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With enrollment growing, MPS plans to reopen and renovate schools

Cooper, Seward, Hiawatha, Roosevelt, Howe, Sanford and Longfellow among those affected in Area B

By TESHA M. CHRISTENSEN

When it comes to the widespread changes being proposed within the Minneapolis School District, residents don't think they are getting enough information.

Concerned parents, teachers, school staff, and community members packed into the gymnasium at Northrup Elementary School on Thursday night, Oct. 10 during the Area B meeting to learn about the school's five-year enrollment plan.

The changes in the plan will affect one of every four students.

A PLAN TO HANDLE ENROLLMENT GROWTH

"Our enrollment is going to grow," remarked school board member Kim Ellison.

This year marks the third year that Minneapolis Public School enrollment has grown, and projections through 2017 show that it will continue to grow, with an estimated 905 new students in Area B.

This new plan seeks to accommodate that growth, while also aiming to increase the share of students who attend Minneapolis Public Schools by 10%. Right now, an estimated 38% of

Minneapolis students attend charter or suburban schools.

Ellison believes that because the majority of charter schools are not high-performing schools, families are returning to Minneapolis Public Schools.

Area B Associate Principal Stephen Flisk noted that with this plan, the district will provide seven new schools of choice and two new community schools.

In all, the district will provide 1,500 new community school seats and 2,275 new seats of choice.

The early childhood education program that recently moved to Hiawatha is one of two that will be expanded.

Seward Montessori School will grow by 9 classrooms, as the district seeks to support a successful program there, according to Flisk. "It is important to note that we explored a variety of options," said Flisk, including a dual campus and a reduction of students. After study, district representatives felt that the least disruptive option for families was to add onto the building.

"Our intent is not to dismantle programs, but to build them," said Flisk.

Cooper will be re-opened as a K-8 school. Flisk attributed the

Enrollment growth by 2017

	K-5	6-8	9-12	TOTAL
Zone 1	397	321	24	742
Zone 2	308	305	292	905
Zone 3	185	589	977	1751
TOTAL	890	1215	1293	3398

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increased enrollment in this area to housing growth near the light rail.

Howe and Sanford middle schools will share space and programs, if needed, according to Flisk.

Roosevelt will add a Spanish immersion program. Emerson, Windom and Sheridan will feed to Anwatin Middle/Roosevelt High School. "It's a very exciting program for us," said Ben Chiri of Roosevelt High School. A marketing plan is being created to

pull in more students to Roosevelt, which currently has 850 compared to South's 1,780.

WHAT'S THE COST?

Over the next four years, the district will pour \$6.3 million into Area B for program costs, out of a total of \$54 million.

It will spend \$30 million to build additions at Seward and Cooper. Throughout the district, \$100 million will go towards building renovations and addi-

tions. (The cost for modifying Longfellow and the Brown Building at 2225 Lake St. are lumped into the larger district total, rather than into Area B as the programs serve the entire school district.)

The majority of the cost falls over the 2015-2016 school year, coinciding with the major building projects.

"Where is the money going to come from?" asked Steve Nichols, whose children attend Northrup and South High. "We backed passing the levy and what that got us was fancy offices for administrators."

COMMUNITY INPUT

Attendees at the Oct. 10 meeting asked for more details on the proposed changes, and had questions about funding. Several questioned whether the district's plans were equitable throughout Areas A, B and C.

"We want to know what's going to happen to the schools you didn't bring up," said Nichols.

The recommendation to establish a district-wide performing arts high school at Wilder generated

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Bike lanes and bumpouts to be recommended for Minnehaha Avenue

By JILL BOOGEN

Hennepin County will ask the City of Minneapolis to approve a major reconstruction of Minnehaha Ave. that includes on-street bike lanes, sidewalk "bumpouts," and realigned intersections.

The bike lanes signal a rejection of the raised two-way cycle track concept - think of the bike trail along W. River Pkwy but running along the west side of Minnehaha - in favor of painted lines on each side of the street, like they are now, but buffered.

Bumpouts, or rounded curb extensions, are proposed for every intersection along the corridor. And roads that approach Minnehaha Ave. at an angle would be squared off.

Reactions so far are mixed. At least one resident said she'll move unless some things drastically change about the roadway, such as speed and driver attention.

"I get that (the county is) going for the greater common

good," said Lolly Obeda, who has lived on Minnehaha Ave. for 57 years. "They're going to do what they're going to do, but I want to make my opinion heard."

She said unskewing angled roads will mean headlights from

turning cars will beam across the road right into her house. She's also not happy about losing on-street parking because of a bumpout being added out front.

She's not alone. At an October Longfellow Business Association

meeting, members voted overwhelmingly against bumpouts. They see lost parking for their customers and an extra mound of snow to deal with in winter. They opposed all bumpouts, but especially those at acute angles and at

signaled intersections.

According to Craig Twinem, Hennepin County design division manager, bumpouts serve two purposes: one to shorten the distance

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A graphic representation of what the intersection would look like at Minnehaha Ave. and 38th St. The bike lanes signal a rejection of the raised two-way cycle track concept. (Image prepared by LHB and SRF on behalf of Hennepin County)

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Work expected to begin on new Sandcastle patio

By JILL BOOGREN

It's not enough to "Eat like a King". It'd be nice to sit like one, too.

Work may begin soon on the patio at Sandcastle — which opened at the big beach on the west side of Lake Nokomis this summer — if approvals are in place and there's enough time to do some digging before the ground freezes.

This year Sandcastle had to make do with a tent and temporary picnic tables on the grass. Co-owner Amy Greeley said that while the graduation party feel of it is familiar to people, having a finished patio will make it feel like a real restaurant.

"When you think 'Where do I want to go?' If you have a lovely area to sit in and a beautiful lake to look at, this matches us more to Lake Harriet, Calhoun, Sea Salt," she said. "They all have really beautiful patios. It feels substantial."

Building the patio is the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board's (MPRB) responsibility in the arrangement that brought Sandcastle to the site. It was originally expected to be completed this fall.

As the Messenger goes to press,



A new patio is being designed for Sandcastle to replace the picnic tables and tent, pictured behind and to the right of the building, used this year. (Photo by Jill Boogren)

designs are still being finalized between the MPRB, Sandcastle and Locus Architecture, who designed the concession building. Once ready, the MPRB has to obtain necessary approvals from the city before they can break ground.

This is cutting it close for Sandcastle, who is counting on at least some foundation work being done before winter. If not, that leaves all of the work for spring — work that can't begin until the ground thaws, which is typically in early April.

This bumps up against their hoped-for opening date of April 15.

"We had a half season last year (due to a late-June opening)

and another half season does impact us," said Greeley. "It would be nice to have a full season next year."

Cliff Swenson, MPRB director of design and project management, said they still hope to start construction late this fall and guessed patio construction could take about a month.

"I would count on opening April 15th or whenever weather allows," Swenson said. "If we [still] have construction going on, we'll work around it the best we can and make sure we have an area to give covered seating."

Greeley doesn't think the park

board will leave them out in the cold, but Sandcastle has to find the right balance between the number of staff on hand and customers served.

"If no one shows up because there's no place to sit, it's financially dangerous," said Greeley.

Even without the finished patio, Greeley said it was a great year. "It went really well, we were really happy with people who showed up every day." She said the neighborhood was "super supportive," and they started to see regulars right away.

Once built, the new patio will have room for 120 or more people and will be designed with possible future expansion in mind.

Other work will also be done on the site. The forestry department will "limb up" the trees to create views from the patio across the lake. Wheel Fun Rentals will move north of the beach house. Slabs will be added for more picnic tables, and some trails will be rerouted for better flow of people walking and biking.

People can find out more by talking to their park commissioners or checking the park board website.



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A resident of Mpls for 20 years, Chris lives in Ericsson with his wife, April Hamlin, and their two kids, Hazel and Julius.

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LABOR Chris is an advocate of Livable Wages for public and privately funded projects. He is surprised that those who tout union endorsements fail to list labor as an issue.

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By IRIC NATHANSON

Minneapolis voters will need to do their political homework if they want to make informed choices when they go to the polls on Nov. 5. With more than 50 names on the ballot in most precincts, that can be a daunting task. Luckily, help is available on-line for voters who are willing to put some time and effort into preparing for the city election.

Preparing for the November 5 election: Where to go for help



guide and outdated regulations and makes the entire document more accessible and readable by organizing it by topic." The League notes that two amendments are necessary because state law requires that liquor provisions be addressed separately.

RANKED CHOICE

The place to start is with the websites that provide primers on the city's ranked choice voting system, in place this year after the new system was rolled out for the first time in 2009. Under ranked choice, voters can list their preferences for up to three candidates vying for each office listed on the ballot. FairVote Minnesota, the group promoting the new system, explains the ranked choice at its site (www.fairvotemn.org).

FairVote notes that "voters cast their vote for their favorite candidate knowing that if he or she doesn't gather enough votes to win, their vote will count toward their second choice. In a single-winner election, votes cast for the least popular candidate are not "wasted," but rather redistributed to more popular candidates, based on the voters' second choices, until one candidate wins with a majority of votes."

The City of Minneapolis's election website (www.vote.minneapolismn.gov) also provides information about the multiple-choice system. Its site, which includes an informational video, explains that ranked choice eliminates the need for separate primary elections. The city's site goes on to explain that each ballot has three columns. In each office, voters complete the ballot from left to right, indicating their first choice for each race in the first column. If voters wish, they can rank second and third choices.

MAYORAL CANDIDATES

This year, 35 candidates have filed for mayor, an all-time record prompted by R.T. Rybak's decision to retire at the end of his current term. Many of the 35 are not making a serious effort to succeed Rybak, but others are busy crisscrossing the city at a series of candidate forums where they are often limited to one-

minute responses to questions posed by the forum moderators.

Voters who have not attended the forums can learn about the candidates stand on issues by reading the voters' guide published by the *Star Tribune*. The guide appeared in the paper's Oct. 7 edition.

Candidates were asked about their ideas to grow jobs and population, reduce crime and lower property taxes. They were also asked about their positions on the Minnesota Vikings Stadium project, and the city's proposed streetcar plan. Thirty candidates responded to the *Star Tribune's* survey. The voting guide's on line version is at <http://www.startribune.com/politics/statelocal/225974031.html>. Hard copies of the paper's Oct. 7 edition are on file at the Hennepin County Central Library in downtown Minneapolis.

COUNCIL AND BOARD CANDIDATES

The *Star Tribune's* voting guide does not include information on the city council races, including those in the 9th and 12th wards, where the incumbent council members are not seeking re-election. In the 9th ward, six candidates are vying to succeed Gary Schiff, while five candidates have filed to succeed Sandy Colvin Roy in the 12th Ward. Incumbents Cam Gordon in the Second Ward and John Quincy in the 11th Ward are both running for re-election.

The Minneapolis election website provides a listing of all the candidates in each of the city's 13 wards. (<http://vote.minneapolismn.gov/candidate/filing>) The listings often include the candidates' websites and their E-mail addresses.

On a citywide level, voters will elect two members of the Board of Estimate and Taxation

and three at-large members of the Minneapolis Park Board. In the Park Board's District 5, which includes Longfellow and Nokomis neighborhoods, voters will chose a board member to succeed Carol Kummer, who is retiring. The Minneapolis election guide also includes websites for Park Board and Board of Estimate candidates.

CHARTER AMENDMENTS

When they go to the polls on

Nov. 5, many voters will be surprised to learn that they are being asked to vote on two amendments to the Minneapolis City Charter. At its website, the Minneapolis League of Women Voters provides an explanation of what it calls the "clean language" amendments: http://www.lwvminnpls.org/City_Charter_Amendment.html. According to the League, the amendments "put the almost one hundred-year-old city charter into modern language, eliminates arcane lan-

Letters to the Editor

Mark Andrew: First choice for Mayor

As a public school teacher who cares deeply about making sure every Minneapolis student can achieve and compete, Mark Andrew is my first choice for mayor on Nov. 5.

Mark is a proven progressive leader who has what it takes to address the most urgent concerns facing Minneapolis — closing our opportunity gaps and making sure every all our students graduate prepared for tomorrow's jobs.

On Oct. 14, I stood with Mark alongside education advocates representing every perspective of the ongoing discussion on improving our schools. As part of his Growing Great Kids agenda, Mark announced his new Mayor's Council on Education. On day one of his administration, these diverse leaders will put their differences aside and get to work on closing our opportunity gaps.

It's just one example of how Mark's collaborative skills will bring people together around his bold vision to make our great

city even greater.

Education isn't a cut and dry issue. It pervades every part of our lives. While our schools prepare students with the skills and knowledge they need to compete for tomorrow's jobs, a good education starts at home and it finishes when a student enters the workforce and contributes to our growing economy.

Mark believes a high-quality education cannot be a luxury for a lucky few. That means improving our schools, and it means creating safe neighborhoods with stable housing and jobs that pay well. By renewing and expanding important partnerships with Hennepin County and within Minneapolis, Mark's going to make sure every neighborhood is a great place to learn and grow.

Mark Andrew is the one leader who can cut through old debates and collaborate with other leaders across the city to forge innovative new solutions. That's why he's my first choice on Nov. 5.

Alex Hoselton
Northrop resident

POLLING PLACES, VOTER REGISTRATION AND ABSENTEE VOTING

The city's election website includes an interactive feature that enables voters to determine the location of their polling places. Users enter their zip code and their street number and then choose from a drop-down menu that lists street names (<http://vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/where-to-vote>).

Information is also posted about voter registration: <http://vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/register>; and absentee voting: <http://vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/absentee>.

Betsy Hodges #1 choice for Minneapolis mayor

Depth, consistency, integrity, commitment to environmental and racial justice, fiscal management chops, willingness to take on (and win!) tough battles like pension reform. These are a few of the many reasons Betsy Hodges is my #1 choice for Minneapolis mayor.

But I won't just be ranking my first choice; my ballot will include second- and third-choice mayoral candidates too. I'm grateful for the opportunity to express my backup preferences, and I'm urging my Minneapolis friends and neighbors to express theirs as well.

It's unfortunate that an extraordinarily low bar for candidate filing — candidates need only plunk down \$20, and they're in — has given us an unwieldy 35-person slate. Yet the answer is NOT a return to the outdated, exclusionary municipal primary, in which a tiny, demographically skewed handful of voters culled the field for everybody else. The resulting "choice" was always way too narrow for my taste.

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Ah calendars! It's about this time each year that the new ones start appearing. You can see them popping up in the stores all over town.

Most of the downtown places where I used to preview calendars are gone now, including Dayton's, Shinder's and Baxter's Books. I could spend an entire Saturday afternoon browsing the calendars at these places.

I also liked Woolworth's for calendars, though I don't think I ever bought one at that store. But for years, I bought tiny notebooks there and used them as a pocket calendars.

We are lucky enough to have a calendar maker right in our neighborhood. Northern Sun, on East Lake Street, has been creating calendars for more than 30 years. They have a host of new calendars on display in the store and online. There are calendars with a message — peace, justice and a hope for a better world. When I lived nearby, I loved walking down to Northern Sun on autumn Saturdays to browse.

I have found some of my favorite calendars at Northern Sun through the years, including a Lakota Way calendar and the Peace calendar. But I think my favorite calendar was a Peanuts calendar with recipes given to me as a gift a long time ago. I kept it long after the year was up, using the recipes over and over. It is gone now, lost among the moves of recent years.

Perhaps you have a favorite calendar, one that you purchase year after year. Or perhaps you have saved one for the



Hiawatha Notebook

By TOM GILSEMAN

Waiting for the new calendars

photographs, recipes or directions. I'd love to hear your stories about old calendars.



Despite the appeal of print calendars, a number of Messenger readers say they've switched over to electronic ones. "I switched over to the calendar on my phone," writes Dony Hortillosa. "I've linked to my husband's account and we can see each other's schedule. No more date book. One less thing to carry in my purse."

Virginia Rudloff says she switched to an electronic calendar at least 10 years ago. "I think Palm Pilot was the popular brand, but I liked another: Handspring? That's the last time I used a regular calendar."

Christina Robert uses only an electronic calendar, too. She uses Google's calendar on her phone and laptop. Aneka Swanson uses the Google calendar, too. And she thinks the Messenger should use one, too. (I'll pass that idea along to the editor.)

On the other hand, there are surely a lot of readers still using physical calendars. Sherry Stonich is one who hasn't "made the electronic switch." She uses a dry erase calendar and one of those Hallmark planners which are available free.

How about you? Have you switched over to a calendar on your phone or computer? Or are you still using a calendar hanging on the wall or refrigerator?

Or perhaps you are like me and use both physical and virtual calendars. I do that at work. Meetings and events go on the wall calendar and on the electronic one, too. I'm not sure how this started, but I'm sure I'm not the only one doing this.

(Editor's note: The Messenger actually does use an electronic calendar...at our website you can find a monthly calendar of events and activities occurring in Longfellow and Nokomis at www.LongfellowNokomisMessenger.com. Be sure to check it out and add in your own local church dinners and other events so everyone else can participate!)



(Tom Gilseman has been writing the Hiawatha Notebook column since 1997. You can write to him via email at: tomgilseman@gmail.com. Or in care of the Messenger.)

Bike lanes

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for people who don't always go to the signaled intersections to cross the street, and two, to prevent drivers from going around other vehicles waiting to make a left turn.

LBA members did agree that a bumpout at the police station may slow vehicles rounding the corner from Lake St. They also fa-

vored extending the sidewalk along the block in front of Patrick's Cabaret and eliminating the extra driving lane. Hennepin County Project Manager Kristy Morter had said at the September meeting that they were evaluating removal of that lane.

The bike lanes also have people at odds. The choice is a huge disappointment for cycle track proponents, who have argued that protected bikeways encourage more riders than on-street bike lanes and have been a

boon for businesses in other cities.

Graphic images provided by the county show on-street bike lanes — which even cycle track enthusiasts consider high quality — with green-painted lanes at intersections that create visible space for cyclists to wait and cross. The buffer, or painted stripes between the bike and traffic lanes, is also half a foot wider (18 inches total) than was originally proposed.

"What you've shown us is

one of the best bike lanes in town," said Robin Garwood, Council Member Cam Gordon's aide. "Unfortunately, the cycle track layout is not the best layout we could have had." Garwood circulated a printout from Gordon's blog suggesting more study is needed on the cycle track option.

Their concern is that evaluating well-designed on-street bike lanes against a "badly-designed" cycle track isn't comparing apples to apples. They contend that a

number of issues, such as parking loss and tree loss, are not inherent to a cycle track and could have been resolved — perhaps resulting in a cycle track that was even better than the bike lane option.

The Minneapolis Bicycle Coalition said they have asked the county to design the roadway "to allow for the possibility of a relatively simple change to a protected bike lane in the future."

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Lake Nokomis Community School,
Keewaydin Campus Dedication
October 12, 2013

Congratulations to the staff, parents and neighbors of Lake Nokomis Community School for their hard work in helping to research and plan this beautiful and functional addition to the Keewaydin campus.

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NENA (Nokomis East Neighborhood Association)

BY RITA ULRICH AND DOUG WALTER

What's important to you?

Planning for Neighborhood Improvements

Over the next couple months, the NENA Board will be looking at how to best invest the neighborhood's remaining neighborhood revitalization funds. There is approximately \$400,000 available from our NRP plan that could be put to a lot of different uses. As always, there will be more ideas than money, so deciding priorities will be difficult but necessary.

As of this writing (mid-October) the NENA Board is just about to discuss the process we'll use for community involvement in setting those priorities. If you are interested in being informed or involved in this process, be sure to sign up for NENA's email list to receive "NENA Updates" or call the office if you do not have access to email.

Elections in November, the adoption of the city budget in December, a new mayor and an unknown City Council composition can all make for unpredictable politics. You may recognize a quote that sums it up for me: "No man's life, liberty or property are safe while the Legislature is in session," (penned in 1866 by Judge Gideon Tucker and popularized by Mark Twain).

NENA was one of the neighborhood organizations that lost a significant amount of funding when the city council adopted the 2011 budget with a provision that cut un-contracted (unspent) neighborhood funds in half. While some of the funding was later restored, Nokomis East still lost a considerable portion of its reserves. This was so the city could fund its replacement for NRP, the Neighborhood and Community Relations Department.

To ensure that our remaining neighborhood funds are protected, we want to make plans now for how to use them and then get them under contract. It should be

a fairly quick process, and the more we hear from people, the better job we can do addressing the neighborhood's concerns.

Improvements Planned for Minnehaha Park Pavilion

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board held meetings for neighbors of Minnehaha Park to discuss improvements to the Rectory (aka the Pavilion) in August and September. As far as we know, no further meetings are planned, but display boards from the meetings are available on the MPRB website: Go to www.minneapolisparkevents.org, click on Planning and Design on the left, then click Current Projects and scroll down to Minnehaha Rectory Improvements to see the report. The contact for information is Cliff Swenson, MPRB Planning Division at 612-230-6473 or cswenson@minneapolisparkevents.org

Monarch Festival Volunteers: The Best!

If you were among the 8,000 people who attended the Minneapolis Monarch Festival on Sept. 7, you know it was one of the hottest days of the year, and one of the best events in town. Sixty volunteers worked through the heat, many of them all day, and once again made the festival a memorable experience for children and families.

A new stage line up of music (Machinery Hill, Silva Sol, RAMM, CharangaTropical and Salsa del Soul) made for an interesting mix along with festival favorite, Kapuli KetzalCoatlque Aztec Dance Group.

Almost two hundred children competed in the Kids Butterfly Fun Runs, raising money for Monarch Joint Venture, which works on habitat conservation in the US, where the most devastating losses have occurred in the last

decade. The Festival is produced by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and NENA, in collaboration with the University of Minnesota's Monarch Lab. It is an off-shoot of an NRP funded project started in 1998 – the Nokomis Naturescape. The Naturescape provides habitat for butterflies, birds and other wildlife, and is a certified Monarch Waystation. It is maintained by volunteers from NENA, the Wild Ones and Audubon who meet weekly throughout the summer months to keep the gardens healthy and beautiful.

Major sponsors are the Minnesota State Arts Board, Univision Minnesota, UCare, the US Forest Service International Program, Vida y Sabor Magazine, and KFAL. Our thanks go to them, and to 60 volunteers who made the event run smoothly. To see photos of the festival, check out the Facebook page – just click on the icon at www.monarchfestival.org

Upcoming NENA Meetings and Events

Election Day! 7-8pm, Tues., Nov. 5. Find your precinct and voting location at www.nokomiseast.org. Click the Vote button.

NBNE Planning: 7pm, Mon., Nov. 18, at NENA. Come to this meeting if you would like to help plan the Night Before New Year's Eve Party (Sun, Dec 30).

NENA Board: 7pm, Thurs., Nov. 21, at NENA.

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

To keep up to date on neighborhood issues, events, etc, sign up for **NENA's E-Mail list**. Send an email to nenan@nokomiseast.org with "E-List Subscribe" in the subject line, and we'll get you on it.

choice to prepare their kids for tomorrow's jobs.

What's more, Mark started three successful businesses here – including two stands at the State Fair. No one better understands what small business owners need to create jobs and thrive.

Mark's has been and will continue to be an environmental champion. We have him to thank for the Greenway and the county's recycling program. He's going to create good-paying jobs and grow our economy by making Minneapolis the greenest city in North America.

That's the big picture. When it comes down to it, the decision we make on November 5 will affect our daily lives.

I'm telling everyone to make Mark Andrew their first choice on Election Day because no one will work harder to keep Minneapolis moving forward each and every day.

Peggy Griffin
Longfellow

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Letters to the editor

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I'd much rather see the city raise that filing bar, through petition signatures, a higher fee or both, and retain my ability to rank several of 8 or 10 serious, organized candidates – from diverse points on the political spectrum. The reason many old-school power brokers prefer the old system is because they wielded disproportionate influence under it. But if the older, whiter, more affluent voters who typically showed up for the primary can handle evaluating more than two candidates, so can the rest of us.

It's mid-October, and I'm still evaluating four other mayoral candidates to decide which two will earn my backup votes. I know there are many I DON'T want to win. I'll definitely be filling in those #2 and #3 columns on Nov. 5 – and whoever your favorite candidate is, I hope you do the same.

Susan Maas
Nokomis resident

Mark Andrew is the proven progressive leader Minneapolis needs

I volunteer to knock on doors every election year because it's important for me to stand up for what I believe and the people I believe in.

While there are 35 candidates on the ballot for mayor this year, only Mark Andrew is the proven progressive leader Minneapolis needs.

I'm volunteering for Mark because he's the candidate with the skills and experience to keep our city moving in the right direction.

Mark has a bold vision to make Minneapolis a great city for everyone, and he brings a record of collaborating with leaders from across the city to turn ideas into action.

Mark went to public school here, his kids went to public school here and he understands that we have work to do if we're going to make our public schools every parent's first

'Changing of the guard' for Lake Street Council

By JAN WILLMS

A changing of the guard is on the horizon for the Lake Street Council. Joyce Wisdom, who has been the full-time executive director since 2006, is retiring from her position in July 2014.

For the first time the organization has brought on board an associate director, Allison Sharkey, who will spend the next few months working with Wisdom until her departure. At that time, Sharkey will take over as executive director.

Sharkey, who started her new position Oct. 7, has managed business development, supporting small and medium-sized businesses in the St. Paul area. She spent the past two years working as an associate director of SPARC, an economic development corporation. Unfortunately, SPARC is closing its doors at the end of this year since it can no longer financially sustain itself, but it has provided ten years of community support.

"The work I did there really applies here," she said.

She added that she directs almost all of her spending dollars to Lake Street, having resided in the area for the past 15 years. She and her husband, who teaches elementary English as a Second Language at Lyndale School, are raising two daughters, ages 1 and 3.

She said that although her spare time is limited, she loves spending time on Lake Street, going to the Midtown Farmers Market, the Midtown Y, taking her kids to the area parks and dining out and having a beer at the local restaurants.

"I have seen Lake Street really transform over the years, and it has been an incredible change," Sharkey said. "Not just one, but several changes all along different



A changing of the guard is on the horizon for the Lake Street Council. Joyce Wisdom (left), who has been the full-time executive director since 2006, is retiring from her position in July 2014. The organization has brought on board an associate director, Allison Sharkey (right), who will spend the next few months working with Wisdom until her departure. (Photo by Jan Willms)

sections of Lake Street. I can't picture what it's going to be like in the next 15 years."

Sharkey explained that in her previous work, she has done organizational management.

"I am glad to have Lake Street build on what Joyce has created," Sharkey said. She said she is hoping to go out and about, working with business owners in a very direct way.

"I like troubleshooting on their immediate needs, combined with planning for the future of the street," Sharkey stated. "There is really an exciting mix of things to get to work on."

She noted that she is pleased the businesses she will be working with are the ones she goes to, anyway, as a customer.

Sharkey said she is looking forward to the challenge of helping these business owners figure out what they need to be able to

grow, whether individually or as the whole street.

As Wisdom prepares for her final months as director, she has spent time reflecting on some of the challenges that the community will be facing.

"The cost of doing business on Lake Street has increased," she affirmed. "Property values have increased, which is a good thing, but there is not a low overhead anymore."

She said Lake Street has been a place for new waves of immigrants to come to for the past 100 years, with a reasonable cost factor that has allowed them to start up their businesses.

"It's going to be a challenge to maintain some of the character we have had, and for some of the businesses to keep that character and still be able to grow," she said.

Wisdom said that with

Sharkey's hiring, she has felt a sense of relief. She started as a part-time executive director with no staff in 2005. She spent the year raising enough funds to make a change, and in 2006 she went full-time and added two staff members.

"It was a leap, not a transition," she recalled with a smile. She said the current addition of Sharkey to the staff also came about quickly.

"Our communications staff person, Holly, has gone on to work at Planned Parenthood," Wisdom explained. "When she gave notice, I decided to use it as an opportunity instead of a challenge. I know my community partners and fundraisers worried what might happen if I leave."

She said Sharkey's position as associate director offers the opportunity for her and Wisdom to work together, and for relationships and memory to be passed on. "With the two of us looking at grant opportunities this year, we may be able to bring the communications role back more quickly."

Wisdom said that one of the indicators of the work the Lake Street Council has done showed up in the quality of the applicants for the associate director position.

"All the candidates were very skilled, and I feel we chose the best of the best," she said.

Wisdom said it is very important to her that so many of the things that have been put in place the last several years be in safe hands.

"The business partners and our resources really want to see that continue," Wisdom said.

She said she feels it is time to put these challenges in someone's hands who has new energy.

"I think I'm starting to lose a

little steam," she joked. "I think it's good for an organization to have some healthy transition with new life and new people."

She admitted that she will miss very much working with the small business community, and she plans to always remain connected to it.

"Allison will find she will lose her social time on Lake Street," Wisdom said, regarding being able to go out for lunch or dinner without perhaps having to address a question or problem that someone poses.

"I can go back to being the person who is a resident," Wisdom continued. But she added that the Lake Street business community is what makes the job so exciting.

As for what she may do next, she mused that it could range from writing a book about her experiences to stocking shelves at Target. She does plan to travel to Greece, a favorite place of hers, in August and be able for the first time to stay for a whole month.

"I know the things that have given me energy, and the things that have drained me," she commented. "But I have not had time to really evaluate the things I really like doing."

She said that she has talked to some folks she has worked with in marketing and community facilitation about the possibility she can be more project-based.

Sharkey said it is really an honor for her to be trained by Wisdom.

"She is leaving some very large shoes to fill," she noted. "I have seen in just the few days I have been here that she is a very strong advocate for Lake Street businesses, and a storyteller of the street. I just hope I can be half as good an advocate as she has been."

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Bike lanes

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LBA members, however, voted against the cycle track and in favor of the bike lanes. One reason given was that since the track would only be running on the west side of Minnehaha, everybody in Longfellow would have to cross the road just to get on it. Then cross back over to get to businesses on the east side of the street.

Tom Olson, who lives on Minnehaha Ave., suggested those who have to foot the bill have an added stake in what happens along Minnehaha. "People hide it, but they don't have to pay," he said. "I feel like I'm paying for this." With the assessment and service upgrades, he estimates he'll have to pay around \$8,000.

"Once you put out a dollar amount," he figured, "Now I have

a stake in it. Now I wanna know a little more about what they're gonna put in front of my house."

Homeowners and businesses will be assessed according to Uniform Assessment Rates, which are applied based on citywide formulae, not individual project details. City Engineering Representative Chris Engelmann said people would receive information for their property and payment details at the end of 2014.

Deteriorating pavement and drainage issues have prompted the reconstruction, last done 50 years ago. If given the green light, driving and parking lanes will be narrowed. Left turn lanes will be added at 31st, 32nd, 38th and 46th streets and a right turn lane at 42nd St., and green space will be added at Rollins and Adams triangles.

The county is expected to submit their plans to the city council's Transportation & Public Works Committee Nov. 7, with a

final vote by the full council Nov. 15.

Gordon, whose 2nd ward from Lake to 34th streets beginning Jan. 1, 2014, plans to vote against giving municipal consent.

Council Member Gary Schiff said he doesn't know how he'll vote but plans to go over the engineering drawings with a "fine-toothed comb" to ensure they're making use of every inch of the roadway. He said the city can vote no, but they can't make a substitute motion. "We can't really substantially change their design."

Council Member Sandy Colvin Roy said she's still getting a lot of input from the community and is still considering comments and asking questions.

"The new Minnehaha will serve this community for the next 50 years or more," she said. "I want to feel confident that, years from now, we will still believe we made the right choices."



A rendering of what Minnehaha Ave. may look like mid-block, if the proposed layout is approved. The county is expected to submit their plans to the city council's Transportation & Public Works Committee Nov. 7, with a final vote by the full council Nov. 15. (Image prepared by LHB and SRF on behalf of Hennepin County)

MPS plans

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many comments from people concerned about how it would affect South High.

"South has a great arts program already," observed Carmen Schluter. "Why not put the money into South and make it great? Why not have an excellent school to support our students on this end of the city?"

School board member Kim Ellison has heard many concerns regarding the proposed arts school. She pointed out that the district does lose students to the other arts high schools in the area, such as Perpich and the one in St. Paul. She thinks that arts high schools attract students who have been involved in arts in their earlier years. At regular high schools, many students are just starting to get in-



During the Oct. 10, 2013 meeting, Laurie LeMoine observed that there is an inequity in high schools in Minneapolis, specifically between Roosevelt with Southwest. Many attendees at the meeting questioned how the district was going to be equitable. (Photo by Tesha M. Christensen)

involved in the arts in ninth grade.

PRELIMINARY PLAN

Flisk stressed that the plan presented is preliminary. "We are looking for your voice and input in this," Flisk stated.

The district held several meetings in October to solicit community input, and created a specific email address for comments and questions (enrollmentplan@mpls.k12.mn.us). The school board plans to vote on the plan Nov. 12.

Keewaydin Campus celebrates reopening



Lake Nokomis Community School Keewaydin Campus celebrated the grand re-opening of the school on October 12. Families, community members, school staff, park board members, and alumni, came to celebrate the event. Many community members put a lot of time and effort into this project starting many years ago and the beautiful new school building gleamed as families walked through the new and refurbished school. Pictured above in the ribbon cutting: Beth Ness, Wenonah Principal, Doug Walter, NENA, Jay Larson LNCS Site Council Chair and LNCS parent, Dr. Bernadeia Johnson, Ethan Wiles, 8th grade Keewaydin Student, Martha Spriggs, Keewaydin Principal, Richard Mammen, MPS School Board, and steadying the scissors from below is Gwen Sluka.

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Longfellow Faith Forum Backpack and Supply Drive

The Longfellow Faith Forum is filling a gap for much-needed backpacks and school supplies for children who are homeless or highly mobile in our local schools. There has been an increase in the number of children affected by homelessness. While our schools provide numerous services and resources to all of their students, the demand is greater than their resources. Often students, especially those who are homeless or highly mobile, arrive at school with no supplies. Several faith communities in the Greater Longfellow and Seward neighborhoods have begun collecting:

- 3-ring 3" binders
- folders
- notebooks
- pencils
- pen cases
- clip-on reading lights
- financial donations
- alarm clocks



These resources are critical for the children who receive them. We have a great opportunity to make a positive, lasting impact on these students and their families. If you would like to participate in this project with material resources as listed above, please drop off donations at Bethany Lutheran Church (3901 36th Ave S, Minneapolis) between the hours of 9am-1pm, or contact the office at 612.729.9376 to arrange a drop off time. If you would like to make a financial contribution to this project, please contact JoAnna Lund at 612.722.4529 ext. 2 or at joannalund@longfellow.org.

For more information, please feel free to contact Pauline at longfellowfaithforum@q.com.



Annual LCC Chili Cook Off Fundraiser on Sunday, November 3rd

Come join your neighbors in judging who has the best chili in the neighborhood! The event will be at Zeke's Unchained Animal (3508 E Lake St) from 5-7pm on Sunday, November 3rd.

Early tickets will be available for purchase online via PayPal, at our Best Meeting Ever! on Tuesday October 22nd, and at the office (2727 26th Ave S). Those who buy their entry early will get a discounted price (\$8/adults; \$1/kids ages 6-12). Tickets will also be available at the door for a day-of price (\$10/adults; \$3/kids ages 6-12; kids 5 and under free!). Buy your tickets online at the website! (longfellow.org).

This ticket purchase includes all the chili you can eat until it runs out, corn bread, dessert, activities for kids, the chance to win a fabulous door prize and an opportunity to spend time with your friends and neighbors! Water will be provided and other beverages will be available for purchase.

Firetoast Cafe will be providing desserts, Zeke's Unchained Animal will be providing corn bread, and a representative from Summit Brewery will be on site recommending beer pairings with the chilis!

If you're interested in entering a chili, visit <http://www.longfellow.org/chili-entry/>.



Longfellow Station Near Completion

The Longfellow Station apartments are nearing completion, with construction scheduled to finish in November. The development is located at 38th & Hiawatha and features 180 apartment units. The building has a mix of studio, one-, two-, and three-bedroom apartments, with rents ranging from \$750 to \$1,372. Some units will also have reduced rents through the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program. The next phase in the project will include approximately 10,000 square feet of retail space. Sherman Associates, the project developer, has not yet finalized tenants for the retail space.

Longfellow365:

Longfellow365 is a yearlong photo project that showcases the Longfellow Neighborhood. Seven photographers from the community will each be assigned a day of the week, and starting January 1st, for the year of 2014 they will take a photo of something in the neighborhoods (of Cooper, Howe, Hiawatha and Longfellow). It is based on the project Powderhorn365. Please check out <http://longfellow365.wordpress.com/> for a new photo each day. You can also find us on Facebook.

Get Your Longfellow T-Shirt

Stop by the LCC Office to get your new Longfellow t-shirt! Shirts are \$15 and are available in both men's and women's cuts. Stop by the LCC Office to pick one up, or look for the LCC booth at community events throughout the year!



Calendar of Meetings and Events

NOVEMBER 2013

Meetings are free and open to the public, and are accessible. Check the calendar on our website www.longfellow.org

ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, Nov 6
7:00 - 8:00 pm
Firetoast Café
3800 37th Ave
FFI: jessica@longfellow.org

NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, Nov 11
6:30 - 8:00 pm
check website for location
FFI: spencer@longfellow.org

RIVER GORGE

Monday, Nov 11
6:30 - 8:00 pm
Hiawatha School Park
4305 42nd St. E
FFI: joannalund@longfellow.org

LONGFELLOW FAITH FORUM

Tuesday, Nov 12
12:00 - 1:30 pm
see website for location
FFI: joannalund@longfellow.org

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Tuesday, Nov 12
6:30 - 8:00 pm
LCC Office, 2727 26th Ave S
FFI: joannalund@longfellow.org

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, Nov 21
6:30 - 8:30 pm
Brackett Park
2728 39th Ave S
FFI: melanie@longfellow.org

ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION

Tuesday, Nov 26
6:30 - 8:00 pm
check website for location
FFI: spencer@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.

How did you sleep last night?

Join Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors and Minneapolis Community Education for a presentation about sleeping problems on Tues., Nov. 19 at 10:30am at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 2730 E. 31st St. As we age, restless, uninterrupted sleep can be difficult to achieve. Come and hear Dr. Michael Schmitz of Abbott Northwestern Hospital discuss why sleep may be eluding you and what you can do to try and ensure you get enough. Call Healthy Seniors at 612-729-5799 for more information.

New office complex opens on 36th Ave. S.

Longfellow, Nokomis and Seward neighbors are invited to the Grand Opening of Longfellow Offices on Sat., Nov. 2 from 11am to 2pm. Enjoy complimentary chair massages, energy meridian testing, and refreshments. Shop for holiday gift certificates and register for free prizes.

Longfellow Offices is located at 3011 36th Ave S, right behind Merlin's Rest Pub. The newly remodeled building formerly housed the Bohlander Art Gallery, but now includes 10 new offices with hardwood floors, 10 foot pressed tin ceilings, natural lighting, advanced sound insulation between units and natural slate accents.

Come over on Nov. 2 to meet the owners of McDonough and Nowicki Attorneys at Law, The Well Being: Studio for Massage Therapies, Dancing Dragon Acupuncture & Wellness, Willow Haven Wellness, and Integrative Bodywork LLC. Several of these small business owners live nearby...come see why they chose Longfellow Offices as their new business home. Tours of available suites will also be given.

The entire building is handicapped accessible including all of the office suites and the bathroom. Several green features were incorporated into the remodeling project including high efficiency light fixtures that are dimmable, instantaneous water heaters that only turn on when hot water is needed, a low flow toilet and a high efficiency heating and air conditioning system.

For more information email karen@longfellowoffices.com or call Karen at 612-749-6987.

Workshop planned for adoptive parents

The Ties Program - Adoptive Family Travel is pleased to sponsor an interactive workshop for parents and others who care about kids on Sat., Nov. 2, from

2-4pm at Roosevelt Library, 4026 28th Ave. S. The workshop is titled "Twins & Teens: What I would tell you if I could find the words."

If you are raising a tween or teen, chances are they are holding back. This workshop will help you "hear" teens and tweens thoughts on fitting in, relationships with their birth and adoptive family, adoptee loyalty, poverty, understanding their background, why?, abandonment issues, insecurities, and more.

Bea Evans, co-director of The Ties Program, will facilitate this very interactive workshop, during which you will hear and experience the thoughts of international adoptees...the "restricted information" shared openly and honestly by the adoptees themselves. Sally Ankerfelt, an adoption coach with GIFT Family Services, will provide suggestions to help you create a strategy that will strengthen the relationship with your child.

This event benefits The Gift of Identity Fund and the suggested donation \$5 per person.

If you'd like to join the conversation, please email a note to bea@adoptivefamilytravel.com to say you are coming. Seats are limited and we want to be sure everyone is comfortable.

Volunteer visitors needed for seniors

Help seniors stay in their homes and keep socially connected. If you like seniors, you'll love this volunteer position! We're looking for "Friendly Visitors" to visit isolated seniors in the greater Longfellow and Seward neighborhoods. Call Mary at Longfellow/Seward Healthy Seniors at 612-729-5799 for more information.

Thanks from the local food shelf

The Minnehaha Food Shelf board and volunteers want to thank The Hiawatha Lion's club and the Ft. Snelling Lion's Club for their support. The Hiawatha group collected food and money at Oxendales Grocery store and the Ft. Snelling group did the same at Bergans Super Valu. It is wonderful to have such willing and helpful neighbors. We continue to help feed those in need in our neighborhood. A big thank you to these two groups and the grocery stores too!

Birchwood to hold 18th birthday party

Everyone's invited to come celebrate the 18th Anniversary Party and Kickstarter Kickoff at Birchwood Café (3311 E. 25th St.) on Sun., Oct. 27, from 5-9pm. Join

them for complimentary Good Real Food, sweet treats, local beer and beverages. The event is family-friendly and open to all.

Be sure to arrive by 6pm for the kickoff of our Kickstarter campaign (visit <http://birchwoodcafe.com/kickstarter> for details) with special guest Mayor R.T. Rybak. Birchwood Cafe wants to thank the community for 18 wonderful years!

Holiday Boutique set at Epworth Nov. 22-23

Two days of shopping for holiday gifts will be offered at Epworth United Methodist Church, Fri., Nov. 22, noon-8pm and Sat., Nov. 23, 9am-2:30pm. Baked goods, including peanut brittle and fruitcake, decorations, handcrafted gifts, other items and Grandma's Attic are available. Friday night supper from 5-7pm is a fundraiser for youth programs; lunch and other refreshments sold Saturday. Epworth UMC is handicap-accessible (enter from 32nd St.) and is at 3207 37th Ave. S., Minneapolis.

Garden Club meets for last time this year

The final 2013 Longfellow Garden Club meeting is Nov 13, 7-9pm at Epworth United Methodist Church, 3207 37th Ave. S. Let's gather to talk about what the sum-

mer brought, and show what our flower, fairy and vegetable gardens did or did not do. So, come with what you'd like to share: pictures, stories, questions, Japanese lantern/money plant branches, crafts you made from your yard, your extras of stems and stalks so lovely they must be dried. Bring your extra dahlia bulbs, canna roots, sweet potato vine and 4 o'clock tubers to give away. Enjoy having a little more room in your basement this winter!

Danielson to speak at Hope for Parents

Are you ever overwhelmed by your family's schedule? Do you want to feed your family healthy meals but feel there's just not enough time to prepare much less share a meal together?

The next installment of the Hope for Parents forum on Mon., Nov. 18 features Becky Danielson, M.Ed. a licensed Parent and Family Educator. Becky is co-founder of 1 Corinthians 13 Parenting and co-author of "Empowered Parents: Putting Faith First and Parenting Prose," a regular column featured in Marriage Magazine.

Her topic is Managing Meals with a Chaotic Calendar. Discussion will include how to calm the schedule and make healthy options for quick dinners. We'll talk about busyness and how you can get a handle on the chaotic

schedule. Recipes and ideas for nutritious, quick, and make-ahead meals will be included.

The forum, held at Hope Lutheran Church, 5728 Cedar Ave., begins at 7pm and is free of charge. If you have questions, call 612-827-2655 or go to www.hopenpls.org. Free - CEU certificates available.

Photographers sought for Longfellow365

On January 1, 2014, a new community photography project called "Longfellow365", will begin online. Seven photographers will each be assigned to one day a week to photograph something unique in the Longfellow Community. Guest photographers will also be used to increase diversity of the project.

To recruit the local photographers, there will be an informational meeting on Sat., Nov. 2, 12-1pm at the East Lake Library Conference Room. Please spread the word to Longfellow residents interested in this opportunity as either a regular or guest photographer. (Note: You must live in Longfellow to be one of the seven regular photographers, but not if you are a guest photographer.)

All experiences and backgrounds are welcome, as the greater the diversity behind—and in front of—the lens the better.

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In Our Community

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Community-wide Thanksgiving Service set

There will be a Community Thanksgiving Service on Wed., Nov. 27, at 7pm at Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church, 4101 37th Ave S. Stay to share pie and fellowship after the service. All are welcome.

Trunk or Treat Event scheduled Oct. 31

The community is invited to a family-friendly Halloween event from 5:30-7:30pm, Oct. 31 sponsored by Trinity Lutheran Church of Minnehaha Falls. Neighbors can enjoy a unique trick-or-treating experience with lots of candy for the kids and a special treat for parents. Decorated cars will be parked on the north side of the church (52nd St. and 40th Ave.) with trunks filled with candy to hand out to children. There will be a "spooky house" for kids and

a tent where adults can relax and enjoy some refreshments. The event is free and everyone is welcome to participate.

Lutefisk Dinner planned for Nov. 2

Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church, 4101 37th Ave. S., is having its Annual Lutefisk Dinner on Sat., Nov. 2. The Dinner is served family style with lutefisk, meatballs, boiled potatoes, coleslaw, cranberries, lefse and for dessert angel food cake with lemon topping. The cost is \$16 for adults and \$10 for children under 10. Reservations are needed for seatings at 4pm, 5:15pm and 6:30pm. Call the church office at 612-722-9527 to place your reservation.

Meet the Author event set November 9

Local illustrators/authors Mike Wahnoutka and David LaRochelle will talk about their new book, "Moo!" at Roosevelt Library (4026 28th Ave. S.) on Sat., Nov. 9, 1pm. This event is for families and the book will be available for purchase and signing.

Holiday sale planned at Danish Center

Virkelyst is having their annual Holiday Sale on Nov. 2 from 10am-1pm at the Danish American Center, 3030 West River Parkway. There will be handmade gift and craft items, recycled sweaters, baked goods and a soup luncheon. All proceeds go to charities.

Holiday Bazaar planned for Nov. 16

Minnehaha Communion Lutheran Church, 4101 37th Ave. S., will be holding its Annual Holiday Bazaar on Sat., Nov. 16, from 9am-2pm. The event showcases area crafters, Grandma's Attic, a large Silent Auction, bake sale featuring holiday treats and lefse along with a luncheon of Flotegrot, ham sandwiches and cake.

Two local students named to "Prelude"

Nokomis students Davis Brinker and Maren Carey have been selected to participate in MacPhail Center's prestigious Prelude:

Singer/Actor Performance Lab for the 2013-14 academic year. Prelude is one of MacPhail's year-long programs for singers who seek an environment where they can experiment and discover new possibilities as a performing artist. The auditioned program includes private coaching, theory, sight-singing, vocal ensemble and performance lab training in movement.

Celebrate Int'l Game Day at East Lake

East Lake Library, 2727 E Lake St., will celebrate International Game Day, Sat., Nov. 6 from 10am-3pm. This event, for families, will include favorite board games as well as Twister and more.

55+ Book Club to discuss "The Pact"

The Pact: A Love Story, by Jodi Picoult. This is part of the monthly discussion group where they discuss new and interesting titles. The East Lake Library is located at 2727 E. Lake St.

Fireside Theology series begins Oct. 29

Meet Tuesday evenings beginning Oct. 29 at Bethany Lutheran Church, 3901 36th Ave S. This was "Picnic Quilt Theology" in the summer, but now they will move inside next to the cozy fireplace.

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Used book sale set at East Lake Library

East Lake Library will hold their used book sale on Sat., Oct. 26, 10am-5pm and Sun., Oct. 27, noon-3pm. Bargain hunters and book lovers take note that the Friends of the Library will hold a sale of hundreds of adult and children's fiction and nonfiction books in hardcover and paperback. Most books are withdrawn from the Hennepin County Library system or donated by the public. Funds raised will benefit the library. The East Lake Library is located at 2727 E Lake St.

RSVP by Nov. 1 for Jakubas Opening

Join Jakubus Dental Clinic for their grand opening in their new location at 4554 Minnehaha Ave. on Sat., Nov. 9 from 11am-3pm. You must make reservations no later than Nov. 1 to enjoy a day of face-painting, prize drawings and giveaways, pictures with the tooth fairy, complimentary food and drinks, and entertainment by Petticoat Rustlers. Jakubus Dental's Hiawatha location was closed on Oct. 23, and they will open at their new Minnehaha office on Oct. 29.

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Events scheduled at Nokomis Library

Among the numerous events that happen every month at the Nokomis Library, 5100 34th Ave. S., are several notable events.

On First Fridays (Nov. 1), the Diabetes Support Group meets from 1-3pm. Share experiences with others living with diabetes and get tips and advice from a health care professional on blood sugar management, diet and exercise. Please call Nokomis Healthy Seniors, 612-729-5499, to make arrangements for free transportation to the program.

Author William Kent Krueger will read from his latest Cork O'Connor mystery, "Tamarack County," as well as talk about his recent book, "Ordinary Grace," on Sat., Nov. 2, at 3pm. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

The monthly Mystery/Thriller Adult Book Club will meet on Tue., Nov. 5 at 6:30 pm to discuss "The Case of the Missing Servant" by Tarquin Hall.

The monthly 55+ Book Club

will meet on Nov. 6, 3pm to discuss "The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat," by Oliver Sacks.

The Sci-Fi Adult Book Club will meet Thur., Nov. 7 at 6:30pm to discuss "The Windup Girl" by Paolo Bacigalupi.

And, on Thurs., Nov. 21, the Friends of the Nokomis Library Adult Book Club will gather at the library at 6:30pm to discuss "One Thousand White Women" by Jim Fergus.

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