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## Como by the Lake to keep Section 8 housing for senior complex

*Seniors and disabled Section 8 housing residents work together to keep their homes*

By JAN WILLMS

Roberta Vietti is wearing a brooch that belonged to her great-grandmother, who was born in 1891. "She was a very strong woman. She got divorced in the early 1900s, and you just did not do that at that time. But she persevered," Vietti said. "And when I think of us now, I think of a group of strong women who brought energy to a task and got it done."

Vietti is referring to herself and several other residents of Como by the Lake, a senior housing complex at 901 E. Como Blvd.

Last April residents received a letter from the owners of the property, 900 Como Lake Limited Partnership. The letter stated that the Section 8 contract, which provides government-subsidized housing for 57 of the building's low-income senior and/or disabled tenants, would be allowed to expire and rents would be set at market rate. This would have made the rents unaffordable for many, and they would be faced with having to move.

But several women faced this issue head-on and fought for the tenants' rights, and they won.



Roberta Vietti holds her grandmother's brooch, a reminder to her of what strong women can accomplish. (Photo by Jan Willms)

The owners had decided to sell the property, and in August the residents found out that the new owner, Aeon, a nonprofit Minneapolis-based development and management company, did not plan to end the Section 8 contract.

"We were excited about Aeon getting this, but we knew that

a deal isn't done until the deal is done," continued Vietti. "We were delighted at the news in August, but we know things can happen. We just held on, putting together what we could and looking toward the future. And then when Jan. 4 rolled around (the date the deal was finalized) we went 'Whew!'"

"When we heard Aeon was the new owner back in August," said Janet Troutman Simmons, who is the chair of the board of the Como by the Lake Residents Association, "we were quite excited because it was a nonprofit company. We felt they would listen to the kinds of concerns we had, something the previous owners had not been interested in."

She said the residence board is in the process of being formalized, with a chair, secretary, assistant secretary and treasurer.

"When we started we did it so quickly, with only a chair and committees, in order for us to move and develop a campaign."

After the original letter had gone out to tenants, Troutman Simmons and Laurie Richardson became the primary contacts with the owners. "We were the



The women behind the effort at Como by the Lake gather together. Standing, l to r, are Janet Troutman Simmons and Elaine Linehan. Seated, l to r, are Roberta Vietti, Shirley Williams and Laurie Richardson. (Photo by Jan Willms)

most outspoken, asking questions of the owners," Richardson said. "We were trying to make them accountable. We very quickly formed a residents association so we could stay ahead of what the owners were doing."

Richardson, who is younger than the rest, but disabled, has been named as an honorary

board member.

"Laurie has a lot of background in working with people in the community," Troutman Simmons said. She was dispatched to contact legislators, state and federal agencies, and representatives. Vietti, Shirley

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## Midway YMCA Executive Director honored for dedicated service

Article and photo

by MARGIE O'LOUGHLIN

A routine board meeting at the Midway YMCA ended with a big surprise for Executive Director David Dominick last week. Exiting the meeting, he walked into the lobby and was greeted by fellow employees, friends and supporters from across the Twin Cities. It was the culmination, board member Glen Gunderson said, "of one of the very few well-kept secrets at the YMCA."

With independent funds raised outside of the YMCA, Lutsen, MN sculptor Tom Christiansen was hired to make a bronze bust of Dominick. The gathering was organized to honor Dominick, and to unveil the sculpture of him that will stand permanently in the YMCA's entry way.

"I am completely surprised and speechless," Dominick said at the unveiling.

Others, however, had plenty to say.

Erika Schwichtenberg of Ally People Solutions, said, "David is



Board member Glen Gunderson (left) was in charge of the "covert mission" that resulted in a commemorative bronze bust of Midway YMCA Executive Director David Dominick (right). The mission was so secret, it required code names and surreptitious communication to keep Dominick from finding out.

a tireless member of our board of directors. I've known him for years through leadership work in the community. He has been actively involved in the St. Paul

Sunrise Rotary Club, the Midway and St. Paul Chambers of Commerce, and the St. Paul Midway Lions Club."

"In the 13 years he has been

executive director of the Midway YMCA," Schwichtenberg continued, "David has been inspiring, fearless even, in asking for what he thought this community needs. David's vision is this place - not just this beautiful, new building, but the sense of community we have here."

Dominick's partner Joe Keenan echoed that, saying, "David has the natural gifts of leadership, and he especially loves urban work. People may not know that he's a former mayor of his hometown, Muncie, Indiana, and that he was elected at the tender age of 31."

According to the Muncie Star Press, Dominick was "a mayor for the whole community. He revitalized community events ranging from the Muncie Black Expo to the local Soap Box Derby. Two ground-breaking events happened during his term in the early 90's: the city voted in its first African American deputy mayor and selected its first African-American police chief."

When Dominick took the job of executive director, he was told the old Midway YMCA building would soon be torn down. In the 13 years it took for that to happen, Dominick and his staff were able to clarify their vision of what the new building would become.

There's an art to balancing practical visioning with good old-fashioned fun, and Dominick understands that. When demolition of the building was finally imminent, YMCA members were given crayons and markers to draw on the walls and were allowed to bring their dogs to the pool for a final swim.

As part of the sculpture dedication, board member Lowry Smith (a YMCA member since 1962) said, "David epitomizes friendly service and leadership. There is no one person who has been so deeply involved in the evolution of our YMCA as David Dominick, and for that, we are extremely grateful."



# Monitor In A Minute

## Bank obtains sign variance

A new Midway Center business has obtained a variance for its signs. The St. Paul Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) voted unanimously Jan. 20 to approve a variance request from Bank of America.

The bank will open a small branch in the shopping center area facing University Ave., just west of Pascal St. But a major variance was needed to the city's sign code before the new bank could put up its sign.

The Midway Shopping Center currently has 2,180 square feet of signage. The property was rezoned in 2011 to traditional neighborhood, and as such, the amount of signage allowable was reduced to 1,398 square feet.

The applicant is requesting a variance for a net signage increase of 18 square feet.

The request drew no letters in support and none in opposition. Mike Lawrence of Lawrence Sign explained that the sign request isn't large, but that the bank does need its own signage.

City staff recommended approval of the variance.

## Settlement approved

People with disabilities will have an easier time crossing St. Paul streets as a result of a settlement agreement announced Jan. 25 by Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid's Minnesota Disability Law Center. The city has agreed to upgrade curb ramps on some of its busiest streets. Curb ramps are short ramps that connect the sidewalk to the street and provide individuals with disabilities access to the sidewalk.

The settlement affects curb ramps on streets that were rebuilt in 2014. It also affects all future street reconstruction and mill and overlay projects.

The St. Paul City Council, which signed off on the settlement Jan. 13, voted that same day to approve changes to the

St. Paul Department of Public Works Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Transition Plan. The city is now required to comply with the accessibility requirements of the ADA, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Minnesota Human Rights Act when it completes alterations of city streets.

The change means that curb ramps will be replaced with legally compliant ramps, or installed where none exist, during mill and overlay as well as street reconstruction projects. The policy change calls for the city to identify all intersections lacking ramps, or older noncompliant ramps that don't comply with the accessibility standards in place at the time of the alteration. New ramps will then be installed and older noncompliant ramps replaced.

In the past, Public Works hasn't considered mill and overlay projects to be the same as street reconstruction. In a mill and overlay project, the top few inches of the street are milled off and then replaced with new pavement. Ramps weren't replaced as they are when streets are rebuilt with new curbs and gutters, unless the ramps were in poor condition. Public Works spokesman Joe Ellickson said that had changed with the new ADA policy's adoption.

Disability Law Center attorney Steve Schmidt said that while getting legally compliant ramps retrofitted on the streets done in 2014 is important, the more significant win is that compliant ramps will be part of all future projects. The three plaintiffs initially wrote a letter to the city, then submitted a draft legal complaint when that didn't get the desired response.

Schmidt said the case had triggered interest from other communities. He said the hope is that other communities will bring their ADA policies in line with the law.

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# "Caring Hearts" reception Feb. 17

The community is invited to meet Dr. Jim Seemann, Ph.D., and share some food during the "Caring Hearts" reception, Wed., Feb. 17, 5:30-6:30pm at the fellowship hall of Jehovah Lutheran Church (JLC), 1566 Thomas Ave.

The reception features the ingathering of toiletries and hygiene items to be distributed metro wide, including to persons re-entering society after incarceration.

Seemann, a professor of Theater Arts at Concordia University-St. Paul (CSP) until last year when he retired, has devoted much of his time and energy to teaching, mentoring and walking alongside prisoners both inside and outside prison walls—his passion for the past 40 years. He regularly teaches a free course on the CSP campus for anyone interested in prison ministry, and he has helped establish two homes for prisoners returning to free society—Martin's House in north Minneapolis and "J" House in St. Paul. He is director of the Lutheran Freedom Initiative and volunteer coordinator of prison ministry for the MN South District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. A co-worker, John Henderson, will also be available at the reception for questions.

Over 5,000 persons leave prison each year in Minnesota. In a recent article Seemann noted that they have "...no



Dr. Jim Seemann will be the featured guest at the Caring Hearts reception Feb. 17 at Jehovah Lutheran. He has devoted much of his time and energy to teaching, mentoring prisoners over the last 40 years. (Photo submitted)

friends, no job, no credit, no money, no place to live, no spiritual support ... our goal is to help them make a safe transition to a better life." He concludes: "... remember those in prison as if you were together with them."

This "Caring Heart" ingathering is one way to help.

All are invited to bring the much-needed toiletries to the reception. JLC Care Ministry will sort and deliver the gathered items to Amicus for distribution to prisoners returning to society and to HealthEast for distribution to homeless persons in St. Paul. All items should be new; most needed items include soap, toothbrush/

toothpaste, deodorant, lotions, shampoo, wash cloths, socks, warm hats and gloves. A full listing is available at [www.jehovahlutheran.org](http://www.jehovahlutheran.org).

For anyone who wishes to donate but cannot come to the "Caring Hearts" reception, please call Jeanne at 651-645-2867 or the church office at 651-644-1421 to arrange for drop off. For the Feb 17 reception please enter at the Thomas St. door; parking is available in the lot east of the church and on the street.

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# Como Community Council Corner

## Sunday Series answers the questions you didn't even know you had

Interested in learning how come, how to, what if, or what's next? Delivering these kinds of answers is one reason behind District 10's 2016 Sunday Series. The free presentations and discussions tackle different topics—some fun, some serious, some a little of both. Here's a peek at the lineup; for up-to-the-minute details, see our website: [www.district10comopark.org](http://www.district10comopark.org).

**Public Works 101:** Kathy Lantry, head of Saint Paul's Department of Public Works, and Cy Kosel, natural resources manager for St. Paul Parks, lead a discussion (and answer questions) about our streets and alleys, as well as most of the things on them, under them, above them, and next to them. We'll cover plowing to potholes, boulevards to lighting, sewers to trees, short-term and long-term maintenance, and whatever else is on your mind. Details: "Public Works 101," Sun., Feb. 21, 1pm, Historic Streetcar Station, 1224

Lexington Pkwy. N.

**Gardening for the Birds and the Bees:** Twin Cities authors Heather Holm and Clay Christensen give us the dirt on how our yards can attract and nourish birds, bees, butterflies, and other beneficial beasts. They'll share specific advice about which trees, shrubs, flowers, grasses, and other plantings work best. They'll also make sure we understand which gardening and yard practices are beneficial—and which are not. Details: "Gardening for the Birds and the Bees," Sun., Feb. 28, 1pm, Historic Streetcar Station.

**The Como Park You Never Knew:** What do H.W.S. Cleveland, a prison workhouse, Cozy Lake, Warrendale, Frederick Nussbaumer, the St. Paul City Railway, a buffalo park, Fritz von Schiller, the Sons of Norway, hotel fires, dogsled races, the Longfellow Zoo, a gravel pit, a poem as lovely as a tree, the Oliver Crosby Stonebridge man-

sion, Hamm's beer, and Henrik Ibsen have in common? They're all part of the history of Como Park. Author Timothy Gadban tells you the stories long forgotten and the stories behind the park's most beloved landmarks. Details: "The Como Park You Never Knew," Sun., Mar. 6, 1pm, Como Dockside, 1360 Lexington Pkwy. N.

**What the Birds are Telling Us:** The trumpeter swan. The American white pelican. The common loon. The mallard duck. The bald eagle. The Baltimore oriole. These are just 6 of the 166 bird species in Minnesota whose survival is threatened by climate change. Photographer and birder Monica Bryand of St. Paul shares photos and stories of these birds—part of the special project she is working on through the National and Minnesota Audubon Societies. Details: "What the Birds are Telling Us," Sun., March 13, 1pm, Auditorium at the Como Zoo and

Conservatory Visitors Center.

### Later in the Sunday Series:

- "Building a Rain Garden," Sun., Mar. 20, 1pm, Newman-Benson Chapel at Lyngbloomsten, 1415 Almond Ave.
- "The Truth About Saint Paul's Bike Plan," Sun., Apr. 10, 1pm, Historic Streetcar Station.
- "Garbage 101," Sun., Apr. 17, 1pm, Como Park Lutheran Church, 1376 W. Hoyt.

### D10 Safety Fair rolls out Apr. 1

Keeping yourself, your family, and your home safe is a nonstop project. We'll share the best tips available during the District 10 Family Safety Fair, a free event co-sponsored with St. Paul Parks and Recreation on Fri., Apr. 1, 5:30pm. The event is scheduled at North Dale Recreation Center, 1414 N. St. Albans. Representatives from Saint Paul police, fire, and parks; the Postal Service; the Block Nurse Program; and other local organizations will be on hand. They'll share advice, precautions, and resources on increasing safety at home, for your kids, for elderly relatives, for pets, and more. We'll cap off the evening with the family friendly movie "Shaun the Sheep" (from the creators of "Chicken Run").

The movie begins at 7pm.

### Join the council?

Nine seats on the Como Community Council Board of Directors will be up for election at District 10's Annual Meeting on Apr. 19. Elections will be held this year for: Vice Chair; Treasurer; one director from each of the neighborhood's four sub-districts; and three at-large directors. Any resident of District 10 who is age 18 or older is eligible to run for the board. So are authorized representatives from a business or nonprofit organization located in District 10. (Boundaries are the parts of St. Paul roughly bounded by Snelling on the west, Larpenteur on the north, Dale on the east, and the rail lines between Energy Park Dr. and Pierce Butler Rte. on the south.)

Board members elected this year will serve from Apr. 26, until April 24, 2018. They are required to attend the monthly Community Council meeting, to serve on at least one committee, and to share other duties.

Candidates interested in running for a board position must submit their name and a brief biography by Tue., Apr. 5. If you're interested, submit your information or send your questions to: [district10@district10comopark.org](mailto:district10@district10comopark.org).

## Monitor in a Minute

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### Flavored tobacco banned

Chocolatey cigarillos, bubble gum flavored chewing tobacco and other flavored tobacco products will be gone from most St. Paul retail outlets in April. The St. Paul City Council voted unanimously January 6 to ban flavored products from all but tobacco stores.

City Council members and

ban advocates hailed the measure as a way to keep youth away from flavored tobacco products, which range from fruit punch-flavored cigarillos to chocolate-flavor e-cigarette juice. But retailers and the trade groups contend that the ban will mean a loss of retail sales of \$50,000 on average for each retailer, as shoppers go elsewhere to buy tobacco products and other items such as food and beverages. That figure goes higher if gasoline sales are

factored in.

Convenience stores, gas stations, grocery stores, drug stores and other retailers must now make plans to remove the products from their shelves in 90 days. A similar ban in Minneapolis took effect Jan. 1.

The ban doesn't cover menthol, mint or wintergreen flavors.

Sale of flavored products will be restricted to tobacco shops, which are only open to patrons ages 18 and older. Tobacco stores are defined as stores

that do 90 percent or more of their business in sale of tobacco products. Those include cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos, chewing tobacco, electronic cigarettes or e-cigs, and the liquid used in those cigarettes.

The council also set a minimum price for cigars, for the second time in two years. Stores must charge at least \$2.60 per cigar for packages containing three or more cigars, or \$10.40 for a package of four cigars. Cheap cigars and cigarillos are seen as a temptation for youth

wanting tobacco.

At least one area business will likely have to relocate or close as a result of the ban. Vape Pros, an electronic cigarette or e-cig shop housed in the Love Doctor adult novelty products store at 1607 University Ave. The two businesses share a tobacco license.

Cap O'Rourke, lobbyist for the Independent Vapor Retailers of Minnesota, noted that 95 percent of e-cigarette juices have some flavoring. "This business will have to remove all of its products, and it will have to close," he said.

O'Rourke argued that minors aren't allowed in the business. But because the Love Doctor and Vape Pros are within 500 feet of another tobacco shop, staying open as a separate entity will likely mean moving. Council President Russ Stark and other council members said the city is willing to look at the situation and see what can be done.

The ordinance change has been championed by Ramsey Tobacco Coalition and some medical and youth groups.

"Monitor In A Minute" is compiled and written by Jane McClure

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Why? It is getting hotter in St. Paul.

Climate change means that St. Paul is experiencing the urban "heat island" effect. Built-up areas (areas with more buildings and pavements) are hotter than forested areas. Pavement and roofs absorb more sunlight and then radiate the heat back into the neighborhood. We can expect St. Paul daytime temperatures to be higher than local rural areas, and our summer nighttime temperatures may be much higher. Trees can moderate this effect. Trees better reflect the sun's rays than do pavement, provide shade and the evapotranspiration process cools as it releases moisture into the air. Well-shaded neighborhoods can be significantly cooler in the summer.

Climate change also results in more "bad air days" when those with respiratory problems find it difficult to breathe outdoors. Health warnings will encourage you to stay inside and keep your windows closed. The higher temperatures, more stagnant air, and higher humidity result in higher ozone levels and air pollution. Trees help to filter the pollutants and absorb carbon dioxide, making the air cleaner and healthier for you to be outside in your yard, walking or jogging.

The City is already at work adding to our urban tree canopy. Zach Jorgensen, Urban Forester for the City of St. Paul, says "The Hamline Midway neighborhood

# Ready and Resilient Hamline Midway

By TRUDY DUNHAM

## Planting trees is an effective tool to fight the "heat island" of the city



Members of the Hamline Midway Progressive Women's Network look on as City of St. Paul Urban Forester Zach Jorgensen plants one of the trees they donated to Hamline Park.

is on this year's planting list," so expect to see new boulevard trees. They will replace trees lost to heat stress, the emerald ash borer, and other causes.

What can we do as residents to support the urban tree canopy in our neighborhood? Ready and Resilient recommends several actions:

**1) Keep the trees we have healthy by watering the trees in your yard and along the boulevard when rain is scarce.** One of the side effects of climate change is severe weather: periods of heavy rains interspersed with long periods of no rain. Trees become stressed without adequate water. When you notice that your lawn or gar-

den needs watering, don't forget to consider your trees. Newly planted trees are especially susceptible and require frequent watering if there is no rain. Established trees prefer less frequent but longer soakings, enough to moisten the soil all along the tree drip line to a depth of 10-12 inches. Check the St. Paul Forestry website (<https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/parks-recreation/natural-resources/forestry/tree-maintenance>) for recommendations.

**2) Donate a tree to the St. Paul Parks.** Your support for parks can speed up the City's timeline for tree planting. The easiest way to do this is through the Friends of the Parks and Trails ([http://](http://friendsoftheparks.org/)

[friendsoftheparks.org/](http://friendsoftheparks.org/)) annual spring tree sale. Check that you want to donate the tree to a local park. Write in the park to which you want to donate (don't list Newell or Como: they don't need additional trees), or just say "a park in the XYZ neighborhood" (whatever neighborhood you choose). The order deadline is Apr. 22. The City plants the tree for you. Can't afford to donate a tree? Talk to your neighbors. Last year members of the Hamline Midway Progressive Women's Network pooled their resources and together were able to purchase three trees for Hamline Park.

**3) Plant a tree in your yard.** If you own your home or your landlord okays adding a tree to the yard, consider whether your yard can support a tree. You will need a large open space away from buildings or other structures, open to the sky, with no power lines above you or buried utilities below you. (Note: It is state law that you contact Gopher State One Call, 651-454-8388, before you dig!) The space needed will vary with the tree you choose. Consider the tree's canopy or drip line: the diameter of the tree plus the length of its branches in each direction at maturity. For a mature shade tree, this can be 20 to 40 feet, and its

roots will be at least that wide. A healthy tree requires this much space to grow. Check with experts to decide what to plant: our average temperatures will be 4-5° F higher by mid-century, and trees that currently flourish 200-400 miles south may be your best options. If you need help deciding whether your lawn can support a tree or what type of tree to plant, contact the Ramsey County Master Gardeners (call 651-704-2071 and leave a message; a MG will return your call). The Friends of the Parks and Trails (<http://friendsoftheparks.org/>) tree sale offers trees in a variety of sizes appropriate to our area.

**4) Plant a tree on a public boulevard.** After 2016, the next time the City is scheduled to plant trees on Hamline Midway boulevards is 2021. "Residents are welcome to plant trees on public boulevards," Jorgensen said, "though we do require an approved no-fee permit available through the St. Paul Forestry office to do so. We will review the site and the proposed tree type to make sure the site is suitable for tree planting and the tree type is appropriate for the location." You are responsible for planting the tree. Check the details at <https://www.stpaul.gov/departments/parks-recreation/natural-resources/forestry/tree-permit-terms-and-conditions>.

Support our neighborhood tree canopy. Water your trees. If you can, donate or plant a tree this year to keep our neighborhood cool and healthy!

*The Ready & Resilient Hamline Midway project is an initiative of the Hamline Midway Environmental Group (HMEG) to build climate change resiliency in our community.*

## Como by the Lake

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Williams and Elaine Linehan were also enlisted to help, and the group of women pressed forward.

A community meeting was held right after the original owners decided to sell.

"We felt the neighborhood needed to know what is going on with the building because it affects them," Richardson stated.

Packets of information were sent out, and Ward 5 Council Member Amy Brendmoen, Ward 5 candidate David Glass and Ramsey County Commissioner Janice Rettman provided assistance.

And HOME Line, a nonprofit Minnesota tenant advocacy organization, stepped in to assist.

Richardson was concerned that the housing might be turned into an all-age building. "There is already a lot of family housing in the neighborhood," she said, "but there is not enough senior and disabled housing around, especially that is affordable." She said the group fought for a good, safe environment to live in.

"The reason we fought for that, and backed Aeon, is that they promised they would keep it what it is," she said. As well as just a residence, Como by the Lake offers a Block Nurse program and a senior lunch program. By moving, the residents would lose out on all of these offerings.

Richardson and Troutman Simmons met with Aeon. "They

had a lot of questions, and they liked us because we have a community here, and we banded together," Richardson noted. "We had things going on that they were willing to keep in the building."

Linehan said she remembers what it was like when the letters about losing Section 8 first went out. "Everybody was scared, and the whole building just became quiet."

Now, she said, Aeon is willing to work on issues that need to be addressed, such as any mold in the system. New maintenance people are being brought in.

"A number of issues had to be dealt with once Aeon took over, but we wanted to work with them and not micromanage what they are doing because it does not make for good relationships," Troutman Simmons said.

She said that as well as formalizing the board, committees are being set up such as a building support committee and an arts and entertainment committee.

Looking back on what has happened, Williams said her biggest concern had been for the morale of the people who lived here.

"I was proud when they asked me to join the group trying to save the building because I know what it feels like to be looking for a home. Most people who moved in here moved in to stay, not just for a couple of days or weeks or months. They were worried they had to find another home, and that didn't feel good at all."

Williams said that after looking at what has happened and all the people it has affected, and the people it has drawn to their plight, she is proud and thankful for what was accomplished.

"Some of those who moved out early wish they had stayed now, but that's what fear does," she said.

Troutman Simmons said the group is hoping to write a history of the resident association's beginning, and what they went through. "It's amazing that we only took six or seven months to accomplish our goal. We can't believe it ourselves."

She said that when the situation first started, she contacted friends in Massachusetts to see how they were dealing with problems with landlords or losing Section 8 housing.

"They told me they were just trying to find other programs for people to transfer into," she said. "I told them they should be doing everything they could to help people stay where they were."

"I figured then they wouldn't be any help," she joked. "We

would just have to fend for ourselves."

Netsanet Negussie, an intern who works with HOME Line, said this was the organization's first project with Section 8 tenants. "We just let them know their rights, and they did all the work themselves."

The women sang the praises of HOME Line, saying the organization was there for them whenever needed.

Negussie said similar situations are happening throughout the metro. The women from Como by the Lake said they hoped their stand would serve as an example to other tenant groups that they could fight to preserve their rights.

"We are here, and we have issues with the way people are being treated," added Troutman Simmons. "We have to have a voice."

Their activism has led them

further into community participation. Richardson is planning to run for a position in District 10, one of Saint Paul's 17 citizen participation districts. And Troutman Simmons has been invited to sit on the board for Aeon.

"We have shown how people can come together," Richardson said.

"Roberta and I said we would show them that you don't mess with old people," Linehan said with a smile.

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# New University Ave. parking seems to be sailing through

By JANE MCCLURE

If parking is added along University in several locations, who will park there? Could the parking be a draw to amenities such as Iris and Dickerman parks? Will businesses use it? Those are questions the St. Paul City Council must weigh as it considers reinstating evening and late-night parking along University Ave.

The plan will go to the council for a final public hearing and vote in late February or early March. The Planning Commission voted to approve Feb. 5. Its Transportation Committee unanimously recommended approval of the plan on Jan. 25.

A decision on restoring parking to parts of University will be voted on by the St. Paul City Council, which will hold a public hearing on the issue. A date hasn't been announced. The changes also need approval from the Ramsey County Board, Hennepin County Board and Minneapolis City Council. The county

boards must weigh in because University is classified as a county road.

When Green Line light rail was planned and built on University and Washington avenues, business owners were upset to find that much of the on-street parking would be lost to make way for light rail. The plan under consideration would bring back about 451 spots, in nine areas. Adding parking back in evening and late-night hours reduces University and Washington from four vehicular lanes to two.

Thus far the plan has drawn few public comments. The biggest debate was at Transportation Committee, with a 5-4 split on restoring parking between Prior Ave. and Aldine St. The committee rejected a Union Park District Council (UPDC) request that parking not be allowed there between 6pm and 2am.

Transportation Committee and UPDC Board Member Anne White said that businesses in the area between Aldine and Prior don't want to see the street reduced to two lanes. "We just couldn't see the point of bringing parking back," White said. "The businesses don't need or want it." She also said that leaving four lanes of traffic in that area keeps open the option for a future bike lane on University.

Another concern White raised is that reducing University to two lanes could have the effect of pushing more traffic to other streets, including St. Anthony Ave. Merriam Park residents have complained about increasing traffic volumes and vehicular speeds on that street.

But other committee members said they don't want to see

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## News from Como Park High School

Compiled by ERIC ERICKSON, Social Studies Teacher

Debate Club, Iowa Caucus, Winterfest, FUNraiser, all in the picture

• Sophomore Stephen Boler and freshman Peter Schik shined on the Como Park Debate Team this season, finishing their season as Como's top duo and qualifying for the MSHSL State Tournament, held in January at the University of Minnesota. They competed in the Public Policy category, placing 15th overall in the state. With two and three years of high school debate in front of Boler and Schik respectively, the future appears quite promising for these skillful Como debaters.

• 47 AP Government and Politics students took a road trip to Iowa and back on Feb. 1 to be political observers of the Iowa Caucus. With all the media attention on Iowa's first in the nation caucus, and with previous studies of presidential politics and campaigns, students were eager to be a part of the action and see how democracy works at a grass roots level.

The students boarded a coach bus after school for the 140 mile trip to Mason City in rural, northern Iowa. After a stop for dinner at the Mason City Pizza Ranch, students spent an hour at the Republican Caucus as participants arrived. Students informally polled caucus goers to get a sense of which candidates were preferred, and why voters chose them. The bus then shuttled the students to the Democrat Caucus where they observed the process of voters standing for a candidate, which was an even split among Clinton and Sanders supporters.

The group headed back to St. Paul following the caucuses, arriving back at Como by 10:45pm. The whirlwind political adventure was described by Senior Jacob Barnard as "a really interesting and fun experience. It was cool to speak with



Como Park AP Government and Politics students took a road trip to Mason City, Iowa after school on February 1 to witness the nation's first caucus in the 2016 Presidential Election.

the people in Iowa and to be there with so much national attention on the caucus."

• Winterfest Spirit Week is taking place at Como from Feb. 8-12. Theme days include Cozy Monday (wearing pajamas), Red, White and Blues Day, Sports Day, Thorwback Thursday and Heritage Day. A coronation of the Winterfest King and Queen is a tradition accompanied by a Pep Fest to recognize the winter sports teams and student athletes. Spirit week concludes with the Winterfest Snowball Dance at the Midpointe Event Center, located on Pascal St. in the Midway, on Saturday, Feb. 13.

• Two freshmen Intermediate Band students, Bridget Proper and Adina DeGaetano, were selected to participate in the Augsburg College 9th & 10th Grade Honor Band Festival on Jan. 23. The event was an all day affair culminating with an evening performance in Augsburg's Hoverson Chapel. The concert was an impressive display of musical talents after a day of intensive training.

• Como counselors and representatives from College Possible and Upward Bound will be available to help students and families complete the FAFSA forms to apply for college financial aid on Feb. 11 and Thur., Mar. 10. Hands-on assistance and guidance will be available in Library Computer Lab from 5-7pm on the "FAFSA Nights."

• Senior volleyball player Delilah Wolf has accepted a full scholarship to study and play volleyball at Di-

vision I Loyola University Chicago. Senior football player Kemari Davis was selected to represent the U.S. U18 Football Team in the International Bowl versus the Ontario U18 team in Dallas, Texas on Feb. 5. The game was played in AT&T Stadium, home of the Dallas Cowboys, and broadcast on ESPN3. Davis has not yet made his college choice.

• The Como Park High School Booster Club is sponsoring a family friendly 'FUN'raiser at the Urban Growler Brewing Company on Sun., Mar. 6, from 4-8pm. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for children. The price includes one meal and one beverage, plus a chance to win some high-quality prizes. Funds raised go to support extra-curricular activities offered to Como Park High School students. Tickets can be obtained by calling at 651-744-3997, contact the booster club at [comoparkboosterclub@gmail.com](mailto:comoparkboosterclub@gmail.com), or by visiting [comosr.spps.org/booster\\_club](http://comosr.spps.org/booster_club) for more details.

• Como's Showcase Night was held Feb. 4. Prospective students who are interested in experiencing a day of Como Park High School were invited to shadow a current student. Opportunities for shadowing are on Tues., Wed., and Thur. through February. Interested prospective students who would like to shadow may register online at [comosr.spps.org](http://comosr.spps.org) by clicking "Prospective Students and Parents" under Popular Links. Tours are also available upon request through Parent Coordinator Sandy Kestner. She may be reached at 651-744-3997.

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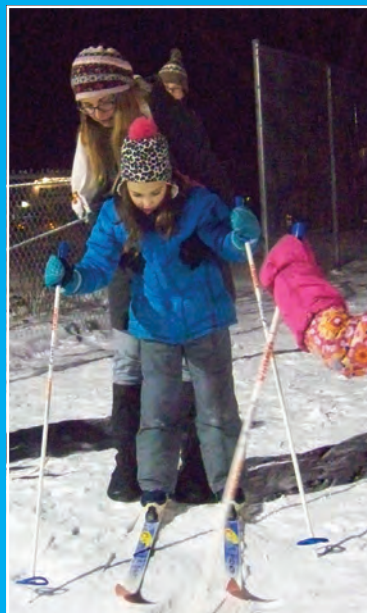
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# REC CENTER FAMILY SKATE NIGHT



*On Jan. 22, Northwest Como held their Family Skating Party and Bon-fire. Families could skate, cross country ski and snow shoe. And, as evidenced by the photos, everyone seemed to have a wonderful time! (Photos submitted)*



## Registration opens for upcoming events at area Recreation Centers

Register now for what's coming at the local recreation centers. To register for any activity, call the recreation center involved or go to [www.stpaul.gov/parks](http://www.stpaul.gov/parks).

### Local centers include:

- Northwest Como (NWC), 1550 Hamline Ave N., 651-298-5813;
- Langford (Lang), 30 Langford Park, 651-298-5765; and
- North Dale (NoDale), 1414 St Albans St. N., 651-558-2329.

### ADULT ACTIVITIES

- Cooking for One Nourishing You (NoDale)
- Womens 35+ Basketball on Sundays 6:30-7:30pm, \$4/weekly (NWC)
- Mens Indoor Soccer on Sundays 5-6:30pm, \$5/weekly (NWC)
- Senior Gamers on Tuesdays 1-3pm (NWC)
- Senior Gym Bowling (Lang)
- Pilates, beginner and intermediate (Lang)
- Badminton on Fridays 6-7:45pm, \$4/weekly (Lang)
- Laughter Yoga (1st Thursday) from noon-12:45pm (NoDale)
- Pilates on Mon/Wed at 7:15-8:15pm, \$4/daily (NoDale)
- Challenge Square Dance on Mondays from 6:30-9pm, \$7/weekly (NoDale)
- Yoga: Earth Moon on Sat/Tues, \$4/daily (NoDale)
- Senior Fitness on Tue/Thur from 9:30-10:30am, \$1/daily (NoDale)

### PRESCHOOL

- Animal Friends, ages 3-5 (Lang)
- Taste & Smell Science (NoComo)
- Pre-Ballet, ages 4-6 (NoDale)
- Baby Ballet, ages 3-4 (NoDale)
- World Of Worms, ages 3.5-5 (NoDale)
- Tot Time, Thurs from 9-10:30am (Lang)
- Tot Time, M/W/Thur from 9am-noon (NoDale)
- Tae Kwon Do Jr, ages 4-5 (NoDale)
- Tumbling, ages 3-6 (NoDale)

### YOUTH/TEEN

- Lego Ziplines & Battler, ages 7-11 (NoComo)
- Henna Body Art, ages 11-adult (Lang/NoDale)
- Chemical Engineering - Mix it Up, ages 7-12 (NoDale)
- Ode to Van Gogh Art Class, ages 7-12 (Lang)
- Babysitting Training, ages 11-7 (Lang)
- Jazz/Hip Hop, ages 7-11 (Lang)
- Tae Kwon Do, ages 6-17 (NWC & NoDale)
- Family Open Gym on Sundays 3-5pm. Youth must be accompanied by an adult. (NWC)
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# MN ADOPT provides referrals, education, and support after adoption

By MARIA A. HERD

One out of every thirty-five children in the United States is adopted, according to the Donaldson Adoption Institute, a research and policy organization based in New York.

But once a child is adopted, it's not always rainbows and butterflies. That's where MN ADOPT, 777 Raymond Ave., comes in.

"We have come to realize that finding homes for kids isn't enough. These families need support; these kids have had pretty substantial and traumatic histories," said Rachel Walstad, the Executive Director of MN ADOPT.

MN ADOPT is not your traditional adoption organization agency. Instead, they collaborate with other agencies, connecting them with interested parents, and then provide on-going support for families.

Walstad likes to think of MN ADOPT's role as bookends to the adoption process. "On the front end we answer questions, encourage parents to explore that option and consider adoption," she said.

Then on the post-adoption side, they give life-long support to families by providing parenting training, referrals to therapists and organizations, and sponsoring fun events for adopted children.

The organization's mission is to provide services and resources to all types of adoptive families—including domestic infant, international, kinship and foster care—to help sustain successful adoptions. The organization is distinct in that its services are open to all adoptive families, whereas the majority of similar organizations in other states are focused on foster adoptions only.

"That we provide equally to all families is unique, and a testament to the state understanding that all adoptive families have needs," said Walstad.

In 1980 MN ADOPT was



Emily Alewine (left), HELP Program Manager & Clinical Specialist and MN ADOPT Executive Director Rachel Walstad in Washington DC accepting their award at the Angels in Adoption Award Ceremony. (Photo submitted)



founded in a basement by a group of parents who saw a need to support adopted children. Since then, the organization has been located in suburbs as well as downtown Minneapolis. But the organization has been working out of the Midway, at 777 Raymond Ave., since June.

The organization is funded by the Minnesota Department of Human Services, and also receives a small amount of individual and corporate donations.

## Therapeutic Support

Three clinical therapists who specialize in adoption, trauma and attachment operate MN ADOPT's warm line to offer verbal support to families.

If a family needs additional support, staff provide tailored referrals to therapists based on location, health insurance and the challenges that the family is experiencing. MN ADOPT also refers its callers to educational and community resources that might be helpful.

"It's a very good resource for adoptive parents who don't know where to turn. I had no idea what to do with my kids; it was a very bad time. I needed direction," said

one parent in a testimonial. "MN ADOPT helped me find a therapist and they helped talk me through what was going on. Any parent who might be in the same spot would appreciate their help."

In the first fiscal quarter of this year, MN ADOPT had 85 intakes, the term for "having that in-depth conversation with a family and providing them with those tailored options," explained Emily Alewine, the HELP Program Manager and Clinical Specialist at MN ADOPT.

Not only do parents reach out to MN ADOPT, but social workers, school nurses and lawyers will also call seeking guidance on issues that can arise with adoption.

"The workers in this program are quick to respond with options and ideas which help the adoptive parents locate services, education and support. There continues to be a high need for this type of program in Minnesota to help prevent disruptions for children," said an agency social worker in a testimonial.

## Parenting Training

"All of these children have an over-arching theme of having hard beginnings, and having different ex-

periences in their life that really require a well prepared and well supported environment," said Alewine.

To assist parents in providing that supportive environment, MN ADOPT holds trainings in-person and via webinar for anyone to tune in throughout Minnesota. Lead by local and nationally recognized adoption experts, training topics include children's mental health, parent-focused strategies, racial identity, attachment information, fetal alcohol spectrum disorder, complex trauma, grief and loss, and sexual abuse.

In addition, two ongoing training series are offered throughout the year and in various locations around the state. Alewine refers to the ten session series called Beyond Consequences as one of the most helpful trainings for parents with children who have experienced hard beginnings and early trauma.

"There are different approaches that need to take place to connect with those children and help them thrive, and help families become a cohesive group, where traditional parenting typically does not work," she said.

Beyond Consequences provides alternate strategies and hands-on tools for parenting these children.

In the last few months, Walstad estimates MN ADOPT has trained an average of 70 parents a month.

MN ADOPT also connects parents facing similar issues to build peer support.

"A lot of families contact us and say that they're isolated and no one understands what they're experiencing," said Alewine. "We

help normalize what they're going through and help create that stronger base of support so that it isn't isolating."

## Angles in Adoption Award

Last fall, MN ADOPT was nominated by Senator Amy Klobuchar and Congressman Tom Emmer for the Angels in Adoption award which honors individuals, couples and organizations that have made extraordinary contributions on the behalf of children in need of families.

The award comes from the Congressional Coalition of Adoption Institute, a Washington DC-based, non-profit organization that works to raise awareness about the needs of children without families, and to remove policy barriers that hinder children from joining adoptive families.

"MN ADOPT has worked for over 30 years helping Minnesotan children find loving homes with nurturing families," said Senator Amy Klobuchar in a statement to the *Midway Como Monitor*. "This incredible organization stands as a powerful example of the good that can be done when we work together to support families pre-and post-adoption."

Walstad and Alewine traveled to Washington D.C. in October for the Angels in Award ceremony.

"The award was a great honor on our end, but also very validating to know that the type of stuff that we're trying to do is very progressive by looking at the holistic needs of these children and families," said Alewine.

## University Ave. parking

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the parking proposal changed. Committee Member and Planning Commissioner Jun-Li Wang said pedestrians feel safer when there is a buffer of parked vehicles between them and moving vehicles. Wang, a Hamline-Midway resident, has been involved in planning efforts to improve Dickerman Park. The linear "park" extends from the northeast corner of University and Fairview avenues to Aldine.

"There are concerns about safety at Dickerman Park, and parking could serve as an additional buffer there," Wang said. On-street parking could also be used by people wanting to visit Dickerman and Iris Park to the west.

Committee Member Jim Bar-

ton joined Wang and other committee members in urging that the addition of parking be considered as a test. "I'm not terribly convinced that it (adding parking) is going to work and that it is going to be actively used in some places," Barton said. "I'd like to see this be considered an experiment and that it be evaluated at some point."

John Maczko, city engineer for the St. Paul Department of Public Works, said that if there is a request to evaluate the parking, Public Works could do it. But he cautioned that there is no formal process in place to evaluate the added parking. "We'd pretty much take feedback from the community," he said. City officials would also look at traffic data, including crash data.

The areas where on-street parking would be restored are scattered between Park St. and 23rd Ave. on University Ave. along the Green Line.

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# News from Hamline Midway Library

By CARRIE POMEROY

## Literary clubs, film, poetry and music featured at library

February and March at the Hamline Midway Library will offer a wide array of programs for all ages, with an especially rich assortment of literary and film events. Programs include a unique fusion of poetry and music called Sonoglyph on the evening of Feb. 27 and the last two readings in this year's always-popular Fireside Readings Series.

On Tuesday evenings in February, kids can put on a comfy pair of pajamas, grab a favorite stuffed animal, and join friends and family for Evening/Pajama Storytime. Storytimes will happen from 6:30-7pm on Feb. 16 and 23.

The library also offers a regular daytime Preschool Storytime from 10:30-11am on Fri., Feb. 12, 19, and 26 and Mar. 4, 11, 18, and 25. All library storytimes are a great opportunity for families to enjoy great, age-appropriate books, songs, puppets, and fingerplays.

On Thursdays, 10:30-11:30am, the Hamline Midway Elders and the library are co-sponsoring Chair Yoga. This free event gives participants a chance to improve range of movement and alignment and practice stretching, body awareness, and relaxation—all while seated or using a chair for balance. The class is taught by Nancy Giguere. Upcoming classes are Feb. 11, 18, and 25. For more information, contact Tom at tom@hmelers.org or 651-209-6542.

The Saturday Science Club will meet on Sat., Feb. 13, 1:30-3pm, and the theme in February is Magnetism. Peter Hoh and Jackie Lannin will guide children ages 6 and up and their families through hands-on activities and art experiences to explore magnetic attraction. Mark your calendars for Sat., Mar. 12 Science Club, also 1:30-3pm, when the theme will be "In the Wind." Call the library at 651-642-0293 for more information; walk-ins are welcome.

The Teens Reading Brave-ly group will also meet on Sat., Feb. 13, 4-5pm, in the library's teen area. The group reads and discusses books from the "Read Brave" genre, as part of the St. Paul Library's annual, citywide "Read Brave" program encouraging youth and adults to read and connect around a young adult novel. This group is recommended for ages 14+, grades 9+.

All St. Paul libraries will be closed on Mon., Feb. 15 in honor

of Presidents Day.

The Fireside Readings Series presented by the Friends of the St. Paul Public Library continues Wed., Feb. 17, 7-8pm, with author Anton Treuer. Treuer will present his latest work, "Warrior Nation: A History of the Red Lake Ojibwe." On Wed., Feb. 24, 7-8pm Catherine Madison closes this year's series with "The War Came Home with Him," a memoir of two survivors of one man's war: a father who weathered a prison camp and the daughter who endured the cruelty that he brought back with him. Each event features a cozy fire in the library fireplace and cookies and coffee, as well as a chance to have books signed by the authors.

Jody's Documentary Film Series continues Wed., Feb. 24, 1-3pm, with the documentary "Ping Pong," directed by Hugh and Anson Hartford. The documentary tells the story of competitors going for the gold in the International Table Tennis Championships—and they're all over 80 years old. The event will include a discussion with Jody after the film.

On Sat., Feb. 27 from 7-8:30pm, the library will host Sonoglyph, a special musical and literary event featuring several current and former Midway residents. Poets Hawona Sullivan-Janzen, Kathryn Kysar, and Lynette Reini-Grandell will read (and maybe even sing a little) from their work accompanied by the improvisations of musicians Sean Egan on clarinet, Aaron Kerr on cello, Bobb Fantauzzo on world flutes, and Jonathan Townsend on percussion. This not-to-be-missed meld-

ing of poetry and music will also feature refreshments.

Sat., Mar. 5 is a big book club day at the library. The Saints and Sinners Mystery Book Club meets that day from 1-3pm. The title for

March is "Blessed are the Dead" by Kristi Belcamino. For more information, contact Geraldine Balter at gerribalter@gmail.com or call 651-224-5570.

The Kids Book Clubs: I Read! I Vote! also meet on Sat., Mar. 5. Kids can learn more about this year's Maud Hart Lovelace Award nominees through games and activities and vote for their favorites. Division I (grades 3-5) meets 1:30-2:15pm. Division II (grades 6-8) meets 2:30-3:15pm.

On Wed., Mar. 9, 6:30-8:30pm, the Women's Human Rights Film Series presents the

documentary "A Path Appears: Sex Trafficking in the USA." According to the U.S. Department of Justice, an estimated 300,000 children are at risk of being trafficked into sexual slavery in the United States. Acclaimed author Nicholas Kristof teams up with actor/advocate Ashley Judd, Blake Lively, and Malin Ackerman to interview the survivors of sex trafficking and shine a light on this shockingly widespread crime. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the St. Paul Public Library.



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# In Our Community

## Monitor

Send us your news! When you submit your press release it will be considered for the next print edition of the Monitor. You can also go to our website, [MonitorSaintPaul.com](http://MonitorSaintPaul.com) and enter your information in the online Event Calendar.

### Bake and Play scheduled Feb. 20

Hamline Church, 1514 Englewood, will sponsor its monthly Make, Bake and Play Day on Sat., Feb. 20, 9:30-11:30am. The event will feature area resident Amelia Osbron Larson, who teaches sewing and will provide anyone interested with the chance to sew a simple project, or learn about sewing lessons. Make, Bake and Play Day is offered once a month in the fall, winter and early spring. Parents children can play on toddler toys, play games with older children, have snacks and enjoy decorating freshly baked cookies. Play Days are free. Bring a craft project and spread it out on a table if you need a space. For further information, email [hamlinewomen@gmail.com](mailto:hamlinewomen@gmail.com).

### New Midway YMCA celebrates opening

St. Paul Mayor Chris Coleman and Y and community leaders were on hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony at the St. Paul Midway YMCA Feb. 10 as they celebrated the grand opening of their new state-of-the art facility. The Y, 1761 University Ave., has been serving the Midway community for 97 years.

There was special entertainment and appearances from the St. Paul Central High School Marching Band, Viktor of the Minnesota Vikings, T.C. of the Minnesota Twins, Nurdy of the Minnesota Wild, the St. Paul Winter Carnival Royalty and more. Attendees toured the new facility.

### Plots available in 2016 at Tatum Park

Interested in joining a community garden? Tatum Park Community Garden, located just west of Newell Park, has 5 plots available for the 2016 season. The garden has large plots (8" x 20") and is organic. They are specifically looking for members who have an interest in composting, permaculture, and garden design to help with projects as they enter their fourth year. Plots cost \$30 for the season and members are asked to volunteer 2 hours/mo for projects. Email [tatumparkgarden@gmail.com](mailto:tatumparkgarden@gmail.com) for more information.

### 10th annual Camp Fair planned Feb. 27

Minnesota Parent magazine will host its 10th annual Camp Fair from 10am-2pm Sat., Feb. 27 at the Como Park Zoo & Conservatory, 1225 Estabrook Dr.

This FREE event brings a wide variety of top-notch camps

### Ten Strings And A Goat Skin to perform



A bilingual trad/folk/fusion trio from Prince Edward Island Canada performs on Valentine's day at Celtic Junction, 7:30-9:30pm.

Winners of the 2015 East Coast Music Association's award for World Music Recording of the Year, Ten Strings And A Goat Skin weave the music of the Irish, Acadian, Francophone and Maritime cultures and their original creations with modern and world rhythms. Jesse Périard (guitar) and brothers Rowen Gallant (fiddle) and Caleb Gallant (percussion) while just 19 and 20 years old, are already pushing boundaries and reinvigorating traditional music. Their original material maintains solid traditional elements but explores rich world flavors and textures. The results have been described as intoxicating and refreshing. In demand and touring extensively throughout Canada, Europe, and the US, don't miss Ten Strings And A Goat Skin on Sunday, Valentine's Day.

This is an all-ages venue. Doors at 6:30pm, and the parking is free. Advance tickets are \$15; \$20 at the door. Student tickets are \$12 in advance; \$18 at the door.

together in one location at the zoo visitor center. Parents and kids can speak one-on-one with camp representatives to jumpstart their summer planning.

Parents and children can browse summer activities in a variety of categories: day or overnight camps; music, art and performance programs; science and academic activities; sports, horseback riding and more. Early spring is the best time to get a start on planning children's summer camp adventures. Summer camps and activities help kids thrive with opportunities to explore their interests (and discover new ones) while making friends and developing new skills, too.

Free children's activities at the Camp Fair include face painting, a craft station and an appearance from a special Como Zoo animal. Minnesota Parent staff will pass out goodie bags and exhibitors will offer door prizes. Zoo admission is free. Voluntary donations of \$2 or \$3 are appreciated.

### Como Men's Golf announces 2016 fee

Membership in the Como Men's Golf Club for 2016 will be \$100 for the season. This is one of the lowest membership fees in the entire metropolitan area.

New members will be eligible to receive a free \$25 gift card after completing 5 qualifying rounds to establish a club handicap. The gift card may be redeemed at the Como pro shop towards

greens fees or merchandise. The board is committed in expanding its membership in 2016, with all the great values that have existed for years in one of the oldest clubs in Minnesota. Membership includes events every weekend from mid April to Oct. 15. These events and tournaments are available to all members for small or no fees. Members select which contests to play in and also qualify for preferred tee times. Our club welcomes everyone no matter your age or golf ability. We are committed in serving the community.

The \$100 fee includes handicaps through GHIN (Golf Handicap Information Network), as well as computer access for posting scores and retrieving handicap cards every two weeks. Bring your game to Como as an individual or a group and join the fun.

For more information contact board member, Larry Jagoe at 651-271-1131 or access their website at [www.mensclubcomo.org](http://www.mensclubcomo.org) for a listing of all events or even print out an application.

### Family support group meets monthly

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Minnesota sponsors free support groups for families who have a relative with a mental illness. Led by trained facilitators who also have a family member with mental illness, the support groups help families develop better coping skills and

find strength through sharing their experiences. A family support group meets in St. Paul from 6:30-8:30pm, at Goodwill Easter Seals, 553 Fairview Ave. N., Room 123, on the fourth Tuesday of the month. For information, call Jennifer at 507-254-5524 or 651-645-2948.

### HM Health schedules kick-off event

The Hamline Midway Health Movement (HMHM) invites Hamline Midway residents to attend their kick-off event featuring local author William Kent Krueger. The first monthly event will be held on Thur., Mar. 17, 6pm at Hamline United Methodist Church (1514 Englewood Ave.).

The event will feature a free healthy meal and lecture by Krueger, the St. Paul novelist who wrote the Cork O'Connor mysteries as well as "Ordinary Grace."

This event is the first of many monthly events that will be hosted by HMHM in 2016. HMHM is a grass roots group of Hamline Midway residents sponsored by Vital Aging Network who are striving to improve the wellness of the Hamline Midway community by engaging residents over the age of fifty in healthy activities and education.

Each month a new topic will be featured along with a free healthy meal. Watch the *Midway Como Monitor* and the HM Coalition website for upcoming events or visit us on our Facebook page at Hamline Midway Health Movement. RSVP at [hamlinemidwayhealth@gmail.com](mailto:hamlinemidwayhealth@gmail.com) for the Mar. 17 event.

### Merriam Library to host Club Book

Club Book, a program of the Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA) and coordinated by Library Strategies Consulting Group, will host David Mura & Sun Yung Shin on Mon., Mar. 14, 7pm, at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Ave.

Writers Mura and Shin will come together for an evening of conversation about the Asian American experience in Minnesota. Mura is a multitalented poet, novelist, memoirist, and playwright. His four full-length poetry collections to date include "After We Lost Our Way," winner of the 1989 National Poetry Contest, and "The Colors of Desire," winner of the Carl Sandburg Literary Award. Mura's first memoir, "Turning Japanese: Memoirs of a Sensei," gained distinction as a New York Times Notable Book. Sun Yung Shin is a Korean American poet and educator. Her poetry debut, "Skirt Full of Black," received the Asian American Literary Award in 2008.

She is also editor of the upcoming essay anthology "A Peculiar Price: New Writing on Racial Realities in Minnesota," which debuts this month.

### Partners support group meets monthly

NAMI Minnesota (National Alliance on Mental Illness) is sponsoring a support group specifically for partners or spouses of someone who lives with a mental illness. The Partners and Spouses support group meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm, at Falcon Heights United Church of Christ, 1795 Holton St. (Holton & Garden). For more information, call Melissa at 651-354-0825.

### Spaghetti Dinner scheduled Apr. 2

The Men's Club of St. Stephanus, 739 Lafond Ave., will hold their Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sat., Apr. 2, 5-7pm. Take out is available and a bake sale will be held during the dinner. Cost of the dinner is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children 5-12, and free for children under 5. For tickets, call the church at 651-228-1486 or Dennis at 651-644-9432. Tickets will also be available at the door.

### Night Trains ride through Feb.

The annual "Night Trains" exhibit at the Twin City Model Railroad Museum is open every Saturday from 6-9pm through Feb. 27. The museum is located in Bandana Square, Suite 222. Admission is \$10; children 4 or younger are free.

### Town Hall Meeting planned Feb. 18

State Senator John Marty (DFL-Roseville) will host a joint town hall meeting with Rep. Alice Hausman (DFL-St. Paul) and Rep. John Lesch (DFL-St. Paul), on Thur., Feb. 18, 7-8:30pm. The meeting will be held at the Roseville Library (2180 Hamline Ave. N., Roseville) in the Community Program Room.

### Series of concerts scheduled at Ginkgo

Silver Linings and Footfall, will be playing for your donations at Ginkgo Coffeehouse (721 N. Snelling), Sat., Feb. 20, 8-10pm.

The show will be filmed live by Water Street Sessions, a local filmmaking team based in St. Paul. Silver Lining starts things off (8-9pm). Silver Lining is

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Joe Fishbein on mandolin and Dawn Tanner on vocals and guitar. Their music is a mix of folk originals/covers and fiddle tunes. Covers are from folk artists: Lucy Kaplansky, Lindsay Mac, Peter Mulvey, Drew Nelson, and Sam Baker. Their first album is soon to be available with friend and guest star, Adam Granger.

Footfall plays from 9-10pm. They bring up the energy with their alt country sound rocking the coffeehouse. Footfall is Debbie Cushman on guitar and vocals and Jim Christiansen on guitar, slide guitar, mandolin, and vocals. Their first CD, *Running Toward the Moon*, is just over a year old. They are busy working on their second release...coming soon.

Guitarist Christopher Becknell will be performing Fri., Feb. 26, 8pm. Cost of the concert is \$10 (plus sales tax). Becknell tells stories without using words. Choosing the style and techniques to weave the tale, the depth of his abilities is immediately apparent. Though he often performs with other musicians, and in bands, this concert will showcase his abilities as a solo performer.

Peter Mulvey is scheduled to appear at Ginkgo on Fri., Mar. 18, 8pm. Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$18 after 6pm day of the show. Mulvey is a walking secret handshake. He has been the street-singing kid in Dublin, the man fronting the storming electric band, the conspiratorial spoken-word craftsman, the Tin Pan Alley delver, and an instigator in the occasional Redbird collective. Through it he has remained the traveler out on the

road, bringing his music to audiences from Fairbanks to Bilbao, Santa Monica to Montreal, in clubs, theaters, coffeeshops, the Kennedy Center, and old barns. Honing his musicianship, his phrasing, his ability to inhabit a song, he has come into his own, with a sound full of grit and warmth, at the same time startling and familiar.

## La Leche Group scheduled Mar. 8

The next meetings of the Como-Midway La Leche Group will be on Tue., Mar. 8. All expectant and nursing mothers are invited to attend with their babies and toddlers to discuss breastfeeding and mothering issues. Call Heidi at 651-659-9527 for more information.

## Keystone events at Merriam Center

The Keystone Senior Center, located in the Merriam Park Community Center, 2000 St. Anthony Ave., offers a variety of programs for seniors in the community. Here are a few ongoing events and some special events coming soon.

Free tax assistance is sponsored by AARP. Call 651-645-7424 to register for half-hour appointments from 9am to 2pm. No walk-in appointments are available. Bring your Social Security cards, a copy of your 2014 tax return, records of income from all sources, lists of medical, health, and long-term insurance expenses, taxes and mortgage interest, your property tax statement or certificate of rent paid, and direct deposit bank information.

"Matter of Balance—managing concerns about falls" is designed to reduce the fear of falling and to help increase activity levels in older adults. Class begins Feb. 18, 1-3pm, for eight sessions. The cost is \$15 for all eight sessions. Register at 651-645-7424.

Low-impact, joint safe exercise classes from the Arthritis Foundation will help relieve pain and stiffness, increase flexibility and range of motion. The classes are held Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11am to noon through Mar. 3. Call 651-645-7424 to register.

Silver Sneakers/Fit and Fabulous exercise features stretching, warm up, endurance work, cool down, guided relaxation and fun. Drop in and check the class out. The first class is free. Classes are planned Mon., Wed., and Fri., from 10:30-11:30am.

Free Bridge for Beginners is scheduled for Thursdays, Feb. 18 through Mar. 17, 10:30am to noon. Call 651-645-7424 to register. Enrollment is limited.

The Keystone Crafters/Artists meets Tuesdays, 1-3pm. Bring your art supplies and spend time with fellow crafters. Coffee and conversation, too.

## Co-ed Drum Circle planned Feb. 26

The Women's Drum Center, 2242 University Ave. W., will present a Co-ed Drum Circle on Fri., Feb. 26, 6:30pm. Percussion, rhythm, and freedom of expression will be explored. The cost is \$10 at the door all experience levels are welcome. Drums are provided. Info and registration can be found at [www.womensdrumcenter.org](http://www.womensdrumcenter.org).

## Wade Scheel pottery on display

Raymond Avenue Gallery proudly presents the pottery of Wade Scheel from Feb. 19 through Mar. 25. There will be an opening reception at the gallery, 761 Raymond Ave., on Feb. 19, 6-8pm.

Scheel received his BFA from the University Of Northern Iowa and his MFA from the Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. Scheel wears many pottery-related hats. He is a master potter, glaze chemist and lead potter at Deneen Pottery. He has also been an instructor, studio artist and gallery artist at the Northern Clay Center, and a kiln building technician with Master Kiln Builders.

"My desire in making art is to bring a little bit of peace into the day of the person who owns it, holds it, or simply looks at it," Scheel said. "The pottery I create is influenced by traditional Japanese and Korean pottery. I have extensive knowledge of ancient techniques for creating



and firing pottery; however, I use contemporary tools and techniques to achieve a desired effect. Patterns and colors that nature presents are deeply interesting, so I incorporate these into my work. An aesthetic of simplicity emerges, even though my process is rather technical. While my pottery is truly utilitarian and created to be used every day, I like to view each piece as one of a kind, possessing its own place in the world. Therefore I rarely duplicate a piece."

## Ping Pong and dental care among HM Elders topics

Hamline Midway Elders (HME) is planning a number of events in the coming month:

Jody's Documentary Series - Our partnership with the Hamline Midway Library continues on Wed., Feb. 24 at 1pm with the POV film "Ping Pong" about the international table tennis championships with participants over age 80. Jody Huber will introduce the film and lead

a discussion after the showing. Snacks will be provided and all are welcome to this monthly 4th Wednesday series.

The monthly luncheon, "Dental Care for Seniors," is planned for Tue., Mar. 8. Local dentist Dr. Bernard Bomberg will share information on the importance of proper dental care for older adults. The meal begins at 11:30am at Hamline Church United Methodist (1514 Englewood Ave.) followed by the presentation at 12:15. New attendees are always welcome at

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Want ads must be received by the Monitor by February 29 for the March 10 issue. Call 651-645-7045 for more information. Your classified ad will also be automatically placed on the Monitor's website at [www.MonitorSaintPaul.com](http://www.MonitorSaintPaul.com)

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Every year we nominate several volunteers who continually go above and beyond in service to the Hamline Midway community. This year's nominees were recognized for their outstanding contributions to the neighborhood alongside other volunteers from across the city at a special awards celebration in their honor on Jan. 29. Mayor Chris Coleman congratulated the nominees on their achievements, and City Council President Russ Stark presented the awards. Their names will be added to a plaque hung in city hall alongside Honor Roll awardees from years past. Please join us in congratulating and thanking this year's nominees for all they do to benefit the Hamline Midway neighborhood.

#### Steve Mitrione

Steve's impact as a longtime neighborhood volunteer, transportation committee member and environmental advocate has been profound. He helped lead the Charles Ave. Bikeway project as an original volunteer with the Friendly Streets Initiative, and saw his many years of involvement in improving Snelling Ave. culminate this year with a major project that included vital pedestrian improvements. He was also one of the first St. Paul residents to install a residential boulevard rain garden. Steve's passion for his community has improved both the physical and cultural environment of the neighborhood in many lasting ways.

#### Sasha Mackin

As a member of the Hamline Midway Coalition Board of Directors from 2009–2014, Sasha served ably as both Vice President and President. Sasha cared about and attended to organizational culture, board and staff de-

## News from District 11

By KYLE MIANULLI, HMC COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

### Hamline Midway neighbors recognized for community contributions

velopment, and all the important little things that make an organization thrive. Sasha was also committed to building a strong, connected neighborhood, and served on the HMC Community Building Committee and the planning team for the annual Hamline Midway Spring Festival.

#### Jessica Kopp

The web of a community can often be traced to a few perpetually involved "connectors." Over the last year, Jessica has devoted herself to rejuvenating the vital connection between the neighborhood and its two community schools, Hamline Elementary and Galtier Community School. In doing so, she has forged valuable new relationships, ensuring the schools remain involved in neighborhood events, and otherwise reestablishing them as centerpieces of the community.

#### Neighborhood Investment Cooperative officially incorporates, seeks volunteers

The newly forming Hamline Midway Investment Cooperative is hitting the ground running in 2016 as they look to move this exciting project into the next phase, continuing to move towards collectively investing in a neighborhood property.

Now officially incorporated, the HMIC has a stated mission to "seek community pledges to buy



(L to R) Jessica Kopp, Sasha Mackin, and Steve Mitrione, all received Neighborhood Honor Roll status for their extraordinary service and contributions to the Hamline Midway community.

a commercial property, that will underpin a sustainable business that serves the community, and will provide a return to the investors. HMIC empowers the community through development—property, business, and all the less material elements of community growth and strength."

As a volunteer-led effort, the remarkable energy and dedication of a core group of neighbors has been vital in getting the project to this point. The group is looking to expand its size and have identified a particular need for volunteers with expertise and background in legal, finances, or commercial realty, as well as anyone with experience in running

or managing co-ops. Of course, any and all volunteer support is enthusiastically welcomed!

To move the process forward, several working groups will be focusing on specific aspects of the project, including research, communications, and finance/governance. If you're interested in joining this effort, email [hm-investmentcoop@gmail.com](mailto:hm-investmentcoop@gmail.com) to get involved. More information and background on this project can be found at [www.hamlinemidway.org/Investmentcooperative](http://www.hamlinemidway.org/Investmentcooperative)

#### Neighborhood Garage Sale

Mark your calendars and start planning for the annual Hamline

Midway Neighborhood Garage Sale on Sat., June 4, from 8am to 3pm. Garage sales are a great way to meet new neighbors, reduce waste, and support the community economy. With more than 50 participating sales across the neighborhood in 2015, we're looking to have an even bigger impact this year.

There will be a \$10 fee for participating sales to help with the expense of printing flyers, sale maps, and signs, as well as advertising in the *Monitor*, *Pioneer Press* and *Craigslist*. If you live within the Hamline Midway boundaries, start clearing out your closets and collecting your unwanted items for this year's sale. If you have questions or would like to learn more, please email [garagesale@hamlinemidway.org](mailto:garagesale@hamlinemidway.org). We'll post registration forms and start collecting fees closer to the date.

#### Public Art Group seeks input

The Hamline Midway Public Art Working Group wants to hear your feedback on a slate of possible projects the group could pursue and seek funding for in 2016. Following the success of the Midway Murals project in 2015, which brought four beautiful murals to Snelling Ave, we're looking to continue the evolution of Hamline Midway as a hub for public and community-oriented art in 2016. The group has developed a slate of possible projects to pursue this year, and is now seeking input from the community. Visit [www.hamlinemidway.org/publicart](http://www.hamlinemidway.org/publicart) to see the list of possible projects, vote on your favorites, and offer your ideas.

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these second Tuesday monthly luncheons.

Baby Boomers Book Club – HME is excited about a new partnership with the Hamline Midway Library on a monthly book club. The first session will be held on Sat., Mar. 19 from 1-2pm at the library and will feature a discussion on the book "Our Souls at Night" by Kent Haruf. Shelly Hawkins from the library will facilitate along with Tom Fitzpatrick and Monica Gallagher from Hamline Midway Elders. The book club will also meet on Sat., Apr. 16 to discuss "The Virtues of Aging" by Jimmy Carter (and free copies of this book will be given to the first 20 individuals who commit to reading the book and attending the book club).

Hamline Midway Elders operates with only two part-time staff. The majority of services to neighborhood elders is provided by a number of wonderful volunteers and they could use more. There are a variety of volunteer needs ranging from driving folks to/from medical appointments to providing chore services to friendly visiting to helping out at program events. Please consider helping the program help neighborhood elders.

For more information on any of the above items please contact Hamline Midway Elders at 651-209-6542 or [info@hmelers.org](mailto:info@hmelers.org).

## Area construction projects fast approaching

By JANE MCCLURE

As winter enters its final weeks, area residents and business owners need to think about Minnesota's second season: construction. The memories of Snelling Ave., Interstate 94 Bridge and Green Line construction may be receding. But this construction season will bring other projects, including the

long-awaited completion of the Como-Chatsworth street reconstruction work in Como neighborhood.

Area residents will also be watching for completion of Cleveland Ave. bicycle improvements, which will extend from University Ave. down to Highland Village.

Some projects are thanks to

last-minute St. Paul City Council budget changes. Council President Russ Stark said he was pleased with how smoothly the 2016 budget review process went and the fact that the council was able to find money for some smaller, but important, projects.

"We weren't able to add in everything we would like to have added, but we were able to include some council priorities," Stark said. The budget included \$1.6 million in last-minute changes.

One is the bike lane project, at a cost of about \$200,000. It will add a needed north-south route. Residents and business owners in Merriam Park should watch for upcoming city meetings about the project there.

Another addition was city funding to help purchase the Victoria Theatre. The council tentatively allocated \$150,000 toward the group working to redevelop the Victoria Theater in Frogtown, on University Ave. just east of Victoria St.

As for street work, there should be less disruption in 2016 with the start of A Line bus service on University. The area also has no Ramsey County Public Works projects. The county has been able to step up its street work thanks to its recently enacted wheelage tax.

So what else is on the horizon for 2016? Como residents will see the last summer of Como-Chatsworth street recon-

struction. The large size of the project and high assessments have added to the stress of torn-up streets and sidewalks. The St. Paul Department of Public Works recently updated the Planning Commission Transportation Committee about that project with Barb Mundahl, who is project manager for the city. The \$4.5 million project will add new streets, curbs and gutters, sidewalks, street light and street trees.

Work is planned for June to November. The project has drawn criticism not only for its high assessments but also for long periods with torn-up streets, and street work that for some coincided with the start of school. City officials are trying to mitigate those concerns.

Follow the project at <https://www.stpaul.gov/residents/street-design-and-construction/street-construction-projects/comochatsworth-spsvp>.

Other projects are smaller in scale. Crews will work on the Lexington Pkwy. to Pierce Butler Rte. bicycle connection. Watch for new street lighting on part of Como Ave. as well.

New playground equipment will appear at Hamline-Midway neighborhood's May Park on Clayland Ave. and at Frogtown Farm playground equipment on Minnehaha Ave. Work will also continue on Dickerman and Iris parks.

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# Lyrebird Young Women's Choir starts second session

Article and photos  
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On Sunday nights from 7-8:30, a dozen young women grades 9-12 gather at Chanson Voice and Music Academy, 795 Raymond Ave. They've been together since last fall, in an ensemble called the Lyrebird Young Women's Choir.

Under the direction of Anika Kildegaard and Cassandra McNally, the choir has taken flight with a Metropolitan Regional Arts Grant. The intention of the co-directors was to establish a financially accessible choral program for young women, and with the MRAC grant, they've been able to do just that.

Tuition is payable on a sliding scale, ranging from \$20-\$150 per five-month semester. Any young woman with an interest in singing is welcome to join; neither lack of funds nor lack of experience is an obstacle.

The Lyrebird Young Women's Choir exists to challenge and encourage young women singers and to celebrate the wealth of tal-



**FUNFACT:** The lyrebird is one-of-a-kind. A songbird native to Australia, it has stunning tail feathers more than two feet long and the ability to mimic any sound that it hears. It can mimic the calls of more than 20 other species in a single song.

Kildegaard directed the Lyrebird Young Women's Choir on a Sunday night rehearsal. She said, "Singing with a group creates a beauty unlike anything else."

ented female composers in Minnesota.

In its first semester, four significant Minnesota women composers were able to work with the choir. Kildegaard met Libby Larson, one of Minnesota's pre-eminent composers, at a music festival. "I took a chance and asked Libby, and she was very excited to get involved with Lyrebird," Kildegaard said.

Other notable composers who worked with the ensemble were Jocelyn Hagen, Catherine Dalton, Elizabeth Alexander and Linda Tutas Haugen. "There's such a bounty of music by Minne-

sota women," McNally said, "that we could keep this focus going for years."



Choir co-directors Anika Kildegaard (left) and Cassandra McNally (right).

Each composer shared their musical gifts and their personal stories. They came to composing from many backgrounds—but all shared one common element. "Each felt the continual pull to write music; a pull that just wouldn't let go," McNally said.

Singing with a group is a very different experience than singing alone. Each voice contributes to something greater than itself, and the chorus would be slightly less without the contribution of each singer. One of the best things about singing in a choir is being part of a community. Singers learn to be team members, to

work well with others both on and off the singing stage.

"We've been amazed by how quickly the young women have formed a sense of community," Kildegaard said. "You can see it when a new student joins. The others are warm and welcoming, and when they sing, there's a real strength in being surrounded by other young women's voices."

The co-directors met as instructors at Chanson Voice and Music Academy. Kildegaard graduated from the University of Minnesota with a B.A. in vocal performance. She has sung locally with Vocal Essence, the Minnesota Chorale and Magpies and Ravens, an ensemble composed of half professional and half high school singers.

McNally earned both her B.S. and M.A. in vocal performance from the University of Iowa. She has sung locally with the Minnesota Opera, the Mill City Opera and Mixed Precipitation, a troupe that brings opera, food and outdoor fun to parks and gardens throughout Minnesota in the summer months.

The Lyrebird Young Women's Choir will be working toward a May 21 performance at the Danish American Center this semester. There are still openings for aspiring young women singers. To schedule a visit or to get more information, call 612-630-1599.

Also, there is a Lyrebird Youth Choir for girls, grades 6-8, that meets on Sunday afternoons at Chanson from 5-6:30. There is no sliding scale for tuition for this choir.



Students practice technical warm-ups to learn to use their voices skillfully.

## Upcoming musical events at Hamline University

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 31**

**Chamber Music Society of Minnesota Annual Family Concert**

**Time:** 4-6 p.m.

**Cost:** \$15-\$25 adults, free for students.

**Contact:** chambermusicmn.org or 651-450-0527

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

**Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra presents Faure's Piano Quartet No. 1**

*Compositions by Toru Takemitsu, Endre Szervansky, Gyorgy Kurtag, and Gabriel Faure*

**Time:** 8-10 p.m.

**Cost:** \$18 adults, \$5 children

**Contact:** thespco.org or 651-291-1144

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

**Lunch With... Hamline Music Instructor Lauren Husting, trombone**

**Time:** noon-12:30 p.m.

**Cost:** free

**Contact:** sundinmusicall@hamline.edu

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

**Minnesota Guitar Society Duo John Rankin and Don Vappie**

*Music from New Orleans*

**Time:** 8-10 p.m.

**Cost:** See mnguitar.org

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

**The Musical Offering—Salon Parisienne**

**Time:** 3-7 p.m.

**Cost:** \$50

**Contact:** musicaloffering.org or 651-523-2459

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

**Bach Society of Minnesota—Loss, Healing, and Acceptance**

*Bach's Cantatas 8, 78, and 72*

**Time:** 8-10 p.m.

**Cost:** See bachsocietymn.org

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

**Artaria String Quartet—It's Revolutionary**

*Quartets by Beethoven and Stravinsky*

**Time:** 3-4:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$17, free for students

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