



Town hall Oct. 17 addresses Midway safety issues

Local leaders have been invited to hear from residents

By JANE MCCLURE

Want to weigh in on issues in Hamline-Midway and beyond? Hamline Midway Coalition (HMC) hosts a town hall meeting 6- 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17 at Hamline University's Bush Ballroom.

1537 Hewitt Ave. The district council and Hamline Undergraduate Student Congress invited city, county, and state elected officials who represent Hamline Midway to discuss key issues that impact the community. Preregistration is requested, at <https://tinyurl.com/hamlinemidwaytownhall>.

HMC and Union Park District Council have been discussing issues at University and Snelling avenues with businesses and area residents.

HMC has knocked on doors, visited businesses and reviewed its district plan and other planning documents to come up with the newly released Stabilize Snelling and University Campaign. Community partners of all kinds are sought in the effort.

"Our neighborhood is in trouble. Peoples' safety is at risk," said HMC Board President Cole Hanson. He lives near Snelling and University, and regularly picks up trash. The trash includes used hy-

podermic needles.

In recent months, conditions at one of the state's busiest intersections have worsened. A growing unsheltered population gathers there. Open-air drug dealing and drug use has become more common. Business owners and residents report thefts, property damage and assaults. Local leaders believe it will take a holistic approach to problems to solve them, one

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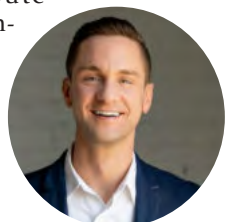
Towerside Innovation District believes it is theirs.

By TESHAM. CHRISTENSEN

"Place is the most important unit of change in the world," according to Stephen Klimek, the new executive director of Towerside Innovation District.

The district straddles two cities and two counties, and gained attention when the Green Line route linked the area together in a new way.

"It represents a new way of thinking about a significant area of underdeveloped land in the heart of the Minneapolis - Saint Paul metropolitan region. It is a rich mix of



Stephen Klimek

spaces, places and activities supported by a district-wide network of innovative services and systems including stormwater management, heating/cooling and energy, as well as parking and a connecting green public realm," explained Klimek during a presentation to the Midway Area of Chamber on Sept. 24, 2024. The event was held at the Sunrise Bank corporate building at 2525 Wabash Ave., one of the many new structures built within the Towerside district in the last 10 years since the Green Line began operating.

The Towerside Innovation District is 370 acres from the University of Minnesota stadium east to 280, from the railroads south. Part of it overlaps with the Creative Enterprise Zone (CEZ) in St. Paul, an initiative that Klimek has served on the board of since 2020.

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Interactive murder mystery walking show held at Crosby Farm



Cara White, Jason Kruger, Rachael Dosen and Geoffrey Brown of Fearless Comedy perform in "Monsters of the Mississippi" on Friday, Sept. 27 at Crosby Farm, one of two sets of actors alternating in the evening shows. (Photo by Tesha M. Christensen)

Fearless Comedy centers show on Mississippi River

By TESHAM. CHRISTENSEN

This year's Murder on the Mississippi shows by Fearless Comedy Productions connect the audience to the river in a new way.

"Our show takes them right up next to the river and through the forest and flood plain. I think it's a great opportunity to experience how beautiful our city is while also enjoying a show!" observed

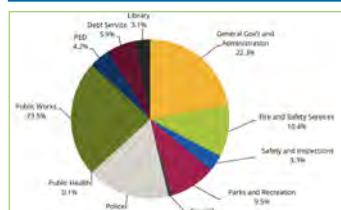
Midway resident Tim Wick.

Wick is one of the founding members of Fearless Comedy, which was created in 2013. He produces and co-writes the Mystery on the Mississippi shows. The murder mystery theatrical experiences have previously been offered on the Jonathan Padelord riverboat. This year, the show was a one-hour walking performance through Crosby Park. The immersive murder mystery theatrical experience is produced in

collaboration with the Mississippi National River and Recreation Area and the Mississippi Park Connection.

"Fearless has always made it our goal to encourage members to try new things in their artistic journey and I love that adventurous spirit about the company," said Wick. "The goal of the Mississippi Park Connection is to find new ways for people

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Catch-up housing values bringing higher taxes

County, city and school tax levies going up in 2025; if approved, a ballot question for child care will add \$16

By JANE MCCLURE

Home owners in Monitor area neighborhoods, like their counterparts throughout St. Paul, will see increases in property values and property taxes in 2025. The Joint Property Tax Advisory Committee, a group of city, Ramsey County and St. Paul Public Schools officials, reviewed the tax trends Sept. 23, 2024.

Local units of government in Minnesota must adopt maximum levies by Sept. 30. After that date levies can be decreased but not increased. St. Paul's maximum levy is almost \$225 million, up \$16.4 million or 7.9 percent from the 2024 levy of almost \$208.5 million. Council members rejected the idea of an increase to 8.1 percent, with some members noting they want to trim the current levy hike.

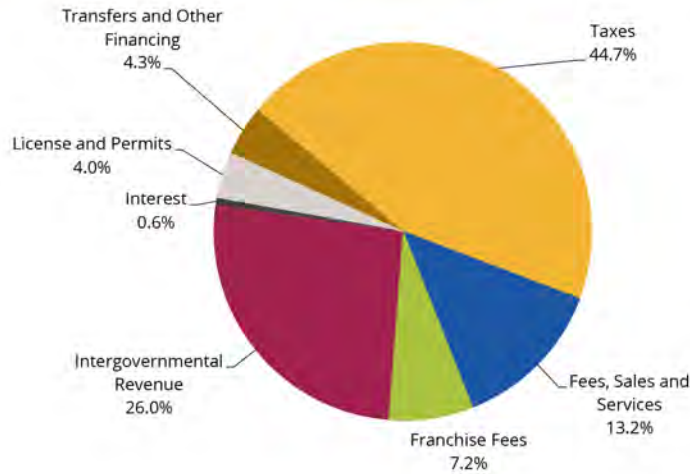
Ramsey County's maximum levy is \$395.6 million, up 4.7 percent or almost \$18 million from the \$378 million levied for 2024.

St. Paul Public Schools approved a 7.9 percent maximum levy increase, of more than \$16 million. The district levied more than \$204.6 million in 2024 and would levy \$220.9 million for 2025.

So, how does this affect home owners? Calculations are done for a citywide typical home, and for homes in each of the city's 17 planning districts.

But median home values actually vary greatly neighborhood by neighborhood,

2025 Proposed Revenue By Source



and even house by house on a block. Values for homes can be affected by recent damage to a home or renovations. Comparable home sales in a neighborhood also play a key role.

Two wild cards factor into the figures. One is that the school levy was lowered slightly after these calculations were made, from just over 8 percent to 7.9. A city referendum on the Nov. 5 ballot will also play a role.

St. Paul's typical home had a median value of \$267,400 for 2024, with \$3,848 in property taxes. That value increases to \$275,300 for 2025. Taxes are estimated at \$4,178 for 2025. That increases \$5 in various property tax system shifts and changes, and the levy increases adding to \$325. The total is \$330.

But that doesn't consider a potential

referendum on the November ballot that focuses on child care. If that passes, that would add an additional \$16 to the St. Paul share of the property tax bill, increasing the percentage hike from 8.6 to 9 percent.

In neighborhoods where housing values took a huge hit during the most recent recession, the "catch-up" is causing higher

hikes in estimated market values. Local elected officials note that such increases cause the greatest hardships in areas deemed the most affordable.

The city's North End has the highest median value increase at 5.6 percent, from \$207,700 in 2024 to \$219,350 for 2025. This typical homeowner paid \$2,917 in 2024 in property taxes and would pay \$3,191 in 2025, for an increase of 9.4 percent or \$274.

The typical Hamline-Midway homeowner will see a 5.2 percent median value increase, from \$251,400 in 2024 to \$264,450 in 2025. Taxes were \$3,636 in 2024 and would be \$3,987 in 2025. That would be \$351 or 9.7 percent increase.

The median value St. Anthony Park home increases 5 percent, from \$377,600

in 2024 to \$396,500 in 2025. Taxes were \$5,771 in 2024 and would be \$6,315 in 2025. That would be a \$604 or 10.6 percent increase. That is the second-highest percentage tax increase citywide. Highland has the highest tax increase at 11.1 percent.

For Frogtown, the median home value increased from \$207,800 in 2024 to \$217,300 for 2025, or 4.6 percent. Taxes for this typical home were at \$2,919 for 2024 and would be at \$3,155 for 2025 under the maximum levy scenario. That's a \$236 or 8.1 percent increase.

The median home value in Union Park increases 4 percent, from \$400,550 in 2024 to \$416,600 for 2025. Taxes were \$6,090 for 2024 and would be \$6,669 for 2025. That's a \$570 or 9.5 percent increase.

In Como, the median value home was at \$303,550 for 2024 and increases to \$311,900 in 2025, for a 2.8 percent increase. Taxes on this home in 2024 were \$4,493 in 2024 and would be \$4,823 in 2025, for a \$330 or a 2.8 percent increase.

The only neighborhood where home values decreased is downtown, with a modest .8 percent decline.

While single-family home values have continued to increase in St. Paul, the estimated market value of commercial and industrial properties, as well as apartment buildings, dipped slightly between 2024 and 2025.

The increases don't factor in such issues as fees and charges for city services, which as of now would add about \$100 to a typical homeowner's bills. This doesn't include what homeowners pay for trash. The 2025 trash rates have not been increased.

Truth in taxation notices, with city, county and school board hearing dates, go out in November.

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that considers the long-term needs of people who are struggling.

"The challenges at Snelling and University aren't just local – they impact the entire University Avenue corridor and resonate throughout the Twin Cities. This intersection sits in the heart of the Midway, a gateway for millions, and serves as a vital link between St. Paul and Minneapolis, functioning as both an economic and transit hub. Addressing public safety, vacancy and public health here will create ripple effects across the metro and the state," campaign documents stated.

One focus for the campaign is to turn the shuttered CVS store into a community asset of some type, said Hanson. The building has become a magnet for crime. But with an out-of-state owner, nothing is being done. One call revealed that rents could be as high as \$26,000 per month.

"We want the city to prioritize the building as a public health nuisance and hazard," Hanson said. One idea brought forward is to fence the building and parking lot, but community members say that is not enough. They want to see the site redeveloped, possibly for mixed-use. Potential models called out Sept. 30 are the Rondo Community Library and a neighboring Neighborhood Development Center mixed-use building at University and Dale Street.

HMC is offering more information on the campaign via its website.

Justin Lewandowski, HMC organizing director, said a variety of strategies went into the plan and ongoing work. Those include outreach to news media.



A sign on the window at Midway Books at the corner of Snelling and University says, "St. Paul gives millions of tax dollars for stadiums and statues, but nothing to help the Snelling-Midway neighborhood!" (Photo by Tesha M. Christensen)

"We have not felt heard. We have been ignored," he said.

The town hall is seen as a way to get a public officials' response to the problems at hand and to push for solutions.

The plans were turned around quickly, and released in later September. That action drew a few comments from neighbors questioning whether they would have input going forward. More input is being sought, HMC leaders said.

But while University and Dale redevelopment is held up as a model for the CVS corner, that intersection has also had its challenges. Those were discussed at a

meeting earlier in September.

St. Paul Police had increased patrols on University at Snelling Avenue, Dale, Arundel and Marion streets, according to Deputy Police chief Josh Lego. Working with the Ramsey County Sheriff's Department, Metro Transit Police and the city and county attorney's offices, they arrested 34 perpetrators in just the first two weeks of the new program.

While that may not sound like much, it has had an impact, Lego said. However, it has also meant pulling resources away from other police functions. Making improvements in the long run will require

more financial resources as well as improved coordination between all parties involved, he added.

One idea is for the police to notify local libraries, recreation centers and others when the police will be more active in an area. With better communication, potential problems can be more readily addressed, Lego said. A complaint made at recent University-Dale meetings is that the library functions less as a library and more as a day shelter.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Lego discussed public safety and health with more than 100 people at a Sept. 18 meeting at the Hallie Q. Brown Community Center. That meeting was organized by Ramsey County Commissioner Rena Moran. The meeting was a follow-up to an August meeting where local residents and business people complained about a rash of drug use, drug dealing, loitering, panhandling, robberies, thefts and other nuisance behavior.

Some neighbors said people were using garages, alleys and back yards near light-rail stations as places to hang out or urinate and defecate.

Several people called for compassion for those who are struggling with addiction and homelessness. Others said they simply want the problems to stop and for the neighborhood to be cleaned up.

A wide range of suggestions were made to address crime. One suggestion was to have police patrol on foot rather than in cars and to increase their presence at certain times. Other suggestions including turning area vacant buildings into day shelters where people in need could get supports and services.



UDO'S AFRICAN MARKET GRAND OPENING

On Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024, the Udo family officially opened their new location at 755 Snelling Ave N. Formerly located at the corner of Pascal and University, Udo's African Grocery & Restaurant began operating in 2010. Michael and Margaret had found it difficult to keep jobs while two of their three children were in and out of the hospital with sickle cell anemia. Udo's sells authentic food and spices of West African origin, and with the new expansion will add a larger grocery area plus a restaurant.

"This is a great day," said Dorothy Bridges of the Metropolitan Economic Development Association (MEDA). "I'm thrilled

our organization is part of this."

Among the items sold at Udo's include: authentic African Food products, palm oil, plantain fufu, beans flour, Peanuts, periwinkle, hot pepper powder, honey beans, black eye beans, indo mie, snails, dried fish, smoked chicken, goat meat, smoked shrimp, ugba, stock fish, cassava flour, pounded yam, garri, Farina, semolina, malta Guinness, maltina drinks, ogi/akamu, egusi, ogbono, plantain chips, Royco, corned beef, black soap, aboniki, rob, alabukun powder, Abacha (cassava flakes), Utazi leaves both dried and frozen, Ugu both dried and frozen, and Tiger nuts.



Michael Udo (above) operates the West African grocery and restaurant with his wife Margaret. They have three children: Michelle, Michael and Monique, and a seven-month-old grandchild, Elilah Reese. "I want to thank everyone of you here," said Mike Udo during the grand opening. "It has been a long journey." They had initially hoped to open at the new location one year ago in September 2023 but were delayed. "Mike always wanted to own a business," said his cousin Dr. Nse Ntukidem. "He has been relentless in that." (Photos by Tesha M. Christensen)

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to experience the park and this show definitely does that."

A friend of his was a park ranger with the Mississippi River Park and contacted him about creating a show to help highlight the river a few years ago. The first show was on the paddle-boat and they aimed to combine fun with interesting facts about the river and the area at a certain time period. They have returned to the riverboat several times exploring other time periods, including the Antebellum Pre-Civil War period, the Roaring 20s, World War II, and the 1980s.

"This year, we were asked about creating a walking tour and mystery in Crosby Farm and the challenge was really an excit-



Timothy Wick of Fearless Comedy said, "An interactive experience like Mystery on the Mississippi is a great opportunity to introduce a different group to everything the park has to offer."

ing one," remarked Wick.

The show was offered three evenings in August and September, and will be held again on Friday, Oct. 12. This year's show is set in the early years of the city of St. Paul when the park was still being farmed by the Crosby family. In "Monsters of the Mississippi," current-day podcasters investigate a cold case murder believed to have been committed by a local legend Catfish McGee. Was the victim killed by a giant walking catfish or is the culprit a little less sensational? The mystery unfolds during a walk through Crosby Farm.

"Theater has a great opportunity to both educate and entertain in a different way. There are so many people who may never have been on a trail in Crosby Farm in spite of the fact it is in the middle of our city," stated Wick. "An interactive experience like Mystery on the Mississippi is a great opportunity to introduce a dif-

ferent group to everything the park has to offer."

In addition to writing and producing this year's show, Wick was also a cast member. Attendees told him how much they enjoyed the show and the park itself. One couple liked the show so much, they came a second time and brought friends, being careful to avoid spoilers.

Other local performers include director Hedy Rand-McKay and cast member Dave Rand-McKay, who reside in Frogtown.

"I'm a lifelong fan of the National Park Service and being able to create something in partnership with them is one of the most exciting things I've ever been a part of," said Wick. "Whenever I can, I brag about the fact I've created plays for the National Park Service."

Join the conversation, and let us know your diverse and varied thoughts on the issues that affect your neighborhood. Send letters and guest commentaries to tesha@MonitorSaintPaul.com.

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PLANTING SEEDS



BY DR. ARTIKA TYNER,
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Planting People Growing Justice™ Leadership Institute (PPGJLI) is celebrating eight years of making a difference in the world. Through our groundbreaking approach, which uniquely combines a publishing house, bookstore, and literacy nonprofit, we are dedicated to ending the nation's reading crisis.

PPGJLI is committed to growing futures – one book at a time and one child at a time. This is personal and important to me because as a civil rights attorney, many of my clients learned how to read in prison. This is unacceptable but somehow our society has created a Rule of 4: one in four American children are not reading at grade level by 4th grade. If you are not reading at grade level by 4th grade, you are four times more likely to drop out of school. And here's the connection, you are also three and a half times more likely to be arrested during your lifetime. This is unacceptable. Yet, this is an opportunity for change where we can create new pipelines for the future success of our children and work to end mass incarceration.

During our annual event, PPGJLI will honor five local leaders who are building these new pipelines for success. They will be honored with the Planting People Growing Justice™ Leadership Institute (PPGJLI) Excellence in Education Awards. The event and awards will be held on Friday, Oct. 25, 2024, from 8-9 a.m. at the Woman's Club of Minneapolis, located at 410 Oak Grove St. in Minneapolis.

PPGJLI's Excellence in Education Award was created to recognize the many contributions of individuals within the community. Excellence in Education honorees are:

- Dr. Darlene Frye, Irreducible Grace



A delegation from African Economic Development Solutions served as speakers at the Sixth World Conference on Remedies to Race and Social Inequality in South Africa. The delegation included: (left to right) Reverend Carl Walker (co-founder of Walker West Music Academy), Dr. Artika Tyner (Planting People Growing Justice) and Dr. Gene Gelgelu (AEDS). They discussed key strategies for building wealth through arts-based community development. (Photo submitted)

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- Dr. Tamara Gray, Rabata
- Jacob Deisch, Gideon CC
- Dr. Joseph Mbele, St. Olaf College
- Brandi Pottle, Maxfield Elementary

School

- Kevin Reese, Until We Are All Free
- Bob-e Simpson Epps, Base Consulting

The awards celebrate the achievements of community members whose efforts exemplify the goals and values of PPGJLI. The organization is planting the seeds of social change through its many

youth literacy, leadership, and advocacy programs and initiatives.

The PPGJLI fundraiser brings together like-minded people who want to make a difference, help PPGJLI grow, and empower youth through literacy, leadership, and diverse books.

Since its founding, PPGJLI has inspired 66 new authors, donated more than 25,000 diverse and multi-cultural books, and reached over 6,000 children through its Leaders are Readers program. The organization has more than 30,000 read-aloud listeners.

BLACK WOMEN GIVE BACK AWARD

Dr. Artika Tyner is a recipient of the 2024 Black Women Give Back Award. This award annually honors ten outstanding philanthropists and funders who are making a significant impact for Black women and girls worldwide through their donations and investments.

PPGJLI inspires, equips, and fosters future leaders through school visits, the arts and humanities, education, workshops, and seminars. PPGJLI initiatives encompass read-aloud events, book giveaways, and youth writing competitions. We also teach about STEAM leadership and careers. PPGJLI also launched the Rondo Renaissance project to educate our youth on the importance of culture and heritage. The project focuses on building a comprehensive learning curriculum and arts district in the historic Rondo community.

The PPGJLI's Excellence in Education Awards honors outstanding community leaders, while the 8th anniversary fundraiser helps continue and expand our youth-oriented programs. Set for Friday, Oct. 25, 2024, the event is a meaningful way for individuals and businesses to support literacy, community youth, outstanding leaders, and PPGJLI's many leadership programs. The organization's efforts are leading the way in showing youths their many growth opportunities, allowing them to take their rightful place in any future endeavor they wish to pursue.

PPGJLI's fundraising goal is \$100,000. Tickets to the fundraiser and awards celebration are \$30 each and can be purchased online now. (www.ppgjli.org)

Through her organization, Planting People Growing Justice Leadership Institute, Dr. Artika Tyner seeks to plant seeds of social change through education, training, and community outreach.

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DEARLY DEPARTED

A LOOK BACK

BY JANE MCCLURE

A “for sale” sign is up at the Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell funeral home, 536 N. Snelling Ave. If property use changes under a new owner, that brings an end to more than a century of service in the Midway area. It also would leave just one funeral home in the Monitor’s area.

How people are remembered at their time of passing has changed over the years. Cremation and celebrations of life held at a wide range of venues are commonplace today.

In the 19th century, undertakers or morticians began to assist families. They worked out of storefronts or small offices. Visitations and wakes were often held in private homes or at a place of worship prior to a funeral.

Funeral homes opened their doors in the early 20th century. Many initially catered to specific faith-based or ethnic communities or maintained close ties to congregations. A funeral home might be considered the go-to place for German Lutherans or Italian Catholics.

Two historic funeral homes are Spielman Mortuary at 344 University Ave. W. and Brooks Funeral Home at 862 Concordia Ave. Brooks Funeral Home is one of the nation’s oldest Black-owned and operated funeral homes, dating from 1941. Its current location dates from 1959.

The Spielman Mortuary building has retained much of its original character, opening more than 80 years ago as National Funeral Home. Kenneth and Helen Spielman purchased the business in 1950.



TOP LEFT: The original home of Holcomb-Henry Boom-Purcell when it was just the A.E. Henry Funeral Home. Note the street car tracks in the foreground. TOP RIGHT: The inside of the A.E. Henry Funeral Home. AT LEFT: A sign on the building at 536 Snelling advertises its availability now that the Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell funeral home has closed.

They were the longest-term owners, living above the funeral home. They only took one short vacation during more than 30 years ownership.

The first funeral home director at 536 N. Snelling Ave. was Albert E. Henry, assisted by his wife Vena. The Henry family lived upstairs. A centennial history noted that in 1916 the business was unlocked and open 24 hours. Because not everyone had a phone, people might arrive at all hours for help.

Albert Henry retired in 1948. Earl Holcomb and two partners bought the funeral home. Holcomb and his wife Roswitha moved their family upstairs.

Boom was added to the name after funeral director Dennis Boom took over the business. He started working with the Holcombs in 1963 and eventually purchased the business. Richard Purcell joined the business in 1982, and worked his way into

ownership.

When the Henrys opened their funeral home in 1916, St. Paul had a few dozen small, family-owned and operated funeral homes throughout its neighborhoods.

One early area business was the Charles H. Mueller Undertaking Parlor, which got its start on University Avenue in Frogtown in 1905. As demand grew for a separate funeral home, Mueller opened a funeral chapel at 575 University Ave. in 1935. That building is gone now.

A company history tells us that Mueller’s son-in-law Albert Bies joined the business during the Great Depression. The Bies family maintains ownership today, continuing a century-old tradition.

Mueller-Bies moved to a larger, new facility at 650 N. Dale St. in 1955. For about a decade Mueller-Bies operated East and West funeral homes on Dale Street. The Steiger-Ecker Funeral Home at 625 N. Dale St. closed and was purchased by Mueller-Bies to be its West Chapel.

Why have two facilities? Uncertainty about Dale Street widening affected businesses and homeowners for many years.

Plans to widen Dale Street took shape

in the 1960s. The eight-block section in Frogtown was last to be completed. The St. Paul City Council approved construction in 1988 but the project met many delays. By 1994, four structures remained in the project’s way – a private home, Woodshed Bar, Sportsmen’s Liquors and the Mueller-Bies East Chapel.

The East Chapel was torn down in 1995. The West Chapel was sold and Mueller-Bies focused its operations in Rosville, where it built a new facility in 1985.

The West Chapel became the Hmong Funeral Home, which quickly outgrew its small building. Neighbors were unhappy with traditional services that lasted for days. Hmong families sometimes had to wait weeks if not months to hold services, given demands on the facility.

The city purchased the property in 2008 and tore it down in anticipation of development expected with Green Line light rail. It has been a community garden ever since.

Read a 2016 history of Holcomb-Henry-Boom-Purcell at <https://monitorsaintpaul.com/stories/holcomb-henry-boom-purcell-turns-100,696>

LETTER

DON'T WRECK PAVILION WITH NEW PLAN

We have lived near Como Park for 35 years. We visit most days. Over two decades we have seen crowds grow significantly at the Pavilion with the addition of a variety of musical performances, most of them free of charge. Neighbors walk to the pavilion, bring their children, their dogs,

busloads come from surrounding communities... and we together enjoy the plentiful outdoor performance space. Hundreds sit on benches listening to music, at picnic tables eating their food... a surprising amount of dancing, children running around, dogs in tow, and still plenty of room for someone using a cane, walker or wheelchair. A real sense of community.

When we look at the plan to “improve” the pavilion, we see a plan that completely ignores or dismisses what has been successful! It tries to force into being

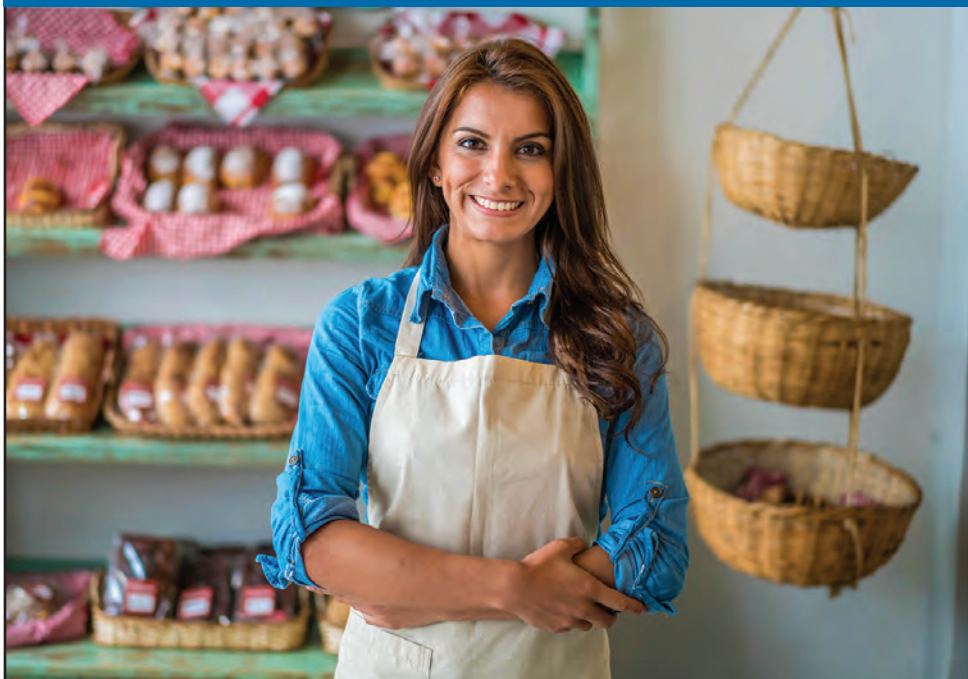
a new restaurant, when past attempts to make this a restaurant destination have not been successful. Food isn’t the main draw. The typical pavilion user doesn’t live that far away, and probably isn’t looking to spend a lot on their food purchase. Imposing this vision will ruin the venue for those hundreds of people who currently use and enjoy it. This is a plan put forth by people who have dreams of something other than what has already proven to be what the community supports.

PLEASE stop and listen to people

who know and love the pavilion, and do a reality check before investing millions. We have an extraordinary outdoor performance venue, and we should be looking for ways to amplify its success. The plans that have been presented will destroy the success that has grown organically over time, another example of a development project with good intentions, but not looking carefully at the reality.

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samakabforhouse.com



MN STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 65B MIKE HILBORN (R)

HilbornForMinnesota.com

If elected, what will be your top three priorities and why?

Affordability - We must be able to afford housing, groceries, and gas. Raising kids has to be affordable

Law and Order - Crime hurts everyone. Especially the poor. We have to hold our criminals accountable. We need to support our police.

Education - Schools must be academically challenging and safe. Focus should be on reading, writing and arithmetic. Not indoctrination.

What will you do to support a vibrant economy across Minnesota and to address inflation?

We must dramatically cut taxes and regulations. Our governor and legislature recently increased the budget by 40%. We are now the second highest taxed state in the country. More people are moving out of Minnesota than are moving in. Our high

2024 ST PAUL BALLOT QUESTION #1 - SHOULD THE CITY LEVY TAXES TO PROVIDE EARLY LEARNING SUBSIDIES?

In order to create a dedicated fund for children's early care and education to be administered by a City department or office that provides subsidies to families and providers so that early care and education is no cost to low-income families and available on a sliding scale to other families, and so as to increase the number of child care slots and support the child care workforce, shall the City of Saint Paul be authorized to levy property taxes in the amount of \$2,000,000 in the first year, to increase by the same amount each year following for the next nine years (\$4,000,000 of property taxes levied in year two, \$6,000,000 in year three, \$8,000,000 in year four and so on until \$20,000,000 of property taxes are levied in year ten)?

2024 ST PAUL BALLOT QUESTION #2 - CHANGING CITY ELECTIONS TO PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION YEARS

Shall Chapter 7 (Elections) of the City Charter be amended as follows: Sec. 7.01. - City elections. The election of city officers and such other officers as are required by law to be elected at a city election shall be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November in odd numbered presidential election years. Notwithstanding Section 2.02 of this Charter setting four-year terms, and to transition to presidential election years, councilmembers elected on November 7, 2023, shall serve a five-year term and a mayoral election shall occur on November 4, 2025, for a three-year term. Currently, city elections take place in odd years.

A "yes" vote changes City elections to take place in presidential election years, which occur in even years.

A "no" vote keeps City elections in odd years.

income citizens are leaving the state to lower taxed states. This will have a devastating effect on our state. We want to be a state that businesses want to operate their business. That is what is going to make our state affordable for our citizens.

MARÍA ISA PÉREZ-VEGA (DFL), INCUMBENT

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MN STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 66A LEIGH FINKE (DFL), INCUMBENT

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FADIL JAMA (R)

fadiljama.com

If elected, what will be your top three priorities and why?

My top three priorities will be economic growth, public safety, and education reform.

1. Economic Growth: I will focus on policies that support small businesses, lower taxes, and reduce burdensome regulations to create more job opportunities and reduce the cost of living.

2. Public Safety: Ensuring the safety of our communities is paramount. I will work to strengthen law enforcement, reduce

crime, and rebuild trust between law enforcement and our neighborhoods.

3. Education Reform: I will advocate for school choice, improving educational outcomes, and making sure parents have more control over their children's education to foster opportunity for all.

What will you do to support a vibrant economy across Minnesota and to address inflation?

I will focus on reducing taxes and regulations that stifle small businesses and entrepreneurship. I'll push for policies that encourage local business growth, job creation, and innovation. Additionally, I will advocate for responsible government spending to curb inflation and ensure that economic policies prioritize affordability and lower the cost of living for all Minnesotans.



MN STATE HOUSE DISTRICT 66B GREG COPELAND (R)

gregcopeland911.wordpress.com

ATHENA HOLLINS (DFL), INCUMBENT

www.athenahollins.com

2024 STATE BALLOT QUESTION - ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES TRUST FUND RENEWAL

Failure to vote on a constitutional amendment will have the same effect as voting no on the amendment.

To vote for a proposed constitutional amendment, fill in the oval next to the word "Yes" on that question. To vote against a proposed constitutional amendment, fill in the oval next to the word "No" on that question.

Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to protect drinking water sources and the water quality of lakes, rivers,

RACES FOR JUDGES

LWVMN does not invite judicial candidates to participate in the VOTE411 Voter's Guide due to the number of candidates across the state and associated administrative costs. This combined with the fact that most judicial candidates want to keep a low profile make this a practical decision. Information about judicial candidates is harder to find than it is for candidates of other offices. However, there are a few things voters can do to learn more about candidates and make their voices heard.

Do your research. Most judicial candidates want to keep a low profile. Sitting judges' biographies can be found on the MN Judicial Branch website. To see if a judge has been reprimanded, check MN Board on Judicial Standards.

In the rare case that an election is contested, voters can usually find statements from candidates in MN Lawyer or MN Bar Association (available only during elections).

Learn more about this process: "Judicial Candidates in Minnesota: What to know before you head to the polls!" (LWVMN).

Contested races in the St. Paul area:

JUDGE - 2ND DISTRICT COURT 3

TIMOTHY CAREY

judgetimothycarey.com

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and streams; conserve wildlife habitat and natural areas; improve air quality; and expand access to parks and trails by extending the transfer of proceeds from the state-operated lottery to the environment and natural resources trust fund, and to dedicate the proceeds for these purposes?



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As Minnesotans we understand that exercising our right to vote is fundamental to a healthy democracy. In the 2020 National election, MN was #1 in turnout with just under 80% of eligible voters casting their ballots. Minnesota implements best practices for increasing voter turnout through Accessibility, Security, and Accuracy. Let's look at key features of Minnesota voting laws that help increase our citizens' trust and participation while ensuring the integrity of our elections.

ACCESSIBILITY

Minnesota historically has made it easy to register. In 1974 we became the second state in the nation to allow for same day registration (Star Tribune, Oct. 14, 2022). You can register to vote online with your mobile phone or computer at <https://mnvotes.sos.mn.gov/VoterRegistration/index>. The LWV sponsors registration events where you can also register using a paper application. Paper applications can be printed from <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/register-on-paper/> or call 311 to request one by mail. And more recently, Minnesota has passed legislation to make registration even easier with Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) at the time you apply for or renew your driver license or when you interact with other state agencies like MNCare, or Human Services.

Voter security is part of voter registration regardless of the method used. To register on line, you need to provide your address along with your driver's license number, State ID card number, or the last four digits of your social security number. This information is sent to election officials to create a new voter record or to update your existing registration. All data is verified using state and federal databases. If you do not have these identification numbers, you can still register to vote using the paper form – election officials will still verify your eligibility to vote.

Our large voter turnout is a result of how easy it is for citizens to vote. You have the option to vote by mail using an absentee ballot. Absentee ballots are only available to MN voters who complete and return an application to their local election official. Your eligibility is confirmed using state and federal databases to verify information provided before ballots are mailed to the voter. Only 1 absentee ballot is ever mailed. Additionally, as of June 1, 2024, you can apply for a permanent absentee ballot, eliminating the need to apply for each election cycle.

Election day is not just a Tuesday in November but extends over 46 days. This is true for city, primary and general elections.

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For the 2024 general election you can vote early at your local election office from Friday, September 20 to Monday, November 4. You do this by completing your absentee ballot at your local election office instead of mailing it. After completing your ballot, you put it into a secure box. The process to count absentee ballots begins 18 days before the election.

Whether you submit your absentee ballot by mail or in person, you will need to provide your name, address, driver's license number, State ID card number or last 4 digits of your social security number. This information is used to make sure your registration to vote is valid. If you do not have these identification numbers, you can still apply for an absentee ballot using the paper form – election officials will still verify your voter registration. No ballot is counted until it has been verified by the members of the Absentee Ballot Board. Each ballot is given a unique barcode and is entered into the state's voter registration system. This allows you to track the status of your absentee ballot at <https://mnvotes.sos.mn.gov/abstatus/index>. The barcode allows officials to identify that you voted by absentee ballot ensuring that you will not be able to vote in another way.

If you need assistance to vote you can bring someone with you to help or get assistance from election judges. You can access a machine that can mark a ballot for you if you are unable to do this on your own. And if you cannot easily leave your vehicle you can have a ballot brought out to you. Curbside voting is monitored by two election judges from different parties. They bring you the ballot, return it to the polling place and put in the ballot counter. If you make a mistake, no worries. You have a right to a replacement ballot; just return the spoiled ballot to the election judge and this judge will give you a new ballot. For more information on different ways to vote go to <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/> and click on "Other ways to vote" for the full list of voting options.

SECURITY

What happens to your ballot after you vote? MN uses ballot counting machines to tabulate the votes. If you voted with an absentee ballot it is processed by the state's Absentee Ballot Board. They are kept in secured storage until 18 days before the election. Then the ballots are opened and reviewed by a team of two board members from different parties. Teams of two board members from different parties process these ballots using the same type of counting machines used to count in-person ballots on election day.

What happens to your paper ballot after it is counted? These ballots are placed in ballot transfer cases and sealed with two certification seals. All of this is done by two

election judges (one must be either the head election judge or the assistant head election judge) who sign forms throughout the process. The sealed ballot boxes are transferred to Hennepin County Elections and stored for 22 months.

ACCURACY

How is the process of counting votes secure so you can be confident that your vote will be counted? Paper ballots are the cornerstone of ballot security in Minnesota. They provide a record of everyone's vote and facilitate any post-election audits to verify accuracy of ballot counting machines if needed. Your paper ballot is tabulated using a ballot counting machine. Research comparing the accuracy between hand counting votes and counting machines shows that using machines is more accurate and faster than hand counting (<https://bipartisanpolicy.org/explainer/how-ballot-tabulators-improve-elections/>).

You can be confident that these ballot counting machines are functioning accurately on election day. Testing is done before and after elections to certify the accuracy of these machines. The machines purchased for use in Minnesota to count your vote have been tested for accuracy and certified by test labs approved by the U. S. Election Assistance Commission. The machines also go through additional testing by the office of the Secretary of State before the election and again by local officials where the public are invited to watch the testing process.

After the election, counties randomly select precincts where election results are audited. Hand counts of paper ballots are compared to machine counts. These audits are also open to the public.

FORUMS

CANDIDATE FORUMS

Candidate forums held in September that were organized by the League of Minnesota - St. Paul can be viewed on the YouTube Channel of the St. Paul Neighborhood Network (SPNN):

- www.youtube.com/@MySPNN
- MN House Districts 64A and 64B
- MN House Districts 66A and 66B

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Many layers of protection exist to ensure voting integrity from the moment you register, to the way you vote, and to counting and certifying your vote.

Voting in Minnesota is secure due to a comprehensive system of safeguards and protocols designed to protect the integrity of the electoral process. From stringent registration requirements and accessible absentee balloting to transparent ballot counting procedures and post-election audits, Minnesota implements multiple layers of protection at every stage of the voting process. These measures ensure only eligible voters cast their ballots and every vote is accurately recorded and counted. In addition, the state's commitment to accessibility and inclusivity ensures that all citizens, regardless of their circumstances or abilities, can participate in the democratic process with confidence. Overall, Minnesota's robust security measures and dedication to fairness make voting trusted and secure.

Check out this video to see a summary of key ideas from this article:

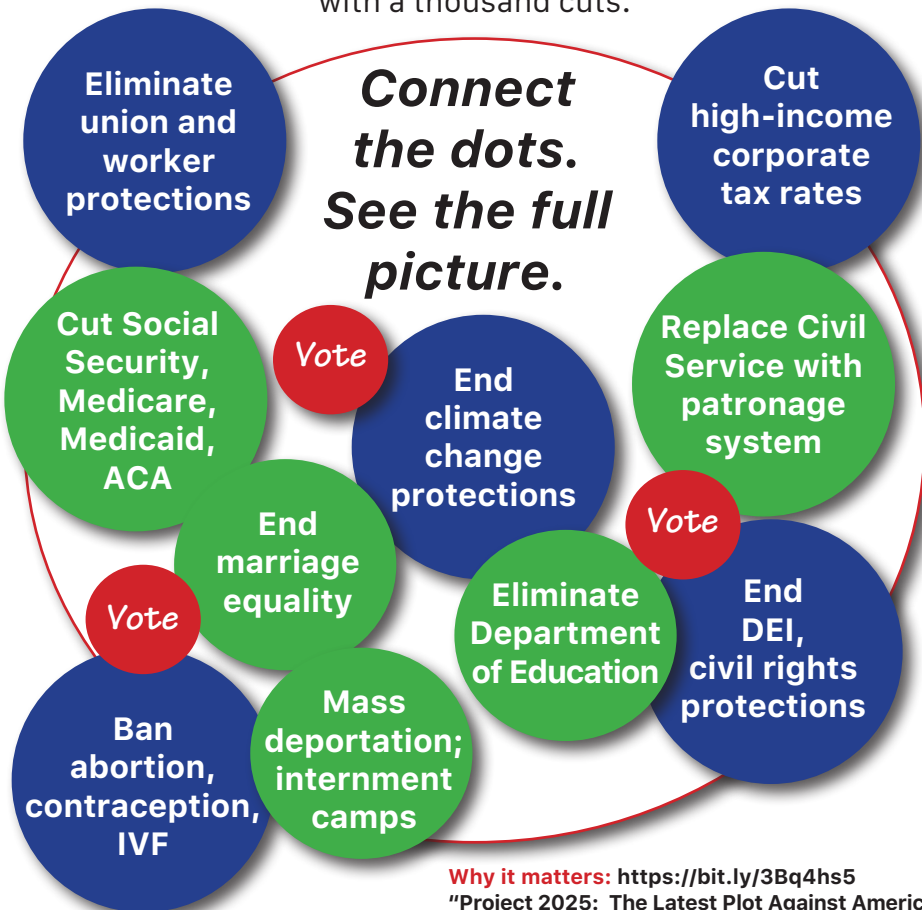
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The Arrow
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The Louis
Aeon Homes - \$17.7M
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The Station at Malcolm Yards
Wall Companies - \$55M
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Wall Companies - \$40M
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Malcolm Yards Market
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United Crushers
Mixed Use

Green on 4th
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Minnesota Innovation Exchange
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TOWERSIDE INVESTMENT DISTRICT

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METRO GREEN LINE
The 11-mile light rail line completed in 2014 runs between ten diverse neighborhoods, and connects the central business districts of Minneapolis and Saint Paul, and the University of Minnesota. It has been celebrated as a model for how infrastructure can connect people to places and the opportunities they offer. \$5.8 billion in development has been announced, under construction or already built along the Green Line between 2014-2018. More than half of this growth occurred outside the downtown cores, with a large concentration in the Towerside Innovation District. www.metrocouncil.org/transportation

CREATIVE ENTERPRISE ZONE
The CEZ is a city-recognized district and a nonprofit organization dedicated to attracting and supporting creative people and businesses. Formed in 2009, the CEZ is home to 300+ creative businesses, a transportation hub, and a growing residential community. It grew out of an initiative by the St. Anthony Park Community Council. The Zone has historically been an industrial transportation hub and is now one of the fastest growing residential areas in the state. It hosts the Chroma Zone mural festival each year, which has brought about 70 murals to the area. www.creativeenterprisezone.org

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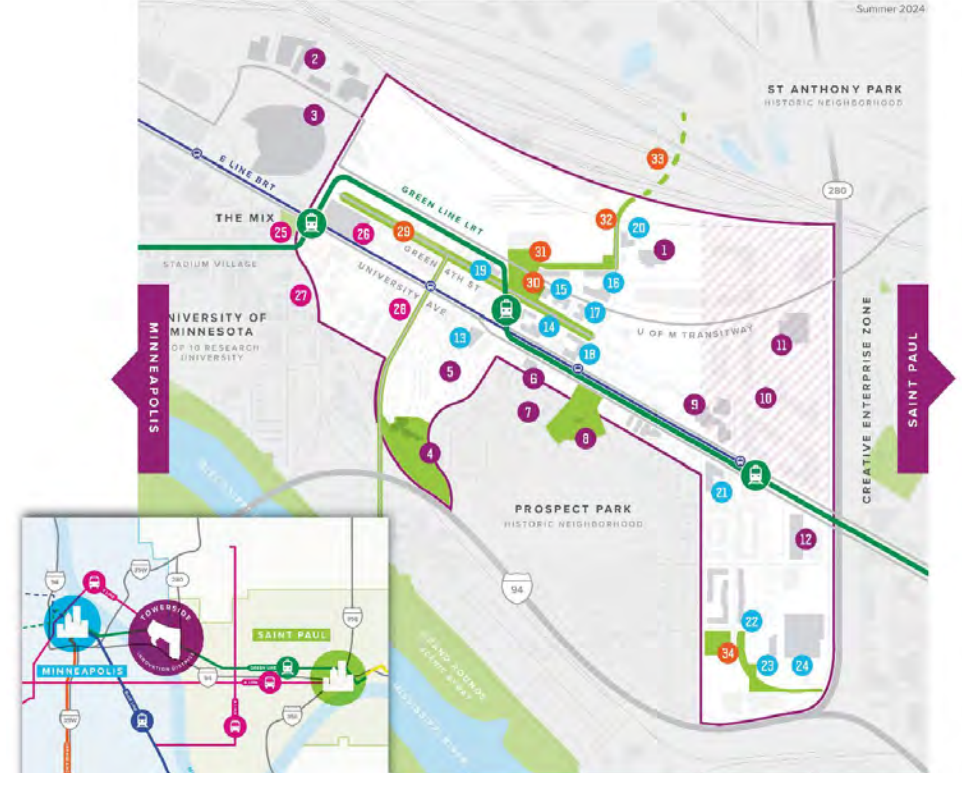
"Whose job is it to build a great place?" asked Klimek. "How do we amplify and protect what's here? How do we have a new paradigm about place?"

When the Green Line came through, there were no sidewalks on many of the streets in the area, and many run-down and empty industrial buildings.

Towerside officially incorporated in 2017 but grew out of neighborhood committees that had been meeting since 2009. It worked to fill in the gaps between governing bodies, and drive development thoughtfully and intentionally, said Klimek.

"It's up to us to be that bridge," he stated.

Surly Brewery moved its operations into the area and opened a brew hall that added 200 jobs. O'Shaughnessy Distilling debuted its 30,000-square-foot dream distillery in August 2024. The Case building was renovated for 170,000-square-foot of creative offices that added over 500 jobs. The Sunrise Bank headquarters building has 57,000 square feet for 200 jobs and gathering space for the YMCA. University Enterprise Labs did a 18,000 square foot expansion to house 60 biomedical tenants. East Gateway by the University of Minnesota has mixed use. Hampton Inn and Suites and Home2Suites provide 229 rooms and employ 50 people. A remodeled old warehouse building became Malcolm Yards, a 16,000-square-foot food hall with 11 restaurants. Next door, Wall Companies built 500,000 square feet of



office and 250 housing units. The Link, The Louis, Green on 4th, Millberry and the Legends at Berry, The Arrow, The Pillars of Prospect Park, HERE Minneapolis, The Station at Malcolm Yards, The Flats at Malcolm Yards and The Max added 2,600 affordable and market-rate housing units for singles, families and seniors, plus a childcare center, Fresh Thyme grocery store, and retail spaces.

Coming is the \$1 billion MPAact Health Campus, and the three-phase, 1 million-square-foot Minnesota Innovation

Exchange (MIX) for life science, office and mixed use.

The value for residential permits is at \$402 million and for commercial permits \$128 million. A study is starting that will analyze the economic development of Towerside and CEZ.

"The change is happening so fast, it's hard to keep up," said Klimek.

Jeff Barnhardt of Prospect Park Properties worked to develop Bridal Veil Gardens located across from the Prospect Park Light Rail Station with seating, a picnic pa-

vilion, and community garden plots, and the half-acre property officially became part of the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation (MPRB) system in 2019. It is named after the creek that runs underneath the park and comes out at Bridal Veil Falls on the Mississippi River. The \$1.4 million cost was provided by the first use of the MPRB's park dedication fee policy.

Buried beneath the public land is a first-of-its-kind stormwater management system. Runoff from 8 acres of private land is collected, treated, stored and provided for reuse.

Green 4th is a one-half mile long stretch of 4th Street SE public right of way between Malcolm Ave SE and 25th Ave SE developed with transit connections and pedestrian-oriented amenities.

They're working to identify a route to fill the "missing link" and complete the city's Ground Round project, a trail that circles the city, and lacks the Granary Crossing in the Towerside neighborhood.

They're exploring ATES, aquifer thermal energy, with new large-scale developments. (It's also being done at the US Bank site on Lake St.) They also studied STER, sewer thermal energy recovery. Although they weren't able to make that happen in 2015, the Met Council is now using the work they did.

Barnhardt and Prospect Park Properties is working on the United Crushers projection project, which will project digital art, movies, video games and more on the tall grain silos at 419 29th Ave. SE.

"Sometimes an innovation is really big and sometimes it is little," said Klimek. More at www.towersidemsp.org.



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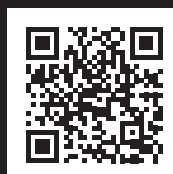


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FROGTOWN GREEN



BY PATRICIA OHMANS

Pretty much anyone who lives in Frogtown for any length of time has been dumped on. Our home is no exception. Tires in the alley. A broken TV on the curb. A sodden couch with a hopeless "FREE" sign discarded on the boulevard, with no sign of its owner. It's a frustrating part of living in a city with a complex and sometimes fragmented system for dealing with trash.

At a recent meeting of Ward One residents that I attended, city officials offered advice and resources for coping with the perennial problem of dumping. Below, some takeaways from that meeting, as well as information gleaned from an online review of city and county resources.

IF SOMEONE DUMPS ON YOU, IT'S BETTER TO DEAL WITH IT RIGHT AWAY.

At the meeting, Department of Safety and inspections (DSI) staffer David Hobahn was direct: "The law says the property owner is responsible when something lands on their property. DSI will issue you a ticket if you don't take care of the problem." But, Hoban continued, "If you get a citation, reach out to us first. Get in touch with DSI. In many cases we can work with you to avoid an assessment." Call DSI at 651-266-

HOW TO COPE WITH TRASH DUMPED IN THE ALLEY

8989 to talk with Hobahn or his colleagues.

IF YOU'VE GOT YOUR OWN THINGS TO DUMP, YOU'VE GOT OPTIONS!

If what you've got to get rid of is too big to fit in your trash can, don't despair. Call your hauler, who will pick up two or three "bulky items" per year. Sarah Haas, director of the city's garbage and recycling department, says that surprisingly, only 10% of people in St Paul take advantage of this bulky item provision. So put that giant stuffed panda that you won at the Fair out with the trash – after you've alerted your hauler. (Who's your trash hauler, you say? If you don't know, call 651-266-6101 or Google "who's my hauler Saint Paul" for a map.)

IS IT A MATTRESS? YOU'RE IN LUCK.

Mattresses are the number one dumped item, according to Haas. "Today is a Monday and we scheduled 22 mattresses for pick-up," she said. In addition to just being gross, mattresses in a landfill absorb hazardous chemicals and can catch fire. The good news is that up to 98% of a mattress can be recycled, including the steel inner springs and the box spring wood. Furthermore, thanks to a contract with the county, Second Chance Recycling will pick up an unwanted mattress or box spring for free; call 612-230-7524 or email citycurbside@emerge-mn.org.

CLEANING OUT THE GARAGE AND BASEMENT?

Take your old batteries, propane tanks,

cleaning chemicals, auto fluids and unused paint to the Ramsey County Hazardous Waste Collection Site, at 5 Empire Drive. Take used sharps and needles there, too. Workers will sort through your stuff and dispose of what's truly unuseable, putting the rest out for free. So, your unwanted leftover paint might be just what some other visitor to the Product ReUse Center, adjacent to the drop off site, is looking for! I've found lots of great paint for small projects there. Check out ramseyrecycles.com/hhw or call 651-633-3279.

WHAT ABOUT THAT OLD COMPUTER?

Ramsey County has also partnered with Repowered (formerly Tech Dump) to offer electronics recycling at no charge to county residents. Bring your tech stuff to Repowered, 860 Vandalia Street, and know that in addition to safely disposing of its metals and electronic circuitry, you're helping fuel a job training program for recyclers.

GOT SCRAP METAL?

Scrapppers trolling St Paul alleys will take most large metal items, but did you know that pots, pans and hangers can go in the trash?

HOW ABOUT THOSE UNUSED PILLS?

Whatever you do, don't send them down the drain; we don't need more pharmaceuticals in our drinking water! Take leftover pills as well as inhalers, unused Epi pens and even blister packs to the Ramsey

County Law Enforcement Center, 425 Grove Street downtown St Paul. There's a drop box in the lobby where you can leave unused medicines behind. Again, someone at 651-633-3279 can answer your questions or you can check the web at ramseycounty.us/residents/recycling-waste/collection-sites/unwanted-medicine.

DUMPING TRASH FEELS LIKE A CRIME, AND IT IS.

"Dumping is hard for citizens," said Cat Brown, Western District's police chief, who also weighed in at the session on dumping. "It's a quality-of-life issue. When the neighborhood is cleaner, we feel safe." If you've got a gnarly litter issue, the police can work with you about how to make your property less inviting for dumpers. Call the non-emergency police line at 291-1111.

THE BOTTOM LINE: TALK TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.

The meeting on dumping was hosted by Ward One City Councilmember Anika Bowie, whose legislative aide John Barry promised a follow-up fact sheet on the Ward One web page. To connect with Bowie's office, email ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us or call 651-266-8610.

Frogtown Green is a resident-led and volunteer-powered environmental initiative in St Paul's most diverse neighborhood. If you'd like to know more, browse frogtowngreen.com or call 651-757-5970.

PEACE BUBBLES



BY MELVIN GILES
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"Life is just a short walk from the cradle to the grave – and it sure behooves us to be kind to one another along the way." – Alice Childress

"The hottest place in Hell is reserved for those who remain neutral in times of great moral conflict." - Dante Alighieri,

"...shoutout to all the amazing mothers — but childless women have been mothering the world and elevating the world as aunties, godmothers, teachers, mentors, sisters, and friends," - Tracee Ellis Ross

Hello Monitor readers,

Happy autumn season! And, happy, crazy, and very important presidential election moment. In fact, some folks are calling it the most important or crucial election since the 1860 election, which resulted in Abraham Lincoln becoming our 16th President, at a time that America was at its most divided about whether to uphold the aspirations of democracy, liberty and justice for all or maintaining White supremacy, slavery, and privilege for the powerful few. Similarly, the 2024 election is about Democracy vs. Supremacy. I'm

WHAT WORLD DO WE WANT FOR OUR KIDS?

trusting that we have learned lessons that show us democracy is a work of empathy and compromise in progress and that supremacy is a work of fear and division in progress. Which world do we want for ourselves, our children, and grandkids? I think most people would choose a world of goodness for all, including the best for our planet, Mother Earth. I'm aware of how hard it is to vote over the loud voices of fear and hateful messages that schemes a false sense of safety. For instance, about 100 years ago, people were hearing similar supremacy messages about immigrants coming from Europe. It took decades to accept that America was a special land for immigrants and we are still learning how we need to reconcile the stolen great land that Indigenous nations always believed was meant for human beings and all our relatives (plants, animals, soil, etc.) – including immigrants.

Please get out and vote your values, particularly, your faith and/or life values. Do you value lies or truth? Do you value controlling people for selfish reasons or liberating people for the greater good of all? Please, keep taking good deep breaths of fresh energy and values of 2024 and beyond and exhaling to release outdated and toxic negative energy and divisive values. For instance, with the recent life-threatening fires and hurricanes, how can we continue to hold on and be in denial of

our climate shifting? Or, be in denial that most Americans are immigrants, descendants of forced enslaved Africans, and/or Indigenous stewards of our wonderful land?

It is hard and challenging to listen to the truths of our hearts when we hear the loud clutter and mis-direction of our addiction to and desire for comfort levels that are according to the status quo manipulators who value selfish greed and power. I believe our Better Angels will inspire us to do the right vote for Mother Earth and All Our Relatives. Be of courage and trust that all will be well for us, for our children, their kids, and their children's descendants. We are surely our ancestors' greatest and wildest dreams of justice and honoring the land we live on.

I recently heard and sang a song at an event hosted by Elders Climate Action that I want to share with you.

'HOW HOT DOES IT HAVE TO GET?' BY PAT SURFACE

Chorus
How hot does it have to get? Is it hot enough for you yet?
Hurricanes, floods, and droughts.
How hot does it have to get?

Verse 1
As the temperature continues to climb. How hot does it have to get?
A million species on the line. Is it hot enough for you yet?

Chorus
How hot does it have to get? Is it hot enough for you yet?
Hurricanes, floods, and droughts.
How hot does it have to get?

Verse 2
How hot does it have to get? Is it hot enough for you yet?
Can't drink the water, can't breathe the air. How hot does it have to get?

Verse 3
Well there still is hope there is still is time. How hot does it have to get?
If we all just got in line. Is it hot enough for you yet?

Verse 4
Grandparents all arise. Look into your grandchildren's eyes.
Won't it be a great surprise. If sustainability is the prize.

Grandparents all arise. Look into your children's eyes.
Won't it be a great surprise. Sustainability is the prize.

Keep the faith and stay optimistic that all will be well. We are entering the seasons of great harvest, joy, and blessings. Believe and make it so! Vote for our children, for our grandchildren, and for the child/youth within you!

May Peace Be In the Rondo, Frogtown, Hamline/Midway, Como, and Surrounding Communities... May Peace Be In Our Homes and Communities... May Peace Prevail On Earth (MPPOE).

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LEGACY OF KATHY AND DICK DUMAS CONTINUES WITH DONATION TO COMO PARK HIGH SCHOOL



On Sept. 13 2024, the Kathy and Dick Dumas Tennis Courts were officially renamed. Construction of eight brand-new tennis courts at Como Park High School was completed in late August thanks to a \$400,000 donation from retired teacher and coach Kathy Dumas. Dumas' belief in the Como tennis programs stretches back to the fall of 1980 when she began coaching the Cougar girls team. In the spring of 1982, she started coaching the Cougar boys team as well. Dumas led both programs through 2007 when she retired from a total of 40 years teaching English in St. Paul Public Schools. Her coaching partner during all those years was her husband, Dick Dumas. (The couple is shown at left in a photo from the 1990s.) "I'm fortunate. I have a little bit of money we saved. I always told the kids, someday when you have money you can give back," Dumas said. "If you give to something, you really have to believe in the cause to which you're giving." (Photos submitted by Eric Erickson)

COMO PARK SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



BY ERIC ERICKSON
Social studies teacher

AN UNUSUAL HOMECOMING, AWARDS FOR JROTC AND PETERSON



Como students and staff gather for the Homecoming Parade on Saturday, Sept. 28. (Photo by Eric Erickson)

SPIRIT WEEK FESTIVITIES

The first month of the 2024-2025 academic year at Como concluded with Spirit Week and Homecoming activities. September is a busy time of transition back into the daily routines and expectations of the academic environment. With a strong start to a promising year, staff and students enjoyed thematic dress-up days from Sept. 23-27 before concluding Friday with a Pep Fest in the gym.

The Homecoming Dance was held in Como's gym on Friday night. Saturday, Sept. 28 was a glorious day of sunshine for the Homecoming Parade which proceeded north on Grotto St. from school, turned left on Wheelock Parkway to Como Lake, and back onto the school grounds.

In an unusual situation, there was no homecoming football game. Minneapolis Edison was the scheduled opponent, but before their first game of the season, Edison announced they were cancelling their season due to not having enough players. Also complicating matters was a break in the boys and girls' soccer schedules.

That left Como's athletic department in search of a new opponent for Homecoming Saturday. None could be found which was a disappointment for the Cougar community.

However, adaptability and positivity won the day as food trucks and lawn games surrounded the Como turf field for two memorable flag football games. The junior girls played the senior girls in a spirited contest, followed by a friendly game of the students versus the staff.

Additional activities included the Como Booster Club hosting building tours for returning alumni who were able

to see the transformational change to the physical space they remembered from their high school days. Inside and outside of Como Park High School, smiles and laughs were abundant for 2024's homecoming.

MARINE CORPS JROTC HONORS

For the seventh consecutive year, Como's Marine Corps JROTC program has

been recognized as a National Naval Honor School. This award is reserved for the top twenty percent of high school JROTC programs in the country.

Criteria in the annual evaluations include enrollment numbers, community service hours, academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, drill and color guard competitions, leadership camps, field trips and more.

HEALTH TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Lynn Peterson has been named the 2024 Health Teacher of the Year by the Minnesota Society of Health and Physical Educators (MNSHAPE). Peterson has been teaching at Como since 2020, instructing classes in health education, stress management, and medical career exploration.

AVID SPIRIT WEEK EVENT

Como students in the AVID program (Advancement via Individual Determination) gathered in the school auditorium on Thursday, Sept. 26 to hear motivational messages from a couple of young Como alumni leaders.

Aisha Mohamed and Destyn Land both graduated from Como in 2015. Mohamed is now the coordinator of the school's Career Pathway Center. Land is the Senior Health Equity Educator at Hennepin County Medical Center and author of "The Rules We Live By: Stories and Reflections on Unlearning Patriarchal Masculinity."

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EVENTS

PLAY ABOUT CAREGIVERS RUNS OCT. 18-NOV. 3

Wonderlust Productions premieres a new play about caregiving: "Thank You for Holding: The Caregiver Play Project," performing Oct. 18 - Nov. 3 at 825 Arts on University Avenue. The show, which is performed by both professional actors and community caregivers, asks the audience to consider: What does a community of care look like? How do we place a value on care as a society? Tickets can be purchased online for a sliding scale cost from \$5-50, with a suggested price of \$25.

For the past two years, Wonderlust Productions has been conducting interviews and story circles with almost 150 Twin Cities caregivers. These include staff at MSS (formerly Midwest Special Services), therapists at Creative Kuponya, caregiver support groups at Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES), the

Karen Organization of Minnesota, and Covenant Living Senior Living, home health care workers, daycare workers, end of life doulas, educators, doctors, and more.

The full production features a mix of professional caregivers, at-home caregivers, and professional actors collaborating in a show that features the diversity of caregiver experiences, the joy and grief that comes with caregiving, the complications of the healthcare system, and celebrates care as the glue that holds all of us together. Advanced tickets available at wproductions.org/caregivers/.

This summer and fall, Wonderlust created a series of audio plays accessible via QR Code in Downtown St. Paul, co-produced the show Every Brilliant Thing with the University of St. Thomas, and workshopped local playwright Brian Grandison's play Redemption, about recovery in the African American community. Visit wproductions.org to learn more about Wonderlust's wide breadth of work.

BOOK FESTIVAL OCT. 19

Rain Taxi has announced its author event schedule for the 2024 Twin Cities Book Festival on Saturday, Oct. 19, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds. The literary organization has curated exciting juxtapositions, conversations, and solo presentations that honor the year's output of books in a wide array of genres. Along with the previously announced Book Fair with over 140 exhibitors, these author events will happen in the fairground's vast Progress Center - home of the Eco Experience during the State Fair - on three separate stages. This FREE, day-long festival presents internationally renowned visiting authors, local literary heroes, and activities for kids, PLUS a giant book fair and more.

JOHNSON TO PERFORM NOV. 1

Local flutist/composer Julie Johnson will celebrate the release of several of her original works now available as sheet

music at a live performance at Hamline University's Sundin Music Hall, 1531 Hewitt Ave, St. Paul, MN, 55104, on Friday, Nov. 1, 2024, at 7 p.m. The show will also be livestreamed; information can be found at <https://ep.stretchlive.com/hamlineadmin/events/scheduled>. Free admission. Freewill donations accepted.

RE-IMAGINING JUSTICE NOV. 19

The Minnesota Justice Research Center (MNJRC) will host its annual Re-Imagining Justice Conference on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024, in Minneapolis. The convening brings together a diverse group of criminal legal system practitioners, scholars, advocates, impacted persons, and community members. This year's conference theme is "Pivoting from Problem to Possibility", which aims to foster a reimagined criminal legal system that is not just reactive to current problems, but also proactive in achieving truly just outcomes.



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Our new environmental initiative: Midway to the Mississippi

HAMLIN MIDWAY COALITION



BY JASON ELYEA-WHEELER
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From heavy rainfall to drought conditions, the chaotic seasonal changes are here, and now more than ever we must do what we can to protect our vital wa-

tershed. The Hamline Midway Coalition has developed a simple yet effective environmental initiative aimed at protecting the Mississippi River. Inspired by Como Community Council, the Hamline Midway Coalition has partnered with Capitol Region Watershed to bring Midway to the Mississippi to the neighborhood.

When leaves build up on curbsides and clog storm drains, they release nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen. These naturally occurring chemicals fertilize and feed our lawns and parks, but when leaf litter clutters our curbs, the

chemicals are filtered like a tea bag of phosphorus into the storm drain. In excess amounts, this runoff can adversely affect the biodiversity and health of bodies of water such as our very own Mississippi River. Even though our neighborhood doesn't overlook the river, the interconnectedness of the city is reliant on the river's health and access to fresh water.

We are inviting all of our neighbors to participate in the Midway to Mississippi initiative. Simple in its design, participants are asked to clear leaves from the curb of their property either once a week or as

needed. That's it! Continuously monitor your curb and sweep away any gathering leaf debris then dispose of the leaves through compost or yard waste sites.

Clear, Report, and Protect are the tenets of this initiative. It's as simple as that. Our individual care for the environment can build a collective force for stewardship and protection of our waters. Will you join us?

Take part in Midway to Mississippi! Sign up and learn more at [//bit.ly/Midway2MississippiSign-Up](https://bit.ly/Midway2MississippiSign-Up).

Monitor in a MINUTE

ASSESSMENTS WIN CITY OK

Assessments for the Allianz Field "superblock" won St. Paul City Council approval Sept. 18, in another step toward area redevelopment.

No one appeared at a council public hearing to speak at on the assessments.

Redevelopment covers the block bounded by Pascal Street and St. Anthony, Snelling and University avenues. A small multi-tenant building was torn down this summer. McDonald's is to close in early December and be torn down. A smaller multi-tenant building was torn down earlier this year.

Assessments will help pay for public infrastructure improvements including new sanitary and storm sewer, new asphalt pavement with concrete curb and gutter, new concrete sidewalk, new street lighting and landscaping.

Cost of the work is estimated at \$8,603,427, with developer fees and assessments covering the costs. Work will start this

fall and continue until fall 2025.

New streets are to include Shields Avenue from Simpson Street to Pascal, Spruce Tree Drive from Snelling to Pascal, Simpson and Asbury Streets from Shields to University Avenue. The intent with this phase of the project is to install the utilities and roadways except for Shields and Spruce Tree Drive from Simpson to Pascal. Shields and Spruce Tree Drive will be designed now but installed at a future date.

Work continues on development, with a hotel, restaurant pavilion and office building planned. Construction is to start in 2025.

A loon statue went up in September.

WHY WAS IT SO QUIET?

Neighbors of Allianz Field braced for the Sept. 21 Forbidden Festival may have wondered why it was so quiet. The planned eight-hour celebration of electronic dance music, to be held outside of the stadium, was canceled days before it was supposed to happen.

The festival, organized by University of St. Thomas student Breno Bueno, faced scrutiny after this summer's two-day Breakaway Music Festival. Complaints were made that the Breakaway event could be heard as far away as Mendota Heights. Neighbors clos-

er to the event reported shaking windows, and vibrations that could be felt inside their homes. The complaints have led to more community calls for events' sound level monitoring and sanctions against overly loud, disruptive events.

Bueno received a sound level variance from the St. Paul City Council this summer for the Forbidden Festival.

The promoter has announced that he'll hold the festival in 2025, although it could move to a new location. He made a statement that although ticket sales were going well, other factors including vendor and décor issues led to this year's cancellation.

Union Park District Council's land use committee met with Bueno this summer and received assurances that his would be a smaller, more contained event with efforts to mitigate noise. Concerns were raised by committee and community members about the notion of an open bar and marketing toward college students. The committee met Sept. 16 with city Department of Licensing and Inspections staff to review the sound level variance process and ask about potential changes.

Compiled by Jane McClure.

BUSINESS

CRANKSGIVING COMING NOV. 23

Mr. Michael Recycles Bicycles is sponsoring Cranksgiving 2024 St. Paul on Saturday, Nov. 23, 2024 beginning at noon. This is a food drive where folks ride bicycles to bring food and sundries to donate to Zion Lutheran Church in St. Paul's Midway neighborhood. Volunteers are needed to receive food donations and check in participants in the alley-cat race. Benita Warns, owner of Mr. Michael Recycles Bicycles, said, "This is our opportunity as a business to share our blessings with our less fortunate neighbors, and to organize a community effort to reduce food insecurity." For more information, call Warns at 651-641-1037.

CORRECTION

In the September edition of the Monitor, Laurel Winsor was incorrectly identified as Christine Butter in the article titled, "Seniors write rich stories." We apologize for the error.



Hamline Midway TOWN HALL

When: Oct 17th, 6pm

Where: Hamline University's Bush Ballroom (1537 Hewitt Ave)

Join with neighbors and elected officials to address key issues facing our community. This is an opportunity to work in coalition to help our neighborhood.



Upcoming Events:

Tree Planting
Oct 12th, 9:00am

Trash Cleanup
Oct 12th, 9:00am

Hamline Midway Town Hall
Oct 17th, 6:00pm

Board of Directors
Oct 22nd, 6:15pm

Checkout our full calendar!



MIDWAY TO MISSISSIPPI

A new environmental initiative that tackles pollution in waters! Join in clearing leaf litter from your curbside this fall!

- Leaves release nutrients, but in excess amounts they can be harmful to water sources.
- Clear leaves from your curb to protect polluted water runoff from draining into the Mississippi River.
- Report how much you've cleared at the end of Fall!

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Hayes Window expands into new location, offers storm windows

Locals fix old windows so they work like new

By TESHA M. CHRISTENSEN

Lost your storm windows over the years? Have windows you can't open anymore because they were painted shut? Does the glass rattle in the wind?

These problems don't mean that you need to replace the windows with new ones that are only guaranteed to last 20 years. Instead, Longfellow-based Hayes Window Restoration can solve the problems and give the windows new life.

The business has recently moved off Hiawatha Ave. to 2508 24th Ave. S, which gives it more space to expand the storm window line.

The window plus storm window combination was the original double-pane window, pointed out by Joe Hayes. The issues that plague new double-pane windows (broken panes and seals that lead to interior fogging) aren't found with the window/storm window combination. Plus, they have enough air moving through them thanks to weep holes to avoid condensation and rot.

This style of window can be a key architectural feature of older homes, he observed. They safeguard the primary windows by extending the maintenance cycle, reducing the need for frequent upkeep. Unfortunately, many people have misplaced their storm windows over the years.



Woodworker Bill Dossett (left) and Joe Hayes look over a set of windows being restored. According to Dossett, the dust collection system in the new building is an upgrade that has made a big difference for staff. Plus there's a room just for planing. (Photo by Tesha M. Christensen)

New wood grown in 10-20 years is prone to rot in 10-20 years. It is comparatively softer and weaker, and less dense. Old growth lumber that grew slowly over

hundreds of years has a tighter grain and resin that resists decay.

Hayes didn't want to jump into the storm window business and offer an-

other product with a low service life. As he researched options, he found Accoya modified wood, a sustainably harvested timber with a fifty-year warranty based in the Netherlands. This wood undergoes a non-toxic process, resulting in exceptional resistance to rot, and superior dimensional stability. Essentially, the soft wood is pickled – it is treated with a vinegar (acetic anhydride), which turns it into a hardwood by preventing the cells in the wood from being able to absorb water. This stops the wood from expanding and contracting seasonally. "As a small company, it took a pretty long time to get an order in," said Hayes. The wood comes from Chicago.

The wood storm windows and screens have traditional mortise and tenon joinery, ensuring longevity and durability, and authentic putty glazing for a traditional aesthetic. Pick from customizable colors and divided-lite configurations.

Those who dread carrying the entire storm window down the stairs are glad to learn they can swap out the screen for the glass pane or vice versa at the turn of a button.

Southwest Minneapolis resident Ann Erickson is a float tech at Hayes Window, and helps manage the glass they buy by the pallet from Minneapolis Glass. She pointed out that many storm windows are caulked and screwed in place, which makes it challenging to perform maintenance.

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HAYES WINDOWS

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nance as well as trap moisture. She installs sill bulbs and turn buttons to help solve those issue on the windows restored at Hayes Window.

STEADY GROWTH AT HAYES

Hayes Window Restoration officially began with one staff member, Joe Hayes. He had restored the windows in his South Minneapolis bungalow and discovered a passion for the work. He left his teaching career and started a new business in the summer of 2017.

A feature story in the Longfellow Nokomis Messenger just as COVID-19 struck in March 2020 led to enough calls to keep him busy through the transitional months of the pandemic. Since, the business has grown from seven crew members to 20.

Leah Gossman has been the office coordinator at Hayes Window since 2020. The Hayes team is a 50/50 split of men and women. "It feels a lot different than what people tend to think of as construction," said Gossman. "It's a breath of fresh air."

The office area inside 4439 Hiawatha Ave. (where they had been in since 2019) turned into storage as the new storm window line grew. "We were climbing around windows," said Hayes. "We truly had outgrown the space." It was time to find a larger location.

(Building owner Reddy Rents plans to expand into that area.)

Hayes Window moved into a much larger building at 2508 24th Ave. S. in July 2024 that they found with the help of Merrie Sjogren of ASSEMBLY MN. Built in the mid 1960s, it previously housed a furniture store, a dry cleaner and even an illegal night club for a few eventful evenings.

Hayes is glad that they located a site in the greater Longfellow neighborhood. "We feel really lucky to have found a spot that is central to the neighborhoods we work in," he said.

The new building allows for separate bays for different types of work. Plus, there is a breakroom that is large enough for staff meetings.

Like others there, woodworker Bill



Joe Hayes stands in front of the new location at 2508 24th Ave. S. A customer told him, "You're the fifth person we've had out and the first that said I don't have to replace the windows." Hayes said, "That feels really rewarding." (Photo by Tesha M. Christensen)



Southwest Minneapolis resident Ann Erickson, a float tech at Hayes Window, stands by a stack of new storm windows made with Accoya modified wood and colored to the customer's specifications. (Photo by Tesha M. Christensen)

Dossett has a passion for old homes. He owns an old Victorian along Bryant Ave. in the Wedge neighborhood and his parents had an old house. He said the dust collection system in the new building is an upgrade that has made a big difference for workers. He's also glad to have a room just for planing.

There's a containment room with HEPA filters for lead paint striping. Homes built before 1978 are likely to have lead-based paint, and the safety protocol at Hayes Windows is to operate as though lead paint is present on each window.

Windows getting fully restored are first put in a steam box to remove the glaz-

ing and putty. Next the glass is taken out. Then all the paint and stain is removed.

Wooden frames are evaluated for the amount of repair needed. Some get new sections.

This summer, staff were working on windows from The Landing (formerly Historic Murphy's Landing), a living history museum that preserves and interprets 19th century life in the Minnesota River Valley.

They work on large homes and small ones. Some of the window work can be done on site at the home, such as repairing sashes and cords so that windows open and close smoothly, putty work and weatherstripping. For the old growth wood trim left in long-term exterior exposure that has decayed over time (maybe due to failing paint coatings or when inadequate wood was used for small repairs), they do complete window trim replacement using mature growth white pine, sustainably sourced from a family-run operation in Wisconsin.

For full restorations, sash removal, installation, and jamb reconditioning takes place at homes, and the sash restoration takes place at the shop. Hayes has a number of old machines that can create original millwork, including the commonly use historic ogee profile. "It's the aesthetic work that really makes the window something attractive to have in your home," observed Hayes.

A customer recently told him, "I should have done this 30 years ago." Like others, she was so glad once the work was complete and she could open and close her windows easily.

Another customer told him, "You're the fifth person we've had out and the first that said I don't have to replace the windows."

"That feels really rewarding," said Hayes.

"I feel really fortunate to be in the Twin Cities where we have people who own old homes and see themselves as stewards."

Hayes Window Restoration earned two Preservation Gem awards from the American Institute of Architects Minnesota in 2024, and the Lighthouse Award for Achievements in Historic Preservation at the Rethos Gala Preservation Awards in 2023.

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