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By JAN WILLMS

In 2003, Principal Meredith Davis was facing the fact that Sanford Middle School, 3524 42nd Ave. S., was about to be closed. Many factors played a part—lower birthrates, lack of students, families sending their children to charter schools or moving to the suburbs.

“The school district looked at this area and the decrease in the number of school kids and didn’t think they could carry both Folwell and Sanford,” Davis recalled. “I think the decision to close had been made five years earlier. They thought no one would care.”

But the Somali community, who had many students at Sanford, did care. “We gained the support of the whole Somali community and Joe Nathan, the director of Center for School Change. He figuratively went up there and slammed his shoes down,” Davis said.

The school remained open, and now like many schools in south Minneapolis, is seeing resurgence in student population, with many of the neighborhood kids in attendance.

Shuttered schools Howe and Folwell have been reopened (Howe officially opening in the 2013-2014 school year), and Keewaydin is expanding.

“The Longfellow community has returned, and so many are grateful for their middle school and happy to bring their kids,” Davis said. She considers Sanford a school that closely reflects the city of Minneapolis, from demographics to the number of students qualifying for reduced lunches.

Davis said the Longfellow neighborhood is 70-80 per cent white, and the number of white



Longfellow, Nokomis area schools enjoy major rebound

Just a few months ago, Folwell, 3611 20th Av. S., celebrated its reopening with an open house August 23. The resurgence of enrollment in the district has required reopening schools like Folwell and Howe and has brought new vitality to other schools like Sanford which at one time was targeted for closure.

students at Sanford is growing, reaching close to 40 per cent. The school is also home to a wide diversity of Somali, Oromo and Latino students.

The economy has affected the revival of Sanford. Parents have struggled with the cost of private schools; home sales have made it difficult to move to the suburbs; charter schools have not all lived up to their expectations. But the school itself has worked on innovative programs and methods of

teaching that have drawn families to it.

Davis said that the neighborhood is willing to give the school a try.

She noted a hands-on science program, Arabic world language program, mentors for the gifted and talented and a before-and-after school program have all been positive influences at Sanford.

“One of the big things we do is loop,” Davis noted. “We have teams of 100 kids that stay with the same teachers from grades 6-8.”

“We started building on what we thought parents wanted and needed,” added Vicki Jones, family liaison for Sanford. “They started trusting this as a good school to come to.”

Jones conducts workshops in the summer for parents and students who will be entering 6th grade, trying to make the transition from elementary to middle school smoother.

“This is a huge development time for these kids,” Jones emphasized, “and we really try to fine tune the academic needs to each student the best we can, whether they need more challenges or more help.”

Davis admitted the achievement gap is still a huge issue, but one that the school keeps working on. She said that 7 percent of San-

ford’s student body is homeless and many ELL students will obviously have a significant achievement gap for awhile. But she and her staff work hard to address the needs of all their students.

“We have the lowest turnover

she told me later it was the best advice I ever gave her. Some parents can get a little overly anxious.”

“I tell parents this first year at middle school is the year to be a little gentler with your student, and I tell students this is the year to be a little more understanding of your parents,” Jones said.

Sanford has functioned as a middle school since 1924.

“My mother, who is 91, was a student here,” Davis said.

Looking at Sanford and other area schools, school board chair Alberto Monserrate said the district made some decisions years ago based on demographics. Some of the closings and threatened closings of schools were in line with census figures the district had.

“We failed to get feedback more directly from parents, and this is one of the issues we are dealing with now,” he noted.

He said there has been drastic growth in the southwest area of the city and growth and spillover has also been seen in the southeast. “We’re still struggling in the north,” he said.

“One of the good results of having growth in both the southeast and southwest schools is that it has added stability,” he said. “When students leave the district, there have to be layoffs. Now there are less layoffs and more stability with teachers staying.”

“We have made some good decisions about principals, also,” Monserrate claimed. He cited the

“We have the lowest turnover of any middle school in the city.”

- Sanford Principal Meredith Davis



In 2003, Principal Meredith Davis was facing the fact that Sanford Middle School, 3524 42nd Ave. S., was about to be closed. Today, the school is thriving. Above, 7th grader Faheem Newman and 8th grader Mac Jones are pictured with Davis.

of any middle school in the city,” she said, “and that speaks really well of how our staff works together.”

Davis cited four goals she has for Sanford students: to get academically ready for high school, make one friend, find at least one thing they are interested in and stay out of big trouble.

“A lot of students come from elementary school where they are the smartest kid in the class and find that in middle school there are a lot of smart kids. This is really hard for some of them.”

She said both parents and children need calming during the middle school years.

“I told one parent to chill out,” she said with a smile, “and

cost of private schools and the fact that some charter schools have turned out to be a disappointment as other reasons for the increase in the district’s student population.

However, the district has partnered with charters in areas where students are struggling the most, according to Monserrate. “The district has authorized Friendship Academy, Mastery Academy, the Minnesota School of Science and Minneapolis College Prep,” he said.

He said the district is adding space to some schools and restructuring others to accommodate future enrollment.

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South Minneapolis residents unsure how airport changes may impact quality of life

By JAN WILLMS

South Minneapolis residents know that a quiet walk around Lake Nokomis may well be interrupted by the noise of an airplane soaring overhead, but what they don't know is whether current changes under consideration will make that noise better or worse. But they're anxious to find out.

That anxiety is over the impact of the proposed use of RNAV (flying planes along a consolidated route) tracks in the community.

This new system, designed to launch planes on more precise and narrow departures, is seen by its supporters as cutting down on use of fuel and providing stronger safety measures.

But city and state officials wonder whether RNAV will create excessive noise in some neighborhoods. As well as RNAV, a plan for a \$1.5 billion expansion to the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP) is being considered. The expansion, which would be funded by airport revenues, will eventually have to be approved by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Regarding both the RNAV and the expansion, the major concern of residents, council members and legislators is whether there has been sufficient time given to study these proposals and allow for input from neighborhoods that may be directly affected.

An open house, hosted by the



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Minneapolis Airports Commission (MAC) was held Nov. 8 to explain RNAV to the public. It was reportedly well attended, but was not sufficient as far as Ward 12 Council Member Sandy Colvin Roy was concerned.

"We fully expected, until recently, that this proposed change would be subject to a higher level of environmental review and more public process to inform and engage the public," Colvin Roy said. "Now, the City has been put in the position of having to explain the potential impacts of this to residents when that job should belong to the MAC and FAA."

would save fuel and emissions and probably allow for safer operations in the airspace.

"What RNAV provides is predictable, more precise routing of air traffic. Who benefits from this change and what risks are there to the residents of Minneapolis are the questions that I believe MAC will have to wrestle with in the coming weeks," Quist said.

He said that what concerns him most is the unknown effect RNAV will have, either positive or negative, on Minneapolis residents and those in surrounding communities.

"The opportunity for community outreach, information sharing, engagement and explanations is woefully inadequate," Quist continued. "MAC staff and the FAA have done great work in attempting to bring information to the public in a very condensed timeframe. Additional thought, analysis, explanation and improvements should be allowed which would yield an improved outcome and certainly a better and more transparent process."

Quist affirmed that he is opposed to any airport expansion.

"It is a large airport now, extremely well run and used, all while being located in a densely populated urban environment," he said. "Any plan that includes expansion or configuration that will yield more traffic, congestion,

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By JILL BOOGREN

Bowlers and beer lovers rejoice! Minneapolis Town Hall Brewery is bringing its craft brews into the heart of the Nokomis neighborhood. Plans are to renovate Skylane Bowl, at 50th St. and 34th Ave. S., and offer a restaurant with a full-service kitchen, a bar, and yes – bowling!

While the purchase was not yet complete at the time of this writing, Pete Rifakes, co-owner of Town Hall Brewery and Town Hall Tap, is proceeding as if he's got the green light.

"We're optimistic that it will get done," he said.

Expect it to have the look and feel of Town Hall Tap, with a large, antique bar and old beer signs that Rifakes has been collecting over the years, as well as a similar tap beer and pub menu.

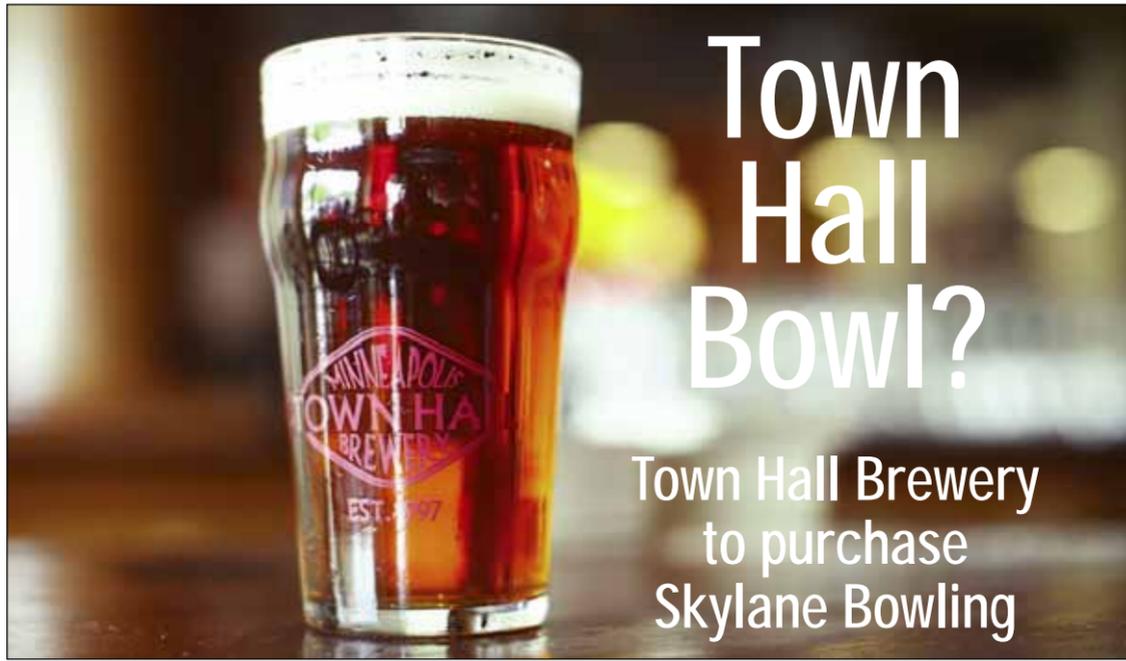
Like at the Tap, there will be eight or nine Town Hall brews — which are only available at their establishments — and about 15 guest taps, including seasonal rotations. There are no plans to brew on site.

As for the food menu, Rifakes said it will be specialized for the bowling alley, but will likely include some of the items from the Tap and Brewery. The walleye sandwich he said would be good bet. And you can probably count on their great french fries.

Dave Dobish, who lives nearby and has bowled in a league at Skylane before, is happy with the prospect of Town Hall coming to the neighborhood.

"I think it's great," he said. "The explosion of these good places [like Northbound and Busters] to get a good meal and great beer is great to see in our neighborhood."

That Town Hall is an estab-



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lished entity is also a plus.

"You don't want to have it be fly by night and then close up," said Dobish. "It's an established brand and company that will bring a high quality to the neighborhood."

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"We still want to cater to the people in the neighborhood who like to bowl," said Rifakes.

Area resident Sue Olive, who bowled at Skylane occasionally but wasn't in a league herself, said she spent many Saturday afternoons at Skylane, watching her son bowl in the Junior League.

"It was a great Saturday bowling place to go," she said. "I'd gab with the ladies there." Some would

come down even if their kids weren't bowling any more.

"It was just that friendly kind of place," Olive said. She hopes it will be a fun place with regular leagues that will "grab some of those old-timers back."

"I'd hope it would have something to attract the neighborhood back again," she said. "Bowling is a fun thing to do. Fun for all ages."

Dobish can envision bowling in a league there again, especially if shorter leagues will be available, ten weeks as opposed to the full season. He said being able to have a few beers and walk home is a pretty big draw.

Rifakes is a bowler himself, although he said he doesn't bowl like real serious people. Back in his hey day, when he was in leagues,

he bowled around a 165. These days he only gets out a few times a year and figures his average is now significantly less.

"I've never been great. I've never owned my own shoes [he did have a ball], but I enjoy it," he said. "I would anticipate having my own shoes and ball after this."

Rifakes wants to offer a place for families, kids and adults. He'd like to keep up the tradition of having kids' birthday parties on weekend days. He also envisions there being some room for small banquets and other gatherings, so people can have bowling parties.

They have their work cut out for them. The building has been for sale a long time, and a lot of things need updating. It's also two buildings, so a lot of work will be

done joining one building to the other.

"The interior is really segmented at this point," said Rifakes. His goal is to make it into "a large cohesive restaurant."

The bowling alley will stay where it is. They'll add more height to the ceiling and put in a full-service kitchen. The architecture will lend itself to the antique bar.

"It'll look a lot different than it does now, hopefully in a good way," said Rifakes.

Dobish looks forward to having another place that helps create a sense of community, saying it adds to the economic vitality and sustainability of the neighborhood.

"It's pretty great," he said. "More and more people are finding the hidden gem that is the Nokomis area."

Rifakes anticipates a spring or summer opening.

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'Walking in My Winter Underwear'

It happens every year about this time: I find myself singing the lyrics I remember from "Walking in My Winter Underwear." You may know this parody of Walking in a Winter Wonderland. Here's is a part of the lyrics:

Sleigh bells ring and I'm listening,
But I'm turning and twisting.
'Cause I'm itching up here,
And I'm scratching down there,
I'm walking in my winter underwear.

Now, the front is all battered,
And the back is is all tattered,
But, when I'm cold to the core,
I walk through the "trap door",
And up into my winter underwear.

I had long thought this was a song written for 'Axel' for his television program on WCCO. Axel and his Dog was the local children's show featuring Clelland Card as Axel Torgerson. It was on the air from 1954 until Card's death in 1966.

One notable feature of the show was Axel's twisted Scandinavian accent which turned our neighboring state into 'Siconsin' and the station which broadcast the program into 'Canal Four.'

It may have been that twisted accent which had me convinced that Clellan Card was the man behind "Winter Underwear." Or maybe it was the mustache which made the performer look just like Axel.

But a check with the Pavek Museum of Broadcasting showed that I was wrong. It was actually Roger Awsumb,



Hiawatha Notebook

By TOM GILSEMAN

Stories for the holidays

host of the Casey Jones show on Channel 11, who performed "Walking in My Winter Underwear" on local television. And neither he nor Axel wrote the lyrics. The song was actually written by Melinda Root and Fannie Zollcoffer.

For a film version of Casey Jones doing the song, check out this video on YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UBLxfvACQhE>

For more about Axel and his show, visit the website for the Pavek Museum of Broadcasting: <http://www.pavekmuseum.org/axel.html>.



Holiday stories which have appeared in this column each December are fiction. But they have often been inspired by the lives of real people. Elff, the key inspiration for one of those stories, died earlier this month. He was 47.

Elff's real name was David Akey, though I only heard it a couple of times in all the years I knew him. He was a regular at the Hard Times Cafe for a lot of years. In fact, he had his own table — a small round one near the back of the cafe. There, Elff read newspapers and books and engaged in conversations on many different topics.

For most of the years I knew him, Elff was homeless. He lived here and there outdoors, occasionally accepting an offer of an indoor overnight stay. For a time, he lived in a storage yard for construction equipment near the University of Minnesota.

One Sunday, he took me along to the yard to meet his friends. That afternoon was the inspiration for a holiday story called "Homeless for the holidays." It began...

"Hey, Tom, can you give me a ride," Joe asked. It was the

night before the night before Christmas and I was in the coffeeshop. Joe spotted me and came over with his question. "I need a ride to where I'm staying," he said.

"Sure," I replied. "Just give me a minute to finish this cup."

A few minutes later we were off into the winter night. There wasn't much snow, but it sure was cold.

We could see the steam rising from the storm drains.

Elff was also the inspiration for a newspaper column I wrote called "Five minutes of war."

I was with Elff at the outdoor construction yard on the day the US attacked Iraq. The newscaster on the radio said the US was using Patriot missiles which cost about \$1 million apiece. It dawned on me that the money spent on five minutes of that war could provide housing for Elff and all of his friends for the rest of their lives. Imagine, I wrote, what we could do with the money spent on one hour of war.



If you'd like a copy of the holiday column inspired by Elff, just let me know. You can send an email to the address at the end of this column or write to me in care of the Messenger.

You might be interested in other holiday stories which I have written for the Messenger. Here's an excerpt from a couple:

Christmas is tomorrow, isn't it?

She got up and came to the counter. "Christmas, it's tomorrow, isn't it." I wasn't sure if she was asking me or telling me. She didn't wait for any reply. "I loved it when I was little. We lived in Kentucky then. It was magic, just magic. I even had Christmas lights in my room, hanging over my bed.

"But these last few years..." her voice trailed off. She climbed up on one of the stools and started playing with

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Public Meeting: Proposal to Move Grade 3 to LNCS Keewaydin Campus

Enrollment at Lake Nokomis Community School continues to grow, putting pressure on both the Keewaydin and Wenonah Campus facilities. The LNCS Site Committee is hosting a meeting on Tuesday, November 27, to discuss options for the coming school year. Among them is moving children in Grade 3, currently at the Wenonah Campus, to Keewaydin which currently houses grades 4-8.

The meeting will also include an update on construction of the Keewaydin addition, and options under consideration by Minneapolis Public Schools for accommodating growth. Principals from both campus' and MPS district staff will be on hand to answer questions. The meeting will be at the Keewaydin Campus, 5209 30th Ave S, November 27, 6:30 pm. Free childcare will be available.

Night Before New Year's Eve Celebration

We are gearing up for another Night Before New Year's Eve Party (NBNYE) on Sunday, December 30, 5-8 PM. NBNYE is an evening of [free] fun for kids and families at the Nokomis Community Center (2401 East Minnehaha Parkway). It features hayrides, carnival games, music and dance contests by KidsDance, a free hot dog bar, crafts, and roasting marshmallows over a bonfire. The entire event is free, but donations are always appreciated.

The fishpond was stocked in early spring, so those little critters are all grown up and ready to find a new home with your child or grandchild. Kids can make a craft to take home, and learn what their future holds from our fortune teller.

Enjoy the excitement in their eyes when they "catch" a surprise at the fish pond, ride the haywagon, and watch

NENA (Nokomis East Neighborhood Association)

BY RITA ULRICH AND DOUG WALTER, NENA STAFF

It's All About the Kids

Father Time lead the high decibel countdown to the New Year. Check for more details at www.nokomiseast.org or make sure you are on the NENA E-List (see below). Since parking is limited around the Community Center, we plan to run a shuttle bus where you can park/walk and ride to the center. We'll post the route and stops when it is finalized.

Volunteers are Needed

If you can help with the Night Before New Year's Eve party, please contact the NENA office: nenan@nokomiseast.org or (612) 724-5652. We need about 50 volunteers to work 2 or 3 hour shifts, helping with decorating, food prep and serving, kids games, bonfire and hayride safety (plus roasting marshmallows). If you haven't volunteered before, this is a fun way to get involved. Kids ages 10-14 can volunteer, provided that a parent is onsite and able to help if needed.

Team leaders are needed — it's great experience for young people needing leadership experience. It involves two evening meetings and a commitment to helping from 4 pm — 9 pm are necessary. Call the NENA office for information: 612-724-5652.

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NENA wishes all of our friends, neighbors and volunteers a Happy Holiday Season!

Upcoming NENA Meetings and Events

LNCS Enrollment Meeting: 6:30 PM, Wednesday, November 27, at Keewaydin School, 5209 30th Ave S.

Livability Working Group: 7 PM, Monday, December 10, at NENA.

Board of Directors: 7 PM, Thursday, December 20, at NENA.

NBNYE Planning Group: 6:30 PM, Thursday, December 27, at NENA

Night Before New Year's Eve Party: 5-8 PM, Friday, December 30, at Nokomis Community Center, 2401 East Minnehaha Parkway.

Last-minute schedule changes are posted on our Calendar page at www.nokomiseast.org or you may call (612) 724-5652.

If you would like to join us as a volunteer, contact the NENA Office at (612) 724-5652 or email nenan@nokomiseast.org.

Schools

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"We want to make a plan that is comprehensive," Monserrate said.

"It is challenging," he added, with the economy and enrollment figures hard to predict. One certain factor is that the board wants to see community support at the very start of the process. "The staff, teachers and parents know the schools the best."

Monserrate said a strategic plan developed in 2007 was extended to 2012, and the academic part of the plan extended to 2014.

"Two key parts of the academic plan that will have the most effect on the achievement gap are being piloted this year," he said.

"One is teacher evaluations that are collaboratively developed and comply with current state law. Thirty-five per cent of the evalua-

tion is based on student performance."

Monserrate said the second part is focused instruction, using certain standards and a style of teaching throughout the district.

He also is concerned that many teachers are being trained to teach stable middle class students and not learning enough about working with low-income students and students who have issues with homelessness, parents dealing with addiction or parents who are incarcerated.

Since 22 per cent of students in the district speak a language at home other than English, Monserrate said he is glad the district sees these students as an asset. "Potentially, we have students who can grow up to be multilingual and bicultural."

"I hope this legislature is friendlier to education," Monserrate affirmed. "I hope they don't just look at cuts, but also at raising

taxes on those who can afford it the most to increase funding in ELL and special education. There needs to be reform and more accountability. I still worry, though. We have to find ways to be more productive in education."

Rachel Hicks, director of media relations and public affairs for the district, agrees.

She is hoping that some critical changes will be made in narrowing the achievement gap by working with community partners and parents and the state of Minnesota.

She said the Minneapolis Schools superintendent has stressed the importance of a high quality environment, no matter what school a child may attend.

"We want students, guardians and parents to all feel welcome at our schools," she said. "Our goal is to have 95 per cent of students going to school 95 per cent of the time."



Children celebrating at the Folwell Grand Opening Celebration and open house this past Aug. 23.

Airport

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condensed or expanded operations is of great concern to Minneapolis policy-makers, even if projections allow for that expansion in the interest of safety and efficiency."

Regarding any consideration that the airport will eventually be relocated, Quist said he does not have any allusions that MSP will not continue to operate in its current location.

"The economic contributions MSP makes to the city, state and region are enormous," he claimed. "However, a state-wide aviation strategy is long overdue that would provide for a more holistic management of air service in Minnesota that would maximize development and utilization of existing infrastructure at other facilities located within two hours of MSP."

Another official who has expressed worry about the proposed RNAV plan is Sen. Patricia Torres Ray, (DFL) District 62.

"I'm extremely concerned about the proposed shift to the airport flight pattern," Sen. Torres Ray said. "The change is being considered at a time when the airport is proposing a \$1.5 billion expansion to accommodate future increases in traffic, and there has been no adequate community input to review how some communities in Minneapolis will be impacted."

She said she believes the current proposal will expose more people to over flights over longer periods of time. "I don't quite understand how any community could actually benefit from this change. Neighborhoods just north of the airport, Keewaydin, Ericsson, Standish and areas around Lake Nokomis will be impacted by the new proposal, and they need to be involved in this discussion," she said.

Sen. Torres Ray said she would not support any changes unless the community is involved in the process of determining the new flight patterns.

"The MSP Noise Oversight Committee was established to develop a comprehensive analysis

of runway use during different operational flows, and they must include community input in these overall assessment and recommendations," Sen. Torres Ray said.

A MAC representative was contacted for this story, but he deferred comment to the FAA.

"RNAV has been safely rolled out at airports nationwide and is part of a nationwide initiative that has been carefully researched and tested," explained Elizabeth Cory a spokesperson for the FAA. "It will bring greater efficiency

and environmental benefits to area communities."

Colvin Roy remains hopeful.

"The good news for residents is that the City is working with Minneapolis legislators and our federal delegation to fight for additional information so that we can have a real conversation about this issue before a decision is made," she said. "I am very hopeful that MAC will understand that this is a significant change, and it would be appropriate to give it a deeper level of review. We all want the airport to

do well; it is an important part of the regional economy, but I'm positive that the airport can thrive while also being a good neighbor. A great start would be to give the public the information they want."

An airport noise advisory group did recommend the RNAV plan at a meeting Nov. 14, and MAC planned to vote Nov. 19 whether to implement the new plane-routing technology. The Messenger went to press before the results of that vote were available.

Hiawatha Notebook

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the salt shaker. After a couple of minutes, she spoke again: "Why do we have to grow up? Why can't we always remain kids? What would be wrong with that?"

Touched by the holiday spirit

As I put the ornaments on the

tree, I thought of all the other local names which have disappeared from downtown Minneapolis, Donaldson's, Powers and Young Quinlan among them.

The same is true for nearly every city in the US: Armstrong's in Cedar Rapids; Younker's in Iowa City, Capwell's in Oakland, Emporium in San Francisco. The list goes on and on. We have lost so much.

Write to me if you'd like a copy.

Happy Thanksgiving. Thanks for reading my column. See you next time.

(Tom Gilson has been writing a column for the Messenger since 1997. You can write to him via email at tomgilson@gmail.com. Or write to him in care of the Messenger.)

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What's Cookin'...

By COLETTE MULLENMASTER

Kowalski's Parkview Market with Jean Christensen, Store Manager

CM: How and where did Kowalski's first evolve from and how did it come to this location in South Minneapolis?

JC: Jim Kowalski worked for Red Owl and in 1983 Jim together with his wife Mary Anne purchased the Grand Avenue store. In 1986 they purchased another Red Owl store in White Bear Lake. Expansion continued as they added a central bakery, a franchised Cub Foods store, and a new store in Woodbury. In 2002 Jim and Mary Anne bought a small chain in the Minneapolis area known as GJ's Supervalu, The Parkview location was included in this purchase and became a Kowalski's Market in April 2002.

CM: It seems the Diamond Lake neighborhoods are starting to experience a revitalization similar to the 48th and Chicago neighborhood. What is it that Kowalski's considers as the best thing about doing

business in this community?

JC: The best thing about this community is its people. We have a diverse customer base that is well educated on food products and quality.

CM: How does Kowalski's see itself in the community over the next 10 years?

JC: We see ourselves as a partner and leader in the community. Kowalski's is a civic business committed to developing active citizens both at work and within our communities.



Jean Christensen



Cranberry, Orange and Dried Cherry Sauce

- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1 1/4 cups sugar
- 1 (12 oz.) bag fresh cranberries
- 1 (3 oz) pkg. dried red tart cherries
- orange zest

In a medium saucepan over medium heat, bring water, orange juice and sugar to a boil, stirring occasionally; continue boiling until sugar is dissolved (about 5 min.) Stir in cranberries; return to a boil. Boil and stir until most of cranberries pop, (about 5 mn longer); stir in cherries. Refrigerate, covered, up to 3 days. Garnish with orange zest just before serving. Amount 3 1/2 cups.

Simple Cheese Tart with Holiday Sauce

- 1 1/4 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1 cup sugar, divided
- 5 T unsalted butter, melted
- 12 oz. cream cheese, room temperature
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 1/2 T fresh squeezed lemon juice (from 1 lemon)
- 1 t pure vanilla extract
- 1 (12.5 oz) jar Stonewall Kitchen Holiday Ham
- 1/4 cup water

In a medium mixing bowl, combine crumbs, 1/4 cup sugar and butter; toss with fork until well-blended. Press crumb mixture firmly onto bottom and up sides of an 11" tart pan with removable bottom. Bake in a preheated 350° oven until crust is golden brown and firm to the touch, (6-8 min); cool completely. Using electric mixer, beat cheese until smooth; thoroughly mix in remaining sugar, sour cream, juice and vanilla. Spread filling in cooled crust; chill 4 hrs. Pour jam and water into medium saucepan over medium-low heat; stir continuously until jam melts into a smooth sauce. Remove pan from heat and cool to room temperature. To Serve: Drizzle sauce over chilled tart; serve immediately Serves 12

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Help the City take action on climate change

The City of Minneapolis is updating the Minneapolis Climate Action Plan, a roadmap to help the City reduce greenhouse gas pollution. The public is invited to two open houses to give feedback on draft recommendations now before the Climate Action Plan Steering Committee.

The first is from 5-7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 27, Powderhorn Park Community Center, 3400 15th Ave. S. The second is from 5:30-7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 29, at U of M Urban Research and Outreach-Engagement Center (UROC), 2001 Plymouth Ave. N.

The draft recommendations and a short survey to collect feedback are also available at www.minneapolismn.gov/sustainability/climate.

To respond to the challenges of climate change and energy security and as part of its commitment to being an eco-focused city, the City of Minneapolis has adopted targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The updated Climate Action Plan will incorporate current City efforts and recommend new initiatives that could reduce pollution in transportation, land use, buildings and waste while furthering the City's goals for a healthy, growing and equitable community.

The consensus is clear: the global climate is changing and human activities are major contributors to that change. While climate change is a global issue, local action can make a difference. Over the last 10 months, the City has worked with public, private and nonprofit partners and the community to update the Minneapolis Climate Action Plan. For more information on the Climate Action Plan update, future meeting dates and ways Minneapolis residents can get involved, go to www.minneapolismn.gov/sustainability/climate.

MPRB Planning Committee approves new Keewaydin master plan

By TESHA M. CHRISTENSEN

The master plan for Keewaydin Park is one step closer to completion.

It was reviewed by the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board Planning Committee during a public hearing on Nov. 7, and unanimously approved. There were no public comments made at the hearing.

The plan will go before the full park board for action on Nov. 28.

"It's a great amenity to that area," said MPRB Commissioner Carol Kummer, who represents the Nokomis neighborhood.

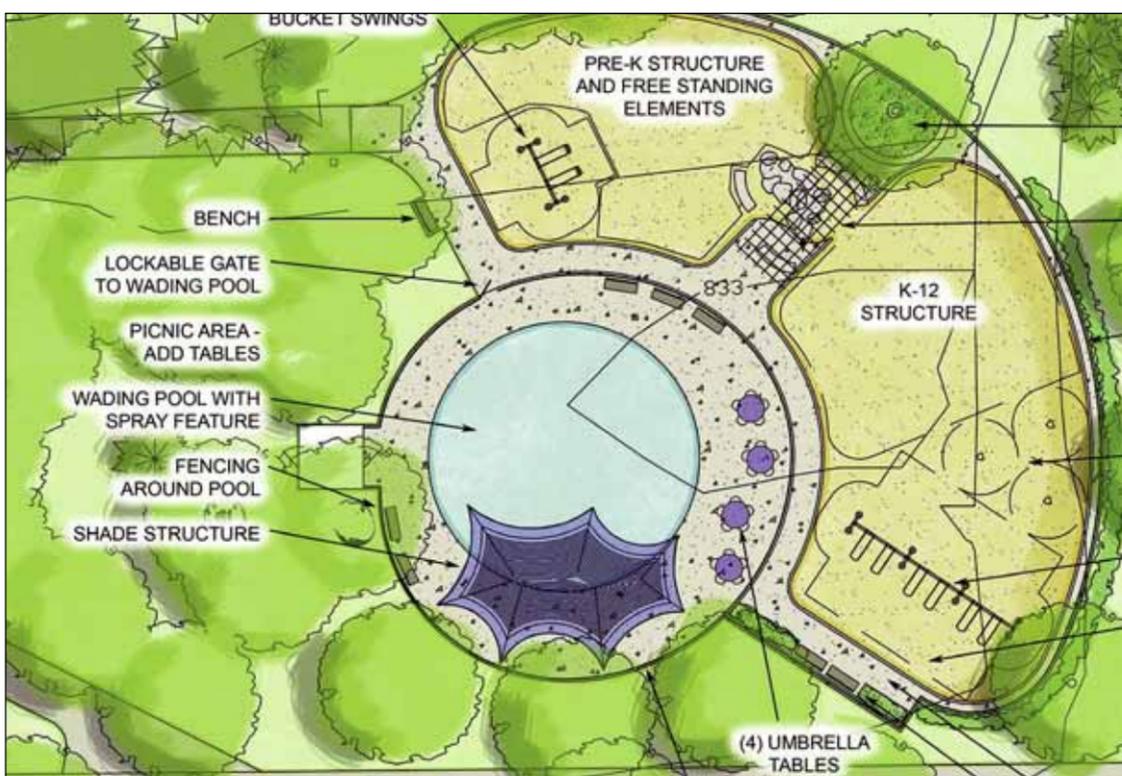
"Based on community feedback and insights, the plan strives to meet the park and recreation needs of youth, young adults and adults through a wading pool, playground, enhanced field design and retention of the treed area," said Minneapolis Parks and

Recreation Board Manager of Public Engagement and Citywide Planning Jennifer Ringold.

"We are deeply appreciative of the time community members contributed to participate in this design process," added Ringold. "The value of a master plan is that the community and MPRB have a shared vision for the future of the park."

ABOUT THE MASTER PLAN

Parks staff and community members began meeting about Keewaydin Park shortly after the school district announced late last year that it would be investing \$16 million into the Keewaydin campus of Lake Nokomis Community School. The expansion of the school building to the south required the removal of some playground equipment. While the larger playground structure and



The highlight of the Keewaydin Park Plan is a water play area linking the preK and K-12 play areas. The water pump has been popular at Lake Harriet. The design shows the layout of the proposed pool and playground but does not include detailed drawings of the play structures. Those will be determined once funding has been identified.

"The value of a master plan is that the community and MPRB have a shared vision for the future of the park."

- Minneapolis Parks and Recreation staffer Jennifer Ringold



wading pool are still in place, the park board intends to relocate them to allow for additional expansion of the school if needed in the future.

The parks department intends to move the playground and pool to the east side of the recreation building, an idea that was supported by community members. The mature trees in the area will be saved, and other items planted near the new features. Following the last community meeting in September, designers added additional screening to enhance the buffer between the neighbors across the street and the playground, said Minneapolis Park and Recreation

Board architect Deborah Bartels.

One of the key issues the parks department recognized early on was that it would not be able to fit everything in at the park site, noted Ringold. Some community members had requested that tennis courts be returned to the park, but planners weren't able to accommodate that. However, Bossen Park is a nearby alternative.

The new playground will have a low visual impact while providing a high play value for children, Ringold told planning committee members. It will have a nature play theme with subtle colors, and a net structure.

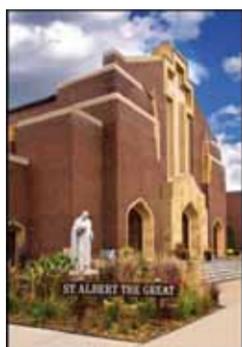
A shade structure similar to

what has been used at other parks will be installed over the pool to provide instant shade.

A highlight of the playground is a water play area that includes a hand pump, steam bed and boulders. Bartels noted that a similar feature at Lake Harriet is very popular.

The total cost of the project is \$992,422, which includes upgrading the bathrooms in the rec center, relocating utilities, and installing the fence. That doesn't include the cost of renovating the playing fields, which will range from \$170,000 to \$275,000.

The parks board has slated the Keewaydin project in its 2018 capital improvement plan.



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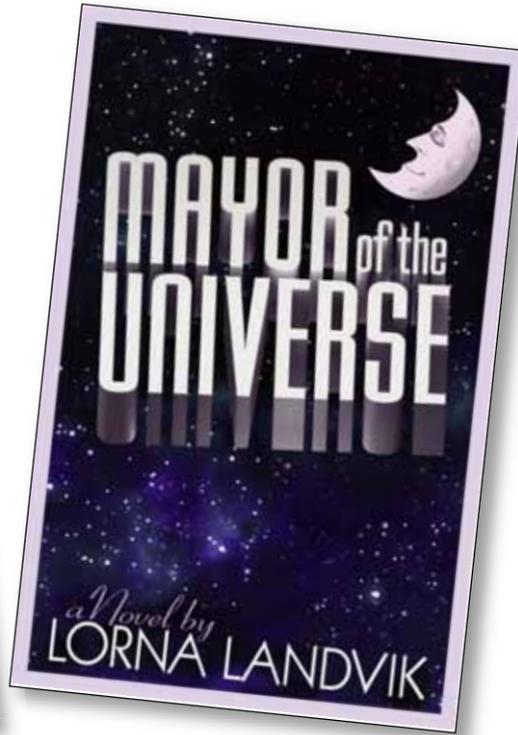
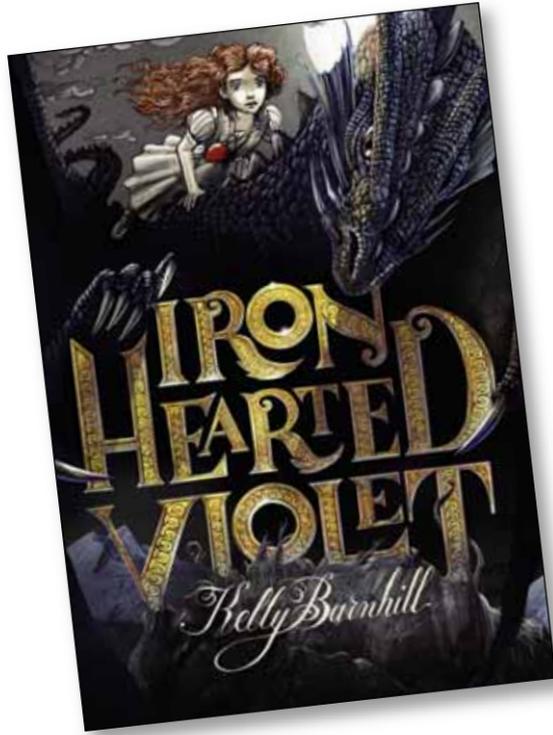
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Kelly Barnhill (Photo by Bruce Silcox)

Author/Author...

Two neighborhood authors share their stories



By JILL BOOGREN

Winter's a great time to curl up with a good book, but what of the people behind the stories? Here are two hometown authors, Kelly Barnhill and Lorna Landvik, each with newly-released novels, sharing their stories of living and working in south Minneapolis.

To say that Kelly Barnhill writes of otherworldly places would be an understatement. Her latest children's novel, *Iron Hearted Violet*, is set in a kingdom with twin suns and a mirrored sky. Her previous novel, *The Mostly True Story of Jack*, takes place in a small town in Iowa with hidden secrets.

"Iowa is just magic," she

said. "That is just common knowledge."

For Barnhill, magic is everywhere. On the block where she

lives near Minnehaha Creek, at the Caribou Coffee where she turns out pages and pages of fiction, and even in some dreary,

unexpected places. Sewers, for example.

It says something that one of Barnhill's favorite projects was writing *Sewers and the Rats That Love Them*, which describes exactly where your water's been.

Barnhill is fascinated by these human systems. "They're like little empires," she said.

Sewers was one of a number of high-interest nonfiction books for youth she wrote for Capstone Press, where she got to shed light on a whole world of the oozy, gross and creepy in gory detail: *Blood-Sucking*, *Man-Eating Monsters*, from the Horrible Things series, and *The Sweaty Book of Sweat* and *The Wee Book of Pee*, from The Amazingly GROSS Human Body series.

Barnhill said she may have been a natural choice to flesh these out.

"I typically do delight with these topics," she said, and she especially likes writing for fourth to fifth graders.

calls Minneapolis a special place, where neighbors really care about each other and writers are extremely supportive of each other's work. She lives with her husband and their two daughters, their son, and their dog Harper.

Barnhill breaks up her writing day by allowing a little time to read ("All writers are readers first.") and jogging, although she often writes while she runs.

Able to hold three or four pages in her head while running, Barnhill explained the physicality of storybuilding and how it helps for her to be more engaged, reacting to the world around her, seeing the variations in air and light.

"Lake Nokomis, the creek, Fort Snelling are all very meditative places to work on these little knots of story," she said.

The Barnhills love nature. She and her husband, who was an Eagle Scout, both worked with the National Park Service. Their kids are down by the creek every day, they enjoy walks from Minnehaha Falls to the river, and they take annual canoeing trips into the Boundary Waters Canoe Area.

They also spend time at a small cabin — a "shack in the woods" — where they truly unplug. There they do a ton of reading and art and tell stories in the dark by candlelight, "always candlelight."

Her main character for *Violet* started off as a story Barnhill was telling her daughters.

"They wanted a story about a princess, and she had to be ugly," said Barnhill. In the story, Cassian, an adult narrator, says something he immediately regrets, as caretakers sometimes painfully do.

"You want to suck it back in like a noodle," said Barnhill, explaining that it's useful to show kids that adults make mistakes, too.

Suggesting that once a teacher, always a teacher, Barnhill said that "even as a novelist for kids, there's always an eye to teaching."

"Kids love learning something new. It's one of our basic human needs as a kid."

Barnhill's next book involves a swamp monster named Glerk who recites poetry.

Iron Hearted Violet is available at book stores and online.

Visit Kelly's website at kelly-barnhill.wordpress.com

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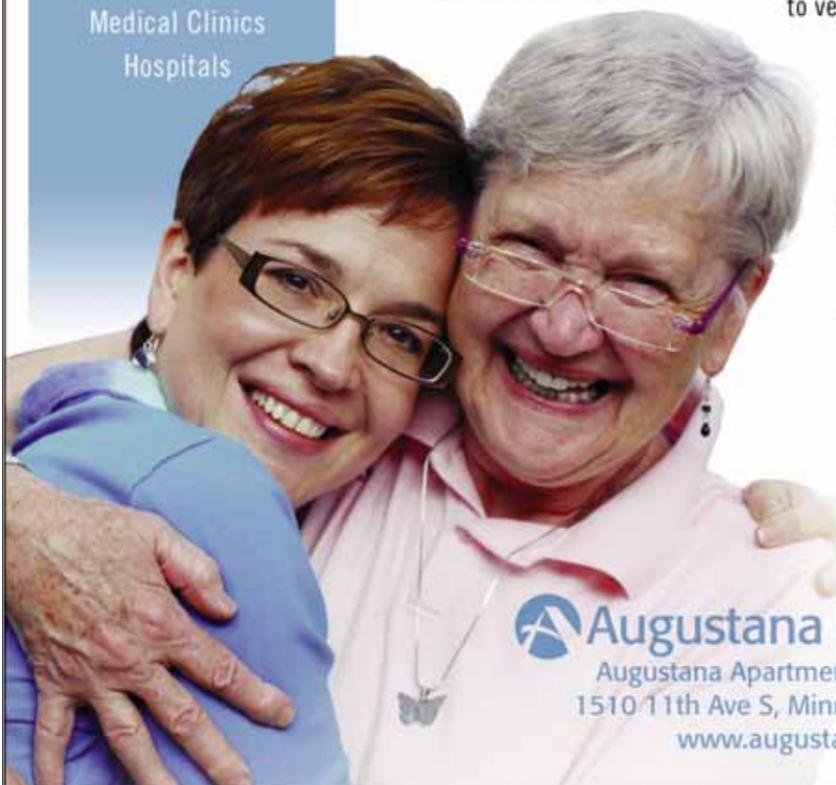
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"Lake Nokomis, the creek, Fort Snelling are all very meditative places to work on these little knots of story."

- Author Kelly Barnhill

"In my deepest places of my soul, I am a fourth grade boy," she said. "These are my people."

Barnhill had done some educational writing before and had used Capstone books as a teacher. The books had to be well-researched with the strict constraints required for specific reading levels. They also had to be engaging, informative, and funny.

"It taught me how to write for kids," said Barnhill. "Even if you're limiting language, you can't limit ideas. Kids still want to be engaged. They still want to be learning."

Barnhill, who was born here,

Lorna Landvik, whose stories are usually set in Minneapolis or Minnesota, begins her latest novel, *Mayor of the Universe*, in Pierre, South Dakota. Until the aliens come. Then hold onto your hats, because you're in for quite a ride.

Described as "fun, meddling in-laws," aliens visit mild-mannered Fletcher Weschel and proceed to upend his less-than-formidable life.

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Authors

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Although Landvik said she doesn't start out with a particular theme in mind, her stories often feature a central gathering place: *Patty Jane's House of Curl*, *Your Oasis on Flame Lake*, *Cup O' Delight Cafe* (in *The Tall Pine Polka*), which Landvik recognizes as places not just where people gather, but "where they can thrive."

In *Mayor*, it's the universe. "I think I've expanded," said Landvik.

She never intended to write about aliens, they just kind of showed up, Lodge members, all ("That's how I see the great beyond, they're all Lodge members."). A trip to Pierre told her Fletcher had to be from there.

"These are the thrilling surprises for me," said Landvik. "When I realize I'm not as in charge as I think I am."

Raised in Minneapolis from the age of about three, Landvik grew up on 38th Ave. S. across from the Navy Base ("It's weird to think of there being a Navy Base in Minnesota"), often shagging balls that landed in their lilac bushes from big hitters in their baseball games.

Her family then moved closer to the Veterans Home. Landvik



Lorna Landvik

said she was allowed a "real Huck Finn" childhood.

"I had a banana seat bike I adored," said Landvik. "With a transistor radio with straps attached to the handlebars." She and her friends would ride to Lake Nokomis in the summer, and also out to Whiskey's grave, which, Landvik pointed out, is a horse, and "...not where they buried hooch."

As teenagers, kids hung out at Skylane Bowling, Marty's (now Pizza Hut) and the Leola Theatre (U.S. Bank), and drank "charged sodas" at Zipp's Pharmacy (Nokomis Shoes). Landvik re-

"That's how I see the great beyond, they're all Lodge members."

- Author Lorna Landvik

members a very grown up moment buying Pond's Cold Cream at the Five and Dime store. Nokomis Beach was a Baskin Robbins.

Landvik attended the former Morris Park Elementary and Nokomis Junior High schools, then Roosevelt High. She credits a pivotal sixth grade teacher with giving her the encouragement to follow her dream to write, as well as very supportive parents and friends.

"There were no doubts," said Landvik. "There was no 'You can't do this.'"

Landvik is of Norwegian heritage and recalls family picnics and reunions full of storytelling and big laughs. Her parents were both good storytellers, and her mother was also a performer, as one of the "Mother Singers" at Morris Park. "Oh My Stars" (an expression used in Landvik's novel of the same name) was her Mom's version of swearing.

Asked what it would be like if all of her characters from previous novels were "coming home" for the holidays, Landvik said:

"I think there'd be no physical brawl, because there'd be good strong characters to keep 'em in line. There'd be a sing-along... more dessert than entrees, a lot of storytelling, candy dishes in every room... and a crackling fire where at the end of the night everyone gathers and listens to the older ones telling stories." Kristi (from *The View from Mount Joy*), Landvik added, "might be sent away or they'd give her the wrong date."

Landvik's love of acting brought her to California, where she did stand-up and improvisational comedy and worked at the Playboy Mansion (strictly clerical!). She, with her husband and daughter, joined the Great Peace March across America. After that, they moved back to Minneapolis where their second daughter was

born and Landvik began writing. Landvik and her husband live and raised their daughters not far from where she grew up. She often walks her dog Julio at the Minnehaha Dog Park, where she gets a lot of her story ideas. No longer an active hockey mom (both girls played), she loves city life — the Riverview Theatre, Bryant Lake Bowl, Sea Salt — and watching the sunset at Lake Hiawatha.

Starting January 4th, Landvik's annual "Party in the Rec Room" will be at Bryant Lake Bowl every Friday and Saturday night (7 p.m.). It's a night of improv, fueled by the audience (and maybe one or two margaritas she mixes on stage).

Coming soon is her next novel, *Best to Laugh*, which Landvik describes as the most autobiographical of her fiction, in that her main character is in Los Angeles doing standup at the same time she was.

She's also working on a sequel to *Patty Jane's House of Curl*.

"Those characters have been nagging me throughout the years," said Landvik. "They're not quite done."

Mayor of the Universe is available at Amazon.com in print or as a download. Or ask for it at book stores.

Find Landvik on Facebook at Lorna Landvik, Author and at her website: www.lornalandvik.com

Community Forum planned to introduce new Minneapolis Public School Board members Nov. 28

What do the newly elected Minneapolis Public School Board members hope to accomplish in their new term? And what will that mean for you?

AchieveMpls' November "Our City, Our Schools" community forum will offer community members an opportunity to meet

the newly elected MPS school board members, learn more about each member's priorities for the new term, and have their questions answered in a safe, supportive environment. This free event will be held on Wednesday, November 28 from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the

Thomas Edison High School Media Center, 700 22nd Avenue Northeast.

Newly elected board members Tracine Asberry, Carla Bates, Kim Ellison and Josh Reimnitz will speak about how they view the role of an MPS board member, what skills and experience they bring to the board, and their priorities for the new term. Community members will have

a chance to speak with each school board member to pose their questions, express their concerns, and relate the issues most important to them this school year. Come prepared to ask your specific questions about the members' plans for the new MPS school board term.

Our City, Our Schools forums are designed to help our local community get better in-

formed about current - and often very complex - public education issues and get engaged as volunteers, community partners and advocates. Open to the public, forums are held in a variety of Minneapolis locations and light refreshments are provided.

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Every day I have a list. Every week, I have the weekly list, and there is also a master list. There are so many things to do around the house, lots of repairs, touch ups and even some replacements. My goal is to have my entire house clutter free and clean before Thanksgiving. It looks like I may meet that goal, but when my project involves Mr. M., it comes to a screeching halt. You know the drill; excuses, excuses, excuses.

Mr. M. is working on getting a plant up and running. He orders guys around. That's great at work, but at home, he sometimes forgets who he's talking to. He is speaking to me; his lovely wife, his reason for living. More than once this weekend, I said,

"Hello, you're talking to me, not one of the guys."

"Yeah sure, I know I'm talking to you."

My son, Sean has noticed the difference too. He commented one day that Mr. M. seemed to be los-



The Old White House

By SHERRI MOORE

Excuses, excuses, excuses!

ing his social skills. There's very little "How about you and I do this...." and lots of "This needs to be done by next weekend."

Are you getting the irony? He expects us to do what he wants in a timely fashion, but he doesn't have to for us.

His excuse file is overflowing. He can't finish the mudding until Sean brings over the nail gun. He can't clean out his half of the garage until I move out a friend's car (which was only supposed to be there a week.) I guess he couldn't use the other half of the garage door.

There's my favorite excuse for

not vacuuming the living room rug. "I think I'm coming down with a cold, and I could get pneumonia from the dust."

Sean and I reacted by doing what he requested during the week. After all, the basement needs to be done for Thanksgiving. I have an infinite number of people coming and we need space for the kids to watch the game and have fun.

I'm also funneling out repair jobs at the duplex to Sean. Mr. M. is not even thinking of helping out with that. It's hard for Sean, who has a family, but we're all pitching in.

We had all the work done by the following weekend. Mr. M. looked a little disappointed when he saw an empty driveway. He tried to look happy, but I could tell he was thinking of his promise. Then he saw the basement, ready for him to finish his bookcase, and again, he didn't look happy.

You would think, after 28 years of marriage, he would know I can work miracles when I am motivated! I also have to give Sean credit, he made it a top priority to finish his mudding for me.

Mr. M. begrudgingly spent Saturday in the basement, finishing his work. Now, just one more

coat of mudding and sanding from Sean and we'll be ready to paint. I can do that myself. It looks like we'll be ready for Thanksgiving, on schedule! And that will be the end of projects that need Mr. M.'s help. Not forever, for a few months. I'll try not to ask him for help until he wraps up the plant. He doesn't have the time, and I don't have the nerves! When I told him I wouldn't be asking him for help for a while, he said,

"Then what are you going to write about?"

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone. Let's all hope for some peace in the New Year.

(Sherri Moore is a freelance writer, and resident of the Nokomis neighborhood. She and Mr. M. are celebrating 20 years in their old white house. She welcomes your input and can be reached at sherrimoore92@msn.com.)

Volunteers sought for county citizen advisory boards

The Hennepin County Board of Commissioners is seeking applicants from the community to fill positions on seven citizen advisory boards. The County Board appoints some or all of the members of each board. The following boards have vacancies:

Adult Mental Health Advisory Council: This 23-member council advises the County Board on adult mental health issues within Hennepin County and monitors, studies and comments on mental health issues at federal, state and local levels. Members serve three-year terms and meet monthly on the third Thursday of the month from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at Hennepin County Library - Hosmer in Minneapolis. There are eight vacancies.

Community Action Partnership for Suburban Hennepin Board: This 18-member board - a private nonprofit corporation - develops plans that encourage community action to reduce poverty and help low-income residents find employment and education, decent affordable housing, emergency assistance and other support services in subur-

ban and rural Hennepin County. One-third of the members are elected public officials, one-third are elected low-income persons, and one-third are members of the private sector. Members serve one-year terms and meet at 6 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of the month in Hopkins. There are three vacancies (elected officials only).

County Extension Committee (Minnesota Extension Service): This nine-member committee is part of the Minnesota Extension Service - a joint partnership between Hennepin County and the University of Minnesota that determines local needs, links the Extension with other groups in the community, and ensures that underserved audiences are reached in the areas of youth, nutrition, environmental/agricultural and leadership programming. The committee oversees the budget and work of the Extension Service. Members should have some familiarity with extension activities and interests and skills in education and youth development. Members serve three-year terms and meet five

times a year (January or February, March or April, May, September and November) on the second Tuesday of the month from 9 to 11 a.m. at the University Research and Outreach Center (UROC), located at 2001 Plymouth Ave. N. in Minneapolis. There are two vacancies.

Human Resources Board: This seven-member board establishes rules for the county's classified workers and provides a compensation plan for non organized employees, subject to approval by the County Board. The board also hears appeals within its jurisdiction. Members must reside in Hennepin County and cannot hold public office or have filed as a candidate for office; be employed or have been employed by Hennepin County for one year; or hold a position in a political party, except as a political party delegate. Members serve four-year terms and meet at least monthly on the first Wednesday of the month, averaging 14 meetings a year, at the Hennepin County Government Center in downtown Minneapolis. There are two vacancies.

Library Board: This 11-member board meets monthly to review budgets and establish management and service policies governing the county's library system. Members serve three-year terms and meet the fourth Wednesday of the month from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at various library locations. There are three vacancies.

Three Rivers Park District: This seven-member board oversees the park district and sets and approves its levy. Five members are elected from five separate districts outside Minneapolis; two are appointed by the County Board. Applicants must live within the district, outside Minneapolis; be a U.S. citizen; and execute an oath of office. Members serve four-year terms and may not hold other public office or have any interest, directly or indirectly, in any contract entered into by the district. Meetings are held at 5 p.m. the first and third Thursdays of each month at the Three Rivers Park District Administrative Center in Plymouth. There is one vacancy.

Workforce Investment Board: This 27-member board develops

and studies programs to provide jobs for unemployed persons in suburban Hennepin and Carver counties, by increasing the involvement of the business community in employment and training. The board also analyzes needs for employment and training services, makes recommendations about program plans and basic goals, evaluates employment and training programs, recommends strategies to increase private-sector employment opportunities for economically disadvantaged residents, and appoints and oversees a local Youth Council. Members serve three-year terms and meet monthly - usually the second Tuesday of the month from noon to 1:30 p.m. at various locations. There are six vacancies in various categories.

The deadline to apply for citizen advisory board vacancies is Dec. 31, 2012. Interviews will be held in January. For more information about these vacancies or other advisory board appointments, and to apply online, visit the Hennepin County website at www.hennepin.us/advisory-boards.

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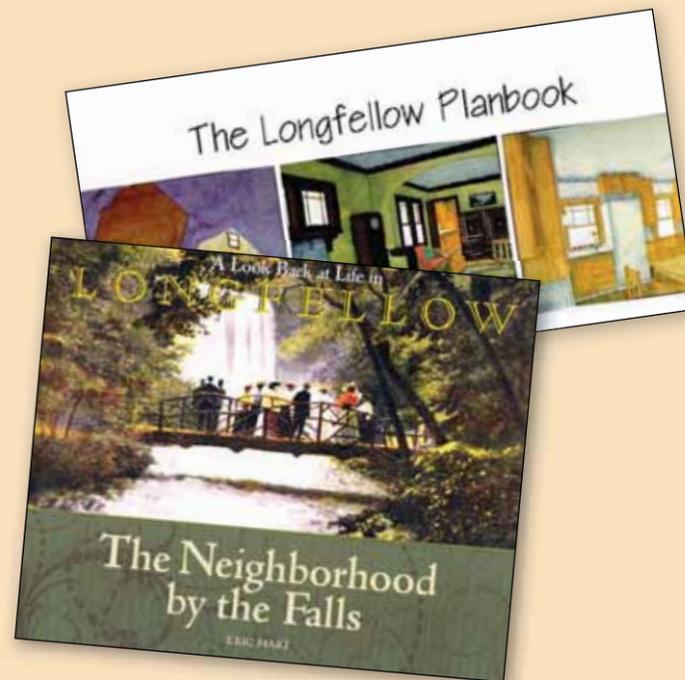
The Longfellow Community Council is sponsoring a youth workshop on video production at

Longfellow Park! Contact joanna@longfellow.org for details. Youth will learn what it takes to make videos people want to watch. Build skills, learn new things, and have fun in this fast-paced, hands-on project. Intermedia Arts will teach this workshop in partnership with the Longfellow Community Council and Longfellow Park. By the end of this workshop, youth will have the skills to create professional-looking videos using cameras, microphones, editing software, and more. This workshop is geared towards junior high students and up. For more information contact joanna@longfellow.org

LCC 2nd Annual Holiday Open House – Join Us!!!!

Please join the staff and board members of LCC on Tuesday, December 11th from 5:30 to 7:30 at our annual holiday Open House. Come to our office and see what we're up to in the community. This is a great opportunity to mix and mingle, ask questions and find out more about programs, events and activities in the neighborhood. We'll be serving snacks and hot drinks and our office is "kid friendly." The LCC offices are located at 2727 26th Avenue S. in the Western Roofing building. We really hope to see you there!

Holiday Gift Ideas at the LCC office!



Looking for something local for the people on your gift list?

The Neighborhood by the Falls: A Look Back at Life in Longfellow; is a fascinating and informative look back at the history of the Longfellow area through stories, anecdotes, illustrations, narratives and a collection of photographs dating from the 1800s to the present. Books are

available at the Longfellow Community Council for \$25.00. We also have the award-winning The Longfellow Planbook: Remodeling Plans for Bungalows and Other Small Urban Homes for the bungalow lover on your list. \$ 10.00 each.

A limited number have been printed so get your copies of both before they're gone. Deck the Halls!



It was the Best Meeting Ever!

Thanks to Everyone who came out to the Best Meeting Ever! We had over 150 attendees, collected piles of food for the Minnehaha Food Shelf and books for the Little Free Libraries. We had about 20 organizations at our resource fair, and had incredible food and amazing prizes provided by local businesses.

The Longfellow Community Council would like to thank all of our volunteers and the following businesses for their support: Turtle Bread Co., Visual Expressions, Sarah Dietrich, Seward Co-op Grocery & Deli, Merlins Rest, T's Place, Longfellow Grill, Whiskey Junction, Bridgemans, Gandhi Mahal, Midori's Floating World Café, Metro Produce, Fireroast Café, Peace Coffee, Parkway Pizza, Rail Station Bar & Grill, Riverview Café, Harriet Brewing, New French Bakery, Mosaic Café, Great Metropolitan Backrub, Forage Modern Workshop, St Albert's Church, Falls 4 All, Global Citizen's Network, Sierra Club, Jane Strauss, Patrick's Cabaret, Volunteers of America. See you all next year!



Photography by Farrah Fossum

LCC office closed

December 24 – 26, and Dec 31 – Jan 2, 2013.

Happy Holidays!



Calendar of Meetings and Events

December 2012

Check the LCC calendar for updates.
www.longfellow.org

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In Our Community

Messenger

Send us your news! When you submit your press release it will be considered for both the newspaper as well as the Messenger Facebook page (Facebook.com/LongfellowNokomisMessenger). You can also go to our website, LongfellowNokomisMessenger.com and enter the information in the online Event Calendar.

Holiday celebration for seniors on Dec. 18

Join Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors and Minneapolis Community Education for our annual holiday party for seniors on Tuesday, December 18 at 10:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2730 E. 31st Street. Enjoy live music, lunch and door prizes! The event will be held in the gymnasium in the basement, and the doors will open at 10 a.m. All area seniors are welcome to attend this free event. Registration is not required. Call Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors at 612-729-5799 for more information.

LBA meets Dec. 13

Longfellow Business Association meets Thursday, December 13, 12-1:30 p.m. at T's Place, 2713 E. Lake Street for our annual holiday lunch. No official business on the agenda, just holiday cheer! Cost is \$10 per person. RSVP Ruth 612-722-4529 x1 or

Thanksgiving Services at Bethany

Thanksgiving Services – Wednesday, November 21, at Bethany Lutheran Church (3901 36th Ave. S.). 10:30 a.m., followed by pie and fellowship. Also, the Ecumenical Community Service will be held at Bethany that same evening at 7 p.m., followed by pie again. All are welcome.

Advent Festival at Bethany Dec. 1

Families are invited to Bethany Lutheran Church (3901 36th Ave S) for its Advent Festival on Saturday, December 1 from 1-3 p.m. to learn about Advent and make a craft to celebrate the season. There will be cookies.

Cap, coat, glove drive

V.L. Giantvalley American Legion Post 234 is sponsoring a cap, coat and glove drive to help the underprivileged mothers and their kids, ages 1-6 years old. They attend Broadway High School at Longfellow. You may drop them off at the club from 12 p.m. on at 3751 Minnehaha Avenue South. For questions call 612-729-6824.

Christmas Celebration Dec. 16

The community is invited to a fun and interactive musical celebration of Christmas at 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 16, at Trinity of Minnehaha Falls, 5212 41st Avenue S. A variety of musicians will perform, including choir, organ, worship team, children

and an audience sing-along of favorite carols. A reception will follow, providing a good time of conversation and refreshments. Call 612-724-3691 for more details.

Ninth Ward Nominations Open

Do you know a Ninth Ward resident who deserves recognition for their amazing work in your community? Nominate them for a Ninth Ward Award, which honors neighborhood leadership in Corcoran, Longfellow, Phillips, Powderhorn Park, and Standish. January's breakfast with Gary will feature the Annual State of the Ward Address and Ninth Ward Awards. Awards will be given for Leader of the Year, Block Club of the Year, Neighborhood Project of the Year and Youth Leader of the Year.

Individuals interested in making a nomination should write a brief description of the accomplishments that they think deserve recognition. Please submit Ninth Ward Award nominations via email to gary.schiff@minneapolismn.gov, fax (612-673-3940) or by mail to Council Member Gary Schiff, 350 South 5th Street, Room 307, Minneapolis, MN 55415 by Friday, January 11.

Breakfast with Gary will take place Friday, January 25, 2013 from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. at Mercado Central, 1515 E. Lake Street. Breakfast is \$7. Seats fill fast so please R.S.V.P early by calling 612-673-2209 or emailing s u z a n n e . m u r p h y @ m i n n e a p o l i s m n . g o v .

Women's Christmas Dinner at Bethany

Women's Christmas Dinner at Bethany Lutheran Church (3901 36th Ave S) - Monday, December 3rd at 6:30 p.m. The program will be "Celebrating Christmas in Music" with Mary Larson. Tickets are \$12. Contact the Bethany church office at 612-729-9376 or office@bethanyon36th.com to make reservations. All are welcome!

Artists will teach kids traditional arts and crafts

Kids can learn how to make traditional arts and crafts from around the world at 20 new, free, "Paint It Green" workshops taught by art educators from ArtStart Dec. 1-Feb. 16 at Hennepin County libraries. Advance registration is required.

For kids in kindergarten-grade six, the workshops are "Journey to India," "Spirits of the Arctic Circle," "Japanese Chirimen Art," "Frame Ups," "Gourd Art," "Pen-

guins on Parade" and "The African Gris Gris."

ArtStart is an award-winning nonprofit organization dedicated to "engaging artists, children, families and communities in quality art education experiences." Instructors are professional artists as well as artist educators who teach in schools and community programs.

"The 'Paint It Green' series combines hands-on art projects with environmental issues to provide a fun, positive learning experience for children and parents," said Johannah Genett, Hennepin County Library program librarian.

ArtStart Executive Director Carol Serrine said, "ArtStart is collaborating with Hennepin County Library, a natural gathering place for families and youth, as a way to make accessible its many exciting and unique arts programs. All of ArtStart's programming is designed to inspire creativity, problem-solving and skill development through active engagement in creating art."

All workshops are presented in collaboration with ArtStart and funded by Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Following are December workshops; for the complete schedule, call the libraries or go to

www.hclib.org. Programs are listed on the website 12 weeks in advance.

Winter Walk with a Ranger Dec. 29

On Saturday, December 29, from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., a National Park Service ranger will lead a free winter walking tour at Coldwater Spring, a landmark considered to be Minnesota's first American settlement. The National Park Service is restoring Coldwater to an oak savanna prairie. Coldwater Spring is located at 5601 Minnehaha Park Drive South; between Minnehaha Falls Regional Park and Fort Snelling State Park.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Date: Thursday, November 29, 2012 **Time:** 6:00 p.m.

Place: Minneapolis Police 3rd Precinct
Community Room
3000 Minnehaha Avenue

Purpose: To present information and solicit comments for the application from Parka, located at 4023 East Lake Street for an On Sale Wine with Strong Beer License. If approved, they intend to operate a full service restaurant with wine and beer and no entertainment.

Applicant's Name (Legal Entity): Dogwood Lake LLC

DBA/Trade Name: Parka

Complete Address: 4023 East Lake Street

Telephone Number: 612-202-8986

Current License(s): There are no current licenses at this location.

Requested License(s): On Sale Wine with Strong Beer Class E

Nature of Entertainment: No entertainment.

Off Street Parking: The Zoning Department has determined that no off street parking is required; however, ten spaces exist in the rear parking lot.

You are invited to attend, express your opinions, and/or submit such in writing. Please use the next page to make written comments or contact Julie Casey at julie.casey@minneapolismn.gov or 612-673-3905.

Information in Other Languages: Yog xav paub tshaj nos ntxiv, hu 612-673-2800. Macluumaad dheeri ah, kala soo xiriir 612-673-3500. Para mas información llame al 612-673-2700.

The Dakota Combo: new ensemble selected following auditions

The MacPhail Center for Music and the Dakota Foundation for Jazz Education (DFJE) announce the 7th edition of The Dakota Combo, a high school jazz ensemble. Selected through open auditions, the Combo is a band of exceptional student musicians who rehearse and perform throughout the year under the direction of Adam Linz, Jazz Coordinator for MacPhail.

This MacPhail program, with funding from DFJE, was begun in 2006. Graduates of the program have moved on to study at the nation's top music programs, including the New School for Jazz and Contemporary Music, New England Conservatory of Music and the Oberlin Conservatory of Music, among others. During the school

year, the Dakota Combo will rehearse biweekly with Linz and perform frequently, including at the Artists Quarter (November 29), MacPhail's Antonello Hall, the 2013 Twin Cities Jazz Festival, and at other venues and events. Students will also visit area schools and participate in clinics and workshops.

The student musicians of the 2012-2013 Dakota Combo:

Jackson Mullett, trumpet (Eden Prairie High School); Jack Courtwright, trombone (Apple Valley High School); Peter Goggin, alto saxophone (Moundsview High School); Zosha Warpeha, violin (Perpich Center for Arts Education); Levi Schwartzberg, vibraphone (Minneapolis Southwest



(left to right) Sam Worthington, Benjamin Beyene, Zosha Warpeha, Jack Courtwright, Peter Goggin, Levi Schwartzberg, Will Kjeer and Jackson Mullett. (Photo Credit - Andrea Canter)

High School); Will Kjeer, piano (St Paul Conservatory for Performing Artists); Sam Worthington, bass (Moundsview High School); Ben-

jamin Beyene, drums (Minneapolis Roosevelt High School)

MacPhail Center for Music is a community resource for education

and performance experiences in the musical arts. In operation for over 100 years, MacPhail is one of the nation's oldest and largest community music schools with over 8,000 students of all ages. Visit www.macphail.org. The Dakota Foundation for Jazz Education (DFJE) is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to bringing jazz and education together. Since 1997 DFJE has been providing jazz education and performance opportunities that encourage an understanding, appreciation and enthusiasm for jazz among young audiences and developing musicians. For more information about the Foundation, and about the Dakota Combo throughout the year, visit www.dfje.org

South High School receives financial literacy grant from United Educators Foundation

United Educators Foundation has awarded South High School in Minneapolis with a \$500 grant for their 2012/2013 financial literacy initiatives related to saving, math, money management and creating a financial foundation for youth. They received one of four financial grants given out this year.

South High School's grant

was awarded to Social Studies teacher Richard P. Nohel who will use the grant to purchase two games that will help reinforce learning and strengthen awareness of economic concepts. The games are "Wealth of Nations" in which the students will have to build an actual economy and "Suburbia" which shows how national economic policy

influences the ways in which local communities deal with issues of population growth, employment, local business, infrastructure and urbanization.

"It's very important for students to learn financial concepts, along with the basics of handling money and finances that are needed to succeed in life," said Del Danielson, President and

CEO of United Educators Foundation and United Educators Credit Union. "We are proud to support South High School for teaching financial education and giving our youth the tools they will need for economic independence.

The United Educators Foundation was established in 2008 to generate and provide con-

tributive funding and resources that advance educational initiatives and support charitable causes within the educational communities United Educators Credit Union cooperative serves. The Financial Literacy Grant program was created to help ensure financial education begins at a young age, and to support the educators teaching it.

ADVENT OPENS THE DOOR TO HOPE



Sat, Dec 1 - Advent Festival for all ages, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Sun, Dec 2 - 10:30 a.m. Advent Worship with Holy Communion

Sat, Dec 8 - 10:00 a.m. - Noon Cookie Baking

Sun, Dec 9 - 10:30 a.m. Advent Worship

Sun, Dec 16 - 10:30 a.m. Worship with Hanging of the Greens, followed by luncheon

Sun, Dec 23 - 10:30 a.m. Advent Worship with Holy Communion

Mon, Dec 24 - 4:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Sun, Dec 30 - 10:30 a.m. Lessons & Carols Service

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Projects of the Neighborhood Churches Include:

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Hennepin County 2013 Citizen Advisory Boards

Vacancies available on:

- Adult Mental Health Local Advisory Council (LAC)
- Community Action Partnership of Suburban Hennepin Board
- County Extension Committee (Minnesota Extension Service)
- Human Resources Board
- Library Board
- Three Rivers Park District
- Workforce Investment Board (WIB)

Application deadline: Monday, December 31, 2012
For more information and to apply online:
www.hennepin.us/advisoryboards



working for you

Textile Center Artists at free Hennepin County Library workshops beginning Dec. 1

Adults who enjoy the textile arts have an opportunity to learn from instructors from the Textile Center in Minneapolis at nine free "Crafty Minnesota" workshops that begin Dec. 1 at Hennepin County libraries. Advance registration is required.

Founded in 1994, the Textile Center is a national center for fiber art that honors textile traditions and promotes excellence and innovation in all forms of textile media, including weaving, quilting, knitting, sewing, needlework, lace making, basketry and beading.

Instructors from the Textile Center who are teaching the "Crafty Minnesota" workshops are working artists as well as skilled teachers who have worked in the fiber art community for many years and taught residencies and projects for the Textile Center.

"Hennepin County Library is offering these workshops so adults can learn about local and world textile art traditions," said Johannah Genett, the Library's program librarian. "Hennepin County is lucky to have the Textile Center, a national center for fiber art, located in the heart of the county - Minneapolis. The Textile Center provides high qual-

ity instructors to teach adults at 'Crafty Minnesota,' and many patrons have commented that they love the opportunity to meet and socialize with their neighbors at these programs."

Becka Rahn, education manager and WebWeaver at the Textile Center, said, "Students love hands-on projects and the opportunity to make something creative but practical. All of the projects we chose for the 'Crafty Minnesota' partnership have these elements in common. We also try to choose techniques that are great for beginners who have never tried a particular art form, but also try to give them a new twist to appeal to those that might have done a little sewing or knitting before."

"We love collaborating with the libraries because of the people we have been able to interact with at the individual locations," Rahn added. "The libraries have a vibrant and diverse audience who are really interested in and enthusiastic about these programs. This partnership has allowed us to be a part of that great community and to reach out to groups and individuals that we haven't worked with before. Textile arts are really universal across all cultures and we see students of all

ages, backgrounds and skill levels that have really come together because of that shared love of doing something with your hands."

Rahn said Textile Center staff has seen an increase in interest in the textile or fiber arts. "Sewing and knitting are really popular right now. There seems to be a real resurgence in learning to make things with your hands, especially among young adults, and the idea of being a creator instead of a consumer," she said.

Rahn said the free library programs are a great opportunity to try something new. "You can come and try something out without having to invest a lot of time or materials. This is a great way to get a taste of what a technique is all about, and with both the Textile Center and the libraries collaborating, students are surrounded by resources to find out more about a technique they really love."

The programs, funded by Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund and presented in collaboration with the Textile Center, are:

Crafty Minnesota: Handcrafted Creatures

For adults. Stitch a tiny stuffed

animal that you can hang on your holiday tree, make into a keychain, or give as a gift. Choose your favorite creature — birds, dogs, or zombies — and bring it to life. Materials provided. Find related books and more at the Library. Find related books and more at the Library.

Northeast Library - Saturday, Dec. 1, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Registration required, begins Nov 3; limit 20. Register Online or call 612-543-6775.

Nokomis Library - Saturday, Dec. 1, 3-5 p.m. Registration required, begins Nov 3; limit 20. Register Online or call 612-543-6800.

St. Louis Park Library - Thursday, Dec. 6, 7-9 p.m. Registration required, begins Nov 8; limit 20. Register online or call 612-543-6125.

Crafty Minnesota: Hang It Up

For adults. Use metallic paint stiks and hand-cut stencils to create a shimmering design on fabric. Then style your wall by mounting your art in a wooden hoop and hang it to be admired. Materials provided. Find related books and more at the Library.

Northeast Library - Saturday, Jan. 12, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Registration required; begins Dec. 15; limit 20.

Nokomis Library - Saturday, Jan. 12, 3-5 p.m. Registration required; begins Dec. 15; limit 20.

St. Louis Park Library - Thursday, Jan. 17, 7-9 p.m. Registration required; begins Dec. 20; limit 20.

Crafty Minnesota: It's a Wrap

For adults. Learn to knit or brush up your skills. In this class, make a knitted earband to keep you warm and cozy as well as stylish for the last part of the winter. Take your yarn and needles home to continue the cozy crafting. Materials provided. Find related books and more at the Library.

Northeast Library - Saturday, Feb. 9, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Registration required; begins Jan. 12; limit 20.

Nokomis Library - Saturday, Feb. 9, 3-5 p.m. Registration required; begins Jan. 12; limit 20.

St. Louis Park Library - Thursday, Feb. 14, 7-9 p.m. Registration required; begins Jan. 17; limit 20.

Hennepin County Libraries will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22

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braries are currently closed for renovation or reconstruction). For library hours and locations: <http://www.hclib.org/pub/info/locations.cfm>.

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Seward Winter Frolic: Art in the 'Hood combines art crawl, performances, tree-lighting November 30 - December 2

The Seward Winter Frolic: Art in the 'Hood kicks off with a celebration on Friday, November 30 at the Playwrights' Center with a showcase of local writers and performance artists along with great food, wine and beer from Seward businesses.

Highlights throughout the rest of the weekend include the 13th annual art crawl, art car parade, performances, special offers and prizes at galleries and at businesses along Franklin Avenue. Local food and beverages will be showcased at various locations and restaurants throughout the neighborhood. The tree lighting ceremony will occur on Saturday evening at Triangle Park. All events are open to the public.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, November 30 - Kick-off at The Playwrights' Center, 2301 E Franklin Ave.,

6:30 - 9:30 p.m., \$15/person, \$25/couple - donation to The Seward Neighborhood Group. For tickets to the Kick-Off Party, call 612-338-6205 ext. 119.

Saturday, December 1 - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Seward Art Crawl

and Franklin Frolic - at designated gallery spaces throughout the neighborhood - in homes and participating churches and businesses. Free. TBD - Art Car Parade. 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Lighting Ceremony at Triangle Park located at 26th and Franklin Avenues. Free.

Sunday, December 2 - Noon - 5:00 p.m. - Seward Art Crawl and Franklin Frolic - at designated gallery spaces throughout the neighborhood - in homes and participating churches and businesses. Free.

ABOUT THE SEWARD WINTER FROLIC: ART IN THE 'HOOD

The Seward Winter Frolic combines the former Seward Art Crawl and the Franklin Frolic - celebrating the vibrant artistic, cultural and business communities with support from the Seward Community Arts Network, the Seward Neighborhood Group and the Seward Civic and Commerce Association. For more information visit: www.sewardarts.org.

ABOUT THE SEWARD COMMUNITY ARTS NETWORK

Seward is home to many artists and arts educators who have traditionally been active in many com-

munity arts projects. A major accomplishment of the Seward Community Arts Network (SCAN) was the development of the annual Seward Arts Festival, a celebration of the arts in Seward held each fall, now in its thirteenth year. In addition to countless professional, amateur, and student artists, Seward boasts The Playwrights' Center, The Northern Clay Center, The Movement Arts Center, Joan of Art Gallery, The Vine Arts Center, and Orfield Gallery.

Congrats, Minnehaha Academy awardees

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