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A. Johnson and Sons florist Nancy Orme assembles a dozen assorted roses. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

Retailers look to holidays for relief

They're hoping Christmas season will return sense of normalcy to business

BY ANNE MURPHY

As local retailers prepare to ring in what is traditionally regarded as the most wonderful time of the year, they are also hoping the holiday shopping season returns a sense of normalcy to what has been a challenging year.

"Our business started during the Depression," said Tom Johnson, third genera-

tion owner of A. Johnson and Sons Florist, 1738 Grand Ave. "If you can start during the Great Depression, you can go through other things—a world war, 9/11, a recession and now a pandemic."

Like other local retailers, Johnson had to make changes to overcome the state-mandated shutdown of nonessential businesses last spring and the social distancing, face-masks and other safety protocols that have been required to reopen. At high risk for complications if he contracted COVID, Johnson said he was immediately aware of the importance of making his shop a safe place

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Public ideas sought for naming four city parks at Highland Bridge site

55 acres of parks & open space expected to take root by fall '21

BY JANE MCCLURE

The names of the four city-owned parks being planned for the Highland Bridge development are expected to be revealed next March. It is part of a planning process that was outlined at a virtual meeting on October 28. More than 275 registered people participated.

Highland Bridge will have 55 acres of public and open space on the 122-acre site of Ford Motor Company's former assembly plant in Highland Park. The development will have more than 9 acres of city parks, 10 miles of shared pedestrian and bike trails, two ballfields owned and maintained by Friends of Highland Ball, and three other open spaces that will be privately owned and managed.

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed how park planning is being handled. Instead of in-person meetings and open houses, the planning has gone virtual. Ellen Stewart, senior landscape architect for the Saint Paul Department of Parks and Recreation, said there are still ways for the public to view the park plans and weigh in on them. Park planning documents and studies done over the past decade can be found at tinyurl.com/y4epgmnx.

"We urge people to reach out to us with feedback," said Stewart, who can be contacted at ellen.stewart@ci.stpaul.mn.us.

The city has a detailed process for naming its parks that includes receiving public comments as well as a recommendation from the local district council. Anyone interested in suggesting park names for Highland Bridge may email

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Rise in virus cases keeps students learning from home

BY CASEY EK

For the second time in two weeks, the Saint Paul Public Schools has postponed the return of its youngest students to some level of classroom instruction. The school district considered implementing a hybrid of in-person and distance learning for grades PreK-2 on November 30, but on October 30 it announced that that would not happen before January 19. Though the school district had met all of the internal benchmarks for a safe transition to hybrid learning, a recent surge in COVID-19 cases locally prompted administrators to postpone reopening the elementary schools.

"Our superintendent and our team are doing

the best job they can to aim for the ultimate goal to have all of our kids back in school if they want to be back," said School Board member John Brodrick. "We're being cautious, and I'm very supportive of the work. If I had an answer, I'd tell it to (Superintendent Joe Gothard)."

Nick Faber, president of the Saint Paul Federation of Educators, breathed a sigh of relief when the decision was announced to postpone the hybrid learning. "It gives us a little bit of breathing room," he said. "That's what we've been asking for all along—to slow down this push."

The Saint Paul Public Schools has established five stages for a full return to in-person classroom instruction. Stage 1 has seen special education and

special site students participating in a hybrid of classroom and distance learning since October 19. Stages 2, 3 and 4 would implement hybrid learning for students in grades PreK-2, 3-5 and 6-12, respectively.

According to Faber, the implementation of Stage 2 in November would have been premature due to several unresolved issues in a joint memorandum of understanding between the school district and the teachers' union.

In a recent survey, the district found that about half of the families with students in grades PreK-2 were comfortable with hybrid learning, and about

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Neighbors sue city for failing to enforce the Ford site master plan

BY JANE MCCLURE

Five local residents have filed a lawsuit over the city of Saint Paul's alleged failure to enforce the provisions of the master plan for redeveloping Ford Motor Company's former assembly plant in Highland Park. All members of the advocacy group Neighbors for a Livable Saint Paul, the residents—Bruce Hoppe, Bruce Faribault, James Winterer, Kathryn McGuire and Cathrine Hunt—have petitioned Ramsey County District Court to require the city to enforce the formal variance process if master developer Ryan Companies deviates from the city's master plan for the 122-acre site.

The Ford site redevelopment, now called Highland Bridge, is well underway. Variances were approved recently for a mixed-use project at Ford Parkway and Cretin Avenue and a low-income senior housing development

immediately to the south of that. The plat for more than 300 new rowhouses has been approved. Also on the drawing boards are a Presbyterian Homes campus with senior housing, assisted living and memory care apartments, new workforce housing and a women's shelter.

City officials and Ryan representatives would not comment last week on the legal action, which was announced on October 31. At the heart of the group's objections are the variances to the master plan, the city's definition of open space and lot coverage, and the potential for a more dense development overall.

One of the neighbors' arguments is that the city has changed how it defines open space. The master plan calls for each development parcel to include a minimum percentage of open space, but the city has factored private rooftop decks and balconies into the equation.

According to Neighbors for a Livable Saint Paul, the way the city is defining private open space is "unacceptable and inconsistent with nearly every codified definition of 'open space' or common sense understanding of the term, as well as the intent of the Ford Site Task Force that worked for more than a decade to shape the (master) plan."

The Ford site master plan was approved by the City Council in 2017 and amended by the council in 2019. "Since the Ford site master plan was approved in 2017, Neighbors for a Livable Saint Paul has continued to monitor the project to ensure that new building construction is consistent with the original principles of that plan," the neighbors stated in a press release. "As Ryan Companies works with the city on the permitting and variance process for the first few buildings, it has become apparent that the master plan is merely a pretext to create unwritten rules about

inconvenient zoning laws and to inflate the scale of the already out-of-scale plan."

The group says it has asked the city's Department of Safety and Inspections to enforce the master plan and the zoning code, but that city officials have refused to do so.

"Neighbors for a Livable Saint Paul remains committed to promoting responsible community development that enhances the existing neighborhood and the city overall," the group stated. "Given the concerning lack of checks and balances in Saint Paul city governance, we cannot stand by and watch the city break its own zoning rules."

This is not the first time that Neighbors for a Livable Saint Paul has challenged plans for the Ford site. In 2017 it sought to give voters the chance to repeal plans for the Ford site through a referendum in 2018. However, the City Council and City Attorney's Office blocked that effort.

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them to Stewart by March 1.

The city's Parks and Recreation Commission is expected to act on the park names on March 11, and the City Council is scheduled to vote on the recommendations on March 17. Names must be in one of four categories: geographic, memorial, historic or functional.

During the more than 10 years of Ford site planning, much work was done to determine future park needs and uses. Ryan Companies, the master developer for the site, has also conducted park surveys.

A 12-member Parks Advisory Committee was formed in April and met virtually in June and August. It planned to meet again on November 5, December and next spring.

Stewart said park planning includes a focus on public art as well as interpretive features. Programming for the four proposed city parks will vary by location.

Park A at Ford Parkway and Mississippi River Boulevard has been described as a "gateway" to the site. Proposed features include a multiuse lawn, skateboard area, bocce ball courts, seating, walkways, water fountain and boardwalk.

Park B will be bordered by Village Way, Mount Curve Boulevard, and Beechwood and Woodlawn avenues. Proposed features include a large playground, multiuse lawn, basketball and pickleball courts, gaga ball court (similar to dodgeball), seating, walkways, a water feature and pet area.

Park C will face Mississippi River Boulevard and wrap around the southwest corner of the site. It will connect the central water feature

to Hidden Falls Park through an open stream with a bike and pedestrian trail. Proposed features include a nature play area, adult fitness area, volleyball courts, shelter, multiuse lawn, dog park, picnic area, hammock space, seating, walkways and trails, a bedrock ravine, pools and waterfalls, natural landscaping, interpretive features and a pedestrian bridge.

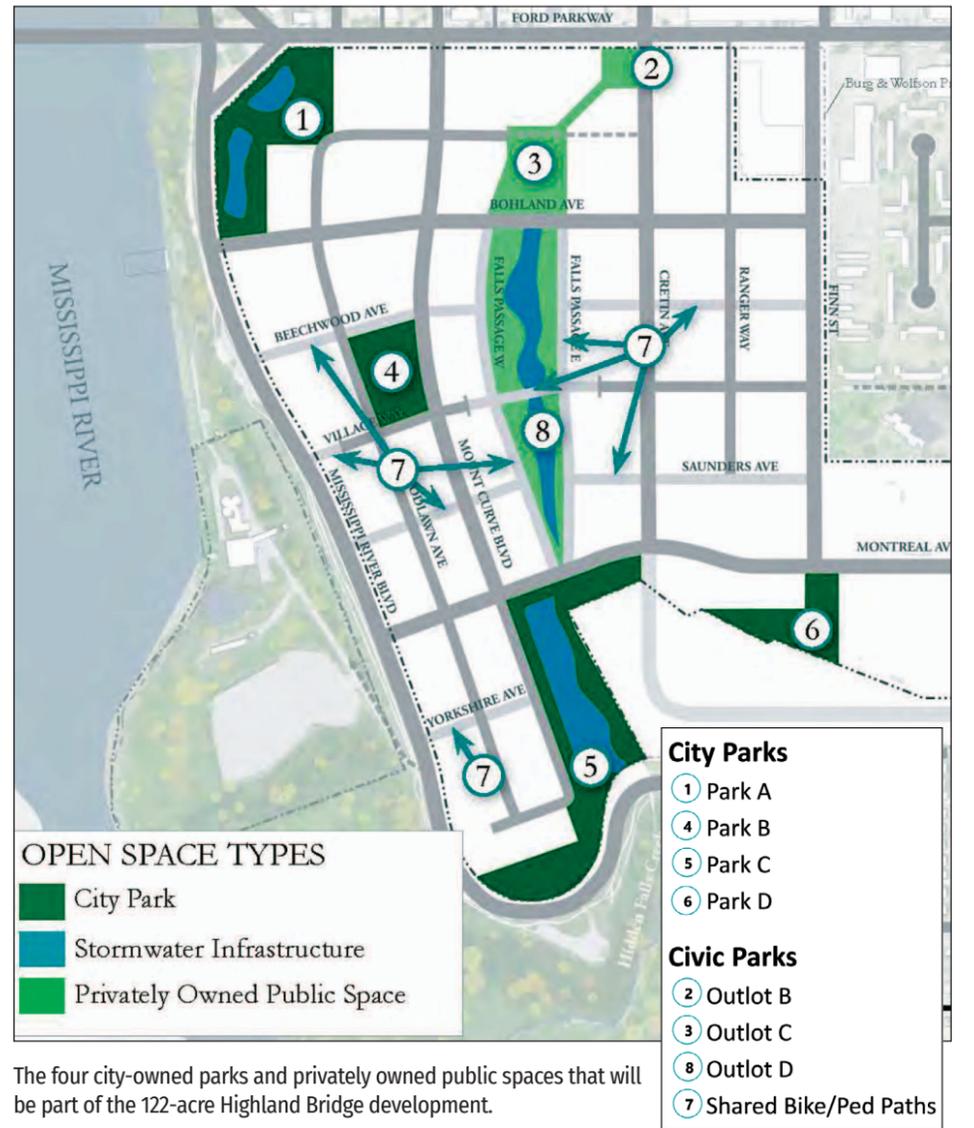
Park D, the smallest of the city parks, will be located south of Montreal Avenue and north of the Canadian Pacific railroad yard. Proposed features include an open lawn, seating, trails, a wetland and community garden.

Planning for Parks A and C are nearing completion, Stewart said. All of the parks and other open spaces at Highland Bridge are expected to be in place by the fall of 2021.

Highland Bridge will also have three open spaces that will be privately owned and maintained. A civic square at Ford Parkway and Cretin Avenue is expected to include a water feature, sculpture, seating and outdoor dining. It will connect to a larger plaza that could feature a lawn for events, seating, fair and market areas, and interpretive features.

Open space around the site's central water feature will be the third and largest of the privately maintained civic spaces. It is expected to have open lawns, canoe and kayak access, an ice skating rink in the winter, space for model boats, a performance terrace, seating, hammock space, seat swings, plazas, trails, interpretive features, garden, pedestrian bridge and pet area.

Future plans for the Highland Ball site on Montreal and Cleveland avenues include a playground, open space, shelter and a storage and training facility.



The four city-owned parks and privately owned public spaces that will be part of the 122-acre Highland Bridge development.

Highland Bridge project timeline

BY JANE MCCLURE

The Highland Bridge development on the 122-acre site of Ford Motor Company's former assembly plant will have about 90 percent of its first-phase utilities and major earthwork completed by the end of this month. And people can expect to see much more visible progress in the year ahead, according to Nick Koch, construction project executive for master developer Ryan Companies.

Koch was among those who presented an update on the project at a virtual forum on October 28. While questions from prospective Highland Bridge homeowners dominated the discussion, many questions were also asked about the construction schedule.

Earthwork and the initial development of parks and other open spaces have been ongoing at the site for months. The first phase of street construction is expected to run from

March to early fall 2021. The initial streets include extensions of Mount Curve Boulevard, and Cretin, Montreal and Bohland avenues as well as some secondary streets. All streets are expected to be built by 2026.

Parks and open spaces are expected to be completed in late fall 2021, along with the remaining phase one infrastructure.

Utilities on the site will include 2.75 miles of water mains, 2.2 miles of sanitary sewers and 3.75 miles of storm sewers. A large underground system is also being prepared to collect and clean stormwater. Koch said the intent is to reduce runoff by 98 percent.

One huge project now underway is the construction of a massive retaining wall around a half-mile long central water feature. Work is also underway at the water feature's south end to open up an underground creek leading to Hidden Falls Park.

Yet another key piece of infrastructure is what will be the largest urban solar array in the Twin Cities, making 100 percent of the development's electricity available from renewable and carbon-free sources. The site is also expected to have at least 100 electric vehicle charging stations, buildings designed

to use less water, and other sustainability measures.

The timeline for the construction of the first buildings at Highland Bridge were reviewed on October 28 by Maureen Michalski, Ryan's vice president for development.

- The first building going up is a five-story, mixed-use project by Ryan and Weidner Apartment Homes at the southeast corner of Ford Parkway and Cretin Avenue. It will include 230 apartments, two levels of parking, and a new Lunds & Byerlys supermarket in a 56,000-square foot space. Construction will start this winter, with apartment leasing anticipated in late 2021.

- Pulte Homes will start work this winter on 325 rowhouses on the west side of the manmade stream that will run north and south through the site. Three- and four-story rowhouse options will be offered, with model homes expected to open next summer.

- Presbyterian Homes has just started planning for the construction of a pair of 65-foot-tall buildings for senior housing on the two blocks bounded by a civic plaza and Hillcrest, Woodlawn and Bohland avenues. The building will include 220 independent units, 40

assisted-living units and 40 memory care units. Construction is expected to start by next summer and be completed in 2023.

- CommonBond Communities has no timeline yet on its plans for a five-story, 60-unit apartment building for low-income seniors at 830 S. Cretin Ave. Michalski said construction is dependent on when the project gets its financing in place.

- Project for Pride in Living is planning two buildings of affordable housing southwest of Ford Parkway and Mount Curve Boulevard. One would have 75 "workforce" apartments and the other would have 60 units for women enrolled in the Emma Norton Services supportive housing program.

Information on condominium options will be available next summer.

At some point within the next year, Ryan also hopes to announce the next steps for the lots along Mississippi River Boulevard, which will accommodate single-family to six-unit dwellings.

Ryan is working with the commercial real estate firm CBRE on the buildings that will house retail shops. Those structures also should start to take shape next year.

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20 percent of them felt very comfortable. About 37 percent of the families were uncomfortable with hybrid learning, including 15 percent who felt very uncomfortable.

In postponing hybrid learning, the school district was being more cautious than required by the Minnesota departments of Health and Education. State guidelines recommend that schools in counties with between 30 and 50 COVID-19 cases for every 10,000 residents in a two-week period could safely conduct hybrid learning for elementary students. The Saint Paul Public Schools decided to postpone Stage 2 based on a total of 31 COVID-19 cases for every 10,000 residents in a two-week period. That number has since risen to 34 cases for every 10,000 residents.

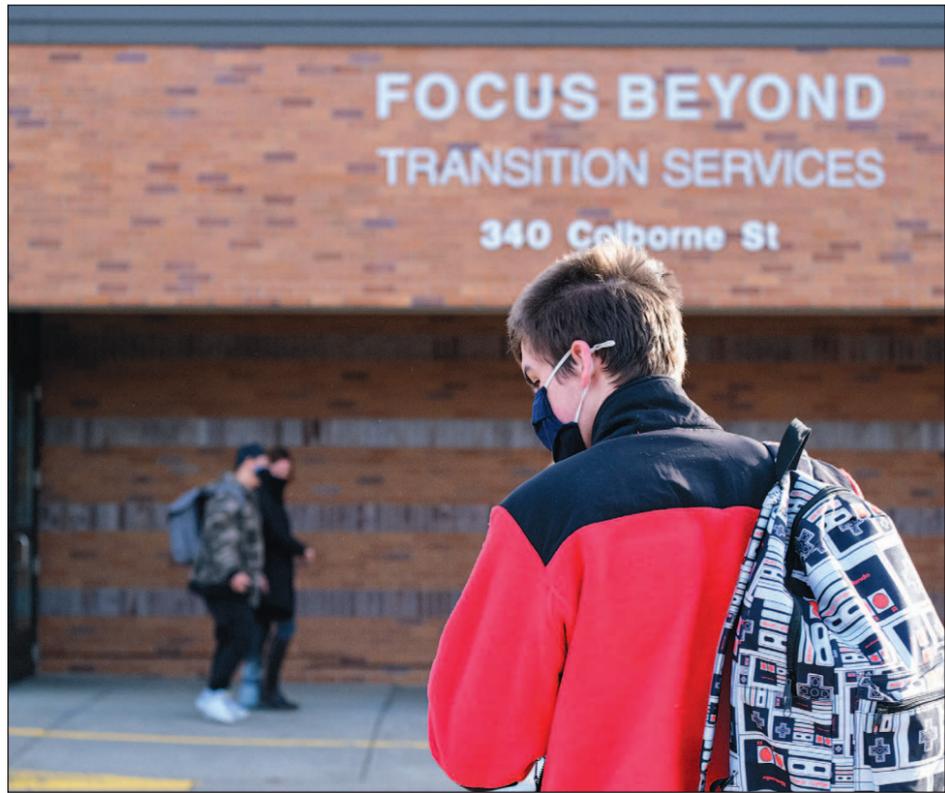
Heather Mueller, the state's deputy commissioner of education, advised schools on October 27 to consider other factors beyond the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases before returning to some level of in-person instruction. Those factors include the number of quarantines, the close contacts among school communities, the safety protocols available in school buildings and the number of individuals with flu-like illnesses. "This is what we're

calling the scalpel approach," Mueller said, allowing school districts and charter schools in the same county to operate with different learning models.

The Saint Paul school district is now looking at January 19 as the earliest date for implementing hybrid learning for students in grades PreK-5. That delay concerns educators and parents who are worried about students falling behind with distance learning only.

In response to those concerns, the school district has made available the computer applications Seesaw and Schoology. In-person academic support is also available for any student who wants it at Washington Technology School, 1495 Rice St. Depending on need and the availability of staff, in-person academic support will also be made available at Central, Humboldt, Harding and Johnson high schools. (For information, visit spps.org/domain/16814.)

The number of COVID-19 cases notwithstanding, Faber is concerned about the lasting effects of distance and hybrid learning on students. "This is an imposition, and it's going to have an impact on our students' learning no matter what we do," he said. "I think the conversation needs to be on what we're going to do when this is finished."



An unidentified student arrives for in-person classes at Focus Beyond, a Saint Paul Public Schools alternative program that helps students make the transition to postsecondary employment. PHOTO BY CASEY EK

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for employees and customers alike.

Johnson has encouraged his customers to arrange for the delivery or curbside pickup of their orders, but he also reopened the store for those customers who like to shop in person. "We want to do everything we can to cheer up people who are spending more and more time at home," he said.

Dan Marshall and Millie Adelsheim, the husband and wife owners of Mischief Toy Store, 818 Grand Ave., agree that holiday shopping comes with several new considerations this year. In business for 22 years and at the current location for four years, they have new safety precautions in place as well as a new business plan. They are encouraging customers to shop early this holiday season whether it is in-person or online.

"It's sad that there will be no Grand Meander," Marshall said, referring to the Grand Avenue Business Association's traditional kickoff to the holiday shopping season. "But safety is a priority on the streets and in the store."

"I'm very appreciative of the city's leadership," he said. "They've been helpful with small-business grants. We're also grateful to our customers for continuing to shop with us. There's great support for small businesses in Saint Paul."

Marsha Holdhusen, owner of Gypsy Moon, 1887 Randolph Ave., has had a difficult year, having to close her downtown store. "There aren't enough people downtown to support a store there," she said. "I've been through 9/11 and a recession, but nothing quite like this. What's hard is that there's no end in sight. It's made ordering inventory difficult. Some days I'm hopeful. Other days I'm not as much. But I've had a lot of support from customers."

Holdhusen believes her store is pretty well situated now. "What I've seen is people buy-

ing sweaters and gloves and scarves, maybe a focus on more practical gifts, things for themselves, soaps and things for the home," she said. "I've brought in a few dresses, but what I've heard is, 'I haven't worn a dress in months.'"

Regina's Candies, 2073 Saint Clair Ave. and 1905 S. Robert St., has ramped up its staff in anticipation of the holidays, according to general manager Cindy Racine. "We've increased production earlier than usual just in case we run into any issues with employees unable to come to work due to exposure to COVID," she said. "We've also hired extra staff to help with additional cleaning and sanitizing. We've had to place many of our product orders far in advance due to delays in production and shipping. We've been very fortunate to have such

loyal customers during this difficult time."

Karin Tappero, district manager for Patina, 2057 Ford Pkwy. and 1581 Selby Ave., said that she and her company "are looking at the future only as positive. We've been positive all along. When the closures happened, we acted quickly," adding online ordering and curbside pickup. "December will look very different (this year)," she said, "but we're well situated to meet the needs of all shoppers."

The Yarnery recently moved to 493 Selby Ave. after more than 40 years on Grand Avenue. Owners Scott Rohr and Shelly Rae are feeling appreciative. "We'd been set to move before the pandemic, and it was scary," Rohr said. "But we did, and we're doing well. We love our new location."

Small businesses are fortunate for their

ability to adapt and to enjoy a level of customer support that keeps them healthy, Rohr added. "What we care most about is making sure our customers are safe," he said. "We have free local delivery if people don't want to shop in store. For the holidays, we're offering a lot of kits. We're trying to make everything simple and easy for everyone."

Jill Erickson, owner of Spoils of Wear, 1566 Selby Ave., was grateful for the support of her customers as her business struggled to make it through the first months of the pandemic. "I've felt such amazing support from other small businesses, too," she said. "The weight of it all is ever present for all of us, so sharing resources and collaborating with other business owners have been key. Though I'm staying afloat financially, the energy required to keep this pace—paired with the other mental, social, and political stressors this year—is too much sometimes, and the strong community of small businesses at Selby and Snelling avenues really inspires."

Erickson recalled the first two months of the shutdown when she was "non-stop putting everything possible on my website, posting at least three times a day on Instagram, sharing campaigns and resources with other small businesses."

"Closing to the public was devastating," she said. "No one opens a brick-and-mortar store to sell solely online. I really struggled with the uncertainty of it all and how to move forward. I took it day to day, performing multiple tasks at a time. A Small Business Administration loan came through at the end of May so I could take a breath."

"When we reopened, I basically took advantage of all of the guidance the governor was providing," Erickson said. "My customers have been awesome in so many ways. That's the beauty of a small business—it's personal. So when you find your people or they find you, it's magic."



Florist Trista Knebel places newly arrived roses in one of the glass-enclosed coolers at A. Johnson and Sons, 1938 Grand Ave. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

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Saint Paul scrambles to fill budget gap of \$22 million for 2020

By JANE MCCLURE

When it comes to annual budgets, the COVID-19 pandemic has Saint Paul officials seeing double. The City Council recently approved more than \$20 million in budget reductions for 2020 while it continues to prepare the city budget for 2021.

City officials are facing a budget gap of over \$22 million for the current year. The pandemic and civil unrest in the wake of George Floyd's death in May have added millions in unanticipated expenses. The city spent about \$3.5 million in response to the rioting following Floyd's death. Another \$14.8 million was lost

to a drop in city revenue due to the pandemic.

The largest decrease in city revenue has been in parking revenue—about \$2.8 million—due to the dearth of downtown events and a 50 percent drop in parking contracts from downtown employees.

The city's take in hotel and motel taxes is down about \$1.3 million. That represents a 60 percent drop as tourism, conventions and other events have vanished. The city will spend up to \$1.9 million this year to keep RiverCentre open at a time when most of its events have been canceled. Franchise fee collections are expected to drop by \$1.4 million. Paramedic fees will see a \$1.3 million dip. Building permit

fees are projected to decline by \$1.2 million.

The city will fill a portion of the budget gap with \$15 million from the federal CARES Act. Another \$4 million will come from other one-time sources, including \$3 million from the city's Capital Improvement Budget.

All city departments and offices were instructed in the spring to cut their expenses this year by leaving staff positions vacant, postponing programs and making other reductions. That has resulted in almost \$12 million in savings.

The pandemic shut many city facilities down for several months, which reduced expenses. Temporary and summer jobs were

eliminated in just about every city department. Grass grew longer on public property. Other maintenance projects were set aside. These moves saved an additional \$2.2 million.

The city's Parks and Recreation Department reduced its spending in 2020 by \$3.2 million by not filling 17 vacant positions and keeping facilities closed for a time.

The Police Department cut about \$1 million in expenses, including \$200,000 by not holding a police training academy. Public Works trimmed \$1.5 million through cuts to several programs. The Department of Safety and Inspections cut \$1.4 million. Libraries made cuts that totaled \$1.2 million.

City seeks another \$148,000 to implement tenant protections

By JANE MCCLURE

The Saint Paul City Council was surprised to learn in late October that the tenant protections ordinance that is scheduled to take effect on March 1, 2021, will carry a cost of almost \$500,000 next year. The city's Office of Financial Empowerment has identified a revenue source for more than two-thirds of those expenses, but the request for the remaining \$148,000 in an extraordinarily difficult budget year dismayed some council members.

City Council members questioned why the expense was not included in Mayor Melvin Carter's 2021 budget in August. "Quite frankly, a half million in tenant protections funds is a huge surprise to me based on all of the meetings we had over the last several months," said Ward 3 City Council member Chris Tolbert. While Tolbert and others anticipated a need for money for the program, "nowhere was anything near that amount mentioned," he said.

"It makes no sense to me that (these costs) weren't a part of the mayor's proposed 2021 budget," said Ward 7 City Council member Jane Prince. "To come to us at this stage of the budget process with a \$150,000 price tag is really inappropriate."

Office of Financial Empowerment director Muneer Karcher-Ramos said the additional costs were presented in a fiscal note as part of a 90-day progress report on implementing the ordinance. Much of the half million dollars is for education and outreach for tenants and landlords. City staff are seeking grants from philanthropic foundations to cover most of the expenses, he said.

The costs are ongoing. They are estimated at \$1.98 million between 2020 and 2024, split between the Office of Financial Empowerment, City Attorney's Office, and the departments of Planning and Economic Development and Human Rights and Equal Economic Opportunity.

The 2021 city budget proposed by Mayor Melvin Carter in August keeps the city's property tax levy at the same amount as in 2020. In the face of rising costs, every city department has been scrambling to cut its budget, and finding an additional \$148,000 for tenant protections means cutting that much more.

The City Council adopted the tenant protections ordinance in July. It requires landlords to provide "just cause" for the cancellation of a tenant's lease, limits the conditions under which a lease may be terminated, limits the use of credit and criminal history in screening tenants, and changes how past evictions

are considered when a rental application is reviewed.

Tenants may not be denied a lease if they were convicted of a misdemeanor more than three years earlier or a felony more than seven years earlier unless those convictions were for murder, distributing or manufacturing a controlled substance, arson, kidnapping, assault, robbery, manslaughter or criminal sexual conduct.

The ordinance caps the security deposit a landlord may require to the equivalent of one month's rent. Landlords are also required to provide the city and tenants with a 90-day notice of an impending sale of the rental property and to provide tenants with packets of information on tenants' rights and responsibilities.

According to Karcher-Ramos, the nearly half million dollar cost for 2021 includes staffing for customer service, coordination with other departments, fair housing testing, staffing for investigations, staffing for the advance notice of sale of rental housing, education, and an evaluation of the ordinance's impact. Among the costs still not covered are marketing and social media to inform tenants and landlords (\$75,000) and policy analysis and evaluation (\$50,000).

City Council members expressed concerns

about the many new responsibilities of the Office of Financial Empowerment. The office was launched by Carter to help low-income residents. It has taken on an array of programs, including setting up college savings accounts for all children born in Saint Paul, overseeing a guaranteed income pilot program and helping residents find banking resources. It is also researching inequities in criminal fines, including motor vehicle impound fees, and how those fines disproportionately affect poor families.

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office of Financial Empowerment has distributed meals to people in need and helped low-income families obtain help through the city's new Bridge Fund. Another focus for the office has been cases of fraud tied to the pandemic.

As the Office of Financial Empowerment takes on more programs, it may be raising expectations it cannot meet, according to Tolbert and Prince.

Like other city offices and departments, the Office of Financial Empowerment is being asked to cut its allocation from the city's general fund from \$555,193 in 2020 to \$494,711 in 2021. The office is also supported by state and foundation grants totaling \$5.25 million in 2020 and \$2.78 million thus far for 2021.

Committee supports UST's plan to replace Loras Hall with science building

By JANE MCCLURE

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council's Housing and Land Use Committee voted 14-5-3 on October 28 to support the University of Saint Thomas' plan to demolish Loras Hall to make way for a new science and engineering building.

That recommendation will go before the full district council on November 12 and then to the city's Heritage Preservation Commission on November 30. HPC action is required because the building is in the Summit Avenue West Historic District.

Loras, which was built in 1894 as a residence

for Saint Paul Seminary students, is located on Summit Avenue just west of the Frey Science and Engineering Center. The university wants to tear it down and construct an approximately 120,000-square-foot building with a focus on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) in its place.

Mark Vangsgard, the university's vice president for business affairs and chief financial officer, outlined the need for the new building, saying it would be an asset to the university and to the surrounding neighborhood.

While saying he is fully in favor of the new building, Housing and Land Use Committee member Marc Manderscheid urged the uni-

versity to preserve Loras. He recounted the history of Archbishop John Ireland's founding of what is now UST in 1885.

Loras is one of six original seminary buildings. Only three remain. It is the oldest non-residential building in the Summit Avenue West Historic District, followed by Macalester College's Wallace Hall in 1907 and Aquinas Hall on UST's main campus in 1931.

"There are only four structures in the district that are older than Loras and they're all single-family homes," Manderscheid said.

According to Manderscheid, the HPC has never approved the demolition of a building that was considered structurally sound and

contributing to a historic district.

Housing and Land Use Committee members had mixed reactions to the request. Some said Loras is a dated, inefficient building and should come down. Others cited the educational benefits of a new structure.

"I think of the benefit of more science, technology and math space," said committee member Art Punyko. "I think this will be a positive change for Saint Thomas."

Some committee members asked if the building could be saved. "I've seen amazing examples of historic buildings incorporated into new structures," said Meg Arnosti. "Once you lose a building, it's gone forever."



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The streetcar line that has been selected as the preferred alternative for the 12-mile Riverview Corridor route would cost \$2 billion to construct and would run along West Seventh Street between downtown Saint Paul's Union Depot and the light-rail Blue Line near Fort Snelling.

Riverview Corridor streetcar project rolls into next phase

By JANE McCLURE

The proposed Riverview Corridor, a 12-mile mass transit link from downtown Saint Paul to Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport and the Mall of America, is once again the focus of a public engagement process as it enters its engineering and pre-environmental study phase. This week, the project's staff will start identifying members of a community advisory committee and a station area planning task force.

After a hiatus of three years, the corridor's Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) met again on November 5. In late 2017, the committee recommended a modern streetcar line along West Seventh Street as the preferred alternative for the project. Since then, various studies have gone on behind the scenes, preparing for the next phase of work. This latest study phase could also take three years.

Riverview is expected to cost \$2 billion to build and \$35 million annually to operate and maintain. Plans call for 20 stations, all in Saint Paul. Streetcars would connect to the light-rail Green Line at the Saint Paul Union Depot in downtown and to the Blue Line in Minneapolis after crossing the Mississippi River near Fort Snelling.

One issue raised on November 5 is whether the modern streetcar alternative and route could still be changed. One citizen requested to consider having Riverview follow a dormant Canadian Pacific railroad spur from West Seventh into Highland Park and connect with the Highland Bridge development on the former Ford Motor Company site.

Other public comments, including those by members of Citizens Advocating for Regional Transit (CART), focused on the need for light rail in a dedicated right-of-way instead of the smaller modern streetcar option.

Mike Rogers, a project manager for Ramsey County, said a change to the preferred alternative would happen only if there is some kind of "fatal flaw" to the chosen mode and route. Making such a change could also involve reconsidering other transit options or other routes. Rogers said a bus alternative will be included as a fail-safe measure, but the intent is not to reopen past studies.

The 17-member PAC will meet every other month between now and late 2021 during the engineering and pre-environmental study

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phase. During that time, additional studies will be conducted and the committee will make recommendations as public comments are received. It would likely be a decade before construction starts.

"There's a lot of work before us and we're looking forward to that," Rogers said. County and city staff and various consultants will be involved in different aspects of the project.

The upcoming studies will include a look at the Riverview operating environment, dedicated or mixed-traffic operations, the effect on on-street parking and utilities, and how special events in downtown will affect transit. Streetscape improvements, public safety and the pedestrian environment will get further study. Where to locate an operations and maintenance facility also has to be considered.

Another issue that will be on the table is roadway jurisdiction. Seventh Street is a state highway, although turning the street back to the city or county has been discussed.

Two key issues will be different during this phase of the study, Rogers said. One is for station area land-use planning to be led by the city. The study will have a 20-member task force, with a Saint Paul Planning Commission member as co-chair. The group will look at station locations and how zoning could be changed to spur development. Any decisions on station area planning will be made by the Planning Commission and City Council.

A second difference in this phase of the study is the involvement of the 11 regional Indian tribes to address issues around Fort Snelling and Bdote. Tribal representatives recently met with project staff and consultants to discuss that area's significance to Native Americans.

For more information on the Riverview Corridor, go to tinyurl.com/y59v2czb.



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City reaffirms availability of TIF for Midway Center redevelopment

Annual subsidies of \$8.78M are possible

By JANE McCLURE

A new tax increment financing (TIF) district has been approved by the Saint Paul City Council in hopes it will spur development at Snelling and University avenues and along the light-rail Green Line. Support for the TIF district was unanimous, in contrast to the split council votes on Midway TIF-related actions in 2016 and 2017. At the time, some council members questioned whether TIF was needed for redevelopment to happen. The COVID-19 pandemic and the concurrent downturn in the economy have dispelled those reservations.

Establishing the Midway TIF district sends a positive message, according to Ward 1 City Council member Dai Thao. “We want to show the development community that Saint Paul is a great place to do business,” he said. He also praised the efforts to include affordable housing in development plans for the area.

Ward 4 City Council member Mitra Jalali expressed hope that TIF will be available to

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spur development along the Green Line. She also spoke for the need to subsidize the kind of community benefits that local residents have been expecting in the wake of the construction of the nearby Allianz Field soccer stadium.

The new TIF district would support the redevelopment of the “superblock” bounded by Pascal Street, Saint Anthony, Snelling and University avenues. A master plan for that site, approved by the City Council in 2016, calls for 620 new housing units, 1 million square feet of office space, 400 hotel rooms, 421,100 square feet of retail space and 4,720 parking spaces.

Bill McGuire, owner of the Minnesota United FC Major League Soccer team, has

cautioned that the master plan will need to be revised due to the changing economy. He and Rick Birdoff of RK Midway are leading the development efforts on the block through a partnership called Snelling-Midway Redevelopment LLC.

A city staff report indicates that the master plan for the superblock has been scaled back to include 800,000 square feet of office space, 399,250 square feet of retail space and 3,350 parking spaces. The goal remains for 400 hotel rooms and 620 new housing units, but 30 percent of the housing units would have income restrictions and be affordable to households earning 60 percent, 50 percent and 30 percent of the Twin Cities area’s median income, respectively.

Tax increment financing captures a portion of the additional property tax revenue generated by a development project to help pay for that development. The city’s goal is to see construction on the superblock get underway in 2021 with the full buildout complete by the end of 2030.

The current value of the tax base in the Midway TIF district is estimated at \$28 million. The market value of the site is expected to grow to \$485 million by the end of 2032, generating

an annual tax increment of \$8.78 million.

The city expects to begin collecting tax increments in 2024. Over 16 years the increments are expected to generate \$112 million in financing to help cover an estimated \$115 million in development costs, including affordable housing and related public improvements.

That leaves a \$3 million financing gap, according to the city staff report. However, if more TIF is generated than anticipated or the term of the TIF district is extended, the additional TIF could be used for development along the Green Line and to mitigate any adverse impacts of development on the superblock.

According to Nicolle Goodman, director of the Saint Paul Department of Planning and Economic Development, the City Council’s approval of the TIF district does not commit the city to providing TIF to any developer or project. Rather, the vote by the City Council was needed “to meet a deadline and preserve TIF as a tool for possible use,” Goodman said.

The City Council had to act by November 13 to meet the state-mandated three-year deadline established in 2017 when initial steps were taken to set up the Midway TIF district.

St. Paul is looking at an increase of \$7 per year for trash collection

Few changes expected in program’s third year

By JANE McCLURE

Residential trash collection rates in Saint Paul are expected to increase between \$6.51 and \$7.11 per year in 2021 depending on the size of the cart and frequency of pickup. The City Council held a public hearing on the rate increases on November 5. Only five people testified.

The rates are set by city ordinance using a formula that factors in fuel prices, taxes, the Consumer Price Index, tonnage and the tipping fees at the Ramsey and Washington County Recycling and Energy Center in Newport where all of the trash is taken. The tipping fee for 2021 will be \$84 per ton, up \$2 from 2020.

Summit Hill resident and landlord Alisa Lein said she was frustrated that despite promises by the City Council to improve the two-year-old program, nothing has changed. “Our tenants are still forced to pay garbage overcharges mandated by the city’s no-sharing and no opt-out policy,” she said. Lein asked that the residents of apartment buildings be

allowed to share carts or a single dumpster. “My family alone has 16 mandated trash carts collecting dust in basements,” she said.

All single-family homes and two- to four-unit apartment buildings in Saint Paul are required to participate in the trash collection program. Four levels of service are offered with carts of 35, 64 and 96 gallons. Collection fees range from \$57.60 to \$99.45 every three months.

Several residents testified that any increase in the trash collection rates is too much.

“I would like to remind our representatives that 2020 has been an uphill battle for most families just to stay afloat,” said Maria Phelps. “We don’t work long hours away from our family just to have what little extra we make taken away for a trash hauling contract that was never in our best interest. Our street sees more trash haulers, missed pickups and bigger bills than we ever did prior to this mess.”

Highland Park resident Ryan MacSwain praised the city’s trash collection program. The rate increases are reasonable, he said, “and our streets and alleys are much calmer and quieter thanks to this ordinance.”

Susan Haataja urged the City Council to consider those who generate little waste.

“I would like to remind our representatives that 2020 has been an uphill battle for most families just to stay afloat,” said Maria Phelps.

Haataja composts and recycles much of her household waste and fills only one five-gallon trash bag every two weeks. She proposed a monthly collection option. “Don’t further burden those who are working to produce less waste,” she said.

City staff negotiated with a consortium of private trash haulers to establish the formula for setting the collection fees. The consortium had 15 haulers when the contract was signed. Through buyouts and the sale of customer lists, only six haulers remain: Advanced Disposal, Aspen Waste Systems, Gene’s Disposal, Highland Sanitation, Republic Services and Waste Management.

The haulers are assigned to specific neighborhoods in the city, and bill and collect the

fees themselves.

Under the proposed rate increase for 2021, the fee for a 35-gallon cart collected every other week will increase from \$57.60 to \$59.23 every three months. A total of 5,074 households in the city contract for that level of service.

For a 35-gallon cart collected every week, the quarterly fee will increase from \$67.29 to \$69.04. A total of 17,584 households contract for that level of service.

For a 64-gallon cart collected every week, the quarterly fee will increase from \$93.09 to \$94.87. There are 29,147 households using medium carts citywide.

For a 96-gallon cart collected weekly, the quarterly fee will increase from \$99.45 to \$101.23. There are 20,079 households using large carts citywide.

The 2021 rates are slightly lower than the rates charged in 2019. All rates include state and county taxes. They also include the collection of two or three bulky items per year. Free walkup service is also available for people who cannot move their carts to the alley or curb. The fees for such services as yard waste collection, additional bulky items, additional garbage bags placed outside of the cart and off-day pickups will remain the same.

Council allows work to continue on new Highland Parkway home

By JANE McCLURE

The Saint Paul City Council voted on October 28 to uphold an appeal by Mike and Suellen Buelow and grant variances to allow them to build a new one-story house at 1493 Highland Pkwy.

Mike Buelow, who is a building developer, originally planned to remodel the century-old house with a universal design to allow easier access for people, like his wife, who have physical disabilities. They were granted variances in early 2019 for sidewall articulation and rear- and side-yard setbacks.

The variances, which had the support of the Highland District Council (HDC) and neighbors, would have allowed the Buelows to attach a garage to the home and add a first-floor master bedroom and other space. However, the couple found the house’s foundation was in poor condition and would not support the planned renovation.

So instead, they sought and received the necessary city permits, tore down the existing house and garage, and laid plans to build

“Attaching the house and garage allows for an enclosed handicap entry that eliminates steps,” Buelow said.

a new home. That surprised some neighbors, who were under the impression that the existing house would be renovated.

Two weeks into construction, a city building inspector told the Buelows that the work must stop because the old foundation had been removed. That triggered the need for new variances.

The city’s Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) rejected the couple’s request for rear-yard setback and lot coverage variances on a split vote in September. Commissioners who voted against the variances said the Buelows failed to show there were practical difficulties in building the new house without the variances. The Buelows were seeking a 1-foot rear-

yard setback where 25 feet are required, and a lot coverage of 40.2 percent where a maximum of 40 percent is allowed.

In testimony before the City Council, Michael Buelow objected to the BZA’s denial of the variances, saying there are characteristics of the property, along with the house design, that warranted approval. One is the need for a universally designed house to be all on one level.

“Attaching the house and garage allows for an enclosed handicap entry that eliminates steps,” Buelow said. He also cited the long, narrow configuration and elevation of the lot as additional difficulties that justify the variances.

BZA staff and an HDC committee recommended approval of the variances, but some neighbors opposed the project in the belief that the new house would not fit the neighborhood. Concerns were also raised about the potential for problems with stormwater runoff and that the garage would be closer to the alley than others. Buelow said the garage would line up with others along the alley.

More than two dozen neighbors weighed in against the variances and the lack of notice of changes to the project. Cynthia Skally, who supported the first variances, said she learned of the changes this past May when trees on the lot came down. She said one damaged her arbor vitae. She added that her property was also damaged when the existing house was torn down in August.

While neighbors said they support the concept of a house with universal design, Skally and others said they wanted prior notice of the changes and help in addressing property damage.

Ward 3 City Council member Chris Tolbert conceded that mistakes were made, but that the case for the variances had been met. He said he would like to have seen better communication with city inspection staff and neighbors about changes to the project.

“In my opinion, Mr. Buelow knows better and I would expect better of him as someone who knows the process,” Tolbert said. “I understand why the neighbors are upset and I’m upset, too.”



One last spin for summer.

A bicyclist sporting a tank top and shorts pedaled down Summit Avenue on a record-setting 75-degree day on November 3. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

Business Briefs

The U.S. Small Business Administration has extended the deadline for businesses, private nonprofits, homeowners and renters to apply for a physical disaster loan. Anyone in Ramsey, Dakota, Hennepin and other declared counties who suffered damages caused by the civil unrest that occurred from May 27-June 8 may apply for the low-interest loans. Visit DisasterLoanAssistance.sba.gov or call 800-659-2955 for information.

The 2020 Saint Paul Business Award winners were recognized by the Saint Paul City Council and mayor on November 4. The winners include Candyland, 435 Wabasha Ave., with the Traditions Award for a business 20 years or older; Karibu Grocery & Deli, 719 Payne Ave., with the New Kid on the Block Award for a business 5 years or younger; Flannery Construction, 1375 Saint Anthony Ave., with the Good Neighbor Award; and Jandrich Floral, 976 W. Seventh St., with the People's Choice Award. Visit stpaul.gov/bizawards.

Women Venture's 25th annual Women Mean Business fundraiser will take place from 4:20-6 p.m. Friday, November 13. The virtual event will include the comedy of Miss Shannon Paul, stories of award winners, and performances by Dessa and Jearlyn Steele. A happy hour to shop the marketplace and bid on silent auction items will follow. Registration is free. Contact Elaine Wyatt at ewyatt@womenventure.org or 612-224-9564.

Twin Cities MetroIBA will honor independent businesses with its fifth annual Celebration of the Indies at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 17. The online event will include small business video stories and inspiring messages from MetroIBA leaders. The suggested donation is \$25. Register at metroiba.org.

SCORE Twin Cities has been formed by the merger of the SCORE small business mentoring programs from Saint Paul and Minneapolis. The combined organization is composed of more than 110 volunteer professionals who provide free mentoring, workshops and business development resources. A new centralized office has been created at 2021 E. Hennepin Ave., Suite 220, Minneapolis. For information, call 952-938-4570 or go to twincities@scorevolunteer.org.

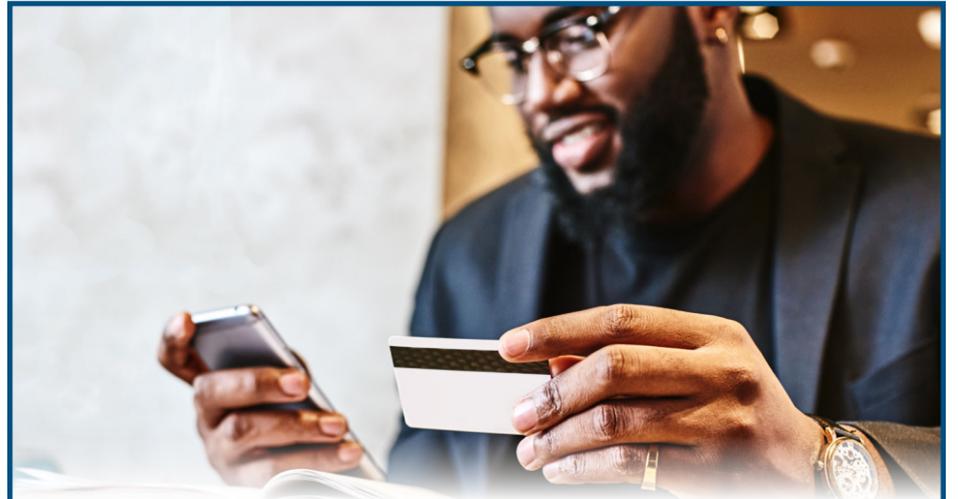
Ramsey County Workforce Solutions, in partnership with Tech Dump/Tech Discounts and Northstar Digital Literacy, has launched a

new Workforce TechPak initiative to provide technology to those who are unemployed due to COVID-19. Each TechPak includes a refurbished laptop computer preloaded with bookmarks to assist in job searches and provide training materials, a hotspot for internet access and QuickStart guides to support the user's virtual training. To qualify for a TechPak, an individual needs to be a resident of Ramsey County and unemployed or underemployed due to the pandemic. Visit ramseycounty.us/techpak.

Edward McKinley, a 2015 graduate of Highland Park High School who recently completed a master's degree in government at Georgetown University, is one of 10 young journalists who have been chosen to receive Hearst Journalism Fellowships. The 10 journalists each earned two-year appointments in Hearst Communications' newsrooms around the country. McKinley was set to join the state capitol reporting team in Albany, New York, for the *Times Union*. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Missouri and has completed internships for the *Kansas City Star*, CNBC, and the McClatchy newspaper chain's Washington, D.C., bureau.

Gateway Bank in Mendota Heights decided to cancel its long-running fall festival this year because of the pandemic. Instead, it partnered with Barten Pumpkins to set up fall displays outside senior living facilities, including White Pine and Village Commons in Mendota Heights, and the Waters on 50th in Edina. The bank also donated money to three nonprofits: Neighbors Inc., VEAP and The Open Door.

The Saint Paul Area Association of Realtors recently recognized the Odd Couple Team and the HIVE Team, both on Grand Avenue, as winners of SPAAR Hero awards. The honor is given to teams or individuals for their community engagement. Each month the Odd Couple Team, which was founded by Shane Montoya and Jason Koenig, serves meals for the Cooks for Kids program at Ronald McDonald House in Saint Paul. The team also supports Keystone Community Services, Joseph's Coat and the National Kidney Foundation. The HIVE Team, led by Mya Honeywell, has worked with Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity since 2016 and more recently has worked with the Sanneh Foundation. Team members have also written 40 grants in honor of their real estate clients through the HIVE Fund.



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VIEWPOINT

On the Mississippi, Mische discovers hope for Spare Key

Director journeys 1,700 miles down river to raise prospects of his nonprofit

BY ERICH MISCHÉ

I returned home to Saint Paul on October 27 following a 56-day, 1,700-mile trip down the Mississippi River on a homemade raft christened the S.S. Hail Mary. As the executive director of Spare Key, my journey was a desperate attempt to keep the Saint Paul-based nonprofit organization afloat during a global pandemic.

The trip was monumental for Spare Key and me. In those two months, Spare Key became registered in all 50 United States, greatly enhancing its ability to give families the financial support they need to pay major bills when faced with a critical illness or serious injury. Meanwhile, I realized that the relationships I built, the lessons I learned and the memories I made will keep Spare Key going for years to come.

On the trip, I shared Spare Key's mission with countless incredible individuals. I am certain that we will be able to help more families during difficult times because of this journey.

Spare Key's mission is to help as many families as possible. Founded in Minnesota in 1997, it has served more than 4,000 families with nearly \$4 million in housing and housing-related expenses, so that in difficult times they can focus on what truly matters—



Spare Key executive director Erich Mische and his homemade raft took a break in Kimmswick, Missouri, midway on their 1,700-mile trip down the Mississippi River to raise money for the nonprofit organization.

their loved ones. At my last stop in Baton Rouge, I registered Louisiana as the 50th state where Spare Key can operate.

I can be afraid of the dark and scared of wild animals, but for two months I lived, worked and slept on a raft as I navigated the mighty Mississippi, drifting slowly through the middle of America, spreading the word

about Spare Key's commitment to helping families.

During the journey, I encountered countless mishaps and challenges. Operating a 50-year-old pontoon with finicky motors and an attached garden shed as a shelter comes with challenges. Add to that the never-ending river traffic, the occasional lock and

dam and Hurricane Delta, and there was no way to predict the challenges I encountered.

I learned quickly how to navigate the river when you are operating the smallest boat on it. I never thought I would learn how to pump water out of 50-year old pontoon tubes, jimmy-rig a pontoon motor, traverse locks and dams alongside massive river barges or avoid the worst that a hurricane can throw at you, but I sure do now.

What started out as a way to keep Spare Key afloat became so much more. On the journey, I was able to build lasting relationships and learn important lessons that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. I discovered that every person is fighting his or her own battle. Even if they do not directly need the help of Spare Key, I want people to see that there is always hope during difficult times. The people I met along the way have made a lasting impression on my life. I hope I was able to do the same for them.

Spare Key, like thousands of other nonprofits, has been severely affected by the damage COVID-19 has done to the economy. Every fundraising event we scheduled for this summer except one had to be cancelled or postponed. The journey down the Mississippi was my way of ensuring that the work of Spare Key continues.

People who would like to support Spare Key's efforts to help families in need may do so by visiting its website at sparekey.org/donate.

Erich Mische is a former resident of Macalester-Groveland.

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Incumbents rule election day in nearly every race for statewide and local office

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Incumbents ruled the day for the most part. Among the few new officeholders is former District 64A Representative Erin Murphy, who was elected state senator in Saint Paul's District 64. Emma Greenman will serve as the new state representative in South Minneapolis' District 63B. Stephanie Levine won a three-way race for mayor of Mendota Heights. Laurie Halverson was elected commissioner in Dakota County's District 3. And Interim Saint Paul School Board member Jim Vue topped a field of six to fill out the 14 months remaining in the late Marny Xiong's four-year term.

Following are the unofficial results of the general election in Minnesota as posted on the Secretary of State's website as of November 5. An asterisk after a name indicates an incumbent:

U.S. President and Vice President — Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, 52.4%; Donald J. Trump and Michael R. Pence*, 45.3%.

U.S. Senator — Tina Smith*, 48.75%; Jason Lewis, 43.5%; Kevin O'Connor, 5.91%; Oliver Steinberg, 1.77%.

U.S. Representative, District 2 — Angie Craig*, 48.2%; Tyler Kistner, 45.9%; Adam Charles Weeks, 5.8%.

U.S. Representative, District 4 — Betty McCollum*, 63.2%; Gene Reichtzige, 29%; Susan Sindt, 7.6%.

U.S. Representative, District 5 — Ilhan Omar*, 64.3%; Lacy Johnson, 25.8%; Michael Moore, 9.5%.

State Senator, District 52 — Matt Klein*, 60.6%; Tomas Settell, 39.3%.



State Senator, District 63 — Patricia Torres Ray*, 77.7%; Diane Napper, 15.7%; Chris Wright, 6.6%.

State Senator, District 64 — Erin Murphy, 78.7%; Sharon Anderson, 14.6%; Patricia Jirovec McArde, 6.4%.

State Senator, District 65 — Sandy Pappas*, 81.5%; Paul Holmgren, 18.2%.

State Representative, District 52A — Rick Hansen*, 65.5%; Mariah de la Paz, 34.4%.

State Representative, District 52B — Ruth Richardson*, 55.5%; Cynthia Lonnquist, 44.5%.

State Representative, District 63A — Jim Davnie*, 82.3%; Penny Arcos, 10.5%; David Wiester, 7.1%.

State Representative, District 63B — Emma Greenman, 72.3%; Frank Pafko, 19.1%; Dennis Schuller, 7.8%.

State Representative, District 64A — Kaohly Her*, 85.7%; Sherry Schack, 14.2%.

State Representative, District 64B — Dave Pinto*, 80.4%; Georgia Dietz, 19.5%.

State Representative, District 65A — Rena Moran*, 83.2%; Amy Anderson, 16.6%.

State Representative, District 65B — Carlos Mariani*, 80%; Margaret Mary Stokely, 19.8%.

Mendota Heights Mayor — Stephanie Levine, 44.6%; Liz Petschel, 40.6%;

Patrick Watson, 14.4%.

Dakota County Commissioner, District 3 — Laurie Halverson, 62.6%; Diane Anderson, 36.8%.

Saint Paul School Board Member — Jim Vue, 23.3%; Jamila Mame, 20.3%; James Farnsworth, 19.1%; Charlotte "Charlie" Castro, 15.2%; Omar Syed, 10.7%; Keith Hardy, 10.4%.

Minneapolis School Board Member at Large — Kim Ellison*, 61.3; Michael Dueñes, 38.1%.

Associate Justice, Supreme Court — Paul Thissen*, 59.1%; Michelle MacDonald, 40.6%.

Dakota County District Court Judge — Joseph Carter*, 61.8%; Martin "Marty" Judge, 37.8%.

Ramsey County District Court Judge — Pat Diamond*, 66.5%; Ngozi Akubuike, 33%.

Minneapolis Ballot Question 1, Redistricting of Wards and Park Districts — Shall the Minneapolis City Charter be amended to allow ward and park district boundaries to be reestablished in a year ending in 1 and to allow the use of those new boundaries for elections in that same year; to allow ward and park district boundaries to be modified after the Legislature has been redistricted to establish city precinct boundaries; to provide that an election for a council member office required by Minnesota law in a year ending in 2 or 3 after a redistricting shall be for a single two-year term; and to clarify that a regular election means a regular general election? Yes, 75.4%; No, 24.6%.

Minneapolis Ballot Question 2, Special Municipal Elections — Shall the Minneapolis City Charter be amended to comply with Minnesota election law related to uniform dates for special municipal elections and to provide that a special election be held on a legal election day under Minnesota law that is more than 90 days from a vacancy in the office of mayor or council member? Yes, 87%; No, 13%.

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A flight of fancy

Author-illustrator Peter Ross makes his debut with new children's book

BY ANNE MURPHY

Don't worry. Author Peter Ross' first children's book, *Uh-Oh! We've Got Birds!*, has a happy ending and rollicking escapades along the way. Written and illustrated by the Macalester-Groveland resident, it tells the story of Oliver, a young boy whose house is suddenly inhabited by a flock of wild birds—24 species in all: “So many wild birds belonging outdoors. They flew through the rooms and waddled 'cross floors.”

There is a puffin and a ruffed grouse in the kitchen and a mallard and a pelican in the bathroom. A tanager, robin and wren sing in harmony with a thrush and bobolink. Cardinals and blue jays are spotted watching baseball on a television. Though Oliver is somewhat amused, he determines that these creatures belong outdoors, so he enlists the help of his friend Mabel and her Magic Critter Moving Company.

“Different people will read different things into my story based on their circumstances,” Ross said. “Adults will see different lessons to be learned, perhaps some that I hadn't even intended. Children, of course, have fewer life experiences. I hope they see a child who's confronted with an unusual problem involving living, breathing creatures. These creatures may all look different, they may all act differ-

ent, but they're all birds, and together Mabel and Oliver find a gentle and magical method to move the birds outside.

“I'd be pleased if readers learned that kindness and understanding are important, even toward those who might be causing you problems,” Ross said. “There are ways to speak your mind, to get your needs met, that are assertive but not mean or vicious. My gosh, there's so much viciousness these days. The little nuthatch says it best: Beauty is within each of us. Kindness can be magical.”

Ross, who majored in biology and minored in art history at the University of Minnesota-Duluth, traces the inspiration for *Uh-Oh! We've Got Birds!* to his childhood. “I grew up surrounded by nature,” he said. “We lived on a lake just east of Saint Paul. Across the street were woods and pastures and farmland and marshes and ponds. It was heaven.

“We had subscriptions to *National Wildlife* and *National Geographic* magazines. My mother volunteered at a nature center, and I took many summer classes there. In some of my earliest animal drawings, I tried to emulate the nature center's artist in residence. He created these beautiful little pen and ink drawings. I drew animals by dipping toothpicks in India ink. When my parents saw that I was serious, they bought me an ink pen set. They fostered my love for creating art.”

Ross said he was influenced as a child by such books as *Harold and the Purple Crayon* by Crockett Johnson, *The Mitten* by Alvin Tresselt, *Paddle-to-the-Sea* by Holling C. Holling, all of the *Curious George* books and anything by Dr. Seuss. “As an adult, I've rediscovered *The Story of Ferdinand* by Munro Leaf,” he said. “What a beautiful message. And the illustrations by Robert Lawson are gorgeous. His work says so much with just black and white. And John Schoenherr's illustrations in *Jane Yolen's Owl Moon* are beautiful as well.”

Of his own book, Ross said, “I truly hope

“I'd be pleased if readers learned that kindness and understanding are important, even toward those who might be causing you problems. There are ways to speak your mind, to get your needs met, that are assertive but not mean or vicious.”



Children's book author and illustrator Peter Ross in his Macalester-Groveland studio. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

that readers gain an appreciation for nature. Some of the birds in my story are rare or found only in certain regions, but many of the birds are more common and can be seen even in the city.”

Ross jotted down his initial idea for *Uh-Oh! We've Got Birds!* in the middle of the night while he was half asleep at a hotel in Wisconsin. He still has the tiny note pad on which he listed eight birds and paired them with what they might be eating if a child discovered them in the pantry. “I eventually realized that it would be much more interesting if the birds were found throughout the house,” he said.

“I really enjoyed imagining scenes where a particular bird or birds would be using a particular household appliance or settling down on a particular piece of furniture. Eventually, I had a decent rough draft, and then I started sketching and painting the illustrations, which was somewhat daunting because there are 33 of them. As I painted, I edited the story many times over, rewriting the verse, choosing different rhyming words, until the rhythm and the flow felt right.

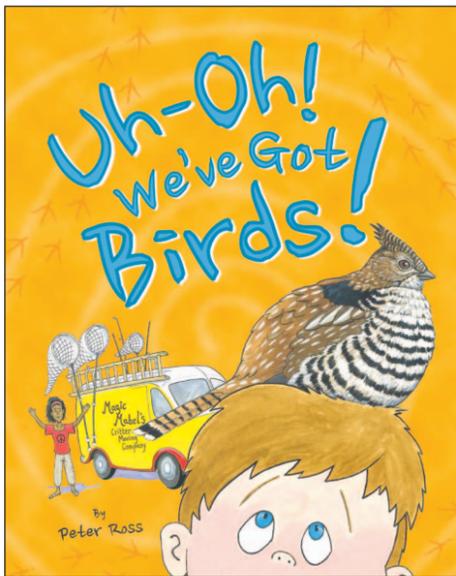
“Throughout the process I've been so grate-

ful to be working in the Twin Cities with its thriving literary community,” Ross said. “When I needed help, I reached out to a woman I know who happens to be a retired editor, Ellen Green. She gave me so much valuable guidance. She showed me that my book ‘has wings to fly,’ as the dedication states. I also reached out to a local woman who had babysat my brothers and sister and me and who's the author of dozens of wonderful books.

“It all took about three years, but it was a labor of love, a terrific learning experience and a lot of fun.”

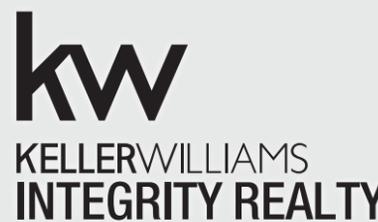
Of all the reactions Ross has received to his book, one of the most meaningful came from the 7-year-old daughter of a co-worker. The book became her favorite, Ross said. She told her father she loved the colorful cast of feathered characters that are identified on the endpapers of the book. “And perhaps, most important, she expressed how she could relate to Mabel because Mabel is Black,” Ross said. “She loved that Mabel's hairstyle was similar to her own.

“Creating art has always been my passion,” Ross said. “In my spare time, I draw and paint with nature as my muse. I've always had a day job that pays the bills, but now I've added children's book author and illustrator to my resume. If any *Villager* readers dream of doing more with their spare time, I'm here to say, go for it! Carve out the time, and make your dreams happen.”





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School Notes

Rick Stevson, associate director of admissions, has been named to the additional role of director of inclusion and outreach at Saint Thomas Academy. Following the civil unrest in the Twin Cities this year, Stevson was chosen to lead the school's diversity outreach task force. In his new role, he will dedicate more time to keeping diversity and inclusion at the forefront for the faculty, staff, students, parents and alumni.



Saint Paul Conservatory of Music executive artistic director Cléa Galhano stepped down from her position this summer, which marked her 15th year in that role with the organization. The conservatory's board of directors has formed a search committee whose members will work in the coming year to identify her successor. The conservatory is celebrating its 20th anniversary as a nonprofit organization during the 2020-21 season. A 20th anniversary concert on May 13, 2021, will honor Galhano. Visit thespcm.org.

Nabila Mohamed, a 2014 graduate of Central High School, and **Sofia Cerkvenik**, a 2014 graduate of Highland Park High School, have been awarded grants by the Fulbright U.S. Student Program to carry out research projects abroad in the coming year. Mohamed graduated from the University of Minnesota in 2017 and planned to travel to the United Arab Emirates to participate in a study with the Public Health Research Center at NYU Abu Dhabi. Cerkvenik earned bachelor's degrees at the U of M in 2018 and completed a master's degree in 2019. She will travel to Peru to study the relationship between participation in sports and academic performance among school-age girls. A varsity soccer player at Highland, she played with a women's team while previously studying abroad in Peru.

Hannah Lorenz-Meyer, a senior at Saint Paul Academy, has received a Benjamin B. Ferencz Fellowship in Human Rights and Law for the 2020-2021 school year from World Without Genocide, a human rights organization based at Mitchell Hamline School of Law. Lorenz-Meyer was chosen to work on research and writing about the sex trafficking of Native American women.

An Academic Support Center has opened at Washington Technology Magnet School, 1495 Rice St., to provide in-person academic and/or social-emotional support for Saint Paul public school students in grades preK-12 and their families during distance learning. Additional sites will open at a later date based on demand and availability of staff. Students can receive up to four hours of support each day. Healthy snacks will be provided in the morning and afternoon, and transportation can be arranged. Visit spps.org/asc.

Reading Partners Twin Cities is launching a new online tutoring program called Reading Partners Connects to provide one-to-one literacy instruction to students where in-school educational programs are no longer permitted due to the pandemic. Donations are being sought at readingpartners.org to allow the nonprofit organization to continue its work. Volunteers also can sign up online to get on the contact list for tutoring. For more information, visit readingpartners.org.

Names in the News

Saint Paul Fire Chief Butch Inks was recently recognized as the First Responder of the Year by the Optimist Club of Saint Paul. Inks, who became chief last November, was recognized for his leadership during the Fire Department's work with the Coronavirus pandemic and the civil unrest in Saint Paul following the death of George Floyd.

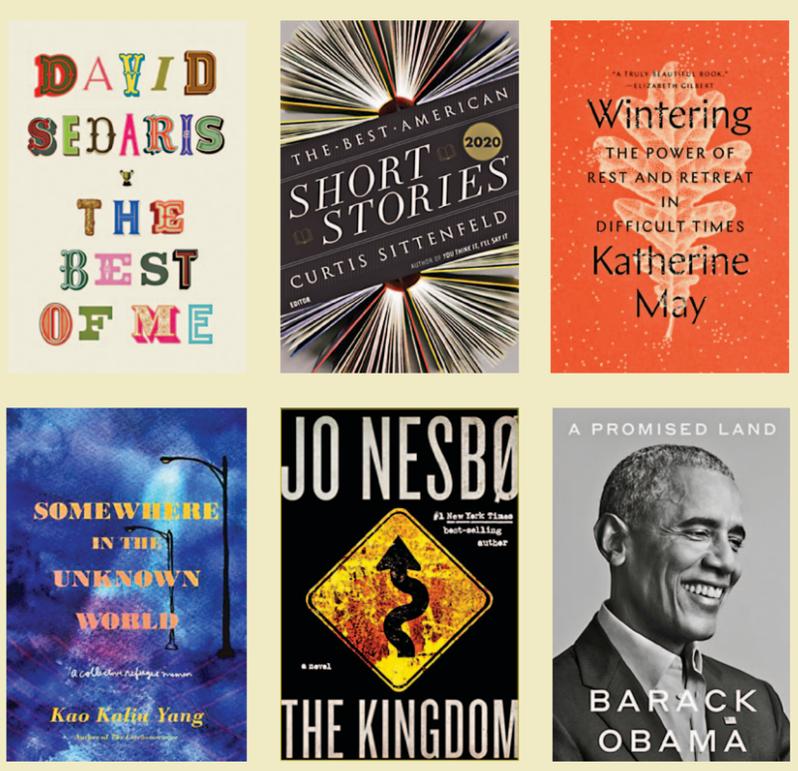
Floyd Williams of Merriam Park has published a book titled *The Origin of Racism*. A 2000 graduate of Highland Park High School, Williams is the owner and operator of Thought Healing, a purveyor of health products, apparel and accessories.

Senator Dick Cohen (District 64) was recently presented with the Joan and Walter Mondale Award for Public Service during the ninth annual Humphrey Mondale

Dinner sponsored by the DFL Party. Cohen, who began serving in the state Senate in 1987 and previously served in the state House, is stepping down from office in January. He chaired the Senate Finance Committee and was known for his commitment to the arts. In 2009, he was appointed by President Obama to the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities.

Kevin Anderson of Merriam Park has published *Organization Design Made Easy: Structure, Process and People*. The how-to book is based on his experiences over the years as an organizational design consultant for corporations, nonprofits and cities. He holds a doctorate in organizational leadership from the University of Minnesota and a bachelor's degree in communications and political science from Macalester College.

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Crime Report

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

Highland Park

Homicide—Roger Lee Voss, 23, of River Falls was charged with second-degree murder and illegal possession of a firearm in connection with the shooting death of Ruben Adrian Paramo, 42, on Tuesday, November 3. Paramo was found shot in his home on the 2200 block of West Seventh Street around 9:14 p.m. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Voss fled on a motorcycle and was taken into custody following a pursuit in downtown Saint Paul.

Robbery—Strong-arm robberies were reported on the 2000 block of Ford Parkway on October 15, and the 1300 block of Niles Avenue on October 28.

Burglary—Commercial break-ins were reported on the 1500 block of Ford Parkway on October 21, and the 2200 block of West Seventh Street on October 27.

Theft—Thefts from vehicles of items valued at more than \$1,000 were reported on Bayard Avenue and Pascal Street on October 19, the 2200 block of Hartford Avenue on October 21, the 1700 block of Saunders Avenue on October 22, and the 800 block of South Snelling Avenue on October 27.

—At least 10 vehicles were reported stolen in the Park Highland neighborhood between October 16-27. They were located on Saint Paul Avenue, Benson Avenue, Rome Avenue, West Seventh Street, Crosby and Shepard roads, Highland Parkway, Randolph Avenue and Stewart Avenue.

Lexington-Hamline

Robbery—A robbery at gunpoint was reported on Concordia Avenue and Lexington Parkway at 8:02 p.m. Sunday, October 25.

Burglary—Commercial burglaries were reported on the 1100 block of Selby Avenue on October 20, the 1300 block of University Avenue on October 24, and the 400 block of North Dunlap Street on October 25.

Macalester-Groveland

Burglary—Residential break-ins were reported on the 1400 block of Grand Avenue and the 200 block of Macalester Street on October 19, and the 1400 block of Lincoln Avenue on October 20.

—Burglaries were reported on the 1700 block of Grand Avenue on October 19, and the

1500 block of Goodrich Avenue on October 20.

—Two residential burglaries were reported on the 1800 block of Princeton Avenue at 1:20 a.m. Sunday, October 25.

Theft—A theft from a vehicle of items valued at more than \$1,000 was reported on the 400 block of South Saratoga Street on October 23.

—A vehicle was stolen on the 1300 block of Stanford Avenue on October 23.

Mendota Heights

Robbery—A male suspect assaulted an employee and stole several items from behind the counter of a business on the 1000 block of Highway 62 at 10:45 p.m. Saturday, October 24.

Burglary—A home burglary was reported on the 700 block of Evergreen Knolls at 9:31 a.m. Saturday, October 17.

—A suspect was caught on video riding a bike up to an open garage and stealing the bicycle inside at 6:58 p.m. Saturday, October 17, on the 700 block of Woodridge Drive.

—Several items were reported stolen from a vehicle inside a garage on the 2300 block of Lemay Shores Drive at 2:52 p.m. Tuesday, October 27.

Theft—Vehicles were reported stolen on the 1700 block of Lexington Avenue on October 21, and the 1300 block of Lower D Street on October 27.

—Two storage trailers were reported broken into on the 2000 block of Centre Pointe Boulevard at 10:58 a.m. Thursday, October 22.

—Trailers were reported stolen on the 1400 block of Farmdale Road on October 22, and the 1800 block of Delaware Avenue on October 25.

—Several items were reported stolen from vehicles on the 1700 block of James Road on October 22, the 1400 block of Northland Drive on October 23, from three vehicles on the 900-1300 blocks of Highway 13 on October 24-26, and from two vehicles on the 1700 block of Victoria Road on October 27.

—A construction Bobcat was reported stolen on the 1300 block of Mendota Heights Road on October 25.

Assault—A male suspect was arrested for assaulting someone with a wine glass at 7:46 p.m. Saturday, October 27, on Acacia Boulevard and Pilot Knob Road. The victim went to the hospital with a large facial laceration.

Miscellaneous—Several pieces of property were vandalized on the 2400 block of Visitation Drive, it was reported at 10:45 a.m.

Saturday, October 17.

—A male was arrested for DWI after he was seen driving a vehicle with a missing tire on eastbound Highway 62 at 12:29 a.m. Wednesday, October 28.

Merriam Park

Robbery—A service station was robbed at gunpoint on the 2100 block of Marshall Avenue at 7:40 a.m. Tuesday, October 20.

Burglary—A residential burglary was reported on the 2200 block of Riverwood Place at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 28.

Theft—Thefts from vehicles of items valued at more than \$1,000 were reported on the 1900 block of Ashland Avenue on October 25, and the 1900 block of Iglehart Avenue on October 26.

—Vehicles were reported stolen on the 1900 block of University Avenue and the 2000 block of Iglehart Avenue on October 18, the 1600 block of Laurel Avenue and the 500 block of North Prior Avenue on October 21, and the 1500 block of Marshall Avenue on October 28.

Snelling-Hamline

Burglary—A home break-in was reported on the 1500 block of Selby Avenue at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, October 15.

Theft—Vehicles were reported stolen on Hamline and Summit avenues on October 17, and the 1400-1500 blocks of Laurel Avenue on October 28.

Summit Hill

Robbery—A commercial robbery was reported on the 1000 block of Grand Avenue at 11:48 a.m. Thursday, October 15.

—A robbery was reported on the 100 block of South Dunlap Street at 9:02 p.m. Tuesday, October 27.

Burglary—Burglaries were reported on the 700 block of Grand Avenue on October 20, and on Benhill Road on October 26.

Theft—Thefts from vehicles of items valued at more than \$1,000 were reported on the 1000 block of Grand Avenue on October 17, the 1100 block of Lincoln Avenue on October 19, the 600 block of Grand on October 24, and the 900 block of Grand on October 28.

—Vehicles were reported stolen on the 700 block of Grand Avenue on October 15, and the 400 block of Grand on October 27.

Summit-University

Shooting—A man in his 30s was shot

multiple times at 4:30 p.m. Monday, November 2, on the 800 block of Dayton Avenue. According to media reports, the victim was seen getting into the passenger side of a car and was dropped off at Regions Hospital.

Robbery—A strong-arm robbery was reported at a convenience store on the 600 block of Selby Avenue at 7:34 p.m. Wednesday, October 21.

Burglary—A residential break-in was reported on the 1000 block of Dayton Avenue at 7:45 p.m. Friday, October 23.

—A burglary was reported on the 200 block of North Avon Street at 7:11 p.m. Saturday, October 24.

Theft—A theft from a vehicle of items valued at more than \$1,000 was reported on Concordia Avenue and Dale Street on October 28.

—Two vehicles were reported stolen on the 900 block of Selby Avenue on October 15-16, and another two vehicles on the 500-700 blocks of Portland Avenue on October 20-21. A vehicle also was reported stolen on the 700 block of Concordia Avenue on October 23.

West End

Robbery—A strong-arm robbery was reported on the 600 block of West Seventh Street at 8:41 p.m. Friday, October 23.

Burglary—A residential break-in was reported on the 900 block of James Avenue at 10 p.m. Thursday, October 15.

—A burglary was reported on the 200 block of Oneida Street at 1:38 p.m. Saturday, October 17.

—Two commercial break-ins were reported on the 200 block of Grand Avenue between 6:37-8:11 a.m. Friday, October 23.

Theft—Thefts from vehicles of items valued at more than \$1,000 were reported on the 900 block of Randolph Avenue on October 15, and the 200 block of West Seventh Street on October 18 and 24.

—Vehicles were reported stolen on the 700 block Stewart Avenue on October 23, the 100 block of West Seventh Street on October 25, and the 300 block of Osceola Avenue and 1200 block of West Seventh on October 26.

—A shoplifting loss of more than \$1,000 was reported on the 900 block of West Seventh Street at 3:12 p.m. Wednesday, October 21.

Assault—An aggravated assault with a knife was reported on West Seventh and Walnut streets at 9:40 a.m. Monday, October 26.



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ON THE TOWN

Lessons of pandemic: The art that emerges from isolation

Sixteen artists display their responses to living in the shadow of a virus

By JANET LUNDER HANAFIN

Artists through the ages have worked in challenging times to interpret war, plague and social turmoil. The past seven months of COVID-induced lockdowns, facemasks and isolation have been no different. Sixteen artists who applied their creativity to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic are featured in a virtual exhibition that is on display through December 11 on the Catherine G. Murphy Gallery's website at Saint Catherine University.

The artists featured in "Pandemic Art Lessons: A Women's Art Institute Online Initiative" range in age from their 30s to their 70s. They come from across the United States and Portugal. Some explore themes of social justice. Others express anxiety, pain, loneliness or a longing for connection. In addition to drawings, paintings and photography, the works include fiber art, folk art, collage and letterpress hand-printing.

"We invited this group because we knew that they've been working on art specific to the pandemic or had an interesting presentation," said Patricia Olson, who curated the exhibit with Paige Tighe. "(The exhibit has) everything from very serious social commentary to light-hearted distractions."

Four of the artists hail from Saint Paul, according to Olson, who is a resident of Ramsey Hill, professor emerita at Saint Catherine and director of its Women's Art Institute.

Nancy Robinson, who lives in Lowertown, is known for her wry sense of humor, Olson said. She contributed "The Good Listener," a surrealist painting of a person with very large ears, because people need to listen to each other during this time, Robinson said. The painting is one of a series she created about empathy and was inspired by a dream she had during the civil unrest this summer.

"My approach to all situations I find myself in, especially unpleasant ones, is to ask myself, 'What can I learn from this experience?'" Robinson said. "That's why 'Pandemic Art Lessons' felt like a perfect match for the paintings I was working on while trying to make sense of the pandemic."

Another artist, Beth Bergman, owned and operated Wet Paint, a Grand Avenue art supply store, for 33 years. A resident of Macalester-Groveland, she has been working in a variety of media since her retirement, including gored maps. Her abstract images and collages are known for incorporating lots of color.



Displayed through December 11 is the virtual exhibit "Pandemic Art Lessons," featuring the works of 16 artists, including (clockwise from top left) "Pandemic Pinocchio," an oil on canvas by Nancy Robinson; "Pandemic Pod," an acrylic and paper collage on paper by Beth Bergman; "The Beam of a Flashlight," an acrylic dala horse by Natalie Vestin; and "The Bluest Eye," a self-portrait by Hend Al-Mansour made with gesso, gouache and gold leaf on construction paper.

"When things locked down in March, I started using the map shape but tearing it up, since the world was being turned upside down," Bergman said. "Making art is a pretty solitary activity most of the time, so (the pandemic) actually lends itself to spending more undivided time in my studio. The thing that's lacking is having a community of people to talk with about your artwork because of the social distancing."

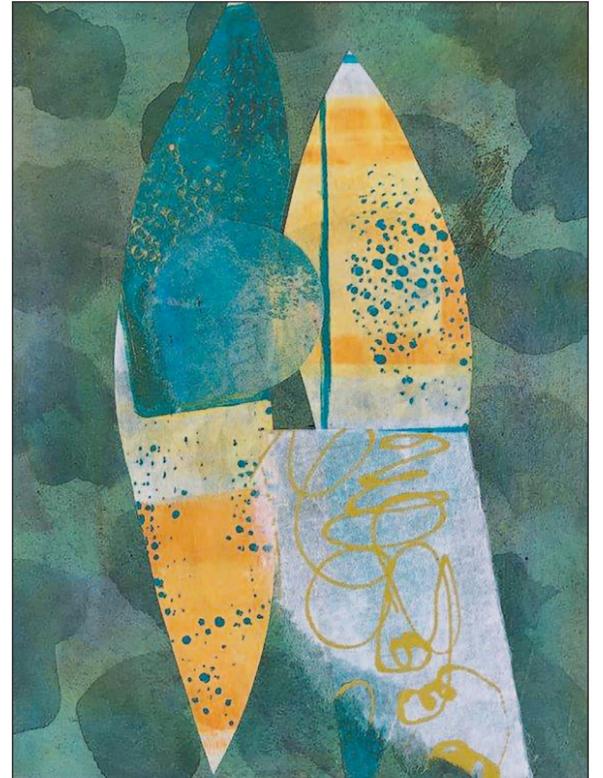
Merriam Park artist Hend Al-Mansour, a Saudi Arabian immigrant, had read Toni Morrison's novel *The Bluest Eye*. Feeling a kinship with one of the characters, she used that as the inspiration for a self-portrait she painted with startling blue eyes.

Fellow Merriam Park artist Natalie Vestin works as an infectious disease researcher at the University of Minnesota. She contributed her painted dala horses, a Swedish folk idiom

that symbolizes safety in the home.

"Working with a foot in science and a foot in art gives me a lot of opportunity to see the conversations that can happen when seemingly very different concepts are placed side by side," Vestin said. "I've struggled with how the different parts of my life that I love—scientific research and art—make sense together. During the pandemic, I feel more inspired to make art. It's helped to think of this year of isolating myself to protect others as an artist residency and an opportunity to think of what isn't working and what can be built for the future."

Among the other works in the show are "Covid Quilt #1," a pieced work that incorporates images of the sterile gloves used to prevent infection; a series of old-fashioned letterpress postcards and other mailings used to keep in touch with people; and a series of



light-hearted monotype prints in a bright and cheery yellow.

"Pandemic Art Lessons" is being displayed at gallery.stkate.edu. Click on "Exhibitions" at the top of the page and select "Pandemic Art Lessons."

The exhibit also has an interactive aspect. "We're inviting anybody and everybody to send in the image of an artwork they've made during the pandemic or in reference to it," Olson said. "Once a week during the show, we're going to be posting those images in another section of the website."

Olson, Tighe, Vestin and participating artists Carolyn Halliday and Fawzia Khan will lead a discussion of the works included in the exhibit at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, December 3. For a link to the discussion, email wai@stkate.edu.

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Books

Next Chapter Booksellers, 38 S. Snelling Ave., will host free online readings and discussions with Eric Utne of *Utne Reader* fame and his memoir, *Far Out Man: Tales of Life in the Counterculture*, at 7 p.m. Monday, November 16; poets Roy G. Guzman, Danika Stegeman LeMay, Claudia Hampston Daly and Richard Terrill at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, November 19; Mike Alberti and his short-story collection, *Some People Let You Down*, at 7 p.m. Friday, November 20; Charles Baxter and his novel, *The Sun Collective*, at 7 p.m. Monday, November 23; and Donna Hill and her civil rights era novel, *Confessions in B-Flat*, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 24. To register, visit nextchapterbooksellers.com.

Subtext Books, 6 W. Fifth St., will host free online readings and discussions with authors Chris Stedman and his book, *IRL: Finding Realness, Meaning and Belonging in Our Digital Lives*, at 7 p.m. Thursday, November 12; Mary Moore Easter and Norita Dittberner-Jax and their new poetry collections, *From the Flutes of Our Bodies* and *Now I Live Among Old Trees*, respectively, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 17; and William Souder and his biography, *Mad at the World: A Life of John Steinbeck*, at 7 p.m. Thursday, November 19. To register, visit subtextbooks.com.

Exhibits

"Stars and Stripes Over the Rhine," the story of the social, political and economic connections made by Americans in Germany in the years following World Wars I and II, will be told through a traveling exhibit and film from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sundays, November 15 and 22, at the Germanic-American Institute (GAI), 301 Summit Ave. The exhibit may be viewed online at gai-mn.org/Chapters. The film is also being shown on GAI's YouTube channel. A virtual talk related to the exhibit is scheduled from 6-7 p.m. Monday, November 23. To register, visit gai-mn.org.

Northern Clay Center, 2424 E. Franklin Ave., will open its six-week holiday exhibition with an open house from noon-4 p.m. Sunday, November 15. Eighty-five artists will display their handmade pottery, sculpture and ceramic jewelry. A free virtual workshop for aspiring clay artists will be available. Clay kits may be picked up ahead of time and creations returned for firing at the center. The exhibit continues through December 30.

For gallery hours or other information, visit northernclaycenter.org or call 612-339-8007.

Family

The Twin City Model Railroad Museum, 668 Transfer Road, has brought back its Night Trains experience from 3-7 p.m. Saturdays through February 27. The museum's extensive model train layout is transformed into a winter wonderland by dimming the overhead lights and illuminating the miniature buildings and vintage passenger trains with tiny streetlights and colorful holiday decorations. Admission is \$15, free for anybody age 4 and younger. Reservations are required for either of the two-hour blocks. Masks are required for anyone over age 2. Visit tcmrm.eventbrite.com.

Film

Sound Unseen's 21st annual festival of films about music will be presented virtually from November 11-15. More than two dozen flicks are featured, including documentaries about the Bee Gees, Frank Zappa, Harry Chapin, Doc Severinson and Jose Feliciano and the David Bowie biopic *Stardust*. Festival passes and tickets for individual films are available. For more information and the full schedule of films, visit soundunseen.com.

British Arrows Greatest Hits, an online presentation of the most inventive advertisements from the past 40 years of British television, is being streamed from November 19 through January 4 by Walker Art Center. Tickets are \$12. Visit walkerart.org/cinema.

Theater

The Empathy Project, a new play by Stephanie Lein Walseth about what holds the nation together amidst the polarization that threatens to pull it apart, will be presented by Full Circle Theater in virtual staged readings on November 20-22. Based on interviews with 20 Minnesotans, the drama is directed by Rick Shiomi. Act One will be presented at 7 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Saturday. Act Two begins at 7 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday. Each act will run about 45 minutes and will be followed by discussion. The program is free, but reservations are required. Visit forms.gle/EfBRoyGzX9jGD9mw8.

Two virtual holiday programs will be offered by the Ordway in November. *The Hip*



Antonio Duke bears witness to the violence against Black people and its pervasiveness in American history in his one-man show, *Tears of Moon*. The drama will be presented via Zoom at 7:30 p.m. November 19-21 and 2 p.m. November 22. Tickets are \$25. Visit parksquaretheatre.org.

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Hop Nutcracker, contemporary dance set to Tchaikovsky's timeless score and starring MC Kurtis Blow, will stream at 7 p.m. Friday, November 27. Tickets are \$20. "Christmas with the Griswolds," a conversation with Chevy Chase and Beverly D'Angelo of *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*, will stream live at 7 p.m. Saturday, November 28. The comedians who played Clark and Ellen Griswold, will discuss fan-favorite clips from the movie, reveal their favorite memories from the production and answer questions from the audience. Tickets are \$25. To register, visit ordway.org.

Music

Amadeus Guitar Duo, a classical guitar duo featuring wife and husband Dale Kavanagh and Thomas Kirchhoff, will perform new compositions by Kavanagh at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, November 14, on the Minnesota Guitar Society's YouTube channel. The concert is free but donations are appreciated. For reservations, visit mnnguitar.org.

The Pat McLaughlin Band and special guests Bambi Alexander, Curtis Marlott, Lady J, Troy Kittenger and Deseree Robles will perform in a Mini Vets Fest concert from noon-6 p.m. Sunday, November 15, at Wilebski's Blues Saloon, 1638 Rice St. The suggested donation is \$10 at the door. Call 651-331-0929.

A musical tour of Europe during the

Baroque period will be led by violinist Marc Levine and harpsichordist Tami Morse in Zoom concerts at 7 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. Saturday, November 20 and 21. Works by Eccles, Couperin, Bach and Veracini will be played. Tickets are \$10, \$5 for students. Visit lyrbaroque.org/zoom.

Et cetera

Kristallnacht, the November evening in 1938 when Nazi paramilitary groups destroyed nearly 300 synagogues and 7,000 Jewish businesses in Germany and Austria and incarcerated 30,000 Jewish men, will be remembered on Tuesday, November 17, in a World Without Genocide program with Holocaust survivor and author Fred Amram. The online Zoom program will run from 7-9 p.m. The cost is \$10, \$5 for students and seniors. To register, visit worldwithoutgenocide.org/hate.

Racism in Housing Access, a free panel discussion on how race affects one's ability to find and keep a house or apartment, will be presented by MPR News in partnership with Catholic Charities of Saint Paul and Minneapolis at noon Wednesday, November 18. To register, visit mprevents.org.

Coins for Kids, a benefit for the childhood charities of the Optimist Club of Saint Paul, will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, November 21, at Ramsey Middle School, 1700 Summit Ave. Club staff will be on hand to accept donations of any amount. The money will help fund such programs as essay and oratorical contests, communications contests for the deaf and hard of hearing, Jeremiah Program, Cooks for Kids, Safe Zone and Friend of Youth Foundation scholarships. Checks made payable to the Optimist Club of Saint Paul may also be mailed to P.O. Box 40065, Saint Paul, MN 55104-8065. For more information, email optimist.stpaul@gmail.com or call 651-307-7260.

A Prairie Seed ID Walk will be led by a Mississippi National River and Recreation Area ranger from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, November 21, at Coldwater Spring, located off 54th Street and Hiawatha Avenue in South Minneapolis. Learn about the ecology of the prairie, how to identify prairie grasses and wildflowers by their seed heads and how to identify trees without their leaves. Face masks and social distancing will be required. For reservations, visit tinyurl.com/y4t95oyw.

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SPORTS



The Wright Call

By Dave Wright

Blazers sink the competition again

In the most unusual of Nate Lindscheid's 26 years at the helm of the Visitation swimming and diving program, it seemed only appropriate that the Blazers would start the biggest meet of the season with an event for which they spent a grand total of 15 minutes of time preparing for.

The Section 4A swim championships on October 22-24 started with the 200-yard medley relay. Libby Fischer, Meghan Gerend, Anna Farley and Olivia Johanns hit the water flying and never looked back, winning the race by nearly five seconds and propelling the Blazers to their 17th straight section title.

When all was said and done, Visitation totaled 634 points, nearly 230 more than second-place Mahtomedi. Cretin-Derham Hall (295) and Henry Sibley (229.5) finished third and fourth. Sibley senior Annika Overvig and freshman Grace Marek placed second and fourth, respectively, in the one-meter diving competition.

Fourteen different Blazers placed in the top five in events, including six individual victories and two more relay crowns. It was quite the performance, even for a program that's been one of the best in the state for quite a while.

"We peaked at the right time," Lindscheid said. "And we far exceeded my expectations."

Unfortunately, that will be as good as it gets this year for Visitation, which has won the last seven state Class A swimming championships in a row and 11 in all. COVID-19 threw a monkey wrench into the season and the Minnesota State High School League decided there would be no state tournaments in any fall sport this year.

So the Blazers began the season aiming to win the section championship. Though Lindscheid felt he had a talented squad, he worried because the nature of prep sports in the fall of 2020 meant that his team couldn't practice together and could only compete in virtual meets. Thus, when everybody gathered at Skyview Middle School for the three-day section meet, Visitation was diving into the pool with an actual opponent for the first time.

"The COVID restrictions limit teams to having no more than 25 athletes together," Lindscheid said. "We usually have about 40 swimmers, so we had to split them up. I decided the best way to do that was to put the 9th- and 10th-graders in one pod, and the juniors and seniors in the other."

The pods rotated practice times. While that can work out for individual races, it meant that when the relay races came, it would be the first time that Fischer, a junior, would tag off to Gerend, a sophomore. Farley, another sophomore, went third and gave way to Johanns, another junior.

Because of their grades, the quartet had never practiced together. "We watched closely in our practices to decide who would work best together in a team race," Lindscheid said.

The same unusual format saw senior Sophia Mattaini lead off the 200 free relay. Junior Mary Harrington was next, followed by sophomores Elizabeth Burke and Ella Passe for the win. Later, Passe, Burke, Mattaini and Fischer set a new section record with a time of 3:34.71 in the 400 free relay.

Passe also won a pair of individual races. In the 200 free, she had to go all out to edge Sibley senior Avery Vogen by less than a second. (Vogen later claimed the 100 free title just ahead of CDH freshman Isabel Macheel.) Passe also won the 500 free, followed by teammates Burke and freshman Tessa Lindstrom.

Fischer led another 1-2-3 Blazer finish in the 50 free. She also won the 100 backstroke. In both cases, Johanns was close behind. Visitation sophomore Lucy Berg edged out teammate Farley in the 100 butterfly.

"We trained less than we had in the past," Lindscheid said, "but we had good, young swimmers. All the girls swam peak times."

Not having a state meet this year could have been a source of frustration. The challenge for Lindscheid and other coaches was to make the best of what was there.



Saint Thomas Academy senior defensive linemen Garrison Solliday (52), Charlie Woodward (58) and Tim O'Brien (71) led teammates in running sprints as the undefeated Cadets prepared for their matchup at Hastings last week. PHOTOS BY BRAD STAUFFER

Proving their gridiron mettle

Undefeated Cadets are force to be reckoned with

BY BILL WAGNER

Saint Thomas Academy football coach Dan O'Brien said at the outset of the season that there were two facets of his team's game that needed to be addressed—the offensive line and defensive backfield.

"They were the two areas in which we were the youngest," he said.

However, in two recent Cadet victories over highly regarded teams, those areas certainly appeared to be coming around.

In a thrilling 27-21 win in quadruple overtime against Mahtomedi on October 23, STA started two sophomores in its defensive backfield against a team with a dangerous passing attack. O'Brien said the two youngsters held their own.

"That was just a great high school football game," he said. "I've never been involved in a four-overtime game since I've been coaching."

The following week, STA came away with a 15-0 win over Apple Valley that saw both clubs battling it out on their front lines.

After a scoreless first half, O'Brien said his offensive line started to gain some ground. STA sophomore running back Love Adebayo scored two second-half touchdowns despite not being 100 percent because of a high ankle sprain.

"That game was a good win for us as well," O'Brien said. "Apple Valley is a good football team."

With two regular-season games left against Hastings (STA won 49-21) and Park, the Cadets have demonstrated that they are a force to be reckoned with. They were undefeated so far during this



Cadet senior quarterback Baker Reading loosened up his arm during practice.

shortened season and were ranked No. 1 in the state in Class AAAAA.

Though the team had consistently showed good balance, it was also clear that defense was where it started for STA. After four games, the Cadets had 10 sacks to go with 28 tackles for losses, three safeties, two fumble recoveries and a blocked kick.

Against the rush, the Cadets have held opponents to a negative 34 yards on 74 attempts. They also have allowed only 11 conversions on third down and one on fourth down while outscoring their opponents 123-35.

On the individual stat sheet, senior linebacker/defensive lineman Garrison Solliday is coming off an all-state season. He is equally adept at playing both inside and outside linebacker and also plays some offense. He has 32 tackles, including nine for losses, along with three sacks and a fumble recovery.

Senior defensive tackle Oscar Berg is a good run-stuffer as well and is having a fantastic year, O'Brien said, with 23 tackles and two sacks. "He's disruptive. He gets a lot of attention," the coach said.

Playing like a guy who's been a start-

er for years is sophomore linebacker Jackson Cercioglu. He's the team's leading tackler with 38.

On offense, Adebayo has carried for four touchdowns in three games for 229 yards and was averaging 8.8 yards a rush. And he's healthy again after his ankle sprain.

The Cadets also have senior workhorse Danny McFadden, who had seven touchdowns and a whopping 627 yards in four games, averaging 7.4 yards a carry. He had 223 rushing yards on 37 carries with two touchdowns, including the game-winner in the barnburner against Mahtomedi.

McFadden suffered a slight concussion the following week against Apple Valley and was slated to miss the November 6 contest at Hastings as a precaution, O'Brien said.

Senior quarterback Baker Redding has taken care of the football well and has shown good leadership qualities. He has thrown for 295 yards and two touchdowns so far this season.

Junior Grady O'Neill has been versatile, with nine receptions for 149 yards at wide receiver, while also carrying the ball and returning a kick.

O'Brien said his team is pretty healthy despite the recent injuries to his two main running backs. He added that his squad is trending in the right direction, and hopes to do well after the regular schedule ends this week.

Sections are supposed to start the week of November 16, with the season coming to a close just after the Thanksgiving holiday.

"We just need to keep working hard and learning as we go," O'Brien said. "I still have some concerns about the offensive line and the defensive backfield, but we've shown that we're improving in those areas."

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Visitation athletic director Elisa Manny was understandably proud of the effort. "It (COVID) resets you," she said. "But the team wanted it (the section title) just as hard as before."

Mission accomplished. Unlike other coaches, Lindscheid will now see little of his charges until next season. "They have their club teams to compete for," he said. "We'll have a spring meeting at some point to think about next year."

Come August, most of the gang will get back together and gear up for another run—hopefully for practices and actual head-to-head meets.

MIAC winter teams practice...and wait

Macalester College men's basketball coach Abe Woldeslassie has been looking forward to the 2020-21 season for some time. The Scots return their top five scorers, and Woldeslassie feels recruiting went well with seven freshmen joining the team's ranks. "It's a season where we could make a big jump," he said.

While local high schools are scheduled to start basketball and hockey games early next month, the MIAC has not made a determination in either sport. The hope is that a shortened

season can start around the first of the new year, but nothing is certain. As a result, Woldeslassie and his coaching compatriots are having practices with no specific goals set.

"We can only work on what we can control," he said. "We're practicing and lifting." Although he didn't say it, the third-year head coach could have added, "and hoping."

There are things that aren't taught in coaching classes, and handling a pandemic is certainly one of them. "It's tough on the seniors," Woldeslassie said. "I feel for them, but you're here for an education first."

He often reminds his players that the second of his three main rules for the team is to have patience.

Down the street at the University of Saint Thomas, head men's basketball coach John Tauer is dealing with a similar situation and one additional difficulty. This is the last year that the Tommies will compete in the MIAC. They will move into the Division I Summit Conference next year.

So Tauer has to think ahead a bit while getting his troops ready for the upcoming season. For now, the latter task is front and center. "It's different than normal, but it's fun to be with the guys," he said. "We work on shooting, passing and catching."

That's difficult to do with facemasks on.

Normally by this time, a college basketball team will have played a scrimmage or two and will be getting ready for a

nonconference opener. Last year, for example, UST opened the season on November 14 against Whitman in Walla Walla, Washington. Next year, that opener could be at Loyola, Marquette, Dayton, Detroit or some lesser-known Division I team. But that's an issue for another day.

This season? Who knows?

Accordingly, Tauer is focused on getting ready for one more run against longtime MIAC foes. "We hope that we can play by January 1," he said. "The bottom line is we're all in the business of helping our student athletes the best we can."

Moening 2nd, Scots 3rd in final XC meet

The unofficial state high school cross-country championship took place on October 30 at Island Pine Golf Course in Atwater. Highland Park junior Molly Moening gave it a good go, but placed second to Stillwater senior Analee Weaver in the large-school girls' 5K meet of the TC Running Company Showcase. The Ponies won the title, and the Scots placed third. With no state Class AA meet, that will have to do for Highland.

Moening's will be one of the names to watch in 2021. For now, she'll train for the Nordic ski season, in which she's the defending Class AA champion.

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High school football roundup

Central (1-3)

Oct. 13 at Johnson 7-46
 Oct. 23 at Cretin-Derham 0-36
 Oct. 30 vs. Harding 24-8
 Nov. 5 at Highland Park 0-7
 Nov. 11 vs. Como Park.....

Cretin-Derham Hall (1-4)

Oct. 10 vs. Lakeville North 14-55
 Oct. 16 at White Bear Lake..... 21-35
 Oct. 23 vs. Central..... 36-0

Oct. 30 at Mounds View 14-27
 Nov. 6 vs. Stillwater..... 28-63
 Nov. 13 at Totino Grace.....

Henry Sibley (2-3)

Oct. 9 vs. Hastings 0-12
 Oct. 16 at St. Thomas Academy 6-30
 Oct. 23 at Irondale 27-7
 Oct. 30 at Park Cottage Grove..... 7-35
 Nov. 6 vs. Simley 21-20
 Nov. 11 vs. Apple Valley

Highland Park (1-3)

Oct. 13 vs. Como Park..... 8-16
 Oct. 23 at Harding 10-18
 Oct. 30 at Johnson 0-16
 Nov. 5 vs. Central 7-0
 Nov. 12 vs. Humboldt.....

Saint Thomas Academy (5-0)

Oct. 9 at Coon Rapids 51-8
 Oct. 16 vs. Henry Sibley 30-6
 Oct. 23 vs. Mahtomedi 27-21

Oct. 30 at Apple Valley 15-0
 Nov. 6 at Hastings 49-21
 Nov. 12 vs. Park of Cottage Grove

SMB Wolfpack (3-2)

Oct. 9 at Fridley 0-14
 Oct. 15 vs. Mound Westonka 42-14
 Oct. 23 vs. Saint Anthony 26-6
 Oct. 30 at Minneapolis North..... 33-38
 Nov. 6 vs. Providence Academy 23-7
 Nov. 12 at Richfield

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Highland Heritage Project—The Highland Heritage Project, in partnership with Friends of Highland Arts and funded by a Minnesota Historical Society Legacy Grant, is researching the neighborhood's history, including its housing. Does your house have an interesting history? Are you curious about the story behind other local houses and apartment buildings? Those with questions or suggestions or who would like to become part of the team are being asked to contact hph@highlandheritageproject.org or Jackie Mosio at 612-396-3644. For more on the project, visit highlandheritageproject.org.

Neighbor thank-you notes—Fun Highland Park-related activities that can be done from home will be listed in upcoming editions of the Highland District Council's e-newsletter. Subscribe at bit.ly/HDCenews. This month's activity involves creating notes to let your neighbors know you are thankful for them. A template is available at bit.ly/HDCneighborTYnote.

Stay connected—Get the latest neighborhood information and event updates by following the Highland District Council on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.

Upcoming online meetings—Community Development Committee, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 17. All HDC meetings are currently being conducted online via Zoom. Links to access the meetings are being posted on the HDC's website. For information, visit highlanddistrictcouncil.org/events.

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Donations are doubled—This year's Give to the Max Day is Thursday, November 19. All donations up to \$2,500 to the Macalester-Groveland Community Council will be matched. Early giving is underway at givemn.org/macgrove. For more giving options, visit macgrove.org/donate.

Shop small this season—The community council and Macalester College's High Winds Fund are encouraging customers to patronize small local businesses this holiday season. Between Shop Small Saturday on November 28 and December 19, those who make three purchases from Macalester-Groveland businesses may enter a drawing to win one of five \$100 gift cards. Full entry details are available at macgrove.org.

Wear your neighborhood pride—Locally designed Macalester-Groveland T-shirts can now be ordered online for home delivery. The shirts come in kiwi, heather indigo and dark

heather in a variety of sizes. Visit macgrove.org/tshirt.

Join the snow team—Volunteers are needed to help keep the community council's organics recycling drop-off site on Grand Avenue free from snow and ice this winter. Volunteers can expect to shovel two or three times during the season, or less if enough people sign up. Learn more or register by emailing mgcc@macgrove.org.

Century plaque—The owners of homes and businesses in the Macalester-Groveland neighborhood that were built in 1925 or before are eligible to purchase an engraved plaque for their building to identify its age. Order by November 30 to receive one by the holidays by visiting macgrove.org/100years.

Upcoming online meetings—board of directors on Thursday, November 12; and Transportation Committee on Monday, November 23. The meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. and can be accessed via Zoom. Council staff will send out meeting links a few days in advance. Email mgcc@macgrove.org. The online meeting of the Housing and Land Use Committee planned for Wednesday, November 11, is being rescheduled. Check the website for updates.

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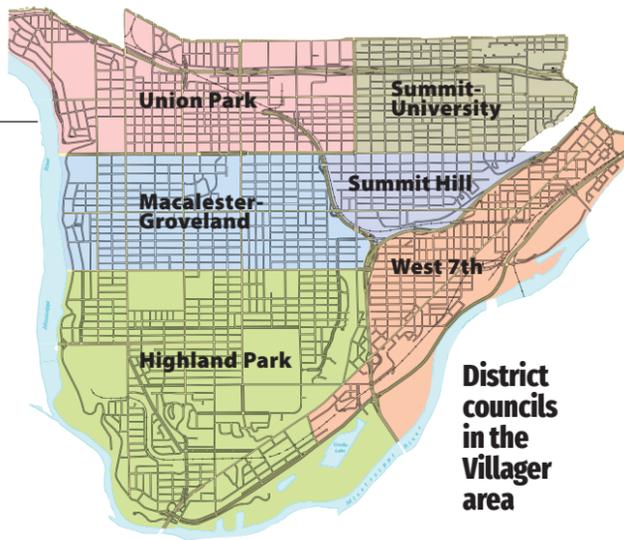
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Annual social—The Union Park District Council will hold its annual social and board elections at 7 p.m. Thursday, November 19, via Zoom. Visit tinyurl.com/y6ldmjdq to sign up. Grids 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10, and the Skyline Tower and small business seats are all up for election. Early voting began November 9 at the UPDC office, 1821 University Ave., Suite 308.

Board candidates—Applications for board candidates are now available at tinyurl.com/yxwl9jtq. Candidates must receive five signatures from neighbors. Zoom meetings for prospective candidates will be held from 6-8 p.m. Wednesdays, November 11 and 18, and from 1-2 p.m. Saturday, November 14. Candidates can also drop into the office during those times. Email wako@unionparkdc.org to join the meetings.

Park improvements—The UPDC's Environment and Parks Committee makes recommendations for the spending of city park funds for both capital improvements and programs. Those who see a need at their neighborhood park can help make it better by filling out a request at tinyurl.com/y24zvvg2.

Upcoming online meetings—Committee on Land Use and Economic Development, 6:30 p.m. Monday, November 16; Environment and Parks Committee, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 18; and Neighborhood Involvement Committee,



District councils in the Villager area

6:30 p.m. Monday, November 30. For information on joining the Zoom meetings, email wako@unionparkdc.org or visit unionparkdc.org/calendar.

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

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Yard signs available—The West Seventh/Fort Road Federation is taking orders for yard signs stating, "West 7th Believes: Black Lives Matter, Fort Road Together, LGBTQ Lives Matter, Women's Rights are Human Rights, Immigrants & Refugees are Welcome, All Abilities are Celebrated." Yard signs are ready for curbside pickup at the Federation's office after purchase. Order at fortroadfederation.org/yardsign.

Trivia night fundraiser—Join friends and neighbors for a West Seventh virtual trivia night at 7 p.m. Thursday, December 10. Test your skills in history, landmarks and a full round all about the West Seventh neighborhood. A traveling trophy from local KRL Foundry will be awarded to the winning team. Proceeds will support the Fort Road Federation. Tickets will be available for purchase on the website starting November 13.

Upcoming virtual meetings—Community Engagement and Outreach Committee, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, November 19; Joint Riverview Task Force, 6 p.m. Thursday, November 12; Transportation and Land Use Committee, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 2; and board of directors, 7 p.m. Monday, December 14. Updated agendas and links to the Zoom meetings can be found at fortroadfederation.org/calendar.

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