalism student and intern for the Bugle.



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The Bugle, humor and me

By Adam Granger

In early June of 1974, two momentous things were happening: the “preview issue” of the St. Anthony Park Bugle was being distributed in St. Paul, and I was moving to Minnesota.

My wife and I had clown-carred ourselves, our three cats and everything we owned into a 1965 VW camper in Norman, Oklahoma, and pointed it north, aiming for the family cabin on Big Sandy Lake.

We fell victim to the summer of '74 gas shortage and spent the night of June 8 out of gas halfway up the North Branch exit. (I'd say that that's another story, but that's the whole story.)

I am willing to concede the unlikelihood that there is a connection—cosmic or otherwise—between my arrival in the Twin Cities and the birth of the finest neighborhood paper in the world, and so will reluctantly abandon that snippet of hubris in favor of its having been sheer coincidence.

Truth be told, neither the Bugle nor I knew the other existed until I moved to St. Anthony Park in 1988, and I didn't first write for the Bugle until 2006.

In the early 70s, I had been torn between moving to New York to write for a fledgling “National Lampoon,” which I had already been doing long distance from Oklahoma, or to Minnesota, because I had roots here, had spent most summers here, had a cabin here and had always loved it here (and still do).

A hippie-flavored existential decision was made and we moved to Minneapolis and settled eventually at 1092 18th St. SE. I went to work first at the Guthrie Theater and then writing for and playing in the house band for the just-born “A Prairie Home Companion.”

First Bugle contributions

My first contributions to the Bugle were at the request of then-editor Dave Healy, who asked me to write two pages of April Fool's content in 2006, 2007 and 2008. I don't know that all of the following snippets actually saw print, but what follows are some of my favorite submissions from those years.

I had some fun with SAP's exploding house prices, photographing and listing a decrepit tree house for \$499,000: “an opportunity to live above the trees and under the stars. And, because you're in a tree and not on the ground, there are no property taxes to pay—only a \$350 monthly tree rental fee.” And, I took a picture of a decrepit single-car garage and advertised it as “a cozy, affordable, loft-up car-down bachelor bungalow” for \$600,000.

I wrote a Helpful Hints column which was filled with the overwhelmingly apparent: “When you open that two-liter bottle of pop, save the cap! You can put it back on the bottle so the remaining contents won't go flat.” That column elicited a letter to Editor Healy complaining that, while she enjoyed the April issue as a whole, everything in the advice column was SO OBVIOUS (caps hers).

From the April 2007 issue came an ad—with pics—for houses made of snow (“seasonal housing”) from a company called Snow-on and Snow Fort.

I wrote about a local resident, Shirley U. Jest, who got tired of people looking at her “stuff” in her yard as they walked by her house, so she developed a privacy hedge from a hybrid of buck thorn, poison ivy and kudzu. And another short piece about a new local ordinance prohibiting the gathering of more than four didgeridoo players in one place.

There was an advertisement for “Specialty Animal Services: No Job Too Big or Small.” Services provided included: Worms Turned, Goats Gotten, Cats Cradled, Woodchucks Chucked, Llamas Dollied, Bulls De-China-Shopped, Ferrets Outed, Rats Smelled and Camels Needle-Eyed. SPECIAL THIS WEEK: Dead Lambs Tails Shaken—2 for 1.

We printed a financial advice column by Carey D Balance (CPA, MBA, HAH), to whom AG of St. Anthony Park wrote:

Dear Carey,

Lately, my high-end high-yield no-fee low-load inventory commodities look more like junk bond threshold deposit loss-leaders than the bearish venture-capital trickle-down windfall accounts they're supposed to be. What gives?

Carey responded:

Dear AG,

Call me at my office, and we'll give your aggregate deposit balance subsidiary portfolio a thorough going-over. If we can't jumpstart a supply-side tax-incremented balloon-driven capital-spending upswing, then perhaps another professional like one of Equity Receivership Refinancing Consultants' Malleable Market Management Specialists can initiate a little venture-capital blow-back incentive-deposit aggregate-increment commodities acceleration. Either way, you're in good shape.

I covered plans to re-route light rail through the Park, including a “Knapp Avenue El” over SAP Elementary School, and I was the first reporter to break the news that the city planned to fill College Park with water and open a marina.

Then there was the buy-sell-trade “Swappe Shoppe” with offers like:

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From April 2007 came this advertisement which, in the current climate, would probably not see print, but which is one of my favorites:

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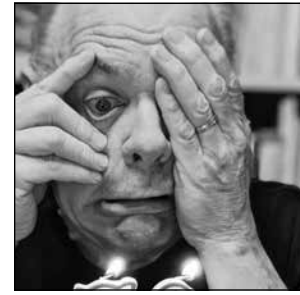
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Adam Granger on his 70th birthday. Submitted photo.

Second stint writing for the Bugle

My second writing stint for the Bugle came under the editorship of Kristal Leebrick, who offered me six columns a year on any topic I wanted.

For the next 10 years, I wrote observational, experiential, generally gently humorous 850-word essays for the Bugle on a galaxy of topics: empty nesting, my 70th birthday, dog ownership, writing for “National Lampoon,” being in the “Prairie Home Companion” movie, Christmas, lying, writing for Recycled Greeting cards, apologizing, old folks, old letters, tools, gifting, left-handedness, alleys, stage fright, being a musician on the road, collecting, love, delivering newspapers, panhandlers.

The Bugle only published two letters criticizing columns I had written. (Neither letter writer had read my original words carefully enough and, disappointingly, neither responded to reach-outs from me explaining same.)

With a new editor comes change. It's to be expected, and it's one of the things we want, really. I had extraordinary leeway under Kristal Leebrick and, as I told current editor Scott Carlson when he came aboard, I didn't expect an extension of that privilege.

But, without regularity, there is a loss of recognizability and momentum that would send my already unusual topics even farther into *non sequitur* land. Besides, a strong case can be made that people have heard quite enough from me.

I do wish for more levity in the Bugle but, as a longtime writer of humor, I'm liable to say that about any publication. There's not enough humor in a world that's getting unfunnier by the day.

I'm happy and proud to have made my contributions to—ending with the descriptor I started with—the finest neighborhood paper in the world. ■

Adam Granger, a St. Anthony Park resident, has been a frequent columnist and contributor to the Park Bugle for decades. His writing focuses on humor and wry observations about life.

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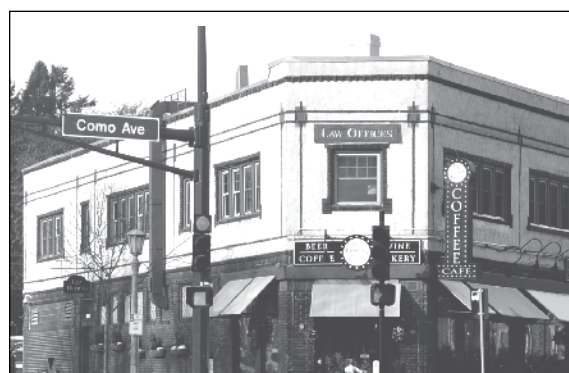
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The Minnesota climate *is* changing

By Gwen Willems
News analysis

Minnesota gardeners will likely be frustrated by another hot summer, according to Mark Seeley, a climatologist and retired University of Minnesota professor in St. Paul.

Seven of eight forecast models favor warmer weather than normal for June, July and August in almost all of the United States. In addition, chances of moisture are unknown: models are inconsistent about rainfall projections for Minnesota. In a bit of good news-bad news, Seeley also points to the trend for longer and longer falls.

Seeley, who has been a meteorologist for 50 years and a climatologist for 45, says in recent years he has seen many new trends toward warmer and wetter weather.

Reports of top heat in Minnesota have been rising annually since 1895, but with what he calls top heat rises occurring from 1985 to 2023. Precipitation has consistently increased over the years, since the ample rain of 2019. We have had unusual dryness, an abrupt change he considers “historically striking,” and a wet summer so far this summer that is bringing the state out of drought.

In addition, the number of megastorms on severe weather days has been increasing. An example is more frequent large hail, such as the \$1 billion worth of hail damage across Minnesota for the first time in August 2023.

Other stand-out events include a 19-inch rainfall in August 2017, a

130-degree heat index in July 2011, tornado warnings in southwest Minnesota with blizzard warnings a few miles away in March 2014, and abrupt switches from wet years to drought years. On Groundhog Day in 1996 a new state record was set, with weather observations in Tower in northeastern Minnesota -60 and 36 hours later, 45 degrees, a 105 degree temperature change in a day and a half.

To give a big-picture view, Seeley points to recent climate changes between 2006 and 2015, when the first and second editions of his book, “Minnesota Weather Almanac,” were published. Marking warmth and heavy rainfalls, more than 17,000 daily climate records were set in Minnesota’s observation network during those nine years.

“We have a lot of challenges ahead of us,” says Seeley, emeritus professor of the Department of Soil, Water and Climate on the



Mark Seeley, climatologist and emeritus professor. Submitted photo.

university’s St. Paul Campus. His talks and writings brim with charts and graphs.

“Data scream at you,” he says. It was overwhelming data that convinced him since the early 1990s that in this part of the country we’re having more extreme climate change than elsewhere.

“For those who doubt or wish to discuss the evidence that climate is changing,” insists Seeley candidly, “the data indicate it is happening and already producing consequences in our own backyards. It is clearly poor judgment to ignore this! We are responding to this but need to quicken the pace.”

Coping with climate change

What can we as individuals do?

“We’re genetically engineered to be role models,” Seeley says. “Share your views on this issue and role model stewardship in your family, community and workplace.”

Some actions we can take are to advocate for use of renewable energy sources (wind, solar), demonstrate water conservation practices, promote tree planting (shade and interception of heavy rain), share the value of locally produced foods, advocate for electric and hybrid vehicles and promote best management practices for organic and manure fertilizer applications.

To learn more, check out Seeley’s weekly “Minnesota WeatherTalk” blog (just Google the name to, find it), tune in to hear him at 6:55 a.m. Fridays on the “Morning Edition” program on Minnesota Public Radio (also available online), and read

List of strongest historical El Nino (ENSO) episodes (December through February) and associated mean temperatures in MN for the month of February.

Year	Departure in February Temp
1878	+11.0°F
1897	-0.7°F
1926	+5.7°F
1958	-1.7°F
1966	-2.6°F
1931	+13.1°F
1973	+3.9°F
1983	+9.1°F
1998	+16.7°F
2016	+6.0°F
2024	+12.2°F

the “Minnesota Weather Almanac” written by Seeley and “The Climate Action Handbook: A Visual Guide to 100 Climate Solutions for Everyone,” published in March 2023 and written by Heidi Roop, his successor at the University.

In 2007, Seeley co-founded the Minnesota Climate Adaptation

Partnership, which believes climate action is a community effort and everyone has something to contribute to climate solutions. ■

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Como Park High School news

By Eric Erickson

Brown completes first year at Como Park High School

Diana Brown concluded her first academic year as Como's principal and expressed appreciation for students, staff and the ability to support positive educational initiatives.

"I'm grateful for this community and what our students bring every day," Brown said. "Being Como's principal, I'm able to support really great ideas. It's nice to have a seat at the table with the authority to say 'yes' when students and staff propose innovative ideas that make sense and add value."

Brown was quick to voice pride in the student leadership program spearheaded by teachers Allison Hartzell and Sumaya Mohamed.

A revamped student council was critical to improving school-wide events, providing student mentors in seminar (formerly advisory/homeroom) and creating clubs that met every Wednesday during seminar.

"I'm also proud of our extra-curriculars," Brown added. "There are so many programs that are beneficial to our students. And we'll be adding a focus on soft skills with

our new 3DE program partnering with Junior Achievement next year."

Senior dedication night

The Como school auditorium was filled with honored seniors from the class of 2024 and their families on Tuesday, May 28.

The assembly celebrated the achievement of students whose unique journey through high school began as ninth graders taking online classes during COVID-19. The enthusiasm, effort and spirit of these seniors was evident once they arrived on campus and mask mandates were lifted.

The senior dedication program featured the distribution of graduation cords for academic distinction, service, leadership and extracurricular activities.

There were also presentations of college tuition scholarships, ranging from \$500 to \$16,000, to students from community partners.

Scholarship sponsors included: the Wallin Education Partners, Paitich #forthekids Foundation, Blaze Financial, Como STEM, Get Ready Student Success, Rice St. Athletic Club and the Professor David Schultz Scholarship.



Graduation for Como's class of 2024. Photos by Eric Erickson.

Graduation ceremony

Graduation was held on Wednesday night, June 5, at the Roy Wilkins Auditorium in downtown St. Paul.

Seniors Adi Toe and Kyle Kosiak presented the student address

while math teacher Kia Yang gave the staff address.

The choir and band gave their final performances of the year and each graduate from Como's class of 2024 walked across the stage to receive their coveted diploma. ■

Eric Erickson is a social studies teacher at Como Park Senior High School and a regular freelance contributor to the Bugle.

School news around the town

Compiled by Sarah CR Clark

Murray Middle School

Submitted by Principal Jamin McKenzie



Prom retires from Murray

Kay Prom, special education teacher at Murray Middle School, is retiring from the St. Paul School District after 35 years.

During her tenure at SPPS, Prom taught in a variety of settings, according to principal Jamin McKenzie. Those included self-contained classrooms, residential treatment programs and inclusive settings for students of all ages. Prom began her career in the Chicago area.

Known as a "fierce advocate for students," Prom taught students at Murray for the past six years.

"Murray Middle School is honored to have had Prom in our community and we wish her the very best as she prepares to begin a new journey," McKenzie said.

Orchestra news

In April, three Murray orchestra students traveled to Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall to perform with a wide range of musicians.

Professionals, community players and music students from around Minnesota formed a one-day symphony to mark the 18th annual Fine Arts Celebration at SMSU. The day was spent in a

rehearsal and culminated with a Festival Orchestra concert.

Debate season concludes

The Middle School Citywide Championship Tournament, a culminating debate event hosted on April 30 at Central High School, was attended by 20 students of St. Paul's middle schools. Debaters were chosen from each school to compete for the title of City Champion.

At the Citywide Championship, all six students selected to represent Murray finished in the top half of their respective divisions (rookie, junior varsity and varsity), with Mariya Adam and Mary Grace Lindsley advancing to the final round in the rookie division.

Twenty-five students participated in debate at Murray and Becky Olsen and Lily Teske coached the team.

Twin Cities German Immersion School

Submitted by Paige Yurczyk, communications and outreach director

Medtronic scientists visit school
Seven scientists from Medtronic visited TCGIS's seventh-grade students to guide them in pig heart dissections and to talk about implantable medical devices like pacemakers.

School outreach coordinator Paige Yurczyk said, "At TCGIS, we work to educate the 'whole child' and introducing them to Medtron-



Students at Twin Cities German Immersion School learned about pig dissections during visit from Medtronic scientists. Photo courtesy TCGIS.

ic scientists is just one of the many ways we do that."

Enrollment open

Twin Cities German Immersion School has some student openings for the 2024-25 school year.

Enrollment is open to any child who resides in Minnesota. German language proficiency is not required to enroll. TCGIS offers individualized German support to students who join in later grade levels.

If you are interested in enrolling, please visit tcgis.org, email info@tcgis.org, or call 651-492-7106 for more information. ■

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Reflections from the Como Class of 2024

Editor's note: The class of 2024 experienced the typical challenges of most high school students, with the added difficulty of pushing through the COVID pandemic and virtual classes. Como graduates Kiki Ruddy, Freddy Gray and Adi Toe share their reflections on their high school experience.



Kiki Ruddy

Como allowed me to discover what I wanted to pursue, from academic opportunities to extracurricular experiences. As a freshman, I was in an online classroom all day but was able to do Nordic skiing, volleyball and ultimate frisbee after school. Through these sports, Como allowed me to meet so many new people and still maintain my mental and physical health through a time of loneliness.

I always felt I could make an impact at Como through programs like Link Crew which welcomed me back from COVID as a freshman, and later allowed me to welcome other freshmen and make them feel at home in our school.

Student council allowed me to lead projects, gain communication skills and learn how to work with different people. Volleyball taught me commitment and teamwork while I grew to love the game. Through these experiences, I was able to make an impact and become a leader.

Como also allowed me to challenge myself in academics and have unique educational experiences. First, the CIS (College in the Schools) classes Como offers challenged me but let me stay at Como while I learned at a college level.

Second, taking AP Government

and Politics opened an opportunity to meet students from all over the country in Washington, D.C. Through this Close Up D.C. trip, I was able to see other people's political perspectives, preparing me for people's different views that I might disagree with as I enter college and life after high school.

One of the most important parts of my high school experience has been the community and people that Como gave me. I have had the opportunity to take part in activities with the same people over the years, creating friendships that I intend to carry with me for the rest of my life. More important, I went to school with people that let me grow and change alongside each other.

Como allowed me to grow into a leader, find a sport I was passionate about and further my academic knowledge in so many ways. ■

Kiki Ruddy will be attending the University of Vermont.



Freddy Gray

I'm very grateful for all the new experiences Como has given me.

I would have never had such a great theater career if it weren't for the amazing Como staff who encouraged me to become a better leader. Theater has

been a big part of my time during high school.

I was able to start after COVID when I was a sophomore, and I ended my career as the stage manager in my senior year for the production of "The Jungle Book." I never thought I'd be part of such a great group of people. I'm thankful for every single one of them for making my time in the theater programs amazing!

Some theater people I would like to shout out are Mr. Tran; Como class of 2023 alum Kaya Solheid; and my badminton coach, Kyle Johnson. They have always encouraged me to go above and beyond to do great things and were always by my side cheering me on. I'm grateful for what they have done for me during my time at Como. I hope I can change the world for someone the way they changed mine.

During my time at Como, my family and I experienced a lot of loss. Although the losses were hard, they made me understand how precious life is and that we should hold close the ones we love.

Como has been such a great resource for me when it came time to apply to colleges. A lot of the Get Ready staff helped me with my applications and essays. They were always willing to help no matter the topic! I'm grateful for having all these great resources and people.

With the help of Get Ready, my

teachers and my peers, I feel more confident going into college knowing I had all those people helping me along the way. Thank you, Como Park, for making my high school career a great one! ■

Freddy Gray will be attending Augsburg University.



Adi Toe

Before moving to St. Paul in 2020, I was the type of person to shy away from confrontation and uncomfortable situations.

That may sound surprising to people who know me now, but it's true. I was living in a racially and politically homogenous community and as a young black man, there wasn't much room for me to fit in.

Attempting to adapt as best I could, I chose to ignore the racism I experienced regularly. Worn down over time, I started to feel like my voice wasn't meant to be heard.

Como Park High School immediately flipped all of that on its head.

Stepping through the doors for the first time late freshman year, I gained a new perspective. I'd never been around so much diversity of race, religion and cultural identity.

I suddenly found myself in an environment where my voice could echo through the halls without

judgment. It was an environment with countless opportunities to say "yes!" so I became a person who never said no.

I was a little hesitant to join the track and swim teams, but I took a leap. On those teams, I made some of the best friends I've ever had. I managed to qualify for state in a sport I didn't know I could accomplish anything in. I grew into the role of captain and discovered the joy of teaching someone new to the sport how to find their confidence in it.

In addition to finding athletic achievement, I found academic fulfillment. My teachers showed me respect and kindness, while also challenging my ideas and preconceptions. I went on a trip to Washington, D.C., that encouraged my passion for politics and advocacy.

I have so much to be grateful for in my time at Como. I was able to exceed what I thought I could accomplish not just academically, but physically and emotionally. If I wasn't surrounded by people who believed in me and saw in me what I couldn't see before, I wouldn't be half as prepared as I am now to face what's next.

Ubuntu—"I am because you are." ■

Adi Toe will be attending Macalester College.



It's almost that special time of year again, where you pull out your flag, grab your lawn chair and put on your red, white and blue...because the annual 4th in the Park parade and picnic are almost here!

This year, we're excited to celebrate the 77th anniversary of 4th in the Park as well as the 50th anniversary of the running races! We'll be continuing with some recent additions to the celebration including several food truck options and the kid's zone on the south end of the park which will include ponies, a gaga ball pit, an inflatable obstacle course, and races! For a second year, live music at the bandstand will last until 6pm to help soundtrack your day with some fantastic local bands.

The 4th in the Park is put on by *The Fourth in the Park Committee* and sponsored by *The Saint Anthony Park Community Foundation, St. Paul Parks and Recreation*, and YOU!

— SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE 77TH ANNUAL 4TH IN THE PARK —

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Register online for the 2 or 4 mile race before the 4th at: tinyurl.com/4thRaces2024. No registration day of the race. Races start at 8:30 a.m. \$10 registration fee.</p> | <p>12 p.m. BANDSTAND PROGRAM
Following the parade, a program including the Spirit in the Park award winner will take place at the bandstand in Langford Park.</p> | <p>1-4 p.m. PONY RIDES & KID'S ACTIVITIES
All kid's activities are on the south end of the park behind the recreation center. Kids can go for a pony ride, play in the gaga ball pit, or take a turn on the inflatable obstacle course!</p> |
| <p>10:30 a.m. GRAND PARADE ASSEMBLY
Children's bikes, trikes, wagons, etc. assemble at Ned's Park Service. Bands, vehicles and marching units assemble at Luther Place.</p> | <p>FOOD TRUCKS OPEN
Hungry? Eat from a variety of food trucks lined up along Langford Park East.</p> | <p>2:30-4 p.m. RACES & CONTESTS
Family fun events for kids of all ages!</p> |
| <p>11 a.m. GRAND PARADE BEGINS
Proceeding from Luther Place, down Como Avenue to Langford Park via Knapp Avenue. Parade includes color guard, neighborhood units, bands, floats, mascots, music, and more!</p> | <p>HORSESHOES, VOLLEYBALL & PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENTS
Registration and check-in is from 12 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. Tournaments begin sharply at 1 p.m.</p> | <p>1-6 p.m. LIVE MUSIC AT THE BANDSTAND FROM 1-6 PM
1pm-2pm: <i>Pig's Eye Jass Band</i>
2:15pm-3:15pm: <i>Ticket to Brasil Quartet</i>
3:30pm-4:30pm: <i>The Foxgloves</i>
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Heart of the Beast workshops coming

By Niamh Mee

The St. Anthony Park Library, at 2245 Como Ave., is hosting a series of puppet-making workshops with a visiting artist from the Heart of the Beast Theatre, Ifrah Mansour.

Participants create their own bird puppets to fly in the St. Anthony Park Fourth of July parade. There is no registration for the workshops, with two of the latest ones scheduled for June 27 and July 3, from 1 to 3 p.m. All ages are welcome and participants can attend as many as they like.

Entitled “Hopeful Journeys,” these workshops are an opportunity for community members to make their own bird puppets using water, flour, newspaper and paint.

The workshops are sponsored by a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund of the Minnesota State Arts Board.

Mansour described the workshops as an opportunity to “discover the amazing journeys birds take and explore themes of hope as you create beautiful puppets that soar with imagination.”

A Somali refugee and multi-media artist based in Minnesota, Mansour noted his artwork usually explores trauma and the resiliency of Black, Muslim and refugee communities, blending poetry, puppetry, film and large-scale installations.

Mansour is a teaching artist for the Heart of the Beast Puppet and Mask Theatre (HOBT), located in

the Powderhorn Park neighborhood in Minneapolis.

Founded in 1973, the HOBT focuses on political activism within the realm of puppet making and large-scale puppets. The theatre uses its art to support the Twin Cities puppetry community and create magical experiences through the art of puppetry. They are intended to create a reflection of the world as it is, while also allowing artists

and audiences to dream about the possibilities of a changed world.

Alisa Mee, St. Anthony Park Library children’s programming specialist, said, “HOBT is an amazingly creative organization that does a lot of good community engagement work. Our community is lucky to have had partnerships in the past between the elementary school and HOBT.

“There’s already a deep well of

excitement about the work they do, and generations of kids who have been part of the puppet making workshops through school, Mee said. “So it’s fun to build on that legacy and bring community art to families.” ■

Niamh Mee lives in St. Anthony Park and is the daughter of Alisa Mee, She is also a Luther College student who writes for her school newspaper.



Community members participate in a Heart of the Beast Theater puppet-making workshop, using flour, newspaper, water and paint to create their own puppets. Photo courtesy of In the Heart of the Beast Theater.



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See you again the first Saturday in June 2025!

Spirit of the Park from p. 1

Mark donated it anyway to a complete stranger.

The Spirit of the Park award was recently renamed in honor of Brasel, a well-known SAP resident and youth hockey coach who was murdered in May 2023 trying to

thwart a car robbery in front of his home.

Our foundation’s annual award recognizes a person who has demonstrated extraordinary dedication to the St. Anthony Park community. Nominations

are made by fellow community members, identified for their service and commitment to our community.

It was noted in the award nomination for Mark that he “never draws attention to what he has contributed (and still contributes) regarding his time. He just does it. And enjoys it. A truly wonderful asset to this community.”

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Julie Drechsler is the executive director of the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation.



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St. Anthony Park Library events

The St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Ave., will close early at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 3, and will be closed in observance of Independence Day, Thursday, July 4.

The library's July calendar features special events and familiar favorites. Unless specified, registration is not required.

Special events

Heart of the Beast workshop

1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, July 3. The Heart of the Beast's teaching artist Ifrah Mansour will help participants build puppets that tell stories of journeys of hope. All ages are welcome. (Note: See related story on the Bugle's Library Corner page.)

Build-a-Birdhouse

2 to 4 p.m. Monday, July 15. Elpis Enterprises will help you create your own birdhouse from recycled wood. Bring it home and welcome birds with your very own birdhouse. Note: We will be using real hammers and small nails. Appropriate for ages 5 and older.

Elpis Enterprises, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization located in the Universe Buildings in the Creative Enterprise Zone at 2161 University Ave. W., provides job training, work experience and employment placement services for young people experiencing homelessness and unstable housing.

Creative Arts on the Lawn: Music SLAM

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 18. Music SLAM begins at 6:30 p.m. All ages are welcome to join for a summer evening of acoustic music on the library lawn. Bring a blanket or lawn chairs, play some lawn games, enjoy complimentary cookies or make a food truck purchase. In case of inclement weather, the event will move indoors to the library auditorium.

If you're inclined, take the stage and share a song. Sign up between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Each musician or group will be allowed three minutes. Musical selections should be suitable for all ages.

Cooking Class with Chef Blong
1 to 3 p.m. Thursday, July 25. Grab your chef's hat and join Chef Blong in the kitchen as he teaches us how to prepare a meal using fresh ingredients you can grow in your own backyard.

This is a free event for families and kids ages 7 to 12. While registration isn't required, space is limited, so it's recommended to come early to enjoy the fun.

Ongoing programs

Storytime in the Park

10:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesdays, July 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 at College Park, 2223 Carter Ave. Bring a blanket and get ready for stories, songs, rhymes and puppets. Storytime is designed for children ages birth to 5 year olds, their caregivers and siblings.

In the case of inclement weather, the event will move indoors to the library auditorium. The decision to relocate to the library will be made by 9:30 a.m. on storytime days and posted to sppl.org/calendar.

Fun Lab!

2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, July 10, 17, 24 and 31, in the library's auditorium. This is the time to hang out and make cool stuff – art, crafts, science experiments, engineering projects and more. This STEAM drop-in program is designed for kids ages 7 to 11.

HANDIWORK at the Library

10 a.m. to noon Thursday, July 11. Bring your handiwork and drop in to knit, crochet or embroider while socializing. Bring your own supplies. This program is designed for adults and is co-hosted by the St. Anthony Park Library and St. Anthony Park Area Seniors.

English Conversation Circle for Adults

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Read with Sadie: 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Friday, July 12. **Read with Enzo:** 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Saturday, July 13. Read to a friendly dog that loves to sit and listen to stories. A single reading session will be a maximum of 15 minutes long (to give opportunities for other kids.) Geared for youth ages 5-12. Registration required: Call the library at 651-642-0411 or email to SaintAnthonyPark@ci.stpaul.mn.us or stop by the circulation desk at the St. Anthony Park Library to register your young reader.

Adult book club

6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 22. Join library staff and fellow book lovers in the library's auditorium for lively conversation and refreshments. Stop in or call the library (651-642-0411) for more information and to pick up a copy of the book.

Submitted by the St. Anthony Park Library; compiled by Kathy Henderson, Bugle freelance writer.

Changing Times book group adds Library as cohost

The Changing Times book group, hosted by Transition Town—All St. Anthony Park since 2022, now has a second sponsor, the St. Paul Public Library.

In an effort to bring their discussions to a wider audience, the group's bi-monthly meetings are being held at the St. Anthony Park Library branch on Como Avenue.

"We're living in an era of deep transition: environmental, social, economic and political," said Mindy Keskinen, a book editor and volunteer with Transition Town. "The Changing Times book group offers a way to connect with neighbors to explore the opportunities of these times."

Occasionally, the club's meetings feature visits from authors. Such is the case for the next meeting at 3 p.m. Saturday, July 27, when Don Hall will speak. Hall is author of "The Regeneration Handbook" (New Society, 2024). He is currently touring with a Regenerative Communities Roadshow (evolutionarychange.org/tour).

"This browsable book is an antidote to feelings of overload," Keskinen said. "In Hall's words, it's a path to a new type of activism based on universal patterns of transformation, expansion, wholeness and balance."

"The Regeneration Handbook" is brand new and not yet in libraries. Copies can be borrowed

from Transition Town by sending an email to Communications@TransitionASAP.org. More information on the Transition Town Facebook event page. ■


Submitted by Mindy Keskinen, of Transition Town—All St. Anthony Park.

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Outdoor summer worship endures past pandemic

By Kathy Henderson

“This is a congregation that thrives on connection,” stated Gwen Odney.

Her comment made over afternoon coffee at the Finnish Bistro in St. Anthony Park perfectly sets the tone for understanding why St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave., started holding outdoor Holy Eucharist services on Sundays in College Park during the summer of 2020.

It gave the parish a way to worship together amid those scary early distancing days of the pandemic.

Under the leadership of the Rev. Blair Pogue and in consultation with the Episcopal Bishop of Minnesota, they limited that summer’s gatherings to 40 pre-registered people. Everyone wore masks. Individuals or social-bubble “pods” of two or three people stood six feet apart. No one sang. Music was instrumental only. Communion was pita bread in a plastic-covered paper cup. Bulletins were in digital format.

In the winter, parishioners stood out in the cold on the steps of the church, still masked, still self-distancing, for what more than one parishioner described as really fast, maybe 20-minute, Holy Eucharist services.

When worshipers returned to College Park in spring 2021, masks were no longer mandatory outdoors, and pre-registration wasn’t required unless you wanted to receive a paper copy of the bulletin.

Now, being a parish “that cherishes being together” is as good a reason as any. St. Matthew’s continues to worship together in College Park during the summer.

“I was excited in 2020 when we could worship together, outside in what God created,” said Vicki McKenna, who attended St. Matthew’s first Holy Eucharist service of the 2024 summer season on June 2 with her husband Dave. “I love being outdoors.”

“We love the outdoor service,” echoed Elizabeth Hosch. “The sunlight, the mature oaks, the sounds of the neighborhood, all are a lovely change of pace and chance to be out in the world.

“My memories of outdoor worship during the early days of the pandemic are a bit fuzzy,” Hosch admitted. “There was a lot of brainstorming on how to keep our community connected while separate.

“There was such positive feedback [about the College Park location], and it was a great way to find joy in the scary changes that were happening in the world. It was always so nice to see familiar faces, even behind our masks and while wrangling small children.

“I think it became clear pretty quickly that outside church was going to continue beyond strict pandemic times,” she said.

That first Sunday of the 2024 outdoor season was what WCCO would have called a Top 10 Weather Day. Not too hot, slight breeze, plenty of shade.

Early-morning church volunteers were setting up the area beneath the shade of one of College Park’s majestic bur oaks with a table for altar use, chairs for the clergy, bread and wine for communion, plus the mic and speaker system.

Music director J. Michael Compton unpacked a French horn and a Rwanda drum from his car and



St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church’s first outdoor Holy Eucharist service of the 2024 summer season took place on June 2, at College Park. Photo by Drew Henderson.

greeted the musicians (members of the congregation) assembling with trumpet, horn and flute—and wisely using clothes pins to fasten their scores to the music stands.

As the time neared 10:30 that morning, ushers handed out copies of the church bulletin. In the same seating format as used since August 2020, congregants and visitors situated themselves in their preference of shade or sun in a semi-circle on College Park’s grassy slope near Doswell Avenue.

Out came camp chairs in hues from blues to oranges to sturdy Coleman browns, lawn chairs with pastel or red plaid webbing appeared, metal chairs and camp stools were unfolded, and colorful lawn blankets were spread out. A few brought along their dogs, ones that typically looked around, gave a couple of “woofs” and then stretched out and settled. Young children accompanied by watchful adults eagerly headed to the park’s play area or ran swiftly across the park’s expansive lawn.

From the church building, the Rev. Christopher Rogers crossed Carter Avenue and greeted parishioners as he walked across the College Park lawn to the makeshift altar; a green stole covered both

shoulders. Rogers was not wearing green because he was outdoors, but because at this time in the church year calendar, green is traditionally worn to symbolize Ordinary Time, which is a time of spiritual growth. He started the service asking the congregation to keep Minneapolis police officer Jamal Mitchell in their thoughts (Mitchell was killed May 30).

Besides being the first outdoor Sunday worship service of the summer for parishioners and visitors, June 2 was Rogers’ first outdoor service as St. Matthew’s rector.

Originally from London, Rogers received a call (hiring process) from St. Matthew’s last fall when he was in the Twin Cities. Pogue, the former rector who served St. Matthew’s for 16 years, had accepted a call from the diocese and now serves as Canon for Vitality and Innovation, Episcopal Church in Minneapolis.

St. Matthew’s only makes some minor adjustments from its indoor service for the outdoor setting. For example, to better accommodate an outdoor terrain without aisles, rather than having people come to the altar (table) to take communion, the priest and chalice bearer weave through the

crowd bringing it directly to the individuals.

Outdoors also means no hymnals, no organ music, no formal choir solos, but “we sing as loud as we can,” said office manager Lars Christensen, who prepares the Sunday bulletin.

However, being outdoors does not mean the music director pulls out a summertime song list. Compton said that even though the worship is outdoors, “we aren’t changing anything. The hymns selected could be the same ones if indoors with a full choir.”

Examples of the June 2 music included the hymn “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (c.1700s text by Charle Wesley and c.1800s tune by Rowland Hugh Prichard) and the gospel music refrain “Toimba” (“let’s sing” in Shonam, the language spoken in Zimbabwe) with words and music by church member Kennedy Nyenya.

Whatever music is selected, and whether it is accompanied by brass or string musicians, it’s said that people walking or jogging by the park often pause to listen. And it isn’t unusual for people whose homes border the park to step outside to hear the music, too. ■

Kathy Henderson lives in St. Paul and is a Bugle freelance writer.

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TRANSITION TOWN

This is a monthly column from Transition Town — All St. Anthony Park, the neighborhood-based group working for a local response to climate change: a smaller carbon footprint and a stronger community. Learn more about Transition Town at TransitionASAP.org.

Want to change the world? Start with a park

By Tracy Kugler

One day on my regular walk through Horton Park in the Hamline-Midway neighborhood, I noticed several new signs, each identifying a nearby tree with images and descriptions.

As a mini arboretum, Horton Park hosts more than 50 species of trees, so it was a lot to take in. I set a goal of learning a new tree every few days. That turned out to be the first step on a path to greater connection: I'm now guiding others along similar paths with a practice called Start with a Park.

As I learned the differences between pin oak, bur oak, bicolor oak and more, the trees began to feel less like an anonymous crowd and more like individuals.

As the seasons passed, I noticed when the leaves on each tree changed color and drifted away (or, in the case of ginkgos, dropped suddenly into golden puddles). Paying close attention and getting to know my new friends made my walks more interesting.

That winter, while reading a novel with a vivid sense of place, I wondered how the author would capture the essence of Horton Park.

One morning I noticed how it felt to walk over lumpy, snow-caked paths and composed a descriptive sentence: "Boots of a hundred dog walkers have packed snow on the paths, creating the sensation of walking on a rocky beach."

Over the following year, I crafted 365 more mini prose poems, one for each day. Creating in collaboration with my more-than-human neighbors further sharpened my attention, deepened my relationships and nurtured my sense of caring.

Moving into action

The year was 2016, and the election of Donald Trump in November

cast all my hopes for the future into jeopardy. I feared for my children and for my human neighbors. I also feared for all the beings in our ecosystem, in which I now felt keenly embedded.

I felt an urgent need to do something. Alone, I felt overwhelmed, so I sought the empowerment of working with others. I found my place in Transition Town—All St. Anthony Park and on the Earthwise committee at my church.

Since then, I have continued to ground my work with those groups in relationships with my neighborhood trees, flowers, birds and butterflies. I have also realized the power of the journey, from greater awareness sparked by those tree signs, through appreciation in my writing and into action.

Start with a Park

Start with a Park is a self-guided practice that invites you to connect with your ecosystem through the

lens of a local park. It includes activities in three areas: Awareness, appreciation and action. Each activity includes ideas to try, tips and resources to get you started and suggestions for related reading if you want to dig deeper.

I hope you spend some time this summer getting to know a park near you and building relationships with its inhabitants. If you like, connect with a few human neighbors to compare notes. I'd love to hear about your experiences. You can reach me through the Start with a Park website: momentsinthepark.com. ■

Tracy Kugler lives in the Como Park neighborhood and loves trees, birds and maps. She is a research scientist in the Integrated Public Use Microdata Series (IPUMS) data center at the University of Minnesota.



Quaking aspen is one of more than 50 tree species in the Horton Park mini arboretum. Throughout the park, unobtrusive signage includes common and scientific names, illustrations of the tree's shape and details of leaves, flowers or fruit. Photo by Tracy Kugler.

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EVENTS AND MORE

Compiled by Kathy Henderson

4th in the Park

Celebrate the 77th anniversary of 4th in the Park festivities. Find the full schedule of events at 4thinthepark.org.

Highlights include: Fun run (registration required), parade (11 a.m.) along Como Avenue from Luther Place to Langford Park, bandstand program (noon), children's activities (1 to 4 p.m.), food trucks and music (1-2 p.m., Pig's Eye Jass Band; 2:15-3:15 p.m., Ticket to Brasil Quartet; 3:30-4:30 p.m., The Foxgloves; 4:45-6 p.m., Light of the Moon Trio) at Langford Park, Langford Parkway and Knapp Street.

Sponsors include the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation, St. Paul Parks and Recreation and Sunrise Banks.

Bell Museum

Summer hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesdays-Sundays. Closed

Thursday, July 4. See website for various admission charges: 2088 Larpentour Ave. W. bellmuseum.umn.edu.

Super Solar Saturdays

Noon to 1 p.m., Saturdays, July 6, 13, 20 and 27. Expert astronomy staff on the observation deck guide safe solar observation and teach about our closest star. This in-person event is included in the cost of regular admission.

Star Party

9:30 to 11 p.m., Friday, July 19. Drop in for hands-on activities and demonstrations. If there are clear skies, look through high-powered telescopes at astronomical objects. Typically, free planetarium shows are offered first come, first served.

Exhibit

"Beading the Wildflowers of Minnesota," by Alicia De La Cruz (Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe and descendant of the Leech Lake Band

of Ojibwe) closes Sunday, July 21. Drawing on Ojibwe beading traditions that feature stylized floral forms, De La Cruz's intricate beading focuses on 16 wildflowers that are native to Minnesota and useful to Ojibwe peoples. Coloring sheets by De La Cruz also available.

Como Park**Summer Flower Show**

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Sept. 22 in the Sunken Garden area of the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory, 1225 Estabrook Drive. Expect to see floral favorites such as petunias, begonias, impatiens, coleus, salvia and verbena on display.

Groovin' In The Garden

The annual summer series continues from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesdays through July 24 in front of the Marjorie McNeely Conservatory. July 3, Craig Clark Blues Band (blues, funk, soul); July 10, The Foxgloves (folk and Americana and country twang); July 17, Ben Cook-Feltz (Americana, folk, indie, pop, rock); July 24, School of Rock (St. Paul and Plymouth house bands). Free. comozooconservatory.org.

Beauty and the Beast

Staged by the Rosetown Playhouse at 7 p.m. July 11-13 and July 19-20 and at 1 p.m. Sundays, July 14 and 21, Como Lakeside Pavilion, 1360 Lexington Parkway N. Tickets, \$10-\$20, available at the door or online at rosetownplayhouse.org.

Dock & Paddle's Summer Series

The annual summer performance series' schedule at Como Lakeside Pavilion, 1360 Lexington Parkway N. can be found online at dockandpaddle.com.

Neighbors of Alden Square Park

All events happen at Alden Square Park, 1169 Gibbs Ave. Children and pets are always welcome.

Community Event: Friday, July 12. 6 to 7 p.m. Summer potluck, bring your appetite and a dish to share and your beverage. 7 to 8 p.m., Irish music concert by Dunquin.

History Night: 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 17. Kristin Anderson will share information about the parks in St. Anthony Park. Dessert bars served, bring your beverage.

Community sing

Musician Dan Chouinard and singer-songwriter Ann Reed will lead a community sing-along at 7 p.m. Monday, July 15, at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Ave. Weather permitting, the July singalong will be outdoors on the front steps and lawn. Free.

Gibbs Farm

July and August hours: Noon to 3 p.m. Fridays and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. Guided tours are offered on the hour or visit on your own. \$10-\$5; free for children 3 and under and Ramsey County Historical Society members. Free parking. Gibbs Farm: Pathways to Dakota & Pioneer Live, 2097 W. Larpentour Ave., Falcon Heights. rchs.com/gibbs-farm.

Make a flower press: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 11. Also offered 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 10. Assemble a press and use materials collected at Gibbs to decorate it (Mod Podge).

Geared for adults and youth ages 12 and older; younger children are welcome to attend with an adult. Registration required: \$25, one press per registration.

Women's Drum Center

Drum Basics: 6 to 7 p.m. on Monday, July 15, at 2242 University Ave. W. Explore both hand and stick drumming utilizing easy, energizing exercises to build skills. Drums provided. \$15. Register for class at womendrumcenter.org.

Senior activities

The St. Anthony Park Area Seniors' calendar for July. Unless specified, registration is not necessary. Office phone number: 651-642-9052.

In-person activities include:

- **Walk with ease:** 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays in July. Meet at Como Lakeside Pavilion, 1360 Lexington Parkway N. Call the office to register.
- **Tai Ji Quan:** Moving for better balance. 2 to 3 p.m., on Tuesdays and Thursdays in July, except July 4, at The Legends at Berry, 777 Berry St.
- **Luncheon:** India Palace, Roseville. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 10. Contact the office to sign up.
- **Handiwork group:** 10 a.m. to noon Thursday, July 11, St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Ave.
- **Poetry group:** 9 to 10 a.m. Friday, July 12, Centennial United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave.
- **Blood pressure clinic:** 3 to 3:45 p.m. Tuesday, July 16, Seal Hi-Rise, 825 Seal St.
- **Game day:** 10 to 11:45 a.m., Tuesday, July 23, at Centennial United Methodist Church, 2200 Hillside Ave.

Virtual:

- **Lunch Bunch:** Noon to 1 p.m., Wednesday, July 24. Call the office for connection instructions.

Kathy Henderson lives in St. Paul and is a freelance writer for the Bugle.

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Durkees' Front Lawn concerts a community connector

By Maya Betti

Under the foliage of light-strung trees, dozens of people gathered May 22 on the front lawn of the Paul and Kim Durkee home to enjoy another night of music and fun.

As the Irish tunes of The Northerly Gales filled the air, children dashed back and forth across the street, dogs sat contentedly next to their owners and Kim served homemade cookies to every neighbor.

The event was one of many Music on the Front Lawn concerts hosted by the Durkee family in front of their house at 1386 Grantham St. These Front Lawn concerts, which have been held since October 2020, have become a way for the neighbors and the wider local community to connect through music.

The concept arose from the isolation of the pandemic when music could no longer be enjoyed safely indoors. The Durkees came upon a novel solution.

"We knew of some bands and musicians and we said 'Hey, we can do this in our front yard,'" Paul said.

The couple hosted four times in the fall of 2020 and then eight in the summer of 2021, believing that would be all.

However, before the season was over, musicians started calling to ask if they could play at their venue the following year, and, just like that, Music on the Front Lawn became a local staple.

While the venue itself is unique, another aspect draws musicians in: The generosity of the neighborhood. Despite only being compensated through tips, musicians typically receive no less than \$1,100, with some earning up to \$4,600.

"They generally make more money here than they would at almost any venue in the Twin Cities," Paul explained.

Randy Conaway, who does vocals, bass and various other instruments for The Northerly Gales, is also a neighbor to the Durkees, living just three houses down. He remembers that sometimes while his band was practicing, they would hear the concerts, stop practicing and come enjoy the show. He eventually gave Paul a CD, which led the Gales to perform this year.

The band members, who have been together for nearly 10 years, noted how delightfully different the Durkees' set-up is.

"We're used to playing in a really crowded space where we can barely hear what we're playing and we barely hear anyone around us," said Tamara Maluda, who does fiddle and vocals for the band. "It's kind of a treat to get to play something like this where we're really exposed and people can really hear what we're actually doing."

Getting selected to play at the Durkee venue is not first come, first serve. Paul noted he has a long list, currently around 30 names, of bands that want in. He and Kim want the community to know they'll find good bands, which is why they listen to the bands before selecting them and seek out a variety.

Paul and Kim's dedication to find good bands has not gone unnoticed by attendees.

"It's good music," said Charlene Chan-Muehlbauer, a local community member. "Some of these bands are spectacular, and everyone's always happy. You can see how much effort they (the Durkees) put into making their music really good for the audience."

Karen Kistler, another community member and long-time friend



Homeowners Paul and Kim Durkee (center) have hosted a variety of bands on their St. Anthony Park front lawn over the past four summers. Here they are flanked by members of The Northerly Gales, (left to right) Randy Conaway, Jimmy Sherman, Tamara Maluda and Danny Schwarze. Photo by Lou Michaels.

of the Durkees, loves the combination of grassroots music, community gathering and the outdoor environment.

"It's one of the highlights of the summer and they've developed this into a gorgeous, gorgeous,

comfortable down-home kind of night," Kistler said

The Durkees said they are happy to connect community and music. "Between the appreciation from the bands and the appreciation from the people who come, it's amazing

how many people appreciate listening to live music," Kim said. ■

Maya Betti, a journalism student at St. Olaf College, is a summer intern for the Bugle.

The Music on the Front Lawn series continues into October with concerts running from 6 to 8 p.m.

Upcoming shows

- June 27: Erin McCawley's Harrison Street Band (please note, Good Morning Bedlam canceled their show)
- July 11: Belfast Cowboys with Robert Wilkinson and Steve Brantseg opening
- July 25: The Stella Vees
- August 8: The De'Lindas

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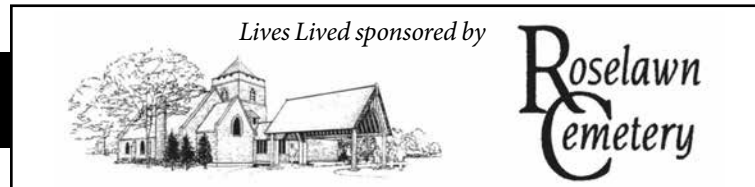
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**Lora Anderson**

Lora Ann (Hagglund) Anderson, 86, died May 8, 2024.

Lora was a founding member of Lambda Delta Phi sorority at the University of Minnesota. She taught high school home economics, served in the Peace Corps in Turkey, taught in Tanzania and created gowns for scores of brides.

Lora was preceded in death by son, Lincoln; sister, Jean; and parents Oliver and Mildred. She is survived by her husband Eugene; sons, Zachary and Dietrich; and brother, Lee.

Celebration of Life service was held at St. Timothy Lutheran Church. Memorials preferred to St. Timothy to support companion parishes in Tanzania.

Larry Bordsen

Lawrence (Larry) L. Bordsen, 93, of Punta Gorda, Florida, and St. Anthony Village, died May 9, 2024. He was born in St. Paul on Oct. 2, 1930, the older of two boys born to Lester and Cecilia (Farenbaugh) Bordsen.

Larry graduated in 1948 from Johnson High School in St. Paul. In June of 1949, he and his best friend Dick Larson drove out west in a 1930 Ford convertible to fight fires with the U.S. Forest Service. They stayed in platform tents at the Whiskey Creek campsite.

In September, they sold the convertible and drove back in a coupe on Route 66. The family believes it was the best time of his life, for he talked about it often.

In 1951, Larry joined the U.S. Air Force as a weapons mechanic when the Korean War was in full swing. Following his service, he attended the University of Minnesota and worked as a railroad telegrapher for Northern Pacific Railroad. In 1960, he joined Sperry Univac

(now Unisys Corp) as a computer programmer. He retired in 1989.

Larry married his first wife Beverly (Kozy) in 1954. They had four children—Deb, Dirk, Jim and Jean—and raised them in St. Anthony Park. In May 1983, Kozy died of ovarian cancer.

In May of 1993, Larry married his second wife, Mary Ellen Moore. After retirement, he and Mary spent six months each year in Punta Gorda, Florida, and the other six months in St. Anthony Village.

Larry's passions throughout his life were all things tennis, traveling, his family and his many friends. He loved life with an energetic passion, giving generously without taking.

Larry had a great sense of humor, sharp intellect, and was always interested in personally engaging others. He was a voracious reader, consuming books, newspapers and watching old movies.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents Lester and Cecilia, first wife Beverly (Kozy), brother Don, and stepson Jim. He is survived by his second wife Mary, daughter Deb (Norm), son Dirk (Jen), son Jim (Kelly), daughter Jean (David), stepson Mike (Kathy), stepdaughter Wendy (John), five grandchildren, eight step-grandchildren and nine step-great-grandchildren.

Larry donated his body to the Anatomy Bequest Program at the University of Minnesota Medical School for the advancement of medical education and research. He will eventually be interred at Fort Snelling.

A life well lived, Larry will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

A Celebration of Life was held at Oak Marsh Golf Course.

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butions to St. Jude's Children's Hospital at stjude.org/donate/donate-to-st-jude.html.

Karen Northrup

Karen Lee (née Sandelin) Northrup died May 16, 2024. She celebrated her 90th birthday with family and her famous chocolate cupcakes, then a few days later suffered a stroke.

Karen was born April 26, 1934, in St. Peter and graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College there in 1956. She began teaching high school art in White Bear Lake, where she met Wally. They were married Nov. 28, 1959, and moved to Falcon Heights where they raised three children.

Karen loved gardening, music, time at the cabin and especially her grandchildren and dear friends. Her smile and laughter will be missed by many.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents Helge and Margaret Sandelin and brother James Sandelin. She is survived by her husband of 64 years Walter (Wally) Northrup; children John (Heidi), Mary Breen (Luke) and David (Julie); and eight grandchildren.

A memorial service was held at St. Michael's Lutheran Church. Memorials may be given to St. Michael's or the charity of your choice.

Barbara Shively

Barbara Shank Shively, 82, formerly of Falcon Heights, died May 21, 2024, in Bloomington, Indiana.

Barbara was a modest and very private person who wanted to leave as small a footprint on the world as possible. Barbara was a good and talented woman, who filled the hearts of all she met.

She is survived by her husband, Phil Shively; her daughter, Helen Ford of Bloomington, Indiana; her son, David Shively of

Victoria, British Columbia; her brother, Kenneth Shank of New Providence, New Jersey; and three grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Save the Children.

John Sweeney

John Michael Sweeney, Como Park, 80, died June 1, 2024, at the Minneapolis Veterans Home. He passed away from complications of Ataxia and Parkinson's disease, which he willfully fought until his last breath.

Mike was a U.S. Marine, former chief executive officer of the Twin Cities Newspaper Guild, and St. Paul Pioneer Press reporter and editor.

Mike was born on April 10, 1944. He was the first and only baby born at the Camp Lockett Army Base in Campo, California. His family made their way from California to Montana and eventually to Hopkins, Minnesota, where he was raised as the eldest of five brothers and two sisters.

He attended Benilde High School, where he developed lifelong friendships. He then joined the United States Marine Corps and served as a combat correspondent in the Vietnam War.

Upon his return from Vietnam, he was recognized by the State of Minnesota with a Distinguished Journalist award for his reporting of the war. He refused to attend the ceremony due to his strong opposition to the continued U.S. presence in Vietnam.

After completing his journalism degree at the University of Minnesota, he honed his writing skills at the Fairmont Sentinel and the Associated Press in Bismarck, North Dakota. He returned to the Twin Cities to work at the Pioneer Press where he spent the next 22 years as a journalist, editor and news-

paper guild steward. His specialty was covering crime and the court system.

Mike went on to become the chief executive officer of the Twin Cities Newspaper Guild until his retirement in 2006. In retirement, Mike partnered with his close friend and renowned novelist John Camp to write a book loosely based on a story he wrote years prior for the Pioneer Press. The novel "Bad Blood" went on to win a Thriller Writers Award.

Outside of his professional life, Mike enjoyed camping with his children and friends in the Boundary Waters, photographing loved ones, running marathons, studying and achieving a TaeKwonDo brown belt, golfing, skiing and reading an endless number of books and of course, the newspaper.

The greatest joy of his life was spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. They called him "Paca," dubbed by his first granddaughter when she couldn't pronounce grandpa.

Mike was preceded in death by his mother and father John and Marian Sweeney. He is survived by his wife Angeles; his children Kathleen, Carlo and Michael; daughters-in-law Tanya and Jacquie; six grandchildren; and siblings Bill, Mary Ann (Jack), Kathleen (John), Joe (Wendy), Tom (Carla) and Terry (Barb).

A Celebration of Life service was scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, June 29, at the Minneapolis Veterans Home, 5101 Minnehaha Ave. South.

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Como Park spring sports summary

By Eric Erickson,
Sports analysis

A snapshot of the spring sports season at Como Park Senior High School:

Track and field: Seven student athletes qualified for the state meet by placing in the top two of their events at the Section 4AA Meet. Each Cougar state qualifier also set a personal record in the process.

Senior **Garrett Seppanen** was the section champion in both the 3,200 and 1,600 meters. Senior **Mason Aarness** was second in the 3,200 and 1,600 meters behind Seppanen.

Remarkably, sophomore **Hazel Small** was third in the 3,200 meters resulting in Como's sweeping the podium positions for high school track and field's longest race.

Freshman **Charlie Loth** qualified for state as the section champion in the 800 meters. The 4 x 800 meter relay team of Loth, fellow freshman **Arthur Anderson**, Small and Murray eighth-grader **Jamal Monibah** were the section champions and advanced to state.

On the girls' side, junior **Margaret Spray** placed second in the 3,200 meters and qualified for state. Senior **Ellery Tennison** won St. Paul City Conference championships in three events: the 100-meter



Garrett Seppanen, Mason Aarness, and Hazel Small finished 1-2-3 in the 3,200 meters at the Section 4AA Meet. Photo by Eric Erickson.

hurdles, 300-meter hurdles and the triple jump. Senior **Say Say Hinton** repeated as city champ in the high jump.

For the fourth consecutive year, both the boys and girls teams finished third in the St. Paul City Conference. The boys also finished third in Section 4AA out of 13 schools.

Softball: Senior **Maddie Noll** volunteered to try pitching this year and came through to help guide a young team to a 6-10 record. Noll was selected the team's MVP and all-conference.

Freshman **Lily Coyle** was chosen best defensive player and all-conference. Murray seventh-grader

Malaya James hit seven home runs and was the team's best offensive player and all-conference.

Junior **Giselle Sanchez-Esparza** was all-conference honorable mention. Junior **Brigid Corniea** was voted rookie of the year for the Cougars.

Badminton: Strong senior leadership helped guide young players to improved levels of play and paved the way for the varsity finishing third in the St. Paul City Conference with an 8-4 record. Overall, the team was 13-5 and reached the state quarterfinals.

Senior **Xee Lee** was selected all-conference. Senior **Ta'Liyah McNeal** and sophomore **Niko Sol-**

heid earned all-conference honorable mention.

Girls golf: Sophomore **Hattie Hemthong** qualified for the state tournament by finishing third in the Section 4AAA Meet at Godrich Golf Course where she shot rounds of 79 and 83 in the two-day competition.

Sophomore **Robin Engman-Phiri** made the cut for the second day at sections and earned St. Paul City all-conference along with Hemthong. The team took second place in the St. Paul City with a record of 4-1.

Boys tennis: As previously reported in the Bugle, the Cougars produced a special season. Senior **Daniel Klett** was all-conference and the team's player of the year. Juniors **Nolan Rognerud** and **Vincent Anderson** also earned all-conference.

Receiving honorable mention were senior **Anthony Landaverde Guillen**, freshman **Micah Treiber** and freshman **Zaid Saha**, who immigrated from Afghanistan in February and played organized tennis for the first time.

Baseball: Senior captains **Matthew Corniea** and **Marcus Heath** and junior captain **Royal Urman** led the team to a 5-5 record in the city and a tie for third place in the

standings. More important, they helped shape a positive culture based on growth as student athletes and representing Como in the community.

Team members will be participating as coaches and umpires in the Como Ball Youth Baseball and Softball Association this summer, while also playing in the RBI (Reviving Baseball in the Inner Cities) program.

Boys volleyball: With a 12-2 regular season record in the Minnesota's club volleyball association, the Cougars qualified for their third consecutive state tournament.

Senior captain **Baw Reh** was all-conference for a third consecutive year. An excellent server and finisher at the net, he leads through actions but also took on a more vocal role this season.

Senior **Phray Ray** emerged as a defensive specialist for the Cougars this season and became an all-conference player. Senior **Kwai Lay Lo** was also all-conference and junior **Soe Reh** earned honorable mention. ■

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