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By JAN WILLMS

The first thing that strikes you as you enter the new Anderson University Center at Hamline University is the incredible view, magnified by the open spaces throughout the building.

At 133,163 square feet, including underground parking, the Center is the largest construction project that has been done on the campus.

The entrance on Snelling Avenue leads to an airy, spacious area with a store, the Spirit Shop, on the right where university gear can be purchased. With an information and welcoming desk on the left, visitors can walk in and use a number of computers available, watch an overhead television for the latest news or purchase a latte from the Starbucks.

"This floor is designated as a gathering space," said Hamline student Marie Harmon, as she provides an informational tour of the new building. "We have not had one on campus. This center is energetic, yet clean. There is a real sense of community."

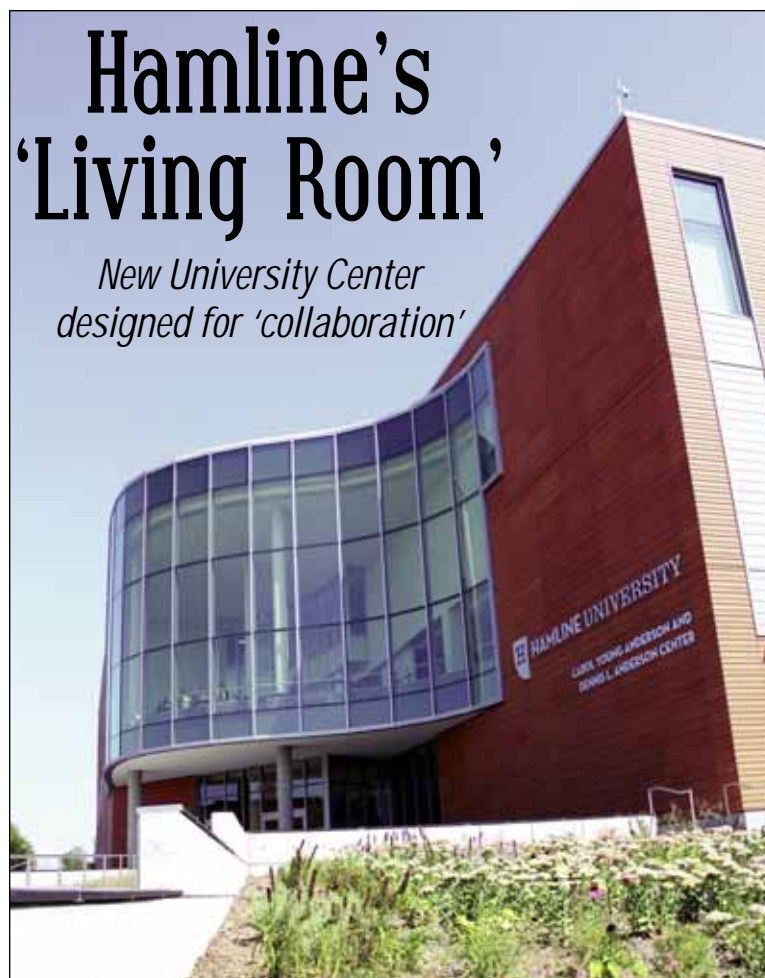
She said the television is there for students to look up and see what's happening. "We want them to be informed," she said.

Throughout the open spaces are collections of chairs, encouraging people to be comfortable and relax. The rooms are in serene colors, beige and dark red walls, but the chairs provide a splash of bright color. And from almost anywhere in this gathering space, students and visitors can look out and see the impressive Old Main, the first building that was built on the campus.

"This is Hamline's living room," Harmon explained. This first floor also features a health

Hamline's 'Living Room'

*New University Center
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At 133,163 square feet, including underground parking, the Center is the largest construction project that has been done on the campus. The third floor also offers a terrace with native plants and grasses. The green aspects of the building, especially the roof, have been created with help from Ken Dehkes, director of Facilities Operations and Horticulture Services. Dehkes has a background in horticulture, landscape management and design. (Photo by Stefanie Berres)

privacy room for mothers who may need it, or for anyone dealing with a health issue. An outdoor patio provides more seating space, and a memorial that is being dedicated to Civil War participants is

being erected near the Center. Smaller rooms are available on a first come, first served basis for more private study or conversations.

A circular staircase leads to the second floor, which provides dining facilities for 500. "That's four times bigger than our old dining space," Harmon said.

According to Lowell Broman, associate vice president for facilities services, the Center opened Aug. 10 to the public.

"We had football players arriving Aug. 11, and we had to be ready to feed them," he said.

The building, which was designed by the Shepley Bulfinch Firm, had McGough Construction as the principal contractor. There are as few right angles as possible in the design.

Diners can use their meal plan to purchase meals in the dining room, as well as items from Starbucks. People can also bring in their own box lunches, use a microwave if needed, and sit at a table and eat their fare. The public can purchase food in the dining area, as well.

The third floor offers meeting rooms, a conference space and of-

fices for campus organizations.

"Our focus is on student involvement," Harmon emphasized. There is a tear-drop shaped room designated for meditation, complete with pillows and mats. The third floor also offers a terrace with native plants and grasses. The outdoor furniture is expected to arrive in late August, and can remain outdoors through the winter.

"The roof has permeable tiles," Harmon said, "that can catch rainwater."

The green aspects of the building, especially the roof, have been created with help from Ken Dehkes, director of Facilities Operations and Horticulture Services. Dehkes has a background in horticulture, landscape management and design.

"There was a multi-disciplined and team approach to the whole design," he said. "We want to make sure the building is sustainable and maintainable for a long time."

"One of the things that is so nice about this building is how much natural daylight there is," Dehkes continued. "It's just really neat. The openness and space are nice features." Almost 75 per cent of the daylight throughout the building is natural. The building boasts solar panels and high performance glass and lighting.

"We had never had a green roof on campus before, so when it was proposed we knew we wanted to integrate as many sustainable features as we could," Dehkes said.

They looked around at systems for growing plants. Dehkes



Throughout the open spaces at Hamline's new Anderson University Center are collections of chairs, encouraging people to be comfortable and relax. The rooms are in serene colors, beige and dark red walls, but the chairs provide a splash of bright color. (Photo by Stefanie Berres)

said Hamline wanted to use local products, and with the significant transportation costs, did not want to have things delivered from some place 600 miles away.

"Bachman's had distribution rights for a system that has been used three years called LiveRoof," Dehkes explained. "The plants are pre-grown, delivered in plant trays and assembled on the roof."

The plants were chosen for insulation, to absorb heat better and for storm water control. Instead of standard plant trays, four inches in depth, Bachman's used a six-inch tray system, the first in the state.

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Schiller statue to be restored



Since 1907, a bronze sculpture of German literary giant Johann Christoph Friedrich von Schiller (1759-1805) has presided over the gateway to Saint Paul's Como Park. Having braved Minnesota winters for 105 years, the sculpture will be completely restored through an initiative led by Public Art Saint Paul and Saint Paul Parks and Recreation.

"This is an important public artwork," says Public Art Saint Paul President Christine Podas-Larson. "The ideals and aspirations that brought it into our civic midst are as compelling in our time as they were in the early 20th century." Sculpture conservator Kristin Cheronis will be on site at Como Park to carry out the restoration from Sept. 4 through Oct. 5, allowing park visitors to witness historic preservation in process and be formally introduced to this important piece of Saint Paul's landscape and cultural history.



The green aspects of the building, especially the roof, have been created with help from Ken Dehkes, director of Facilities Operations and Horticulture Services. Dehkes has a background in horticulture, landscape management and design. The building boasts solar panels and high performance glass and lighting, and a green roof. The plants are pre-grown, delivered in plant trays and assembled on the roof. (Photo by Stefanie Berres)

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Construction problems vexing University Avenue businesses

By JANE MCCLURE

Construction vehicles on neighborhood streets, University Avenue building damage, vibrations disrupting business operations and even reports of rats are vexing some business owners and residential neighbors of the Central Corridor light rail project. Project leaders met with lead contractor Walsh Construction in August to discuss concerns.

Central Corridor project staff have also asked Metropolitan Council legal counsel to see what legal remedies can be taken to deal with the traffic issues, which are a violation of the contractors' and subcontractors' contracts.

Risk management staff is also working with light rail project staff to address concerns raised by businesses. Summit-University and Frogtown neighborhood business have complained of flooded basements, foundation cracks, façade cracks and other damage. Rats have been in the surrounding neighborhood, including some near the former Lexington Outreach Library at 1080 University Av. That building is currently used for Central Corridor related meetings and events.

"It's just been a real frustration, all the way around," said Metropolitan Council Member Jon Commers. He most recently heard complaints about traffic issues and brought those to the attention of the Corridor Management Committee. One resident of Charles Avenue reported 15 construction vehicles on that street within a 30-minute time frame. Contractors are not to use residential streets unless they have per-

mission to do so.

Walsh Construction couldn't be reached for comment.

Dan Soler of the Central Corridor project staff said the construction vehicle traffic is "clearly an issue. It's something we have been struggling with for the past few weeks." He said project staff have been direct about telling workers to not drive on streets they don't have permission to use. "Yet it's not sinking in on this particular contract."

"We get asked, what are you doing, Metropolitan Council, because we are the ones responsible for administering the contracts," Soler said.

The council cannot simply fine contractors. Nor can police do anything because the vehicles aren't breaking any laws.

If there is a silver lining, it is that work on University Avenue should be largely completed this construction season. "Work on University Avenue is going well," Soler said.

As of the end of June the light rail project was more than 60 percent complete. Work has gone on all along the 11-mile light rail line. All of the rail stations are going up, with some nearly complete. Rail is being laid and streets rebuilt.

But the construction issues pile onto a summer of frustration in area neighborhoods. Businesses and property owners have complained that they can't get adequate compensation for damage to buildings. Metropolitan Council staff and contractors have responded that proving damage is difficult because of possible pre-existing conditions at building, especially buildings that are 50 to 100 years old.

Metropolitan Council, city and county staff have also pointed out to business owners that the issues are between the property owners and the contractors. Steve Wilson, president of Summit-University Planning Council (SUPC), and Frogtown Neighborhood Association Executive Director Tait Danielson-Castillo said they have heard complaints about rats, as well as building damage.

"People have gone through enough disruption, and now rats?" Wilson said. But St. Paul Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI) and Public Works staff said they haven't heard complaints about rats, and that the city stepped up rat baiting as part of the light rail project. Danielson-Castillo said he is

concerned about damage to small businesses. Although there is a forgivable loan program of up to \$20,000 available, he said that may not cover business losses and damage in some cases. "The businesses are really struggling and this adds insult to injury," he said.

The Minnesota Da'Wah Institute, 478 University Av., reported water and mud infiltration that caused mold and carpet damage. Latuff Brothers Auto Body, 880 University Av., claims construction damaged brick façade. Other businesses had glass cases damaged, items damaged as they fell to the floor during jack-hammering and façade damage.

When they were taking their big machines and jackhammering the median, our fascia was damaged," said owner Pete Latuff. Pictures fell off of walls and paint mixing scales were affected. He also had façade damage when the sidewalk was removed. The new sidewalk is the wrong height, so when it rained, the business parking lot flooded. The level was corrected with a strip of asphalt.

It cracked through some of my fascia on my building. "I'm going around and around with people and nothing's happening," said Latuff. He has made calls to city and Metropolitan Council, and talked to the contractors and subcontractors, but he hasn't received a satisfactory response.

Latuff has a video of the building pre-construction and it shows no damage. Damage is about \$4,000. "I hate to say it but this will probably end up in court," he said.



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City Council votes to support Charles Avenue bike improvements

By JANE MCCLURE

Bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements for Charles Avenue between Park and Aldine streets will calm traffic and make the area safer. Or will they hurt businesses, make it less safe for cyclists and simply push traffic to other neighborhood streets? Those opposing views were heard before the St. Paul City Council voted 5-2 to support the 3-½ mile project.

In moving support for the project, Ward Four Council Member Russ Stark said his office and city staff worked hard to find a compromise. He said one issue that emerged is that "as neighbors, we need to reach out earlier and more often to businesses."

Stark said he believes the project will have benefits and will not have negative impacts businesses fear. More than 100 people, wearing printed badges to show support or opposition jammed the Council chambers for the public hearing. Supporters included Charles Avenue residents from Hamline-Midway and Frogtown neighborhoods and bicyclists who worked for many months to get the project approved. They held block parties and events that drew more than 900 people as they sought ideas.

But opponents included other residents of Charles and surrounding streets who said the project isn't needed or will affect neighborhood streets. A large group, including Midway Chamber of Commerce, came out to support Snelling Avenue businesses that fear losing customer access when the Charles-



Traffic circles like this one are designed to calm traffic and make the neighborhood more pedestrian friendly. Last week the City Council voted to support Charles Avenue bike improvements to enhance safety for bicyclists and pedestrians. (Photo by Stefanie Berres)

Snelling crossing is blocked with a median. The median will be built to allow bikes and pedestrians to safely wait for traffic to clear, and for emergency vehicles to get through. But Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell Funeral Home, Ellis Drum Shop and Holiday Station are among those fearing they will lose business as customers cannot make left turns from southbound Snelling.

The median changes will be among the first made. The project is to be completed by the end of 2015. By then nine traffic circles and other changes should be made, as funding becomes avail-

able. The project also calls for more signage, street markings and corner bumpouts. One goal is to have Charles become a more "green" street.

As what is described as a compromise, the City Council did agree to reopen Snelling and Sherburne. Business representatives questioned how that would help. Stark also urged city staff to work with the businesses on either temporary or permanent directional signage.

Since 2010 Charles has been identified as a potential bike-walk route paralleling Central Corridor. It would connect to

other routes via Aldine, Pascal, Park and eventually Griggs Street.

Attorney Ferdinand Peters represents Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell. While his clients support the bicycle improvements, they are very opposed to the median and the potential impacts on their business. So is Ellis Drum Shop, said owner Tim Ellis.

"This would absolutely hurt, hurt my business," Ellis said. "I can't sell a drum set to someone on a bicycle."

Some speakers asked why Thomas or Minnehaha avenues aren't used, as those have signalized crossings at Snelling. "Why not look at Thomas?" said Charles resident John Smetana. "Isn't that the best place for people to cross the street?"

Hamline-Midway resident and bicyclist advocate Benita Warns said it's wrong to block off intersections and hurt businesses. She said traffic circles are a bad idea, noting she and her husband were almost struck while biking when a motorist didn't negotiate a traffic circle correctly.

"We don't like the fact that business is being further impeded," said Paul McGinley of Midway Chamber of Commerce. Businesses have already been hurt by light rail construction. He also said that using Sherburne as an alternative puts pedestrians at risk there.

But supporters said they don't believe the changes will have the negative impacts feared and instead will have many ben-

efits for the neighborhood. Hamline-Midway resident Lars Christiansen said the project will not only make the street calmer, it also helps meet goals including place-making and community building. He said an "unprecedented" number of people weighed in in support of the project.

"The intent is to make the street safer for all users," said Jessica Treat, Hamline-Midway resident and executive director of St. Paul Smart Trips.

"The light rail project effectively kicks bicycles off of University Avenue," said Andrew Singer, a bicyclist and member of the St. Paul Bicycle Coalition.

Several speakers in support of the project said that diverting bikes to Thomas or other streets is contrary to the project's purpose. "Even going a block or two out of your way is inefficient," said Hamline Midway resident Nancy Fischer.

"The Snelling median is one of the most integral pieces to making this work," said Hamline-Midway resident Matthew Lang.

"I think there's actually huge pent-up demand for people who want to do more biking and walking, but right now, we don't know what that is, because they don't find it safe," said council member Stark, who lives in the 1500 block of Charles Avenue.

Council members Dave Thune and Dan Bostrom voted against the project. Thune is worried about use of an unsignalized crossing at Snelling, saying, "I think somebody is going to get splattered."

Hamline University Center

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Grasses, coneflowers and day lilies were chosen along with native grasses.

"We started propagating the plants into trays in August 2011," Dehkes said. "The plants were grown through the fall and then placed in a greenhouse for the winter months."

He said they were put together on the roof, somewhat like dominos or a jigsaw puzzle.

In May of this year the plant trays were lifted up by a crane to the University Center's roof. "Doug from Bachmann's and I worked with the roofing company, directing the placement of the plants," Dehkes related.

The entire construction project for the Anderson Center, named in honor of its major donors, Carol and Dennis Anderson, took 16 months. "We broke ground on March 14, 2011," Bromander said. A dedication is planned for Oct. 5 and an open house for Oct. 6.

"We're very excited to have the front door of the Center open to Snelling Avenue," Bromander said. "The Anderson Center is a connection point for us to the Midway community. The core sense of the building is about collaboration."

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Hamline student killed in Craigslist altercation

By JAN WILLMS

It has been a month since Hamline student Aung Thu Bo, 19, lost his life when he sought to buy a cell phone by answering a Craigslist ad. Bo and his girlfriend met in a public place with Steven Lewis, 28, who had advertised the phone for sale.

After driving about a block in the Dayton's Bluff area, Lewis pulled a gun on the couple and demanded money. As Bo attempted to pull his money from his pockets, he was shot in the head.

Lewis ran, but was later picked up by police and charged with second-degree murder and aggravated robbery in the incident.

Bo's death shocked his family and friends. Known for his responsibility, hard work, dedication to his family and academic skills, he was remembered recently by Janyesha Jackson, a friend and classmate during high school and at Hamline.

"He really loved the simple things in life," Jackson recalled with a smile, "like food and

sleep."

Besides being a student in computer science at Hamline, Bo worked part-time as a dietary aide at Lyngblomsten and at the ITeck Desk at Hamline.

"He tried his hardest to juggle all the things he did," Jackson continued. "He was really bad at it sometimes." She said Bo always tried to please people if he thought they were hurting.

"He never wanted to hurt anyone or anything," Jackson added.

"My favorite memories are of

him laughing," she said. "He was never too serious. He laughed at everything. He'd find the humor in any situation."

Jackson said Bo loved life and was not afraid to show it.

"He saw the world in a way I will never understand," she said. "Some people might say he looked at the world through the lens of a child, but I would say he just focused on how awesome it is. He was never one to be emotional or angry. I hope we can all learn to be comfortable and goofy as he was; we would

be much happier people."

Bo was born in Thailand and was six years old when his family arrived in the United States. He is survived by his parents, Win Bo and Than Thanaye Bo and sisters Thanda, Amy and Jasmine. An honors student at Central High School he had volunteered at the nursing home where his mother worked since he was ten years old, before starting to work there at age 15.

Called "super smart" by friends, Bo was about to start his second year at Hamline.

Letters to the Editor

Neighborhood residents want safer streets, less traffic

Your headline "Friendly streets' initiative threatens local Snelling Avenue businesses" (August 2012) could not have been less informative and more biased. A better headline might have read "Hundreds support friendly streets initiative; some businesses concerned."

By an overwhelming number, neighborhood residents want safer streets with less traffic and greater opportunity to walk or bike to neighborhood destinations, including local businesses. As the article stated, thousands have offered comments and hundreds of people attended six block events last summer to provide input on the design of Charles Avenue project. In addition, the City has held public meetings and made project plans

available at several locations (including their website) over a period of more than four years. This has truly been an open, transparent process with the participation of Hamline-Midway stakeholders.

In the August 2012 Monitor, Mr. Purcell suggests that making our streets more inviting and safer will be bad for businesses, specifically his. Even before LRT construction the area around Snelling and University has not only been blighted by high vacancies, but is also unpleasant and often dangerous to access by bike or on foot. What could be worse for business than an area that is dangerous, ugly, and half vacant? Shouldn't he and area businesses be more concerned that Snelling and I94 was rated the second most dangerous intersection in the state by the Department of Transportation? Do business patrons enjoy sitting in stopped traffic on Snelling Avenue? No evidence, nationally or locally, has linked the develop-

ment of bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure projects with business closure and, in fact, such infrastructure has often been associated with a stronger business community. The canard that bikes are bad for business is tired and cannot bear to be trotted out again. By definition, people who bike or walk support local businesses.

As a mother who bikes with children, I want safe streets and easy access to University Avenue businesses. Biking on Minnehaha Avenue does not get me close to my favorite restaurants or shopping destinations. Removing design elements that promote less auto traffic waters down a strong and neighborhood-supported plan. As a car owner and driver, I want less traffic. More people on foot, on bike, or on public transit makes my driving experience better, too.

Dana DeMaster
Hamline Midway

September events planned at Rice Street Branch Library

The Rice Street Branch Library has many events planned for September. Please stop in and visit us!

Historian Dave Riehle will lead a Dakota History Bus Tour on Sunday September 23 from 1-3 p.m. The tour will visit still-identifiable sites in Saint Paul, some buried beneath modern roads and landscapes. Space is limited, so please call Rice Street Library at 651-558-2223 to reserve your seat on the bus.

The North End Book Club will discuss *Silas Marner* by George Eliot on Monday September 24 from 12:45-2:30 p.m. For more information or to register, please call Sandy at 651-744-3072. This group is offered in partnership with the Community Education Senior Program.

In addition to special events, the Rice Street Branch Library also offers a wide variety of free, on-going activities for kids, teens and adults.

The Collectors' Corner Neighborhood Trading Post is open Wednesdays from 4-7 p.m. and

Saturdays from 11:30-2:30 p.m. Bring a tradable natural object to the library and volunteers from the Science Museum of Minnesota will help you learn more about it.

Story time is offered on Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m. Join Rice Street's storytelling experts for stories, finger plays, rhymes, and songs.

Join us for Lego Time on Sundays from 3:30-4:30. For kids and adults (who are kids at heart), stop in and build things with Legos! Free, fun and entertaining.

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To move forward in this digi-
tal age, the Monitor is launching
a new web site. Along with an
updated look, the site features a
community events calendar, mul-
timedia section, news, market-
place, classifieds, archives, and
community information page.

With this update, Nelson
knows things will change for the
newspaper he co-owns with
Calvin deRuyter. "We're going to
become a much more important
resource to our community," he
said.

Monitor Editor Denis
Woulfe acknowledges that this
marks a whole new paradigm for
the newspaper. "It's about rein-
venting the business model for
the industry," said Woulfe.

A BALANCING ACT

Part of the reinvention is recog-
nizing the myths that surround
newspapers and the Internet.
Senior citizens are not lost using
the Internet, but regularly use it
for email, shopping and more.
Sure, young people might ignore
the news now, but that changes
when they buy a house, begin a
family and start to see how it af-
fects their lives. And while most
people go online these days, not
everyone has access even in ur-
ban areas. For these residents
and others, the print editions



continue to be their primary
source of information about
their community.

The new paradigm requires
that newspapers find a balance
between being community jour-
nalists and business people,
something Nelson works to
achieve every day. "We are busi-
ness people first," said Nelson.
"We don't do anyone any good
if we go bankrupt." Yet, it is the

community journalism piece
that marks the Monitor as a
niche publication, one specifi-
cally focused on the Como,
Midtown and North End neigh-
borhoods of St. Paul.

CHALLENGES FOR UNIVERSITY AVE. AREA

As a community newspaper, the

Monitor must weather the same
economic forces as its advertisers.
Like other small businesses along
University, the Monitor has taken
a hit during the four-year light
rail project, which is only
halfway complete.

"Hopefully when the light
rail is done and our area rede-
fines itself, we will see an up-
surge," said Nelson. It may be
easier for him to be hopeful than

other local businesses. As the
owner of another newspaper, the
Longfellow/Nokomis Messenger,
Nelson has experienced firsthand
the good that came out of the Hi-
awatha light rail line.

"It's about economic rede-
velopment," said Woulfe.

The Monitor encourages the
University Avenue business
community to reach out to pa-
trons to reinforce their contin-
ued presence on the Corridor, in
part by continuing to support
the Monitor.

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sponsor, and your ad will appear
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Anyone who purchases a
classified ad will continue to
have double exposure for one
price.

Businesses may pick from
packages that include print and
digital ads. "This is a great com-
plement to the print ads they're
already doing," said Woulfe. "The
appeals and features of each are
different." With the online ad,
businesses and nonprofits can do
things a print ad can't, such as
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What's Cookin'...

By COLETTE MULLENMASTER

Ginkgo Coffeehouse owner, Kathy Sundberg, celebrates 20 years!



CM: How did you come into the hospitality business?

KS: After graduate school, I moved to Boston to work. While there, I became familiar with a wonderful business, combining food, greeting cards and gifts, with folk music. It was a warm, welcoming community business.

One day, while walking in my St. Paul neighborhood, I noticed that space in a great old building on Snelling Avenue had become available. With few gathering places in the Twin Cities, including my neighborhood, I thought it might present a good opportunity.

As I researched the idea, I envisioned the business I loved in Boston. The chance to create a gathering place for the neighborhood, and a music venue for the metro area, were too inviting to resist.

Hospitality, music, and community are a natural fit for me. I enjoy making people feel welcome, and providing them with products and services that are a good value, and high quality. Since I have been in business for 20 years, I must love it!

CM: What is the best thing about running a business in this community?

KS: The Hamline Midway neighborhood is a friendly, community oriented area. It's a great place to live, work, and have fun. I have the incredible opportunity to live and work in the same neighborhood. This has allowed me to get to know the geography, the people, and be involved in community events and development. We have a variety of stable small businesses, a lot of people who are vested in keeping the neighborhood vibrant and safe.

CM: Is there a special memory that stands out over the years?

KS: The customers who have been coming in since we opened (or close to that time) have a special place in my heart. Some customers first came in as infants; others were adults. I mourn those lost, and celebrate those whom I have gotten to know over the years. It's a joy to see someone that has not been in for a while.

It's an honor to have been part of people's lives as they grow and change. Someone who came in to study during high school or college might come in while they are travelling through town, or stop in with their own children. Others first came in with babies, and are now empty nesters!

GINKGO Coffeehouse

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Veggie Lasagna

The veggie lasagna we serve at GINKGO is based on a recipe used when my husband, Al, and I married. We have served it almost since we opened. Since then, we've added more homemade soups, quiche, burritos, salads, more sandwiches and more fresh baked goods to our original assortment of foods. The lasagna is still a favorite.

INGREDIENTS

Red Sauce	2 tsp salt
3 Tbsp olive oil	2 bay leaves (optional)
1 c chopped onion	2 ½ c tomato puree
1 tsp minced garlic	1 c chopped tomatoes
2 c chopped green pepper	2 Tbsp red cooking wine
2 tsp basil	6 sliced mushrooms
1 tsp oregano	

DIRECTIONS (cook on the stove top if it's easier for you)

1. Cook all ingredients up to bay leaves in a lasagna pan, in the oven, covered with foil, 30 min at 325
2. Remove bay leaves, add rest of ingredients
3. Cover with foil and bake for another 30 min at 325

WHITE SAUCE

combine all ingredients:

1 ½ c cottage cheese	½ tsp pepper
1 ¾ c ricotta cheese	Dash nutmeg
2 eggs, beaten	1 c fresh spinach,
1 tsp salt	ripped/chopped

NOODLES

Cook lasagna noodles per directions until soft but firm.

LAYERING

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. ½ c red sauce on bottom of pan | 6. 4 noodles |
| 2. 4 noodles | 7. Rest of white sauce |
| 3. 2 c white sauce | 8. ½ of rest of red sauce |
| 4. 1 ½ c red sauce | 9. 1 ½ c mozzarella cheese |
| 5. 1 ½ c mozzarella cheese | 10. Remaining noodles |
| | 11. Remainder of red sauce |

BAKING:

1. Cover with foil, bake 30 min at 375
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Twin Cities author at artists meeting

Twin Cities author Julie Schumacher will read from her books and discuss writing on Thursday, September 6, from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Carleton Artist Lofts, 2285 University Avenue West. The reading is part of a monthly Open Flow Forum of artists with and without disabilities.

Schumacher teaches in the Creative Writing Program and the Department of English at the University of Minnesota. Her novels include: The Body Is Water, The Unbearable Book Club for Unsinkable Girls, Black Box, The Book of One Hundred Truths, The Chain Letter, and Grass Angel, as well as short stories and essays. Her website is <http://www.julieschumacher.com/>.

Open Flow Forum is a monthly "First Thursdays" opportunity for artists with and without disabilities to bring samples of their visual art, poetry, music, memoir, photography or other art form to share and discuss in an informal, supportive, fragrance-free setting. It is an outgrowth of the Artists with Disabilities Alliance (AWDA) and is supported by VSA Minnesota. The Community Room is directly through the main entry on the north side of the building. Parking is recommended on Charles Street, one block north of University, or on other side streets.

For more information: Pamela Veeder (prveeder@yahoo.com), Mike Price (serpentine3243@yahoo.com), Dan Reiva (dprw@yahoo.com), or Jon Skaalen VSA Minnesota: jon@vsamn.org, 612-332-3888 or 651-336-8206.



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GET READY FOR FALL

By DEBORAH BROTZ

While you're still enjoying the warm, sunny days of summer, fall is right around the corner. It's not too early to be thinking about what you need to do to get your home and garden ready for winter.

If you feel your home could use some fixing up, you might want to check out how to get some financial help for your project from the Neighborhood Energy Connection.

HOME & GARAGE

Gutters and Downspouts

Clean gutters and drain pipes and be sure they drain away from the house. Drain outside faucets.

Be sure water is not coming down behind gutters and that all support brackets are securely in place.

Check to ensure water drains properly and doesn't pool.

Windows and Doors

Change summer screens to cool weather storm windows and doors.

Inspect and repair any loose or damaged window or door frames.

Install weather stripping or caulking around windows and doors.

Clean and lubricate garage door hinges, rollers, and tracks and be sure screens are tight.

Remove window air-conditioners or put weatherproof covers on them.

Heating Systems

Replace the filter in your furnace.

Have a heating professional check your heating system.

Clean your ducts to better your heating system's efficiency.

Clean your thermostat's heat sensor, contact points, and contacts. Lubricate hot water heater's pump and motor. Bleed air from radiators or convectors.

Drain hot water heater. Remove sediment from the bottom of the tank.

Plumbing

To prevent pipes from freezing and bursting, ensure that the pipes, as well as the wall cavities where they reside, are well insulated.

Be sure that you know how to locate and turn off the water shut-off valve in case pipes freeze.

Chimney and Fireplace

Have a certified chimney sweep inspect and clean the flues and check your fireplace damper.

Test your fireplace flue for a tight seal when closed.

Install a carbon monoxide alarm near the fireplace and furnace.

Attic Ventilation

Be sure attic insulation doesn't cover ventilation vents in the eaves to prevent winter ice dams on the roof.

Be sure ridge vents and vents at eaves are free of plants and debris.

Check bird and rodent screens for attic vents to prevent any unwanted guests.

Roof

Check roof and around vents, skylights and chimneys for leaks.

LAWN & GARDEN

Lawn Care

Fertilize cool season grasses such as Kentucky bluegrass, fine fescue, and perennial ryegrass.

Eliminate broadleaf weeds such as dandelions, broadleaf plantain, and ground ivy with weed killer.

Continue mowing every week or so until grass has stopped growing.

Lay seed so that your lawn gets a head start in the spring. Cover the seeds lightly with straw or mulch to protect from feeding birds.

Dethatch or aerate, or do both to reduce thatch, a layer of dead grass stems and roots that build up faster than they can decompose, accumulating on top of the soil layer and reducing water penetration to the roots.

Run all gas-powered lawn equipment until the fuel tank is empty.

Trees & Shrubs

For cooler regions, plant trees, shrubs, and vines now through the end of October.

This gives most plants a head start in the spring, since roots will grow in still-warm soil long after air temperatures drop.

Protect plants from rodents by keeping mice, voles, and other rodents from feeding on the bark of young trees in winter by wrapping a cylinder of 1/2-inch-mesh hardware cloth around the trunk.

Protect tender evergreens from cold by surrounding these plants with a shelter of burlap or old sheets. Provide additional protection by using an anti-transpirant spray on the foliage after the first hard frost.

Soak soil around trees and shrubs if rainfall has been light to ensure that plants enter winter fully hydrated.

Prune your trees and shrubs after the leaves turn to encourage healthy growth in the spring.

Remove leaves from lawn and planting areas.

Trim any tree limbs that are dangerously close to power lines or the roof of your house.

Flowers & Gardens

Plant bulbs such as crocus, daffodils, hyacinths, tulips, and other spring-flowering bulbs.

In cold-winter areas, mulch after a hard freeze. Spread 2 to 3 inches of compost, composted cedar, pine, or fir bark, weed-free straw, or similar material.

In northern areas, dig and store tender bulbs such as tuberous begonias, dahlias, and gladiolus.

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City budget pitches 1.9 percent increase in property tax levy

By JANE MCCLURE

St. Paul's proposed 2013 city budget contains a 1.9 percent increase in the city's property tax levy, seven more police officers, two fewer recreation centers and one new park. The budget, which the mayor unveiled August 13, is currently under review by the St. Paul City Council. The council is poised to adopt the maximum 2013 property tax levy September 11 and the final levy and budget in December.

While the budget contains good news for the supporters of the proposed Frogtown Farm, it contained bad news for North End residents who use McDonough Recreation Center. The farm got a financial boost but the recreation center is likely to be repurposed or spun off to a nonprofit, in the same way Griggs, Desnoyer, Dunning and Orchard have been.

Coleman unveiled his budget at the St. Paul Farmers' Market, using recent and future development projects to make the argument that St. Paul is weathering the worst economy in generations. He touted projects including the Farmers Market Lofts apartments and the planned Lowertown baseball stadium, to announce that St. Paul has not been "deterred nor defeated."

The stadium is currently in competition for \$27 million in state funds. State officials will announce a decision in September.

The proposed 2013 city budget is \$502.86 million, down slightly from the \$503.408 million budget approved for 2012. Add in libraries and debt service, and the budget total for 2013 is \$563.860 million, as compared to \$560.416 in 2012.

The property tax dollars needed to support the proposed 2013 budget total \$99.396 million, up \$1.587 million from the \$97.809 million levied for 2012. That will

cover city general government and libraries.

The St. Paul Port Authority levy for 2013 is proposed at \$1.811 million, up from \$1.511 million in 2012, an increase of \$300,000.

The total amount levied in 2013 would be \$101,207,852, as compared to \$99,320,758 for 2012.

2013 marks the second year in a row of levy increases by the city. Last year's city levy increased 4.9 percent. But Coleman, who was presenting his sixth budget, took pains to point out that the city is no longer using one-time funding to pay ongoing costs and that the city budget is in structural balance.

Although the city has tried to hold the line on spending and hiring for several years, a trend of cuts to Local Government Aid (LGA) from the state and inflation has taken a toll. City Budget Manager Scott Cordes admits that after years of cutting programs, staff and services, a form of "budget fatigue" has set in among city employees.

Cordes said that although the 2013 budget process began with an \$8 million gap, the city has been able to take advantage of some things to hold down costs. A new employee health care contract is producing what the mayor described as some of the biggest savings the city has seen in many years. The city's efforts to continue to hold down costs, such as carefully reviewing vacant positions before they are filled, and LGA holding steady for 2013 also helped in efforts to balance the budget.

Council members have asked for more detail on a number of budget issues. Cuts to Central Library hours are a concern, as is a proposal to hand over two more recreation centers to nonprofit groups. The two centers eyed for

closure are Conway on the East Side and McDonough in the North End. That would bring the number of recreation centers to 23. Almost a dozen centers have been rented to nonprofit groups, given to schools or torn down and replaced with restroom facilities in recent years.

Another concern for the council is a proposal to eliminate an animal control position. Some council members said that at a time when complaints about nuisance wild animals are increasing, they don't want to see service cuts.

The 2013 budget proposal does have some new initiatives. Coleman announced that he wants the St. Paul Police Department to hire seven new officers, to be at its total authorized strength of 610. That meant adding about \$1 million to the budget.

He also reached agreement with Firefighters Local 21 to keep Rescue Squad 2 operating. Coleman had proposed eliminating the specialized rescue squad, one of three of its kind in the city. But he and firefighters reached an agreement to keep the squad operating.

Other 2013 initiatives include \$200,000 to hire a consultant to study and recommend changes to the city's Department of safety and Inspections (DSI)

One proposal that drew loud applause during the budget presentation was a pledge to give \$1 million to a group of Frogtown residents trying to buy the 12-acre former Wilder Foundation property on LaFond Avenue and turn it into a park, farm and garden area. That will help the park supporters as they raise \$2.45 million to buy the site. A combination of funds will cover the \$1 million. No other Long-Range Capital Improvement Budget projects will have to be cut or changed to accommodate Frogtown Farm.

Wednesday dinners resume at Jehovah

Jehovah Lutheran Church at 1566 Thomas will resume its Wednesday dinners at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 12 in the basement fellowship hall. Dinners are free. A suggested donation of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children is welcome. The dinners are open to all. More information is available by calling the church office at 651-644-1421.

Zion open house

Zion holds open house on Sept 16th starting with worship at 10 a.m. party follows at 11:15 a.m. Please come and enjoy food, fun,

games and fellowship. Zion is located 1697 at the corner of lafond and Aldine. If you need more information call the church office at 651-645-0851.

Support group in Falcon Heights

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Minnesota is sponsoring a support group specifically for partners or spouses of someone who lives with a mental illness. The Partners & Spouses support group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:45 p.m., at Falcon Heights United Church of Christ, 1795 Holton Street. For more informa-

tion, call Lois at 651-788-1920, or Donna at 651-645-2948 ext. 101.

Support group for caregivers

A free support group for caregivers meets each second Tues. from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at 1514 Englewood Ave. This group is designed for caregivers to find support and exchange information and will be facilitated by HM Elders staff and trained volunteers. It is open to anyone caring for older adults or persons any age with special needs. Refreshments provided. Call (651) 209-6542 to register or for more information.

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Superintendent speaks Sept. 19

Valeria Silva, Superintendent of St. Paul Public Schools, will be the speaker at the LWV September meeting. She will address the topic of the renewal of a \$30.6 million per year levy that is set to expire plus a request for an increase of \$9 million per year for eight years that will be on the ballot in St. Paul on Nov. 6. The meeting is Wed. Sept. 19, 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Kings Crossing Senior Residence, 500 North Dale St. (at University Ave.) League meetings are free and open to the public. There will be time for questions and answers. Parking is behind the building or on the side street adjacent to the parking lot. Entrance to the building is from the parking lot. Information: shack194849@gmail.com

Volunteers for Ward 4 Cleanup

The annual Ward 4 Cleanup is coming up Saturday, September 22, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the State Fair Grounds – Camel Lot, and we're looking for volunteers. Shifts are 7:30-11 a.m. and 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. As always, we'll have food and beverages available, and all volunteers can bring a FREE load of waste.

If you would like to volunteer, please reply to this e-mail with your name, phone number, and the shift that you'd like to work. Volunteers for the 2nd shift are particularly appreciated!

Are vitamins and supplements for you?

Hamline Midway Elders host luncheons every Tuesday of the

month at 11:30 a.m. at Hamline Methodist Church, 1514 Englewood Avenue. A free will donation is requested for the meal although speaker presentations are free and begin at 12:15 p.m. On Oct. 9, the topic will be "Enjoy Better Health with Vitamins and Nutritional Supplements." Susan Goddard from Mastel's Health Foods will discuss common health concerns for seniors including osteoporosis, arthritis and digestion. Call (651) 209-6542 to make reservations and/or request free transportation.

Holy Childhood Rummage Sale Oct. 11

Holy Childhood Church Rummage Sale will be held on Thursday, October 11th, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, October 12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday bag day, October 13, 9 a.m. to noon. It will be held at 1435 Midway Parkway. There will be clothing, shoes, housewares, linens, furniture, books, DVD's and many more. Treasures for everyone.

Toastmaster Club meets October 10

The St. Paul Viking Toastmaster Club will hold their Annual Open House at the Rice Street Library, 1011 Rice Street, on October 10 from 6:30 until 8 p.m. For over 50 years, the Viking Toastmaster Club has helped the residence of St Paul become better public speakers. All are welcome and admission is free. Contact Viking.Toastmasters1010@yahoo.com.

Brazilian Drum Class September 29

Announcing a Women's Brazilian Drum Class on Saturday, Sept. 29, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sambas and other rhythms of the region will be explored. All levels of experience are welcomed and encouraged. Women's Drum Center, 2242 University Ave. W., St. Paul. \$25. Drums provided. Info and registration at www.womensdrumcenter.org.

The Family and the Breastfed Baby

The Baby Arrives: The Family and the Breastfed Baby is the topic of the meeting of the Como-Midway La Leche Group on Tuesday, October 9. All expectant and nursing mothers are invited to attend with their babies and toddlers. Call Heidi at 651-659-9527 for more information.

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In addition to your media audiences, please consider sharing this information with your employees. Becoming a tutor with literacy council is a great

opportunity for adults of any age to connect with their community and empower adult learners.

Big River Yoga Open House September 15

Big River Yoga Open House: Sat., Sept 15th 9 a.m.- Noon. One day only new student sale: \$30 for One Month Unlimited Yoga. Free yoga classes, 9:00 a.m. Mixed level, 10 a.m. Beginners, 11 a.m. retail sale, refreshments and socializing. Join us! 165 Dunlap Ave North, St Paul. For more information: www.bigriveryoga.com

Peer Support Group offered in St. Paul

A NAMI Connection peer support group for adults recovering from mental illness meets bi-weekly in St. Paul. The free group is sponsored by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Minnesota. Trained facilitators who are also in recovery lead NAMI Connection groups. The group meets on the 4th Tuesday, at 6:30 p.m., at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 285 Dale Street North. For more information, contact Shelley at 651-228-1645. Find more about NAMI's free classes and support groups at 651-645-2948.

Free autumn exercise classes

Chair based yoga will be offered Sept. 11 – Oct. 16, 10 – 11 a.m. (no class 10/2) and Joint friendly exercise classes will be offered Tues. & Thurs., Oct 23 – Dec 11, 2 – 3 p.m. Both sessions are sponsored by HM Elders, A Living at

Home Program. They are offered at no cost and will be held at 1514 Englewood Ave. Call (651) 209-6542 to register or for more information.

Anxiety Support Group meets in Midway

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Minnesota sponsors free support groups for persons with anxiety disorders. The groups help individuals develop better coping skills and find strength through sharing their experiences. An Open Door Anxiety and Panic support group meets in St. Paul from 6:30 to 8 p.m., on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month, at Goodwill-Easter Seals, 553 Fairview Ave. N., in Room 123. For information call NAMI at 651-645-2948, or go to www.namihelps.org.

Bethel holds German Dinner September 21

Bethel's Annual German Dinner will be Friday, September 21st from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for 10 and under. Contact blc@bethelstpaul.com or 651-488-6681 to reserve your tickets. The menu includes: pork chops, famous German potato salad, sauerkraut, green beans, rye bread, applesauce and homemade dessert bars. The children's menu consists of tater tots, hot dogs, corn, and the same dessert bars. All proceeds will be used for church improvement projects. Come and enjoy this fabulous food and good fellowship.

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District 10 is currently updating the Como community's planning document, and needs your help. The planning process allows citizens to discuss their vision and set priorities for the future of the neighborhood. An updated district plan will assist in the decision-making process surrounding long-term development and land use issues in our community. If you are a resident, business owner or otherwise involved in the District 10 neighborhood, we want to hear your voice in this planning process. You are invited to participate in any or all of the planning opportunities listed below.

In preparation for this important task it is critical to have an understanding of what a comprehensive plan consists of and how it relates to the development of our community. A comprehensive plan is long-term set of goals meant to guide the future development of a community, with district plans helping prioritize goals at the neighborhood level. The creation of district plans require a non-political perspective that takes into account both public and private development, as well as a focus on the community as a whole. Planning elements will cover a wide variety of areas, including but not limited to: land use, transportation, parks and recreation, housing, water resources, and historic preservation. The district plan will provide a 10-year vision for

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Have a voice in neighborhood planning

the community, as well as policy priorities and strategies to guide growth, investment, and development in the district. At the end of the planning process the District 10 plan will be integrated as an addendum to the City of Saint Paul's comprehensive plan. Implementation of the comprehensive plan allows officials to be able to manage the growth of a community through land use regulations, zoning and subdivision regulations, with the overall goal of balancing the interests of citizens, land uses, and the financial needs of the city.

The District 10 Ad Hoc Committee is responsible for the creation of the planning document and welcomes you to visit www.district10comopark.org/districtplan.html for more information. If you are interested in any of the participation opportunities below please contact Planning Intern, Theo Woehrle at theo.woehrle@district10comopark.org or call 651-644-3889. We look forward to hearing from you.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday, September 18th and 20th - Java Train (1341 Pascal St N), time TBD Business/Community Organization Advisory Group- Discuss local issues with other Como business and community organization leaders

Tuesday, September 25 & 27 - Java Train Cafe (1341 Pascal St N), time TBD

Citizen Advisory Group - Discuss local issues with other Como residence

October 1-November 9

Online Survey - Set planning priorities for the Como neighborhood by answering important questions about planning issues. Will be available online at www.district10comopark.org Oct 1-Nov 9.

Monday, October 8 - 7 p.m. at Historic Streetcar Station (1224 Lexington Parkway N)

Public Meeting - Share your vision for the Como community

Monday, November 12 - 7 p.m. at Historic Streetcar Station (1224 Lexington Parkway N) Public Meeting - Share your vision for the Como community

(Jon Knox, elected in 2009, is the board chair of the District 10 Como Community Council. The Como Community Council serves an important role in advising the City about issues that directly affect residents in the Como Park neighborhood. The Council works with residents and community partners to promote public safety, maintain good housing, improve environmental quality, foster a healthy business climate and maintain a desirable neighborhood. Board Members are residents, business owners and volunteers who dedicate their time to education and outreach in the community. For more information, visit www.district10comopark.org.)

YMCA Camps hold Spring Sale

The YMCA Camps Widjiwagan and du Nord Spring Garage Sale will be held Wed. Oct. 3 to Sat. Oct. 6, 2012 at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds — Merchandise Mart. For more information contact YMCA camps office at 651-645-6605. Website: <http://www.dunord-widji-sale.com/>

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YMCA Camps Widjiwagan and du Nord annual Fall Garage Sale at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds Merchandise Mart building.

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the Bag Sale runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than 250 families contribute good quality camping equipment, clothing, household items, toys, books, antiques, furniture, sports equipment, etc. All proceeds go to the YMCA camps. For more information, call 651-645-6605.



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FOR AND BY THE COMMUNITY

With the web site, Facebook and Twitter, "We can get more news out there in a more timely manner than before," said Nelson.

Under the "multimedia" tab on the new web site, users can find video and photos created both by newspaper staff and readers.

One of the biggest features of the new site is its community events calendar. "It's a one-shot glimpse of what's going on in the area," said Nelson.

On the calendar, readers can find detailed information on community events, from school concerts to organized bike rides. Anyone with an event can post the information using a straightforward form. After submitting an event, the online editor will review it. Events will be live within 72 hours. Nelson expects the calendar to start small and then grow as more people begin using it.

"Now getting your news in the Monitor is as easy as 1-2-3," said Nelson.

Woulfe added, "We've always been about building community in the neighborhoods we serve. Now we're doing it with both the print and online versions of the Monitor."



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Como Zoo welcomes new baby flamingo

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This hatchling is one of three flamingo eggs laid this summer. The eggs were put in an incubator and a false egg was put in its place for the parents to sit on. Once it appeared the egg was in hatch stage, which generally takes 2-3 days, zookeepers put it back into the nest with its parents. The first of the other two eggs laid this season was not viable, but the third looks to be fertile.

Flamingos are most known for their remarkable color—from pale pink to salmon and red—but they are not born with this colored plumage, nor can they maintain it without a proper diet. Flamingo chicks are born white and turn grey after a few weeks. It is after a year or so that they begin to develop their attractive rosy coloring. Alpha and Beta carotene pigments in a

flamingo's diet create the brilliant hues. These pigments are added to the diets of captive flamingos.

In the wild, flamingos gather to breed in large colonies—often thousands of individuals at once. Although flamingos reach sexual maturity at 2-6 years, they usually do not begin breeding before six years of age. Breeding can occur at any time and may happen twice a year. Individuals may not breed every year.

The female lays one large egg atop a constructed mound of mud. The mound is usually about .3 meters (one foot) tall. The egg is incubated by both parents for 26-31 days. Among Chilean flamingos, the male is the primary care giver. Adults recognize the chick by sight and vocalizations and will not feed any other chick. Chicks are fed a red secretion of the upper digestive tract from both parents called "crop milk." Although it isn't truly milk—only mammals produce milk—it contains similar nutrients. The chick leaves the nest after four to seven days.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE READER?

- **More news via social media**
The Monitor is promoting events daily on its Facebook page. Be sure to subscribe in order to receive updates in your news feed. Readers can also sign up for occasional email blasts.

- **More news more often**

While the print edition will continue to hit the newsstands just once a month, the web site will always be available.

- **More exposure for community events**

The Monitor has unlimited space to list the many events occurring within the Como, Midway and North End neighborhoods each day. Fill out a straightforward form under the "Event Calendar"

tab to get your event included.

- **More information on the community**

Click on the "Community Information" tab for details on community organizations, schools, city offices, politicians, libraries and recreation centers.

- **More photos and videos**

Find videos and photo galleries on the "Multimedia" page. Content is created by not only newspaper staff, but also by you, the reader. Did you take video of a school spelling bee or church concert? Photos at a community festival? Send it to denis@deruyternelson.com for consideration.

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