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Plans emerge for first two projects on Ford Plant site

Affordable senior housing and a mixed-use building may rise at Ford and Cretin

BY JANE McCLURE

Ryan Companies and two of its development partners expect to break ground soon on 53 units of affordable housing for seniors and a second, larger building with a mix of residential and commercial uses on two parcels south of Ford Parkway between Cretin Avenue and the Highland Village Center.

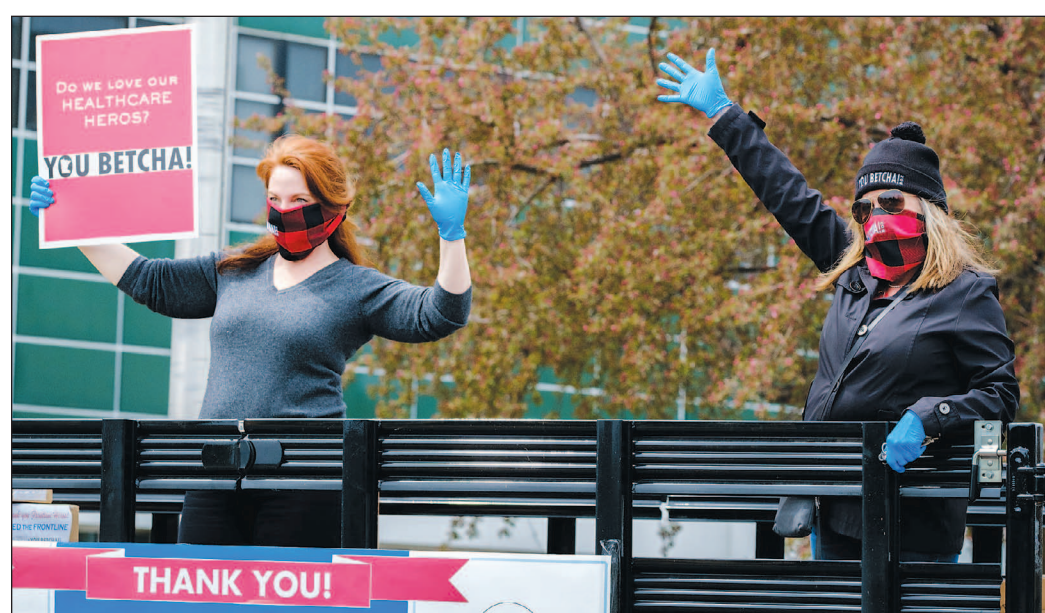
The two projects will be the first new buildings on the 122-acre site of Ford Motor Company's former assembly plant, which closed more than eight years ago.

The Highland District Council (HDC) Community Development Committee will get its first look at the site plans for the two buildings at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 16. The meeting will likely be held virtually on the HDC's website at highlanddistrictcouncil.org due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The site plan review is just one in a flurry of steps underway to get the Ford site's redevelopment rolling.

CommonBond Communities will develop the 53 units of senior housing. The nonprofit organization announced its purchase of the building site in March for \$1.24 million. The building will be on the southern part of the block, near Hillcrest Avenue.

Ryan Companies is designing, developing and constructing the mixed-use building in partnership with Weidner Apartment Homes. It will front Ford Parkway just north of the CommonBond building.

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You Betcha Box CEO Katie Sterns and volunteer Mary McGeheran greet health care workers at the VA Hospital in South Minneapolis with another delivery of nutritious food from Feeding the Frontline MN. PHOTO BY JOHN PIERCE

Donations feed frontline in COVID care

Nonprofit ups nutritional content of food available for health care workers

BY ANNE HAUTH

Infectious disease specialist and physician Jason Wirtz finds himself much hungrier and more stressed out these days. Not only is the Macalester-Groveland resident working long hours caring for COVID-19 patients, he has found the selections in hospital cafeterias "essentially down to single servings of soup and the occasional salad or wrap," he said.

During a recent shift at Bethesda Hospital, Wirtz was grateful to have something more satisfying to eat—a turkey BLT, fresh fruit and vegetables from Agra Culture Kitchen in Minneapolis.

The meal was compliments of Feeding the Frontline MN, a nonprofit organization that provides Twin Cities hospital workers with nutritious, locally sourced food.

Feeding the Frontline was founded in March by Anna Decker of Lilydale. Decker is married to a physician and has a "passion for using food as the first line of defense in staying healthy," she said. Her vision was to create a nonprofit that would nourish health care workers while giving a boost to locally owned food establishments.

That vision quickly became a reality thanks to the sponsorship of the Fairview Foundation and a dedicated team of volunteers that includes Decker's mother Deb Fee, cousins Jane and Ryan Hoffman and former coworker Christina Sandok.

The Fairview Foundation and an anonymous donor kicked things off with \$15,000, which allowed the team to organize its first deliveries to

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Grand businesses roll with the punches of pandemic

Commerce on the avenue gradually revives with the relaxation of restrictions

BY ROGER BARR

It took a global pandemic, but the first summer in 47 years will begin next month without Grand Old Day. But then, the street festival's host since 1974, Grand Avenue has not been its usual bustling self since March 17 when Governor Tim Walz ordered all restaurants in the state to close

their bars and dining rooms. Walz followed that up on March 27 with a stay-at-home order that closed all "nonessential" businesses in the state.

The governor eased up a bit on May 18, allowing retail stores and most professional offices to reopen to the public provided they have a safety plan in place and keep their interior spaces at or below 50 percent capacity. Then last week he ruled that bars and restaurants could resume dining services on June 1, but only outdoors, for no more than 50 customers and with no less than six feet between tables.

Tom Forti, owner of Iron Ranger at 1085 Grand Ave., said he was "pretty miffed" when he first

learned that Walz was only allowing outdoor dining. The restaurant has been offering takeout service since March 17, reducing its staff from 20 to four employees. Forti had been hoping for a greater relaxation of restrictions from the governor. However, he realized pretty quickly that he was in a better position than most. "We're small as it is," Forti said, "and we built a patio last year."

Iron Ranger also expanded into the neighboring storefront last year, doubling its capacity to 130 diners. Forti figures between the patio and the sidewalk, Iron Ranger will be able to accommodate as

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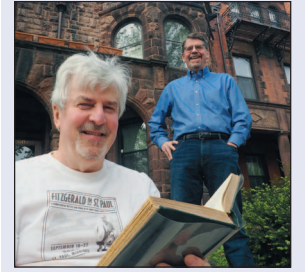


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City Council OKs set of amendments to Ford site master plan

By JANE MCCLURE

The redevelopment of Ford Motor Company's former assembly plant in Highland Park is moving ahead with a set of master plan and zoning amendments unanimously approved by the St. Paul City Council on May 13. The vote ended several weeks of debate over the changes that had been sought by master developer Ryan Companies.

Ryan officials and Ward 3 City Council member Chris Tolbert emphasized that the land uses, most zoning districts and the level of housing density remain largely unchanged from the master plan approved by the City Council in March 2017 and amended at Ryan's request in March 2019. However, as the development proceeds, Tolbert anticipates more amendment requests. "This is a large site with a lot of complexities," he said. "There are likely to be more changes."

Market forces affected by the COVID-19 pandemic could also come into play as Ryan brings in more development partners, Tolbert said. That is especially likely in the areas set aside for retail businesses. "The retail environment is changing as we speak," Tolbert said. "It's a difficult situation for retailers, and that part of the plan is something we may have to revisit."

Ryan officials were pleased with the City Council's vote. "While we didn't get all the amendments that were requested, we feel that the considerations provided in the amendments, including the updates provided by council member Tolbert, give us the most critical adjustments needed to deliver the vision of the master plan," the developer said in a statement.

Many of the amendments were technical in nature. They addressed building height and setback, the design of underground parking, and where supportive housing, townhouses and rowhouses may be built. Zoning district boundaries were adjusted to match platted streets. Other changes were made to line up the master plan with the development agreement approved last year by the City Council.

Among the more controversial changes was the redesign of Woodlawn Avenue that cuts through the Ford site. The master plan had envisioned Woodlawn as a 23-foot-wide right-of-way shared by cars, bicycles and pedestrians. Ryan and the St. Paul Department of Public Works wanted to create a more traditional city street with public sidewalks on either side and



An artist's rendering of the Ford site when fully developed as it would look from a passing airplane.

some on-street parking, and that was what was approved.

Heidi Schallberg, a member of the Highland District Council (HDC) Transportation Committee, was among those who took issue with that change, saying that it runs contrary to current efforts to encourage motorists to travel at lower speeds. Schallberg also objected to the lack of time given to the HDC to review the proposed change. The HDC and its committees took no positions on the zoning and master plan amendments.

Another controversial amendment adopted by the City Council removed the requirement for commercial space at the southeast corner of the Ford site. While most of the commercially zoned property on the Ford site is on the north end near Ford Parkway, the master plan had required that 10 percent of

building space in the southeast corner of the site be earmarked for commercial use.

Ryan officials contended that the requirement could make it more difficult to obtain financing for residential development, especially low-income housing. The Planning Commission's Zoning Committee reduced the commercial space requirement to 5 percent in March, but the full commission restored it to 10 percent in April. Tolbert pointed out that the plan as amended by the City Council does not preclude a building at the southeast corner from having commercial space, but leaves it up to the developer.

Another amendment approved by the City Council at Tolbert's request allows faith-based institutions to be located in the zoning district along Mississippi River Boulevard. The Planning Commission, on a split vote, had rejected that amendment.

The public was not allowed to testify in person on the Ford plan amendments due to the COVID-19 pandemic, so the City Council reviewed two dozen pages of public comments received by phone and email.

Mount Curve Boulevard resident Rose Sherman said that while she has supported the Ford site redevelopment plans in the past, the changes give the impression of a "bait and switch." She is particularly worried about increased traffic.

The redevelopment "is not integrating with the existing community," said Highland Parkway resident Emily Saunders. Citing potential changes to the quality of life in the adjacent neighborhoods, Saunders added, "Please stop the corporate greed."

Ryan recently sold portions of the Ford site to Project for Pride in Living (PPL) and Weidner Apartment Homes for their respective housing developments. Additional partners are expected to be announced in the future for residential, commercial and mixed-use developments.

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Tony Barranco and Maureen Michalski of Ryan Companies met with the HDC development committee on May 19. Michalski was recently named vice president of development for Ryan and is the executive-in-charge of the Ford site redevelopment. Barranco said both projects are now in the design stage, and more specifics will be forthcoming.

Typically, site plan reviews in St. Paul are performed by city staff, but with the high level of interest in the Ford site, these reviews will involve discussions with local residents and business people.

CommonBond, Habitat for Humanity and Project for Pride in Living (PPL) are Ryan Companies' partners for the development of affordable housing on the Ford site. PPL closed on its 0.78-acre site in March, and is planning to break ground in 2021 on two new buildings. Phase 1 will include 60 units of supportive housing affordable to residents making 30 percent or less of the Twin Cities' median household income. Phase 2 will be 76 units of what is known as workforce housing.

PPL is planning another building on the Ford site in partnership with Emma Norton Services. That building will include supportive housing and a new headquarters for ENS,

a supportive housing agency. The new headquarters will replace ENS's current offices and shelter on North Robert Street.

Ryan Companies has transferred five acres of the Ford site to the nonprofit Friends of Highland Baseball. The Friends will work with the Highland Park Little League Association (aka Highland Ball) to continue its operation of two diamonds near Cleveland and Montreal avenues for youth baseball and softball.

Earlier this month, the St. Paul City Council established a Ford Site Green Infrastructure Stormwater Management District to oversee the ongoing operation and maintenance charges for properties served by the district's

stormwater infrastructure. One prominent feature of the Ford site development is a man-made pond running north-south through the property that will be fed by stormwater.

Ryan Companies will appear before the City Council on June 17 for a public hearing on the Ford site infrastructure improvements that will extend the surrounding street grid into the property. Those improvements will include new sanitary and storm sewers, water mains, streets and sidewalks, landscaping, streetlights and traffic signals. The assessments for those improvements will total just under \$9.5 million spread out over 45 parcels.

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Support grows for new use of old Fire Station 10 on Randolph

By JANE MCCLURE

The long-awaited redevelopment of the former Fire Station 10 at 754 Randolph Ave. is finally moving ahead. Developer Travis Temke has been working on plans to purchase the two-story building from the city and convert it into a restaurant, microbrewery, taproom and event center.

Temke and Alan Catchpool of the Kimley Horn engineering firm presented the site plan during a virtual meeting on May 12 to the West Seventh/Fort Road Federation, which agreed to support the project. There is no construction start date or estimated opening date yet for the restaurant, microbrewery and taproom, which would hold about 100 people. The second-floor event space would be part of a second phase of construction and would have a capacity for about 200.

The Planning Commission approved a conditional use permit in the fall of 2018 that required more parking for the event center, either through a parking variance or shared parking agreement. That could require another set of approvals from the commission or city's Board of Zoning Appeals.

Temke said he is hoping to work out an agreement to lease space from St. Francis de

Sales parish, which owns a parking lot on Juno behind the former fire station. He also will be seeking final developer status from the city's Housing and Redevelopment Authority.

It has been a long and winding path for the project. Temke was the successful bidder out of about a dozen candidates and was designated as the tentative developer in 2017. He had hoped to open in 2019, but has been delayed by quests for historic designation for the building and financing issues, as well as Mayor Melvin Carter's administration desire to further scrutinize the proposal.

Station 10, which was built in 1885 and was expanded 1911, was the oldest active firehouse in the city until 2010 when its fire company moved to the new Fire Station 1 on Randolph Avenue and West Seventh Street. Station 10 at one time served as the infirmary for ill or injured fire horses. It is considered historically significant because it was one of the first St. Paul fire stations that was racially integrated. It received historic designation in 2018, so the city's Heritage Preservation Commission staff is involved in the review of the site plan.

Temke said he plans to preserve the building's exterior. The only addition planned to the building will be a rear stair tower. Extensive landscaping is planned, and most of the



Travis Temke wants to convert former Fire Station 10 at 754 Randolph Ave. into a restaurant, microbrewery, taproom and event center. Constructed in 1885, it was once the oldest active firehouse in St. Paul.

driveway area in front of the building will be converted to a patio. The interior will be extensively renovated, with new electrical, heating and cooling systems.

Most of the shed behind the building will be demolished. A structure built in the early 20th century will become a trash enclosure.

While some West End neighbors are excited to see the project finally moving forward, there are concerns about parking and alley traffic. The fire station site will have about 20 off-street spaces that will be accessed from an alley that leads from Juno.

The alley was moved to the west at the request of parish officials several years ago. Federation board members, parish representatives and the development team discussed ways to make sure the parking area shared by

the church and Sandcastle Child Care is safe and that there is no cut-through traffic.

One issue for the parish is a city requirement that was placed on Temke's public financing plan for his staff to include people who are coming out of prison. The parish is concerned since Sandcastle has about 150 children enrolled.

"That's a showstopper for us," said Steve Carter, the parish's business administrator. Temke said he would carefully screen people during the hiring process.

Temke has secured \$695,000 in public financing from the city, including a \$220,000 forgivable note, \$225,000 in Sales Tax Revitalization funds, a \$200,000 federal block grant and \$50,000 from the city for a fire suppression system.

Council disappointed with progress on public safety initiative

By JANE MCCLURE

St. Paul's Community First Public Safety initiative has been touted as a multifaceted answer to combat the rise of violent crime in the city. But an update on the program on May 20 left City Council members frustrated at the lack of progress, with some aspects of the initiative not scheduled to be in place until late June or early July.

Council members were not only unhappy with what they saw as a slow implementation of the program, they were unhappy when Mayor Melvin Carter left the virtual meeting before they could ask questions.

The Community First Public Safety program was a late addition to this year's city budget, pulled together after a spate of violent crime in 2019. Funds for the program included \$1.68 million from the city and \$1.25 million in grants and other sources.

An overarching theme in the initiative is

stopping crime before it happens, adding new crime-fighting programs and enhancing existing ones. However, the initiative was controversial, in that the 2020 city budget cut five police officer positions and did not include money for ShotSpotter technology that detects the location of gunfire.

Carter said implementing the Community First strategies has been challenging during the pandemic. He said many of the ideas centered on "high-touch, high-engaged, close-contact activities" that are being discouraged at this time.

Council members said they are hearing a lot of complaints about crime in their wards. By May 15, the city had logged more than 460 shots fired calls and 12 homicides this year.

Council member Rebecca Noecker said she is disappointed that the Community First initiative is not further along. "I'm coming from a place of really deep concern about the rate of crime we're seeing," she said. "I'm hearing

from constituents every day about crime, especially in Lowertown."

She also noted that the city had three months before COVID-19 struck to get Community First started.

Council president Amy Brendmoen and other council members said they want to see a written report on Community First. They asked that the mayor's administration present written details as well as answers to the questions that were raised on May 20.

"I had hoped to have a dialogue with the mayor," said council member Mitra Jalali. "Our community partners are reaching out to us because they're seeing and feeling the gaps."

Those community partners are looking for leadership from the city so that they can focus their actions in response to crime, said council member Jane Prince "I didn't expect today that we wouldn't be able to have a conversation about this," she said.

According to Prince, the increase in shots

fired calls in the city is up 60 percent over the same period in 2019. "This is something that can't wait until June. We need to get going on it," she said.

Carter said Community First is underway. According to him, a group made up of representatives from several city departments is meeting weekly with county public health officials, community ambassadors and the Downtown Alliance.

The Police Department is now implementing a strategy to focus law enforcement on specific "hot spots" where crime is prevalent, Carter said. Community ambassadors, who work with youths, are expected to be deployed to several targeted neighborhoods beginning next month.

A "healing streets" program is also being put in place to help victims and neighborhoods affected by crime, with the goal of being fully staffed by July. Hiring also is now underway for a violence prevention coordinator.



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Hidden Falls/Crosby improvements to begin as part of master plan

By JANE MCCLURE

Reconstructed trails and a new, smaller parking lot on the southern end of Hidden Falls Park are planned this summer to deal with longstanding Mississippi River flooding, flood-related damage and chronic silt deposits. Bids will be sought in June, with construction to follow. The improvements should be completed by fall.

This is the first project to be implemented in a previously completed master plan for Hidden Falls and Crosby Farm parks. The plan went through a public review process before it was approved last year by the St. Paul City Council and Metropolitan Council. The latter is involved because the two parks are considered to be one large regional park for planning and funding purposes.

The master plan outlines 46 potential projects for the two parks. The projects range from removing fallen trees at Hidden Falls to constructing an environmental education center at Crosby. Much of the plan focuses on improving parking lots and creating more rustic trails. One benefit of natural trails is that they can be groomed in the winter for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

Anne Gardner is overseeing this summer's parking lot and trails project for the St. Paul Department of Parks and Recreation. She reviewed plans in May with the Community Development Committee of the Highland District Council (HDC) and the St. Paul Plan-



One of the winding, wooden trails at Crosby Farm Park shown in the 2019 master plan.

ning Commission's Transportation Committee. The city is seeking final comments as design work wraps up this month.

The plan has been met with a generally positive response. Both committees asked Parks and Recreation to consider the high demand for more bicycle racks at Hidden Falls and Crosby. The HDC committee asked about beefing up security due to a spate of ve-

hicle break-ins at the parks. Some committee members also raised concerns over plans to reduce parking.

"This park area is a real jewel for the city of St. Paul," Gardner said. However, much of the parkland is in a floodway and high water typically leaves behind silt as deep as 4 feet in some places. She said making changes to parking lots and paved trails may reduce

those ongoing cleanup costs.

Instead of cleaning up and repairing parking lots and trails every year, Gardner said it makes more sense to reduce the amount of pavement and to move lots and trails farther from the river. The city plans to use stockpiled silt as a base for the projects.

Hidden Falls has two access points along Mississippi River Boulevard—one near the south end of the former Ford Motor Company plant and the other near the Highway 5 bridge. Crosby has access points near Gannon Road and at Elway Street. All four entrances are in line for parking and traffic safety improvements in the master plan.

The access point and parking lot near Highway 5 are scheduled for improvements this summer, Gardner said. The southern Hidden Falls entrance road will be shortened and about 80 parking spots will be reduced to 20.

"The existing road is often under water when it floods," Gardner said. After the pavement is removed, the road can be converted for a trail.

New paved trails will be placed closer to the bluff's base, with natural trails providing access near the Mississippi River. The new parking lot will be along the river below the overlook at Gannon and Shepard roads, also farther from the river. The lot will have a trail head with signage.

The city will use \$2 million in federal Emergency Management Agency funds for the project.

Residents cite concerns for users of Pelham Boulevard bikeway

By JANE MCCLURE

Making Pelham Boulevard safer for bicyclists and pedestrians is a priority for some Merriam Park residents. The heavy volume of vehicle traffic during rush hours and motorists mistaking the bikeway for a traffic lane are among the problems neighbors regularly cite. They took those concerns to the Union Park District Council (UPDC) Transportation Committee on May 11.

Committee members said they will work with neighbors to make the St. Paul Department of Public Works aware of the problems and see if changes can be made. The two-way, separated bikeway became the first of its kind in St. Paul when it won the City Council's approval in 2017. It replaced "share the road" signs that had been there for several years.

The \$250,000 bikeway project, which also included Myrtle Street and Raymond Avenue, was touted as the completion of a section of the Grand Round, a network of bike and pedestrian trails that was planned in the 19th century. The Pelham leg brought bike improvements from University Avenue to Mississippi River Boulevard. The side-by-side bike lanes on the east side of the street were controversial due to the resulting removal of on-street parking.

Pelham was also the city's first bikeway to use white poles, called delineators, to sepa-



The two-way, separated Pelham Boulevard bikeway was the first of its kind in St. Paul when it was approved in 2017. It also was the first to use white poles to separate bicyclists from motor vehicles.

rate bicyclists from motor vehicles. According to Public Works, 5,000 motor vehicles per day traveled on Pelham south of I-94 in 2018. The latest bike count on Pelham north of Otis was also in 2018 and found 57 bikes in two hours.

David Tierney, who has lived near Pelham for more than 40 years, said the safety issues have gotten worse in the last year. He said Pelham is increasingly used as a cut-through street during rush hour as motorists try to get to and from I-94, Highway 280, Mississippi River Boulevard, Marshall Avenue and other

roadways. Tierney showed the committee photos of stop-and-go traffic backed up for blocks. When vehicles are not backed up, he said, they are speeding through.

Large trucks are also on Pelham more frequently. "It's not a truck route," Tierney said.

Some of the cut-through traffic has been deterred this spring by Mayor Melvin Carter's order to close southbound Mississippi River Boulevard from Franklin Avenue to Ford Parkway. That closing, which ends May 31, was meant to provide more social distancing

space for outdoor recreation. While that has provided some relief, neighbors said they are bracing for more traffic backups when the road is reopened.

One complaint neighbors have is with the Pelham bike lanes' design, especially at Otis. Neighbors said they regularly see vehicles turn from Otis to Pelham and wind up driving in the bike lane. Near misses between bikes and vehicles happen too often, they said.

"I use Pelham on a daily basis," said committee member and bicyclist Mike Mechtenberg, "and these comments match my experience."

The St. Paul Bicycle Coalition has also fielded complaints about Pelham. "The problem is that some drivers start driving up the bike lane, not realizing it's a bike lane because it's almost the width of a car lane," said coalition leader Andy Singer. "What's needed is some removable or retractable steel bollards or signs in the middle of the open ends, particularly at the intersection of Otis, which is where most of the problems have occurred."

One challenge is Pelham's deteriorated condition. "To do this right, Pelham needs to be rebuilt," Tierney said.

St. Paul typically makes bike-related street improvements when streets are rebuilt or resurfaced. Pelham is not included in St. Paul's five-year street plan for either work. Some sections of the street have not been rebuilt since 1964.

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many as 45 diners beginning June 1 with the necessary social distancing. Of course, that's weather permitting, and "that makes it a challenge," he added.

Most of Grand Avenue's bars and restaurants have sputtered along with just curbside takeout and delivery service since late March. "We pared our menu from 70 to about 30 items," said Paul Dzubnar, owner of the Green Mill, 57 S. Hamline Ave. Sales are about 30 percent of normal with takeout and delivery only, he said, and that mode of operation "isn't sustainable. Our fixed costs haven't changed."

At Dixie's on Grand, 695 Grand Ave., the current takeout and delivery business amounts to about 20 percent of usual sales, according to co-owner John Wolf. The restaurant has laid off 40 employees, and four full-time employees now run the entire operation.

Wolf couldn't be reached following the governor's order allowing outdoor dining. He said earlier that he hoped to reopen the bar and indoor dining room sometime this fall. When restaurants do reopen, he predicted, "they're going to look like a hospital" due to the new safety procedures. Customers will see "bare tables" with no condiments and "empty tables to secure social distancing," he said.

Grand Avenue businesses have exercised caution as they reopened their stores and offices to customer traffic. The businesses are employing new protocols for customer and employee safety, and most expect those measures to remain in place well into the fall.

"We've made changes inside our store to allow for more social distancing," said Liam O'Neill, owner of Irish on Grand, 1124 Grand Ave. "We're asking all customers to wear masks, use hand sanitizer and be aware of others. And we have a plexiglass barrier at the cash register."

Irish on Grand had been relying solely on online sales and curbside pickup and delivery this spring, and sales were down 75 percent,



Owners Liam O'Neill and Maeve O'Mara welcomed their first customers in almost two months to browse the shelves and display cases inside their Irish on Grand store at 1124 Grand Ave. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

O'Neill said. "We have no idea how sustainable this (new business model) will be," he said. "That will depend on our customers' reaction. Some will resist wearing masks. Others won't feel comfortable being in a store where some people don't wear them." Curbside service will continue for customers who do not wish to enter the store, he added.

Cooks of Crocus Hill is now admitting shoppers after serving customers through delivery and curbside pickup only. Owner Karl Benson described the reopening as "a work in progress that will be modified as circumstances demand." The store is limiting the number of shoppers to "somewhere between three and 10," Benson said. "Our first priority is to our team. Employees are exposed to every person who comes in the door." If the store protects its employees, he said, "the customers will benefit. We hope by early July people will have adjusted to the status quo."

Red Balloon Bookshop, 891 Grand Ave., is

not yet ready to allow customers in the store, according to owner Holly Weinkauf. "And we won't be doing that until we know we can do so safely," she said. "The store looks like a warehouse now. We're preparing daily curbside, home and mail deliveries for our customers." Red Balloon's work spaces have been rearranged to allow for social distancing. Employees work staggered shifts, and strict cleaning protocols are followed.

Wet Paint Artists' Materials & Framing, 1684 Grand Ave., also remains closed to in-store shoppers. Exempted from closing as an essential business, Wet Paint has been operating this spring with curbside pickup and delivery service. "We could've admitted customers all along," co-owner Darin Rinne said, "but we didn't feel like it was the best decision for our customers and staff, and we still feel that way. We can serve more customers more safely as we're doing business now."

Other businesses welcomed the opportu-

nity to reopen. Grand Groomers, 956 Grand Ave., closed on March 27 and reopened on May 4 with a new interior layout and enhanced safety procedures. No customers are allowed inside, but are instructed to call when they arrive and are met at the door. All employees wear masks. Groomers work in separate rooms. Dogs are kept at least six feet apart. Payment is accepted by phone. The new operations are working well, according to owner David Samuelson, and are "definitely sustainable. We'll likely continue with some of the changes we've made."

Up and down Grand, business owners are emphasizing safety over profitability. A. Johnson & Sons Florists, 1738 Grand Ave., closed its store to shoppers on March 27, though it continued to deliver orders. The store remains closed for all but delivery and curbside service. Employees' temperatures are taken daily, they are constantly washing their hands, and they wear gloves and practice social distancing. Delivery people are not permitted inside the building, and all payments are made electronically.

"We could continue doing this if we had to," according to owner Tom Johnson. "I think people are getting used to it. I think it's our new normal."

Deemed an essential business, Frattallone's Ace Hardware's stores at 650 and 1676 Grand Ave. have been open all along. The stores installed sneeze guards at all cashier counters and laid out pedestrian lanes to control the flow of shoppers in the store. Customers are not required to wear masks, but employees are, and they are sanitizing "all day long at a really high level," cleaning hard surfaces, bathrooms and door handles, according to co-owner Mike Frattalone. "Our clerks say, 'How can we help you?' from six feet away," he said. "It took a little while to get into the groove, but people are learning."

Villager editor Dale Mischke contributed to this story.

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Bethesda and Regions Hospitals in early April. Other donations promoted by word of mouth started pouring in shortly thereafter. As of mid-May, Feeding the Frontline had raised more than \$130,000 and served over 14,000 meals and snacks at six Twin Cities hospitals.

From the beginning, the team was clear about the kind of food they wanted to provide. “Well-rounded, nutrient-dense food helps with mental clarity and physical stamina,” said Sandok, who owns the nutrition coaching company Prescribe Nutrition. “We want to offer whole grains, fruits, veggies and high-quality proteins sourced from local and organic farmers.” To fulfill those requirements, Feeding the Frontline partnered with such restaurants as Agra Culture, Tao Natural Foods and People’s Organic Cafe, as well as the local snack companies You Betcha Box, JonnyPops and Nomi Bars.

According to Agra Culture COO Anne DeBeau-Melting, “we’re providing food that health care workers can grab and eat in a hurry, but still benefit from nutrition and flavor.” Kale pesto pasta served in reheatable containers is a favorite. Hospital staff have also appreciated the dairy-free, gluten-free, vegan and vegetarian options, DeBeau-Melting said.

“Being able to have something that’s quick to grab and nutritious definitely helps me do my job better,” said Rebecca Wieben, a critical care nurse practitioner at Bethesda. “The food is delicious, and the fact that someone donated it to say ‘thanks’ makes me feel even better.”

Feeding the Frontline’s Ryan Hoffman said it has been especially rewarding to make the deliveries and “see people’s smiles behind their masks.” And the hospital workers are not the only ones who are grateful. “Especially for the smaller, family-owned businesses we’ve partnered with, the support has been life-changing,” said Hoffman, a resident of Highland Park.

Health care workers at the VA Hospital in South Minneapolis (right) awaited a delivery of nutritious meals earlier this month from Feeding the Frontline MN volunteers.

Below, Feeding the Frontline founder Anna Decker is joined by fellow volunteers Jane Hoffman, Deb Fee and artist Ara Elizabeth in the decorated skyway leading to Bethesda Hospital near downtown St. Paul.

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You Betcha Box CEO Katie Sterns, who also lives in Highland Park, said her partnership with Feeding the Frontline has supported her business as well as the businesses she works with. Sterns puts together boxes for the hospitals that contain healthy snacks made by Minnesota companies. “We have about 17 local makers who are so excited and humbled to be part of this,” Sterns said. “It’s helped keep these small businesses afloat, and it feels

wonderful to support our health care heroes.”

“This partnership has allowed us to retain more employees than we could have without it,” said DeBeau-Melting of Agra Culture. “It helps us stay open for business, and it allows us to thank the frontline workers by ensuring they’re fed. We support them, the community supports us—it’s an amazing circle.”

Decker credited the generosity of the public for Feeding the Frontline’s success. “Ev-

erything we’ve done has been met with such beautiful receptivity,” she said. “Every call we’ve made has been answered with a ‘yes’ and a ‘what else can I do?’”

One of those calls was to local artist Ara Elizabeth, who helped the Feeding the Frontline team decorate the skyway leading to Bethesda. Decker recruited local children to cut out rainbow-colored hearts to tape to the skyway’s windows and asked Ara Elizabeth to add inspirational quotes.

On one side of the skyway, a rainbow of hearts leads to whimsically painted clouds and a quote from the late spiritualist Ram Dass: “We’re all just walking each other home.” On the other side, Ara Elizabeth planned to add a quote from 13th century Persian poet Rumi: “If everything around seems dark, look again, you may be the light.”

The children’s rainbow hearts contain sayings as well, “sweet little words and tiny backwards writing,” Decker said, “things like ‘You’re a hero.’”

“When we were taping up the hearts and Ara was painting, a grown man walked through the skyway and cried his eyes out,” Decker said. “The hallway feels like a beautiful, supportive hug. We want the first thing these health care workers see when they go into work and the last thing they see when they leave to be a reminder of how much we’re all holding them.”

“To see this community giving its support has been so inspiring,” Hoffman said. “It gives me hope that, in spite of everything terrible going on, we’re going to get through it.”

Feeding the Frontline will continue its support of local health care workers and businesses for as long as possible, and it hopes to expand to other hospitals. For information about making a tax-deductible contribution, visit feedingthefrontlinemn.com. One hundred percent of every donation goes to the local businesses that provide the food for hospital workers.

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VIEWPOINT

Elemental baseball: Antidote to what ails us this spring

BY NEAL BERNARDS

Baseball saved my sanity during the lockdown. It brought me joy, gave me cause for exercise and afforded me valuable time with my college-bound son. Baseball also filled my heart with gratitude.

No, it wasn't the Twins who saved me. Nor the Saints. Nor college or high school baseball. Sadly, they were idled for the common good. Rather, it was the game of baseball itself: the physical throwing of the ball and the swinging of the bat that brought me recompense.

Like thousands of players nationwide, my 18-year-old son lost his senior year of baseball to the pandemic, but he didn't lose his passion for the game. With no option other than dear old dad with his ragged 56-year-old arm, he dragged me to the park to throw batting practice as soon as the snow melted.

Now, batting cages are fine if you're into that sort of thing, but for us, nothing beats hitting from a dusty infield over green grass to gaze in wonder at a well struck ball as it arches majestically through a sun-dappled sky.

My son and I like to speculate (read: argue) whether a hard-hit worm-burner would have snuck through the infield for an RBI single or been turned into a double play by a hotshot shortstop. I praise frozen ropes lined to the outfield gap and deride missed opportunities when a meatball delivered over the heart of



Owen and Neal Bernards take a break in the batting cage.

the plate is popped up and becomes a can of corn for somebody's waiting glove.

We both admire blasts that jump off the barrel of the bat and disappear as tiny dots over the leftfield fence (bit of a pull hitter you say). And yes, there's a fence. There's always a fence. Why hit on a fenceless field with no chance of an imaginary walk-off home run in the bottom of the 9th? You might as well hit in a cage where the ball, like birds in an aviary, are earthbound by nets.

My gratitude comes from the joy that is created by a game that my son loves but

that I never played as a child. I'm thankful for the fresh air and the exercise. And I'm thankful for those who make baseball possible.

Despite my public school bias, I'm exceedingly grateful to Cretin-Derham Hall (CDH) for access to its fields and facilities over the years. Just last fall, dozens of Central High players descended on CDH's JV field for captains' practices. Despite the giant red C on their caps, not once did a CDH official ask them to leave. No groundskeeper scolded

them for trampling the grass. In fact, adults in the neighborhood stopped to admire the gaggle of energetic teens playing an unsupervised game and to listen to their overconfident chatter. I love St. Paul; it's a baseball town.

I'm also thankful for the Highland Little League, Concordia University-St. Paul, St. Paul Academy (SPA) and Highland Park High School for unfettered access to their playing fields. While many ballfields are perpetually locked and gated, the fields and cages of the aforementioned institutions remain open

to any ballplayer interested in honing his or her skills. And we've used them all, dozens of times.

While in this time of social distancing, my son and I hit alone, in the past our hitting sessions also involved my son's friends. However, their joy in hitting outdoors in open fields quickly waned once they realized they needed to retrieve the baseballs. As for the two of us, we rather enjoy the Zen-like calm of plucking baseballs like free-range eggs off the verdant grass in the soft light of a setting sun. It brings a contemplative end to every hitting session.

I feel sorry for the senior athletes who were robbed of their final spring season, when they had hoped to reap the rewards of all their hard work over the years. They were robbed of the glory of a three-hit game or a seven-inning shutout, robbed of the chance to scan the box scores for mention of their former Little League teammates who are now playing for CDH, Hill Murray, Nova, St. Thomas, Minnehaha, SPA or Henry Sibley. While baseball is a competitive sport with rivalries between schools, those who play it are a tight-knit community where everybody knows somebody who knows someone.

Alas, for the Class of 2020 it's a season that never was. But for those true believers, there's solace in the beauty of a well-hit ball that sails beneath a cumulus-filled sky before thudding to the ground in the lush outfield grass. The sound and the sight are the perfect antidote to what ails us this spring.

INBOX

Spending in face of a city deficit

I have the utmost respect for *Villager* reporter Jane McClure. Her contributions to our neighborhood through her writing are enormous. But I have to suggest one correction to a headline in the last edition of the *Villager*.

I read her article about the \$630,000 to add bike lanes downtown, and the article on the restriping of bike lanes on Summit Avenue for \$365,000, all in addition to the St. Paul City Council's \$7.5 million slap-in-the-face Ayd Mill Road vote. After reading these, I must correct the headline, "St. Paul officials brace for an estimated \$19 million to \$34 million deficit in 2021." The headline should read, "St. Paul officials don't care one bit about the projected deficit and will spend your money however they darn feel like it."

Keep up the good work, Ms. McClure.

Gloria Zaiger
Highland Park

Ayd Mill trail is entirely proper

Reporter Jane McClure's story on the St. Paul City Council's Ayd Mill Road vote spread several pieces of misinformation (*Villager*, April 29).

Council member Rebecca Noecker's motion to just repave the road would only have saved \$2.2 million if the council had simultaneously voted to remove this same amount of money from the city's Bicycle Fund, and no one was proposing to do that. Despite Noecker's statement to the contrary, the trail is safe—as safe as similar trails on Phalen Boulevard, Mississippi River Boulevard or even parts of Shepard Road. All three have car traffic running next to a multi-use trail. Council member Noecker also claimed that the Grand Round and the Capital City Bikeway should take funding priority over an Ayd Mill trail, but the Grand Round is already completely funded (much of it with state and federal grants) and it will be nearly completed by the end of next year. The Capital City Bikeway isn't completed because city leaders, including Noecker herself, have been unable to agree on a route for it. They only recently decided on 9th and 10th streets and still haven't decided between Wabasha and St. Peter streets.

If City Council members Noecker, Chris Tolbert and Dai Thao are so keen to save money, they wouldn't have supported a \$116 million proposal to rebuild the River Center

parking garage at a cost of \$54,000 per parking space, or they would've just abandoned Ayd Mill Road and saved over \$5.3 million. Certainly, they wouldn't have required city staff to spend hundreds of hours to model traffic and do presentations on Ayd Mill Road when they had no intention of voting for the trail project, no matter the modeling results. This was a huge waste of taxpayer money.

The St. Paul Bicycle Plan and city policy both say that the Bicycle Plan has been and will be implemented on streets or roads whenever they come up for repaving or reconstruction. Ayd Mill Road was being repaved. It's in the Bike Plan, so implementing the planned trail on it was entirely proper.

Andrew Singer, Co-Chair
St. Paul Bicycle Coalition

Invasive plants are taking over

The city of St. Paul and its agencies are derelict in their management of city-owned land. Everywhere you look we are suffering explosions of invasive and noxious plant species that will forever change our outdoor spaces. For a group that purports to be all about climate change, they are willfully negligent in managing our own Minnesota environment.

Look at our roadsides, highway dividers and wooded parks. All you see are rampant areas of invasive species like garlic mustard, burdock, buckthorn, purple loosestrife, nettles and thistles. These aren't just a nuisance. Garlic mustard actually changes the chemistry of the soil and prevents anything else from growing near it, including trees. Vines of invasive bittersweet pull down trees. These plants take over and replace familiar native woodland plants. They are growing like mad, and will permanently eliminate the biodiversity of our woods and parks and roadsides.

The city and state say they have no money to address these problems, but they do have power. They could alert the public, enlist citizen gardeners and educate students. In short, they could do something. Instead, the city seems to waste money planting countless trees on medians that are dead or damaged by the end of each summer. Minnesotans deserve better stewards of our precious environment.

Jeanne Condon
Highland Park

All talk from the HDC

The April 15 *Villager* Viewpoint page included an article by Highland District Council president Howard Miller encouraging the people of Highland to attend the HDC's annual meeting by webinar at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23. I don't see how watching a video can be considered attending an annual meeting, but I "attended" nonetheless. This webinar, which can still be seen on the HDC website, contains some committee reports, but no financial report as the state statute governing nonprofits mandates. How a one-sided webinar is an alternative to an annual meeting with neighbors, in person or virtually, to discuss all of the important issues in Highland is beyond me.

St. Paul's district councils were created in the 1970s to foster citizen participation. They receive money from the city to accomplish this. How much money the HDC gets, I don't know, because there was no financial report at the annual meeting.

Miller writes that the HDC board election will bring together those who want to represent their neighbors in discussions about traffic and development and to find better ways to bring us together. Yet, if you go to the HDC website, you can find out who represents your grid on the HDC board, but there is nothing that shows you how to contact that person—no e-mail address, no phone number, no mail box, nothing. When a group really wants our input, they make it easy to give it. The HDC's statements about wanting to engage more of us seem to be all talk.

Georgia Dietz
Highland Park

Showing concern for customers

Business proprietors who pay attention to social media will be aware of the number of area residents who appreciate establishments that take proper precautions to protect their employees and customers by requiring that all who work or shop there comply with recommended safety precautions, including masks and social distancing. I ask that those who have not yet implemented such a policy do so now. It will be appreciated.

James M. Hamilton
Macalester-Groveland

St. Paul sets hearing on new rules for protecting tenants

City wants SAFE Housing for all, but landlords fear changes could cause more problems than they solve

By JANE McCLURE

An ordinance that outlines sweeping changes in an attempt to protect tenants from unfair rental practices will return to the St. Paul City Council on June 3. A public hearing will follow on June 10, and the ordinance could be adopted that same day.

If approved, the so-called SAFE (Stable, Accessible, Fair and Equitable) Housing Tenant Protections Ordinance would take effect in January. It was introduced earlier this year and has the support of many housing, civil rights, faith-based and low-income advocacy groups who hope it will help address the city's shortage of affordable housing. Local district councils are also reviewing the ordinance and preparing to weigh in.

However, St. Paul landlords, who are already dealing with increased vacancies due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Minnesota Multi-Family Housing Association worry that the proposed regulations will drive up rental housing costs and cause more problems than they solve. Comments and proposed amendments from both sides continue to pour into City Hall as the public comment period remains open.

The ordinance would make several changes in St. Paul's rental housing rules. Landlords would have to provide detailed information about tenants' rights and responsibilities before leases are signed. No more than one month's rent could be charged as a security deposit. Tenants and the city would have to be alerted when a rental property goes on the market for sale. Standardized criteria would have to be used to check a prospective tenant's credit, criminal and rental history.

Some landlords say the regulations will make it harder for them to provide affordable housing as their costs go up. One big concern is the tenant screening changes, which some landlords say could put other tenants at risk of living in the same building with people with criminal records.

Another red flag for landlords is that they would have to provide tenants with "just

cause" for nonrenewal of a lease or termination of a tenancy. That is being criticized by many landlords as overreaching. Tenant advocates counter that it would protect renters who lose housing and are not given a reason why. Just cause can include nonpayment and repeated late payments of rent.

The ordinance also would require that landlords give tenants 90-days' notice of a building's sale. If rents climb within three months of a sale, the new landlord would have to pay a tenant's relocation fees.

The ordinance was introduced earlier this year, but was set aside due to the pandemic. The council on May 13 moved for reconsideration of the ordinance. That allowed time for council member Mitra Jalali to make technical amendments, including changes to bring the ordinance in line with state statutes.

Council member Jane Prince objected to a June 10 adoption of the ordinance. "That really short-shrifts the people who are participating in that public hearing," she said.

Prince cited what is happening with the rental housing market during the pandemic, saying it is in a "state of flux and despair." She added that pushing the ordinance through so quickly "feels kind of tone-deaf to me."

Jalali pushed back against further delays, saying there has been plenty of time for people to comment on the ordinance. "It feels hard to argue that we need less tenant protections during a global pandemic, not more," she said, adding that she has worked on the proposal for several months.

Both sides in the debate are now waiting to see what form a public hearing would take. In the past, the council held public hearings on new city ordinances twice a month, with each side of an issue receiving up to 15 minutes for testimony. With the pandemic, no oral testimony has been taken from the public. Instead, comments are being made via voicemail or submitted in writing to the City Council prior to a set deadline.

The city's Planning Commission Zoning Committee, Board of Zoning Appeals and Heritage Preservation Commission are still allowing the public to speak during their hearings. The full Planning Commission has only taken written testimony.

No decisions have yet been made on City Council hearings. One idea being considered would move more controversial topics, such as tenant protections, to daytime hearings.



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Heimie's retools its downtown haberdashery for producing facemasks

Protective accessory is tailored to caregivers and the general public

BY ANNE MURPHY

Heimie's Haberdashery has tailored its selection of goods and services to include protective facemasks for caregivers and the general public. The new line of masks has enabled owner Anthony Andler to remain in business and keep his workers employed while helping people stay safe in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Andler began working on the facemask concept last January "when COVID-19 was still in China," he said. "I was seeing everyone there wearing a mask. I didn't know there was going to be a pandemic, I but thought it was something to look into. I thought, 'What are we going to do as purveyors? Let's protect ourselves and be safe.' It's all about creativity, courage and civility."

As retail stores across the state reopen their doors to the public, Heimie's is welcoming customers by appointment and for curbside pickup at the store, 400 St. Peter St. The masks may also be ordered online. Safety for customers and employees remains Andler's priority.

Heimie's has two trademarked designs. The Block-It Square Facemask is for personal use and sells for \$25. Made from pocket square silk, the mask has a cotton membrane inside. It is available in paisley and other prints and is reusable: Just wash with a sponge and dish soap and hang to dry.

The Civilian Mask Corps Facemask is made of 100 percent cotton with a polypropylene non-woven fabric interior. Designed for caregivers and the general public, it can be adjust-



Heimie's Haberdashery owner Anthony Andler wears one of his company's facemasks and folds another into the breast pocket of his sweater. Behind him is master tailor Mai see Sofia. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

ed with knotting ear bands and is available in black and white. Priced at \$12.50, it is also reusable. Heimie's suggests ironing it on steam setting to completely sanitize the mask.

As of last week, Heimie's had sold more than 3,000 masks. "I was just hoping to sell 1,000," Andler said.

Heimie's has sold more of the Civilian Masks than the more upscale Block-It model, but he expects the latter to sell better as people return to work outside the home. The masks when folded fit nicely into the front pocket of a suit jacket, he said.

Along with its new line of protective gear, Heimie's is also offering the opportunity to fund masks for health care workers and family caregivers. Through its Care for Caregivers program, Heimie's customers may donate between \$25 and \$500 to cover the production costs of masks that will be given to those people on the frontline of the pandemic.

Donors will receive a commemorative poster as a token of gratitude. Vintage in appearance, the poster features a bugler and an American flag. It reads, "The Call to Duty/Civilian Mask Corps/for Home and Country."

"We wanted a design that was worthy of the effort and eye-catching," Andler said. In its first round of production, Heimie's donated 100 masks to health care providers. "And if I saw someone on the street without a mask, I'd walk out and give them one," Andler said.

Heimie's has been a notable name in tailoring in downtown St. Paul since Andler's great-grandfather, Heimie Andler, opened a tailor shop on old Seventh Street. After World War II, Heimie and his son, Ralph, established a ready-to-wear and tailoring shop in the same area. Anthony opened the current haberdashery in the Hamm Building nearly 15 years ago.

Heimie's had 17 employees before the COVID-19 pandemic. He hopes to bring them all back in the months ahead, but for now he has kept four employees on staff with the help of a small-business loan and the introduction of the masks. He set up production of the masks in the rooms where Heimie's clothing and leather goods are normally cut and sewn.

Thanks to the masks, "I didn't lose the business and I didn't lose all my employees," Andler said. "We're still here, and we have the hope of returning to where we were."

Among Heimie's employees who have been making masks is general manager Keith Dorsett, who said he is happy and proud to be a part of the effort. "Anthony is an entrepreneur and the mother of all creativity," Dorsett said. "It seemed a little futuristic at first, but we said, 'Let's go for it.' Most important was the idea that this would be a way to keep ourselves and others safe."

Dorsett and his team of two master tailors and a sales associate have worked on all aspects of mask-making, from design to cutting material to sewing. Dorsett has also made sure orders were packed, mailed and delivered on time and with all safety concerns met.

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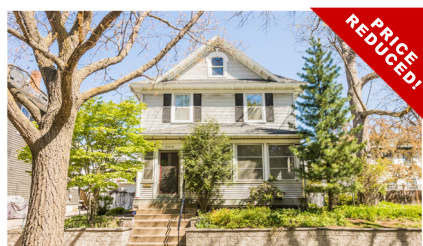
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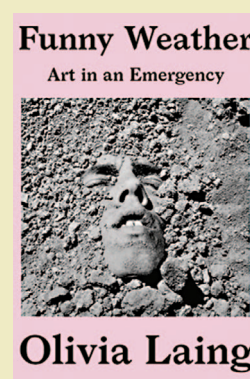
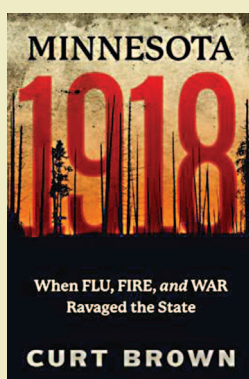
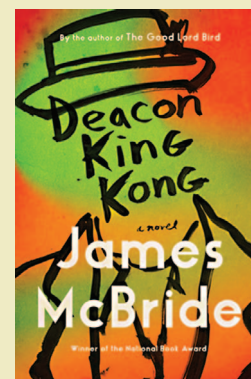
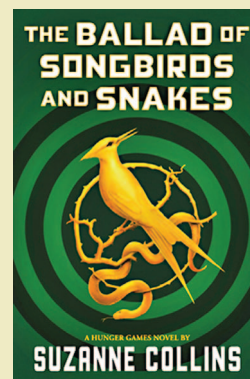
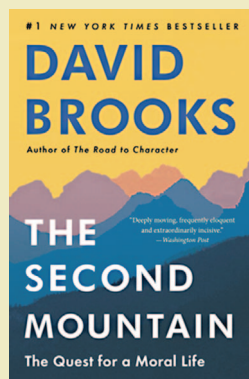
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Things are looking up. Ryan Zappa of American Masonry Restoration grinds mortar joints on the side of the historic Highland Water Tower. The 92-year-old landmark is undergoing a face-lift with the help of a \$250,000 grant from the Minnesota Historical Society. Masonry work, tile repair, improved site drainage, and window and door repair will continue through the summer. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

News Briefs

BZA approves variances for large temporary signs around Ford site

Big development projects require big signs, according to Mathew Graybar of the St. Paul Board of Zoning Appeals staff, and Ryan Companies will be erecting 10 of them on the fence surrounding the 122-acre Ford site in Highland Park with the approval of the BZA.

The temporary signs sought by master developer Ryan Companies are larger than usual and required five variances from the city code. The signs will simply announce “Ford Site Development” or “Ryan Companies.” A few may denote the names of Ryan’s partners in the development, but in a way that does not “advertise” those partners, Graybar said.

Most of the signs will be along Ford Parkway and Mississippi River Boulevard. According to Maureen Michalski of Ryan Companies, the main reason for the signs is “to spruce up the site” and highlight the fact that development will be starting soon. The Highland District Council (HDC) had recommended approval of the sign variances.

St. Paul’s zoning code allows one real estate development sign on a property not exceeding 50 square feet. Ryan’s 10 signs would total 15,180 square feet. The city permits temporary signs to remain in place for not more than 30 days at a time and 90 days in a year. Ryan wants to keep the signs in place for 456 days.

Developer tweaks design for new apartment near Marshall and Finn

A design change for a new Marshall Avenue apartment building was presented to neighbors and members of a Union Park District Council committee on May 18. Developer Jon Schwartzman showed the revised plans for the new building near the northwest corner of Marshall Avenue and Finn Street. Four Marshall Avenue dwellings would come down and two new apartment buildings would go up, one facing Marshall and one facing Finn.

The buildings slated for demolition are at 2097, 2103, 2111 and 2115 Marshall. The building at 2097 Marshall is a duplex and the rest are single-family homes. All of the properties are zoned for lower-density, multifamily residential.

The Marshall building will have a series of peaked roofs, rather than the flat roof design presented in April. Its exterior siding will be composite materials with some brick.

Another change for the Marshall Avenue building is that it will have nine loft-style units instead of the 10 initially proposed. It would be 40 feet tall, with the housing above parking.

The Finn apartment building would have three levels of housing over one level of park-

ing. It would have 20 apartments in a mix of one- to four- bedroom units and would also be 40 feet tall.

Most committee discussion May 18 centered on architectural design, parking and housing costs. Some committee members and neighbors urged Schwartzman to find a way to provide more affordable housing instead of a wholly market-rate development.

Restored Goodrich Ave. house gets ready to go on the market

The saga of the John Lewis House at 412 Goodrich Ave. is nearing its end. Historic St. Paul has announced that it will begin accepting offers on the restored dwelling, which was built in 1856 and is one of the oldest houses in the city. The asking price: \$225,000.

The public will be invited to view the house during a celebratory open house on May 31. Details will be posted on Historic St. Paul’s social media.

Historic St. Paul worked with West End residents and the Little Bohemia Neighborhood Association to rehabilitate the house, which was badly deteriorated when it went up for sale in 2017. Little Bohemia neighbors rallied to save it after it was slated for demolition.

The preservationists appeared before a city legislative hearing officer several times in the past few years as they worked on plans to restore the house. A later addition was torn off the original house.

City may ease residential design standards in Highland, Mac-Grove

An online public hearing on potential changes to residential design standards in the Highland and Macalester-Groveland neighborhoods is set for 8:30 a.m. Friday, May 29.

The changes, which affect new infill housing and large home additions, have been discussed for the past four years and have the support of the Highland and Macalester-Groveland district councils. The standards regulate the heights and setbacks of new dwellings and additions as well as wall articulation. One intent of the changes is to reduce the number of variance requests going before the city’s Board of Zoning Appeals.

Most district council members said they want to maintain the intent of the design standards, but they also want to see fewer variances, thereby reducing the money and time spent by property owners and the city.

The Planning Commission is not allowing people to testify by phone or by virtual means. Go to tinyurl.com/ybkwr72t for information on how to submit comments and listen in.

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Crime Report

The following crime incidents were compiled from St. Paul and Mendota Heights police department reports and other sources.

Highland Park

Burglary—Burglaries were reported at 5:08 p.m. Sunday, May 3, on the 1200 block of Davern Street; at 11:15 a.m. Monday, May 4, on the 1300 block of Maynard Drive; and at 8:23 a.m. Monday, May 11, on the 1800 block of Montreal Avenue.

Theft—Several items were reported stolen from vehicles on the 2300 block of West Seventh Street at 8:45 p.m. Monday, May 4; the 1700 block of Race Street at 2:24 p.m. Tuesday, May 5; the 400 block of Brimhall Street at 9:32 p.m. Thursday, May 7; and the 1500 block of Randolph Avenue at 7:40 a.m. Friday, May 8.

—Items valued at more than \$1,000 were reported stolen on the 2000 block of West Seventh Street at 11:34 a.m. Tuesday, May 5.

—A vehicle was reported stolen on the 1700 block of Graham Avenue at 8:24 p.m. Tuesday, May 12.

Sex crime—A rape was reported on the 2100 block of West Seventh Street at 1:33 a.m. Friday, May 1.

Assault—An aggravated assault with a gun was reported on the 2300 block of Rockwood Avenue at 8 p.m. Sunday, May 10.

Lexington-Hamline

Theft—A vehicle was reported stolen on the 1300 block of University Avenue at 1:41 p.m. Thursday, May 7.

Assault—An aggravated assault with a gun occurred on the 300 block of North Dunlap Street at 7:21 p.m. Friday, May 1.

Macalester-Groveland

Robbery—A strong-arm robbery occurred on the 1800 block of James Avenue at 12:20 a.m. Friday, May 8.

Burglary—Burglaries were reported on the 1100 block of Palace Avenue at 6:17 a.m. Monday, May 4; the 2000 block of Grand Avenue at 6 a.m. Tuesday, May 5; the 1200 block of Jefferson Avenue at 1:49 a.m. Tuesday, May 12; and the 1300 block of St. Clair Avenue at 8:21 a.m. Wednesday, May 13.

Theft—Several items were reported stolen from vehicles on the 1200 block of Jefferson Avenue at 1:15 p.m. Monday, May 4; the 1500 block of Randolph Avenue at 3:30 p.m. Monday, May 4; and the 2000 block of Berkeley Avenue at 7 p.m. Monday, May 11.

—Vehicles were stolen on the 1300 block of Sargent Avenue on April 30; the 1200 and 2000 blocks of Grand Avenue on May 3; at Ayd Mill Road and St. Clair Avenue on May 10; and on the 2000 block of Fairmount Avenue on May 11.

Mendota Heights

Theft—Several items were stolen from a vehicle on the 1600 block of James Road

Man sentenced for stealing from church

Christopher Paul Seiple, 48, of New Brighton, was sentenced on May 15 in Dakota County District Court to 10 years of supervised probation in connection with stealing more than \$33,000 from St. Peter's Church in Mendota Heights between November 2018 and May 2019 while he was employed there as the director of operations.

Seiple pled guilty last December to three counts of theft by swindle. He was also ordered to pay \$118,162.02 in restitution, serve 30 days in jail and undergo 30 days of electronic home monitoring.

In July 2019, police responded to a report of suspected theft from the church after an audit uncovered several suspicious transactions involving Seiple. Several checks issued to vendors by him on behalf of the church were for invoices that had already been paid. The checks were deposited into his personal bank account.

Seiple admitted that the checks were fraudulent. He told investigators that he was behind on his mortgage and had been purchasing up to \$400 worth of scratch-off lottery tickets a day.

during the evening of May 7-8.

—A purse and several gift cards were reported stolen from a vehicle on the 1000 block of Cullen Avenue at 6:22 p.m. Monday, May 11.

—Several items were reported stolen from two vehicles on the 2000 block of Mendakota Drive between 5-8:17 p.m. Monday, May 11.

—A suspect was seen on video breaking a window and stealing a bag from a vehicle on the 1300 block of Northland Drive at 4:28 p.m. Thursday, May 14. The suspect left in a vehicle and was later identified by police.

Miscellaneous—A citation for disorderly conduct was issued following a road rage incident at 11:35 a.m. Friday, May 8, on the 2000 block of Dodd Road.

—A former employee was cited for violating a restraining order after trying to enter a business on the 2200 block of Pilot Knob Road at 12:58 p.m. Wednesday, May 13.

Merriam Park

Burglary—A burglary was reported on the 400 block of Fry Street at 6:02 p.m. Wednesday, May 6.

—A commercial break-in was reported on the 1900 block of Dayton Avenue at 12:40 a.m. Wednesday, May 13.

Theft—Vehicles were stolen on the 400 block of Pierce Street on May 2; the 200 block of North Snelling Avenue on May 2 and 5; the 2100 block of University Avenue and 1800

block of Portland Avenue on May 9; and the 400 block of North Wilder Street on May 13.

Sex crime—A rape was reported on the 1700 block of University Avenue at 2:26 a.m. Saturday, May 9.

Assault—An aggravated assault with a dangerous weapon was reported on the 400 block of North Prior Avenue at 3:58 p.m. Thursday, April 30.

—An assault was reported on the 1900 block of Feronia Avenue at 11:28 p.m. Thursday, April 30.

Snelling-Hamline

Burglary—A residential break-in was reported on the 1500 block of Portland Avenue at 11:08 a.m. Saturday, May 2.

Theft—Several items valued at more than \$500 were reported stolen from a vehicle on the 100 block of North Snelling Avenue at 12:20 a.m. Friday, May 1.

Assault—An aggravated assault with a knife was reported on the 1500 block of University Avenue at 2:11 p.m. Thursday, April 30.

—An aggravated assault with a gun was reported on I-94 and Snelling Avenue at 11:38 p.m. Sunday, May 3.

Summit Hill

Burglary—Burglaries were reported on the 1000 block of Grand Avenue at 7:17 p.m. Tuesday, May 5, and again at 6 p.m. Friday, May 8.

Theft—A bicycle valued at more than \$500 was reported stolen on the 1000 block of Grand Avenue at 11 p.m. Thursday, April 30.

—Thefts from autos were reported on the 300 block of Grand Avenue at 8:55 a.m. Wednesday, May 6; the 200 block of South Dunlap Street at 1:41 p.m. Thursday, May 7; and at Milton Street and Summit Avenue at 12:10 a.m. Friday, May 8.

Weapons—Gunfire was heard on the 900 block of St. Clair Avenue at 9:59 p.m. Tuesday, May 5.

Summit-University

Robbery—A robbery was reported on the 500 block of Dayton Avenue at 12:43 a.m. Tuesday, May 5.

—A strong-arm robbery was reported at a residence on the 700 block of Marshall Avenue at 9:58 p.m. Wednesday, May 6.

Burglary—A burglary was reported on the 400 block of Ashland Avenue at 1:43 p.m. Sunday, May 3.

—A commercial break-in occurred on the 500 block of Selby Avenue at 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 6.

Theft—Vehicles were stolen on the 300 block of Farrington Street on April 30; the 400 block of Selby, 800 block of Concordia and 800 block of Selby avenues on May 2; the 300 block of Marshall Avenue on May 6; on Western and Holly avenues on May 7; and on the 700 block of Selby and 900 block of Ashland avenues on May 11.

—Several items valued at more than \$1,000 were reported stolen from vehicles on the 200 block of North Western Avenue at 9:30 p.m. Thursday, April 30; and the 500 block of Holly Avenue at 5:40 p.m. Sunday, May 10.

Assault—An aggravated assault with a gun was reported on the 300 block of North Lexington Parkway at 11:45 p.m. Saturday, May 2.

West End

Burglary—A residential break-in was reported on the 200 block of Sturgis Street at 7:52 a.m. Saturday, May 2.

—A commercial break-in occurred on the 800 block of West Seventh Street at 5:25 a.m. Monday, May 11.

Theft—Vehicles were stolen on the 300 block of North Smith Avenue and the 400 block of Goodhue Street on April 30, the 300 block of Oneida Street on May 1, the 800 block of West Seventh Street on May 2, and the 400 block of Goodhue Street on May 8.

—Several items were reported stolen from vehicles on the 400 block of South Victoria Street at 2:37 p.m. Thursday, April 30; the 200 block of Grand Avenue at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 6; and the 900 block of Bayard Avenue at 3:22 p.m. Saturday, May 9.

—Several items valued at more than \$1,000 were reported stolen on the 200 block of Oneida Street at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 3; the 1700 block of West Seventh Street at 8:15 a.m. Sunday, May 10; and the 600 block of Jefferson Avenue at midnight Wednesday, May 13.

—A bicycle valued at more than \$500 was reported stolen on the 700 block of Otto Avenue at 4 p.m. Saturday, May 9.

Sex crime—An attempted rape was reported on the 200 block of West Seventh Street at 11 p.m. Sunday, May 10.

Weapons—Gunfire was heard on Jefferson Avenue and Victoria Street at 9:54 p.m. Tuesday, May 12.

Fire Calls

The following local calls were gathered from recent reports by the St. Paul Police Department and other sources.

Macalester-Groveland—A fire was reported in two units on the 11th floor of Wilder Park Condominiums, 1181 Edgcombe Road, at 8:15 p.m. Monday, May 18. Nearly two dozen residents on three floors of the building were evacuated with the assistance of the Red Cross and Metro Transit, and one resident was taken to the hospital. Eleven fire engines, four ambulances and more than 60 firefighters responded to the call. The high-rise building did have a sprinkler system, which activated and aided fire suppression.

—An arson fire was reported on the 200 block of Woodlawn Avenue at 11:43 p.m. Sunday, May 3.

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ON THE TOWN

100 years of celebrity City's literati look back at debut of their most famous native son

BY ANNE MURPHY

One hundred years ago this April, F. Scott Fitzgerald published his first novel, *This Side of Paradise*. To mark the occasion the Friends of the St. Paul Public Library is presenting a series of programs devoted to the native St. Paul author.

Last January the Friends assumed stewardship of Fitzgerald in St. Paul (FISP), and it has enlisted the nonprofit organization's help in the centennial celebration beginning with "Fitz Bits," a series of video lectures about Fitzgerald's life and literature. The first three "Fitz Bits" were written and narrated by local Fitzgerald scholar Dave Page, who has been active with FISP since its founding nearly 10 years ago.

"Between F. Scott Fitzgerald and Sinclair Lewis, Minnesota ruled the American literary landscape in the 1920s," Page said. "A century later, it's hard to imagine any of today's authors gaining the kind of legendary status that Fitzgerald and his generation of writers had. To have him associated with St. Paul provides the city with a small but steady boost in tourism, bragging rights and the magic that can be found in his descriptions of the region."

The first "Fitz Bits" video has been posted on the Friends' website for free viewing. It highlights the connections between St. Paul and Fitzgerald's alma mater Princeton University and how those connections inspired *This Side of Paradise*, which Fitzgerald wrote in his parents' home at 599 Summit Ave.

COVID-19 hit just as FISP was gathering steam under the Friends' stewardship, according to Page. "Everything just kind of ended when it was getting started," he said. "I think we had one program. Then they contacted me about creating some videos. I would've said 'no' if it hadn't been for my wife, Mecca. I'm not technologically savvy enough to do the videos by myself, but she is, so I said I'd do three."

The story behind Page's first video, "How St. Paul's McKibbin Family Influenced *This Side of Paradise*," is not included in his recent book, *F. Scott Fitzgerald in Minnesota: The Writer and His Friends at Home*. Unlike many homes associated with Fitzgerald and his childhood and early adult years in St. Paul, the duplex where the McKibbins lived at 83-

85 N. Virginia St. is no longer standing. It was razed in 1927 with no photographic record.

"This is an interesting story," Page said. "It's about an accidental meeting that is tied into *This Side of Paradise*." Without giving too much of the video away, Page related how Fitzgerald was introduced as a freshman at Princeton to college football and hockey great Hobey Baker by his St. Paul friend Joe McKibbin II. Hobart Amory Hare Baker was the namesake of Fitzgerald's main character in *This Side of Paradise*, Amory

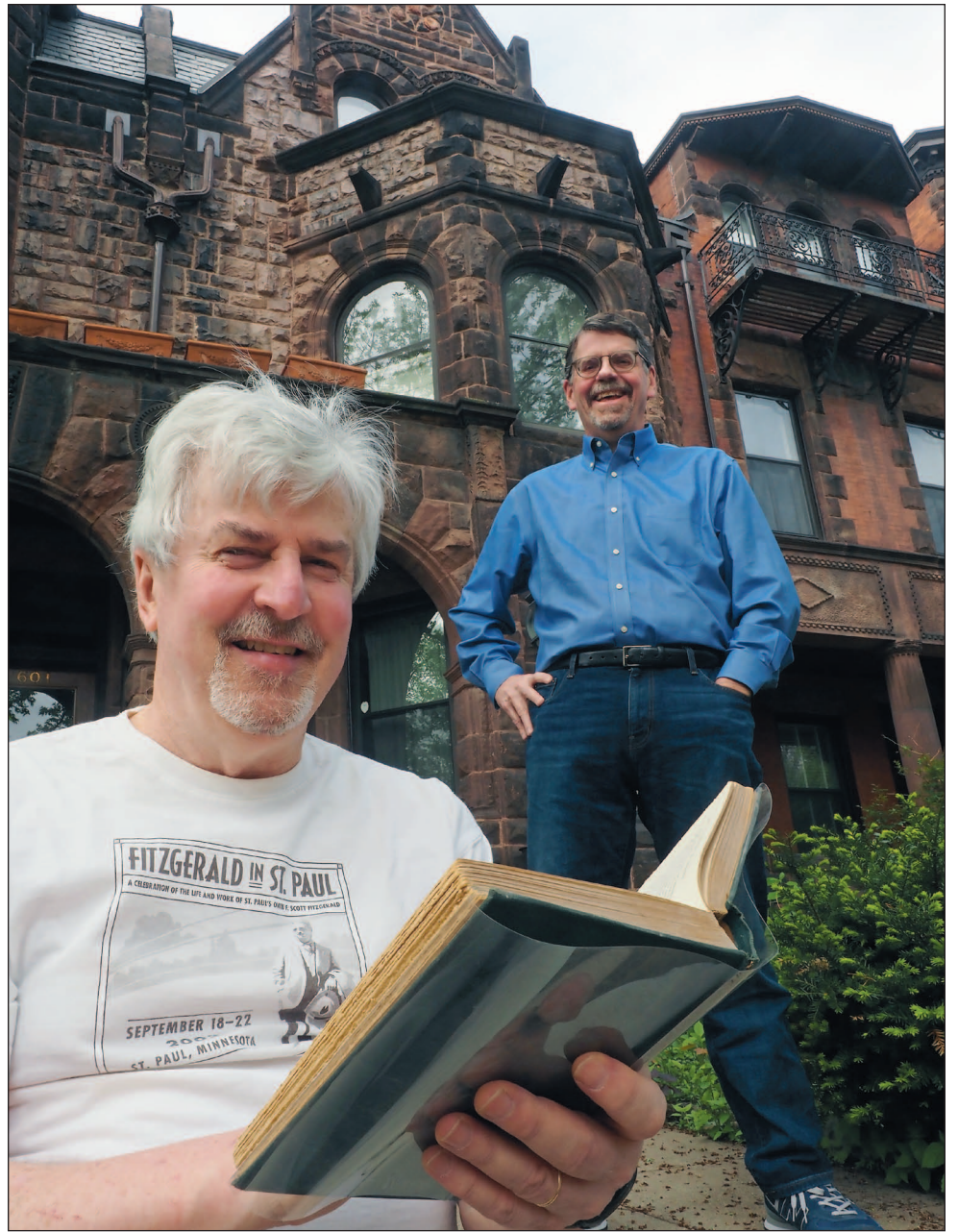
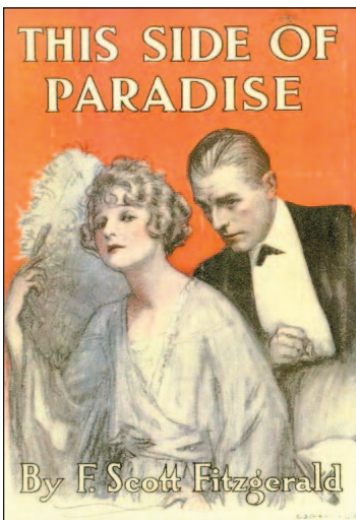
Blaine. "Fitzgerald was known for turning actual events into vivid fiction," Page said, "and a chance meeting instigated by Joe McKibbin II gave him the excuse to incorporate one of America's most famous athletes into his first novel."

Page's second "Fitz Bits" installment was inspired by Fitzgerald's extremely heavy smoking, a habit that occupied a prominent place in his life and literature along with his excessive drinking. Titled "T' Bacca Heart: The Running Theme of Tobacco in Fitzgerald's Work," it will be released on the Friends' website in mid-June.

"Everyone mentions his drinking, and it obviously played a big role in Fitzgerald's life and death, but smoking had to have had a least an outside role," Page said. "One of his last stories was just about smoking." Fitzgerald died at 44 on December 2, 1940, from complications following a recent heart attack. He wrote "Thank You for the Light" in 1936.

Page's third video, due out in mid-July, is about Fitzgerald's interest in the Civil War. The future author was 14 years old when America marked the 50th anniversary of the outbreak of the Civil War, and his father used to tell him Civil War stories, according to Page. As with other aspects of Fitzgerald's life, the Civil War plays into his fiction. His story "A Night at the Fair," included in the book *The St. Paul Stories of F. Scott Fitzgerald*, edited by Page and fellow St. Paul author Patricia Hampl, features a Civil War reenactment scene.

Stu Wilson, who helped found FISP with the support of his late friend Dick McDermott, said he is pleased with the Friends' stewardship of the organization. McDermott lived at 481 Laurel Ave., Fitzgerald's birthplace, and taught at the University of Minnesota. He left a portion of his estate for the establishment of FISP.



Accompanied by Fitzgerald in St. Paul president Stu Wilson, F. Scott Fitzgerald scholar Dave Page leafs through his first edition copy of *This Side of Paradise* in front of the brownstone at 599 Summit Ave. where Fitzgerald completed the writing of his debut novel 100 years ago. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

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"There is no other organization like ours," Wilson said. "There's the F. Scott Fitzgerald Society, which involves primarily scholarly research, and there's the Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald Museum in her native Montgomery, Alabama, devoted more to history than literature.

"An intriguing aspect of this is that most of the major Fitzgerald scholars are not Midwesterners," Wilson said. "They aren't familiar with the world in which Fitzgerald lived and that is in his works. That was a large missing piece before Fitzgerald in St. Paul. "Fitzgerald touches a lay audience," Wilson

said. "And there's a great future here for further celebration across generations. There are high school and college students who are reading *The Great Gatsby* for the first time this year and finding it incredibly relevant. The time when he grew up and that he wrote about are similar to today."

Alayne Hopkins, director of programs and services for the Friends of the St. Paul Public Library, said her nonprofit organization is thrilled to have FISP included in its effort to celebrate Minnesota literature. "The mission of FISP fits exactly with the focus of the Friends," she said.

As part of the year-long celebration of *This Side of Paradise*, the Friends are planning a lecture by noted Irish writer and Fitzgerald scholar Philip McGowan in September, on or around what would be Fitzgerald's 124th birthday on September 24. "He will have to go through three major airports to get here," Hopkins said, "so we will have to see. He may be here virtually, but he's on the program along with more 'Fitz Bits.'"

For more information or to view "Fitz Bits," visit thefriends.org/fitzgerald.

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Longtime jazz collaborators alight on 'Butterfly Wings'

Shapira and Michelle release CD with eight sentimental favorites

BY CAROLYN WALKUP

Minneapolis singer Charmin Michelle and Highland Park guitarist Joel Shapira released a new CD last week, "Butterfly Wings," a collection of eight jazz standards they recorded at Minneapolis' Bath Tub Shrine Studios just before Governor Tim Walz's Stay at Home order forced the studio to lock its doors.

The duo have been performing together for 23 years. They had a regular gig at Midtown Global Market in Minneapolis before the pandemic struck. With Walz's Stay Safe Minnesota order continuing until at least June 1, the new CD may be the only way to hear the two together for some time.

One of the tracks on the CD is Duke Ellington's classic "In a Sentimental Mood," which could describe Michelle and Shapira's own feelings in choosing the songs for the new recording. Other selections include Ellington's "I Didn't Know About You," Thelonious Monk's "Blue Monk" and "Pannonica," Billy Strahorn's "Lush Life," Jerome Kern's "All the Things You Are," "No Moon at All" by David Mann and Redd Evans initially performed by Doris Day, and the early bossa nova number "Chega de Saudade," also known as "No More Blues."

"The lyrics are everything to me," Michelle said. "I love telling the stories and getting the feeling of the stories. I wanted intimate songs that we liked." Michelle is especially fond of the lyrics in Monk's "Pannonica," a song dedicated to the prominent bebop patron by that name who is characterized in the song as an ephemeral butterfly.

"I began as a classically trained pianist, violinist and flautist," Michelle said. "I had no formal vocal training." But after sitting in with the Wolverines Trio in the 1990s, she has been accompanied by many jazz ensembles, locally as well as internationally on extensive European tours.

Michelle has performed with famed trombonist Delfeayo Marsalis, the Sam Miltich Trio, accordionist Denny Malmberg



Joel Shapira and Charmin Michelle. PHOTO BY ANDREA CANTER

and pianist Dan Chouinard. Before the pandemic, she regularly sang with the Jerry O'Hagan Orchestra. She especially enjoyed singing with that 14-piece group on swing dance nights at the Wabasha Street Caves.

"I love performing for a live audience," she said. "This is so different now," she said.

Michelle has performed with Shapira at the Twin Cities Jazz Festival, at the Dakota in downtown Minneapolis and at Crooners Lounge and Supper Club in Fridley, among other venues. "When I met Joel in the 1990s, I was more into traditional jazz and he was more modern," she said. "I hadn't worked with a guitarist before; we learned from each other."

A native of St. Paul, Shapira moved to New York City in his 20s and studied guitar under Jack DeSalvo and at the Mannes School of Music. After six years, he moved back to St. Paul. It was "the best decision I ever made for my career," he said.

Shapira found the jazz community to be more supportive in

the Twin Cities than in New York. He has played with the Vic Volare Quintet, the Lowertown Trio and other local groups at such venues as the Dakota, Crooners, the Black Box Theater in Bloomington, and the Black Dog Cafe and former Vieux Carre in downtown St. Paul. Before the pandemic he had regular gigs in the Lexington Restaurant's Williamsburg Room and at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP).

"Joel has been soothing MSP guests' weary souls for years, and we can't wait to have him back at the airport once we're fully reopened," said Ben Owen, director of the MSP Arts Foundation.

Shapira's frequent gigs playing at weddings and other private events are on hold for now, but he continues to teach jazz guitar to adults in online classes. In addition to jazz, he plays classical, blues, bluegrass, rock and funk music. He also performs for Sunday services at Andrew Riverside Presbyterian Church in Southeast Minneapolis.

Michelle and Shapira have had a monthly gig for more than 10 years at Midtown Global Market, 920 E. Lake St. According to its director Earlsworth Letang, they are a good fit for the market because they "understand the venue, create a great ambience and are able to connect with their audience."

Phil Nusbaum, a deejay at KBEM 88.5 FM, is a fan of Michelle and Shapira and their new CD. "They're real crafters, great interpreters," he said, "and this format really shows their craftsmanship. It's not a wall of sound and not about hot licks, although Joel can do hot licks."

Andrew Walesch, who books the entertainment at Crooners, appreciates the duo's careful song selection, both on the new CD and in the shows they have done at the supper club. "They're American songbook standards, but songs you don't hear as much," he said. "Charmin seems to enjoy working with guitarists, and guitar is a nice accompaniment to her voice, which is subtle and polished."

In lieu of a large party, Michelle and Shapira released "Butterfly Wings" with the live streaming of selected tracks on the Dakota's Facebook page on May 19 from the backyard of Michelle's Minneapolis home. Copies of the CD may be purchased for \$13 through their websites—joelshapira.com and charmsongs.com.

ON THE TOWN Briefly

Books

Next Chapter Booksellers, 38 S. Snelling Ave., will feature the following in free virtual discussions via Zoom: Macalester College professor Lesley Lavery and her book, *A Collective Pursuit: Teachers' Unions and Education Reform*, at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 28; and Mary Logue and her novel, *The Street: A Deadwood Mystery*, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 9. To register for the events, visit nextchapterbooksellers.com or call 651-225-8989 for more information.

SubText Books, 6 W. Fifth St., will host a virtual reading and discussion by Shannon Watts from her book, *Fight Like a Mother*, at 7 p.m. Friday, May 29. Watts is the founder of the gun-control advocacy group Moms Demand Action. Tickets for the event are \$10 with a portion of that going to Moms Demand Action. To register, call 651-493-2791 or visit subtextbooks.com.

Grocery Activism: The Radical History of Food Cooperatives in Minnesota, a new book from the University of Minnesota Press by Winona State University sociology professor Craig Upright, will be discussed by the author in conversation with labor historian Peter Rachleff at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 4, on the East Side Freedom Library's Facebook page. Visit facebook.com/EastSideFreedomLibrary/.

Exhibits

Landmark Center is offering two exhibits through its website at landmarkcenter.org. "Polish Art: Brooklyn to Minnesota," a virtual tour of the private collection of Brian and Teresa McMahon, is available through June 7. "Evidence of Humanity," a photography exhibit curated by Wing Young

Huie to illustrate the efforts of people to communicate with others or express their connection to those around them, is being shown through June 26.

The Minnesota Museum of American Art is offering online tours through The M at Home page on its website at mmaa.org. Among the current offerings are "A Choice of Weapons: Honor and Dignity," featuring the photographs of Jamel Shabazz and the late Gordon Parks; and "Gordon Parks: A Homecoming," featuring the work of the former staff photographer for the African American-owned Twin Cities newspapers the *St. Paul Recorder* and the *Minneapolis Spokesman*.

Twenty-nine artists who recently earned bachelor's degrees in the Department of Art at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities are exhibiting their works online from now through March 31, 2021. Included is animation, ceramics, drawing, mixed-media, painting, photography, sculpture and game design. Visit umnart-here29.com.

Music

The Minnesota Opera is offering a series of past performances as audio recordings that can be streamed online. The schedule includes Wagner's *Das Rheingold* now through June 28; Paul Moravec and Mark Campbell's *The Shining*, based on the novel by Stephen King, now through July 5; Massenet's sensual and melodic *Thais* from May 28 through July 12; and Joel Puckett and Eric Simonson's *The Fix*, an epic tale set against the backdrop of the American pastime, from June 4 through July 19. Visit mnopera.org.

The Center for Irish Music's 12th annual Minnesota Irish Music Weekend will be held online on June 13-14. Traditional Irish music

concerts and workshops for instrumentalists of all ages will be featured. Live-streamed will be concerts by such world-class artists as Pauline Connelly on June 6; Brian Ó hAirt, June 7; the Center for Irish Music's Advanced Youth Ensemble, June 10; Benny McCarthy, June 11; Conal Ó Gráda, Seán Gavin, Danny Diamond and Brian Miller, June 13; and Matt Cranitch, June 14. A Great Session Experience on June 12 will invite the audience to play along from home. The concerts are free, though donations will be accepted. For more information, visit centerforirishmusic.org.

Theater

Romeo and Juliet, Park Square Theatre's 2015 production of the tragedy by William Shakespeare, is available for streaming online through June 30. Adapted and directed by David Mann, the drama was filmed by Michael Hanisch. For the password to stream the video, email education@parksquaretheatre.org.

"Spilling the HT: Real People. Real Talk," engaging conversation with History Theatre artistic director Ron Peluso and artistic associate Laurie Flanigan Hegge, continues on Friday, May 28, with *Sweet Land*, *The Musical* creators Perrin Post and Dina Maccabee and stars Ann Michels and Matt Riehle. Peluso and Hegge will discuss the magic and mystery of set design with History Theatre designer Rick Polenek and technical director Gunther Gullickson on Friday, June 5. Visit the History Theatre Facebook page (facebook.com/HistoryTheatre) for a link to stream "Spilling the HT" online. History Theatre will stream *Sweet Land* online from June 12-25. The musical is based on a film by that name by Ali Selim and Will Weaver's short story, "A Gravestone Made of Wheat." For information, visit historytheatre.com.

Film

The Science Museum of Minnesota and its Omnitheater are temporarily closed due to the coronavirus pandemic, but several Omni and IMAX films have been made available for free streaming. Visit smm.org, sit back and enjoy a big screen adventure at home. The choices include *Dinosaurs Alive!*, *The Living Sea*, *Mummies: Secrets of the Pharaohs*, *National Parks Adventure* and *Wild Ocean*.

Etcetera

World War II POW camps in the U.S. with a focus on those in the Upper Midwest will be discussed by Dakota County Historical Society executive director Matt Carter in a virtual presentation at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 28. Carter grew up in Reedsburg, Wisconsin, home to one of the more than 50 POW camps in Wisconsin and Minnesota. His presentation is free, though donations will be taken to offset the decline in revenue at historic sites in the area. To register, visit dakotahistory.org.

How to nurture relationships with your adult children will be addressed by the Jewish Family Service in a free Zoom program from 10-11:30 a.m. Sunday, May 31. The Next Chapter program is intended for women who are at mid-life. For reservations and the Zoom link, email jsaltzman@jfssp.org.

The Nathan Hale Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will celebrate the birthday of the famous patriot with a wreath-laying ceremony at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, June 6, in Nathan Hale Park, 401 Summit Ave. The public is invited. Proper social distancing will be observed.

SPORTS



The Wright Call

By Dave Wright

Looking ahead to fall sports season

Minnesota State High School League executive director Erich Martens remembers well his days as an assistant high school football coach. Although players didn't report for practice until mid-August, preparations for the season started much earlier for the coaching staff. So Martens fully understands why the state's high schools need guidance soon on getting ready for the fall sports season amid the uncertainty of the coronavirus pandemic.

A month ago, it was noted here that colleges are waiting for guidance from the NCAA on how to proceed with their fall sports seasons. In part, those decisions rely on whether institutions like the University of Minnesota, which enrolls more than 50,000 students, can start classes on campus and whether it'll be OK to bring huge crowds into their various sporting venues.

Martens faces a different issue. He supervises high school programs that range in size from around 150 students in grades 9-12 at St. Paul Academy to nearly 1,800 at Central. Canceling the spring sports season due to the virus was an unpleasant task, but Martens and the MSHSL had little choice after classrooms were ordered closed for the remainder of the school term. Now the task is to look ahead.

"We're not like the colleges," Martens said. "We have to think about how we do education first. But athletics is a big part of the equation. If distancing remains a requirement, it makes activities of any sort difficult."

Schools are hopeful that students will be able to get back on campus in September. Fall sports practices are just 10-11 weeks away. "It's not too early to think about this fall," Martens said. "We're going to have to be creative. We'll need to know the parameters of what we can and cannot do."

There are seven fall prep sports—cross country, football, soccer, adapted soccer, girls' swimming, girls' tennis and volleyball. In theory, tennis and swimming could take place with the state's current distancing requirements. The other sports require players to be in closer proximity than is recommended at this time.

For now, schools have to operate on the assumption the fall schedule can proceed. "We normally start registering for fall sports in mid-May," said Highland Park athletic director Pat Auran. "This year, we're going to online registration and hope to be up and running by the end of the month."

The loss of the spring season meant athletic directors had to deal with several unexpected issues, such as the need to refund fees. As for fall, several options are on the table. As Auran put it, "We're in the testing stage right now."

Kevin Burns, communications director for the St. Paul Public Schools, said the current plan is for regular fall schedules, but schools will need to be flexible if the MSHSL issues changes or cancellations.

Much will also depend on what the medical professionals who matter have to say. "The health and safety of the participants have to be the first consideration before we do anything," Martens said.

However, even if all the athletes, coaches and officials involved get tested and are given the OK to take part, there are still a lot of unknowns. Whether they'll be playing games with few or no spectators is just one of them.

"If that happens, we need to ramp up our technical abilities," Martens said. "Streaming could grow exponentially—sport by sport." Some schools do have audio-visual capabilities. Sports like football and soccer that are played at venues like Griffin Stadium can probably be streamed easily. The same goes for volleyball.

Unlike colleges, which stream nearly every sport through

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Local prep golfers are on course for success

BY DAVE WRIGHT

For high school seniors Jack Traxler of Cretin-Derham Hall and Taylor Gonzalez of Henry Sibley, this spring was supposed to be their last hurrah as prep golfers. The coronavirus denied them that, but their efforts on and off the greens have been rewarded nonetheless.

Traxler and Gonzalez were among 19 seniors who were awarded college scholarships by Youth on Course, a nonprofit organization based in Pebble Beach, California. Minnesota was the only state besides California to have more than one scholarship winner.

Youth on Course promotes golf nationwide by making it more accessible and affordable for young players. For a \$15 yearly fee, golfers ages 6-18 can play dozens of courses in Minnesota—including Highland, Hiawatha and Fort Snelling—for \$5 or less a round. The organization partners with First Tee, which in addition to introducing youths to the game helps set up youngsters for success beyond the greens through a caddie program, paid high school internships and college scholarships.

Each year, students who are nominated for the scholarships are interviewed—this year via video—by a committee. Students must have at least a 3.0 grade point average to be considered.

Both of Minnesota's scholarship recipients have stories that stretch well beyond what they achieved on the links.

Traxler is quite the Comeback Kid. When he was 12, he was diagnosed with a brain tumor. After the operation, he was in the hospital for a month. He eventually was able to return to school, but his days of playing hockey and baseball were done. However, golf was something he and his brothers had always played with their father.

"I think I was about 5 when I got my first set of clubs," Traxler said. "My brothers were 11 and 16, and golf was something we could all do together."

Freshman year of high school can be difficult for many students. When you've been recovering from a serious operation that leaves you with double vision, it's even harder.

"I had to do a lot of occupational ther-



CDH senior Jack Traxler hones his game at the Highland National driving range. He and Henry Sibley senior Taylor Gonzalez (right) are recent recipients of Youth on Course college scholarships. TOP PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

apy," Traxler said, "including speech. I was very shy and it was hard to do social interacting."

Traxler was able to get back into the swing of the social game with the help of Jim O'Neill, the former boys' hockey and baseball coach at CDH. O'Neill asked Traxler, whose brother Andy had played hockey at the school, to be the team manager for both sports.

Traxler also made the Raider boys' golf team. Golf is never an easy game to play. Imagine trying to hit the ball when you have double vision.

"But Jack's a fighter," said current CDH boys' golf coach Charlie Lallas. "He's a smart kid who adjusts to any situation he faces."

Traxler also hit the books hard. He'll be attending Iowa State this fall, intending to major in engineering. "I want to do research to make things better for people like me," he said.

Gonzalez was also introduced to golf by her father, Ray, the head boys' golf coach at Humboldt High School. She progressed quickly, was a medalist at several meets and made the state tournament as a freshman while competing for the Warriors.

Not having a senior season was disappointing, but Gonzalez, who would have been the team captain this spring, has always been occupied with several other activities. She served as a college readiness tutor working particularly with low-income and first-generation students, as a volunteer at the Minnesota Zoo, and has earned 39 college credits from economics and physics classes taken at Inver Hills Community College and the University of Minnesota.



Gonzalez intends to major in economics at Columbia University in New York City this fall. She showed her business acumen last summer when she attended a weeklong camp run by the Minnesota Business Experience. Gonzalez and her team had to create a product and develop a business plan for selling it. They came up with an environmentally friendly lipstick made of bamboo that they had shipped from China.

Gonzalez, the chief financial officer of the group, and her team put together a plan to pitch to investors and prepared financial statements, earning honors in the process for Best Case Study.

Heading to the financial capital of the country seemed like a natural next step for Gonzalez. Columbia hasn't yet announced whether classes will be held online or in person this fall, but she's excited about the chance to visit Wall Street and see firsthand the hub of the business world. Even though she'll be 1,200 miles from home, she'll have a place to go for Sunday dinners.

"I have family in the area, so I won't be alone," she said.

She also intends to bring her golf clubs with her. When informed that Columbia had only seven players listed on its women's golf team roster, she responded, "I'll keep that in mind."

Rec Crew encourages safe play for park users

BY BILL WAGNER

People out playing a round at the Highland Disc Golf Course or taking advantage of some of St. Paul's newly reopened basketball and tennis courts should not be alarmed if they see Andy Rodriguez or a member of his team checking out their play.

The masked men and women are members of the St. Paul Department of Parks and Recreation's Rec Engagement Crew (REC), a pilot program formed to keep an eye on users as the city tries to

safely begin reopening facilities that were closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The program is operating at sites throughout the city to educate and encourage visitors to practice social distancing and other recommended health protocols. Along with the disc golf course, local parks in the program include Dunning, Groveland, Homecroft, Mattocks, Martin Luther King and St. Clair.

Rodriguez, the manager of recreational services for the city, said he and

his team of around 20 work closely with police and will notify authorities if there are serious violations. However, he stressed that his crew's task is more about sharing information with people not in compliance.

"It's about monitoring and educating," Rodriguez said. "We want to do this well because we have a lot of young people who use our facilities."

So far, he said, it has been a pretty positive experience and that people have been "extremely understanding." Rodri-

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their athletic websites and often with advertising included, high school revenue options are limited. Martens knows this all too well.

“Finances play a role in all decisions,” he said, “but the primary focus has to be on what’s best for the students.”

In other words, stay tuned.

Saints might be marching to different song

Like a lot of businesses, Major League Baseball is looking for ways to cut costs. No matter how things end up this season—if there is one—everybody is going to take a financial hit. As frequently happens in such cases, the axe starts at the bottom and works its way up.

The agreement between MLB and its minor-league partners elapses after the 2020 season. One of the proposals is a severe reduction of how many affiliates each team will have down the road. One scenario would eliminate rookie-level teams and redo the structure of other leagues. As part of that deal, some independent teams might become a farm team for a big-league club.

Enter the St. Paul Saints. Though they are one of the most successful independent league teams in the country, the thinking goes that they could be served better as an affiliate for the Twins. The Twins currently have seven minor-league affiliates—three in Florida and one each in Tennessee, New York, Iowa and the Dominican Republic. All options are on the table, but having two Class A teams and two rookie-level outfits might be too much to handle.

Though the Saints have been successful, the well of available players may run dry. This year’s MLB draft, for example, will only go five rounds instead of the usual 40. That means fewer players entering the system and, therefore, fewer minor-league affiliates needed. That could spell trouble for independent league teams, which often acquire players who’ve been cut from the minor leagues.

Having a relatively new stadium in CHS Field with 7,500 seats and a devoted fan base could be an appealing prospect for the Twins in either the Class A Midwest or Class AAA International leagues. Several MLB franchises already have minor-league affiliates close to their home base. Baltimore has a Class AA team 20 miles away in Frederick and a Class A team 31 miles away in Aberdeen. The New York Mets have a Class A team in Brooklyn, and Cincinnati has one of the hottest Class A Midwest League teams in Dayton, an hour’s drive away.

The Midwest League has teams all within busing distance of St. Paul. Having an affiliate in St. Paul would be convenient for the Twins. It may help that the Saints’ owners have a relationship with the Twins dating from when current Saints’ team president and co-owner Mike Veeck and general manager Derek Sharrer were in Fort Myers running things for the big-league club.

Moving to Class AAA—the Twins’ current team is in Rochester, New York—would bring in players just one step from the big leagues, but the costs also increase because the team would have to fly to games. The nearest International League franchise is in Indianapolis.

There are a slew of other issues as well. As an independent, the Saints have basically danced to their own tune. Their ownership is familiar with the restraints that are imposed on minor-league affiliates. For one thing, they’d become dependent for personnel on what the parent club sends them. Either way, the season would start at roughly the same time for the Saints as for the Twins.

There’d still be the tricky matter of working things out with the many other teams, most notably Hamline University, that use CHS Field for practices and home games.

A lot will depend on what kind of deal Major League Baseball strikes with the minors for 2021.

Once again, stay tuned.

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guez said that there has not been one incident “even close” to measuring up to an unlawful encounter by park users. He said that there have been just a handful of calls from people complaining about basketball and tennis court users who are not following health guidelines.

The city’s guidelines include no group activities, team sports or pickup games. Users can shoot hoops or play singles tennis with members of their own household. They should stay 6 feet away from other park users and should not use the courts if the players are sick or exhibit other symptoms of the virus. They should also wash their hands before and after visiting the park.

Rodriguez said the upcoming summer season and recent warm weather makes more people want to be outside enjoying the parks. Prime time hours for park use run from 5-7 p.m., and he and his crew are prepared.

“We’ll continue to evaluate the data,” he said. “We’ll look especially at high-volume locations.”

Rodriguez said there has been a push from tennis players to open up more courts, and the city has indicated that it plans to reopen more locations in the weeks ahead.

Just how long the REC team will remain is still uncertain. “I don’t see it going away soon,” Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez said the Martin Luther King Rec Center’s tennis courts have been especially busy. There has been a



Rec Engagement Crew chief Andy Rodriguez (center) gathered with a few of his team members at the Highland Disc Golf Course. Behind him are Liban Fagas, Rae Smith, Ricky Har, Opi Aghenu, and Xavier Davis. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

lot of park use for basketball and tennis at Dunning and Groveland.

St. Clair Park has seen consistent tennis use and also has a hard-surface soccer area, a new amenity. Homecroft Park has seen heavy teen basketball use.

Mattocks Park is much like Groveland, Rodriguez said. It has a half-court for basketball where it is tougher to provide social distance.

At the Highland Disk Golf Course there was relatively sparse play when crew members last visited, but he said several people are using the grounds for

walking and running.

Parks and Recreation director Mike Hahm recently gave an update to city officials regarding the use of recreational facilities. He said increased access will be allowed at athletic fields, but it is limited to groups of 10 or fewer. Permits will not be issued for the fields until June 1 at the earliest.

The city also is finalizing plans to close the Highland Park and Como pools for the summer. Drinking and ornamental fountains in Rice Park and Irvine Park will not be turned on this season.

District Councils

Highland Park

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HDC election results—The Highland District Council conducted an online election for the first time in its history from May 11-18 to fill seats on its board of directors. More than 600 people voted for the even-numbered grid and two at-large seats. The following people joined the board: Grid 2—Tim Morehead, Grid 4—Margaret Isom, Grid 6—Mat Hollinshead, Grid 8—Michelle Doyle, Grid 10—Bob Whitehead, Grid 12—Rebecca Reiners, at-large—Kevin Vargas and Peter Butler.

Committee appointments—For those who are interested in serving on a district council committee, members will be appointed at the various committee meetings in June. Contact the office for more information.

Upcoming meetings—board of directors, 7 p.m. Thursday, June 4; Transportation Committee, 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 9; Community Development Committee, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 16; and Community Engagement Committee, 7 p.m. Monday, June 22. All meetings of the council are being held online these days. Links to access the meetings and updates are posted on the HDC website.

Macalester-Groveland

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SAFE Housing protection—The proposed SAFE Housing Tenant Protections Ordinance that the City Council will review on June 3 and 10 will be discussed by the Macalester-Groveland Community Council’s Housing and Land Use Committee meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 27. Join in the discussion by emailing mgcc@macgrove.org to request the Zoom meeting ID and password. More details will be posted on macgrove.org/citywide-issues.

Annual meeting and elections—The Macalester-Groveland Community Council will hold its annual meeting and board elections online in July and August. Check macgrove.org/annualmeeting for updates.

Join meetings online—The public can participate in the community council’s board and committee meetings by using Zoom videoconferencing. Macalester-Groveland council staff will send out meeting links to all those who are interested a few days in advance. Email mgcc@macgrove.org to get on the list. Upcoming meetings include Community Building Committee, 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 8; board of directors, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 11; Transportation Committee, 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 22; and Housing and Land Use Committee, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 24.

Get involved—The community council has three standing committees that meet once a month and focus on different aspects of making Macalester-Groveland a great place to live, work, learn and play. See more at macgrove.org/committees.

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COVID-19 resources—Those who need assistance or informational resources pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic are invited to call the UPDC office or visit its website.

Stay in contact—The public is invited to “like” the Union Park District Council on Facebook, follow it on Twitter at @UnionParkDC, and subscribe to its monthly e-newsletter, “Neighborhood Matters,” by emailing info@unionparkdc.org.

Upcoming online meetings—board of directors, 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 3; Transportation Committee, 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 8; and Committee on Land Use and Economic Development, 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 15 (email brandon@unionparkdc.org to join these meetings). Environment and Parks Committee, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 17; and Neighborhood Involvement Committee, 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 22 (email wako@unionparkdc.org to join these meetings).

West Seventh

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Board elections—The West Seventh/Fort Road Federation’s board elections are being moved online and by mail this year due to COVID-19. People can vote online on the website between June 1-13 or print out and mail in a ballot that can be found there. Responses from board candidates can also be found on the site. The first board meeting for elected board members will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, June 15, via Zoom. There is no board meeting in May. For more information, call the office or email fortroadfed@fortroadfederation.org.

Rescheduled events—The West End Neighbors’ Garden and History Tour has been rescheduled for September 12. The West Seventh Community Service Award recipients will be honored on September 16 at Mancini’s Char House.

COVID-19 resources—Information is being regularly updated on ways people from the West Seventh neighborhood can support one another during the pandemic. Visit fortroadfederation.org/community-resources.html.

Upcoming virtual meetings—Transportation and Land Use Committee, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 3; board of directors, 7 p.m. Monday, June 15; and Community Engagement and Outreach Committee, 8 p.m. Thursday, June 18. To connect to the meetings, visit fortroadfederation.org/calendar.html.



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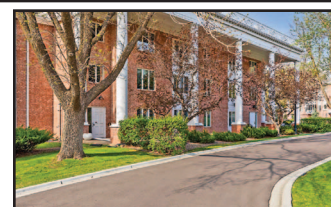
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First offer in 44 years! Lovingly maintained and updated is this large 30's built Tudor style 4 bedroom (on one floor) 3 baths 2 story with entertainment sized space plus finished lower level. Premier Pinehurst Avenue.

LOLLY MCNEELY SALMEN
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952-486-3697 • \$650,000



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Discover this handsome 2BR, 2BA unit, featuring living room with fireplace, formal and casual dining spaces, well-designed kitchen. Owner's suite, in-unit laundry, loads of storage & convenient built-ins, 2 parking stalls.
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2140 SHERWOOD
Wonderful opportunity to own an updated home for less than rent! Nestled only one house away from the Hillcrest Golf Club, this 3 bedroom, 1 bath home is ready for new owners. Large deck for entertaining. New mechanicals.

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AMAZING SPACE!!!
2156 Charlton Rd: Stunning brick walk-out rambler situated on a very private 4.26 acre lot with pond out the front door and a pool out the back. Four bedrooms, fabulous kitchen, 5982 square feet.

JIM BURTON
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LOCATION LOCATION!!!
643 Pascal St: Immaculate 4 bedroom, 3 bath featuring gleaming hardwood floors, eat in kitchen, delightful porch off the garage, newer Andersen Windows, roof, furnace and air.

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651-690-8556 • \$335,000



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JIM BURTON
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JIM SEABOLD
651-276-8555



380 RAMSEY STREET #98
Amazing value located in Summit Hill neighborhood! This bright & sunny two level condo offers 2BR's, 1 updated BA, large deck, bamboo flooring. Walk to all the shops & restaurants on Grand or Selby/Dale!

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GORGEOUS!
Absolutely immaculate, maintenance-free stucco 1 1/2 story only a couple blocks to Highland Village & the Mississippi River Rd. This 3BR, 2 full bath home features fabulous eat-in kitchen, deck, paver patio, huge 2 1/2 car & MORE!!

GARY FABEL
651-334-3659 • \$399,900



421 SUMMIT AVENUE #2, SAINT PAUL MN 55102
Stunning condo on historic Summit Avenue! Premier location across from University Club. Lovely open kitchen with Wolf and Sub Zero appliances, and butler's pantry with wet bar! Showing availability per CDC Guidelines only.

MYA HONEYWELL
651-329-3619 • \$800,000



324 SUMMIT #103, SAINT PAUL MN 55102
This stately condo occupies the top two floors of the Lightner-Young Mansion and has an additional apartment accessible by private elevator. It features vaulted ceilings, multiple decks, and panoramic views. Showing availability per CDC Guidelines only.

MYA HONEYWELL
651-329-3619 • \$950,000

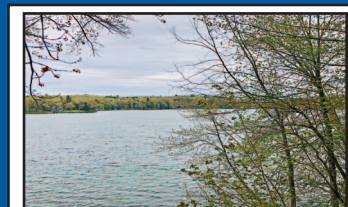


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1995 IGLEHART
Another St. Paul sale within 2 weeks of going on the market! A top-notch marketing and staging plan helped us sell this Merriam Park home quickly in the current market. Contact us for a free consultation.

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Sweet 3BR/1 BA cabin with 125' of lake-shore. Deer Lake is one of Wisconsin's premier lakes and located only an hour from the Twin Cities!
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MARY KNUDSEN CRS
651-335-6619 • \$319,900



1435 PALACE AVENUE!
This Mac/Groveland charmer strikes the perfect balance of city and neighborhood living. This delightful 3 bedroom 2 bath home has hardwood floors, living room with fireplace, updated kitchen. Privacy fenced yard with patio and 2 car garage.

VIRGINIA SPANILOLO
651 402-7412 • \$335,000



STEPS TO THE RIVER! 2152 BERKELEY AVE
This classic MacGroveland home combines charm with original details. Hardwd flrs, natural wdwrk thru-out. Three BR, 2BA's, lg LR with wd burning FP. Cozy sun rm/natural light. Half BA first floor. Brand new 3 car garage.

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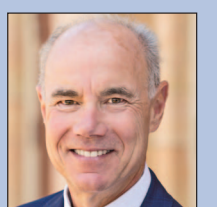
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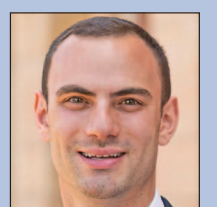
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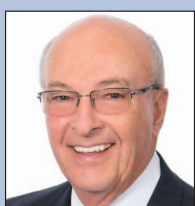
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