

## Saint Paul police chief candidates narrowed to five

By Jane McClure

**F**ive finalists vying to become Saint Paul's next police chief were chosen by a 38-member examining committee on October 3. Now it is the public's turn to weigh in.

Two forums are planned with the finalists. One will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, October 11, at Washington Technology Magnet School, 1495 Rice St. The second will take place at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, October 12, at the Saint Paul Event Center, 400 N. Wabasha St. The events are free and open to the public, and will be livestreamed on the city's Facebook page. Anyone with questions for the candidates may email them before the first forum begins to [mayor@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:mayor@ci.stpaul.mn.us).

Mayor Melvin Carter and the City Council hope to appoint a new chief later this fall. Under the city charter the mayor selects a chief, but the council has to approve the appointment. The chief will serve a six-year term and can seek reappointment. The new chief's starting salary will range from \$132,000-\$180,000, depending on experience and qualifications.

Todd Axtell stepped down in June, ending his six-year term as police chief and 33 years of police service. Deputy Chief Jeremy Ellison has been serving as interim

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**Fall cooldown.** Facilities maintenance man Larry Leif plunges into the dunk tank as mischievous 5-year-old Anthony Miller pushes the button during Oktoberfest on October 1 at the Church of Saint Mark. At left, Lily Miller, 9, has her hair done by Audrey Koval at the Fair Hair booth as a young festival-goer watches. PHOTOS BY BRAD STAUFFER

## Options laid out for redesigning Grand between Fairview-Snelling

By Jane McClure

**A** wide range of options to slow traffic and protect pedestrians are under consideration as the city of Saint Paul plans to reconstruct Grand Avenue between Fairview and Snelling avenues in 2024. The project, which was reviewed at September meetings and an open house, would be the first full reconstruction of that stretch of Grand in decades.

Reconstruction of the Grand-Snelling intersection is also now part of the project, thanks to Minnesota Department of Transportation funding. Its redesign should be completed in a few months.

"We'll work directly with MnDOT on design," said Joe Widing, project manager for the city's Department of Public Works.

It is unknown yet what the Grand-Snelling intersection redesign will cost. Design options are ready for the rest of the project, which is estimated at about \$7 million and will include the replacement of pavement, sidewalks and underground utilities.

Phase two of public engagement has begun and will extend into November, with an open house last week with Macalester College and a virtual Macalester-Groveland business roundtable set for 8 a.m. Tuesday, October 18.

RECONSTRUCTING GRAND ▶2

## Young cellist's market-day solos raise \$1,114 for homeless shelter

Plucky 6th-grader draws her bow in weekly benefit

By Anne Murphy

**L**exington-Hamline cellist Elizabeth Golnick had a regular gig this summer at two Saint Paul Farmers' Markets. On Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings, the Nova Classical Academy sixth-grader would pack up her instrument and she and her mother would head downtown and to House of Hope Church on Summit Avenue to play for donations. The money Golnick raised all went to Proj-

ect Home, Interfaith Action's shelter for homeless families in the former Provincial House of the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Carondelet at 1880 Randolph Ave.

"If everyone did a little bit, everything would be a little better," Golnick said. "Each person doing something contributes to each person who needs something."

That was the philosophy behind Golnick's initial effort in the summer of 2021 when she raised \$370 for Project Home by playing the cello at the Saint Paul Farmers' Market at Saint Thomas More Church on Summit. That inspired her to increase her musical munificence this summer. Her goal was to raise \$500, but she surpassed that,

raising a total of \$1,114 as of October 1.

"I realized this year that if I played more, it would make a bigger impact," she said. "I thought it would be really cool to be able to help people at the shelter even more."

This summer Golnick performed beside a poster that explained her reason for playing and included a graph that tracked her progress in reaching her fundraising goal. She and her mother, Dr. Allison Golnick, had noticed people wanting to ask Elizabeth about her project. "But it's difficult to talk when you're playing," Dr. Golnick said.

"We were so pleased to be the recipient of Elizabeth's efforts again this year," said

Project Home director Sara Liegl. "She is quite talented and such a great ambassador for our family shelter. We plan on using some of the donated funds to purchase activity items for the children to use over the winter and to buy some coats and snow pants."

Golnick's connection to Project Home started "when I was younger," she said. "I was probably about 6. My church would host families from Project Home." That was before COVID-19, when Interfaith Action rotated the shelter every month among two dozen host churches and schools. "I've

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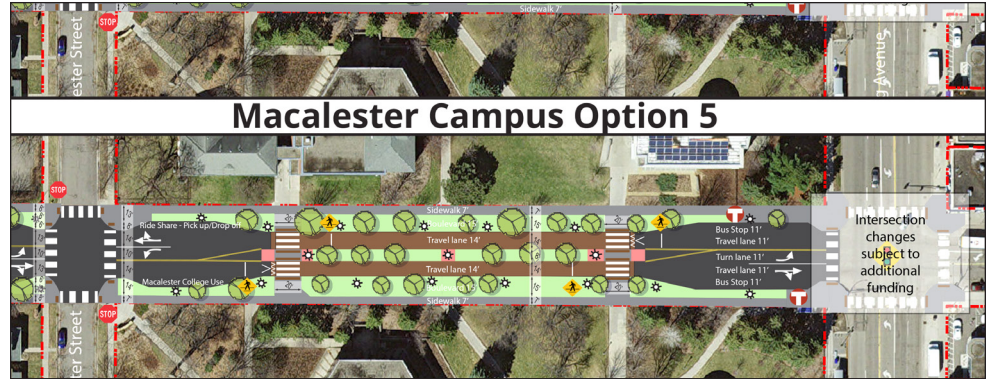
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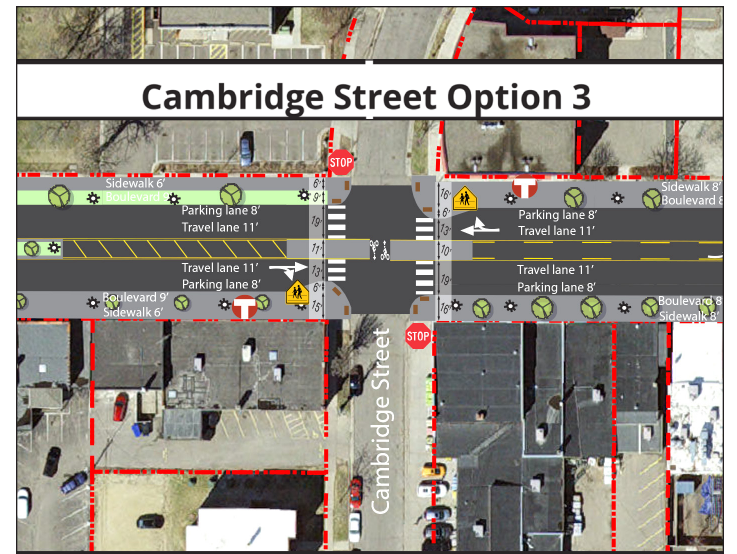
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Macalester Campus Option 5

The fifth option (shown above) that is being considered for the Grand Avenue median that bisects Macalester College would raise the road surface to be even with the curbs, widen the existing east and west pedestrian crossings and remove the center crossing. The third option (below) for Grand and Cambridge Street would add a full median that would extend across the intersection and eliminate through-movements on Cambridge.



Cambridge Street Option 3

### 1◀ RECONSTRUCTING GRAND

The first phase of public input drew more than 500 responses in online surveys, meetings, events and a tour with affected business owners. A special focus was on Macalester College, which is bisected by Grand, and to Hidden River Middle School (formerly Ramsey).

Most public comments continue to center on vehicle speeds and pedestrian safety, especially for students. In a recent survey, 55 percent of respondents said they drive on Grand, but 64 percent said they would like to walk or bike. Safety (28 percent) and pedestrian comfort (27 percent) were the most cited limiting factors.

Questions were raised at an open house on September 28 about parking impacts and business deliveries. Concerns about snow removal also were raised if more medians are built on Grand.

A landscaped median on Grand now extends from Snelling to Macalester Street. According to one count, that median has 4,624 pedestrian crossings a day.

Pedestrian counts at Grand and Cambridge near Hidden River show 405 crossings on school days. Pedestrian traffic falls significantly heading west on Grand, as residential density drops and the mix of land uses decreases.

Parking counts were also done on Grand and its cross streets. Grand has 134 on-street parking spaces between Macalester Street and Fairview Avenue, with 132 spaces on cross streets and 355 off-street spaces. However, some off-street lots are restricted.

One overall concept is to narrow Grand's width from 56 feet to 48 feet. The non-vehicle space would widen from 24 to 32 feet. Bumpouts would be installed at non-signalized intersections to narrow the crossing distance. In the Mac Market area between Macalester and Cambridge streets, wider boulevards could provide more room for restaurant seating and business display space.

Between Cambridge and Fairview, concrete or landscaped medians or a center turn lane could be added. In all options, one 11-foot traffic lane would be maintained in each direction, with a six-foot parking lane on each side of the street. The boulevards on both sides of the street would be widened.

Some meeting attendees liked the idea of adding medians to slow traffic and improve pedestrian safety. But at a Macalester-Groveland Community Council Transpor-

tation Committee meeting, Brian Martinson raised concerns about bicyclists' safety when passing parked vehicles.

### Macalester College options

Five options are being eyed for the Macalester College median, which has three pedestrian crossings. All of the options would require improvements to allow people with disabilities to cross mid-block.

One option is to largely leave the median as is, but for the accessibility improvements. A second option would widen the west crossing to 20 feet, with the center and east crossings remaining as is. A third option would close the center crossing and widen the east and west crossings. A fourth option would close the east and west crossings and expand the center crossing.

A fifth option is for a "tabled crossing," which would involve raising the road surface to the top of the curb. The east and west crossings would be widened and the center crossing removed.

Widing said it is possible that none of the five options will be chosen. Instead, a combination of options could be brought forward. While a few people at the open house suggested a pedestrian bridge, there is not enough space on the college campus to build such a structure.

### Cambridge Street options

Three options are being considered for the intersection of Cambridge and Grand. One is to add bumpouts to reduce the crossing distance from 48 to 36 feet. That would require moving the bus stops.

A second option is a partial intersection median, which could further reduce the crossing distance. That would mean removing the northbound left-turn lane.

A third idea is to add a full intersection median to cover both east and west crossing points. That would eliminate vehicle through-movements on Cambridge.

### Fairview Avenue options

At Grand and Fairview, intersection designs with and without corner bumpouts are on the table. The bumpout option would reduce the crossing distance from 48 feet to 36 feet, right-turn space to Fairview would be reduced and bus stops on Grand would be moved.

Input in the weeks ahead will further shape the designs, Widing said. Final plans should be unveiled in 2023, with construction in 2024. For detailed sketches of the concept drawings and to weigh in on them, see [tinyurl.com/bdhn2yjj](http://tinyurl.com/bdhn2yjj).

**1◀ CELLIST ELIZABETH GOLNICK**

always enjoyed kids, and we'd all play and I thought that was really cool," Golnick said.

Farmers' Market manager John Neitz said he was happy to have Golnik among the musicians entertaining shoppers. The market has invited student musicians to perform to raise money for class trips and such, Neitz said. He was especially gratified to have Golnick playing for the residents of Project Home.

Golnick has been playing the cello since first grade. At the Farmers' Markets, she would perform selections from her Suzuki repertoire, including Bach's Gavotte, Humoresque and Minuet No. 3 and his well-known Cello Suite No. 1 in G Major.

Playing for audiences has played a big part in Golnick's development as a cellist. Golnick plays in Nova Classi-

cal Academy's orchestra and with the Greater Twin Cities Youth Symphony, and she has played with the Lex-Ham Community Band. "For the Youth Symphony, we practice and play at Orchestra Hall," she said. "I'm at the third level. There are seven levels, and when you get to seven, you get to go to Italy."

Golnick also plays volleyball and softball at Nova. School year commitments may not leave her enough time to play at the Farmers' Market this fall, but she plans to continue volunteering at Project Home.

"I believe Elizabeth will be visiting us to play for the families during lunch in our dining room," Liegl said. "It'll be quite a treat. Elizabeth's amazing philanthropic efforts represent such a wonderful spirit of giving and helping. She is truly a role model for her generation. We hope her passion for helping those who are less fortunate

inspires others to do the same.

"Since moving into the Sisters of Saint Joseph's Provincial House in March 2021, Project Home has provided emergency shelter and services to 192 families, including 370 children," Liegl said. Funding for the shelter is currently stable with support from federal, state, county and city funds, she said. However, direct donations, such as Golnick's, allow for the purchase of items that other funding may not cover.

Volunteers are always welcome at the shelter to help out at meal time or with tutoring children, according to Liegl. Project Home is currently in need of people to adopt a family that is lacking winter clothes. The shelter is also looking for donations for its Holiday Dignity Shop where parents can find gifts for their children. For more information, visit [interfaithaction.org/ProjectHome](http://interfaithaction.org/ProjectHome).



Nova Classical Academy 6th-grader Elizabeth Golnick poses beside one of the signs she posted at the Saint Paul Farmers' Markets where she played weekly this summer for the benefit of the Project Home shelter in Highland Park.

PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

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chief since then, but did not seek the post on a permanent basis.

Four of the five finalists are from the city's police ranks, and the fifth is from Philadelphia. Here are the five finalists:

- Jacqueline Bailey-Davis, a police staff inspector in the Standards and Accountability Division/Audits and Inspections Unit of the Philadelphia Police Department. Bailey-Davis became a uniformed officer in Philadelphia in 1997. She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Cincinnati, a master's degree in education from Lincoln University, and a doctorate in public administration from West Chester University.

- Pamela Barragan, a unit commander for community partnerships with the Saint Paul Police Department. Barragan became

a uniformed officer in Saint Paul in 1996. She holds an associate degree in law enforcement from Inver Hills Community College and a bachelor's degree in communications from a college in Quito, Ecuador.

- Kurtis Hallstrom, senior commander of Saint Paul's Eastern District. He became a uniformed officer for the University of Minnesota's Police Department in 1996 and joined Saint Paul's in 1999. Hallstrom holds a bachelor's degree in sociology and criminal justice from North Dakota State University, and a master's degree in police leadership from the University of Saint Thomas.

- Axel Henry, commander of Saint Paul's Narcotics, Financial Intelligence and Human Trafficking Division. Henry became a uniformed officer for Roseville's Police Department in 1995 and joined Saint Paul's in 1998. Henry received his bachelor's degree

in business administration and accounting, and master's degree in educational leadership and administration from the University of Saint Thomas.

- Stacy Murphy, assistant chief of police in Saint Paul. Murphy became a uniformed officer in the city in 2002. She holds an associate degree in law enforcement from the Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College, and a bachelor's degree in criminology and sociology from the University of Minnesota-Duluth. She also has a certificate in leadership from Century College and a certificate in emergency management from the Homeland Security and Emergency Management program.

With three women as finalists, Saint Paul could wind up with its first permanent female police chief. Kathy Wuorinen was interim chief for two months in 2016 before Axtell was appointed.

According to the Saint Paul Police Historical Society, only two candidates from outside of the department's ranks have been hired as the city's police chief in the past century.

The examining committee worked through the summer to review applications. Forty people applied for the job, with 18 meeting the specific qualifications. That field was then winnowed to eight. One candidate withdrew and an outside consulting firm interviewed the remaining seven, then gave the interviews to the committee.

"I'm grateful for this diverse committee's diligent work in reviewing the applications and interviews of candidates," said committee co-chair Sasha Cotton. "The five finalists are great candidates. I'm confident the city will be well-served by its next chief of police."

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# King's-Maplewood club celebrates century of community service

## Neighborhood women remain faithful to spirit of civic involvement

By Janet Lunder Hanafin

The neighbors who gathered last month to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the King's Maplewood Women's Club may not have been wearing white gloves and hats like the women who attended the group's first tea back in 1922. However, they have held on to many of the club's traditions of a century ago, including its social and educational programs and charitable work for the poor and underprivileged.

The September 24 celebration was held in the front yard of a home on Woodlawn Avenue just south of Goodrich Avenue. In fact, all of the club's members hail from the area bounded by Mississippi River Boulevard and Goodrich, Cretin and Saint Clair avenues. That nine-block neighborhood has been known as King's Maplewood since 1910 when the land was purchased for development by William F. King and two associates.

The three investors installed gas lighting, wide streets and broad sidewalks in the area, which was known for its maple trees and profusion of violets. However, they quickly went broke and sold out to John Norton, who put 183 residential lots on the market.

By 1922 about 60 families had moved into King's Maplewood, and several of the wives and mothers "decided they wanted stimulation beyond dusting, diapers and dishes," according to a brief history of the club. Mrs. Beaver Wade Day invited 30 women to a tea on November 28, 1922, at the home of Mrs. Carl Cummins. (Married women in those days were identified by their husband's first name rather than their own.) The guests arrived properly attired in hats and white gloves, and they all became charter members of the club.



Mary Waldo and Julie Tauer reminisce as they page through archival photos during the 100th anniversary celebration of the King's-Maplewood Women's Club on September 24. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

"The new neighbors who lived far from the main part of Saint Paul had a friendly pioneering spirit," according to a club history available at the Ramsey County Historical Society. "On winter Sundays, parents and children would sled down the hill on Princeton Avenue and then go to someone's house for oyster stew or cocoa."

The new club had more than good times in mind, however. Early on, it drafted a constitution that included a mission to promote "educational, civic and social interests within King's Maplewood and the greater community."

The club grew quickly, doubling its membership to 60 women. Among its early efforts was a benefit bridge party that raised \$300 (close to \$5,000 in today's money) for the establishment of a new branch of the Saint Paul Public Library. That institution became the Merriam Park Library, according to club president Caroline Stone.

Another early club activity that has continued to the present day is the collection of Christmas presents for children served by Ramsey County Social Services. Since 1969 the club has contributed handmade

goods for an annual holiday benefit auction. It also collects winter hats, mittens and pajamas for families in need and non-perishable food for Keystone Community Services' food shelf in Merriam Park.

The club used to donate toiletries and serve dinner to homeless women at the Simpson Shelter in Minneapolis. It used to hold a book drive for families served by the Salvation Army on West Seventh Street. It also supported Lutheran Social Services' therapeutic preschool in Frogtown.

The club sponsors a half-dozen social events each year in the King's Maplewood neighborhood, according to Stone. New families who move into the area are greeted with a gift basket. A coffee party is held in the fall to welcome new and returning club members.

A family hayride has become one of the club's most popular events. A horse-drawn wagon loaded with people of all ages is pulled around the neighborhood, and everybody gathers afterward for hot cider and snacks around a bonfire in the driveway of a member's home.

A Christmas tree lighting and caroling

party was started in 1925, according to a club history. It was discontinued in 1942 in the midst of World War II, but has since been revived with a bonfire and refreshments at a member's home and the ceremonial lighting of a huge evergreen tree. Families bring food and diapers for the local food shelf.

In February, couples enjoy a night out at a member's home, and in April the women gather for a guest speaker and dessert. May features a throwback to tradition with a members' tea to which all previous club members are also invited.

"That's probably our fanciest event," club historian Carol Allen said. "It's a nod to the teas of the past, but much less formal." In the summer, the club hosts a neighborhood block party.

Women's Club members who have died have been honored with a donated park bench along Mississippi River Boulevard. When a member dies, Allen said, the club also donates a book in her honor to the Merriam Park Library.

The King's Maplewood Women's Club has about 80 members currently, according to Allen. Asked how the club has continued for so long, she said, "I think part of it is that we've adjusted how we operate." As more and more members worked outside of the home, club meetings were switched from days to evenings. "Many years ago, the club was also more exclusive," Allen said. "You had to be nominated to join, and nominations were voted on." That is no longer the case.

Another reason for the club's longevity may be its continued relevance. While the women have adapted to changing times, they continue to honor the club's traditional mission. That mission is to maintain "an emphasis on neighborliness, civic involvement and service to the surrounding community," according to a history of the club written about 50 years ago. "The original King's Maplewood spirit, well-nurtured over the years, continues to bring pleasure to us all."

# St. Paul draws on STAR funds to maintain aging infrastructure, facilities

By Jane McClure

Finding the money for Saint Paul's deferred maintenance and brick-and-mortar needs in 2023 means having to draw more on the proceeds of Saint Paul's extra half-percent sales tax, the City Council was told on October 5. The sales tax fund and a \$26.1 million bond issue supported by the city would increase the 2023 Capital Improvement Budget to \$96.3 million. That is up from \$54.8 million in 2022.

The 2023 city budget and five-year capital spending plan include \$24 million to address deferred maintenance over 2022-2023, with most of it to be spent next year.

That is the largest amount dedicated to city upkeep in recent memory.

Plans to spend more on deferred maintenance were hailed by City Council members, who say the city has fallen behind in the upkeep of its infrastructure.

The typical annual allocations of \$1.5 million for capital maintenance, \$200,000 for parks and libraries maintenance, \$236,000 for sports court restoration, and \$250,000 for asphalt trails refurbishment and replacement will continue in 2023.

The 2023 spending proposal also includes \$4 million for what is hoped to be an annual resurfacing program for neighborhood streets. It includes continued funding for the new Hamline-Midway Library, the

North End Community Center and the East Side's Fire Station No. 7. Another capital budget item is \$1 million for smaller-scale neighborhood projects, including safety upgrades at the north end of Ayd Mill Road.

The proposed 2023 city budget continues a trend of drawing more and more on the city's half-percent sales tax to support capital needs, something that was not envisioned when the Sales Tax Revitalization (STAR) program was approved by the Minnesota Legislature in 1993.

Saint Paul's half-percent sales tax income has rebounded from the COVID-19 pandemic. Proceeds reached \$19.5 million in 2019, then slumped to \$17.8 million in 2020. Proceeds rebounded to \$19.9 million

in 2021, and are on track to reach or exceed that amount in 2022. The proposed 2023 sales tax budget is \$22.4 million, the city's highest STAR budget ever.

Under state law, 40 percent of the city's sales tax proceeds are to be used for Saint Paul RiverCentre, 50 percent for neighborhood projects and 10 percent for cultural projects.

Over the years, the city has increasingly spent the money outside of the competitive Neighborhood and Cultural STAR grant and loan programs. Sales tax dollars have funded debt service and city vehicle fleet replacement. For the past four years, they have also gone to the city's housing trust fund.

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## Rise in home market values could bring steep property tax increases

By Jane McClure

**R**obust home sales have caused the market value of homes across Saint Paul to increase this year. While that may be good news for homeowners in terms of their real estate investment, they may feel a squeeze when it comes to paying their property taxes in 2023.

Meeting on September 28 as the Joint Property Tax Advisory Committee, officials from Ramsey County, the city of Saint Paul and the Saint Paul Public Schools discussed the increases in property values and their effect on property taxes next year in the city as a whole and in each of its 17 planning districts.

The property values of homes across the city continue to recover from the recession that began in 2008, according to Corey Erickson, interim deputy assessor for Ramsey County. All sectors of the real estate market saw increases in value over the past year, he said.

The value of single-family homes in Saint Paul increased by 13.27 percent. The value of multi-family housing increased by 14.32 percent. Commercial properties saw a 0.67 percent increase in value, and the value of industrial properties increased by 11.38 percent.

With the greater increase in home values relative to commercial and industrial properties, homeowners, apartment building owners—and by extension renters—are expected to bear a larger share of the property tax burden next year.

Local officials are worried that a steep increase in property taxes will add to the already serious shortage of affordable housing in Saint Paul. The city's most affordable neighborhoods are expected to see significant increases in property taxes next year due to the increase in home values.

"There are huge increases in almost every part of the city," said Ward 2 City Council member Rebecca Noecker.

"It's a frustration on our part as well," said Ramsey County commissioner Victoria Reinhardt.

The local officials reviewed the projected impact on property taxes in each of Saint Paul's 17 planning districts based on the impact on the median-value home in those neighborhoods.

The median-value home in Saint Paul stands at \$266,300 for taxes payable in 2023. That is up from \$228,700 a year ago, a 16.4 percent increase. The property taxes on that home, if the city, county and school district adopt their maximum levies, would increase by 14.8 percent or \$506—from \$3,418 to \$3,924.

Of Saint Paul's 17 planning districts, the Payne-Phalen area saw the steepest percentage increase in its median-value home over the past year—from \$194,500 to \$234,900 or 20.8 percent. Property taxes on that home would increase by 20.2 percent or \$572 next year—from \$2,829 to \$3,401.

The median-value home in Macalester-Groveland increased by 12.6 percent over the past year—from \$358,100 to \$403,100. Property taxes on that home would increase by 9.8 percent or \$554—from \$5,649 to \$6,203.

Merriam Park, Lexington-Hamline and Snelling-Hamline saw a 12 percent increase in their median-value home—from \$342,300 to \$383,500. Property taxes on that home would increase by 9.3 percent or \$501—from \$5,377 to \$5,878.

Highland Park's median-value home increased by 10.6 percent—from \$347,500 to \$384,250. Property taxes on that home would increase by 7.8 percent or \$424—from \$5,466 to \$5,890.

The Summit-University neighborhood saw a 10.4 percent increase in its median-value home—from \$254,200 to \$280,600. Property taxes on that home would increase by 7.9 percent or \$305—from \$3,857 to \$4,162.

Summit Hill's median-value home also rose 10.4 percent—from \$432,200 to \$477,000. Property taxes on that home would increase by 6.6 percent or \$453—from \$6,904 to \$7,357.

The West End saw an 8.8 percent increase in its median-value home—from \$212,700 to \$231,500. Property taxes on that home would increase by 6.4 percent or \$202—from \$3,142 to \$3,344.

The median-value home in downtown Saint Paul decreased by 1.2 percent—from \$188,700 to \$186,400. The property taxes on that home would decrease by 5 percent or \$136—from \$2,728 to \$2,592.

## School Board approves final piece of the maximum tax levy for 2023

By Jane McClure

**W**hen Saint Paul homeowners receive their annual truth-in-taxation notices in mid-November, they can expect to see significant increases in their estimated property taxes for 2023.

Ramsey County, the city of Saint Paul and the Saint Paul Public Schools all set their maximum property tax levies in September. Although the Saint Paul Public Schools' maximum levy represents a 0.9 percent decrease in its portion of the tax levy, that is not enough to offset the maximum levy increases of 15.34 percent by the city and 4.5 percent by the county.

Under state truth-in-taxation laws, the three local units of government may decide in the months ahead to levy less than their respective maximums for 2023, but they may not levy more than those maximums.

The School Board set its maximum levy at \$201.03 million for 2023. That is down from \$202.79 million in 2022. However, with the rise in home property values this year, that decrease would lead to a \$76 increase in the school district's portion of

the property tax bill for the median-value home in Saint Paul.

Twenty-two percent of school district revenue comes from the property tax levy, according to Mary Dougherty, the school district's legislative liaison. The rest comes from state and federal sources. A variety of factors affect the school district levy, ranging from state aid to student enrollment to changes in retirement and unemployment benefits.

The school district levy is broken down into four categories. The proposed operating levy would decrease from \$80.17 million in 2022 to \$78.37 million in 2023. The levy for pensions and other post-employment benefits would decrease from \$44.25 million in 2022 to \$38.01 million in 2023. The community services levy, which covers community education, early childhood family education and services for adults with disabilities, would decrease from \$4.07 million in 2022 to \$3.61 million in 2023. The levy for facilities would increase from \$74.23 million in 2022 to \$81.04 million in 2023.

# Moran and Spence seek the open seat in Ramsey County's District 4

Longtime public servants describe approach to job

By Dale Mischke

Summit-University residents Rena Moran and Darryl Spence, who finished one and two, respectively, in the August 9 primary election, will face off on November 8 in the general election for Ramsey County commissioner in District 4, for the seat being vacated by Toni Carter.

Moran, 62, has represented District 65A in the Minnesota House of Representatives since 2011. A mother of seven and grandmother of 10, she said she is excited for the opportunity "to focus on Ramsey County and the needs of those closest to the issues we face. Over the past 11 years, I've been an advocate for Saint Paul and a leader for my legislative district. I served as chair of the House Ways and Means and Health and Human Services committees. I'm committed to being an advocate for housing assistance, loans for small and minority-owned businesses, wage increases for workers, and advancing economic and equity-driven priorities."

If elected, Moran said, "my top priorities will be supporting youth and families, housing and economic development. The solutions we develop to eliminate racial disparities will improve the well-being

of all our residents. With an emphasis on projects that prioritize BIPOC households, we can invest in the future of our community. We need at least 15,000 more housing units in Ramsey County that are affordable to households at or below 30 percent of the area median income. Closing the wage gap would add \$2.3 billion in annual earnings for the BIPOC residents of Ramsey County, promoting a more vibrant economy and more equitable prosperity."

When asked what she would do to limit increases in the county's property tax levy, Moran said, "fiscal responsibility offers an opportunity to innovate and be strategic around our resources. I'm committed to access to public health, improving family economic assistance, strengthening affordable housing, improving transit, creating new economic opportunities and focusing on the immediacy of climate change. By focusing on prevention, disparities, and trauma-informed strength-based investments, we can reduce the high cost of back-end spending."

Spence, 58, serves as an associate minister at New Hope Baptist Church in Saint Paul and as a community service officer in the Ramsey County Sheriff's Department. "I've been a leader, activist and advocate in Saint Paul and Ramsey County for over 25 years, primarily with the community-based, nonprofit God Squad," he said. "I've partnered with law enforcement and local



Rena Moran



Darryl Spence

governments to address critical issues and provide crisis intervention services. My organization and I have been called to testify before the Ramsey County Board on many occasions. I possess the skills and know the issues relevant to the County Board."

Spence said his top priority as a county commissioner would be "to control spending within county government while meeting the commitments, programs and services for residents. I can accomplish this by developing close working relationships with department heads and insisting that budget limitations are adhered to."

"My second priority relates to public safety and the reduction of crime in District 4 and the county as a whole," Spence said. "This can be accomplished by strength-

ening partnerships with other branches of law enforcement in and outside of the county."

To limit future increases in property taxes, Spence said, "I may develop proposed agreements between the county, cities and school districts to limit levy increases to lessen the financial burden on residents. In addition, I may propose an exemption or assistance of some sort for elderly or low-income residents related to property taxes."

"As the cost of goods and services continues to increase, I will request that department heads submit budget proposals that emphasize cost savings, waste management, fraud prevention and creative purchasing to reduce spending," Spence added.



Bill Hosko



Rafael Ortega

# Hosko challenges Ortega's 18-year hold on Ramsey County's District 5

Public safety, budget and services dominate debate

By Dale Mischke

One year after his unsuccessful campaign for mayor of Saint Paul, Bill Hosko is challenging 18-year incumbent Ramsey County Commissioner Rafael Ortega's bid for another four-year term in District 5 in the November 8 general election.

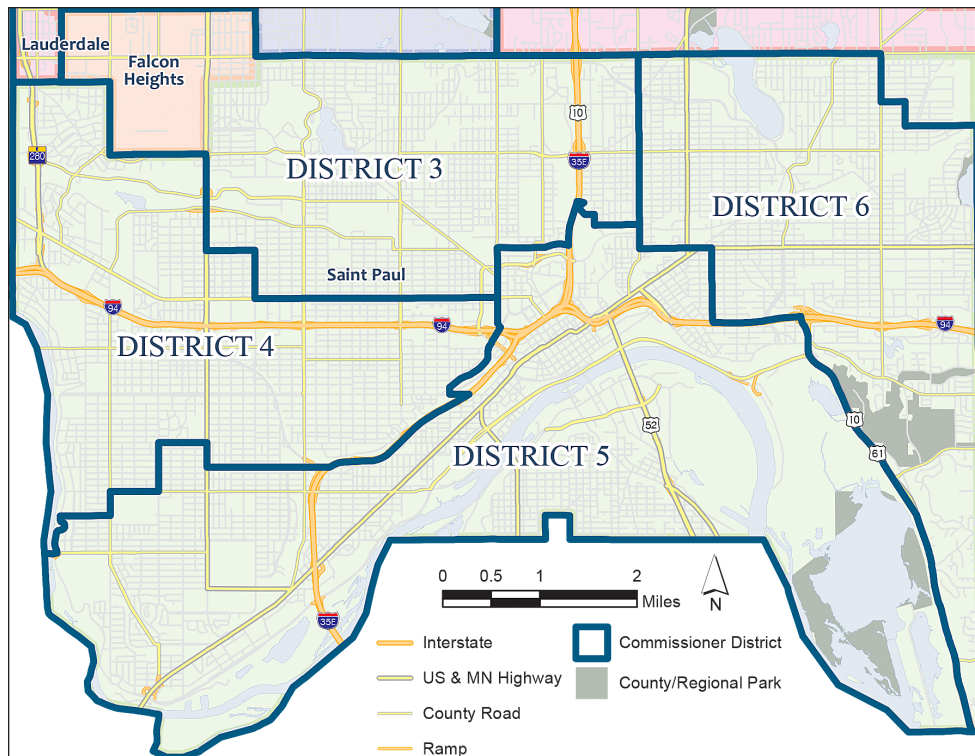
Hosko, 59, has been self-employed for the past 32 years. He studied architecture, drafting and commercial art at Minneapolis Technical College, and now owns and operates two art galleries and frame shops as well as the Music Forest Cafe in downtown Saint Paul.

If elected, Hosko said, he would work to restore public safety on public transit, including the light-rail Green Line. He opposes the honor system for payment on light-rail transit, believing it has led to an increase in crime on the trains. He would

also work to end perennial increases in the county's property tax levy and would reverse the county commissioners' practice of "awarding themselves pay raise after pay raise. Their salary is now \$100,000—for a part-time job," he said.

According to Hosko, the Ramsey County Board spent \$20 million demolishing the former West Publishing buildings on Kellogg Boulevard with no redevelopment agreement in place. The County Board spent \$250 million renovating Saint Paul's Union Depot, he said, and over the past 10 years the county has lost millions annually operating the facility. "Union Depot's losses could end by our creating something extraordinary within and outside the depot," Hosko said. "It could have the best collection of railroad and riverboat history attractions in America."

"I've long advocated for county and city referendums as the only means to increase taxation," Hosko said. "If leadership can make the case to increase tax levies, reasoned voters will support them. Referendums should also decide the (county com-



The new boundaries of the Ramsey County commissioner districts in Saint Paul.

missioners') pay scale.

"I only want to see my home town and county do well," Hosko said. "I'm politically independent, I have no endorsements from special interests, and I assure those who are unhappy or disheartened with the direction of our county that it doesn't have to be this way. Years of excuses and inadequate communication can end if I'm elected."

Ortega, 70, is a graduate of Fordham University in New York City. He earned a master's degree in social work at the University of Minnesota. He said his work as a social worker and as founder and executive director of Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES) gives him a unique perspective for his work on the Ramsey County Board where he has served since 1994.

Ortega touted his accomplishments as county commissioner in the areas of transit, housing and access to services. "I've been responsive to my communities," he said, "and will continue to work hard and be accessible."

If re-elected, Ortega said, "I'll continue to focus on transit, economic development and access to county services. Homelessness has reached a crisis level in the last couple of years. We opened two new shelters in my district. We created the Housing and Redevelopment Authority levy to provide new money for housing every year. We're also building over 400 units of affordable housing. And with the city and the federal government, we provided \$74 million for housing this past year. It's still not enough, but we're doing our part."

"We'll always have budget pressures," Ortega said. "We (county commissioners) are always careful spending taxpayers' money. That's one reason why our average annual levy increase over the past 10 years has been 2.2 percent and why we're one of four counties in Minnesota to have a AAA bond rating every year since 2001."

Given another term, Ortega said, "I'll continue to take a balanced approach (to the county budget), investing in our people and our infrastructure in ways that will pay off without breaking the bank."

# VIEWPOINT

## INBOX

### Why it's tough to recruit cops

The most revealing statistic in Jane McClure's excellent report on the Saint Paul Police Department's proposed 2023 budget (*MyVillager*, September 28) is that, "Almost 800 people sought to join the (police) department in 2014. The December (police) academy has 52 applicants."

Ask yourself whether you would be tempted to begin training for a job with the following requirements:

"Must be willing to work under a mayor and City Council who are actively hostile to your existence and will not fund your department properly. Must be willing to work large amounts of overtime. Must be OK with judges gratuitously piling on your already overwhelming workload by imposing ridiculously lenient sentences on convicted violent felons."

Most people who find themselves working for a boss who dislikes them and sabotages their work start looking for a new job, or retire early if they are able to. Police officers are no different from you or me.

*Matt Gilson  
Highland Park*

### Danger still lurks on river road

The repaving of Mississippi River Boulevard (MRB) from Randolph Avenue to Highway 5 is now complete with many new ADA-compliant crosswalks. However, one very dangerous combined pedestrian-bicycle path still exists under the Ford Bridge.

While the city spent millions on the new bike and pedestrian tunnel between Highland Bridge and Hidden Falls, the path under the Ford Bridge is a continuing danger for pedestrians, cyclists and anyone else who uses it. All share a 5-foot-wide pinch-point with a 10-inch dropoff directly into the traffic lanes. I sent a similar letter last summer and two years ago to *MyVillager* with copies to the city of Saint Paul, but received no response from the city.

Over the years I've seen many near misses where families, children and older adults biking or walking meet head-on on the path under the Ford Bridge. Add to that the ubiquitous scooters, roller-bladers and roller-skiers who end up jumping onto the road among two-way car traffic. This pinch-point is sure to see increased traffic with the growth in housing and commerce at Highland Bridge.

Combined paths are a bad idea, dangerous for both pedestrians and cyclists. Currently, MRB has an on-road bike lane on the west side. The distance from the center line to the curb is the same on the east side of MRB. Why not just add a bike lane to the east side of MRB? MRB

### If we like our garbage hauler, will they let us keep 'em?

I read with interest the recommendations for changes to the city of Saint Paul's organized trash collection system (*MyVillager*, September 28). Before the citywide mandate, and after years of poor and inconsistent service from big-business trash haulers, I was lucky enough to have Ken Berquist & Son Disposal as my provider. The locally owned family business provided exceptional service every week. My home did not fall into Berquist's new territory, and unfortunately it became one of the companies forced out of business by the new system. While that was difficult, I was lucky again to have Gene's Disposal assigned as my new provider, and Gene's has been excellent—another local,

family-owned business with roots in our community and responsive and helpful staff.

I hope that with the proposed changes to trash collection, consideration is given to allowing people like me who are happy with their current service to keep what we have, and the focus is put on improving the system where it is not working. If anything, it would be wonderful to bring back more local family-owned businesses as trash haulers. It is always tempting to try and reinvent the wheel when perhaps only some of the spokes need fixing.

*Kim Amrami  
Highland Park*

rarely has vehicles parked on the east side. The occasional delivery truck or lawn service is the exception.

*Terry Brueck  
Merriam Park*

all sides of an issue, seeks expert opinion, listens to the community and ultimately does what is best for our city and residents. Let's keep this wonderful, positive momentum going for another two years. Please help us re-elect Stephanie Levine as mayor.

*Julie Sullivan and Mitchell Caron  
Mendota Heights*

### Vote for prosperity in November

Remember, voters, it is the Democrats who continue to generate doom and gloom, increase homelessness and create more poverty. Biden inflation continues to grimly and greatly deflate our economic well-being. Governor Walz continues to hoard Minnesota's budget surplus by refusing to cut taxes across the board, eliminate taxes on Social Security benefits and give taxpayers a rebate check. It's our money!

Being a lower-income senior citizen, I will not support Democrats in the 2022 midterm election. I need more dollars in my wallet, not loose change in my pocket. My votes will be for Republican or independent candidates who will most likely work for the best interests of and toward more economic prosperity for we the people.

*Sue Shetka  
Macalester-Groveland*

### Make Maczko mayor of MH

I encourage the residents of Mendota Heights to vote for John Maczko for mayor. Current and recent city leadership has supported development that is not compatible with a community that values open spaces, is committed to protecting and enhancing our environment and preserves the natural feel of our city.

As a lifelong resident of Mendota Heights and our fire chief for 32 years, Maczko has an in-depth understanding of the city, including the administrative functions, building requirements, traffic considerations and the future needs for residential and commercial development. His academic preparation in civil engineering, business administration, leadership and executive management combined with his over 35 years of professional experience in engineering for the city of Saint Paul assure us that he is well qualified to serve as our mayor.

Maczko is highly regarded as an articulate communicator and an authentic and respectful listener. He has demonstrated the ability to process complex issues and to determine short- and long-term impacts, which are essential to good decision-making

*Marina McManus  
Mendota Heights*

### Biggest race on the ballot

A hallmark of American democracy has been the peaceful transition of power. Unfortunately, this principle has eroded from a solid rock foundation of the American experiment to nothing but dust. About this principle, George Washington said, "The peaceful transfer of power is what will separate our country from every other country in the world." When asked about this principle, former President Trump said, "We'll see what happens."

Across the country, forces unsatisfied with the legitimate results of recent elections have been lining up like-minded candidates to take over the chief election offices in states. In May the Minnesota Reformer, an independent, nonprofit news organization, ran the headline, "Minnesota GOP endorses election denier to oversee elections." By contrast, the incumbent Secretary of State Steve Simon, said, "We should all abide by the final results of the election, no matter who wins."

We must re-elect Steve Simon as Minnesota Secretary of State for the sake of our democracy.

*Miguel Lindgren  
Highland Park*

### Re-elect Levine in Mendota Hts.

Mendota Heights has had wonderful leadership over the past two years, and it shows. We have responsive and compassionate police, fire and EMS services. Our public works department is incredibly efficient; there is no city that is plowed out faster than we are after a snowstorm. We have fantastic parks and other amenities. Under Mayor Stephanie Levine's leadership, our city is thriving. As the saying goes, if it ain't broke, don't fix it.

Mayor Levine is the only current City Council member or candidate with a background in finance. As an actuary, she is an expert in budgeting, taxes and future planning, a key responsibility of the council given our aging infrastructure. She has found the sweet spot of low taxes and high-quality city services.

Mayor Levine is the leader we need. She is transparent, honest, hard working and caring. She is also out in the community, accessible and visible to all at events. She has shown integrity in her decision-making. She examines

### Abuse of gov't power continues

The U.S. Supreme Court's October 3 decision to refuse to take up the 10-state appeal to block the Biden administration's vaccine mandate for health care workers in facilities that receive federal funds is wrong. It's an abuse of government power, it's a violation of individual bodily autonomy, and it forces American health care workers into a deadly game of Russian roulette if they want to keep their job. With more information emerging on the lack of proven safety and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines, and with the new booster in play, more health care workers are going to be forced into a job-or-job situation.

This is a crisis for health care workers and their patients. The continued vaccination mandate has put the lives of hospital patients at risk as more nurses and other health care workers are likely to opt to leave their job behind, exacerbating already dangerous staffing shortages. Furthermore, if health care workers are harmed by the vaccination, they too will leave their jobs behind.

The government now admits that these experimental mRNA vaccinations do not prevent infection and do not prevent transmission. Furthermore, as the VAERS database makes clear, the COVID shot has not been safe and effective for many people whose lives have been lost or changed forever post-vaccination. Refusing to take action against this abuse of government power continues to expose the 10.3 million health care workers under the mandate, and endangers their patients.

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# With schematic in hand, city turns to funding River Learning Center

By Jane McClure

The latest schematic for a new Mississippi River Learning Center would transform the park around Watergate Marina into a center for recreation and education with new trails, improved public access to the river, a blufftop trailhead and office building, and an elevated walk leading from the blufftop to the rooftop of the new learning center.

More than 100 people attended the October 6 unveiling of the schematic at Watergate. Some type of river learning center has been discussed for Crosby Farm-Hidden Falls regional parks for more than two decades. The current planning effort began about six years ago through the city's Great River Passage plan.

Saint Paul Parks and Recreation director Andy Rodriguez hailed the schematic. "A lot of hard work has gone into this," he said. "It's a huge accomplishment."

Ward 3 City Council member Chris Tolbert was also excited. The improved facilities will allow more people to use the park and enjoy its proximity to the Mississippi River, he said.

A two-story building off of Shepard Road and the Samuel Morgan Trail would serve



An artist's rendering of what one area of the planned River Learning Center on the Mississippi might be like.

as the trailhead for the Learning Center. It would house the offices of the National Park Service and serve as a more prominent entrance to the park. The Learning Center would have classrooms and offices. Also at the base of the bluff would be an educational garden and a redesigned trail connecting Crosby and Hidden Falls parks.

The Learning Center would be built on what is currently a storage area for boats at Watergate. The marina would be reconfigured. Boat owners would still have private access to their slips, but the public would also have access to the river along a new trail. The marina's peninsula would be re-

shaped as an island, and the area revamped to allow easier access for those who want to canoe, kayak or just wade in the river. The island would have space for Native American ceremonies.

"There would be a lot of activities, at all levels, going on in the park," said Barbara Wilks of W Architects & Landscape Architecture. The New York firm worked with the city, the Great River Passage Conservancy and several consultants on the project, including 4RM+ULA, a Saint Paul-based architecture and design firm.

Another consultant was Full Circle Indigenous Planning + Design. According to

Sam Olbekson, its founder and CEO, the site has importance both spiritually and culturally for the Dakota people.

Other partners in the project include the Mississippi Park Connection and marina operator Your Boat Club. Wilderness Inquiry would be among the organizations providing programming at the Learning Center, which would be open year-round.

According to Wilks, the construction and landscaping for the Learning Center will take place in areas of the park that were disturbed during the marina's construction years ago. The intent is to work within flood plain restrictions without disturbing adjacent natural areas.

The cost of the project is as yet unknown, according to Anne Gardner, project manager for the Saint Paul Department of Parks and Recreation. The next steps are to draft a more detailed design and to seek city, state and private financing.

District 64B Representative Dave Pinto said he would carry the bonding request to the 2023 Minnesota Legislature. A bonding bill was not passed during the Legislature's 2022 session, and 2023 is an off-year for bonding. A best-case scenario would see construction in 2025 and completion in 2026.

# Plans are looking up for Treehouse senior housing project behind Highland Chateau

By Jane McClure

The proposed Treehouse Senior Living project at 2319 W. Seventh St. is headed to the Saint Paul Planning Commission with a vote of support on October 6 by the Highland District Council.

Nonprofit developer Trellis plans to build 36 units of housing for low-income seniors just behind the Highland Chateau.

Plans call for a five-story building, with a retaining wall between it and the bluff. The units would be studios or one bedroom.

A total of 27 units would be affordable to tenants making 30 percent of the Twin Cities Area Median Income, or \$24,650 for one person, with the remainder at 50 percent AMI, or \$38,050. Seven units would be reserved for unhoused seniors.

Treehouse has received low-income

housing tax credits from the city and \$490,000 from Ramsey County. The total cost of the project has not been announced.

The project needs two city approvals. One is for a zoning change from single-family to multifamily residential. The second is a conditional use permit to allow additional height. The new zoning would allow a building height of up to 50 feet, while a height of 56 feet-8 inches is

sought. The request is expected to go to the Planning Commission in November

The building's first floor would have offices, support services and seven parking spaces. The upper floors would be housing. Building materials are planned to complement the appearance of Highland Chateau.

The developers plan to do some site work this fall, with construction to start next March and be complete in early 2024.



## What Matters Most?

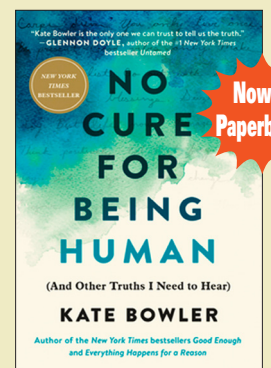
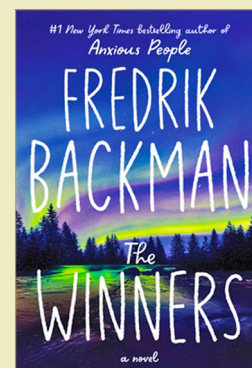
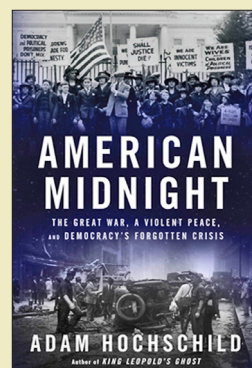
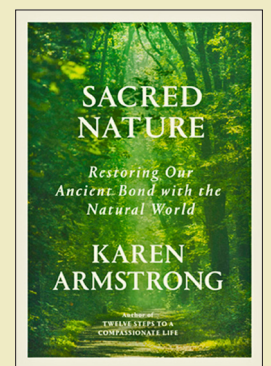
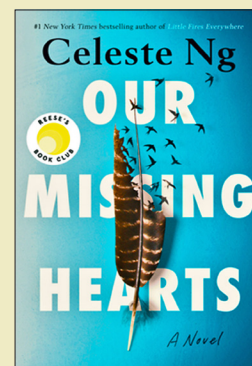
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# BOOMERS & BEYOND

## Simply Marvella-ous

Presbyterian Homes' newest complex offers lifestyle change for area seniors

By Carolyn Walkup

As Jean Greener prepares to move into Presbyterian Homes & Services' new Marvella senior housing complex in the Highland Bridge development, she noted that she is not just choosing a floor plan, but a lifestyle.

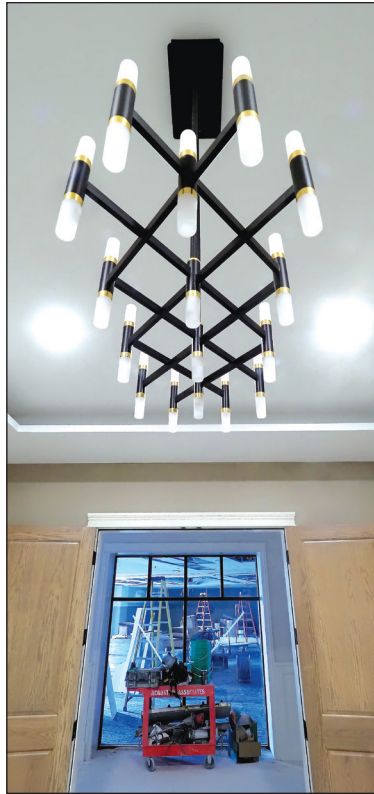
One of the first to sign a lease for an independent-living apartment there, Greener is leaving her long-time single-family home for the multi-unit development for residents age 55 and older. The recently widowed Greener describes herself as a "city person" and said she likes Marvella's Highland Park location. "It feels like a city," she said.

Greener, 80, worked for Presbyterian Homes for many years and is familiar with its history of serving older adults. "Its vision and values haven't changed. It's stayed focused on its mission," she said.

She chose to stay in the Twin Cities, which has been her home for many years and is where two of her three children live. "I can visit family living in warm places if I so desire," she said.

No longer driving due to health issues, Greener expects to use Marvella's van service as well as public transportation to get around. Having the new Lunds & Byerlys supermarket nearby is another plus, she said.

The Marvella is the newest of 50 senior living residences in four states affiliated with Presbyterian Homes. Its two buildings in High-



Marvella's modern touches include this light fixture in a private dining room.

land Bridge are bisected by an extended Mount Curve Boulevard and are connected by a skyway. The four- and five-story buildings house a total of 220 independent living, 40 assisted living and 40 memory care units. Residents can pick from among dozens of floor plans for the one- and two-bedroom apartments.

Around 60 percent of the independent living apartments, including all of the two-bedroom units, are already reserved, said Presbyterian Homes housing advisor Mary Hoffer. She expects



The new Marvella senior housing complex at Highland Bridge is slated to be complete around Thanksgiving and will offer independent living, assisted living and memory care units for those 55 and older. PHOTOS BY BRAD STAUFFER

the buildings to be ready for occupancy in late November.

Monthly rents range from \$2,300 for one bedroom to \$6,900 for two bedrooms plus den/sunroom. The prices include all utilities, cable TV and Wi-Fi. Underground parking is \$75 a month extra.

The apartments have spacious, open floor plans with nine-foot ceilings, fully equipped kitchens with stainless steel appliances, walk-in closets, and laundries with full-sized washers and dryers. Most apartments have decks or balconies, and some have electric or gas fireplaces.

Meals are served in two dining rooms at the Marvella. Continental breakfasts are served in the bistro and are included in the rent.

Among the many other amenities at the Marvella are heated indoor parking with electric vehicle charging stations and a car wash bay, a fitness center with indoor pool and sauna, club rooms, a large multi-purpose room for concerts and guest speakers, a 45-

seat movie theater, beauty salon, chapel, library, pet spa and dog run, and outdoor terrace with a grilling station and gas fireplace.

The Marvella's location just south of Ford Parkway and close to shopping, restaurants and nature appealed to Macalester-Groveland residents Karen and David Lanegran. Like many new tenants, the Lanegrans are giving up their single-family home and yard for the Marvella's maintenance-free lifestyle. They like the buildings' design, a blend of stone, brick and stucco.

"David (a retired Macalester College professor of urban geography) is 80, and I'm not far behind," Karen said. She likes the Marvella's continuum of care with assisted living and memory care options should they need them down the road. "We don't want to move again," she noted.

Karen said she will miss having a big house where her whole family could gather and the neighborhood's mix of ages. However, some of the couple's friends from the college will also be moving to

the Marvella, and the Lanegrans also are looking forward to making new friends there.

The sociability of a senior living community also appealed to Hugh McElroy, 84, a retired 3M executive. He said leaving his Macalester-Groveland home of 38 years was not an easy decision, but added, "If I live long enough I know I'll become a little more vulnerable. I don't think it makes sense to live alone when you get this old. You can get help if you need it."

Still active, McElroy often walks along Mississippi River Boulevard, which is easily accessible from the Marvella. He chose the Marvella after a year of comparison shopping of other senior living options. He liked the wide array of amenities offered and the reputation of Presbyterian Homes.

In making his decision to move to the Marvella, McElroy admitted that he had to overcome his emotional attachment to his home. "But I'm ruled by my head and not my heart," he said.

## HRA approves TIF for Lumin at Highland Bridge affordable housing

By Jane McClure

With financing in hand, CommonBond Communities can proceed to build 60 units of affordable housing for low-income seniors at Highland Bridge. The Saint Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority board approved a tax increment financing (TIF) agreement on September 28 with CB Ford Site I Limited Partnership.

The agreement is for up to \$5.3 million in TIF. It will be part of a \$22.3 million funding package for the Lumin at Highland Bridge, which will be built at the northeast corner of Cretin and Bohland avenues. The site is located just south of the new mixed-use building that houses Lunds & Byerlys and Weidner Apartment Homes.

"This is an exciting day," said Ward 3 City Council member Chris Tolbert. He and city housing director Tara Beard cited the challenges in pulling together financing for deeply affordable housing.

CommonBond had hoped to start work

on the project last year. Construction on the Lumin is now scheduled to begin the week of October 17, according to Adam Faitek, vice president for development with CommonBond.

The five-story, 60-unit Lumin will have 48 one-bedroom and 12 two-bedroom units. Seven apartments will be earmarked for people who have been homeless. Those residents will also receive support services.

The building will have 29 parking stalls. It will also have a lobby, activity room, community room with kitchen, individual storage units and bike storage.

The September 28 action involves part of a TIF district that was initially approved in June 2021. At the time, the HRA created a district that paired the CommonBond affordable housing project with a market-rate senior housing project being developed by Presbyterian Homes.

The Presbyterian Homes project, which is now under construction, is a 118-unit independent senior living building with approximately 4,000 square feet of retail

space. Pairing market-rate housing with affordable housing increases the availability of TIF assistance.

Highland Bridge is to eventually have about 3,800 housing units with at least 20 percent (or 760) affordable to lower-income residents, according to the 2019 agreement with master developer Ryan Companies. Of the 760 units, approximately 5 percent (190) are to be affordable to households earning 60 percent of the Twin Cities Area Median Income (AMI), 5 percent (190) to households earning 50 percent AMI, and 10 percent (380) to households earning 30 percent AMI.

"These (affordable) units require large amounts of subsidy such as TIF," Beard said.

Lumin's residents will be seniors earning no more than 30 percent AMI, which is \$24,650 for one person and \$28,200 for two. Residents will have project-based Section 8 vouchers from the Saint Paul Public Housing Agency, Beard said, which will drop monthly rents to around \$550-\$650.

The greatest share of the \$22.3 million in funding for the project is a \$10.6 million loan from the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency. Low-income housing tax credits will provide \$6.2 million, with a Ramsey County housing loan providing another \$4.5 million. Sales tax and energy rebates, and a deferred developer's fee make up the rest of the financing.

It has been a long haul for CommonBond. In the summer of 2020 the Saint Paul Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) denied a lot coverage open space variance for the project. That decision was appealed to the City Council, which in August 2020 upheld the appeal and overturned the BZA decision.

The original Ford site master plan had detailed open space requirements for each development parcel, which meant the first projects had to seek variances. The Planning Commission and City Council later changed the master plan regulations to reduce those requirements.

# CONSIDERING DOWNSIZING YOUR HOME SOMETIME SOON? *Here Are Helpful Tips To Consider!*



With the changing season upon us, like many seniors, you may be thinking about all the chores that come with it and, therefore, almost dreading the arrival of winter. You're not alone.

If you're getting ready to downsize and considering your options – here's a list of things to consider as you look for an active senior living community as your new home.

### #1 – How do I know if it's time to downsize?

**Retirement** – This is one of the most common reasons people look into downsizing. You've reached a new stage in life and are ready to make a change, travel and relax more.

**Overwhelmed with Maintenance** – Perhaps, physically, ongoing home maintenance has just become too much to keep up with.

**Unused Rooms** – You find that you simply don't make use of all the rooms in your home.

**Desire for a Lifestyle Change** – Maybe you want to move somewhere that you can engage more with others and make new friends.

**Financial Reasons** – Maybe economic times have changed and you need to reduce expenses.

### #2 – Will I have enough living space?

When it comes to how much space you need to live comfortably, everyone is different.

A good rule of thumb is to identify the rooms you actually use or find essential. Then partner with a senior community to find what options may best fit your needs. If you enjoy natural surroundings, be sure to ask about access to a patio, deck or outdoor living space.



### #3 – How about room for storage & access to a garage?

Typically, by the time most people are considering downsizing, they're also eager to part with a considerable amount of stuff that has accumulated over time.

When it comes to the belongings you don't really have any attachment to, either donate them, or if they are not in good condition, throw them away.

As you consider a move, inquire about extra storage space that may be available and a heated, underground garage.

### #4 – What amenities does your potential new home have?

Keep in mind that convenience is important. Nobody wants to have to walk down the hall to do laundry. Ask about an in-unit washer & dryer.

Be sure to also ask if utilities are included – heat & air conditioning, electricity & gas, cable, wifi, and trash.

### #5 – If I leave my neighborhood, what about my friends?

Keep in mind that most senior living communities encourage visits from friends and family and invite them to join in on activities with you, too.

Many senior communities have art clubs, book clubs, bridge clubs, exercise clubs, and more right on site.

### #6 – What if my health needs change, can I access services?

Seek out a senior living community in which you don't have to move as your needs change; instead, services are brought to you. For peace of mind, consider making your home in a community that offers a continuum of care, including assisted living. If dementia sets in, the community should also offer access to specialized care in a neighborly home environment, where your surroundings will remain familiar, safe and secure.

## About The Waters of Highland Park

There is a community right here in Highland Park that many are finding to be the perfect place to move when they are ready to downsize. Nestled in the heart of historic Saint Paul, the community is a safe stroll away from charming shops, restaurants, groceries, numerous parks, a library and a golf course.

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# Crime Report

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

## Highland Park

**Theft**—Thefts from vehicles were reported at Hidden Falls Park on September 22, and at Crosby Farm Park on September 26 and October 1.

**Assault**—A woman was stabbed during an assault by three other women outside the Pointe apartments, 1375 Davern St., on October 3. She was taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

## Lexington-Hamline

**Theft**—At the Midway Target, a 41-year-old woman was arrested for felony theft on September 23, a 47-year-old woman was arrested for attempting to steal more than \$500 in merchandise on September 27, a 23-year-old man was arrested for shoplifting after trying to flee and fighting with police on September 28, and a 29-year-old man was arrested for theft and felony assault of a security officer on October 4.

**Assault**—A 61-year-old man was arrested for felony assault after he pushed an elderly man to the ground and threatened him with a knife on Lexington Parkway and University Avenue on September 28.

—Multiple people reported being assaulted at Skyline Tower, 1247 Saint Anthony Ave., on October 2.

**Arson**—A suspicious fire was being investigated at Speedway, 399 N. Lexington Pkwy., on September 29.

**Miscellaneous**—A man was struck by a vehicle while riding his bicycle at Saint Anthony Avenue and Griggs Street on September 20.

## Macalester-Groveland

**Robbery**—Two people were victims of an armed robbery on the 1400 block of Lincoln Avenue on October 4.

**Burglary**—A neighbor is suspected of stealing alcohol from an occupied apartment on the 2100 block of Grand Avenue on September 18.

**Theft**—Several items valued at more than \$1,000 were reported stolen at Fratallone's Ace Hardware, 1676 Grand Ave., on September 21.

**Miscellaneous**—Felony damage to

property was reported on South Mississippi River Boulevard and Summit Avenue on October 3.

## Mendota Heights

**Theft**—Several items were reported stolen from vehicles on the 1600 block of Lilydale Road and the 900 block of Highway 13 on September 27, and the 2100 block of Dodd Road on September 29.

**Weapons**—Officers working security at a dance at Two Rivers High School noticed a boy with what looked like a gun in the waistband of his pants on September 24. The gun turned out to be a replica. The boy was released to the custody of his father. Charges were pending.

**Miscellaneous**—A man with multiple felony warrants was apprehended after he tried to flee from police on September 17 on Lexington Avenue and Dakota Drive.

—A terminated employee was banned from the property after being disorderly on the 700 block of South Plaza Drive on September 20.

—A bicyclist was arrested for multiple felony warrants after being stopped for riding without lights and giving false information to police on September 28 on Dodd Road and Hokah Avenue.

## Merriam Park

**Robbery**—A woman was taken to the hospital with minor injuries after being assaulted and robbed of her purse on Oakley and Prior avenues on September 21.

—A man was reportedly robbed of jewelry at gunpoint on Prior and Oakley avenues on October 1.

**Burglary**—Residential burglaries were reported on the 2000 block of Roblyn Avenue on September 22, the 1700 block of Ashland Avenue on September 24, the 2100 block of Iglehart Avenue between September 26-29, and the 1700 block of Iglehart on September 27-28.

**Theft**—Handguns were reported stolen from vehicles on the 500 block of Desnoyer Avenue on September 22, the 1600 block of Marshall Avenue on September 29, and on University and Fairview avenues on October 3.

**Assault**—A 22-year-old man was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon and attempting to flee police after he rammed a Hennepin County Sheriff's squad car with his vehicle on September 22

on the 500 block of North Prior Avenue.

—A male victim said he was assaulted by a group of six people at the University of Saint Thomas on September 30.

## Snelling-Hamline

**Robbery**—A strong-arm robbery was reported on Snelling and University avenues on September 22.

—The Midway McDonald's, 1570 University Ave., was robbed at gunpoint on September 30.

**Theft**—A handgun was reported stolen from a vehicle in the Midway Cub Foods parking lot on September 26.

**Miscellaneous**—A driver was cited after striking a bicyclist on Summit and Snelling avenues on September 27.

—Felony damage was done to a vehicle by five suspects at the Holiday Station, 1345 Marshall Ave., on September 29.

## Summit Hill

**Burglary**—A garage was broken into and multiple items were reported stolen, including four motorcycles, on the 500 block of Lincoln Avenue on September 22.

**Theft**—A purse-snatching was reported at Victoria Crossing West Mall, 867 Grand Ave., on September 22.

—A window was shattered and two Apple products worth about \$2,700 were reported stolen from a vehicle on the 1000 block of Grand Avenue on September 23.

—A scooter was stolen on the 500 block of Lincoln Avenue on September 25-26.

—A purse-snatching was reported at the Running Room, 1068 Grand Ave., on September 24.

**Assault**—A suspect reportedly threw objects at a staff member at Chipotle, 867 Grand Ave., on October 1.

**Weapons**—A handgun was turned over to police after reportedly being left by a customer at Chase Bank, 1039 Grand Ave., on September 24.

**Miscellaneous**—Felony damage was reported at Toppers Pizza, 1154 Grand Ave., on September 18, and on the 800 block of Saint Clair Avenue on September 27.

—A 41-year-old woman with several outstanding warrants was arrested after she was seen checking the door handles of vehicles on Grand Avenue and Dale Street on September 23.

—A man was cited for failure to yield after striking a pedestrian in the crosswalk

on Grand Avenue and Grotto Street at 1:18 p.m. Monday, October 3. The victim was taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

## Summit-University

**Robbery**—Subway, 857 Selby Ave., was robbed at gunpoint by four suspects on September 30.

**Burglary**—Two men ages 26 and 42 were arrested for burglary and receiving stolen property after they broke into a garage on the 1000 block of Portland Avenue on October 4.

**Assault**—A felony threat of violence was reported at Capitol Hill Magnet School, 560 Concordia Ave., on September 22.

—An assault was reported at the Handsome Hog, 173 N. Western Ave., on September 24.

—An assault with a gun was reported on the 1000 block of Hague Avenue on September 24.

—A man was struck with a pole on the 300 block of Pleasant Avenue on October 3. A pickup order was issued for the suspect.

—A male suspect shot multiple rounds through the door of an apartment on the 800 block of Hague Avenue on October 4. No injuries were reported.

—A 26-year-old woman was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon on the 700 block of Selby Avenue on October 4.

**Miscellaneous**—A 60-year-old man was arrested for damaging property after trying to break into Claddagh Coffee, 612 Selby Ave., on September 24.

—Flood lights were damaged at Saint Clement's Episcopal Church, 901 Portland Ave., on September 26-27.

## West End

**Robbery**—A strong-arm robbery was reported on the 200 block of Wilkin Street on September 23.

**Theft**—The driver of an SUV that was stolen at the Grand Stop station, 236 Grand Ave., reportedly collided with multiple parked cars on the 600 block of Summit Avenue before fleeing the scene on September 30. The vehicle was later found abandoned.

**Assault**—A man was shot on the 800 block of Armstrong Avenue on September 13.

**Miscellaneous**—Felony damage to property was reported on Chestnut and Exchange streets on September 20.



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# ON THE TOWN

## Reaching for 'The Heavens'

### Bruggeman contemplates loss and hope in his latest Groveland Gallery exhibit

By Anne Murphy

Saint Paul artist Daniel Bruggeman approached his latest collection of paintings with a bird's-eye view. "The Heavens" took shape last spring when Bruggeman was at a friend's home in Northern Minnesota and looking for a new perspective from which to paint a series interpreting nature.

"The day was beautiful, and the birds were really singing," he recalled. "So I climbed up on the roof of his house. And I photographed. I wanted to be at eye level with the trees. I didn't want to be looking up because there was such a beautiful pattern to the trees."

An exhibit of "The Heavens" will open with a reception from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, October 22, at Groveland Gallery in Minneapolis. The watercolors explore the connections between heaven and earth as well as

the need for stewards of a Midwestern landscape that is increasingly threatened.

"At some point as I was painting them, I thought about the beautiful backdrop of the silhouette of treetops," Bruggeman said. "It occurred to me that this is where the heavens are. And then I thought, there's got to be context. You can't really think about where the deities exist if you're not grounded on earth."

The paintings reflect Bruggeman's concern about the natural world "and the delicate and precarious relationship that humans have with it," he said. "That, and my inability to square my personal history with religion and the symbolism of a deity that provided this marvelous environment for us."

While Bruggeman was photographing at tree level, he heard with new clarity the sound of the birds around him. Two of



Artist Dan Bruggeman in his studio off West Seventh Street. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

the paintings in "The Heavens" reflect that. Their subtitles are drawn from the sounds made by the birds of Northern Minnesota.

"The birds say something like 'chirp, chirp, chip' followed by a tinny something something, something else," he said. "It may sound like gibberish, but such interpretations of nature are the avenue of caring for the environment, and it couldn't be more godlike."

A professor in the Fine Arts Department at Carleton College, Bruggeman has had his paintings regularly exhibited at Groveland Gallery. Over the past 30 years, his work has also been shown across the United States.

His landscapes in "The Heavens" range in size from 8-by-10-inch to 42-by-42-inch. They include "The Heavens (clee-ip, clee-ip, clee-ip)," "The Heavens (ti-DEE-di-di)," "Paradise (for a few)," "When Great Trees Fall," "An Annunciation" and "The Perfect Shape of Our Absence."

"When Great Trees Fall" takes its title from a poem by Maya Angelou written in response to the death of her friend, civil rights activist James Baldwin. Bruggeman's painting is a reflection on Angelou as well as the recent deaths of his mother

and mother-in-law.

For "The Perfect Shape of Our Absence," Bruggeman was again thinking about loss. He painted two chairs looking out into a forest. Bruggeman said he sometimes sees his landscapes as "resembling a stage set that is either awaiting a play or lamenting the departure of the actors."

In his artist's statement for the Groveland exhibit, Bruggeman writes, "These tiny vignettes might be playful if not for the suggestion of loss. But still, amid that void, this landscape offers hope that what once existed may live on, and that the sentimental might give way to something eternal.... For our children's sake, we have to do our best to remain somehow faithful that we can turn things around."

Bruggeman said his approach to painting Midwestern landscapes has changed dramatically over the last 20 years with what he sees as an increased need for stewardship. He has also become more mindful of the people who have been stewards of the environment in the past, including Native Americans.

Bruggeman was a resident of Macalester-Groveland. As he contemplates his future

paintings, he is looking forward to living and working near downtown Saint Paul. "My wife and I bought this 1917 warehouse about five years ago," he said. "It was originally built by a butcher who had his shop downtown and stored his beef and pork carcasses and wagons there. It served many other businesses, but was purchased and turned into studio spaces by an artist in the 1990s. I rented studio space there for many years and offered to buy it when the previous owner was planning to sell."

"At first, I was just going to leave it as studio rental, but after Mary and an architect friend walked through, they decided we should renovate it into a living and working space just for us. It may be the second smartest thing we've ever done, after having kids. It's a little industrial, but we like the quirkiness of the neighborhood."

Bruggeman will be on hand at the opening reception of the "The Heavens." He will be joined by Saint Paul artist Justin Terlecki, who will be opening an exhibit of his paintings titled "Walking Distance" at Groveland also on October 22. Both exhibits will remain on view through November 26. For information, visit grovelandgallery.com.



"Small Things Recoil Into Silence," a landscape painting by Saint Paul artist Dan Bruggeman.

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# ON THE TOWN *Briefly*

## Books

**Next Chapter Booksellers**, 38 S. Snelling Ave., will host a reading and discussion with author Dr. Craig Bowron and his book, *Man Overboard: A Medical Lifeline for the Aging Male*, beginning at 6 p.m. Monday, October 24. For information, call 651-225-8989 or visit [nextchapterbooksellers.com](http://nextchapterbooksellers.com).

## Dance

**Young Dance, Smiling Drum**, Saint Paul Ballet, Ripple Effect Community Fitness, CAAM Chinese Dance Theater, Element Gym and Youth Performance Company will present free performances and interactive demonstration in a Fall Fling from 3-6 p.m. Saturday, October 15, in the parking lot of the Fairview Business Center, 655 N. Fairview Ave. A makers' market, games, children's activities and refreshments will be available. In case of rain, the event will be held inside Fairview Business Center. Visit [youngdance.org](http://youngdance.org).

**CAAM Chinese Dance Theater** will open its 30th anniversary season with a celebration of the Mid-Autumn Moon Festival at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, October 15, in the O'Shaughnessy at Saint Catherine University. Joining the ensemble in the choreographed "Invite the Moon to Dance" program will be world-renowned pipa artist Gao Hong and her Chinese instrument orchestra, Katha Dance Theater and performers from the Saint Paul Ballet. Tickets are \$5-\$25. Visit [oshag.stkate.edu](http://oshag.stkate.edu) or call 651-690-6700.

## Exhibits

**"John Carmody: A Life in Sustainability,"** an exhibit that celebrates Carmody's long career as an environmental activist and systems designer, is being displayed through December 1 in the University of Minnesota's HGA Gallery in Rapson Hall, 89 Church St. SE in Minneapolis. The exhibit is free and open to the public from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday.

**Guided walking tours** of the newly restored prairie at Fort Snelling will be offered on Saturdays, October 15, 22 and 29. The 45-minute tours will describe the native plants and their significance to Native Americans. They will begin at the bottom of every hour between 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the Visitor Center. The cost is \$12, \$10 for seniors, \$8 for children ages 5-17. Visit [ftsnelling@mnhs.org](mailto:ftsnelling@mnhs.org) or call 612-726-1171.

**Examine history with the skills** of detective Sherlock Holmes in an exhibit opening October 20 at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd.

Holmes, a creation of author Arthur Conan Doyle, was ahead of his time. Learn how he used seemingly trivial observations to solve some of the most puzzling mysteries. Then see how his techniques are used today in criminal investigations. The exhibit will remain on view through April 2. Admission to the history center is \$12, \$10 for seniors and college students, \$6 for children ages 5-17. Visit [mnhs.org](http://mnhs.org) or call 651-259-3000.

## Music

**The Chamber Music Society** of Minnesota will open its season on Sunday, October 16, with a concert celebrating the music of the late George Crumb. The program includes Crumb's groundbreaking electric string quartet, "Black Angels," his Sonata for Solo Cello and Beethoven's String Trio in G major. The music begins at 4 p.m. in Sundin Music Hall, 1531 Hewitt Ave. Tickets are \$25, \$20 for seniors, \$15 for students. Visit [chambermusicmn.org](http://chambermusicmn.org).

**The Minnesota Guitar Society** will present Joel Shapira with Jackson Peters in concert from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, October 19, in Fingal's Cave at MetroNOME Brewery, 289 E. Fifth St. Admission is by donation.

**Macedonian classical guitarist** Darko Bageski will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, October 22, in Sundin Hall, 1531 Hewitt Ave. Tickets are \$25, \$20 for seniors, \$10 for students. For reservations, visit [mnguitar.org](http://mnguitar.org).

**The Singers** will open a new season on Saturday, October 22, with a performance of Damien Geter's Cantata for a More Hopeful Tomorrow. The song about COVID's impact on the Black community and how we all work to heal and recover was inspired by Bach, African American spirituals and the words of Walt Whitman. Uplifting music by Jocelyn Hagen, Scott Senko, Karen Marroli and Paul Rudoi will also be featured in the show, which begins at 7:30 p.m. at Ted Mann Concert Hall, 2128 Fourth St. S. in Minneapolis. Tickets are \$35-\$45. Visit [singersmca.org](http://singersmca.org).

**American Guild of Organists** Regional Competition for Young Organists winners Katie Gunn and Aaron Looney will present an eclectic program at 4 p.m. Sunday, October 23, on the Casavant pipe organ at Hamline Church United Methodist, 1514 Englewood Ave. Admission is by donation.

**The Seward Concert Band** will open its season with the concert program, "Crazy for Cartoons," at 7:30 p.m. Friday, October 28, in the auditorium of Sanford Middle School, 3524 42nd Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Revisit the cartoons of childhood through works by Rossini, Liszt, Strauss, Julius

Fucik, Christopher Lennertz and Robert Sheldon. Tickets are by donation with \$6 suggested, \$5 for seniors and \$4 for students. Visit [sewardconcertband.org](http://sewardconcertband.org).

## Film

**Cine Latino**, a festival of new Latin American and Ibero movies, will be presented by the MSP Film Society from October 13-20 at Main Cinema, 115 Main St. SE in Minneapolis. Tickets are \$12 for each, \$100 for all screenings. For the complete schedule, visit [mspfilm.org](http://mspfilm.org).

**Hysteria, Hypnosis and Hallucination**, a collection of rarely seen feminist protest films, will be screened at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 18, at Northrop Auditorium. Curated by University of Minnesota associate professor Maggie Hennefield, the program draws from the four-disc "Cinema's First Nasty Women." Its six stories shed light on forgotten women of 20th-century film who defied gender norms and sexual constraints. The band Dreamland Faces will accompany the flicks. Visit [tickets.umn.edu/northrop](http://tickets.umn.edu/northrop).

## Theater

**"A Night of Thrills, Chills and Murder,"** featuring two one-act plays by Noreen K. Brandt, will be presented by Classics Lost 'n' Found Theater at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, October 14-15 and 21-22, at Lake Nokomis Presbyterian Church, 1620 E. 46th St. in Minneapolis. The first play, *Ghoulies and Ghosties*, is a collection of tales of horror and suspense. That will be followed by the comedy, *The Cozy Tea Party Murders*. For reservations or more information, call 612-724-4539.

**Stephen Sondheim's Merrily We Roll Along** is playing through October 30 at Theater Latté Da. The musical spans three decades in the lives of three friends, tracing their journey backward from middle age. Directed by Peter Rothstein, it stars Reese Britts, Dylan Frederick, Becca Hart, Britta Ollmann, Vie Boheme and Charlie Clark. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays at the Ritz Theater, 345 13th Ave. NE in Minneapolis. Tickets start at \$35. Visit [latteda.org](http://latteda.org) or call 612-339-3003.

**Buddy! The Buddy Holly Story** is being performed at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and at 2 p.m. Sundays through October 30 at the History Theatre, 30 E. 10th St. Part biography, part rock 'n' roll concert, the musical by Alan Janes tells of the young band leader from Lubbock, Texas, who rose to the top of the charts in just four years. Nick Freeman and T. Mychael Rambo star. Tickets are \$15-\$70. Call 651-292-4323 or visit [historytheatre.com](http://historytheatre.com).

**When a left-leaning** Harvard Law School graduate becomes a clerk for conservative Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, she discovers him to be an infuriating debater and an unexpected mentor in *The Originalist*. The drama by John Strand is playing through October 30 at Open Window Theatre, 5300 S. Robert Trail in Inver Grove Heights. Directed by Stephen O'Toole, it stars veteran actor James Ramlet and recent Macalester College graduate Kalala Kiwanuka-Woernle. The curtain will rise at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays with additional shows at 7:30 p.m. October 13, 24 and 27. Tickets are \$18-\$28. Call 612-615-1515 or visit [openwindowtheatre.org](http://openwindowtheatre.org).

**Weathering**, a sobering drama about excruciating loss and the health disparities in maternal and infant care, will open on October 13 at Penumbra Theatre, 270 N. Kent St. Playwright Harrison David Rivers' commission reflects the pain of generations of Black women in a story of deliverance from grief. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturdays, and 4 and 7:30 p.m. Sundays through November 6. Tickets are \$20-\$45. Masks are required. Call 651-224-3180 or visit [penumbraetheatre.org](http://penumbraetheatre.org).

**Fire in the New World**, another comic detective caper from playwright Rick Shiomi featuring hard-boiled private eye Sam Shikaze, will open on October 21 on the proscenium stage at Park Square Theatre, 20 W. Seventh Place. Full Circle Theater will present the world premiere production at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and at 2 p.m. Sundays through November 6. For tickets, visit [parksquaretheatre.org](http://parksquaretheatre.org).

**J.C. Cutler plays a struggling** middle-aged actor who inherits a shabby old coat from a deceased uncle and learns about its rich history in *Uncle Philip's Coat*. The one-man show by playwright Matty Selman will open on October 22 at Six Points Theater. Craig Johnson directs. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. Saturdays, 1 and 7 p.m. Sundays and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays through November 13 in the theater of the Highland Park Community Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. For reservations and COVID protocol, visit [sixpointstheater.org](http://sixpointstheater.org).

**From Tudor queens to pop icons**, *Six* remixes 500 years of historical heartbreak and produces a celebration of 21st-century girl power. The Tony Award-winning musical by Toby Marlow and Lucy Moss features an all-woman cast and an all-woman band. It will be presented in 16 shows from October 25 through November 6 at the Ordway. For show times and tickets, which start at \$40, visit [ordway.org](http://ordway.org) or call 651-224-4222.

### THURSDAY/OCTOBER 13

A WEEKLY COMPLINE service will resume at 7 p.m. today and Thursday, October 20, at Saint John the Evangelist Episcopal Church, 60 N. Kent St. The contemplative gathering is in the tradition of the earliest practices of monastic communities. Masks are required.

### SATURDAY/OCTOBER 15

THE MENDOTA HEIGHTS Fire Department will hold an open house from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Fire Station at 2121 Dodd Road. Tour the fire station. Get up close to its emergency vehicles. Learn how to prevent fires and other hazards through interactive games and activities. Traverse the junior firefighter challenge course, and play fire safety bingo and Snuffer's Grand Prize.

### TUESDAY/OCTOBER 18

"EIGHT BIG QUESTIONS About Catholicism" are being

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addressed in hour-long programs beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesdays, today through December 6, in Carolyn Hall at the Church of Saint Mark, Dayton Avenue and Moore Street. The programs are for anyone curious about, skeptical of, or intrigued by the Catholic faith. For more information, visit [onestrongfamily.org/questions](http://onestrongfamily.org/questions).

### THURSDAY/OCTOBER 20

HOUSES OF WORSHIP in the Twin Cities between 1849 and 1924 will be addressed by Dr. Marilyn J. Chiat and Dr. Jeanne Halgren Kilde at noon in Multipurpose Room C on the lower level of the Iversen Center for Faith at the University of Saint Thomas. Entitled "Remembering and Restoring the Past to Ensure the Future," the free program draws on Chiat's and Kilde's data on over 250

congregations that developed in nine neighborhoods along the Mississippi River.

DOROTHY DAY CLIENTS will join the zAmya Theater Project in a creative dialogue about homelessness beginning at 6 p.m. in the atrium of the Ordway. The free program is the first in a series of conversations and other events exploring the intersection of the performing arts with cultures, professions and organizations. Light refreshments will be served. Visit [ordway.org](http://ordway.org).

### SUNDAY/OCTOBER 30

ACT TWO, a discussion group for men who are planning their life after retirement, will hold its first meeting from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Jewish Family Service, 1633 W. Seventh St. The group is facilitated by Stan Lapidos, who retired two years ago after a 45-year career in the field of aging and health care. For reservations, contact Anne Myers at [amyers@jfsp.org](mailto:amyers@jfsp.org) or 651-359-7775.

# SPORTS



## The Wright Call

By Dave Wright

### UST continues to honor its past

Fans of University of Saint Thomas sports teams are still getting used to the idea that the Tommies' opponents are now from institutions that are relatively unknown in these parts. Accordingly, 90-minute trips to Saint Peter or Collegeville, or even much shorter jaunts up and down Snelling Avenue, are no longer part of the itinerary as they were when UST competed in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. Life at the Division I level also requires playing in fancier facilities than those of the Tommies' Division III days in the MIAC.

However, for at least a few more years UST will still be inducting folks into its Athletic Hall of Fame who played key roles for the university in MIAC competition. During the upcoming ceremony on October 28, the 2022 inductees will include six individuals, the 2012 volleyball team and a pair of coaches who led formerly struggling sports programs to considerable success.

One of the latter is Denzil Lue, who coached the UST men's soccer team from 1978-2001. During that time, he amassed 242 wins, four conference championships and four trips to the NCAA Division III tournament. That was harder than it sounds. For much of Lue's tenure, the team had to play wherever it could find an available field. That included playing games in the Saint Paul Seminary's backyard at 11 a.m. on Saturdays and occasionally on chilly midweek nights at O'Shaughnessy Stadium.

Shortly after Lue began coaching men's soccer, Tom Hodgson was tapped to take over as coach of the women's swimming program for the Tommies. Hodgson was a swimming stalwart at Rochester Mayo High School before attending the University of Minnesota, where he excelled in the 100-meter backstroke and 200 individual medley.

UST athletic director Frank Mach tasked Hodgson with building a swimming program in a pool that had been constructed in 1940 and had just five lanes. "Frank and I didn't have an extensive conversation," Hodgson recalled. "But they weren't expecting excellence right away."

Before Hodgson came on board, UST and other teams in the conference competed in a 17-school, year-end meet that included Saint Cloud State, Minnesota-Duluth, Winona State and the U of M's junior varsity team. The Tommies didn't fare well in those meets.

In Hodgson's first season with UST, the MIAC was competing on its own at meet time. Hodgson's patchwork crew leapfrogged past Saint Benedict and Macalester to finish in fifth place. Two years later, Hodgson added the UST men's team to his duties and was on campus full time as an instructor to boot.

"Despite the pool limitations, I knew we had the potential to be very good," he said. "I never thought of myself as a great recruiter. We'd just promote the notion

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## Head of the class

Redhawk girls hoping for two soccer titles in a row

By Bill Wagner

The Minnehaha Academy girls' soccer team is right where it was hoping to be at the start of the season—ready to mount a vigorous defense of its 2021 state championship.

The Redhawks, who were 13-1-1 and ranked first in the state in Class A at the end of the regular season, are taking a little different route this year in seeking their second straight title. Last fall, they did it without winning the Independent Metro Athletic Conference title. This year, for the first time in school history, they clinched the league title with an 8-1 record.

The team's lone defeat this season was a 2-3 loss to second-place Breck on September 15, and its only tie came the following week to Holy Family—two teams that also are ranked among the top 10 in Class A.

Minnehaha's magic started with the first game of the season when it won 5-1 against Minneapolis Southwest, a AAA school that has only lost three games all season.

"We thought it would be a hard game that would humble us," said coach Bryan Holloway. Instead, it showed just how formidable the Redhawks were to be this fall.

Minnehaha also beat league rival Providence Academy twice, but it was the first game against the Lions that proved especially gratifying. The Redhawks were trailing by two goals (2-0 and 4-2) twice it that game, but rallied for a 6-4 win. "We had to adjust to their speed," Holloway said.

The coach doesn't disguise his feelings about his team. He said Minnehaha has its own great speed, but can play a slowdown game of possession as well that limits opportunities for the opposition.

The Redhawks also have what all good programs do—a deep roster. They only have three seniors, but also a truckload of talented sophomores and juniors, as well as a seventh- and eighth-grader who have started for them this season.

"I'm not surprised by this year," Holloway said. "We've been living up to our ability. We're a dynamic team that puts other teams on their heels."

Senior goalie Ayden Guild is a stout and mobile three-year starter. For the third season in a row, she also



Minnehaha junior forward Berit Parten escapes Chisago Lakes' Malena Bense during the Redhawks' 5-1 win at home on October 1. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

has scored a goal when being moved upfield.

Senior midfielder Margo Charpentier is a dependable defensive presence on the backline. Fellow senior midfielder Siena Balzer has also been valuable with equal skills using either her left or right foot.

But the player who really makes the Redhawks go is junior forward Berit Parten, one of the best soccer players in Minnesota.

At press time, she was third in the state in goals with 35 and second in assists with 18. Parten has a good feel for the net and is lightning fast. She is already being looked at by Division I schools, Holloway said.

Junior forward Greta Carlson has contributed 16 goals and seven assists as a nice complement to Parten.

Junior offensive midfielder Gabrielle Wamre is another gun in the Redhawks' arsenal. She was fourth in the state in assists with 15 to go along

with her six goals, and is already committed to play at West Point.

Versatile junior Charlotte Wold plays center defense, but she can also play forward or midfield. Wold is a corner kick and free kick specialist who has pitched in with six goals this season.

Minnehaha has been ranked No. 1 in the state from nearly the outset of the season, and Holloway sees no reason for that to change. On the strength of their regular-season performance, the Redhawks have established themselves as the team to beat heading into the Section 3A playoffs that run from October 11-18. The state tournament starts October 25.

What's even scarier for their opponents is that the Redhawks have spent virtually the entire fall combating injuries and illnesses. The first time the team could field a full-strength lineup was on October 1, which resulted in a 5-1 victory over Chisago Lakes.

## Well-conditioned Raiders make huge turnaround in boys' soccer

By Bill Wagner

The Cretin-Derham Hall boys' soccer team finished 13-3 overall and tied for third place in the Suburban East Conference following their final regular-season game on October 6. That's a far cry from a year ago, when the young Raiders won only three games all fall.

"Our team has been growing up," said CDH coach Carter Albrecht. "It's exciting, given what happened last year. We're very gritty. We play quickly and are very collectively oriented. Still, we do have some dan-

gerous individuals."

The Raiders are playing with newfound savvy and poise with seven starters back from last year. Their only losses this fall have been to undefeated Hill-Murray, and highly ranked Woodbury and Stillwater.

Albrecht pointed to two wins that he said suggested a lot about how much CDH has improved. The Raiders beat defending state champion Mounds View 4-0 in mid-September, after having lost to the Mustangs 3-0 last year. CDH also handled perpetually tough East Ridge in a 1-0 thriller the following week. "That was a dogfight

of a game and a great win," Albrecht said.

According to him, games like the one against East Ridge are what will prepare the Raiders for when the Section 4AAA playoffs begin on October 12. "Our section is the best in the state," Albrecht said, adding that any one of five teams could emerge as the section champ.

CDH has a solid lineup that keeps mistakes to a minimum. Junior goalie Ed Krinke is a first-year starter, but has allowed only 18 goals all year. Senior defender Adam Tauer played goalie last year, but has adjusted well to his new position. Fellow

senior defender Jack Barneson is a smart and dependable four-year starter.

Sophomore defender Patrick Flashing suffered some growing pains last season, but is playing with much more confidence now, Albrecht said. Junior attacking midfielder Liam Hafenbrack, who has three goals and 10 assists, has been outstanding at creating shots and setting up teammates.

Junior midfielder Luke Fowler covers well and has good ball movement. Junior

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of swimming being a family.”

It took a while, but the Tommies eventually began to achieve individual and team success. “It was one kid at a time,” Hodgson said. “For example, when Maureen Olson (who won six MIAC freestyle titles in the early '90s) came, others began to follow.”

Still, there were limits to what you can do in a five-lane pool. The school was growing and the old pool in O’Shaughnessy Hall was simply inadequate. In 2010, the Anderson Athletic & Recreation Center opened. Included in the building was an up-to-date swimming and diving facility. Although the Tommies were consistently among the MIAC’s best teams, the new pool brought in even more talent.

Hodgson retired in 2014 after 35 years on the job. His contemporaries thought enough of him that he was named MIAC Coach of the Year seven times.

The foundation he laid for the swimming program was so solid that the elevation from DIII to DI was relatively easy. Both UST swim teams finished a credible fifth in their first year at the Summit League championships.

In retirement, Hodgson is keeping his head in the water as a competitor. Earlier

this year, at age 72, he won the 500 free and was fifth in the 100 free at the Minnesota Masters meet.

**Wildcats have golf, tennis success**

Sophomore Kyra Venne earned a spot in Saint Catherine University’s history books when she became the first Wildcat golfer to win the MIAC individual championship at the recent conference meet. Venne played the 54 holes at the tough Bunker Hills course in 222 strokes, just 2 over par. Sydney Brandt, a fifth-year senior, tied for fifth place overall to earn her third all-conference honors. Both players were part of an SCU team that played in the NCAA DIII meet earlier this year.

Senior Kelsey Dorr became the first SCU tennis player to advance to the finals of the ITA Regional Championships recently held in Saint Peter. She entered as the second seed and breezed to straight-set victories in her first three matches. It took three sets to claim a semifinal win. In the finals, she gave top seed Sabrina Tang a run for her money, splitting two tight sets before dropping the third one. It was another milestone for Dorr, who has also represented the Wildcats in two NCAA tournaments.

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all-state.”

Giles Quiroz and Hafenbrack provide the team with a one-two offensive punch that’s hard to match. Senior striker Cav McLoone complements the other forwards well with three goals and four assists.

Albrecht said one of the Raiders’ great assets is their physical conditioning, which can often be a difference-maker during crunch time. “We need to not just be in shape, but in better shape than everyone else,” he said.

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defensive midfielder Luke Madden, who has logged eight goals, controls the center in the air and has good ball-tackling skills.

Up front, the Raiders have a valuable weapon in senior Diego Giles Quiroz, who has 20 goals and is ranked among the top scorers in the state. “He’s a pit-bull striker,” Albrecht said. “He’s an excellent finisher, who fights for his chances and is strong on the ball. I’d be very surprised if he’s not

**Scare up a little Halloween fun**

Many more events are being scheduled this year than in the past two years for those who are seeking a happy and healthy Halloween. Here are a few of the local events:

**Free scary movies** are being shown at dusk by the Saint Paul Department of Parks and Recreation. Bring a blanket or lawn chair, enjoy treats from food trucks, and spend a starlit night watching *Psycho* on October 14 in Mears Park, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone* on October 15 in the Como Midway Pavilion, and *The Rocky Horror Picture Show* on October 21 at Harriet Island. Visit [stpaul.gov/moviesintheparks](http://stpaul.gov/moviesintheparks) or call 651-266-6400.

**The Edgcumbe Recreation Center**, 320 S. Griggs St., will host a free Monster Bash from 5-8 p.m. Saturday, October 15. There will be food trucks, a haunted house and costume contest. Call 651-695-3711.

**A free Halloween party** for kids will be held from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, October 20, at the Palace Community Center, 781 Palace Ave. There will be games, crafts and other fun. Call 651-298-5677.

**SteppingStone Theatre for Youth** will offer Halloween-themed creative activities for kids in grades 1-6 from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday and Friday, October 20-21, at Park Square Theatre, 20 W. Seventh Place. Youngsters can create a spine-chilling play on Thursday and transform the theater into a haunted house on Friday. Participants are being asked to pay as they are able. For details, visit [tinyurl.com/2p9em57r](http://tinyurl.com/2p9em57r).

**Shadows and spirits** will stalk the halls of the restored state Capitol during tours on the half-hour from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays, October 20-22 and 27-29. Tour-goers will meet

historical “spirits,” including a night watchman, a Civil War veteran and a woman suffragist. The cost is \$11-\$15. Call 651-259-3015 or visit [mnhs.org/capitol](http://mnhs.org/capitol).

**Fort by Torchlight** programs, featuring a bonfire, music and a reserved seat at the re-enacted 19th-century court martial of Lieutenant Phineas Andrews, will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, October 21-22 and 28-29, at Historic Fort Snelling. The cost is \$18-\$22.50. Visit [tinyurl.com/mvty67te](http://tinyurl.com/mvty67te) or call 612-726-1171.

**A Trick or Teeing event** will be held from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, October 22, at the Mendota Par 3 Golf Course in Mendota Heights. Kids age 13 and younger are invited to visit golf holes for a treat and enjoy Halloween games, arts and crafts, and cider. Visit [tinyurl.com/crxvsjbu](http://tinyurl.com/crxvsjbu).

**An MJM Halloween Bash** will be held from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, October 27, at the Martin Luther King Center, 271 Mackubin St. The bash is being co-hosted by the Merriam Park and Jimmy Lee recreation centers. There will be a haunted house, games and more. Call 651-290-8695.

**Gangster Ghost Tours** featuring characters playing the spirits of Saint Paul criminals, G-men and judges will take place from 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, October 28, at Landmark Center. Tickets are \$10. The tour is suitable for those age 12 and older. Register at [landmarkcenter.org](http://landmarkcenter.org) or 651-292-3063.

**Trick or Treat in Highland** will be celebrated from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, October 29, in Highland Village. Trick-or-treating will take place along a route that begins at Langford & Karls Chiropractic, 730 S. Cleveland Ave. There will be photo stops and other activities. The suggested donation is \$5. Visit [highlandba.com](http://highlandba.com) to sign up.

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## OCTOBER 2022 ADMISSION EVENTS

### LOWER SCHOOL (K-5) OPEN HOUSE

**Tuesday, October 25, 2022, 8:30-10:30 a.m.**  
1150 Goodrich Avenue, St. Paul

### MIDDLE/UPPER SCHOOL (6-12) OPEN HOUSE

**Thursday, October 27, 2022, 8:30-10:30 a.m.**  
1712 Randolph Avenue, St. Paul

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Goodrich Campus (Grades K-5)



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# District Councils

## Highland Park

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**UST sports complex**—Representatives from the University of Saint Thomas and Ryan Companies will give an update on a potential sports complex at Highland Bridge during the Highland District Council's Community Development Committee meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 18, at the Highland Park Community Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy. There will also be also an online option to attend. Find the link at highlanddistrictcouncil.org/calendar/.

**Burglary prevention**—The Saint Paul Police Department will hold an open house on burglary prevention from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, October 19, at the Western District headquarters, 389 N. Hamline Ave.

**Highland station planning**—The four proposed Riverview Corridor station areas in the Highland Park neighborhood are at Montreal Avenue, Homer Street, Saint Paul Avenue and Davern Street. A survey to help guide future growth around those stations can be taken by visiting surveymonkey.com/r/98FPKRB.

**Free produce pickup**—The public is invited to pick up a variety of free fruit and vegetables outside Neighborhood House's Francis Basket, 1293 E. Maynard Dr., #410, from 2-3 p.m. Monday, October 24. No registration is required.

**Upcoming meeting**—Community Development Committee, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 18, at the Highland Park Community Center, with an option to join online. Get the Zoom link at highlanddistrictcouncil.org/calendar.

## Macalester-Groveland

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**Mac-Grove business roundtable**—Business leaders are invited to join the Macalester-Groveland Community Council's business representatives, members of the city's Ward 3 and 4 offices, and city staff for a fall roundtable from 8-9 a.m. Tuesday, October 18, via Zoom. Email mgcc@macgrove.org to learn more and register.

**Upcoming meetings**—board of directors on Thursday, October 13; Inclusivity Task Force on Wednesday, October 19; Transportation Committee on Monday, October 24; and Housing and Land Use Committee on Wednesday, October 26. The meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom. For log-in details, visit macgrove.org/participate.

## Summit Hill

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**Neighborhood plan**—Drafts of the updated chapters of the District 16 neighborhood plan can be viewed at SummitHillAssociation.org/comprehensive-plan-update. Feedback will be accepted at the SHA board meeting on Thursday, October 13, at the Linwood Recreation Center.

**Board positions available**—Volunteers are being

sought to assist at various activities and to join the SHA board. To volunteer, email info@SummitHillAssociation.org. For information on applying for the board, visit SummitHillAssociation.org/join-the-board.

**Winter plant sale**—The SHA is taking orders for poinsettias, winter plants, holiday centerpieces, wreaths and garland until 10 p.m. Thursday, October 20, at Gertens-Fundraising.com (store #191). Pick up orders from 6-8 p.m. Saturday, November 19, at the Linwood Recreation Center.

**Upcoming meetings**—Communications Committee on Wednesday, October 12; board of directors on Thursday, October 13, at the Linwood Recreation Center, 860 Saint Clair Ave.; Policies & Procedures Committee on Wednesday, October 19; and Racial Dialogue & Action on Thursday, October 20. All meetings are at 7 p.m. and are held online unless otherwise noted. For updated events and links to join, visit SummitHillAssociation.org/calendar.

## Union Park

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**University Avenue cleanup**—The Union Park District Council is collaborating with the Hamline Midway Coalition to clean up University Avenue from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, October 15. Volunteers should meet at the southwest corner of University and Pascal Street. Trash bags, gloves, trash grabbers, snacks and drinks will be provided. Registration is not required.

**No-mow cleanup**—Volunteers are needed from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, October 22, to maintain the no-mow and garden landscapes at the Merriam Park Recreation Center. Coffee, doughnuts, bagels and gardening tools will be supplied, but volunteers should bring their own gloves.

**Annual meeting and election**—The Union Park District Council's annual meeting and election will be held from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, November 2, in McNeely Hall at the University of Saint Thomas. Those who are interested in joining the board of directors are being asked to contact wako@unionparkdc.org.

**Upcoming meetings**—Committee on Land Use and Economic Development, 6:30 p.m. Monday, October 17; and Neighborhood Sustainability and Vitality Committee, 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 18. To access the Zoom meetings, email wako@unionparkdc.org, Leah@unionparkdc.org, or consult the calendar at unionparkdc.org.

## West Seventh

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**Upcoming meetings**—Transportation and Land Use Committee, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, October 13, at Waldmann Brewery, 445 N. Smith Ave.; and Community Engagement and Outreach Committee, 6:30 p.m. Thursday October 20. Meetings are on Zoom, unless otherwise noted. For log-in information, visit fortroadfederation.org/calendar.



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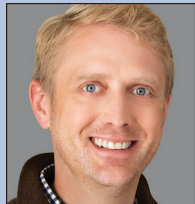
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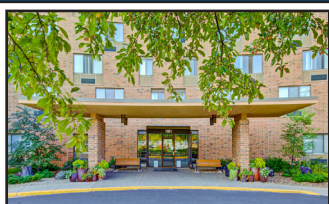
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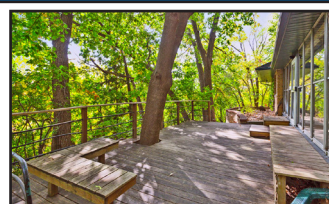
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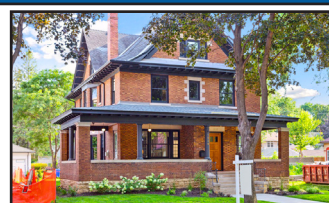
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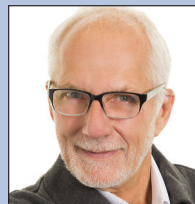
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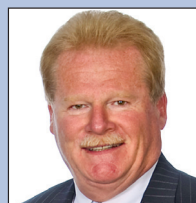
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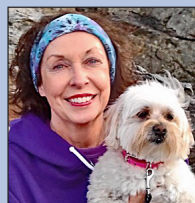
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