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THANK YOU, MARY MACKBEE

Central High School principal retires after 26 years of service

By MARGIE O'LOUGHLIN

The sixth period bell rang at Central High School on Friday, May 24, 2019, and the auditorium doors opened for an afternoon program. The guest of honor, retiring principal Mary Mackbee, was ushered in.

Past and present students took to the stage singing songs, sharing stories, and saying thank you to the woman who had worked tirelessly on their behalf since 1993.

'TYPICAL STORY OF BLACK KIDS IN THE SOUTH'

As a child growing up in the Seventh Ward of New Orleans, Mackbee attended segregated public schools. She said, "Neither of my parents had more than a sixth grade education. I was the first of my siblings to go to college; that just wasn't something you took for granted back then. My brothers joined the military, and eventually went to college on the GI Bill.

"It was a typical story of black kids in the South. Our teachers really pushed us to succeed against the odds."

The desire to push herself (and her students) toward excel-

lence defined Mackbee's long career as an educator. It could be said that the secret to her success was convincing students they could be successful, too.

Principal Mackbee's connection with St. Paul Public Schools started when she graduated from Xavier University of Louisiana in 1966, a historically black college in New Orleans. With her teaching degree in hand, she was quickly recruited by SPPS in an effort to bring more African American teachers to the district. Her first job was at the now closed Mounds Park Junior High School on St. Paul's East Side, where she taught for 11 years.

The next 20 years brought teaching jobs at the junior high and high school levels in both Minneapolis and St. Paul, a brief stint as a stay-at-home mom with her first two children, and an appointment as director of secondary education with SPPS.

BUILDING A SCHOOL UP

When Mackbee took the job of principal of Central High School, she said, "The school didn't have the best reputation.

The International Baccalaureate and Quest Programs were just getting started and, while those enriched programs were excellent, they were offered on a separate floor of the school. We reorganized the building so that teachers – not programs. Contracts were also restructured so that every teacher taught a range of classes, and interacted with students across all ability levels."

Central has a dedicated fan base, and its own foundation established almost two decades ago by a group of alumni. The goal of the St. Paul Central High School Foundation is to give back and to give forward. The Foundation established an annual scholarship of \$3,000 in Mackbee's name: the Mary Mackbee Legacy Scholarship is awarded each year to a student exhibiting strong qualities of leadership, academic excellence, and service.

Altogether, the St. Paul Central High School Foundation awarded \$96,500 in various scholarships to 21 students this year.

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Mary Mackbee has retired as the principal of Central High School at age 75. She said, "I always thought I would be a teacher, but over the years -- I realized I could be even more effective as an administrator." (Photo by Margie O'Loughlin)



Christina Morrison with four-year-old twins Jack and Keira, learn about the proposed B Line along Lake/Marshall. (Photo by Tesha M. Christensen)

Faster transit coming to Marshall

By TESHA M. CHRISTENSEN
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Travel down Marshall Ave./ Lake St. by bus is slow with stops on the Route 21 every two blocks.

During rush hour, buses slow to average speeds of only eight miles per hour, and it's considered one of the slowest transit corridors in the metro.

Red lights mean that buses

are moving less than half the time.

And over 10,000 rides are taken on this route per day.

For those people, things are about to get faster.

Metro Transit plans to construct the region's third bus rapid transit line on Lake St./ Marshall Ave. in 2022.

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St. Andrew's teardown okayed by Council

By TESHA M. CHRISTENSEN
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In six weeks, the wrecking ball may hit Historic Saint Andrew's Church, destroying the 92-year-old facility designed by St. Paul's first city architect, Charles A. Hausler.

Last year, property owner Twin Cities German Immersion School announced its intention to tear down the decommissioned church building to construct a three-story, 25,000-square-foot addition with two gyms.

On Wednesday, June 5, 2019, the St. Paul City Council voted against designating Saint Andrew's Church as an Historic Preservation site, as recommended by its own Historic Preservation Commission, on a 5-0 vote with one recusal (Jane Prince, East Side) and one absence (Kasim Busuri, East Side).

The council then approved both the site plan and the three variances requested by the school with conditions that seek to address impacts the school's enrollment growth has on parking, traffic, pedestrian safety, and

playground noise.

According to the District 10 Como Community Council, in normal circumstances, it takes about six weeks to receive all the permits and approvals needed to start demolition and construction.

The city council had originally been slated to vote on the issue on May 22, but then delayed it so that representatives from the school and neighborhood group, Save Historic Saint Andrews (SHSA), could meet with a mediator as encouraged by City Council President Amy Brendmoen, who lives a few blocks from the school.

City-hired mediator Aimee Gourlay did not think there was enough time for the process and concluded in her report: "There is little likelihood of a useful mediation at this point. A failed conflict intervention could make things worse and could reduce the potential for successful conflict resolution in the future. At some point there will be another opportunity to resolve differences."

A *City Pages* article on May 15 detailed behind-the-scenes, sabotage and a plan for partial

demolition being done by TCGIS "to destroy any hope that the building lives on," according to internal school emails.

MERA RESTRAINING ORDER

SHSA filed a suit in Ramsey County on June 3 under the Minnesota Environmental Rights Act (MERA) seeking a temporary restraining order and permanent injunction to ensure that the 92-year-old structure will not be torn down.

MERA protects cultural and historic resources from destruction, and requires owners and developers to demonstrate that there are no feasible alternatives to demolition. The State Historic Preservation Office has said the church qualifies for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

"We absolutely believe there are alternatives other than demolition here, and we need more time to explore them," said SHSA President Teri Alberico, who lives next door to the school.

"We owe this to our future. Once this structure is gone, it's gone forever."

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Capitol Region Watershed District is now located at 595 Aldine Street. Its neighborhood assets will soon include a pocket park for public use, and a watershed learning center. (Photo by Margie O'Loughlin)

Capitol Region Watershed District moves

1/20th of state lives within this urban watershed district, one of 45 in Minnesota

By MARGIE O'LOUGHLIN

Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) has moved into the Midway neighborhood at 595 Aldine St.

Administrator Mark Doneux said, "CRWD followed the City of St. Paul's Sustainable Building Policy, and the result is a stun-

nally renovated building that meets the standards of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)."

Their office building was formerly occupied by MacQueen Equipment, which serviced and repaired municipal machinery.

POCKET PARK AND LEARNING CENTER

CRWD is one of 45 watershed districts in the state of Minnesota. It is a special purpose unit of government whose staff members have agreed not to seal themselves off from the community they serve.

The new location is in the heart of a residential neighborhood, and CRWD is making their space accessible to the community in a number of ways.

One of the community highlights is a pocket park still under construction in the NE corner of the property, which will combine natural and built environments with interactive elements for neighbors, visitors, and staff to enjoy.

CRWD is also creating a community watershed learning center and will offer on-site educational opportunities to showcase its work protecting, managing, and improving water resources in the watershed (which includes Como Lake, Crosby Lake, Loeb Lake, Lake McCarrons, and the Mississippi River.)

A gathering room at CRWD is available for public meetings between 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The room has a maximum capacity of 94, and can be reserved by community members and partner organizations. Use of the space includes access to a kitchenette, tables and chairs, a projector, and lectern with microphone. Call the main desk at 651-644-8888 to inquire.

HELP DRAW ROAD MAP

CRWD held four Commu-

nity Watershed Conversations across St. Paul in May and early June. Anna Eleria is division manager with CRWD's department of planning, projects and grants.

At a meeting held at the Halie Q. Brown Community Center, she said, "Our watershed district is the most urban in the state, and that provides some unique challenges. We cover 41 square miles, five lakes, and over 500 miles of storm sewers - every one of which drains into the Mississippi River. One twentieth of the population of the state lives within our boundaries."

The Watershed Community Conversations were a chance for community members to help CRWD draw their road map for the next 10 years. For readers who weren't able to attend but would still like to share their thoughts, visit bit.ly/CRWDsurvey. Public comments will be taken until June 30, 2019.

147 RAINGARDENS

Eleria said, "Our organization is 20 years old, and we've had many successes over the last two decades. CRWD often works on infrastructure projects that can't be seen (like the rainwater capture and re-use system at Allianz Field), but we're also helping to beautify the neighborhood in ways that are very visible."

Their Stewardship Grant Program, which started in 2005, is one such example. Watershed residents, schools, and businesses are eligible to apply. Grantees receive a free site visit, as well as technical and financial support for installing a rain garden on their property.

In the Hamline-Midway neighborhood alone, 147 raingardens have been designed and installed since the program began.

A grand opening for CRWD is planned for later this summer.

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Did you know?

>> The B Line is planned to be the fourth of several planned BRT lines that will bring faster, frequent service to the region's busiest transit corridors.

>> The region's first arterial BRT line, the A Line, opened in 2016 and has boosted corridor ridership by about one third.

>> Construction on the C Line, serving Minneapolis and Brooklyn Center, is underway. Service is scheduled to begin in 2019.

>> The D Line, serving the Route 5 corridor from Bloomington to Brooklyn Center, is currently in design, targeted for construction to begin in 2020.

>>The E Line, serving the Route 6 corridor on Hennepin Avenue is in the corridor study phase through 2019, with construction targeted for 2023.

>> The West Lake Street Station will be the western terminus of the B Line and will be built in coordination with the Southwest LRT project. The B Line station will be built on the West Lake Street bridge and will have access to the LRT station via stairs and elevator.

>> The I35W and Lake Street Station will provide a connection to the METRO Orange Line and the broader 35W@94:Downtown to Crosstown project includes a redesign of the freeway between I-94 and 42nd Street.

>> An eastbound enhanced bus stop at Lake and Hiawatha was built in conjunction with the construction of the South Minneapolis Regional Service Center in 2017, and will be used by the future B Line. The westbound station location will be implemented in coordination with this project.

>> A completed BRT network would cover 100 miles and include 400 enhanced stations, directly serving about 20 percent of the region's residents and more than 230,000 jobs.

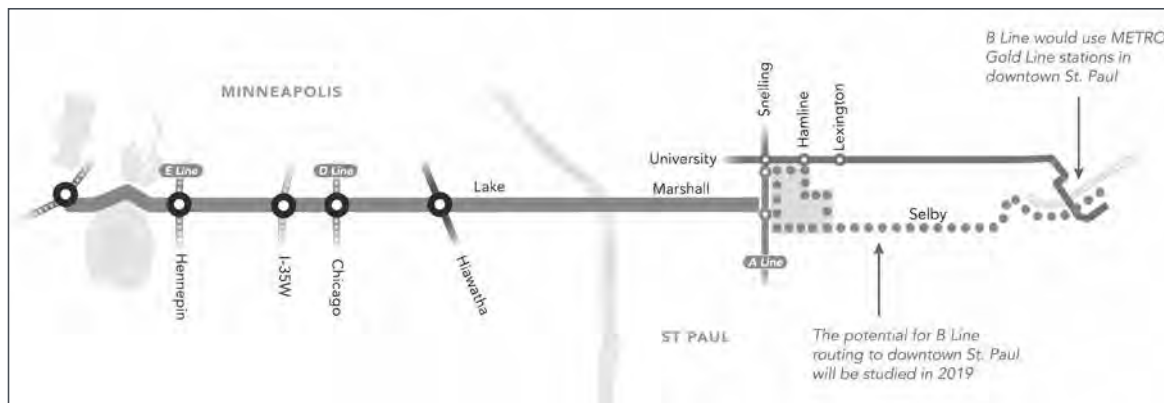
>>BRT lines have the potential to see an estimated 160,000 average weekday boardings by 2030, representing about a third of total bus ridership.

Learn more at metrotransit.org/abrt.

~ Information from Metro Transit

Faster transit coming to Marshall

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Metro Transit is gathering input on B Line and whether it will completely replace Route 21 or just cut services down.

With things in the planning stage now for the B Line, a series of open houses was held in May, including one at South High School on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 and another at the Oxford Community Center on Saturday, May 4.

"There's a lot of congestion and a lot of delay," observed Metro Transit Senior Planner Adam Smith.

"Anything that could improve our transit service is something I'm interested in," stated Brian Kimnes who lives in the Hamline-Midway neighborhood of St. Paul and works off Lake St. in the Longfellow neighborhood of Minneapolis. If the bus line was faster, it would make it much more likely that he'd take the bus to work instead of his car, he said.

If he goes to the Lyn-Lake area now, he drives because the bus is "excruciatingly slow," he stated. "It stops every block and it's a painful experience. I can drive there in 20 minutes or take the bus for 50."

HOW IS IT FASTER?

The B Line would make the trip about 20% faster. The savings would come by stopping less often, allowing customers to board faster, and stopping at fewer red lights.

With bus rapid transit, buses make limited stops at stations spaced farther apart, such as every 1/3 to 1/2 mile between stations instead of every other block.

Fares are collected at stations, just like light rail, instead of on the bus. B line buses run in general traffic and stations are built on curb bump-outs to avoid delays caused by merging back into traffic.

BRT lines also use transit signal priority, where buses "ask" traffic signals for early or extended green lights.

There are several options

Metro Transit is looking at and gathering input on, such as queue jumps and a dedicated lane for buses, according to project manager Cody Olson. The dedicated lane would be more challenging along Lake St. but easier to do on Marshall, he observed. It could be 'Buses Only' during certain times of the day and multi-use at other times.

Bus approach lanes at intersections could speed things up for buses, as well.

SOME FOR, SOME AGAINST

Elizabeth Ellis lives at Fairview and Taylor. She said that she is "vehemently opposed" to the B Line. When she's on a bus route along the A Line, she is dismayed to see BRT buses pass her by rather than pick her up as regular buses do. "This designated only thing in the winter is awful," Ellis said.

"I love the bus. Need the bus. Depend on the bus," Ellis remarked.

Highland Park resident Christina Morrison and her two four-year-old children, Jack and Keira, are looking forward to the B Line and regularly ride the A Line. Morrison is a Metro Transit employee. "We ride the bus everywhere," she said. "I like the freedom. You can go wherever you need to go."

She appreciates that she doesn't need to lug around car seats for the kids when they ride the bus. "Kids ride for free so that's a big incentive for us to ride as a family," Morrison added. "They can wiggle and look out the window."

She believes that this area of St. Paul will benefit from the more frequent service offered by the B Line.

WILL IT REPLACE ROUTE 21?

The B line could potentially fully replace the Route 21 bus and offer high frequency service all day and on nights

and weekends.

Some of the biggest questions, in addition to where to locate stations, are what route the line should take in St. Paul. There are several options planners are looking at, including using University or Selby and going all the way to downtown St. Paul.

At the open houses, attendees were asked to rate which the following in terms of priority: overall travel time, bus arriving at planned time, bus arrives as steady frequency, smooth ride - less starting and stopping, less delay in traffic or stoplights, walking distance to bus stop, and amenities at stop.

Send comments to bline@metrotransit.org.

Will Route 21 remain?

Metro Transit is weighing the pros and cons of keeping the underlying Route 21 when the B Line opens.

When the A Line opened in 2016, Metro Transit continued to operate Route 64 in the same corridor as a less frequent local travel option. A similar approach was taken Route 16, which provides local service alongside the Green Line Lightrail along University Ave. With the B Line and E Line (Hennepin Avenue corridor), Metro Transit is considering fully replacing the underlying local bus service.

Why? Well, as the A Line and the Green Line have been successful in attracting riders, the local service on Routes 84 and 16 have declined, leading to service reductions.

About Route 21

>> More than 10,000 average weekday rides, second-highest Metro transit route

>> Third most productive local bus route in terms of number of passengers per hour of service

>> One of the routes on which customers most frequently experience crowded buses

>> Carries up to 20% of people in vehicles in some places while making up less than 2% of vehicles

>> Highest ridership between Hennepin Ave. and Hiawatha Ave.

>> Weekend and midday ridership also make up an important part of Route 21 ridership

>> Ridership has been declining.

~ Information from Metro Transit



Residents and Metro Transit staff chat during an open house on May 4, 2019 at the Oxford Community Center, giving input on things such as overall travel time, bus frequency, bus stop amenities, and more. Send comments to bline@metrotransit.com. (Photo by Tesha M. Christensen)

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The Motley Conversation

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I've spent the last few weeks helping to introduce the *Midway Como Monitor's* new owner, Tesha M. Christensen, to *Monitor* advertisers, readers, and other stakeholders. And during that process it has reminded me of the early days of working for the *Midway Como Monitor*. I accepted the position as editor of the *Monitor* back in 1979, when I graduated from Hamline University, and found a small room to rent in a home on Van Buren Ave. I was able to make it to the office in about five minutes flat back in those days, assuming it wasn't during the State Fair!

I do recall from our days when we had an office at Thomas and Fairview in the Midway that we often would have many visitors drop by from the neighborhood. One was Kiki Sonnen, who was the Hamline Midway Coalition's second community organizer and then later served on the St. Paul City Council. She would often stop by with a press release or news of an upcoming meeting to publicize. She might ask about when the *Monitor* would be coming out next so she could be sure to set a community meeting date where folks would have ample notice by including the announcement in the next



Stop the presses!

By DENIS WOULFE, Denis@MonitorSaintPaul.com or 651-917-4183

Let's hear it for/from our readers!

Monitor.

Each time Sonnen would enter the front door of our office space she would shout as loud as she could: "STOP THE PRESSES!" It became a running joke, of course, since we really didn't have any presses to operate in our office, but it certainly did signal her arrival and the fact that she had some information to share with the *Monitor*.

Over the years, we had many visitors to the *Monitor's* offices, particularly when we were going through the process of endorsing candidates for public office. We had visits from then Congressman Bruce Vento, former Ward 4 City Councilmember Bob Fletcher, and I even remember having a particularly interesting interview with now presidential candidate Amy Klobuchar, who was running for Hennepin County Attorney at the time. Growing up as the daughter of *Star Tribune* col-

umnist Jim Klobuchar certainly made for a very interesting conversation and being a journalist myself, I had a lot of questions.

How we get information as a community newspaper has changed over the years, and truth be told, most of our information comes to us digitally today. Each day we receive dozens of press releases from the City of St. Paul, Ramsey County, businesses, and churches and other nonprofit groups. But we also would like to hear more often from you, our loyal readers.

You might have read in last month's edition that the *Monitor's* new owner has been a reporter for the *Monitor* for the past eight years. She is already well versed on many issues of vital concern to Midway Como residents. But as part of that transition, we are reaching out to residents and business owners like you to find out just what you

like about the *Monitor* and what you'd like to change.

If you have an idea for a story or want to introduce yourself to the new owner and editor, Tesha M. Christensen, you can email her at Tesha@MonitorSaintPaul.com or call her directly at 612-345-9998. What do you like about the *Monitor*? What do you dislike? What would you like to see more of?

Or maybe you'd like to find out more about advertising opportunities in the *Monitor*? I hear this question quite a bit, but just to say this, it is through the advertising of our local businesses that we are able to bring you the *Monitor* each month. And, in turn, it is those same local businesses who want to reach out to local residents like you for their customer base. A community newspaper like the *Monitor* recognizes that bond between businesses and their local customer

base and we help facilitate it. And we need your support now more than ever before. And we need you to acknowledge that support with our advertisers and other community stakeholders.

But you might also know that the options for advertising have changed over the years. In addition to run of press ads in the newspaper, we also offer inserts that can be directed to specific routes in the *Monitor* delivery area. Inserts can also be a great option for a new restaurant or a church holding a special event. We also offer a special Partner Insert Program where we pair two local businesses to print and distribute a flyer. That makes distributing flyers more reasonable than ever before.

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I'd be happy to continue this conversation with you directly. Send me a note at Denis@MonitorSaintPaul.com or call me at 651-917-4183.

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After a long, drawn-out winter has once again come to a close, warmer weather is here. In Minnesota, we appreciate the summer and try to cram in as much outdoor activity as we can – maybe to compensate for the long duration of being stuck inside. But come these warm weather months, we take to the outdoors. We garden. We golf. We ride our bike. We find patios and eat and drink as many times outside as we can.

Looking for something to do? You don't have to drive "up north" to find ways to enjoy the sun. There are plenty of things to do in or near the Midway, and many of them are free. Here are a few coming up.

Celebrating neighborhoods

Many summer celebrations in Saint Paul focus on the neighborhood and community. In July, a Midway resident does not have to travel far to go to Rondo Days or Highland Fest. The Little Mekong Night Market is an arts and culture-inspired event July 6-7 inspired by night markets in southeast Asia, and has become a very well attended attraction. For those wanting to stick closer



Building a Stronger Midway

By CHAD KULAS, Midway Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

Feels like summer – find fun outdoors

to the Midway, there's the Little Africa Festival Aug. 3-4 at Hamline Park.

If you're looking for 4th of July plans, Saint Anthony Park continues its annual tradition with a morning race, parade, and live music.

Live music

We are fortunate in Saint Paul to have two big free music festivals – the Twin Cities Jazz Fest June 20-22 and the Lower-town Blues and Funk Fest July 19-20. Both events are run by the same organization – a local nonprofit – and feature both local and national acts.

Another free music option 12 Thursdays in the summer is Lowertown Sounds. Located in Mears Park, proceeds of beer sales go to Beyond the Yellow Ribbon, a nonprofit helping mil-

itary families in need.

The annual Selby Avenue Jazz Fest will take place Sept. 14 and feature free jazz, artist displays and other family-themed activities.

Tap rooms

The Midway is essentially the brewery district in Saint Paul, and many of the taprooms have summer events. Yoga and a Pint is a popular brewery event, and Midway breweries Lake Monster and Dual Citizen both feature it regularly. Urban Growler keeps its patio busy with events throughout the summer, including live music. Check out the website for more details, as well as Bang, Black Stack, Burning Brothers and The Lab. If you're looking for an outdoor activity with exercise and fun, a couple years ago the Midway Chamber

organized a bike ride between a few breweries.

When the weather isn't great?

For those rainy days, check out Sunday Funday at Can Can Wonderland, with specials on arcade games and food/beverages. Many breweries also feature inside events, including trivia nights and Dual Citizen even has Tot Time on Sundays.

Saints game

They may not still be in the Midway, but a Saints game on a sunny day is still hard to beat especially since CHS Field is fun for all ages. My wife and I take our kids to at least one game a year. If you have kids and don't want to stay out too late, there are a few day games on the calendar and their Sunday games begin at 5 p.m.

Art

Coming up in the Midway on June 29 is the Midway Public Art Festival. The festival will highlight the diverse talents of Hamline Midway neighborhood artists through interactive public art.

After Labor Day, there's still time to get in some nice weather. The Creative Enterprise Zone is hosting Chroma Zone – billed as Minnesota's first and largest public mural & art festival Sept. 7-14. The festival will feature 10 large outdoor murals created over eight days by local and national artists.

Where to find out more?

Good resources include our local district councils (the Hamline-Midway Coalition and Union Park District Council), Visit Saint Paul and cultural associations like African Economic Development Solutions/Little Africa and the Asian Economic Development Association.

Between art, music, sports and dining/drinks, there's a lot to do outdoors this summer. Many of the best things to do are free and don't require you to leave the neighborhood!

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MISCO awarded city funding

A long-vacant University Avenue lot could be redeveloped in the future, if funding is obtained from Metropolitan Council.

In May the St. Paul City Council approved a Metropolitan Council funding application for 1433 University Ave. It is one of two city sites in contention for Metropolitan Council Tax Base Revitalization Seeding Equitable Environmental Development Grants. The other application was for a site on the city's east side.

Results of the application will be known later this year. The St. Paul applications will vie with requests from around the region, and go through a ranking and review process. Cities make the applications on behalf of developers and property owners.

If the grant is obtained, the current or future lot owner could

Development Roundup

By JANE MCCLURE

Mixed-use, multi-family projects are moving ahead

use the funds to determine the extent of any pollution cleanup needed there. The public funding can be used to determine the scope and severity of contamination and development a cleanup plan and/or to assist with the cost of implementing a completed cleanup plan.

For several years Metropolitan Council has provided a wide range of grants to help redevelop urban and suburban sites. Several University area projects have received the funding, with some

under the Livable Communities grants program. Other funded projects focus specifically on transit-oriented development.

Part of Livable Communities, Tax Base Revitalization Account or TBRA funding helps areas that have lost commercial/industrial activity ready and available for economic redevelopment. The grants provide funds for environmental site investigation and cleanup for redevelopments that enhance the city tax base, promote job reten-

tion or job growth and/or create or preserve affordable housing. Seeding Equitable Environmental Development or SEED grants are intended for applicants with sites within or directly adjacent to an area of concentrated poverty that show potential for future job growth or housing development but do not have a specific redevelopment project yet. The sites are or are perceived to be contaminated, according to the council. 1433 University is one of those sites.

The site at 1433 University was occupied for decades by various manufacturers and retailers, housed in a two-story brick and block building. For much of its history it housed auto-related businesses. The building was damaged by fire years ago and was torn down.

How it should be redeveloped has been a question for some time. In 2010 its site was used by photographer Wing Yung Huie to display his photos, as part of the University Avenue Project. The public art project featured hundreds of photos projected onto the adjacent building at night.

The site has been a parking lot in recent years. It has drawn neighborhood complaints from time to time for tall grass and weeds, and for the condition of a wrought iron fence that has repeatedly been damaged.

Monitor In A Minute

By JANE MCCLURE

Organized collection fight goes on

St. Paul's organized trash collection system must be put to a vote, Ramsey County District Court Judge Leonardo Castro ruled May 30. That's a big win for the group St. Paul Trash. Three of its members sued the city earlier this year to put the residential trash collection system to force a ballot question.

The ruling orders the city to honor the petition and place the trash collection question on the Nov. 5 ballot, or go to a special election. It also orders that organized collection be suspended as of June 30.

Castro's memorandum attached to his ruling scolded the city for not following its own city charter procedures. "This court has already established that the referendum supports an important public purpose because it ensures that the constitution of St. Paul is being followed and protects voter rights," Castro wrote.

But Mayor Melvin Carter said the city will appeal, and that organized collection will continue. The city could wind up dipping into budget reserves to support the program, at a cost of about \$13 million.

Haulers have asked property owners to wait and see what happens. Robert Stewart, whose family owns Highland Sanitation, said that haulers have been overwhelmed with calls since the ruling was announced.

Stewart posted on social media, "Please don't call to set up service just yet. None of the haulers in St. Paul will be creating accounts until this has been appealed by the city and is finalized with absolute certainty and with the small haulers like us, Pete's or Gene's getting hundreds of phone calls at this point in time when we as businesses don't know exactly what is going to happen is difficult."

"The city of St. Paul has received the ruling on the St. Paul trash lawsuit and is assessing the impact it has for the city, and its residents," said City Attorney Lyndsey Olson in a statement. She also cited potential impacts on taxpayers. "We will continue to work with the consortium to ensure trash service continues for our 70,000 households."

The city has until June 30 to



Two Roy St. houses (at 400 and 396 N. Roy St.) will be torn down to make way for parking to replace those being lost at Bremer Bank. A new six-story, 152-apartment mixed used development will break ground soon at the Bremer site. (Photos by Tesha M. Christensen)



appeal and could seek an injunction blocking the June 30 organized collection suspension date. Foes of organized collection and their attorney Gregory Joseph said they anticipate an appeal. But the St. Paul Trash group savored its victory, with a toast May 30 at Tin Cup's on Rice Street.

"This is a win not only for the people of Saint Paul, but also for the voters in charter cities across Minnesota," said Joseph. He represents plaintiffs Robert Clark, Peter Butler and Ann Dolan. They sued the city in February.

Last year organized collection foes collected 6,469 signatures asking that residents be allowed to vote on the ordinance. But the City Council used legal arguments to reject the petition, including contractual law and state statutes on organized collection.

Midway Saloon licenses set

One of the newest entertainment businesses to open near Allianz Field won approval for needed city licenses in May. Midway Saloon, 1567 University Ave., was granted its licenses by the City Council May 8.

The business had been allowed to operate under existing licenses until a final decision was made. The licenses are for on-sale liquor, Sunday on-sale liquor, 2 a.m. closing, entertainment and gambling/pulltabs.

David Tolchiner owns both 1553 and 1567 University, two longtime neighborhood bars. 1553 has already been through a city review and approval process.

City licensing officials held a legislative hearing earlier this spring after neighbors raised concerns. Hamline Midway Coalition recommended waiving a 45-day notification period for the licenses.

City licensing staff asked for conditions on the 1567 University licenses, including a video surveillance camera and lighting placement plan, daily inspection and clean-up around the property and work with police on video and lighting plans.

The businesses Tolchiner has purchased were long known as Hot Rod's and Christensen's. He is upgrading both businesses. 1553 University is now Gibson's.

One neighbor appeared at the legislative hearing and while expressing support for the new businesses, asked for additional security as well as ways to address potential spillover lighting and noise issue. Tolchiner said he is willing to work with neighbors on any concerns.

Health club license OK'd

A Prior Avenue health club was granted its needed licenses May 8 by the St. Paul City Council. The owner of Strength Collective, 755 N. Prior Ave., Unit 235C, will continue to work with neighbors on parking concerns.

Club owner Jenny Halstead went before a legislative hearing officer earlier this spring. She is a longtime personal trainer and will own and operate Strength Collective as a co-working gym for personal trainers. Trainers will all be certified and know CPR. Consistent business hours

will be offered.

755 N. Prior is a former canning factory complex with several successful businesses. Neighbors to the east have raised concerns about spillover parking. A representative of building ownership said the owners are using signage to direct patrons and have a longer-term plan to build a multi-tenant parking structure. Also in the works is a plan for an area shuttle bus and off-site employee parking, especially for Can-Can Wonderland and Black Stack Brewery.

Houses make way for parking

Two Roy Street houses will be torn down to make way for parking, as a result of a St. Paul Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) decision May 20. The board approved variances needed for Central Baptist Church, 420 N. Roy St., despite the objections of a neighbor who doesn't want to see the homes torn down.

The BZA decision is final unless it is appealed to the City Council within 10 days.

The BZA vote was 5-0 in favor of the variances. "I understand the desire to not lose housing," said BZA Member Joyce Maddox. "But there is also a need for parking." One neighbor opposed the demolition of homes, saying that housing should be preserved. He also said that the loss of housing would negatively affect area property values.

The 43-space parking lot planned south of the church needs two variances. The properties are zoned for residential use. Off-street parking isn't allowed in

a required front yard. The minimum front yard setback is 23 feet nine inches. A setback of 4.7 feet is proposed, for a variance of 19 feet two inches. The second variance is for a size yard setback. A minimum of nine feet is required, a setback of 4 feet seven inches is proposed, and a variance of four feet three inches is needed.

The houses are at 400 and 396 N. Roy St. Both are owned by the church and have been used to house people with ties to the church over the years.

The church has a handful of parking spaces along the Fry-Sneling Ave. alley. It has used parking spaces at nearby Bremer Bank for several years. The Pitch, a six-story, 152-apartment mixed-use development planned by Wellington Management, won Planning Commission approval this spring and is poised to break ground later this year.

The loss of the Bremer spaces prompted church leaders to look at parking options. At one point church members and Wellington Management looked at building a shared parking structure on the church property. Instead, the church will build its own parking lot, in part to meet the needs of elderly church members.

"The loss of the Bremer spaces, especially on Sunday mornings, is going to be a hardship for us," said Joel Lawrence, senior pastor at Central Baptist Church. He said the church needs parking throughout the week, but demand is heaviest on Sundays.

City staff and Union Park District Council recommended approval of the variances.

International Institute of Minnesota celebrates 100th birthday

"Immigrants create a lot of jobs here: they can be everything from entrepreneurs to engineers to laborers. Our graduates make excellent employees." ~ Jane Graupman



Jane Graupman, executive director of the International Institute of Minnesota, said, "We're really excited to raise our profile in the neighborhood with our building renovation and expansion. We're grateful to be part of a community that supports immigrants and refugees, and wants Minnesota to be a welcoming place." (Photo by Margie O'Loughlin)

By MARGIE O'LOUGHLIN

When the International Institute of Minnesota started serving the local immigrant population in 1919, World War I had just ended – and immigration patterns looked very different than they do today.

The Institute's executive director Jane Graupman said, "Where people come from has changed over the years, but their desire for opportunity, education, jobs, freedom, and safety have not changed. We remain committed to our original mission of helping immigrants and refugees achieve full membership in American life."

The Institute has partnered with Ramsey County Historical Society to present an exhibition called Unity without Uniformity: Celebrating 100 Years of the International Institute of Minnesota. On view at Landmark Center in downtown St. Paul until Dec. 20, 2019, the exhibit celebrates the communities of new Americans

who have shaped Minnesota into a strong multicultural state. The panels are a reflection of the immigration story in Minnesota, and show who has come here since 1919. The exhibit is free and open to the public during Landmark Center hours.

Graupman explained, "While we have much to celebrate, there are also reasons for concern. The federal refugee resettlement program is at an all-time low right now. Every year, the American president makes a declaration of how many refugees can enter the US during the federal fiscal year. We believe that the low ceiling for incoming refugees in the current administration is very short sighted, and will impact our future economy in America."

Although the refugee count is down, the number of immigrants arriving in Minnesota is up – resulting in increased demand for the Institute's services, especially in the area of workforce development. Graupman said, "Immigrants create a lot of jobs here: they can be everything from entrepreneurs to engineers to laborers. Our graduates make excellent employees. There are currently 100+ employers in the

health care industry that hire our graduates. Immigrants today speak better English than those who came in previous decades. They have more education, and are able to integrate more easily into American culture."

The Festival of Nations has been the Institute's most visible event in the Twin Cities for 87 years. The annual event is held the first weekend of May, and just concluded for this year. It draws tens of thousands of visitors to the RiverCentre to celebrate the rich cultural diversity of Minnesota.

Graupman said, "We welcome new immigrant groups to participate every year to reflect our changing community. We've kept it going for so long because we include everyone. This year there were nearly 100 ethnic groups represented."

As the Institute's programming and events keep expanding, it's also time for their building to grow; they've had the same address for nearly 50 years. The Institute has raised \$4,000,000 in private donations toward their capital campaign goal of \$11,000,000. They plan to renovate their existing building and add a 17,000-square-foot addition. Half

an acre was recently purchased from the Minnesota State Fair, making the westward expansion possible.

Graupman said, "Early on in the visioning process, we started asking our clients, 'Should we move?' They resoundingly said, 'No!' We love this neighborhood. Everyone feels safe here, and even though we're not on the LRT, we're on a great bus line and it feels very accessible."

Graupman explained, "Our \$5.5 million capital request is part of this session's House omnibus bill, where a lot of funding requests are bundled together. If our request for state funding isn't met this year, we're hopeful that it will be in 2020. During a recent capital investment hearing, one of the representatives did some quick math and said, 'You'll pay back the state in three years with all of the new tax-paying employees you'll create.'"

The Institute is located at 1694 Como Ave., just west of Snelling Ave.. Hours are Monday to Friday from 8:45 a.m.-5 p.m., some evenings when classes are in session, and Saturdays by appointment.

Affordable housing, mixed use building coming to Lexington Parkway site

Larger discussion considers how and where to provide affordable housing in city

By JANE McCLURE

Mixed-use redevelopment is eyed for a long-vacant Lexington Parkway property, with first-floor retail and up to five stories of apartments. Discussions are underway involving residents in four planning districts – Hamline-Midway, Union Park, Frogtown and Summit-University.

The site just southwest of the Lexington and University Ave. intersection, which until recently held a giant dirty snow pile, is likely to affect all four neighborhoods when it is developed.

The project by Minneapolis-based developer Alatus LLC is becoming part of the larger discussion around St. Paul about how and where to provide affordable housing. While the Monitor area has had many projects open their doors, start construction or go through the city approval process, the two most recent projects are market-rate and have few if any affordable units. Those projects, which are just south of the Snelling and

University intersection, won needed city approvals this spring.

At two community meetings this spring, the cost of new housing has been debated. Union Park District Council's land use committee hosted the meeting. The district council is among several councils around St. Paul starting to look at development projects through the lens of equity. A group of district councils is meeting later this month to discuss equity in community development and how they can create scorecards to evaluate projects. Issues including providing affordable housing units, avoiding displacement of area residents, environmental sustainability and promotion of transit use are among ideas that could be used to evaluate and determine community support for projects.

Union Park has seen a number of housing and mixed use development proposals in recent times, but all have been for market-rate or luxury housing. At a time when affordable housing

is scarce, many at the meeting pushed for affordable housing, and larger units that families can occupy.

Currently city officials face limits on when they can demand that a developer add affordable housing. Affordability is most often tied to different types of public subsidy.

St. Paul doesn't have inclusionary zoning or inclusionary housing, which refers to planning ordinances that require a given share of new construction to be affordable by people with low to moderate incomes. But that could change.

Housing equity is under scrutiny for the St. Paul Planning Commission, which is looking at ways it could require developers to add affordable housing in development where a zoning change or conditional use permit is needed. The commission and its Zoning Committee have debated that issue in recent weeks.

Plan includes 250 units

The site at 411-417 N. Lexington Parkway is expected to be the next area development where affordable housing is debated.

Alatus would like to build about 250 units, in a mix of unit sizes. The price point of that housing is still being discussed.

Alatus has 15 years' development experience, mostly in the Twin Cities. Its recent projects range from market-rate to affordable housing, including apartments in New Hope and 63 new affordable single-family homes in North Minneapolis. The company has also rehabilitated about 500 homes throughout the Twin Cities.

"This is a very interesting area," said Chris Osmundson, Alatus director of development.

It is in Lexington-Hamline area of Union Park but borders Frogtown, Hamline-Midway and Summit-University. Area residents are a mix of ethnicities and economic backgrounds. It's also part of the old Rondo neighborhood, a predominantly African-American neighborhood that was partially destroyed when Interstate 94 was built in the 1960s.

The 2.05-acre site is just south of TCF Bank and White Castle. It is owned by Wilder Foundation, which has its headquarters west of the property. A new development would finish

the southwest corner of Lexington and University Ave. The site was home to the St. Paul Saints ballpark, but was redeveloped as a strip mall more than 50 years ago. High-profile battles were waged over redevelopment in the 1990s. Neighborhood groups called for a dense, mixed-use urban village. City officials saw the site as being ideal for big-box retail. It since has been redeveloped with an Aldi grocery store, TCF Bank, Wilder headquarters and an Episcopal Homes senior living building. One original retaining wall for the old ballpark is still in place.

The site is also one block south of Green Line light rail and in an area with other bus lines, making it attractive for people who wish to use transit, Osmundson said.

It's also in an area long eyed for bike improvements. City plans call Fuller Ave. as a bicycle and pedestrian connection to extend east through the site and connect to Midway Peace Park on Griggs St. The extension was an unsuccessful Long-Range Capital Improvement Budget (CIB) proposal more than a decade ago.

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WORKING TOGETHER

When asked about her proudest accomplishments, Mackbee said, "I'm proud that our community is so invested in our school. I'm proud that nearly all of the teachers currently working here were hired by me, and that together we've created a strong academic culture for our students. Over the years, there have been groups of parents who have been tremendously helpful maintaining landscaping, helping with school events, and spearheading major projects like the stormwater capture system we finished two years ago.

"We've found a lot of ways to work together."

*"I'm proud that our community is so invested in our school."
~ Mary Mackbee*

As Mackbee reflected on Central High School, she said, "Our graduation rate this year is 87%, and we've been able to hire some outstanding teachers. But when the district-wide attendance boundaries were redrawn four years ago, we effectively re-segregated our schools. Central used to have an open enrollment policy. Students could come here from anywhere in the city, and busing was provided. This is no longer the case, and

we need to remember that one of the core values of everyone involved at Central High School is diversity."

SWEETNESS OF DOING NOTHING

Regarding her plans for retirement, Mackbee said, "It's hard to know how I'll feel when I don't have this place to come to every day. It's been my life for more than a quarter of a century, and I've loved it. I bought a book the other day called, 'The Art of Doing Nothing.' It's going to take some practice for me, but I think there could be a sweetness to doing nothing - at least for a little while."

The hiring process to find a new principal for Central High School is still underway.



Christina Anderson (Class of 2009), at left, stopped in to say goodbye. Mackbee said, "If I had to guess, I'd say that I've probably interacted with more than 10,000 students during my time here." (Photo by Margie O'Loughlin)

Minnesota United continues success at Allianz Field

By MATTHEW DAVIS

Minnesota United's 3-2 June 2 loss to Philadelphia Union ended an otherwise strong start for its first month and a half in its new digs.

The Loons went 3-0-3 in their first six Major League Soccer games at Allianz Field in St. Paul, which opened April 13, 2019. Minnesota United tied its first two game games against New York City FC 3-3 April 13 and the Los Angeles Galaxy 0-0 April 24. The United broke through for its first home win 1-0 April 24 against DC United.

Since, the Loons posted a 2-0-1 mark at home for May, not include a 1-0 friendly loss to Hertha Berlin. Minnesota United beat Columbus Crew SC 1-0 May 18 for its second home win and

beat the Houston Dynamo 1-0 for its third home win May 25.

After the first home win April 28, the United went back to tying matches at its new home. The Loons tied the Seattle Sounders 1-1 May 4. United midfielder Osvaldo Alonso and former Sounder scored the first goal of the game in the 26th minute.

Seattle tied the game 1-1 in the 42nd minute as midfielder Alex Roldan found the net. United midfielder Darwin Quintero missed a shot late in the 88th minute that would have won the game, but the Sounders escaped with a tie. Loons goalkeeper Vito Mannone faced only one shot by the Sounders.

Minnesota United lost on the road 2-0 at Chicago the following week May 11. Mannone

faced six shots on goal and stopped four in the loss.

The Loons returned home to face Columbus and bounced back with a 1-0 win. Loons midfielder Ethan Finlay scored the game's loan goal, assisted by defenders Romain Metanire and Brent Kallman. Mannone didn't see any shots on goal in the shut-out victory.

The United shifted to friendly action May 22 with Hertha Berlin coming to Allianz Field, the first time an international opponent came to the new stadium. Hertha Berlin scored only goal when defender Peter Pekarik found the net in the 43rd minute. United goalkeeper Dayne St. Clair took the loss in net.

Minnesota United rebounded to win its second-straight

MLS home game May 25 in a 1-0 win over the Houston Dynamo. Metanire got the Loons going with a goal in the 20th minute, and Mannone stopped three shots for the shutout.

Things didn't go as well for the Loons on the road in Atlanta, facing another team with a new home. Atlanta United FC routed the Loons 3-0 May 29. Mannone faced eight shots and mustered five saves in the loss.

The Loons tried to get back on track June 2 against Philadelphia but traded goals throughout in the 3-2 loss. Loons midfielders Hassani Dotson and Kevin Molino scored goals. Mannone stopped two shots but surrendered three goals, included Philadelphia's game winner in the 86th minute.



Fans at Allianz Field. (Photo by Margie O'Loughlin)

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By LILA KOPP

Editor's note: We are reprinting this article from the Hamline Elementary School newspaper, the Snelling Connections, created through a partnership with Hamline University.

Beep Beep! Set your alarms early SPPS schools because there are some major changes happening that you don't want to miss! This decision was made at a BOE meeting. (Board of Education) The SPPS district is shuffling start times for most of the schools. In fall of 2015, the district staff proposed the start times for 2016 - 2017 but no change was made. The current superintendent is Dr. Joe Gothard. Why did they make that decision? Let's find out by reading this article.

The evidence behind this change is that secondary students (High school and middle school) need 8 - 10 hours of sleep. But only about 31% of high school students actually get that much. 69% don't receive their 8 hours of sleep. They might not receive this amount of sleep because of little time to do homework, having to babysit for sibling, or staying up on devices. What happens when secondary students receive fewer than eight hours? The rates of depression, anxiety and fatigue increase. Basically, it just is better for their general health when they get 8+ hours of sleep. But not everyone agrees with the school board on this topic. Some people feel little kids should get more sleep. Some people think older kids should arrive home first so they can pickup or care for younger siblings.

Jessica Kopp is a parent of a 5th grader at Hamline and she said, "The decision has already been made, so I guess in some ways we just have to live with the decision."

I also talked to the superintendent of schools Dr. Joe Gothard. He told me, "In my position, I organize information for our board of education to make decisions that affect policies and govern-

ments in the school district."

I also asked one fifth grader his opinion. Finn McCauley said "The start times are good now, they don't need to be changed." My opinion is that the start times were fine the way they were before. But we have to live with that decision because it is made.

How is the district preparing to help families with these changes? Many families are concerned about additional childcare and what options will be available. Some options are Discovery Club, Extended Day for Learning (EDL), and Rec Check. Rec Check is a free after-school program for kids in grades 1-5 that occurs at the recreation centers. Some of the biggest worries for families are safety, and childcare. The new 7:30 a.m. start times means that elementary kids who ride the busses (K-5), their first bus pickup is at 6:30 a.m. and will arrive at school at about 7:15 a.m. Sometimes it can be dark at 6:30 in the morning and some parents are worried for the safety of them and their child. Those same kids will be dismissed at about 2. Not many parents are at home from work around that time of day and not everyone can stay home by themselves.

These are the three tiers of start times:

- Tier 1 starts at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 2 p.m. (First pickup is at 6:30 a.m.)
- Tier 2 starts at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. (First pickup is at 7:30 a.m.)
- Tier 3 starts at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m. and those schools will not change.

The evidence is that older kids do better with more sleep. Some people don't agree with this decision but it has been made. The district is working on implementing plans to help families with childcare and safety. The three tiers each have their own start times and dismissal times. If you want to learn more about the start times, head over to the district website under start times. Have a great year!

Como Community Council Corner

By MICHAEL KUCHTA, Executive Director, district10@district10comopark.org

Coming up: ice cream social, garden tour, ComoFest

Save some room for ice cream

The Como Community Council's annual Ice Cream Social is Friday, July 12. The free event features giant bubbles, face-painting and other diversions for kiddos; music by the Incredible Shrinking Men from 5:30-7; and Shakespeare in the Park - "The Merry Wives of Windsor" by Classical Actors Ensemble at 7 p.m. And, oh, yeah, ice cream.

In addition, an expanded Como Connect gives you the opportunity to meet all kinds of community organizations, find resources, figure out where to share your skills, and even learn a few things.

The Ice Cream Social runs 5:30-8 p.m. July 12 at the Como Park Streetcar Station, 1224 Lexington Parkway N.

Tour gardens with a purpose

A "pollinator friendly" garden tour of the Como neighborhood is scheduled for Saturday, July 13, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Wander at your own pace and admire 10 public and private gardens in Como that prove making pollinator preservation a priority doesn't sacrifice beauty. Plus, learn how to improve your landscape for bees, butterflies and more. We'll have online and downloadable maps to guide you. It's free.

ComoFest right around corner

The ice cream social and garden tour are part of ComoFest - the annual amalgamation of affordable, family friendly fun in the neighborhood almost every weekend in July. You can get more details at www.ComoFest.org. A quick rundown of other ComoFest events:

- Friday July 19: Lyngblomsten Mid-Summer Festival, 2-8 p.m., 1415 Almond Ave.
- Thursday July 25: North Dale Summerfest, 5-7:30 p.m., 1414 N.

St. Albans.

• Friday July 26: Northwest Como Movie Night and Campout, 6:45 p.m. until Saturday morning, 1550 N. Hamline Ave. Featured movie is "Smallfoot."

• Saturday July 27: Community Appreciation Picnic, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., TopLine Federal Credit Union, 976 Lexington Parkway. Como Park's "shortest marathon" begins at 1:15 p.m.

• Saturday July 27: Gabe's Mini Mingle, 1-5 p.m., Gabe's by the Park, 991 Lexington Parkway.



Our board is full

Congratulations to Jill Henricksen, who was elected in May to fill a vacant At-Large position on the Como Community Council Board. (Photo submitted)

Protecting the lake (and river, part 1)

An armada of three dozen neighbors got into canoes or kayaks, waders or mud boots, to pull trash from the water and shoreline of Como Lake June 1. It was part of District 10's ongoing commitment to the lake's water quality. We'll do it again on Saturday mornings Aug. 3 and Oct. 12. The clean-up is supported financially by the Capitol Region Watershed District.

Protecting the lake (and river, part 2)

District 10 is going head to head with five other district councils to see which neighborhood can adopt more storm drains this summer. The best thing: This is a competition where everybody wins.

In Como, keeping storm drains clear of leaves, trash, and other debris - and doing so year-round - directly improves the water quality of Como Lake and connected waterways. It's easy to adopt one or more drains near your home, school, organization, or business. (You can even name your drain!)

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(Green means someone else already has it.)

- Pick one or more of the available drains to adopt.
- Then, diligently keep the drain clean, so debris doesn't flow into the lake or Mississippi River. As a reminder to you and your neighbors, a lawn sign will mysteriously show up, pointing out your role.

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Semper Fidelis All-American

Rosmery Moran-Osorio, a Como Park junior and leader within the Marine Corps JROTC program, was selected as a Semper Fidelis All-American. The award comes with an all-expenses paid trip to Washington D.C. in July for participation in the Marines' Battles Won Academy. All cadets may choose one mentor to participate in the program with them, and Rosemery has selected her Spanish teacher Ms. Angela Butler.

The Semper Fidelis All-American recognition is rare and highly coveted. It honors high school students who have faced serious challenges and overcome obstacles to excel academically and be leaders in their communities. Rosmery is a first-generation American student and will be the first in her family to graduate from high school. She has achieved a 3.5 grade point average through her junior year at Como.

Her essay in the competitive application process revealed her perseverance and her initiative to succeed in her mother's new country. "Leaving Guatemala, being born in the U.S. and making a fresh start in the United States has been a God-send for my family," said Rosmery.

While in Washington, the students and mentors will be active in high intensity daily workouts at Marine Corps Base Quantico, participate in community service events, engage in team-building outings, and tour our nation's capital. The selected Semper Fidelis All-Americans from across the nation will also have the opportunity to network with an elite circle of speakers from various industries and walks of life who will share their inspiring stories.

News from Como Park High School
 Compiled by ERIC ERICKSON, Social Studies Teacher
Choir to Carnegie Hall, Cadet to D.C., French contest, Glam event



Rosmery Moran-Osorio and Spanish teacher Ms. Angela Butler attended a ceremony to honor Rosmery's recognition as a Semper Fidelis All-American. They will participate in the Marines' Battles Won program this July in Washington D.C. (Photo submitted)



Students from Como's Advanced Choirs traveled to New York City for five days over the Memorial Day weekend and performed at Carnegie Hall as part of a large ensemble group under the direction of Maestro John Rutter. The concert included the accompaniment of a professional orchestra, and was well received with a standing ovation. (Photo submitted)

As a Semper Fidelis All-American, Rosmery will be eligible for select scholarship opportunities.

A Vous la Parole French contest

27 Como students participated in the annual A Vous la Parole French speaking contest held in Coffman Memorial Union at the University of Minnesota. Sponsored annually by the Minnesota Chapter of the American Associ-

ation of Teachers of French, with the support of the University of Minnesota Department of French and Italian, the contest recognizes excellence in French speaking skills. This year's contest drew 1,220 entries among students from across the region.

The various categories include prose and poetry recitations, theater presentations, song performances, extemporaneous reading, extemporaneous conversation, as well as original skits. Students

are given ratings based on a four-star system with four stars earning blue, three stars earning red, two stars earning white and one star receiving recognition of participation.

The following Como students earned blue or red awards at this year's contest:

4-star blue: Sophie Lancaster, Deborah Iranzereza, Soe Reh, Fiona Hatch, Emilie Pagel, Diane Sabwe, Amara Abou-Shenab and Kevin Iragaba.

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Cougar journal published

The third annual edition of the Cougar Journal, a student-produced arts and literary magazine, was released with an event in the school library on May 29. Senior Cadence Paramore was the editor-in-chief, organizing the publication which features artistic works of writing, poetry, drawing, painting and photography.

The release party included the first viewing of the collected artwork, as well as authors reading their pieces. Assisting editors included Lily Raschke, Kajsa Anderson, Caroline Raschke and Theo Lucy. The striking magazine cover was designed by Ivy Buck.

New fashion club holds event

The Como Park Fashion Club was formed this school year and held their inaugural "Fashion Glam Event" after school on May 30. Master of Ceremony Roselyn Yeboah and President Ly Xiong worked with other club members and the school community to stage an extravaganza including dance, music, and Como students as runway models on the "red carpet" at the base of the Cougar Forum.

Promotional announcements and flyers hyped a special guest appearance – and the Fashion Club delivered with Miss Hmong Minnesota in attendance as part of the show. Over 100 tickets were sold for the event enjoyed by Como students and staff.

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Lutheran Rally for all

Partner congregations Jehovah Lutheran and Mekane Yesus will host a Midway Lutheran Rally for All Ages — especially kids! — from 9 a.m. to noon Friday and Saturday, July 12-13. The event, free and open to all, will be at Jehovah Lutheran, 1566 Thomas in St. Paul. It will feature music, Bible study for adults, Bible stories for kids, puppets, snacks, crafts and other activities. To register, sign up at worship Sundays or by contacting either congregation — Jehovah Lutheran at 651-644-1421 or jehovahlutheran@msn.com; and Mekane Yesus at 651-621-9866 or syderessa@gmail.com.

Mid-Summer Festival

The Lyngblomsten Mid-Summer Festival on Friday, July 19, 2-8 p.m. is a day to celebrate how Lyngblomsten is promoting artistic exploration, wellness, and lifelong learning for older adults 365 days a year. Day includes arts showcase featuring works created by older adults, make-and-take art activities, live music and entertainment, wellness opportunities, food, games, and more! Admission is free, and food and activities are priced for affordable fun.

safeTALK workshop

NAMI Minnesota (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will hold a free, suicide prevention workshop called safeTALK in St. Paul on June 13, 3-6 p.m., 1919 University Ave. Learn how to support someone's desire for safety by recognizing the warning signs of suicide, identifying people who are at risk, and applying the TALK steps (Tell, Ask, Listen and KeepSafe) to connect a person to suicide first aid resources. For information, call 651-645-2948 or see "Classes" at namihelps.org.

Young Adult NAMI

Young Adult NAMI Connection (ages 18-30) is a free mental health support group sponsored by NAMI Minnesota. A group meets in St. Paul on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month from 6:30-8 p.m., at Unity Church - Unitarian, 733 Portland Ave., Owl Room on lower level, St. Paul. The group is facilitated by young adults living with a mental illness and doing well in recovery. For information contact Tess at 507-226-3369 or Leah at 207-272-4450 or Leahwilcox9@gmail.com.

[gmail.com](mailto:Leahwilcox9@gmail.com).

Garden tour

The St. Anthony Park (St. Paul) Garden Tour is set for Saturday, June 29, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. More at www.stanthonyparkgardenclub.com. The tour features an award-winning pollinator garden and nine lovely private gardens, as well as the Milton Square courtyard gardens and two local breweries with authentic prairie gardens. Proceeds benefit UMN horticultural scholarships and local community gardening activities.

Sessions on justice

The new Neighborhood Justice Program is expected to be launched later this year, and will use a restorative justice model to provide a community-based, victim-centered alternative to traditional prosecution in addressing crime. Attend a session, hosted by the City Attorney's Office on June 13, 5-7 p.m. at Saint Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Ave.

Boychoir at Como

This summer, the Twin Cities-based Minnesota Boychoir hits the road for its 36th annual summer tour. The Minnesota Boychoir is considered one of the finest traditional boy choirs in the country. Its four ensembles are known for their excellent musical offerings, as well as the positive effect participating

in the choir has on the lives of its members. A homecoming show is set for 7 p.m. at Como Lakeside Pavilion on Sunday, June 30.

LGBTQ adult group

A peer support group for LGBTQ adults living with a mental illness meets weekly in St. Paul. Sponsored by NAMI Minnesota and led by trained facilitators who are also in recovery, the free support group meets on Saturdays from 1-2:30 p.m., at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 700 Snelling Ave. S, in Room 108. For information call Brianna at 763-334-6318 or Alec at 952-334-6318.

Hope for Recovery

NAMI Minnesota will hold a free workshop on Saturday, June 22, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (1919 University Ave. W., Suite 400, in St. Paul) that provides information on mental illnesses, treatments, crisis management, suicide prevention, the mental health system and local resources along with practical strategies for helping a loved one or friend. This workshop is for family and friends of a teen or adult living with a mental illness and people living with a mental illness who are doing well in their recovery. For information, call 651-645-2948 or see "classes" at namimn.org.

Hamline Midway Elders

By LAUREL COLLINS, laurel@hmelders.org or 651-209-6542

Summertime Stroll to Groundswell Coffeehouse - Tuesday June 18 at 10 a.m.

Join us for a leisurely walk from our location (1514 Englewood Ave) to Groundswell Coffeehouse (about 1.5 miles round trip) and enjoy delicious samples of a variety of coffees and pastries.

Jody's Documentary Series - Wednesday June 26, 1 p.m. at Hamline Midway Library (1558 West Minnehaha)

Join us to view documentaries with discussion after, refreshments provided. This month we have two short films (total time 30 minutes): 116 Cameras & Wendy's Shabbat (see our website for film descriptions www.hmelders.org/events.html)

Knitting & Crochet Group - Mondays from 1 to 3 p.m. (ongoing) at Hamline Church United Methodist

Hamline Midway Elders provides the yarn and needles along with some light snacks. The group meets weekly throughout the year to work on projects, such as shawls or scarves that are donated to those in need. New participants are always welcome.

Monthly Luncheons - Second Tuesday of each month, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., at St. Stephanus Lutheran Church, 739 Lafond Ave.

July 9 presentation "Islam 101: Understanding It's Basics", with Mohamed Ahmed

Hamline Midway Coalition

By MELISSA CORTES, Community Organizer, HamlineMidway.org



Celebrate the stories, culture, music, food and more from the African immigrant communities in Minnesota during two-day Little Africa Festival.

Two festivals in Hamline Park

The Friends of Hamline Park, Public Art Working Group, and Hamline Midway Coalition are proud to host the first Midway Public Art Festival on Saturday, June 29, 2019; from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Hamline Park. This FREE festival reinforces friendships in our community and showcases what makes Hamline Midway stand out as a neighborhood. The day will have interactive live art, music, food, and activities for all ages. Join us!

More information can be found at www.hamlinemidway.org/publicart. See page 12 in this newspaper.

Little Africa festival grows

African Economic Development Services (AEDS) is hosting the 6th annual Little Africa Festival. This festival began in 2013 and is the ONLY African Festival in Minnesota, an outdoor, family-friendly, and free event. This festival is aimed at celebrating African immigrant communities in Minnesota and sharing

the stories, culture, music, food, and more of these communities. Over the years, the organizing committee, led by AEDS, has grown to represent community leaders of a wide range of communities that have shared their insights to what makes this festival great such as, food, culture, dance, music, art, crafts, and so much more.

Local vendors and businesses are in full support of the festival, displaying a wide array of African arts and crafts, food, and more. It will certainly be an exhilarating to see the different African countries share their stories with us all.

A new feature of this festival is a parade that sets to march down Snelling Ave on Aug. 3, starting at 5:30 p.m. This festival will open the two-day festival with a ribbon cutting as the parade marches to Hamline Park. All groups - especially African communities - are invited to participate in the grand celebration!

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On Saturday, June 15, 1-2 p.m., the library will host Drag Story Hour featuring Tygra and Mikko Blaze Bordeaux. This fun,

family-friendly event melds the traditional library storytime with the performance art of drag.

Summer Spark will feature a performance by Hunter Marionettes on Saturday, June 22, 3-4 p.m. Events continue at the library with Siam's Congo Music on Tuesday, July 9, 10:30-11:30 a.m. The program challenges kids and youth ages 0-18 to have fun, stay active, and keep learning all summer. Kids and teens can attend free programs at the library and earn prizes by completing reading and activity challenges. Talk to a librarian or go to <https://sppl.org/summer-spark/> for more information.

Lifelong learning opportunities

On Wednesday, June 26, from 1-3 p.m., Jody's Documentary Film Series will feature two short documentaries hand-picked by Jody, who just so happens to be the 2019 Volunteer of the Year for the entire St. Paul Public Library system (go, Jody!). 116 Cameras, directed by Davina Pardo, tells the story of a Holocaust survivor preparing to share her story via an interactive hologram. This event is co-presented by the Hamline Midway Coalition and the Hamline Midway Elders.

The Saints and Sinners Mystery Book Club meets on Saturday, July 6, 1-2 p.m., to discuss good mystery novels.

Holiday closure

The library will be closed all day on July 4 for the holiday.



Troop 55270 is working on earning their Silver Award project by coming up with a solution to a problem in their community. They want to help children have access to food if they need it. So they came up with the idea of building a Little Pantry that could be stocked with donated food items – kind of like leave a penny or take a penny if you need one. They researched, designed and planned how they would build it. They held a fundraiser to raise money to build and fill the pantry. They are asking the St. Stephanus family to help them keep it filled going forward. Please consider stopping by the Little Pantry and leaving a non-perishable food item or a hygiene product if you have extras.

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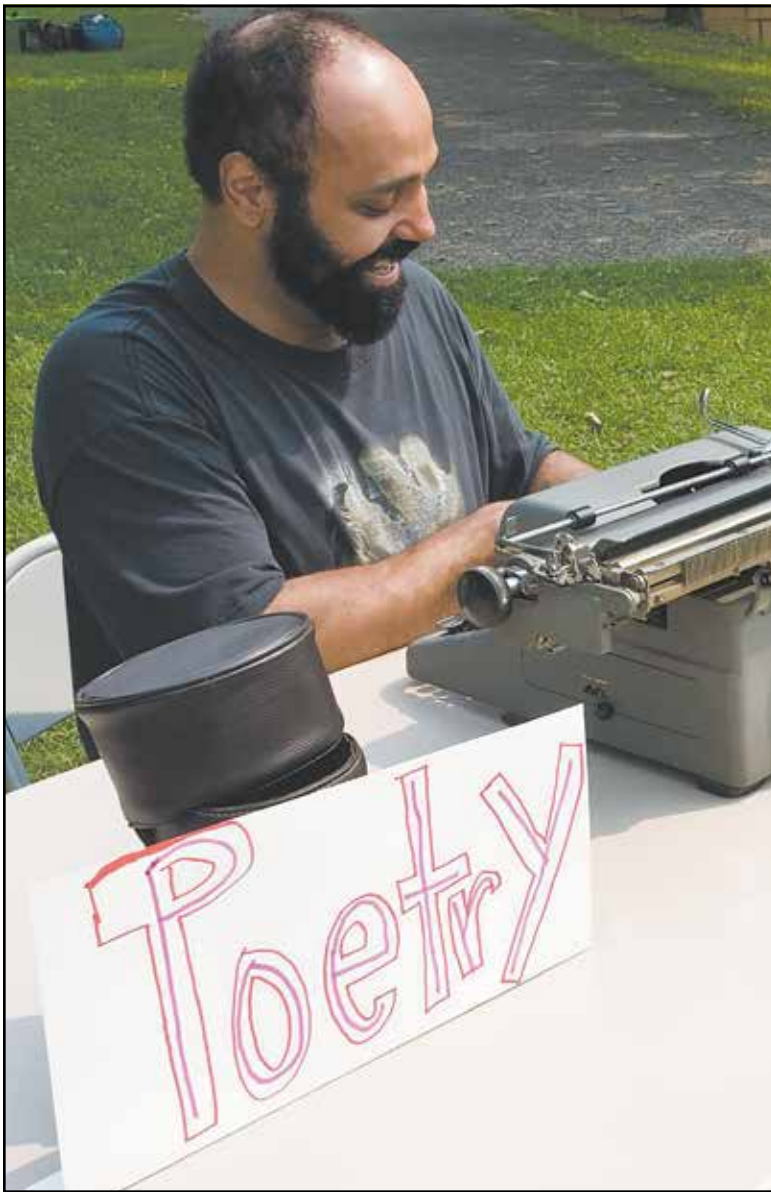
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Free festival focuses on neighborhood's vibrant art scene

Attend Midway Public Art Festival on June 29



Tim Blighton will be doing poetry-on-demand again this year at the Midway Public Arts Festival on June 29, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Photo by Margie O'Loughlin)

The Midway Public Art Working Group, an all-volunteer group focused on showcasing public art in the Hamline Midway neighborhood, is co-hosting the Midway Public Art Festival on June 29 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Hamline Park.

"The goal of the free festival is to bring together neighbors, soccer fans attending the match at Allianz Field that day, and people from across the Twin Cities in support of our vibrant arts scene and welcoming community," say organizers.

"We especially want to welcome newcomers to the neighborhood, such as the new residents of Thomas Flats and the Minnesota United fans who come from across the Metro and beyond to cheer on the Loons in our backyard. We will present live, interactive, educational, and performance art done by people who live, work, play, or have educational ties to the Midway neighborhood."

The group grew out of the foundational efforts of the 2015 Midway Murals project. Over the past three years, the group has helped create and fund: new murals at Hamline University and Hamline Elementary School by local emerging artists; several Paint the Pavement projects on local streets; the restoration of the 1987 Picnic at Newell Park mural on Englewood and Snelling; and other smaller projects through public art mini-grants in

2018.

In 2019, the primary project is the festival on June 29, a nod to past neighborhood arts and community festivals, and a recognition that Midway residents are eager to strengthen ties through public interaction and dialogue.

The public art work would not be possible without the long-time support of the Hamline Midway Coalition, with whom Midway Murals is partnering on this event. "HMC has generously provided leadership, advice, technical support, and fiscal agency for Midway Murals and the Midway Public Art Working Group for the past five years," pointed out group members. "We are also working alongside the Friends of Hamline Park, which has spearheaded efforts for several years now to maintain a friendly, inviting, fun space at the park on Thomas and Snelling Avenues."

This year, on July 10, the Friends of Hamline Park will again be hosting a puppet show, as well as a possible movie night on Aug. 7.

To stay updated on the details of the festival, including artists selected for the event, food options, and more, visit www.midwaymurals.com or www.hamlinemidway.org/publicart, or check out our Facebook event page.

For those who are interested in learning more about the Midway Public Art Working Group or Friends of Hamline Park, or



Jonathan Oppenheimer of Midway Murals tries out the hula hoop. There will be live art, food, music and activities for all ages at this year's Midway Public Art Festival. (Photo by Margie O'Loughlin)

attending meetings for either group, please email me at jonathan@midwaymurals.com.

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