

## Co-Operative Plating seeks new emissions permit, expansion of its plant and parking

By Jane McClure

Co-Operative Plating, 1605 Iglehart Ave., is currently seeking the renewal of its air emissions permit, with a public comment period ending August 25. The company also obtained City Council approval on August 3 to vacate a small section of Iglehart Avenue as part of its plans to expand its plant and off-street parking.

The permit, which is overseen by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), limits the amount of air pollution the company's plant can release. The MPCA is recommending that the permit be renewed, but will not make a final decision until after the comment period has ended.

The Union Park District Council (UPDC) is looking at how its executive committee can weigh in on the permit, and its land use committee on potential company expansion plans. Discussion of the permit renewal and expansion began several months ago with representatives of Co-Op Plating and

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**A one, a two, a one-two.** As the crowd gathers, Debbie Briggs and the Vintage Jazz Band's Steve Pikal and Robert Bell tune up for the Highland Business Association's Jazzed About Highland concert on August 11 on Cleveland Avenue at Highland Parkway. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

## Proposed amendments to St. Paul's rent control ordinance get a hearing

By Jane McClure

Amendments to Saint Paul's new rent control ordinance will be reviewed in a public hearing before the City Council at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 24. The amendments are based on the work of a 41-member Rent Stabilization Stakeholders Group, which met last spring to consider how best to implement the 3 percent cap on annual rent increases approved by voters in a city-wide referendum last November.

Ward 3 City Council member Chris Tolbert, who served on the task force, introduced the proposed amendments on August 3. "I think we can all agree that there is a housing crisis in our city," Tolbert said. He described the amendments as a starting point for resolving any problems that come about as a result of the ordinance. According to him, the proposed amendments are a move toward consensus

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## Study aims to get a grasp on changing housing market near UST

By Jane McClure

The changing housing market around the University of Saint Thomas is the focus of a new study that has been commissioned by the West Summit Neighborhood Advisory Committee. WSNAC voted on August 9 to earmark \$20,000 to \$30,000 for the study to compensate Saint Thomas student researchers during the 2022-23 school year.

WSNAC is a campus and neighborhood ad-

visory group made up of representatives of Saint Thomas, the Macalester-Groveland and Union Park district councils, the Summit Avenue Residential Preservation Association and Neighbors United. The study will include interviews with residents of the Merriam Park and Macalester-Groveland neighborhoods, local landlords, college students and university officials.

Several factors are driving the study, according to WSNAC co-chair Noelle Jacquet-Morrison, a resident of Merriam Park. "We've

seen changes in the housing landscape, and need to understand the impacts on everyone in the community," she said.

Saint Thomas' new campus residency requirement for all first- and second-year students will be fully implemented this fall. UST officials told WSNAC this spring that they are keeping exemptions to the residency requirement to a minimum. In fact, fewer than 100 second-year students are being allowed to

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## At 125 years, Hamline Dining Hall can say it's oldest concession at State Fair

By Brian Johnson

The Hamline Church Dining Hall made its Minnesota State Fair debut in 1897—two years before gaslights first appeared on the fairgrounds. That makes the Hamline Dining Hall the State Fair's oldest continuous concession, having survived two world wars, the Great Depression and several pandemics. This year marks its 125th anniversary of dishing up comfort food during the fair.

The Great Minnesota Get-Together of

2022 runs from August 25 through September 5. Although such classic entrées as baked chicken, Swedish meatballs and hamloaf will once again be on the menu, the Hamline Dining Hall has changed with the times. Burgers, wraps and salads will also be available. And this year the dining hall is collaborating with Al's Breakfast and La Michoacana Rose on several menu items. Among these are the Paletas, a frozen treat that is similar to a Popsicle and a watershed for the dining hall.

"This is the first year we'll have any food

on a stick," said longtime dining hall volunteer Teresa Renneke. "We've gone 125 years without any food on a stick!"

The dining hall was founded by Hamline's Ladies Aid Society, according to Jane McClure, a member of the church's history committee and a resident of Macalester-Groveland. The Ladies Aid Society played a big role in church life back in those days, McClure said, holding regular socials. In 1897 the social morphed into a food stand at the fair to raise money for the construction of a new church.

At its first state fair, the Hamline Dining Hall raised a total of \$373.97, according to McClure. At the time, the church was holding worship services at Hamline University. But with help from dining hall earnings, it dedicated a new church building at 1514 Englewood Ave. in 1900.

Volunteers have always been at the heart of the dining hall's success, according to Renneke. It takes 70 to 75 volunteers in addition to several paid workers to keep

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## 1◀ CO-OPERATIVE PLATING

the MPCA, as well as neighbors and the UPDC.

Co-Op Plating operates 18 separate metal plating lines. The plant receives parts made by other companies, coats them and ships them back. Cadmium, zinc, copper, nickel and other metals are used in the plating process.

Years ago Co-Op Plating had a history of environmental violations, which angered neighbors. In 1991, then-Ward 4 City Council member Paula Maccabee blocked the company's request to vacate part of Iglehart and expand the facility.

The company has since made many changes, including entering into a voluntary compliance program with the MPCA, adding a scrubbing system to control emissions and dropping the use of some chemicals.

MPCA records show improved operations in recent years, although there have been two accidental emissions in the past year. One occurred in October 2021 when scrubbing equipment for rooftop emissions was cleaned with a bleach solution.

Co-Op Plating did not return calls seeking comment for this article.

In May, company president Dave Birke-meier and senior engineer Ed Wakefield gave the UPDC's Environment and Parks Committee an update. Wakefield described the ways the company controls emissions, including an interior system to regulate air pressure. Two large rooftop fans also are meant to control and more safely disperse emissions.

The company's emissions are now monitored by an independent third party, with input from the MPCA and the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

Co-Op representatives told the com-

mittee that they do not use trichlorethylene and so-called "forever chemicals" perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl. Those synthetic chemicals are found in many products and have been linked to health problems.

The plant's expansion is being discussed with city officials, but no formal plans have been presented. Company representatives have told the UPDC that they want to expand the plant by 5,000-6,000 square feet and add off-street parking. Company officials have looked at the Iglehart property as well as a commercial building by the plant on Carroll Avenue to the north.

It is unclear where the parking or building extension would go. The street vacation and purchase of Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) land was sought by the company owners, the Rosenblum Family Limited Partnership. The street area to be vacated is located east of the

Canadian Pacific Railroad tracks.

The UPDC board, committee members and staff said they were not aware of the street vacation request. Ward 4 City Council member Mitra Jalali said she had not heard any concerns about the issue. No one appeared at a public hearing prior to the vote on the street vacation.

The street vacation and related action affect a small triangle of property including Iglehart and land to its south. MnDOT for many years has owned land adjacent to the section of vacated Iglehart. MnDOT is conveying that land to the city, which will in turn sell it to the plant owners. The owners have agreed to pay just compensation for the parcel, as determined by a valuation performed by the city's real estate section.

Anyone can comment on Co-Operative Plating's air emissions permit by visiting [tinyurl.com/3hpbafdy](https://tinyurl.com/3hpbafdy).

## 1◀ OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING STUDY

live off-campus this year, they said.

A record number of UST students are expected to be living on campus this fall. Campus housing occupancy is currently at about 2,800 students, up from 1,399 in 1991. The increase has come with the construction of the Flynn, Morrison, Frey and Tommie North residence halls.

The residency requirement could be having an effect on the number of Saint Thomas students living in off-campus rental housing. WSNAC members have noted an unusually high number of "for rent" signs in the neighborhood. Another reason for those vacancies may be the decision by Saint Paul officials last year to increase from four to six the maximum number of unrelated adults who may legally live in a single dwelling.

In the past couple of decades, more and more Saint Thomas parents have pur-

chased homes in the neighborhood as a way to lower their children's housing costs and raise rental income from their children's classmates. Jacquet-Morrison wondered how many Saint Thomas parents still view that practice as a good investment if their children can only live in the house for two years.

Another recent trend has been the growing number of apartment buildings in Merriam Park and Macalester-Groveland that are being marketed to students. Well over half a dozen such buildings have gone up in the past decade, some with furnished apartments.

UST officials track the off-campus addresses of their students, and they have noticed an increase in Tommies who live near the University of Minnesota campus, where a lot of new rental housing has been built in recent years.

Another major focus of the study will be the student housing zoning overlay district

that was established by the city in 2012 to limit the concentration of student rental housing in the neighborhoods around UST. The Saint Paul Planning Commission has discussed eliminating the zoning district due to accusations that it is discriminatory.

The zoning overlay district is roughly bounded by Mississippi River Boulevard, I-94, Snelling and Saint Clair avenues. The district limits the number of single-family homes and duplexes that can be rented to undergraduate students. Student rentals need to be registered with the city, and they must be at least 150 feet apart unless they were established before the district was created.

WSNAC members have said they would like to know how effective the student zoning overlay district has been before modifying or eliminating it. Some have praised the district for maintaining a healthy balance of students and families around campus.

Rachel Westermeyer, a Merriam Park resident and longtime landlord, recalled how some blocks around campus were dominated by student rentals before the overlay district was created. According to her, it has worked in some areas but not in others.

It has not worked so well for Josh Capistrant and his family. They live in Merriam Park just east of Fairview Avenue and outside of the original boundaries of the overlay district. When the student zoning district was first established, landlords snapped up properties around his house, Capistrant said, and his home is now surrounded by student rentals. "I couldn't sell my house now," he said.

UST officials are also interested in the study. "From our perspective, we don't think the city does enough to regulate landlords," said Amy McDonough, the chief of staff for the UST president.

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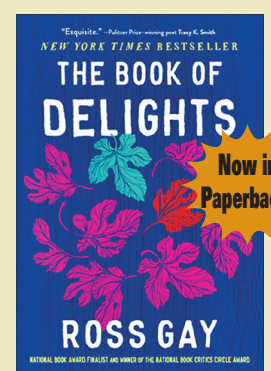
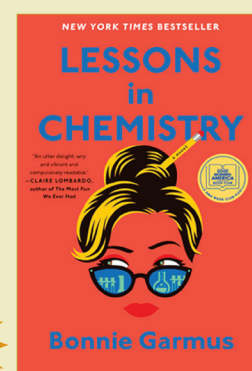
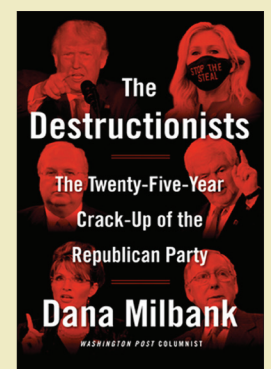
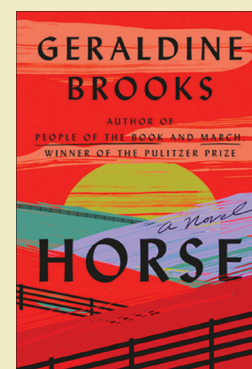
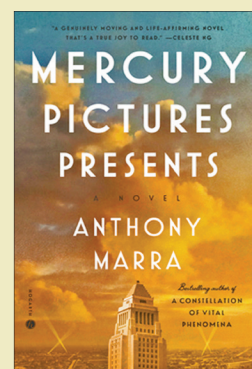


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**1◀ HAMLINE DINING HALL**

the operation going. In the early years, the meals were served on white linen tablecloths festooned with fresh-cut flowers. At the end of each day, the church women would take the tablecloths home to wash and iron them by hand, McClure said.

Among the longtime volunteers at the dining hall is Elaine Christensen. In 1994, after retiring from her full-time job, she started doing volunteer shifts at the fair and eventually became co-chair of the dining hall committee with Betty Ward. The two of them co-chaired the committee for many years. "It was a happy, happy relationship," said Christiansen, who celebrates her 92nd birthday this month.

Christiansen did some traveling this summer, but by the first week of August she was back in town and ready to pitch in. "What's unique about the Hamline Dining Hall is that it needs to be kind of reinvented in order to keep up with what we can do and what the folks who come to eat with us fondly recall from past years," she said.

"In 1935, diners paid 35 cents for a full meal," McClure said. "They might have had meatloaf or our famous hamloaf with sides of potatoes, coleslaw, pickles, pie, ice cream and a beverage. And their second helping was free."

Thirty-five cents will not go that far at the dining hall this year, but Hamline's family-style meals continue to be popular. In 2019 the dining hall served 1,705 meat-



Volunteer Sam Tomlin installs new signage above the entry to the Hamline Church Dining Hall in preparation for the August 25 opening of the Minnesota State Fair. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

ball dinners, 1,362 chicken dinners, and 1,159 hamloaf dinners, according to Renneke.

The state fair was home to dozens of church dining halls in years long past, according to McClure. Many of them ceased operations following the Great Depression

and World War II. During the war, when food was being rationed, the dining halls were given government "food stamps" based on the previous year's sales, and some church members donated produce from their gardens, McClure said.

Each year the Hamline Dining Hall has

a line item in its budget for a charitable cause. In fact, all of the net proceeds go to nonprofit agencies, according to Ray Faust of Macalester-Groveland, a member of the church's dining hall committee. Although the church is one of those nonprofits, "we've made a big effort to have this not be about funding our operating budget," Faust said. "It's more about funding causes that are important to the church."

This year's dining hall beneficiary is Emma Norton Services, which provides "safe, secure, affordable housing for women, individuals and families in transition," according to its website. Emma Norton has a residence in downtown Saint Paul and Maplewood and is now building a new facility at Highland Bridge in Highland Park.

Operating the Hamline Dining Hall is not easy or cheap. In 2018, the church launched a gofundme campaign to replace aging equipment. Many of the volunteers are also getting older, and it would be "naïve to think we can keep plugging away like this forever," Faust said. Even so, he is hopeful for the future. As long as the dining hall continues to be fun and make money," he said, "you've got to stick with it."

"We view each year as a special gift," Faust added. "It's a bit of an impossible task to make it go, and yet it does go. I think the dining hall could be around for many more years, especially if we're flexible and creative."

**1◀ RENT CONTROL AMENDMENTS**

in how to encourage new housing development, give options to landlords who want to repair or upgrade their properties, and provide additional protections for tenants.

The proposed amendments do not change the ordinance's maximum annual increase of 3 percent in rents. However, they do establish exemptions to that maximum and clarify the processes for tenants and landlords to appeal decisions made by the city to approve or deny rent increases of more than 3 percent.

Highlights of the amendments include:

- A 20-year exemption from rent control for new construction. The prospect of rent control has stopped many housing projects in their tracks in Saint Paul, including the construction of rental apartments at the 122-acre Highland Bridge development in Highland Park.
- An exemption for affordable or subsidized housing units that are already regulated by federal, state or local governments.

- A provision allowing landlords to defer or bank annual rent increases until the tenant moves out, at which point the landlord could use two or more of the 3 percent increases at one time. According to Tolbert, without this provision, landlords may be encouraged to impose 3 percent increases every year, to the detriment of tenants who may not have experienced annual rent increases in the past.

- A clarification of what is meant by the "reasonable rate of return" to which landlords are entitled under the ordinance when they spend money to renovate a rental property or bring it up to code. Landlords would be allowed to apply for a rent increase of more than 3 percent to realize a reasonable return on that investment.

- A clarification of the tenant notification requirement when a landlord seeks a rent increase of more than 3 percent.

- A clarification of the "just cause" protections for tenants, which require landlords to state their reasons for not renewing a lease and insulate tenants from

retaliation by landlords.

- A strengthening of the notification requirements for tenants whose landlords are permitted by city staff to raise the rent between 3 and 8 percent. Tenants also must be notified if their landlord has requested a hearing before a city legislative hearing officer for a rent increase of more than 8 percent.

Ward 4 City Council member Mitra Jalali has raised several objections to the amendments. "Some hard-fought compromises may not feel good to those who are making them," she said. According to her, any package of amendments to the ordinance need to equally empower renters and landlords. Jalali is particularly concerned about the exemptions to the 3 percent cap. According to her, the city stakeholders group recommended a 15-year exemption for new construction, not 20 years.

Jalali has also objected to the broad exemption to the 3 percent cap for affordable housing. Such programs differ greatly, she said, and "these are the tenants who need


rent stability the most."

City Council members Jane Prince, Rebecca Noecker and Amy Brendmoen agreed with Tolbert that there is a need for some changes to the ordinance. Rent control has slowed housing development in the city, they all said.

"We have a moral imperative to produce new housing, and it's clear that we're behind," Noecker said.

Prince cited the individual housing projects around Saint Paul that have been canceled or delayed. She also noted that some longtime local landlords have decided they cannot work within the confines of rent control and have sold their buildings to larger regional or national property management companies.

The rent control ordinance took effect on May 1. Any amendments adopted by the City Council would take effect on January 1, 2023. The amendments presented on August 3 have the support of Mayor Melvin Carter. They will need four votes on the City Council to be adopted.



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# Club's conduct questioned as city seeks change in rental hall liquor regs

By Jane McClure

A proposed ordinance change that would allow rental halls in Saint Paul to use liquor caterers for an unlimited number of private events is drawing objections from neighbors of the College Club, 990 Summit Ave. They spoke out at a City Council hearing on August 10, demanding that the city address what they described as out-of-control behavior at the club.

City staff said the change is needed to comply with state law and a recent directive from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety's Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division. The local change was brought forward by the city's Department of Safety and Inspections (DSI). It is supported by the College Club and its long-time owner, the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

Rental halls in the city have long allowed hosts of private events to provide complimentary liquor to their guests, said

Dan Niziolek, deputy director of the DSI. Guests could also bring in their own beverages. State officials want those practices stopped. The only current state statute option available for rental halls to continue alcohol service at private events is to hire a liquor caterer.

A liquor caterer is licensed to serve intoxicating beverages at different locations. If the ordinance change is adopted on August 17, all rental hall operators in the city would have to employ liquor caterers.

Current city regulations limit the use of liquor caterers to 12 events a year per venue. The DSI is recommending exempting rental halls from that limitation, which is what is before the council.

"It seems to me that this would give more oversight," said Ward 2 council member Rebecca Noecker.

As for neighborhood complaints, Niziolek said the DSI is currently working with the Saint Paul Police Department to address issues related to the College Club.

College Club neighbors are worried that the ordinance change would result in more problems, saying the private club already operates as a de facto bar. According to them, the private parties are out of control, with drunken behavior spilling over into the neighborhood. They complained about public intoxication, urination, noise and use of illegal drugs near their homes.

"Neighbors continue to suffer," said Michael Powell. "We're exhausted and exasperated."

Powell and other neighbors also said they had no time to be notified about the pending change. Two sets of neighbors have since hired legal counsel.

Attorney Andy Carlson said permitting the College Club an exemption for unlimited liquor caterer events "will allow wrongful conduct to continue."

"It's extremely disheartening for us to be here today," said attorney Eric Brown.

College Club and AAUW representatives

said being able to host more than a dozen events with liquor per year is needed if the club is to continue to operate. AAUW Saint Paul Branch president Pam Lande said the club has been a wedding and event venue since the 1950s. Proceeds from those events support educational scholarships for women, according to her.

Lande said one reason for so many events recently has been the COVID-19 pandemic, which postponed many weddings and other gatherings. "All of a sudden, everyone is getting married," she said.

Brian Quist, who manages the club, also said the ordinance needs to change. "Being a good neighbor is very important to us," he said, adding that the club has improved its security and lighting.

Neighbors asked why the club is allowed to even operate in a residential neighborhood. Niziolek said the club opened decades ago, before current zoning code restrictions.

# Historic Ramsey Street buildings rezoned for a mix of possible uses

By Jane McClure

Zoning changes involving an iconic former church and adjacent properties at the corner of Ramsey Street and Pleasant Avenue were approved on August 3 by the Saint Paul City Council. Rezoned to the mixed-use Traditional Neighborhoods 1 were 311 and 319 Ramsey St. and 391-411 Pleasant Ave.

The Pleasant Avenue properties had been zoned multi-family residential. They were being used for surface parking, and that will continue.

The Ramsey Street properties had been zoned for townhouses. The former church at 311 Ramsey St. was being used for offices, and that use will also continue. The adjacent building at 319 Ramsey St. currently houses two dwellings. Rachel Schromen wants to buy that property and turn it into a law office. The property has eight off-street parking spaces.

TN zoning is intended to accommodate compact, pedestrian-oriented residential and commercial uses. It is also viewed as a transitional zone along major thoroughfares, according to senior city planner Kady

Dadlez. The rezoned properties overlook the I-35E Parkway and are located in an area with a mix of residential, business and institutional uses.

The zoning changes have raised questions among local residents about the future of the property. The owners have said they do not plan anything that would affect the buildings' historic exteriors.

The building at 319 Ramsey was constructed in 1886 and is considered to be contributing to the Historic Hill District. The former church at 311 Ramsey is a locally designated Saint Paul Heritage Preserva-

tion Site and a contributing property to the National Register's Historic Hill District. It was designed by architect Cass Gilbert and constructed in 1890 for the German Presbyterian Bethlehem Church.

That building has not been used as a church since 1916, according to owner Richard Black of Belfry Properties LLC. Past uses include a mortuary, a ballet studio and offices, he said. Black intends to continue using 311 Ramsey for offices.

The West Seventh Federation had recommended the approval of the zoning changes.



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# Primary voters propel top candidates to Nov. 8 showdown

By Dale Mischke

**M**ore than 18 percent of eligible voters are estimated to have taken part in the August 9 primary election in Minnesota. There were few surprises from the election, at least in races that appeared on ballots in *MyVillager's* coverage area. Incumbents and major-party endorsees drew the most support. What is more significant is what happens from here as the campaigns of the remaining candidates shift into high gear in advance of the November 8 general election.

Following are the unofficial results as reported by the Minnesota Secretary of State's office on August 11. Only the partisan races where more than one candidate, and the nonpartisan races where more than two candidates, appeared on the ballot are included. The candidate or candidates whose names appear in boldface at the top of each race will advance to the general election:

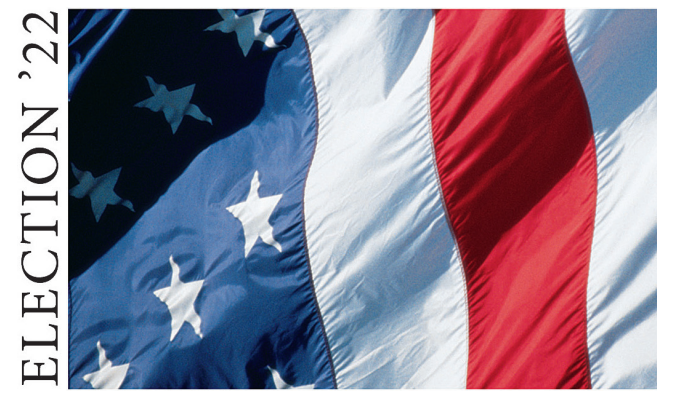
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<b>DFL</b>		
<b>Tim Walz-Peggy Flanagan</b>	<b>416,933</b>	<b>96.53%</b>
Ole Savior-Julia M. Parker	14,982	3.47%
<b>Republican</b>		
<b>Scott Jensen-Matt Birk</b>	<b>288,491</b>	<b>89.31%</b>
Joyce L. Lacey-Kent Edwards	21,307	6.60%
Bob Carney Jr.-C.J. Sparrow	13,213	4.09%
<b>Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis</b>		
<b>Steve Patterson-Matt Huff</b>	<b>1,003</b>	<b>59.14%</b>
Darrell Paulsen-Ed Engelmann	693	40.86%
<b>Legal Marijuana Now</b>		
<b>James McCaske-David Sandbeck</b>	<b>1,461</b>	<b>51.86%</b>
Chris Wright-L.C.L. Converse	1,356	48.14%

SECRETARY OF STATE		
<b>DFL</b>		
<b>Steve Simon</b>	<b>285,308</b>	<b>72.51%</b>
Steve Carlson	108,142	27.49%
<b>Republican</b>		
<b>Kim Crockett</b>	<b>190,152</b>	<b>63.15%</b>
Erik van Mechelen	110,937	36.85%

ATTORNEY GENERAL		
<b>DFL</b>		
<b>Keith Ellison</b>	<b>378,359</b>	<b>89.35%</b>
Bill Dahn	45,110	10.65%
<b>Republican</b>		
<b>Jim Schultz</b>	<b>163,941</b>	<b>52.51%</b>
Doug Wardlow	108,532	34.76%
Sharon Anderson	39,722	12.72%

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE-DISTRICT 4		
<b>DFL</b>		
<b>Betty McCollum</b>	<b>58,043</b>	<b>83.40%</b>
Amane Badhasso	10,557	15.17%
Fasil Moghul	997	1.43%
<b>Republican</b>		
<b>May Lor Xiong</b>	<b>9,574</b>	<b>44.07%</b>
Jerry Silver	7,399	34.06%
Gene Reichtzigel	4,753	21.88%

SENATE DISTRICT 65		
<b>DFL</b>		
<b>Sandy Pappas</b>	<b>4,842</b>	<b>65.56%</b>
Sheigh Freeberg	1,672	22.64%
Zuki Ellis	872	11.81%



HOUSE DISTRICT 65B		
<b>DFL</b>		
<b>Maria Isa Pérez-Hedges</b>	<b>3,613</b>	<b>81.71%</b>
Anna Botz	809	18.29%

RAMSEY COUNTY COMMISSIONER		
<b>District 4</b>		
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# Balenger succeeds Dai Thao as interim Ward 1 City Council member

By Jane McClure

**R**ussel Balenger has been chosen as the interim Saint Paul City Council member for Ward 1. He was formally seated on August 10 and will serve through 2023 to fill out the remainder of former City Council member Dai Thao's term.

Thao stepped down on August 1 to become executive director of a nonprofit organization that works on social justice issues in Sarasota County, Florida. He had served on the council since 2013 and was its first Hmong-American member. Ward 1 includes the Summit-University, Lexington-Hamline, Snelling-Hamline, Frogtown and part of the North End neighborhoods.

Council members asked that candidates for the interim seat agree not to run for a four-year term in 2023. All seven council seats will be on the ballot next year.

Balenger, 71, is the cofounder



Russel Balenger

and director of the Circle of Peace Movement, which works to combat violence. During his interview for the job, he told the council about growing up in a politically active family in the former Rondo neighborhood. Balenger said his

mother would tell him in the evening, "Make sure the back door is open in case somebody needs to get in. And that's the way I've lived my life."

Their family home was among the many that were torn down to make way for the construction of I-94. He lived in Illinois and Michigan before returning to Saint Paul. He and his family now live in the same Summit-University neighborhood in which he grew up.

Balenger and his wife, Sarah, founded the Circle of Peace Movement in 2010 after their neighborhood experienced rising youth violence. He has also owned different businesses over the years, and is a volunteer at the Minnesota Correctional Facility-Stillwater.

In his council interview, Balenger discussed building relationships, with a focus on public safety and the need to improve relations with the police.

After his appointment was an-

nounced, Balenger said in a statement: "I'm looking forward to the opportunity to further the work of making Ward 1 a strong and lasting example of a great place to live. My life's work has led me to this role, and I'll deliver for the people of my community."

He joins the council as it starts work on amending rent control regulations and drafting the 2023 city budget.

The council had 22 applicants for the post. Two were immediately set aside because they lived outside of Ward 1. Seven finalists were chosen for interviews.

The other six finalists were Nadira Mohamed, a community health specialist with Saint Paul-Ramsey County Public Health; Deborah Montgomery, the city's first female police officer who served as the Ward 1 council member from 2004-07; Vic Rosenthal, a candidate for the Ward 1 seat in 2003 and former longtime executive director of Jewish Community Action; Erica

Valliant, a family systems manager at People Serving People; Touachongka Xiong, owner and operator of Kathy's Live Bait; and Khou Yang, a recent graduate of Mitchell Hamline School of Law.

## Correction

Contrary to a story in the August 3 *MyVillager*, Listening House will not need a conditional use permit to open a new day shelter for homeless people in the former Red's Savoy restaurant at 421 E. Seventh St. The property on the corner of East Seventh Street and Lafayette Road is zoned for light industrial use, and homeless shelters in light industrial zones do not require a conditional use permit from the city of Saint Paul even if the shelter is larger than 7,000 square feet. According to city planner Bill Dermody, the proposed homeless shelter will only need to meet city site design and building code standards.

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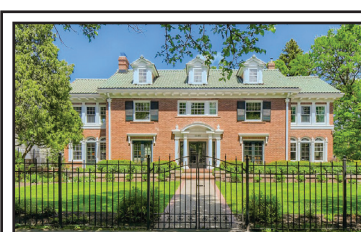
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# Colleges back to new normal with more in-person classes, fewer masks

By Frank Jossi

Officials at colleges and universities in Saint Paul say the upcoming fall semester will see a return to more in-person classes with facemasks being optional for students.

Some schools are still requiring full vaccinations for employees and students, while others are not. They all have contingency plans should another COVID outbreak emerge or Monkeypox spread to their campuses.

Campus officials continue to collaborate closely with the Minnesota Department of Health and federal Centers for Disease Control to determine if they should change protocols.

## Saint Thomas

Karen Lange, vice president of student affairs at the University of Saint Thomas, said the school requires students, faculty and staff to vaccinate for COVID before returning to campus. In addition, the college recommends that students take an antigen test before showing up for the new semester. A dashboard on the college's website shows a 93.8 percent vaccination rate campuswide and just 10 cases of COVID in early August.

Masks will still be required for those using the university's Center for Well-Being, which houses health services, though Saint Thomas strongly encourages students to wear them when attending classes, Lange said. She said students who contract COVID or Monkeypox can quarantine on campus. International and outstate students are most likely to use the quarantine rooms, she added.

Saint Thomas begins its fall semester on September 7 and wants as many students back learning on campus as possible, while offering a limited number of remote learning classes. "In-person classes are important to us," Lange said.

Freshman enrollment has increased 10-15 percent since last year, driven in part by more international students getting visas and feeling more comfortable traveling now than at the height of a global pandemic.

Saint Thomas inaugurated a new undergraduate nursing program with around 50 students this fall. "We're thrilled about that and know that's a program we anticipate will continue to grow," Lange said.



A scholarly Peanuts statue greeted those attending a new student orientation session on August 11 at Saint Paul College. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

## Macalester

Masks are being required at Macalester College from the start of pre-semester programming on August 10 through the first two weeks of classes ending September 14. After that time, masks must still be worn in the Hamre Center for Health & Wellness and the athletic training room.

The college encourages incoming students to take an antigen test 24 hours before arrival and to stay home if they test positive. The school's Infectious Task Force recommended that faculty and staff also test themselves as needed and not show up for work if they are sick.

Joe Linstroth, media relations director, said Macalester's applications jumped 6 percent and the school expects a larger class this fall than last year. The school has so far had record enrollment this year, he said, with 2,244 students compared to the pre-COVID 2018-19 number of 2,174. The size of the incoming class will be established once school starts on August 31.

In other news, the school has been involved in a strategic plan called "Imagine, Macalester" that will be released later this year.

## Saint Paul College

Austin Calhoun, vice president of advancement and communications at Saint

Paul College, said the campus will not require masks or the taking of temperatures this fall. However, the college has set up a voluntary "self-reporting mechanism" for students or staff suffering from COVID.

Classes that have been offered remotely at an appointed time before will be available again, Calhoun said, as will those that allow students to watch lectures whenever they want. Hybrid courses mixing both live lessons and lab time with Zoom presentations are also planned.

"At least 40-42 percent (of classes) are in person because it's hard to learn the trades in an online environment," Calhoun said. "Our service programs and hands-on programs are delighted to be on campus, and they have been for a while."

Calhoun said that enrollment is at 3,974 full- and part-time students for fall, which is up 1.4 percent over last year. The school has 1,326 full-year equivalents, which determines state funding, and represents a 2.3 percent increase over last year.

"We have more students and, of those, more are taking a full load," Calhoun said, though the number has not reached pre-COVID levels.

A nursing degree program has been retooled after problems with it were disclosed a few years ago, she said. Other programs at the college are adapting to the

times. For example, the automotive program added teaching technicians how to fix electric vehicles, Calhoun said.

The campus has a health response team that monitors potential disease outbreaks and has contingency plans in place should one occur. The school also participates with a Minnesota State Colleges and Universities network that shares health information.

"We're hoping we'll return to being a vibrant campus this fall with people in the building," Calhoun said. "I'm optimistic."

## Concordia

Spokesman Joe Thornton said Concordia University-Saint Paul lifted its mask restrictions last May, but continued providing students with online information through its website. The campus reported few COVID cases because most students commute or take online courses, he said.

"As for other health issues that may emerge, Concordia Saint Paul continues to work closely with the health agencies to understand potential impacts of viruses and other health issues," Thornton said. "At this point, we continue to operate with no restrictions for those who visit our campus in person."

Thornton said the college has grown "significantly" over the past decade by mixing in-person with online classes and graduate programs. This year saw the highest enrollment ever for the college, with graduate programs increasing from 1,950 to 2,091 students between spring 2021 and spring 2022, and undergraduate programs going from 1,513 to 1,538 students in that same time period. The college will announce this fall's enrollment later. The college's graduate and certificate nursing programs "have fostered growth," he said.

## Saint Catherine

Saint Catherine University, which begins classes August 29, has made masks optional for fully vaccinated individuals, except for lab and simulation settings. The college wants anyone testing positive to fill out an online diagnosis notification form. Should COVID levels increase and the health department suggest masking, the school may offer staff and students additional guidance, according to its vaccine website.

Last fall, the college had 3,915 students in its undergraduate, adult bachelor's, and associate and graduate degree programs.

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# VIEWPOINT

## INBOX

### Rent control is bound to fail

Regarding the letter to the editor from Marri Renne ("Rent control is still a bad idea," *MyVillager* Inbox, August 3): With rent control, there will be increased property taxes for all homeowners. The value of income properties will stagnate, and the tax base will as well. Tax increases will fall on the owners of other types of property.

There will be gaming of the rent-control system. As someone who lived in the Boston area for 25 years before rent control was repealed there, I can tell you there will be ways to game the system. Rents might not rise, but broker fees can and will. Whether published and legally approved or under the table, expect there to be "incentives" paid by renters for preferred or available units.

This whole episode is heartbreaking to me as a new resident of Saint Paul. Our political leadership failed to lead and explain the medium- to long-term effects of this well-intentioned but wholly misguided effort. We need more rental housing to moderate rent increases, and the rent control ordinance has and will continue to disincentivize development.

One of the reasons the Massachusetts cities of Boston, Brookline and Cambridge abolished rent control was the decline of their rental stock. The impact may take a decade to play out here in Saint Paul, but it will be cited as a major factor in the future decline of the city. High inflation will accelerate the impact here just as it did in Massachusetts in the 1980s.

*John J. Moroney  
Ramsey Hill*

### Let's protect the river corridor

A new development is being planned in Highland Park. Paster Properties has acquired the 18-unit apartment building at 706 S. Mississippi River Blvd. and the First Church of Christ-Scientist building next door. Paster is proposing to build a four-story, 91-unit apartment building there.

Paster Properties' current plan requires no variances. However, a major concern for the proposed building is the height at 50 feet. This property is a part of the Mississippi River corridor and recognized as an important regional resource. A city process to refine riverside zoning (Critical Area Zoning) is actively underway and should be adopted by year's end. At that time, the maximum allowable height for this property will change to 35 feet. Well before the first tenant moves in, the building would be out of compliance with the new code. We look forward to working with the developer and the city to have the building comply with the new code.

The Critical Area Zoning process was requested by the Minnesota Legislature and is supported by the state Department of Natural Resources, the National Park Service and others. It is the right thing to do. This same Critical Area Zoning has been implemented by Minneapolis and other communities along the Mississippi River. The new zoning was incorporated into the master plan for the Highland Bridge development. Let's all work together to continue to protect the Mississippi River corridor.

*Kurt and Barb Klussendorf  
Wendy and Michael Neuer  
Tom Romens  
Highland Park*

## Longing for a return to a simpler way of life

By Kathleen Deming

I grew up in the 1950s in a family of nine who shared a single telephone on the wall in the kitchen. With its extra-long curly cord, if we wanted privacy we just walked around to the living room. The time limit on the phone was 10 minutes. Then the line had to be kept free for 10 minutes so that anyone calling our home had a 50 percent chance of success. Nobody's life was ruined by these rules. Nor did it ever seem necessary to have more than 10 minutes on the phone.

Back then, it was possible to pick up the phone and talk to a live person. No endless phone trees or long periods on hold were necessary. All television programming was free, and more and more TV stations became available over the years. Even so, people often followed the same big events or popular programs, which became talking points at school or work or over the dinner table. (Yes, families actually ate together!)

*I'm puzzled about why we think all of the gadgets that have come into use since 1990 have made wonderful improvements in our lives.*

I'm old enough to remember the JFK assassination, the first moon walk and the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. These shared events had a unifying effect on people.

When we needed information not available in the encyclopedia, we called the local librarian, who looked it up for us. So I'm puzzled about why we think all of the gadgets that have come into use since 1990 have made wonderful improvements in our lives. Sure, there are different kinds of social connections now. But these days I feel completely disconnected when I talk to my doctor, who sits typing notes into a computer rather than actually looking at me.

Yes, things are different today, but the new technology hasn't necessarily made things better. Wouldn't it be wonderful if sometime we stopped and thought that maybe we've gone too far, that maybe we should go back to a simpler life?

*Kathleen Deming is a resident of Macalester-Groveland.*

### Slow down bike trail planning

At a meeting on July 8, members of the Saint Paul Planning Commission expressed their jubilant anticipation of a new and safer Summit Avenue bike trail in the absence of proof that the proposed trail would indeed be safer.

Citizens have raised numerous concerns about the proposed trail. Chief among them is how a 12-foot raised bike trail with an additional 4-foot buffer would not damage the lush treescape that defines Summit Avenue.

Alice Messner, senior landscape architect for the Saint Paul Department of Parks and Recreation, has assured citizens that protecting trees is a high priority for the city. How can Saint Paulites believe this?

The city has no comprehensive ordinance requiring the protection of trees during construction. Without strict tree preservation protocols during construction, damage to trees will occur. If the city's design of the regional bike trail does not result in the immediate sacrifice of a tree, significant construction activity next to the tree could harm its root system—damage that may not show up for eight or 10 years.

I urge the city to slow down, allow genuine public input and approach this issue with transparency and the data-based care it deserves.

*Marilyn L. Bach  
Summit Hill*

*Editor's note: The writer is a member of the citizens group Save Our Street.*

### Best option for Summit cyclists

Save Our Street (SOS) makes a case for why a two-way bicycle path would be more dangerous than the existing one-way bike lanes on Summit Avenue (Viewpoint, *MyVillager*, August 3). I agree with SOS's analysis and therefore support two one-way bicycle paths as the best option for Summit.

One-way, off-street bike paths offer the safest route for cyclists and therefore encourage more people to ride

for exercise, transportation and enjoyment, including families with children. An off-street path on each side of Summit would narrow the street curb-to-curb, slowing traffic and reducing the crossing distance for pedestrians.

The bike paths can be built within the existing road width with no loss of trees or green space and with little or no additional cost when done in conjunction with the city's planned reconstruction of Summit. And since the reconstruction will likely be implemented section by section over many years, the one-way bike paths can be more easily integrated with the existing on-street bike lanes.

Automobiles have been the priority in transportation infrastructure for the last half century and more. Consideration of bicyclists and pedestrians were typically an afterthought. If we want a more livable city, it is time we move to safer, healthier and more sustainable transportation options.

*Terry Brueck  
Merriam Park*

### No antidote for inflation

The Inflation Reduction Act passed by Democrats in Congress provides \$740 billion of new spending and \$300 billion of new taxes. Anyone who has taken Economics 101 knows that this is no antidote to the inflation that is crushing the middle class.

*T.J. Sexton  
Highland Park*

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# Four-story apartment proposed on river road

By Jane McClure

Neighbors of a planned 93-unit, four-story apartment building at 706 S. Mississippi River Blvd. are raising objections to the prospect of such a large building near their homes. Paster Properties was to present plans for the project at the Highland District Council (HDC) Community Development Committee meeting on August 16.



The Highland River Parkway Apartments are planned for 706 S. Mississippi River Blvd.

An 18-unit apartment building on the site and a closed First Church of Christ-Scientist just to the south would make way for the new building. It is in an area zoned for multi-family use and requires no zoning changes or variances under the current plans that city staff are studying.

Mike Sturdivant of Paster said the developer is discussing issues with neighbors and will continue to do so.

Neighbors on Woodlawn Avenue and Mississippi River Boulevard worry that the building, its heating and cooling systems, and its outdoor amenities would be very close to their homes, especially those behind it on Woodlawn. Having another tall building near them is a worry on top of the added density and traffic that redevelopment of the former Ford Motor Company site will bring. Ford is being developed into the mixed-use Highland Bridge.

Another issue is the building's height of almost 50 feet. One argument neighbors are making is that the development site's location in the Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area should be considered. A review and amendment process for the critical area, including new building height restrictions, has been underway for the past few years at the state and city levels.

Had Saint Paul implemented its proposed river corridor regulations, the maximum building height at the development site would be 35 feet. Updated critical area regulations have already been incorporated into the Highland Bridge development.

The development site is considered to be a "river neighborhood" zone under the critical area. Neighbors contend that the building will be out of compliance by the time the city finally

adopts its critical area revisions.

Woodlawn neighbor Wendy Neurer summarized the other concerns as the loss of mature pine trees that have screened back yards, building setbacks, location of balconies on the east and north sides of the building, and placement of a dog run right up against the property line.

Lack of information on exterior lighting is another worry for neighbors. So is parking. Although parking is planned as part of the development, Saint Paul earlier this year eliminated the need for developers to provide a minimum amount of parking.

"There has been no transparency on this development with the surrounding neighbors, which has resulted, frankly, in outrage," Neurer said. She added that issues could have been resolved by Paster working with neighbors from the start.

## Business Briefs

**Team Edelstein**, a residential real estate group affiliated with Coldwell Banker Realty, has moved into its new headquarters at 757 S. Snelling Ave. Led by Tom and Henry Edelstein, the team includes five licensed real estate agents and four support staff members with more than 120 years of combined real estate experience. The building formerly housed the offices of *MyVillager* before Villager Communication Inc. moved to 241 S. Cleveland Ave. in May 2021.

**Coulee Bank** has moved to its new office at 733 Grand Ave., kitty corner from its former space. At 6,500 square feet, the new office is larger and features a drive-through lane.

**Marti Estey** has been named a SPAAR Hero by the Saint Paul Area Association of Realtors. Estey, who has been in the real estate industry for 22 years, is a leader with Reidell-Estey & Associates. She is on the board of the Saint Paul Urban Tennis program, is a longtime volunteer with

Bridging Inc., and also oversees the Reidell-Estey Foundation, which raised \$18,000 in its inaugural year in 2021 to benefit the Kidney Foundation of Minnesota.

**Larissa Loden** has moved her jewelry shop from Minneapolis to 2032 Marshall Ave. in Saint Paul, the former home of Izzy's Ice Cream. The new space is more than 3,500 square feet and includes both retail and office space for Loden's team to make and ship jewelry.

**The Good Clinic** has opened five new offices in the Twin Cities, including one at 246 S. Snelling Ave. The primary care clinics serve clients age 12 and older, and are staffed by nurse practitioners. They offer routine medical care, chronic condition management, acute care services and wellness care, with both in-person and virtual care options. The Good Clinic was founded in 2020 and now has six Minnesota locations, with plans to expand nationwide.

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# ON THE TOWN

## ‘Lost & Found’

### Drama lays bare personal losses, creates rituals to rise above them

By Anne Murphy

Ramsey Hill playwright Leah Cooper grew increasingly intrigued several years ago with the concept of loss and the kinds of ambiguous loss that go unnamed, ungrieved and unresolved. In her research she learned that storytelling and ritual can help people identify their losses and develop a new resilience. As the co-founder and co-artistic director of Wonderlust Productions, she has created an interactive performance that will offer participants a chance to grieve their ambiguous losses together.

Cooper’s *Lost & Found: Storytelling, Ritual & Remembrance* will be staged by Wonderlust at 3 p.m. Fridays through Sundays from August 19 through September 4 on Raspberry Island in downtown Saint Paul.

According to Cooper, Raspberry Island seemed like the ideal venue for *Lost & Found*. “An island is kind of a magical space,” she said, “especially an island in an urban setting in the middle of a fast-moving river. It feels like a liminal space that can connect us to larger things within ourselves and among ourselves collectively.

*“For a long time I had a hard time explaining what I meant by complex or unresolved loss.... And then the pandemic happened.”*

“For a long time I had a hard time explaining what I meant by complex or unresolved loss,” Cooper continued. “If you had it, you knew what I meant. If you didn’t, you didn’t. And then the pandemic happened. So now nearly everyone has experienced profound

loss, even if it’s just a loss of certainty about what’s true and reliable. And they’ve had to endure it in isolation. After the last two years, it feels like everyone gets it now and everyone is looking for a more thoughtful way forward than



*Lost & Found* cast members (clockwise from left) Ernest Briggs, Shante’ Sojourn Zenith, Mahayana Landowne, Antonio Duke, Laurel Armstrong, Sophie Javna, Becky Dale, Adam Whisner and Masanari Kawahara rehearse their parts on Raspberry Island where they will be performing the interactive drama.

pretending it all didn’t happen.” Last year Cooper created an online storytelling and ritual experience about loss entitled Contact Tracing. After nine performances with 18 participants each, she was inspired to create *Lost & Found*. In *Lost & Found*, four guides lead four groups of audience members around the island where they meet up with four theater artists sharing their personal losses through a ritual they have created. With that ritual as inspiration, each group will create its own ritual to perform.

“What we have noticed in our work making and performing plays is that ritual is a really powerful tool for creating trust and shared vulnerability,” Cooper said. “When we embody ritual on stage, it creates a cathartic experience for the audience.”

One of the four artists taking part in *Lost & Found* is Highland Park actor Masanari Kawahara. He will use storytelling, movement and song to share his experience of loss. “My story will be about my sister,” Kawahara said. “She was stillborn two years before I was born. The story will be about my connection to her.

“Most of us have had many losses,” Kawahara said. “The longer we live, the more we have. Sometimes we inherit

cultural or family losses that happened before we were born. It can be a gift—both to our ancestors and our descendants—to try to find peace with those losses.”

Kawahara took part in Contact Tracing. So did actor and singer Megan Kim, who will be serving as one of the guides in *Lost & Found*. “I’m an international adoptee,” Kim said, “so I have a lot of ambiguous loss in that area. What I’ve learned is that everyone has some sort of ambiguous loss, whether they know it or not. That to me is sad and also beautiful. The things that unite us are greater than the things that divide us.”

“This production isn’t meant to be a funeral in any way,” Cooper said. “We won’t be mourning together; we’ll be considering loss and transformation together. There’s an aspect of that that is sad. But there’s also an aspect of that that is cathartic, celebrating the fact that we can do this together. At this stage in the pandemic, we want to celebrate that we can bring bodies together outdoors and feel a sense of collective unity.”

Tickets for *Lost & Found* are by donation (\$20 is suggested), and only 80 tickets are available for each performance. For reservations, visit [wlprouductions.org](http://wlprouductions.org) or call 651-393-5104.



Actress Laurel Armstrong lifts her voice in rehearsal for Wonderlust Production’s new interactive drama *Lost & Found*, playing weekends through September 4 on Raspberry Island. PHOTOS BY BRAD STAUFFER

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# ON THE TOWN *Briefly*

## Exhibits

**“In Our Minds,”** a celebration of art as a form of research, improvisation and play, is being displayed through October 16 in the Minnesota Museum of American Art windows at Fourth and Robert streets and next to the entrance in the Ecolab Skyway. Artists Bill Crane, Kramer Hagenbarth, HML, Beatrix Jar, Mary Johnson, Ashlea Karkula, Don Porcella, Mark Schoening, Andrew Seymour, Briana Shelstad, Dietrich Sieling and Victor Van revel in creation as an opportunity to test ideas, transforming everyday material and themes into prompts for curiosity, enjoyment and humor. The exhibit was organized in collaboration with the Interact Center for the Visual and Performing Arts. For more information, visit [mmaa.org](http://mmaa.org).

**“To Sit Awhile,”** a sculpture by Alison Saar in honor of renowned playwright and civil rights activist Lorraine Hansberry, serves as the centerpiece of an exhibit by local artists on view through September 15 outside of Pillsbury House and Theatre, 3501 Chicago Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Featured artists include Sharon Bridgforth, Vinea Coleman, Minneapolis City Council president Andrea Jenkins, Tracey Williams-Dillard of the *Minnesota Spokesman-Recorder*, and six Black high school students who were inspired by Hansberry. A block party in celebration of Pillsbury House’s 30th anniversary will be held there from 1-6 p.m. Saturday, August 20. The free event will have free refreshments, a bouncy house, face painting, button making, rollerskating and a bike raffle. Visit [pillsburyhouseandtheatre.org](http://pillsburyhouseandtheatre.org).

## Books

**Next Chapter Booksellers**, 38 S. Snelling Ave., will host readings and discussions with author William Kent Krueger and his new Cork O’Connor mystery, *Fox Creek*, at 6 p.m. Monday, August 29; and contributors to the new anthology, *Sex and the Single Woman: 24 Writers Reimagine Helen Gurley Brown’s Cult Classic*, at 6 p.m. Tuesday, August 30. For ticket information, visit [nextchapterbooksellers.com](http://nextchapterbooksellers.com) or call 651-225-8989.

**SubText Books**, 6 W. Fifth St., will host free readings and discussions with author Kathryn Savage and *Groundglass*, her book about toxic pollution and environmental justice, at 7 p.m. Thursday, September 1; and author William Kent Krueger and his new Cork O’Connor mystery, *Fox Creek*, at 7 p.m. Wednesday, September 7. Call 651-493-2791 or visit [subtextbooks.com](http://subtextbooks.com).

## Film

**Eight classic French films** will be shown in August by the Alliance Francaise. The film festival will open at 7 p.m. Thursday, August 18, with Jacques Tati’s 1953 comedy, *Les Vacances de Monsieur Hulot*. It will close at 7 p.m. Friday, August 26, with Mathieu Kassovitz’s gritty 1995 crime drama, *La Haine*. Both programs will be held at Main Cinema, 115 Main St. SE in Minneapolis. The six other films in the fest will roll at 7 p.m. outside of the Alliance Francaise, 227 Colfax Ave. N. Minneapolis. They include François Truffaut’s 1960 crime drama, *Tirez sur le pianiste*, on August 19; Jean-Luc Godard’s *Vivre sa vie*, the tragic tale of an aspiring actress who ends up a prostitute, August 20; Truffaut’s

*Jules et Jim*, starring Jeanne Moreau as the center of a romantic triangle, August 22; Jacques Demy’s *Les Parapluies de Cherbourg* starring Catherine Deneuve, August 23; Demy’s *Les Demoiselles de Rochefort* starring Deneuve and Françoise Dorléac, August 24; and Truffaut’s gripping World War II drama *Le dernier Metro* starring Deneuve and Gerard Depardieu, August 25. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door, at Main Cinema; \$5 at the Alliance Francaise; or \$40 for all eight films. Call 612-332-0436 or visit [afmsp.org](http://afmsp.org).

## Music

**Summer Nights in Rice**, a free concert series, continues from 4-7 p.m. on select Thursdays in downtown Saint Paul’s Rice Park. The schedule includes the blues of the Everett Smithson Band on August 25 and the contemporary jazz of Pete Whitman and his quintet Mississippi, September 8. Visit [landmarkcenter.org](http://landmarkcenter.org).

**The Rockin’ Hollywoods** will take its audience back to the ’50s with tunes from the early days of rock ’n’ roll from 6-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 24, in Mendakota Park, located off Dodd Road just south of Highway 62 in Mendota Heights. Admission is free.

**The Brian Boru Irish Pipe Band** will celebrate its 60th anniversary with a musical celebration from 4-8 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Celtic Junction Arts Center, 836 N. Prior Ave. A mainstay of Irish festivals across the Midwest, the Saint Paul ensemble has seen more than 100 pipers, drummers and dancers don its distinctive black-and-saffron kilted uniforms. In addition to the pipe band, the celebration will feature performances by

guitarist Danny Schwarze, the Northerly Gales, Laura MacKenzie, the trio of John McCormick, Mary Vanorny and Brian Miller, O’Shea Irish Dance and the Mactir Academy of Irish Dance. Admission is free of charge.

## Theater

**Who is the real Sherlock Holmes?** That is the mystery to unravel in Jeffrey Hatcher’s *Holmes and Watson*, closing its run on August 18-21 on the proscenium stage at Park Square Theatre, 20 W. Seventh Place. The drama opens with Dr. Watson receiving a telegram from a mental asylum where three patients are all claiming to be the intrepid Holmes. Bruce Roach, Pearce Bunting, Paul de Cordova and Peter Simmons star. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. For tickets, call 651-291-7005 or visit [parksquaretheatre.org](http://parksquaretheatre.org).

## Et cetera

**Cyn City Tours** has returned with four 90-minute walking tours. The schedule includes the Gangsterland Tour of downtown Saint Paul at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays and 1 p.m. Sundays, August 20 through September 25 (tickets are \$20); Haunted Gangsterland Tour in Rice Park at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays, August 18 and September 1 and 15 (\$20); Baseball and That Ain’t All Tour of Union Depot and CHS Field at noon Sunday, September 11 (\$25, includes a beer); and the Ghosts & Gables Haunted Summit Avenue Tour at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, August 28, September 11 and 25 (\$25). For tickets, visit [cyncitytours.com](http://cyncitytours.com) or call 651-357-4053.

# District Councils

## Highland Park

[highlanddistrictcouncil.org](http://highlanddistrictcouncil.org) • 651-695-4005

**UST athletic complex**—The University of Saint Thomas and Ryan Companies will host a neighborhood meeting on the university’s plans for an athletic complex at Highland Bridge at 6 p.m. Monday, August 22, at Lumen Christi Catholic Community, 2055 Bohland Ave. Contact Amy Gage at [agage@stthomas.edu](mailto:agage@stthomas.edu) or 612-381-4110 for more information. After the meeting, the presentation will be posted on the HDC website.

**Citywide drop-off**—The city of Saint Paul will hold an appliance, electronics and mattress drop-off at the northeast corner of the State Fairgrounds from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, September 17. The HDC can pick up items for seniors who need assistance between 8:30 a.m.-noon that day. Schedule a pickup time or sign up to volunteer at 651-695-4005 or [info@highlanddistrictcouncil.org](mailto:info@highlanddistrictcouncil.org).

**Food scraps collection**—Site helpers are needed for the food scraps drop-off location in the Highland Arena parking lot at 800 S. Snelling Ave. Team members take turns restocking compostable bags year-round and keeping the area free from snow in the winter.

**Upcoming meetings**—Community Engagement Committee, 7 p.m. Monday, August 22; and board of directors, 7 p.m. Thursday, September 1. HDC meetings are held at the Highland Community Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy., with an option to join online. Get the Zoom link and agendas at [highlanddistrictcouncil.org/calendar](http://highlanddistrictcouncil.org/calendar).

## Macalester-Groveland

[macgrove.org](http://macgrove.org) • 651-695-4000

**Great Garage Sale**—The Great Macalester-Groveland and Summit Hill Garage Sale will be held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, August 27. A map of the more than 55 sale locations will be available online beginning August 19. Learn more at [mac-grove.org/garagesale](http://mac-grove.org/garagesale).

**Mac-Grove Fest**—Mac-Grove Fest will be held from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, September 10, at the Edgcumbe Recreation Center, 320 S. Griggs St. The day will include

live music, food trucks, a craft fair, art activities, games, a bounce house, face painting and a business marketplace. For information, visit [macgrove.org/macgrovefest](http://macgrove.org/macgrovefest).

**Alley Garden Awards**—The recipients of the Macalester-Groveland 2022 Alley Garden Awards have been selected. Volunteer judges planted more than 1,000 flags designating the winning gardens. Visit [macgrove.org/aga](http://macgrove.org/aga) to see a map of the addresses and photos of the gardens.

**Mac-Grove pride**—Locally designed Macalester-Groveland T-shirts can still be purchased online and delivered within days. Colors include kiwi green, indigo blue and graphite gray. Visit [macgrove.org/tshirts](http://macgrove.org/tshirts).

**Upcoming meeting**—Housing and Land Use Committee on Wednesday, August 24. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. For monthly meeting notices and log-in details, visit [macgrove.org/participate](http://macgrove.org/participate).

## Summit Hill

[summithillassociation.org](http://summithillassociation.org) • 651-222-1222

**Neighborhood garage sale**—The Macalester-Groveland Community Council and Summit Hill Association are pooling their resources to organize residents’ garage sales from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, August 27. Those who are interested in the event can register their sales and can get more information at [macgrove.org/garagesale](http://macgrove.org/garagesale).

**Fall Plant Sale**—Mums, succulent gardens, hanging baskets, spring bulbs, gift cards and more can be purchased through September 1 as part of the SHA’s Fall Plant Sale. Orders can be placed online at [gertensfundraising.com](http://gertensfundraising.com) and using store #191 to support the SHA. Orders will be available for pickup at the Linwood Recreation Center from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, September 17.

**SHA Fall Festival**—The SHA will host its Fall Festival from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, September 17, in Linwood Park. Contact [info@SummitHillAssociation.org](mailto:info@SummitHillAssociation.org) for details and opportunities to volunteer.

**Upcoming meetings**—Streetscape Committee, 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 17; and Racial Dialogue and Action Committee, 7 p.m. Thursday, August 18. For the Zoom links, visit [SummitHillAssociation.org/calendar](http://SummitHillAssociation.org/calendar).

## Summit-University

[summit-university.org](http://summit-university.org) • 651-228-1855

**Board elections**—The annual elections for the Summit-University Planning Council’s board of directors are fast approaching. Candidates must register by August 23. Voting will run from September 1-14. For information, call the office or visit the SUPC website.

**Upcoming virtual meetings**—Communications Committee, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, August 18; and board of directors, 6 p.m. Tuesday, August 23. For more information, contact the SUPC office at [info@summit-university.org](mailto:info@summit-university.org).

**Stay informed**—The public is invited to like the SUPC on Facebook and sign up for its e-newsletter on its website.

## Union Park

[unionparkdc.org](http://unionparkdc.org) • 651-645-6887

**Under the Bridge**—The Under the Bridge Concert Series will continue with free music by the Gated Community at 6 p.m. Monday, August 22, under the Hamline Avenue Bridge near the Hague Tot Lot.

**Open conversation**—A conversation on the mitigation of climate change will be held from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, August 24, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 436 N. Roy St.

**Ice Cream Peanut Butter & Jam**—The ninth annual Ice Cream, Peanut Butter & Jam will be held from noon-4 p.m. Saturday, September 17, at the Merriam Park Recreation Center. There will be ice cream, music and kids’ activities. Remember to bring peanut butter for the food shelf.

**Contact us**—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 [Leah@unionparkdc.org](mailto:Leah@unionparkdc.org).

## West Seventh

[fortroadfederation.org](http://fortroadfederation.org) • 651-298-5599

**Upcoming meeting**—Community Engagement and Outreach Committee, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, August 18. For log-in information, visit [fortroadfederation.org/calendar](http://fortroadfederation.org/calendar).

# SPORTS

## Just warming up MN Wind Chill advance to division title match in Ultimate Disc League

By Bill Wagner

If you've never heard of the Minnesota Wind Chill you're not alone. And no, we're not talking about a stiff January breeze that makes you want to don another layer of insulation against the cold. We're talking about the semipro ultimate Frisbee team that plays its home games at Concordia University's Sea Foam Stadium and competes in the American Ultimate Disc League (AUDL).

The Wind Chill were 10-3 in the league's Central Division following their 20-18 home playoff win on August 13 against the Indianapolis AlleyCats. They will now play at Chicago Union (11-1) on August 21 for the division title. That game will be followed by the AUDL semifinals on August 26. The championship will be televised live on FOX Sports 2 at 7 p.m. on August 27.

While the sport may be still flying under the radar of some, Wind Chill manager and part owner Ben Feldman believes there's a surge of interest in the offing. He said ultimate has grown remarkably as a youth sport, including a state tournament that is held every year in Blaine involving some 80 club teams. The Wind Chill themselves were averaging about 700 fans per home game this year, and Feldman predicted up to 1,000 would be in attendance for the playoff game against Indianapolis.

Ultimate—originally known as ultimate Frisbee—combines aspects of several sports. Basically, teams of seven fling the disc down the field toward the goal line

like in football. However, there's no physical contact and only minimal stoppages of the game clock. There's a lot of running required to get open like in soccer, but only passing is allowed and players can't move once they make a catch.

Skill is required of players who can throw the disc accurately (handlers) and those who can get open to catch it (cutters). The same is true for those who can cover and prevent advances downfield (defenders).

Each goal counts as one point and the team with the most points at the end of four quarters wins. Interceptions, incomplete passes and passes thrown out of bounds are considered turnovers. A team's movements need to be quick and continuous to maintain possession.

"In that way, it's quite a bit like soccer," Feldman said, "but it's also like basketball. You need your pivot foot."

Feldman said most of the Wind Chill players come from a soccer background, though there are also some who played football and other sports. Several players attended college at Upper Midwest universities such as Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa. Most players are 25-27 years old.

Minnesota faced Indianapolis in the playoffs after having beaten them twice during the regular season. The Wind Chill went into the contest with a smothering defense led by team captain Bryan Vohnoutka, who also plays cutter and rarely comes off the field.

"We have one of the strongest defenses in the league," Feldman said. "We put on a



Minnesota Wind Chill's Tony Poletto looks for an open teammate in a 20-18 win over the Indianapolis AlleyCats on August 13 at Concordia University's Sea Foam Stadium. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

lot of pressure and generate a lot of turnovers."

Abe Coffin is the puller, who handles "kickoffs" for the team. Cutter Brandon Matis is a veteran who generates blocks and pressure. Quinn Snider is a Canadian in just his second season with the team and was leading the club in goals. Andrew Roy is a nifty handler who can fit the disc in neatly to a teammate to keep the attack alive.

Feldman said most Wind Chill players have full-time jobs. The players don't get a

regular paycheck, but they do get a portion of gate receipts plus an ownership interest in the team. Player compensation runs between \$350 and \$700 per season.

Minnesota is one of 25 clubs from the United States and Canada that make up the AUDL. The Wind Chill, whose majority owner is Surly Brewing Company founder Omar Ansari, compete in the Central Division against Chicago and Indianapolis, as well as the Madison Radicals, Pittsburgh Thunderbirds and Detroit Mechanix.



### The Wright Call

By Dave Wright

## Matt Funk settles into his new gig

Last week, Matt Funk did something that he hadn't had much of a chance to do this summer—head to a lake cabin with his family for a few days. That's what happens when you leave a corporate job you've had for more than two decades and take up the task of overseeing a 27-sport athletic program.

On May 31, Funk left the Minneapolis-based world of Target behind and took over as athletic director at Cretin-Derham Hall, succeeding Phil Archer. Funk was already familiar with the school, having been its head boys' hockey coach for the past four years—a job he'll retain this winter. Prior to that, he coached hockey at Saint Thomas Academy and Saint Paul Academy. He led the Spartans to their first-ever state tournament berth in 2016.

The smallest school in its conference, CDH has been a consistent winner on the ice under Funk's guidance. Last season, the Raiders went 24-5. They outscored their post-season opponents by a combined 14-3 margin to win the Section 3AA championship and return to the state tournament for the first time since 2009.

That's all well and good, but stepping into the role of athletic director in charge of all of a school's sports is a bigger challenge. "It's all about communication," Funk

said. "In that regard, it's no different than what I dealt with in the business world."

When the school year starts, Funk will have help on the administrative side with assistants Bob Kinne and Tony Yazbeck, and on the facility side with former baseball and hockey coach Jim O'Neill.

This summer, Funk has been spending his time getting to know his head coaches and their athletes while adjusting to the mountain of paperwork that athletic directors deal with. "We have 27 teams," he said, "and 91 percent of our students are involved in some form of athletic activity."

Athletic activity picks up in earnest at CDH when practices begin on August 15 for football, soccer, cross-country running, volleyball, and girls' tennis and swimming. While Funk will concern himself with all the squads, he knows very well that this year's football team is likely to draw the most public attention with new head coach Steve Walsh.

Walsh was a stellar quarterback for CDH football teams nearly 40 years ago. He went on to a terrific college football career at the University of Miami and played for a decade in the National Football League. He later became a successful high school football coach in Florida before returning to the pro ranks as an assistant coach in the Canadian Football League. Last December, he decided to come home and guide the Raiders' football fortunes.

"His name is a big deal around here," Funk said. "He's very detailed. What impresses a lot of people is that he knows everybody's name around here already."

That's a good start, but it doesn't sit well with a lot of alumni that the Raiders have won a total of just eight football games in the past three seasons. Granted, there are a variety of reasons for that. COVID-19 threw all teams off their game in 2020, and before that, the Raiders were easily the smallest school playing in the Metro East Conference. Last year, they were realigned into the Suburban Maroon Conference where they collided with longtime rivals Saint Thomas Academy and Hastings.

The Raiders came out on the short end of both of those encounters.

A return to past Prep Bowl glory isn't necessarily expected right out of the chute, but Funk knows where the attention will be focused. In fact, he'd only been on the job a few days when CDH and STA collided in a sectional lacrosse game last June. "Every game we play against Saint Thomas is intense," he said.

Although his coaching background has been in boys' sports, Funk is no stranger to girls' athletics. "When I was a student at Notre Dame, it was a time when football was struggling a bit but the women's teams were winning a lot," he recalled. "There's a tremendous opportunity here. We can be very good in girls' sports."

Funk and Walsh are not the only new kids on the block this year for CDH. Erin Horn, who played volleyball for the Gophers, takes over the reins of that program for the Raiders. Carolyn Osdoba will be running the softball team in the spring with the help of Dennis Czech, a 1999 CDH grad. Funk will also take special interest in CDH girls' swimming, since his eighth-grade daughter, Bridget, will be on the team.

It's been said that a good athletic director's mind is never far from his or her school. In Funk's case, it's geographically accurate as well. That can be a good and bad thing. "I live a mile away," he said. "That means I can go home, have dinner and get back to school easily."

Then there's the matter of getting his hockey team ready for next season. As the defending section champs, Funk knows full well his team will bring out every opponent's best efforts this winter. In addition to the usual rugged conference slate, CDH will face STA on November 25 in Bloomington with a rematch the following month at the Charles M. Schulz-Highland Arena. The Raiders also have games scheduled against perennial puck powers Hermantown and Eden Prairie.

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# Crime Report

The following criminal incidents were compiled from Saint Paul and Mendota Heights police reports. For car and catalytic converter thefts, and other crime reports not mentioned in this print edition, go to MyVillager.com.

## Highland Park

**Burglary**—A burglary and assault were reported on Shelby Place on the evening of July 29-30. An inebriated man reportedly was trying to get into a residence and spat at officers when they arrived at the scene. Officers used a taser and pepper spray on him to no avail, but were finally able to handcuff the suspect.

—An occupied home was broken into on the 600 block of Woodlawn Avenue at 4:16 p.m. on August 8.

—Poke House & Tea Bar, 1570 Randolph Ave., was broken into at 6:32 a.m. on August 9.

**Theft**—Several items were stolen from vehicles at Hidden Falls Park on August 2 and Crosby Farm Park on August 4.

—About \$8,400 worth of iPhones were stolen from a safe in the trunk of an AT&T vehicle on the 1600 block of Randolph Avenue on August 5-6.

—A 32-year-old man was arrested after he was found in a stolen vehicle on the 1600 block of Ford Parkway on August 6.

—Several items were reported stolen from the front of two delivery trucks while the drivers were unloading them from the back on the 2000-2100 blocks of Ford Parkway on August 6.

—Police received a report of suspects rummaging through vehicles on the 500 block of Montrose Lane on August 8. The vehicle that the suspects were using had been stolen in Minneapolis.

**Assault**—A woman said she was punched multiple times and threatened with a knife by her wife on the 1500 block of Saint Paul Avenue on August 9.

**Miscellaneous**—Police responded to an alarm at Highland Park Senior High School on July 30 and discovered two boys had entered the building through an unlocked window. Nothing was damaged or stolen.

—Police responded to a report of suspicious vehicles in a parking lot at Highland Pointe, 1800 Graham Ave., on August 5 and arrested a driver with a felony warrant for a weapons offense.

## Lexington-Hamline

**Burglary**—Suspects drove through the security gate and stole a vehicle at Caliber Collision, 1190 University Ave., on July 27.

**Theft**—A 32-year-old man and a 25-year-old woman paid for one tomato in the self-checkout lane and then tried to leave with \$200 in unpaid merchandise on July 28 at the Midway Target.

—A vehicle with a 6-year-old child in the back seat was reported stolen from Speedway, 399 N. Lexington Pkwy., on August 4. The child was found safe by officers and the vehicle was later recovered.

—A 22-year-old man was arrested for tampering with vehicles, receiving stolen property and fleeing police on the 1200 block of Dayton Avenue on August 9.

—Three male suspects reportedly fled by light rail with seven comforters they took from the Midway Target on August 9.

**Assault**—A 34-year-old woman was arrested for assaulting police officers on Lexington Parkway and Marshall Avenue on August 7.

**Miscellaneous**—A female riding a scooter was struck by a vehicle on the 1100 block of University Avenue on July 28.

## Macalester-Groveland

**Robbery**—A woman was robbed at gunpoint by a male suspect while walking to her vehicle on Howell Street and Grand Avenue on August 3.

**Burglary**—Residential break-ins were reported on the 1000 block of Palace Avenue on July 27-28, and the 1200 block of Jefferson Avenue on August 5-6.

—Four bicycles were reported stolen from a garage on the 1600 block of Lincoln Avenue on August 3-4.

**Sex crime**—A man was cited for indecent exposure after employees said he took his clothes off in front of their store on the 1500 block of Randolph Avenue on August 7.

**Arson**—Suspects were seen on video lighting a recycling bin on fire at the BP Station, 1191 Randolph Ave., on August 4.

## Mendota Heights

**Theft**—Officers assisted in arresting a carjacking suspect on August 3 on Dodd Road and Highway 62. When officers and state troopers tried to stop the vehicle, the

suspect rammed squad cars and a civilian's vehicle. The suspect then fled on foot, was tased and taken into custody.

**Sex crime**—A man was arrested for exposing himself on the 1300 block of Northland Drive on July 31.

**Miscellaneous**—The tires were slashed on two employees' vehicles on the 1000 block of Wagon Wheel Trail on July 28.

—An intoxicated passenger reportedly assaulted an Uber driver on Dodd and Mendota Heights roads on August 2.

—A woman was arrested for outstanding warrants after she was found lying on the ground on Highway 13 near Lilydale Road on August 2.

## Merriam Park

**Robbery**—A man said he was assaulted and robbed by two suspects in the Quality Inn, 1964 University Ave., on August 5.

**Burglary**—Dunkin' Donuts, 143 N. Snelling Ave., was burglarized on July 28.

—A 30-year-old man was arrested when he was found inside the Marshall Loft apartments under construction on the 2100 block of Marshall Avenue on July 30.

—Burglaries were reported on the 2000 blocks of Dayton and Marshall Avenues on August 1-2.

**Theft**—Three teenagers were arrested for felony receipt of stolen property and attempting to flee from police following a chase that began near University and Fairview avenues on August 6. The suspects sped off, were tracked by a state helicopter and tried to flee on foot after crashing on I-35E near Little Canada Road.

—Several items were stolen and felony damage to property was reported at the commercial building at 99 N. Snelling Ave. between noon-5 p.m. on August 7.

## Snelling-Hamline

**Burglary**—A home break-in was reported on the 1500 block of Portland Avenue on July 29.

**Assault**—A man said a male suspect threw coffee at him and punched him in the face at the Holiday Station, 1345 Marshall Ave., on August 2.

**Miscellaneous**—A bicyclist was taken to the hospital with minor injuries after being struck by a vehicle on University and Hamline avenues on July 31.

## Summit Hill

**Weapons**—A shell casing was recovered in an alley after gunfire was reported on the 800 block of Goodrich Avenue on August 8.

**Miscellaneous**—The tires of two vehicles were slashed on the 1100 block of Grand on July 29.

—A suspect who had been asked to leave the premises reportedly threatened employees while being escorted out of Billy's on Grand, 857 Grand Ave., on August 4.

## Summit-University

**Theft**—A 31-year-old woman was arrested for receiving stolen property and drug possession after police stopped a stolen vehicle on Selby Avenue and Farrington Street on July 27. Two passengers in the vehicle were also arrested for having drugs.

—A motorcycle was stolen on the 600 block of Dayton Avenue on August 2.

**Arson**—A fire was reported in a multi-unit residential building on the 900 block of Concordia Avenue on July 30.

**Weapons**—A spent 9mm casing was found after gunfire was reported on Selby Avenue and Dale Street on August 8.

## West End

**Robbery**—A man was assaulted and robbed of his cellphone by a male on the 100 block of West Seventh Street on July 29.

**Burglary**—An attached garage was burglarized at a condominium complex on the 200 block of Spring Street on July 28.

—A 32-year-old man was arrested for breaking into a residence on the 100 block of Leech Street on August 3.

—Speedway, 1125 W. Seventh St., was broken into on August 3.

**Theft**—Two boys were arrested for auto theft, fleeing police and possession of stolen property on July 28 on the 900 block of West Seventh Street.

—A trailer and commercial lawnmower were reported stolen on the 900 block of West Seventh Street on July 27.

—A rifle was reported stolen on the 200 block of Nugent Street on July 29.

—A moped was reported stolen on the 300 block of Colborne Street on August 9.

**Assault**—A man was shot on the 300 block of North Smith Avenue on August 7. His injuries were not life-threatening.

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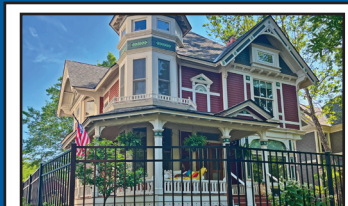
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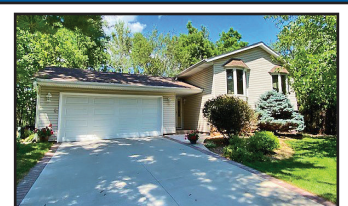
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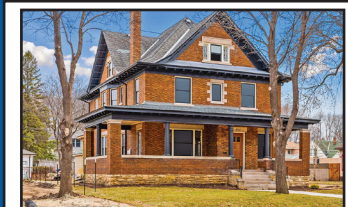
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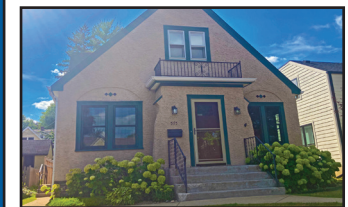
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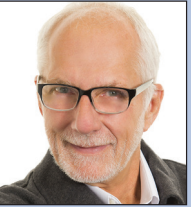
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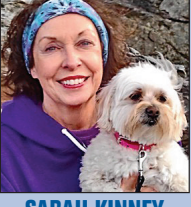
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