

Partisans in debate over Summit Ave. bike trail flood City Hall with testimony

By Jane McClure

A controversial plan to build a new recreational trail along the 4.7 miles of Summit Avenue will be reviewed by the Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission in a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 9, at the Arlington Hills Community Center, 1200 Payne Ave.

The city's Planning Commission was inundated with more than 1,000 written comments on the proposed regional trail plan during the 30-day comment period that ended on February 28. The Planning Commission's Transportation Committee will hold a public meeting on the Summit Avenue trail at 4:30 p.m. Monday, March 20, at the Rondo Library, 461 N. Dale St. The committee will make a recommendation to the City Council following the meeting, which is not a public hearing.

About 200 people attended a February 27 forum on the trail hosted by the Summit-University Planning Council and the Summit Hill Association. Members of Save Our Street (SOS) turned out in force at the forum. The citizens group objects to the trail's impact on Summit's historical character and on its tree canopy. They contend that the

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A path less taken. Craig Frea and Heather Medrow hike a wooded trail at Fort Snelling State Park while visiting from Mankato on a white and warmish winter day in February. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

Students, parents, teachers testify to the need for safer schools

Harding student's stabbing death was just the latest instance of school disorder

By Casey Ek

Still in mourning over the February 10 stabbing death of 15-year-old Devin Scott at Harding High School, Saint Paul Public Schools (SPPS) staff, students and parents are searching for answers to the problem of growing violence in schools. Just three weeks before Scott's death, a Washington Technology Magnet School staff member was wounded by gunfire during an after-school fight between two groups of students. Two days before that, a 16-year-old boy was shot and killed at Jimmy Lee Recreation Center, a few hours after school got out across the street at Central High School.

Those were among the many incidents of school violence brought to light in front of a packed house at Washington Technology Magnet on February 28. School district administrators and the Saint Paul School Board intended the public meeting to be a listening session, and aside from a brief introduction, district leaders were mostly silent.

Dozens of students, parents, teachers and other school staff testified, addressing their concerns to the School Board and administrators, including Superintendent Joe Gothard. Many of them admonished district leaders for their failure to stem the violence.

Mafiso Ahmad, a 9th-grader at Como Park High School, testified that "when you see someone with a knife or a gun (in school), it's not even surprising at this point. (You see people getting stabbed) or vaping, doing drugs. It's normal now. I



Henry Scott, a cousin of slain Harding High School student Devin Scott, called for heightened safety measures in the Saint Paul Public Schools at a February 28 forum. PHOTO BY CASEY EK

don't want to normalize it."

Central High School alumna and SPPS teacher Jessica Godin said that while she is proud to work in the Saint Paul schools,

"our amazing district has come to feel like a sinking ship held together by excellent but overworked teachers and incredible but frazzled and overwhelmed support staff." She called for more investments in social-emotional learning, community development and discipline.

Former SPPS teacher Debra Walden said that while she worked for the district she regularly made it known that she and her students felt unsafe. "My frustrations and pleas for help were, at best, diminished and at worst completely ignored," she said.

In a statement that drew some applause, former SPPS teacher Don Allen called for a vote of no confidence for district leaders. "The problem is this dysfunctional district," Allen said. "It cannot be repaired with the current School Board and superintendent."

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Neighbors review latest plan for UST ballfields at Highland Bridge

By Jane McClure

More than 50 people attended a meeting at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church on February 28 to see the University of Saint Thomas' latest plan for new baseball and softball stadiums in Highland Park.

The sports complex would be located in the southeast corner of the Highland Bridge development, on what had been a Canadian Pacific Railroad yard serving the former Ford Motor Company assembly plant. It would include a 1,000-seat softball stadium, 1,500-seat baseball stadium, an adjoining concourse, a practice facility and 330-space parking lot.

Highland Bridge master developer Ryan Companies handed off its purchase agreement for the old rail yard late last year to the Saint Paul Port Authority, which will clean up the site and then sell it to Saint Thomas.

Local residents at the meeting raised concerns about noise, bright lights and parking congestion. Marcia Avner questioned the effect the development would have on the city's property tax base.

CP Rail does not pay property taxes, but it has been paying about \$5,000 annually in city assessments on the property, according to Amy McDonough, chief of staff for UST president Rob Vischer. While UST also does not pay property taxes, it too pays various city assessments. Tickets sold at ballgames will also be subject to sales taxes, part of which goes to the city.

Other neighbors said they are more comfortable with the project after seeing the latest plans, which call for a new berm and landscaping, new fences and retaining walls between the sports complex and the homes to the south. The higher grade of



This diagram shows the University of Saint Thomas' plan for new softball and baseball stadiums on the former site of the Canadian Pacific rail yard southwest of Montreal and Cleveland avenues.

Hampshire Avenue on the southern edge of the property will also serve as a buffer.

"I'm encouraged by what this could look like," said neighbor Jim Winterer. "I think this is what we were hoping for."

The new stadiums would be used by the UST baseball and softball teams for practices and about 20 games each in the spring and for practices and a few games each in the fall. They would replace the baseball and softball fields on UST's north and south campuses, respectively. The current baseball field only has a couple of hundred seats and it often sells out, according to Phil Esten, UST athletics director.

UST's baseball teams typically play their home games on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The softball teams usually play on Saturdays and Sundays, though some midweek games are possible. UST officials said they would be willing to share the use

of the fields by local high school and youth teams.

UST is planning to construct a parking lot to serve the complex, but a parking ramp could be added if the demand warrants it.

Scott Andreason, a board member of Highland Ball, liked what he saw of the plans. Highland Ball has two diamonds for its baseball and softball programs just northeast of the proposed UST sports complex. "One thousand kids use our fields," Andreason said.

Highland Ball lost one of its three ballfields when work on the Highland Bridge development began. Being able to share UST's two ballfields means Highland Ball's teams would not have to travel outside of the area for games, Andreason said. He also liked the idea of sharing the parking lot. "This is a great opportunity for Highland Ball," he said.

Before the stadium complex can be built, it will require a complicated series of approvals. An alternative urban area-wide review is now underway to update a study done in 2019 to determine the various environmental impacts of the Highland Bridge development. The update is typically done every five years, but is being bumped up from 2024 to address the stadium complex. The results will be released for public comment in May.

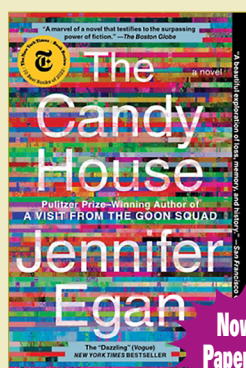
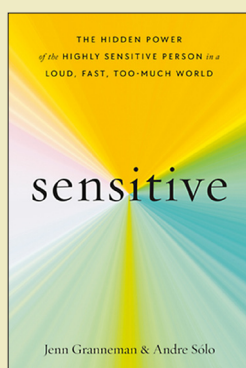
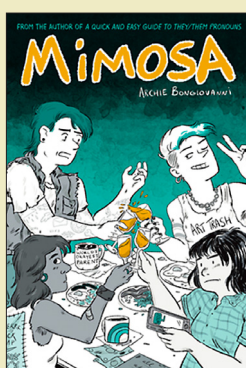
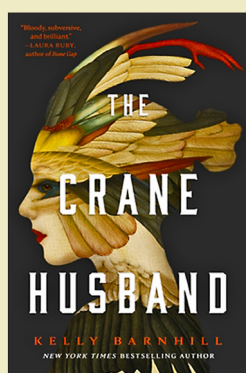
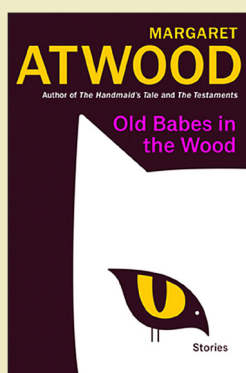
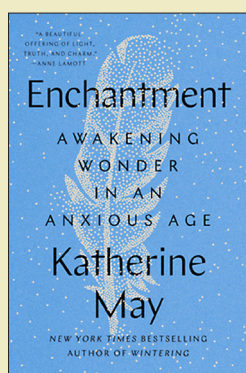
Major amendments to the Ford site's master plan are also underway to accommodate the new sports facilities, allow flexibility for a future transit corridor and make other changes. These changes will be reviewed by the Highland District Council on March 21, and by the Saint Paul Planning Commission in April. A final review by the City Council is expected this summer.

The sports complex requires relocating Highland Bridge's Mica Park, which has been platted but not developed. Developing the old rail yard will also require a land swap and changes to how much parkland is to be provided at Highland Bridge. The Saint Paul Parks and Recreation Commission will review those changes on March 9; the City Council will be asked to approve them, most likely in June.

Wetlands at the site need to be relocated with the approval of the Capitol Region Watershed District. The Federal Aviation Administration is also reviewing the planned sports complex for compliance with the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport overlay district.

Changes to the Highland Bridge redevelopment agreement with the city are also underway and should be completed by August. It is not known yet when any zoning changes will be brought forward.

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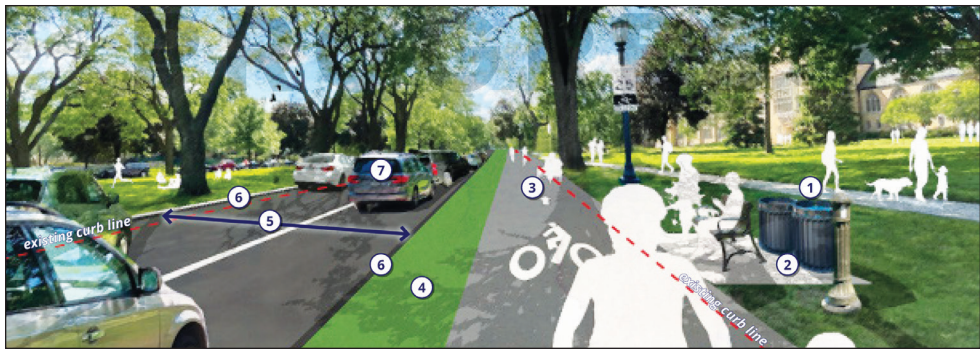


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The Summit Avenue trail as it would appear between the river and Fairview Avenue and between Snelling and Lexington Parkway. The pavement would expand 1.5 feet on all four sides of the divided street.

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city ought to just improve the existing on-street bike lanes and otherwise leave Summit in its current configuration.

Many members of the Saint Paul Bicycle Coalition and Sustain Saint Paul also attended the forum to support the proposed trail. They contend that a recreational path that is raised and separated from the traffic lanes is safer for cyclists and other users and would allow for better snow removal.

One flash point in the debate is the potential loss of trees. City forestry staff have examined Summit's trees, and they believe that about 221 trees would be lost through the street reconstruction project.

SOS contends that as many as 1,000 of Summit's 1,500 trees could be lost, especially in areas where curb lines would have to be moved. The group hired an arborist who confirmed those numbers. SOS has collected more than 2,400 signatures on a petition opposed to the trail plan. The group is also calling for the city to pass a tree protection ordinance before any more trail planning is done for Summit.

Questions and concerns at the forum needed to be submitted to city staff beforehand. Those in attendance were not allowed to testify. However, their comments were forwarded to city staff and posted on the district councils' websites.

The draft plan for the Summit Avenue trail is said to be 90 percent complete. Two one-way trails would be constructed along Summit's entire length. The raised asphalt trail would be outside of the parking lanes wherever on-street parking is still provided. The trail would be 7 feet wide along some segments and 6 feet wide along others. A buffer of 1.5 to 3 feet would separate the trail and the adjacent parking or traffic lane.

The trail project involves the city's departments of Public Works and Parks and Recreation. Parks and Rec would focus on the trail itself, and Public Works would focus on rebuilding the street, which is in poor condition in places.

According to Public Works director Sean Kershaw, whenever a street is reconstruct-

ed, there are impacts to tree roots and tree health. Summit has storm and septic sewers, water lines and other infrastructure that need to be replaced. Some sewer and water pipes may be more than a century old, and "they're at great risk of failing," Kershaw said. "We do work as carefully as we can, but sometimes crews dig up a street and find infrastructure where they didn't expect it."

Another concern is on-street parking. Parking would be eliminated on one side of Summit east of Lexington Parkway to allow room for the new trail. Mary Norton, a landscape architect with Parks and Recreation, said parking on Summit was studied as part of the planning process. Sections of Summit have low demand for on-street parking, she said. Other sections near schools or churches have higher demand.

Several people at the February 27 forum wanted to know why Summit and not another street was being considered for the regional trail. City Parks and Rec director Andy Rodriguez cited Summit's already lofty place in the regional trail system. It provides a direct route from downtown to the Mississippi River and connects to other regional trails. Other east-west streets were considered, including Jefferson and Marshall avenues, but they were rejected due to street width, grade changes or other issues, Norton said.

The Summit trail project would need to be approved by the City Council and regional parks officials. However, it has no funding and no timeline for its implementation. Kershaw said the city typically assesses adjacent property owners for a portion of the costs when a street is rebuilt.

Once a plan is approved, the city could apply for outside funding. The Summit Avenue trail is one of the projects included in Saint Paul's request for an increase in the city's sales tax from 0.5 to 1.5 percent. The tax request is pending before the Minnesota Legislature. If approved by the Legislature, the increase would be decided in a citywide referendum.

For a copy of the Summit Avenue Regional Trail's 90% Draft Plan, visit tinyurl.com/525dx9dc.

ReConnect Rondo receives \$2M for I-94 land bridge

By Jane McClure

A \$2 million federal Reconnecting Communities Grant is providing a key boost to the nonprofit ReConnect Rondo's plans for a land bridge over I-94. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law earmarked \$1 billion to aid hundreds of neighborhoods across the country that were demolished to construct the federal highway system. The Rondo neighborhood lost more than 700 homes and 300 businesses when it was cleaved in two by I-94 in the 1950s and '60s.

The grant, along with another \$500,000 previously committed by the city of Saint Paul and the state Legislature, will be used for environmental and traffic analyses and modeling. The land bridge could cap I-94 for several blocks between Chatsworth and Grotto streets. The cost of a five-block land bridge was estimated at around \$459 million back in 2021.

The recent funding will also aid in the coordination of plans between the land bridge and MnDOT's ReThinking I-94 initiative, especially those involving environmental impact and traffic.

"The timing was fortuitous," said ReConnect Rondo executive director Keith Baker, "but it is also incredibly validating to see the federal government take responsibility for the lasting harm rendered on communities all these years later."

"I'm grateful for Senator Klobuchar, Senator Smith and Congresswoman McCollum's work to secure funding for an incredible project," said Mayor Melvin Carter. "Rebuilding the Rondo community benefits all of us, and a land bridge brings exciting possibilities to the table."

In addition to the land bridge, ReConnect Rondo aims to create an African-American cultural enterprise district to catalyze economic growth throughout Rondo and adjacent neighborhoods.

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Master plan amendment allows car-sharing hubs at Highland Bridge

By Jane McClure

HourCar will be allowed to operate a pair of four-space car-sharing hubs at the Highland Bridge development following a minor amendment to the Ford site's master plan. One hub will be on Cretin Avenue and the second on a street still to be determined.

Ford site master developer Ryan Companies is seeking minor and major amendments to the master plan, which was originally adopted in 2017. Minor amendments can be made by city staff, while major ones must go through the Planning Commission and City Council.

The Planning Commission and Highland District Council recently heard updates on the master plan amendments. The one



for the car-sharing hubs was released on February 17 and made it through a 10-day period without an appeal.

The master plan originally called for car-sharing vehicles at Highland Bridge to be located within private parking lots or ramps. The number of spaces were to be set by the number of dwellings in residential buildings or number of parking spaces in commercial lots and ramps.

Car-sharing spaces can still be provided in private parking lots, said city planner Spencer Miller-Johnson. However, the amended plan now allows the car-share vehicles to also be parked on public streets.

Miller-Johnson said HourCar and Ryan believe that having the spaces on a street provides more public access. Planning Commission chairman Luis Rangel Morales said that had to be weighed against the loss of street parking spots.

The change ends what had become a conundrum for the city's Board of Zoning Appeals. Almost every project at Highland Bridge has gone to the BZA for a variance from the car-sharing requirement, much to the board's annoyance.

Ryan officials have sought to have the car-sharing requirement removed since

2018. Instead they want to work with HourCar and Xcel Energy on car-sharing hubs for the entire site. HourCar operates the Evie program that features electric Chevy Bolts, while Xcel operates charging stations.

When the master plan was first approved, Saint Paul had three car-sharing vendors as possible candidates for the Ford site. Previous programs allowed users to pick up a car at a designated location or use a computer app to find where a previous user may have left a car.

By 2018 HourCar was the only candidate left for car-sharing at Highland Bridge. The amendment to the master plan allows HourCar to use its current business model of creating vehicle hubs rather than scattered sites.

Committee rejects rezoning, suggests shop owner look elsewhere on Grand

By Jane McClure

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council's Housing and Land Use Committee voted 13-1 on February 22 to recommend denial of rezoning 1416 Grand Ave. from office-service to traditional neighborhood 2 so the building could be used for retail sales. That recommendation goes before the Saint Paul Planning Commission's Zoning Committee on March 9.

Instead of supporting the rezoning, the district council wanted to help property owner Rob Yang find a different location on Grand for his footwear and apparel store, Phenom Global.

The rezoning request was filed under the corporate name Lucky 888 LLC. The businesses is based in Maplewood and has stores in Minneapolis and California. The

company's website lists the store on Grand as "coming soon."

Yang, who grew up in Saint Paul has been trying to open a store at 1416 Grand since 2021, but was told by city and district council officials that the use would be non-conforming. One issue is whether changing its use would be considered illegal spot zoning.

The building at 1416 Grand was constructed in the 1920s as a farm and seed store. It has housed several different office and service business over the years, including a hair salon.

What concerns some neighbors is that Yang has continued to remodel the building over the past year and has filled the store with inventory before getting the rezoning approved.

Yang accused neighbors of distribut-

ing a prejudicial flier against his business and said he was not being treated fairly. "Everybody is scared of the future. Things change over time," he said.

Yang said many of his shoe and apparel sales would be online, and that he does not anticipate creating parking problems.

Committee members denounced the flier, but said their recommendation was only based on the zoning code and the way the block has developed over the years.

The zoning change is required for storefront retail use, though Yang could legally operate a mail order business there without rezoning. Some committee members urged him to do that or to find a different location.

"Grand Avenue needs you, but we wish you'd fill an existing retail space," said committee member Marc Manderscheid.

"I'm so sorry this has happened," said committee member Cathy Plessner, who also urged Yang to find another location on Grand.

"It's a residential section of Grand," said board president Art Punkyo. He said the only nearby business that generates a significant amount of traffic is the Kinderberry Hill childcare center.

A zoning change stays with the property, Punkyo noted, which means a wide range of businesses could go into the space in the future if it is rezoned.

Neighbors were also concerned that the existing building could be torn down and replaced with a larger structure that would generate more parking demand. There is no off-street parking for 1416 Grand and the city no longer requires developers to include such parking in their projects.

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An unidentified woman ponders the points being made by fellow citizens at a February 28 forum on school safety.

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Tracy Bomberg, an SPPS teacher, contended that the district has made life more unsafe for its high school students by cutting transportation. “We took their buses away,” she said. “We forced them onto unsafe Metro Transit, which has gotten progressively worse since the pandemic. The students feel like they have to bring weapons to protect themselves on the buses. And then once they arrive at school, we can’t protect kids from the fights and violence that goes on here.”

At the heart of the forum was the question of whether to bring Saint Paul police officers back into the secondary schools to serve as school resource officers (SROs). That was common practice before June 2020 when the school district severed its contract with the Police Department following the killing of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police.

In the wake of Scott’s killing, district administrators announced that they would position two Saint Paul police officers outside of Harding and four other high schools for the remainder of that week. At that same February 14 briefing, Gothard noted that “the partnership (between the district and the Police Department) was never extinguished. The partnership never went away. We do work” with the police when the situation calls for a police response.

Henry Scott, a cousin of Devin Scott, was among those at the forum in favor of bringing SROs back to Saint Paul’s schools. According to him, having a police officer in the school hallways would give students pause before perpetrating any violence. “As a kid, if you come into the school and you see an officer, your decision is going to change automatically because you know there’s a police officer there, so you’re going to make different decisions,” Scott said.

Scott implored the School Board to prioritize school safety. “I just think it’s important that you guys listen to the community,” he said. “We feel like you guys ain’t been listening for the last three or four years.”

A father of a Saint Paul Public Schools

student testified that he, too, would feel safer if armed police were present in the schools’ hallways. However, others at the forum maintained that SROs would do little to prevent violence. Rather than help, some said, the SROs would open up a school-to-prison pipeline for students of color.

Julia Schumacher, who teaches English as a second language in the district, said she was opposed to SROs. She does not believe that police officers make schools safer. “Our experience as (faculty and staff) shows that the people who make schools safer are the people who are at the schools every day taking care of each other,” she said. “When we work together, we can have safer schools.”

Humboldt High School student Le’Derron Doby said he also did not want to see cops back in the schools. However, he did want action taken to prevent violence, including the use of metal detectors at the entrances of schools.

Many, including Harding sophomore Natalie Weston, called for togetherness and listening as the district works toward making schools safer. “This is a good opportunity for everyone to start talking,” Weston said. “Everyone needs to listen to everyone’s point of view. This is not the first incident where violence has happened in our school.”

Weston said she was discouraged by the lack of engagement from the police officers stationed at Harding after Scott’s death. “Having police in our school could be a good thing, but we need to talk about it. If we have people just standing around, that doesn’t do anything.”

Gothard declined to comment after the forum. District administrators had not made any statements regarding the forum or any actions they would take to address school safety as this issue of *MyVillager* went to press.

School Board member Chauntyll Allen, in a Facebook post that has since been taken down, did describe bringing cops back to the schools as a “white supremacist” solution. “An SRO with a new name is still a killer cop,” she wrote.

Highland homeless shelter gets one-year extension

By Jane McClure

The Saint Paul Housing and Redevelopment Authority took action on February 22 to keep the Project Home family shelter operating in Highland Park for at least another year.

The HRA amended a joint powers agreement with Ramsey County and allocated up to \$827,244 toward Project Home’s continued operations. The agreement will be in place beginning in July and running through March 31, 2024.

Project home has operated since a conditional use permit was approved for the shelter in 2021. It leases the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Carondelet’s four-story provincial house at 1880 Randolphe Ave. and is

overseen by Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul. The shelter has space for about 20 families.

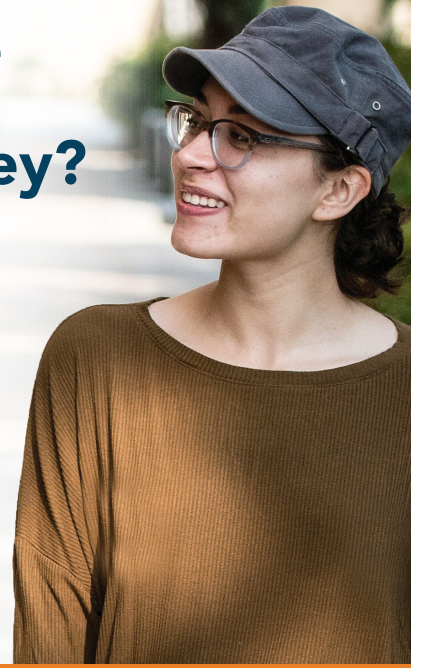
Project Home operated for more than two decades out of schools and places of worship, but had to find a different space when the COVID-19 pandemic began.

City and county officials were able to initially draw on federal assistance for Project Home, but as those funds were exhausted other sources had to be sought.

The dollars earmarked on February 22 are from the city’s Housing Trust Fund. The same allocation was made in June 2022. The city funding is considered to be temporary as Interfaith Action seeks an ongoing source of financial support for Project Home.

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UST's proposed arena raises concerns about Cretin Ave. traffic

By Jane McClure

The University of Saint Thomas' plan to build a new hockey and basketball arena on its south campus is prompting a new look at traffic safety on Cretin Avenue. The Union Park District Council (UPDC) board recommended on March 1 that the UPDC executive committee send a letter to the Saint Paul Department of Public Works asking it to consider reducing Cretin from four lanes to two with a center turn lane.

The \$175 million Lee and Penny Anderson Arena would have 4,000 seats for hockey games, 5,000 seats for basketball games and 6,000 seats for large convocations such as commencements. If all goes as planned, the arena would open in the fall of 2025 just west of the 750-space Anderson Parking Ramp at Cretin and Grand avenues.

Cretin is already a safety concern for neighbors, logging more than 50 car accidents in a typical year along its stretch south of I-94. The traffic on Cretin before the COVID-19 pandemic was 15,100 vehicles a day north of Summit Avenue and more than 26,000 a day closer to I-94.

In addition to UST's arena, traffic on Cretin could be affected by the ongoing development of the former Ford Motor Company assembly plant in Highland Park. The new Highland Bridge neighborhood is expected to have as many as 3,800 homes when it is fully built out in 10 years or so.

"We're very concerned about traffic on Cretin over time," said Mark Vangsgard, UST's chief financial officer and vice presi-



An artist's rendering of a full house of 4,000 fans at the University of Saint Thomas' proposed hockey arena.

dent for business affairs.

Current Highland Bridge traffic studies indicate that with its full build-out, Cretin north of Summit could be carrying as many as 18,100 vehicles per day by 2040. That estimate does not take into account the effect that a new UST arena would have. Cretin's capacity in 2040 has been estimated at 18,000 to 22,000 vehicles per day. However, those figures are being updated as part of a new Highland Bridge alternative urban areawide review (AUAR).

Traffic and parking studies are also being conducted as part of an environmental assessment worksheet (EAW) for the new UST arena. The EAW will be used to assess projected impacts of the arena and potential solutions.

Earlier this year, members of the Macalester-Groveland Community Council's Housing and Land Use Committee asked that on-street parking be removed on the

east side of Cretin next to O'Shaughnessy Stadium between Summit and Selby avenues. Parking is allowed there outside of rush hours and causes bottlenecks at times.

Amy McDonough, chief of staff for UST president Rob Vischer, said UST has already asked the city's Department of Public Works to remove the on-street parking on Cretin. That request is opposed by members of the UPDC transportation committee, including Sean Ryan, who lives near the stadium. "I actually don't think removing parking is going to help anything," he said.

Ryan and others questioned if removing the parking would work against the recommendation of a recent UPDC study group to slow traffic on Cretin through a redesign aimed at traffic calming. Vehicles exiting I-94 have been clocked on southbound Cretin at more than 50 mph.

In 2018 the Saint Paul City Council reduced the speed limit on Cretin from 35 to 30 mph. Since then, the speed limit on Cretin south of I-94 has been reduced to 25 mph.

Any proposed changes to parking and traffic control on Cretin will be reviewed by the Union Park and Macalester-Groveland district councils and possibly the city's Capital Improvement Budget Committee.

One idea that has been raised is adding a median on Cretin. Dean Cummings, cochair of the UPDC land use committee, said the median on Marshall Avenue has slowed traffic between Snelling and Cleveland avenues, where Marshall was also reduced from four lanes to two with a center turn lane.

The possibility of spillover parking from the UST arena has been a big concern in Macalester-Groveland, but not so much in Merriam Park. Members of the UPDC transportation committee have credited UST for adequately handling parking during football games and other large events on the north campus, and they expect the university to do the same during hockey and basketball games on the south campus.

The parking lots on campus are largely open on weekends and used for football games. About 80 percent of the 2,700 campus parking spaces are also available after 6 p.m. on weekdays.

McDonough said UST is considering employing a shuttle service to transport fans from remote parking lots to the new arena. An effort may also be made to promote the use of mass transit by fans.

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Judging the good of UST arena

In January, the University of Saint Thomas announced it had received a \$75 million donation to build a new Division I athletic center. It was the largest donation ever to a Minnesota university.

What else could \$75 million do? The nonprofit GiveWell estimates that vitamin A supplements for children in low-income countries can save lives at a cost of \$3,500 per life. Perhaps you'd prefer to donate to a cause more local and immediate. In 2021, Ramsey County and the city of Saint Paul committed to spending \$74 million on affordable housing, which they expect will create at least 1,000 units for extremely low-income residents. Or maybe you want to direct resources to your favorite educational institution. That much money could cover over 1,500 University of Saint Thomas tuition payments.

Of course, people are entitled to spend their money as they like. And Saint Thomas' new arena will create at least some benefits, both for the university's students and for public attendees at sports events. But as a guiding principle in life, it is worth questioning what we can do to put our resources toward the most good.

*Zak Yudhishtu
Macalester-Groveland*

For paid family & medical leave

We all want people to be able to take care of their families and themselves as the need arises. I'm a retired teacher. In 1986, my wife Anne and I were expecting our first child on August 8, which would have given me weeks at home with my wife and new baby before the school year started. To our surprise, our baby wasn't born until August 28. On top of that, my wife had a seizure during delivery and ended up needing an emergency C-section. Our son was born on a Thursday, and I had to be at school the very next week teaching classes. Because I didn't have access to paid leave, my wife had to heal from her surgery and care for our new son without me during the day.

Others I know are facing this same situation today. Colleagues have told me stories of using up their six weeks of sick leave as maternity leave and then taking additional time off, unpaid, to care for their baby or another family member. Passing the Paid Family and Medical Leave Bill would show that teachers are valued and encouraged to stay in the profession, given how sorely needed they are. Please contact your legislators and urge their support this session.

*John Benda
Highland Park*

Librarian has had a huge impact

For the past 15-plus years, Sharon Hubbard, the librarian at Randolph Heights Elementary School, has operated a Book Club of 20 to 30 volunteers who help kindergartners and first- and second-graders read books for two hours every Tuesday and Thursday. Volunteers make sure they read properly and understand the material and then give them the go-ahead for the next book.

I went through the Book Club years ago as a student at Randolph Heights and have volunteered for my Citizen in the Community merit badge. My parents, three of my grandparents, my uncle, my older brother and sister and even my little sister have volunteered for the Book Club. Mrs. Hubbard says one-on-one attention before the age of 10 can make a huge impact. If children learn to enjoy reading by third grade, they will be more inspired to do well in all subjects at school. According to her, Randolph Heights has the highest number of books checked out, which must be why they also have the highest reading test scores of any elementary school in the district.

Mrs. Hubbard is one of many teachers in this city that quietly go about making all of our lives better through their dedication to the children they serve. I feel very fortunate to have been part of her book club as both a student and volunteer.

*Oliver Stitzel, age 14
Summit Hill*

Editor's note: The writer is a member of Scouts BSA Troop 82 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. He wrote this letter as one of the requirements for his Communication merit badge.

Summit is sacrificing too much for regional trail

City needs to slow the process down and consider its options for improving safety of cyclists

By Sonja Mason

I participated on the Design Advisory Committee for the proposed Summit Avenue Regional Trail and have spent countless hours reading all of the iterations of the plan. It has gotten more confusing with each version. At 241 pages, the latest 90% Draft Plan contains an indigestible amount of information. Confusion and misinformation abound.

I was disappointed to read in the February 22 *MyVillager* the false but oft-repeated claim that the trail would be built within the existing curb lines. In fact, it widens the curb line by 3 feet along 2.1 miles of Summit, and leaves open the opportunity for expansion along the other 2.4 miles. That inaccuracy in the usually solid reporting of *MyVillager* made plain what's needed. The plan needs to be distilled into bite-size pieces.

The master plan process for the Summit Avenue Regional Trail has excluded other options and solely focused on one style of trail: a raised asphalt path at sidewalk level with a buffer space and curb. There would be two one-way trails the length of Summit. The standard is 7-foot asphalt paths and 4-foot buffers, requiring a total of 22 feet of roadway width. However, only 2.1 miles have the standard treadway. Modified treadways are proposed for the majority of Summit. This style of trail requires extra space that the constrained roadway simply doesn't have. It will also require sacrifices of green space, roadway shoulder or parking lanes, as well as the loss of the on-street bike lanes.

Sacrifices west of Lexington Parkway: In the 2.1 miles of Summit west of Lexington with the single center island, the 90% Draft Plan proposes widening the one-way street on both sides of the island from 28 to 31 feet.

Combined, this would impact 6 feet beyond the current curb lines, posing a severe risk to trees on the boulevards and island. Both traffic lanes would be widened from 11 to 12 feet, encouraging higher speeds and reduced safety.

Sacrifices east of Lexington: Summit east of Lexington is only 48 feet wide from curb to curb, making it difficult to find the 22 feet required for the standard trail. As written in the draft plan, anything could happen. One design would eliminate half of the on-street parking. City planners have emphasized that the use of on-street parking is low corridor-wide. They fail to recognize that 82 percent of the households east of Lexington are in multi-family buildings, and many park on the street.

Here, the plan includes a single 8-foot parking lane and 11- and 12-foot traffic lanes. The asphalt paths are 7 feet wide, but the buffers are only 1.5 feet wide—insufficient for snow storage and people. Passengers and deliveries would be unloaded on the new asphalt path.

A final decision on this segment has been left for a future design phase, allowing the return to a previously discarded configuration that would extend the curb 2.5 feet on either side. Another configuration would eliminate all of the parking on "select" blocks. With no parking, both traffic lanes would be widened to 12 feet.

Sacrifices west of Snelling: The plan for Summit between Snelling and Fairview avenues also falls short of the standard. This segment near Macalester College has two traffic lanes in the middle and a narrow island and frontage road on either side. The plan is for two 11-foot traffic lanes and a 3-foot buffer and 6-foot trail on either side. In this segment, the trails are narrowed in order to widen the traffic lanes, going against the best practices of the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT). And Macalester is the area most in need of safer speeds and traffic signal improvements. It has seen several crashes, including two at intersections that were fatal.

The proposed Summit Avenue trail doesn't just swap the locations of the parking lane and bike lane to create

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Midway deserves better plan for beloved library

Historic building should either be renovated or repurposed with new library built nearby

By Jonathan Oppenheimer

The Hamline Midway Library has been a neighborhood treasure at 1558 Minnehaha Ave. for over 90 years. In early February, it received a last-minute reprieve from demolition when it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is now imperative that Saint Paul residents band together to ensure that the building is preserved for decades to come and to pursue either of two alternatives that would unite the community around a more modern, dynamic library.

Saint Paulites of all stripes have long made clear that we can and should find a way to upgrade library services without tearing down this beautiful building. Now that the library has historic designation, it's time city officials change their tune.

Mayor Melvin Carter's office has continued to push for the demolition of the library despite the historic designation. That decision is entirely unnecessary given the existing design for a renovation of the library as well as an idea proposed two years ago to repurpose the library building and build a new library on a site next to Hamline Elementary School and Hancock Recreation Center.

Pursuing either of these options and avoiding demolition honors the city's Comprehensive Plan regarding preservation, stands as the environmentally and historically friendly choice and rejects the city's flawed and secretive community engagement process that was clearly intended for a predetermined outcome.

The Saint Paul Public Library (SPPL) has presented this issue as one of equity and sustainability versus preservationists concerned only with nostalgia. This argument is misleading at best and cynical and dishonest at worst, creating a false choice between progress or

preservation. The truth is, we have multiple options to preserve this historic building and improve the current library. The ready-made choice is one that architects hired by the city proposed early last year—a renovation and expansion option that would provide more space, improve accessibility, and rehab a building that is structurally sound but in need of upgrades.

If the city insists on a brand new building, then let's dream big and build a state-of-the-art library on public land just up the street where hundreds of children and families already come each day. When this idea was suggested by the community in 2021, the city quickly rejected it, making baseless claims that it was too complicated and would be a security risk and that the city wouldn't be able to find a buyer for the current library building. But this transformational idea is precisely the kind that the community would rally around and find a way to make happen.

If building a new library down the street requires more than the \$8.1 million the city has secured, community groups and neighborhood leaders would surely join with the Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library and other organizations to raise the additional funds. This project would be the unifying vision our neighborhood so desperately needs and deserves.

To understand this last-minute attempt for a common-sense solution to the library controversy, it's important to understand the behind-the-scenes dealings of the past two years. In recent weeks, Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library and the mayor's office have attempted to rewrite history, claiming there was a transparent and meaningful engagement process around the future of the Hamline Midway Library—a process they erroneously claim has led to a clear public mandate to demolish the historic building. History tells a different story.

Prior to its \$8.1 million CIB request in April 2021—after holding a single public meeting to discuss options for the Hamline Midway Library—SPPL coordinated and shared confidential correspondence with a private group

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Listening House day shelter gets new hearing

By Jane McClure

Plans to relocate the Listening House drop-in day shelter for people who are homeless to the former Red's Savoy building at 421 E. Seventh St. continued to draw objections from neighbors during a public hearing on February 22 before the Saint Paul City Council.



Vacant since 2017, the Red's Savoy building at 421 E. Seventh St. is being renovated as a day shelter for people who are homeless.

The council acted as the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) and then held a hearing and voted again as the council on a supplemental budget for the project as part of procedural issues tied to an ongoing lawsuit.

No one from Listening House appeared at the hearing, but executive director Molly Jalma said in an email that the project is continuing in two phases. The facility will open when the first phase is completed around June.

"We've raised just over half of the \$6.32 million needed for both phases and are working toward the funding finish line to start construction on phase two with the goal to complete the project in its entirety by fall," she said.

The hearing was the second held in the past year to address issues raised in

the lawsuit. The HRA and City Council adopted a plan last June for up to \$28.15 million in tax increment financing (TIF) for several private developments. An allocation made weeks later was \$1.4 million for Listening House's renovation of the longtime restaurant into a day shelter.

In August, the city and Listening House were sued in Ramsey County District Court by several Lowertown and Lafayette Park commercial and residential property owners. They cited problems with crime and behavior near Listening House's former day shelter, Freedom House, in their objections. Freedom House was forced to close at 296 W. Seventh St. in spring 2022 after neighborhood residents sued over problems associated with

users of the facility.

The lawsuit over the Red's Savoy location is still active, though the plaintiffs were unable to stop the building's ongoing renovation last year. Most neighbors said they did not know about the planned reuse until after it was approved. They also objected to a lack of notice of the city's decision to help finance the building's renovation.

As many as 200 people a day are expected to use the shelter. Listening House was located in downtown, but was forced to move to a Dayton's Bluff church several years ago. The goal for the nonprofit is to consolidate its services into the former Red's Savoy site.

One argument in the lawsuit is that the city did not follow its own procedures. A public notice of the

June hearing had not been published in a legal newspaper. Also, the spending plan for the TIF dollars did not specify the Listening House forgivable loan as an authorized expenditure.

The City Council held its first supplemental hearing last September to resolve the issue of the public hearing notice. It also gave the plaintiffs a chance to address the council. The second hearing on February 22 was to resolve issues related to the spending plan.

Ed Conley, who renovated the Schurmeier Building into apartments several years ago, said he never would have taken on that project had he known Listening House would be located nearby.

Conley, who has purchased and rehabilitated several buildings in Saint Paul for housing, said that if he managed his properties the way Listening House does, "the city would have shut me down."

Dave Brooks, who also owns several Saint Paul properties, said he has lost millions of dollars as workers have failed to return to downtown in the wake of the pandemic. He and others said crime and behavior issues are already causing problems in the area.

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parking-protected bike lanes. The raised and separated trail creates a new curb in a new location, requiring the construction of an extension to all 150-plus driveways and the reconstruction of 350-plus pedestrian ramps at 46 street crossings. This includes any curbs and bumpouts that were or will be constructed as part of mill and overlay projects in 2022 and 2023 between Mississippi River Boulevard and Victoria Street.

The 90% Draft Plan didn't draw on studies of actual bicycle-car crashes in order to address their causes with proven solutions. Safe roadway design anticipates common human error and prevents it. Targeted improvements to intersections are the greatest need on Summit and do not require a raised separated trail. Redesigning the roadway to enforce Summit's 25 mph

speed limit would increase safety and decrease injuries for all users. MnDOT recommends 10-foot traffic lanes for urban roads with low speed limits like Summit.

As members of the Design Advisory Committee, I and others became frustrated with the planning process. Safety and user feedback were not placed first. Less invasive trail designs were not allowed to be considered. Alternative routes were dismissed without analysis. The 90% Draft Plan began and ended with a single predetermined product.

There's still time to save the Summit Avenue Regional Trail. The process needs to slow down and consider more options and more people. Summit deserves a trail with fewer sacrifices and a planning process that considers alternative trail types and alternative routes.

Sonja Mason is a resident of Summit Hill.

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to strengthen its position to demolish the library building while doing little to no work with the Hamline Midway Council to solicit comments from the neighborhood. At the same time, public responses to the CIB proposal indicated a strong preference for preservation. That sentiment was echoed by the city's Department of Planning and Economic Development in emails uncovered via an open records request along with other emails making clear that SPPL knew that demolition went against the city's Comprehensive Plan.

Last year, the community was led to believe there would be seven months of public engagement before a decision was made between library renovation and expansion or demolition and a new building. Instead, the city fast-tracked the process and commandeered outreach from LSE Architects to ensure that people in favor of preservation were silenced and its own pro-demolition narrative was solidified.

If anyone has doubts about the city's true intentions, consider the following:

1) The first step taken by the city in its 2022 outreach was to create a small, invitation-only Community Ambassadors group that met behind closed doors and didn't represent the diversity of opinions in the neighborhood. City leaders then refused to

broaden participation or invite any other community organizations to participate.

2) The city created a messaging campaign last year based on a public survey that inexplicably omitted renovation as an option that respondents could choose as a preference. Survey censorship allowed demolition proponents to control the narrative and claim support they didn't have.

Hamline Midway Library was selected for the National Register of Historic Places because it's a neighborhood treasure that ought to remain for future generations to enjoy. Preservation of the building is the most environmentally friendly option. Concerns about accessibility and equity can be addressed through renovation and expansion or a new building at a new location. With national historic designation comes federal tax credits that make rehabbing the library building more attractive and affordable if it were repurposed.

It's past time we all sat down at the table and collectively moved a project forward that honors our shared commitments to sustainability, accessibility, equity and dynamism. The win-win is there for all to see: Renovate the existing library or build a new library elsewhere and show the community what teamwork, hard work and the spirit of compromise are all about.

Jonathan Oppenheimer is a resident of Hamline Midway and co-founder of the group Renovate 1558.

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Remodeled Highland & Mac-Grove fair returns as day of workshops March 11

By Frank Jossi

After a two-year hiatus, the Highland and Macalester-Groveland district councils are bringing back their popular Home Improvement Fair this month with a new name, look and focus.

The newly titled Home Improvement Workshop Day will be held from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at Cretin-Derham Hall, 550 S. Albert St. The day will feature 14 informational workshops, with many of the 55-minute presentations centering on environmental themes, such as solar energy, native gardens and electric vehicles.

The fair was created in 1993 as a way to gather experts on a wide variety of home improvement topics under one roof, making it easier for homeowners to find answers to their remodeling questions. The fair included seminars on key home improvement issues and a trade show featuring local contractors, home specialists

and retailers. In its inaugural run, the fair attracted a crowd of around 1,500.

This spring's event has dropped the traditional "fair" portion of the event. Kathy Carruth, executive director of the Highland District Council, said the fair attracted as many as 55-80 vendors. However, it proved costly to hold, requiring equipment rental and volunteers for set up and take down.

"Most people mainly came for the workshops and walked through the fair, so we thought, 'Let's make a change and see how it goes,'" Carruth said. "There will be seven or eight organizations 'tabling' in the hallway and the workshops, and that's it."

The tables will be manned by city transportation and public works employees, Saint Paul Regional Water Services, Highland Heritage Project, Saint Paul Tool Library, Little Free Library, and the two sponsoring district councils.

The councils conducted surveys to determine what kinds of presentations residents



Ginny Pease passed around an item during a workshop entitled "Age in Place: How to Stay in Your Home Longer" during the Highland & Macalester-Groveland Home Improvement Fair in 2018.

PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

wanted to see. The results showed strong interest in sustainability, Carruth said.

Alyssa Mitchell, Macalester-Groveland's program and communications coordinator, said she hoped the new workshop format would help rebuild an audience for the event. The presentations, she said, will offer attendees "something that can't readily be read on the Internet" and will connect them with local resources.

The desire for more sustainability seminars did not surprise Mitchell. Even before the survey, she said residents had expressed interest in having presentations related to

that topic. She reached out to people connected with nonprofit groups to develop a list of potential presenters, such as Fresh Energy and the Citizens Utility Board.

Carruth recruited the city and a developer to speak about accessory dwellings after neighbors said they wanted to learn more about them. The workshops will also include businesses that have presented for years on such topics as steel roofs, kitchen remodels and window repairs.

For more information on this year's Home Improvement Workshop Day, visit macgrove.org/hiwd.

Workshop schedule

9-9:55 a.m.

- Maintaining Your Stucco, 9 a.m., Room 101. Smith Cole Stucco and Stone will offer advice on caring for your stucco home.
- Aging in Place, 9 a.m., Room 102. Refining Homes will address how remodeling can help older homeowners stay in their houses longer and more comfortably.
- Metal Roofing, 9 a.m., Room 105. Austad Construction Co. representatives will discuss the advantages of metal roofs.

10-10:55 a.m.

- The Inflation Reduction Act and You, 10 a.m., Room 105. Fresh Energy will explain what the Inflation Reduction Act does and how homeowners can take advantage of tax credits and rebates.
- Growing a Native Garden, 10 a.m., Room 106. Ramsey County Master Gardeners Sharon Hardy and Laurel Watt will



Paul Schmidt will talk about window repair during a workshop at 10 a.m. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

share tips on how to start a native perennial garden, including where to buy plants and how to maintain them.

- Solar Basics, 10 a.m., Room 107. All Energy Solar will provide a status update on solar in Minnesota, how the technology works, how batteries can serve as backup power and the incentive available.
- Old Windows: Restore or Replace? 10

a.m., Room 108. Paul Schmidt of Restoration Window Systems will address repairing and replacing old windows to improve their energy efficiency.

11-11:55 a.m.

- Home Electrification: Converting from Gas to Electric, 11 a.m., Room 101. Transition Town will discuss how homeowners can convert from natural gas heat to electric heating from air source heat pumps.
- Composting 101, 11 a.m., Room 102. City of Saint Paul Recycling & Solid Waste Services personnel will take the class through the fundamentals of composting, such as what food can be composted. Highland Park's new organics drop-off site at 800 S. Snelling Ave. is already the busiest one in the city.
- Plan, Design and Remodel Your Kitchen, 11 a.m., Room 105. Castle Building & Learn step-by-step plans for remodeling a kitchen, starting with an idea, then a design and finally construction.

Noon-12:55 p.m.

- Accessory Dwelling Units in Saint Paul, noon, Room 105. The city of Saint Paul and YardHomes will give an overview of regulations involved in creating accessory dwellings and what opportunities arise when adding one to a home.
- Original Window Repair and Restoration, noon, Room 106. Hayes Window Restoration will cover basic window maintenance for do-it-yourselfers, such as repairing sash cords, fixing glass, and working with original weatherstripping.
- EV Charging Solutions, noon, Room 107. Ray of Light Electric will offer tips on energy efficiency and electric vehicle charging.
- Energy Bill 101, noon, Room 108. Sponsored by the Citizens Utility Board, which advocates on behalf of consumers, the workshop will look at energy bills to detect usage patterns and identify money-saving opportunities.

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Highland Park

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Home Improvement Workshop Day—The Highland and Macalester-Groveland district councils are hosting a day of home improvement workshops from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at Cretin-Derham Hall, 550 S. Albert St. Some of the workshop topics include solar panels, aging in place, window restoration, creating an accessible home and electric vehicle charging solutions. Learn more at macgrove.org/hiwd.

Board openings—The Highland District Council is seeking candidates for its board of directors. Up for election from March 29-April 3 are one representative each from grids 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 (see map at highlanddistrictcouncil.org/hdc), and two at-large representatives. Applications are due by 5 p.m. Wednesday, March 22. Learn more at bit.ly/HDCelection23.

Board info sessions—Meetings for prospective board members will be held at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, at the Mezz in the new Highland Bridge Lunds & Byerlys, and at 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 20, via Zoom (the link is posted on the website). Attendees will be able to meet current representatives and learn about the HDC, the role of board members and the election process.

Annual meeting—The HDC will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, March 29, at Summit Brewing, 910 Montreal Circle. Social time begins at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7 p.m. Attendees can learn about projects in the neighborhood and meet candidates running for the board. Rustic Chef food truck will have food available for purchase. The agenda will be posted soon on the HDC website. The meeting will also be streamed live on the HDC's Facebook page at facebook.com/HighlandDistrictCouncil.

Upcoming meetings—Transportation Committee, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 14; and Community Development Committee, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 21. Both meetings will be held at the Highland Park Community Center, 1978 Ford Pkwy., with the option to join online. Get the Zoom link and agendas at highlanddistrictcouncil.org/calendar.

Macalester-Groveland

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Home Improvement Workshop Day—The Macalester-Groveland and Highland community councils will hold a Home Improvement Workshop Day from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at Cretin-Derham Hall, 550 S. Albert St. Several workshops will be offered each hour throughout the day on a variety of home improvement topics. Learn more at macgrove.org/hiwd.

Century building plaques—If your home or commercial building is nearing 100 years old, the Macalester-Groveland Community Council is offering engraved plaques to identify it. Any property that will be at least 100 years old by 2028 is eligible. Order and pay at macgrove.org/100years by March 31.

Annual meeting and elections—The Macalester-Groveland Community Council will host a virtual annual meeting and board elections on Thursday, April 20. All those who live, work, learn or play in the neighborhood are invited to participate. Learn more about the open seats and running for the board by visiting macgrove.org/boardelections or emailing alexa@macgrove.org.

Upcoming meetings—board of directors on Thursday, March 9; Community Building Team on Monday, March 13; Inclusivity Task Force on Wednesday, March 15; Housing and Land Use Committee on Wednesday, March 22; and Transportation Committee on Monday, March 27. All meetings will be held via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. For log-in details, visit macgrove.org/participate.

Summit Hill

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SHA plant sale—The Summit Hill Association is holding its annual plant sale. Go to gertensfundraising.com, Store #191, to place orders by 10 p.m. Thursday, April 6. Plants can be picked up from 4:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, May 4, at the Linwood Recreation Center, 860 Saint Clair Ave.

Reimagine Linwood—The SHA is partnering with

Saint Paul Parks and Recreation to reimagine Linwood Park. Check the SHA website on how to get involved.

Summit Hill Parent's Club—Looking to meet new people in the neighborhood? Join the Summit Hill Parent's Club. More information can be found on the website.

Union Park

unionparkdc.org • 651-645-6887

Upcoming meetings—Transportation Committee with Jimmy Shoemaker on Safe Routes to School, 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 13; Committee on Land Use and Economic Development, 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 20; and Neighborhood Sustainability and Vitality Committee, 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 21. All of the meetings will be held via Zoom. For access information, email info@unionparkdc.org or see the calendar on the website.

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

Office hours—The Union Park office hours are currently by appointment only. Contact executive director Leah Timberlake Sullivan at leah@unionparkdc.org.

West Seventh

fortroadfederation.org • 651-298-5599

Run for the board—The West Seventh/Fort Road Federation is seeking board candidates for its annual meeting and elections that will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, at Summit Brewing, 910 Montreal Circle. An informational session for prospective board members will be held at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, at Shamrocks, 995 W. Seventh St. Email fortroadfed@fortroadfederation.org.

Upcoming meetings—board of directors, 7 p.m. Monday, March 13; Community Engagement and Outreach Committee, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 16; and Transportation and Land Use Committee, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 5. All meetings will be held via Zoom. For log-in details, visit fortroadfederation.org/calendar.

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Crime Report

The following criminal incidents were compiled from Saint Paul and Mendota Heights police reports. For other crimes not referenced in this print edition, go to MyVillager.com.

Highland Park

Burglary—A 23-year-old man was caught trying to steal items from a garage on the 2300 block of Benson Avenue at 8 a.m. on February 22. When the complainant tried calling 911, the suspect took his phone and threatened to damage it unless he was given money. After being paid, the suspect returned the phone and fled. Police later located the suspect nearby.

Theft—Two thefts were reported at River Crossing Apartments, 1730 Graham Ave., on February 21-24.

—Money was reported stolen from the ATM at BMO Harris Bank, 522 S. Snelling Ave., on February 27-28.

Lexington-Hamline

Theft—A suspect stole more than \$1,000 in items from Aldi, 1134 University Ave., at 9:44 a.m. on February 24.

Assault—A woman said her ex-boyfriend head-butted her and broke her vehicle's mirror at White Castle, 1120 University Ave., at 9:15 p.m. on February 22.

Macalester-Groveland

Theft—Items valued at more than \$1,000 were reported stolen from an apartment on the 400 block of South Griggs Street on February 17.

Assault—Two females knocked over numerous displays and spit in the face of a witness at Walgreens, 1585 Randolph Ave., at 2 p.m. on February 22.

Mendota Heights

Burglary—Suspects were captured on video breaking into a business on the 2200 block of Waters Drive at 9:57 p.m. on February 20.

Theft—Officers responded to a report of Internet fraud on the 2600 block of Concord Way at 1:25 p.m. on February 21. The reporting party said he lost \$750,000 he invested on an online cryptocurrency platform.

Miscellaneous—A woman reportedly hit a vehicle with a hammer on the 300 block of E Street at 8:27 p.m. on February 20. She was taken to the hospital for evaluation.

Merriam Park

Burglary—A home was burglarized on the 1800 block of Summit Avenue at 3:13 p.m. on February 19.

Miscellaneous—A woman, 37, was found running naked in an apartment complex on the 1900 block of University Avenue at 12:48 p.m. on February 17. She was arrested for violating an order of protection.

—The garages of an apartment building were found sprayed with graffiti on the 400 block of North Cleveland Avenue at 6:15 p.m. on February 26.

Snelling-Hamline

Robbery—A man was robbed of his medication at gunpoint on Pascal Street and University Avenue at 11 a.m. on February 25.

Burglary—A burglary was reported at Speedway, 56 N. Snelling Ave., at 2:45 a.m. on February 18.

Theft—A man said his cellphone was stolen while he was eating in

Driver charged in fatal crash near UST

Devin Markus Chase, 31, of Saint Paul was charged in Ramsey County District Court with driving a vehicle that resulted in the death of passenger Randi Lee Stone, 30, of Minneapolis around 4 p.m. Monday, February 20, on Cretin Avenue and Mississippi River Boulevard.

The felony charges include two counts of criminal vehicular homicide—one for driving negligently while under the influence of a controlled substance and another for driving in a grossly negligent manner—and auto theft. Bail was set at \$250,000.

According to the criminal complaint, Chase, Stone, her sister and two others had been living in a 2015 Nissan Rogue that was reported stolen on February 8 in Saint Paul. The five reportedly drove to Minneapolis and bought meth and heroin on the morning of the crash. The complaint said they drove around ingesting the drugs they had purchased.

They were headed north on Cretin at a high rate of speed when they

reportedly tried to turn left onto Mississippi River Boulevard, drove into oncoming traffic and collided with a Nissan Altima. The driver of the Altima crawled out uninjured.

When officers arrived they found Stone slumped over in the rear passenger seat of the Rogue. It appeared she had not been wearing a seatbelt and was pronounced dead. Officers recovered drugs and drug paraphernalia from the vehicle.

Chase was found on the ground near the driver's side door. The car's airbags had deployed. A witness said two females fled from the passenger side of the vehicle. Chase first told medics that Stone's sister had been driving and fled the scene. He later claimed that another man also living in the Rogue had been driving.

Investigators went to the hospital to interview Chase and noted burns on both of his arms consistent with a steering wheel airbag being deployed. He said he had been living out of the Rogue for about two weeks and assumed it had been stolen, but did not know from where.

Whole Foods, 1575 Selby Ave., at 4:49 p.m. on February 22.

Miscellaneous—A woman, 33, was arrested for DWI, drug possession and obstruction after she was found slumped over in a vehicle at the Midway Cub Foods at 3:34 p.m. on February 20.

Summit Hill

Robbery—A robbery at knife point was reported on the 600 block of Summit Avenue at 11:40 a.m. on February 23.

Burglary—A residence was broken into on the 800 block of Osceola Avenue between 6:30-10:30 p.m. on February 25.

—An occupied residence was burglarized on the 600 block of Lincoln Avenue between 8:40-10 p.m. on February 22.

Theft—Items valued at more than \$1,000 were reported stolen from a vehicle at the Pleasant Arena, 848 Pleasant Ave., between 9:10-11:10 p.m. on February 15.

—More than \$1,000 in prescription medicine was stolen at Walgreens, 734 Grand Ave., between 5:49-6:28 p.m. on February 22.

Assault—An assault was reported on the 700 block of Lincoln Avenue at 2 p.m. on February 24.

Summit-University

Robbery—A woman was robbed at gunpoint by several suspects in the parking lot of her residence on the 500 block of Saint Anthony Avenue at 6:43 p.m. on February 16. Multiple items and cash valued at more than \$6,000 were reported taken.

Assault—A girl was taken to the hospital after police investigated an assault at an apartment on the 100 block of North Grotto Street at 4:46 p.m. on February 27.

—A woman was hospitalized following an assault at the Dale Street Place Apartments, 313 N. Dale St., at 2:29 p.m. on February 27. A man was later arrested for felony assault with a dangerous weapon, fleeing police and obstruction.

Miscellaneous—A man, 35, was arrested for trespassing and disorderly conduct after he was found walking naked in a locked building at 1000 University Ave. at 10:33 p.m. on February 16.

—A 32-year-old man was cited for trespassing after security cameras caught him pushing a work cart inside the Avandale Apartments under construction at 594 Selby Ave. at 1:24 a.m. on February 24. He was discovered hiding in a portable toilet outside the worksite.

West End

Burglary—A burglary was reported at Kessler & Maguire Funeral Home, 640 W. Seventh St., at 5:44 a.m. on February 19.

Theft—A 37-year-old man was arrested for theft at Patrick McGovern's Pub, 225 W. Seventh St., at 9:37 a.m. on February 16. He was found passed out in the basement, where he reportedly had been drinking stolen alcohol.

—A gun and other items were reported stolen from a vehicle on the 200 block of N. Smith Avenue on February 17-18.

—Items valued at over \$1,000 were stolen from a vehicle on the 900 block of Armstrong Avenue between February 17-19.

Assault—An assault was reported at Wild Bill's Saloon, 175 W. Seventh St., at 11:42 p.m. on February 18.

—A woman reported being assaulted on the 400 block of Goodhue Street at 7 p.m. on February 25.

Weapons—A gun was recovered in a bathroom at United Hospital at 2:54 p.m. on February 17.

Miscellaneous—Police responded to a report of an intoxicated person urinating in the street at 1:12 p.m. on February 18 on the 900 block of May Street. They arrested a 65-year-old man for DWI, driving without a license, possession of drug paraphernalia and two outstanding warrants.

—A 39-year-old man was arrested for DWI after he was found slumped in a vehicle at 2:58 p.m. on February 18 on the 200 block of Grand Avenue.

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ON THE TOWN

St. Paul salutes its Irish roots

St. Paddy's Day celebration for all ages marks its 40th anniversary at Landmark

By Anne Murphy

Saint Paul's Saint Patrick's Day parade has always been a family event, with the city's various Irish clans marching behind banners emblazoned with the families' names.

"When the parade was re-created in the late 1960s, people would take their kids out of school and come downtown for the parade," recalled Jan Casey, a member of the board of Irish Arts Minnesota. By the following decade, however, the festivities around the parade had begun to attract a lot of drinking. "If you had your kids with you, you weren't going to go," Casey said.

Then, in the early '80s, Saint Paul author Erin Hart "approached the folks at Landmark Center and said, 'There really should be a family-friendly celebration of Saint Patrick's Day,'" Casey recalled.

Thus was born the Saint Patrick's Day Celebration, a cultural program first presented in 1983 by Irish Arts Minnesota (IAM), then a new organization dedicated to the traditional arts of Ireland. Forty years later, IAM will return to Landmark Center with seven hours of Irish music, dance and other cultural programming from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, March 17.

This year's Saint Patrick's Day Celebration will offer four stages of Irish music and dance with more than two dozen different acts. Irish goods and handicrafts will be displayed for show and sale. Seminars will be conducted on Celtic poetry, Irish seafaring songs and the Irish language. Out of the Mist Celtic Theatre will mount a drama on the life of Saint Patrick. Traditional

Irish food and beverages will be served, and hands-on activities will be available for children in Irish music, dance and storytelling.

Don and Sherry Ladig of Merriam Park will be back with Dunquin. The trio includes Don on flute and whistles, Sherry on keyboard and Rosa Wells on fiddle. "We play the traditional dance tunes and slow airs of Ireland," Sherry said. "The Saint Patrick's Day Celebration is one of our most joyful gigs of the year. It's a great way to honor the Irish heritage of Saint Paul."

New this year will be a performance by Irish Diplomacy, a jazz-infused Celtic band that plays both original and traditional Irish music with a twist. Also new is the ensemble of David and Suzanne Rhees and Tim O'Keefe, who will perform a blend of Irish and Brazilian music.

With the growing interest in Irish dance locally, "we don't have enough stage time for all of the groups who want to perform at Landmark Center, so we created a separate Day of Irish Dance," Casey said. This year that will be presented from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, March 19, also at Landmark Center. "We'll have two stages with more than 600 dancers from 11 different dance schools and organizations," Casey said.

You don't have to be Irish to embrace the Emerald Isle's cultural heritage, according to Casey, a Macalester-Groveland resident. "My husband is Irish," she said. "I used to say that I was Irish by marriage, but then I found an Irish great-great grandmother."

Casey first volunteered with IAM at the urging of her



Irish Arts Minnesota board member Bridget Dinter, vice president Jan Casey and president Amber Ladany gathered inside Landmark Center to highlight the organization's annual Saint Patrick's Day Celebration and Day of Irish Dance to be held on Friday and Sunday, March 17 and 19, respectively. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

husband, who was involved in the Irish Fair of Minnesota. "IAM was completely new then, and I didn't know enough to know what I couldn't do," she said. "They've been very tolerant."

Bridget Dinter of Highland Park has been an IAM board member since 2021. "Almost half of my heritage is Irish," Dinter said. "My grandmother is full-blooded Irish. She'd call me every Saint Patrick's Day to make sure I was celebrating. One Saint Patrick's Day, I decided I wanted to understand more, so I looked around and saw Irish dance opportunities for adults who had never done it."

Somebody Dinter danced with was on the IAM board. That person alerted her to an open position on the board, and "I took it," she said.

IAM has a trifold purpose, Dinter said: to celebrate Irish-American arts and culture, create connections with other cultural communities and inspire an appreciation for the history and heritage of Ireland. Beyond the Saint Patrick's Day events, she said, "IAM has a very important

"In the case of Ireland, the culture is not static. If you look at what we consider traditional Irish music, it's not really staying the same. It continues to change and modify and grow."

mission. It reaches out and pulls everything together for the Irish arts and culture here."

Dinter serves as editor of the IAM newsletter, which highlights the offerings of other Irish-American organizations. "The newsletter has a Gaelic corner to teach you the language," she said. "There's a book review, and there are songs with the words and music."

IAM awards scholarships for individuals wishing to further their study of Irish dance, music, theater, literature or language. Casey and Dinter are also proud of the IAM Honors Event,

which each year recognizes an individual for outstanding contributions to Irish arts and culture.

"Preserving and promoting cultural traditions adds flavor to life," Dinter said. "It helps connect us with our history. I love imagining my great-grandparents playing the same kind of music and doing the same kind of dancing that I'm doing."

"Keeping Irish traditions alive is part of the richness of the city," Casey said. "Those connections with ancestral roots are so valuable. The other important thing is that, in the case of Ireland, the culture is not static. If you look at what we consider traditional Irish music, it's not really staying the same. It continues to change and modify and grow. And the creativity of that, the energy of that, is really positive."

Admission to the Saint Patrick's Day celebration and to the Irish Day of Dance is \$9, \$7 for seniors and children ages 6-17. For reservations or more information, visit irishartsmn.org.

It's once again time to get your green on in honor of St. Pat's

Sure 'n' Irish eyes will be havin' plenty to smile about over the next week and a half as folks hereabouts tip their hats to Saint Pat's. The following are just a few of the activities that have been scheduled for the annual wearin' o' the green:

- The Big Button Reveal & Auction will take place from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, March 9, at the O'Shaughnessy Distillery, 600 SE Malcolm Ave., Minneapolis. There will be tons of Irish cheer and goodies to bid on, including the commemorative Big Button for the 2023 Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

All auction proceeds will go toward the parade and local charities.

- Button Blitzing—West Seventh Night will take place on Friday, March 10. Commemorative parade buttons will be sold for \$5 each beginning at 6 p.m. at Bennett's Chop & Railhouse, 7:30 p.m. at Shamrocks and 9 p.m. at Joe & Stan's to support the Saint Patrick's Association. Each button purchased also comes with a chance to win \$1,500.

- The annual Get Lucky races will be held on Saturday, March 11, beginning and ending at Harriet Island Park in Saint Paul.

A half marathon will begin at 8:30 a.m., followed by a 7K at 9 a.m. Awards will be given out in 14 age groups. Visit monsteraceseries.com/get-lucky-2023.

- The 2023 Miss Shamrock Coronation will be held from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 14, at the Minnesota Music Cafe, 501 Payne Ave. The celebration will feature bagpipers, Irish dancers, local Irish dignitaries and more.

- Saint Paul's Saint Patrick's Day Parade will step out at noon Friday, March 17. It will begin at Rice Park and travel along Fifth Street to Mears Park, which is a re-

peat from last year and was reportedly the original route in 1967.

- Following the parade, revelers are invited to head straight to CHS Field for the second annual Ballpark Hooley sponsored by Guinness from 1-3 p.m. The party will feature live music by The Serfs and Northerly Gales, Irish dancers, and plenty of Irish food and drinks. Admission to the Hooley is \$5 in advance, \$10 at the field, and free for children 5 and younger. Proceeds from the Hooley will benefit future parades and local charities. Visit stpat-mn.org.

ON THE TOWN *Briefly*

Books

Next Chapter Booksellers, 38 S. Snelling Ave., will host readings and discussions with poets Sharon Chmielarz, Elizabeth Weir and Tracy Youngblom at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 14; Ellie Roscher and Heidi Barr and their books, *The Embodied Path* and *Collision of Earth and Sky*, respectively, at 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 15; and Rachel Hanel and her book, *Not the Camilla We Knew*, about a Minnesota girl who became one of the most wanted domestic terrorists in the U.S., at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 21. Call 651-225-8989 or visit nextchapterbooksellers.com.

Dance

Ethnic Dance Theatre and the EDT Folk Orchestra will perform dances and music traditional to ethnic groups living along Europe's Danube River on March 11 and 12. The shows will begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday in Pearson Theatre, 312 N. Hamline Ave. Tickets are \$35, \$25 for seniors, \$15 for children. Visit ethnicdancetheatre.org

Skoll, an original musical about a Viking clan and the young woman who is called to lead it in battle, will be staged from March 23 through April 9 by Collide Theatrical Dance Company. Inspired by the discovery of a female Viking warrior's grave, the show will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays at the Southern Theater, 1420 Washington Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Tickets are \$32-\$55. Call 651-395-7903 or visit collidetheatrical.org.

Exhibits

Examine history with the skills of Sherlock Holmes at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. There, you will discover how author Arthur Conan Doyle's fictional detective used seemingly trivial observations to solve the most puzzling mysteries. Learn how his methods are used today in criminal investigations. The exhibit runs through April 2. A host of related programs are scheduled, including a genealogy workshop on March 12; Mystery Trivia Night, March 16; a free workshop on historical research, March 25; and a workshop on the history of houses, April 1. Admission is \$12, \$10 for seniors and college students, \$6 for children ages 5-17. Visit mnhs.org or call 651-259-3000.

"An Interrupted Childhood," the stories and photos of seven Polish World War II survivors in Minnesota, are being told through April 30 in the North Gallery at Landmark Center. The exhibit offers lessons in suffering, survival, resilience and gratitude. Admission is free. Call 651-292-3063 or visit landmarkcenter.org.

"Exquisite Creatures," an exploration of earth's biodiversity through reclaimed

specimens of animals, is being displayed through September 4 at the Science Museum of Minnesota, 120 W. Kellogg Blvd. Arranged by artist and naturalist Christopher Marley, the seemingly endless variety of creatures makes up a mosaic of the natural world. Admission to the museum is \$29.95, \$19.95 for children ages 4-17. Visit smm.org or call 651-221-9444.

Botanical printmaker Linda Snouffer will display two dozen original works from March 19-31 in the gallery at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 700 S. Snelling Ave. The exhibit will open with a public reception and artist talk at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, March 19. The gallery is open from 8 a.m.-noon on Sundays and from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on weekdays.

Arts at the Oval, a juried show and sale by 28 artists working in jewelry, pottery, painting, photography and fiber art, will be presented from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, March 25, in the Olympic Room at the Roseville Skating Center, 2661 Civic Center Drive. Admission is free.

Family

Visit Nigeria without leaving Saint Paul. Take part in an urban expedition from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, March 12, at Landmark Center. The free program will feature the art, music, crafts, clothing and cuisine of the West African country. Call 651-292-3276 or visit landmarkcenter.org.

Music

Ramsey Hill drummer Peter Kogan will be joined by Charles Lazarus on trumpet and Scott Agster on trombone in a jazz concert from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, March 16, in Fingal's Cave in the basement of the MetroNome Brewery, 385 Broadway St. Playing along with them will be Tommy Barbarella on piano and Chris Bates on bass. Admission is free.

Praised for his passion, rich tone and searing lyricism, violinist Benjamin Beilman will perform works by Rameau, Szymanowski, Schumann, Strauss, Messiaen, Reena Esmail and Gabriella Smith on March 17 and 19. Van Cliburn gold medal pianist Yekwon Woo will accompany Beilman. The music begins at 10:30 a.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Sunday at the Ordway Concert Hall. Tickets are \$28-\$61 on Friday, \$36-\$75 on Sunday. Call 651-224-4222 or visit ordway.org.

"My Soul's Repose," the motets of J.S. Bach and meditative works by Arvo Part as well as their solo organ music, will be performed by The Singers and organist Aaron David Miller on March 18 and 19. The concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, 4801 S. France Ave. in Minneapolis, and at 3 p.m. Sunday at House of Hope Presbyterian Church, 797 Summit Ave. Tickets are \$35. Visit singersmca.org.

Emmy Award-winning guitarist Billy McLaughlin and his band Simple Gifts will present an evening of innovative and inspirational music with a Celtic twist beginning at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 19, at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, 3045 Chicago Ave. S. in Minneapolis. McLaughlin, who is known for his unorthodox techniques, had to learn how to play the guitar left-handed following a bout with the rare disorder, focal dystonia. Admission is free. A reception will follow. Call 612-827-5919 or visit mountolivechurch.org.

Seward Concert Band will celebrate the foundations of band music in concert at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 24, in the auditorium of Sanford Middle School, 3524 42nd Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Seward's director emeritus Chuck Boody will conduct the program. Tickets are \$6, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for children. For information, visit sewardconcertband.org.

The Scottish rock band the Red Hot Chili Pipers will perform in concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 25, at the Ordway Concert Hall. The nine-piece ensemble's signature sound is a fusing of such traditional tunes as "The Flowers of Scotland," "The Hills of Argyll" and "Amazing Grace" and contemporary anthems by Queen, Coldplay, Snow Patrol and AC/DC. Tickets are \$49-\$70. Visit ordway.org or call 651-224-4222.

Theater

Mercy Unrelenting, based on the true story of Italian peasant girl Maria Goretti who was canonized a saint in 1950, nearly 50 years after her murder, is playing through March 26 at Open Window Theatre, 5300 S. Robert Trail, Inver Grove Heights. Written by Jeremy Stanbary and co-directed by Stanbary and Stephen O'Toole, the play opens on the eve of Goretti's canonization amid rumors of a miracle in the life of her killer. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays and 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23. Tickets are \$18-\$28. Call 612-615-1515 or visit openwindowtheatre.org.

Eurydice, Sarah Ruhl's retelling of the classic Greek myth about Orpheus and Eurydice, will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays, March 10 through April 2, at Theatre in the Round, 245 Cedar Ave. S. in Minneapolis. Directed by Sophie Peyton, the play is a fresh take on a timeless love story with contemporary characters, new twists and breathtaking visual effects. Tickets are \$25 or whatever you can pay at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 29. Call 612-333-3010 or visit theatreintheround.org.

Diesel Heart, a new play by Brian Gran-dison based on the autobiography of Melvin Carter Jr., will open on March 11 at History Theatre, 30 E. 10th St. Directed by Warren C. Bowles, the drama tells of a Saint Paul teenager who struggled in the

classroom and on the streets. The father of the current mayor, Carter enlisted in the Navy, won self-respect as a boxer and battled crime and racism as a Saint Paul cop. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays through April 2. Tickets are \$15-\$58. Visit historytheatre.com or call 651-292-4323.

What makes art and people truly authentic is explored in the comedy-drama *Bakersfield Mist*, opening March 17 at Gremlin Theatre, 550 N. Vandalia St. The play by Stephen Sachs tells of an unemployed bartender who purchases what she thinks is a lost masterpiece at a thrift shop. A world-class art expert arrives at her trailer park home to verify the painting's worth and discovers something altogether different. Jen Maren and John Middleton star. Angela Timberman directs. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays and 3 p.m. Sundays through April 2. Tickets are \$32 with discounts for seniors, those under age 30, and everybody at the additional show at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 27. Visit gremlintheater.org or call 1-888-71-TICKETS.

My Fair Lady, Lincoln Center Theater's touring production of the classic musical, will be performed on March 21-25 at the Ordway Music Theater. Described as the most perfect musical of all time, *My Fair Lady* tells of a young Cockney flower seller and the linguistics professor who attempts to transform her into a "proper lady." The curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and at 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday. Tickets start at \$44. Visit ordway.org or call 651-224-4222.

Film

Films that highlight the challenges and achievements of the Cuban people despite the U.S. blockade of their nation are being screened by the Minnesota Cuba Committee at 7 p.m. Wednesdays, now through April 5, at Main Cinema, 115 SE. Main St. in Minneapolis. Cosponsored by the MSP Film Society, the schedule includes *Bongo Ita* on March 8; *Habana Selfies*, March 15; *Cuba's Life Task: Combating Climate Change*, March 22; *Vicenta B*, March 29; and *Chico & Rita*, April 5. Tickets are \$10, \$7 for students. Call 612-395-4444 or visit mspfilm.org.

Omnifest, a series of five epic movies, continues through April 9 in the Omnitheater at the Science Museum of Minnesota, 120 W. Kellogg Blvd. Lighting up the giant screen are *National Parks Adventure*, about the birth of the national parks system; *Born to Be Wild*, a tale of rescued orangutans and elephants in Kenya and Borneo; *Superpower Dogs*, about real-life hero canines; *Amazon Adventure*, an 11-year journey of biodiversity; and *Sea Lions: Life by a Whisker*, featuring this curious, playful and endangered species. Tickets are \$9.95 for ages 4 and older. Visit smm.org or call 651-221-9444.

SATURDAY/MARCH 18

HISTORIAN ALICE BAUMGARTNER will discuss how Mexico's abolition of slavery in 1837 opened a southern road to freedom for slaves in the U.S. and spurred the crisis that led to the Civil War in history forums at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Minnesota History Center, 345 W. Kellogg Blvd. A virtual option is available at 10 a.m. Tickets are \$10-\$16. Visit mnhs.org/historyforum.

MONDAY/MARCH 20

"TREES FOR A CHANGING CLIMATE" will be addressed by Faith Applequist of Tree Quality at a meeting of the Garden Club of Ramsey County at 7:25 p.m. at Saint Luke Lutheran Church, 1807 Field Ave. The public is invited. For information, visit ramseygardeners.org.

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TUESDAY/MARCH 21

A DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS for motorists age 55 and older will be offered from 4:30-8:30 p.m. at the Saint Paul Public Schools Community Education Service Center, 1780 W. Seventh St. The four-hour course is a refresher for those who have taken the eight-hour course. The cost is \$24. To register, call 1-888-234-1294 or visit mnsafetycenter.org.

FRIDAY/MARCH 24

"CAN BLACK AND WHITE MEET AT THE CROSS?" will be discussed by the Reverend Kelly Chatman at 7:15 p.m.

in the Hearth Room of the Anderson Student Center at the University of Saint Thomas. Sponsored by the Institute of Theological and Interdisciplinary Studies, the free program will also feature Henry Louis Gates' film *The Black Church*. A free buffet supper will be served beginning at 6:30 p.m. For reservations, call R. Alan James at 651-983-3846.

SUNDAY/MARCH 26

A FREE WORKSHOP ON RETIREMENT will be conducted from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Jewish Family Service, 1633 W. Seventh St. Stan Lapidus, a retirement expert, will discuss the process for planning a successful and fulfilling retirement. For reservations, contact Anne Myers at amyers@jfsp.org or 651-359-7775.

SPORTS



The Wright Call

By Dave Wright

Dynamic duo leads Wildcat swimmers

The newest local sports dynasty is the Saint Catherine University swim team, which won its third straight Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) title last month. The season has been extended for several Saint Kate's swimmers who earned invitations to the NCAA Division III Swimming Championships from March 15-18 in Indianapolis.

The headliners for the Wildcats are a pair of veterans who've kept getting better each year. In the case of Jordyn Wentzel and Annie Voss, that's been a long time. Wentzel is a graduate student who, because of the COVID year, got an extra season of competition and has made the most of it. The three-time MIAC swimmer of the year will take part in three individual and two team events in Indianapolis. Voss, a senior, will also be busy with a pair of solo events and a team race.

SCU coach Justin Zook couldn't say enough about the pair. "Going into the year, I knew Jordyn had a lot on her plate," Zook said. "Working on her MBA, I knew that going to practice would be hard. She's also a captain, but I didn't press her on those duties. Balancing all of it has been difficult, but she just leads by example."

That example showed up at the recent MIAC championships, where Wentzel won the 100 and 200 breaststrokes as well as the 500 freestyle, and took part in two winning relays. Wentzel's 2:12.94 effort in the 200 breaststroke is the top NCAA DIII time recorded this year. She also ranks second nationally in the 400 and 10th in the 200 individual medleys.

Voss won the 100 and 200 backstrokes at the MIAC meet. Her 2:01.54 time in the latter was a career best and earned her a return invite to nationals. She will also join Wentzel in the pool in the 400 IM and take part in a relay race. "Her progression has been amazing," Zook said about Voss. "She almost quit swimming in high school. We didn't set goals for her here. She's an elite athlete, but I'm not sure we've ever had a harder worker."

Saint Kate's freshman Skye Schmit also qualified to compete in the 1650 freestyle at nationals.

Cadet swimmers take second in state Class A

Led by five top finishes, Saint Thomas Academy placed second in the state Class A swim meet held at the University of Minnesota on March 2-4. Freshman Luke Mechtel had a memorable meet, finishing third in the 100 breaststroke and fifth in the 50 free to pace the Cadets. STA totaled 204 points, trailing only Breck-Blake's 408.

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CDH's Max Anderson is hoisted by teammates after his first goal in the Raiders' 4-2 win over STA. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

In sync on the rink

Saint Paul skater rises from backyard ice to national competition

By Brian Johnson

Isabelle Fowler's journey in competitive ice skating literally began in her own backyard.

Now 14 and living in Highland Park, Isabelle was in kindergarten when she taught herself how to "spin and twirl" on a rink built by her father in the shadow of the family's Merriam Park home. The rink took up most of the family's backyard, where Isabelle shared ice time with her hockey-playing brothers.

Her mother, Natalie, said they actually thought she was going to play hockey. "But she only wanted to twirl, usually right between the hockey players," she said.

Isabelle's backyard skating eventually led to bigger things. Advancing quickly in the sport, she began skating competitively by age 7 and has since participated in figure and synchronized skating events as far away as California and Massachusetts.

Last year, she successfully tried out at the novice level for the Northernettes, a Twin Cities-based synchronized skating organization. This season the Northernettes had skaters from ages 8-19, including several teams that competed nationally.

The novice team includes about 20 skaters. The team participated at the Midwestern regionals in January and did well enough to qualify for the U.S. Synchronized Skating Championships on March 1-4 in Peoria, Illinois.

Though Isabelle is a first-year synchronized skater, she's been a quick study, said coach Alana Christie. With help from Isabelle, the novice team had a successful season this winter, medaling in four of five events.

Christie knew early on that Isabelle would be a good fit for the team. "When I saw her at a tryout last spring, I said, 'This girl needs to get into our organization; I know she'll pick it up and excel at synchro,'" said Christie, who founded the Northernettes in 2017.



Isabelle Fowler, 14, trains with Saint Paul Figure Skating Club director of ice dance Madeline Moore for the U.S. Figure Skating Nationals to take place later this month. PHOTO BY BRAD STAUFFER

nettes in 2017.

Isabelle practices about six hours a week with the Northernettes when the skaters are training for a competition. In addition, she skates about 8-10 hours every week with her freestyle and ice dance coaches.

For the novice team, the competition involves one freestyle program. The junior team skates both short and long programs.

"The hardest part about synchronized skating," Isabelle said, "is trying to coordinate every movement with 15 other teammates on the ice."

Isabelle is a student at Minnesota Connections Academy. She was born in Belgium, but the family moved back to Saint Paul when she was 5 and the idea of building a backyard skating rink took hold.

At age 6, Isabelle began working with a coach at the Saint Paul Figure Skating Club. Before long she began performing in front of an audience. Her debut was in Colorado, where the Fowlers were visiting relatives.

"She went to skate at the local rink there over Thanksgiving and they actually asked her to be a guest skater for their holiday show," Natalie said.

In 2019, when the Saint Paul Fig-

ure Skating Club hosted the Upper Great Lakes regional championships in Minneapolis, 10-year-old Isabelle raised a lot of eyebrows with a very strong performance.

Though she wasn't old enough to compete in the qualifying series, Isabelle ended up placing fourth in the region against about 80 skaters and was "kind of on the fast track after that," Natalie said.

For Isabelle, a busy schedule is on the horizon. This summer, she'll compete as a freestyler with the Saint Paul Figure Skating Club. She also volunteers as a Learn to Skate coach-in-training at the Highland Arena.

She has dreams of bigger and better competitions, perhaps even making it to the Olympics. The International Skating Union is lobbying to make synchronized skating an Olympic sport.

Though some young athletes can experience burnout, Isabelle's busy schedule of practices and competitions hasn't diminished her enjoyment of the sport. On the contrary, she still heads to the Groveland Recreation Center's outdoor rinks to skate "for fun whenever she can," Natalie said.

CDH upsets STA, returns to state hockey tourney

By Bill Wagner

The Cretin-Derham Hall boys' hockey team rode a strong start to a 4-2 victory over Saint Thomas Academy in the Section 3AA title game on March 1 to return to this week's state tournament.

The Raiders (18-9-1) will face Maple Grove (22-5-1) in the state AA quarterfinals at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 9, at the Xcel Energy Center.

In the section final, CDH turned in outstanding performances by its three big guns, senior forwards Jake Fisher and Attila Lippai and senior defenseman Simon Houge.

"I couldn't ask more from (those three core players)," said coach Matt Funk, adding that all three had played in their

100th varsity games this season.

The second-seeded Raiders jumped out to a 3-0 first-period lead against the top-ranked Cadets (19-8), who played better after that but were still unable to overcome the early disadvantage. STA pulled its goalie late in hopes of coming back, but the Raiders held firm.

The first period was key for CDH, which split its two regular-season games with the Cadets by identical 4-2 scores. Freshman Max Anderson drew first blood with a power play tally, assisted by Fisher and senior Colton Jamieson. Then Fisher lit the lamp for two even-strength scores and the Raiders were well on their way.

"That's the best I've ever seen our team play in a first period," Funk said.

Anderson assisted on Fisher's first

goal, and Lippai and Houge drew assists on his second. Fisher is the team's top scorer, Lippai is second and Houge leads the team in assists.

The Cadets, who were outshot 38-23, came out much stronger in the second period. Senior Tommy Cronin scored off an assist from junior Brody Deitz to narrow the deficit, but the Raiders were never in any serious jeopardy of losing control of the game.

"They tried to take away our speed," Funk said, "but we knew that we had to play fast. We thought this game would be a race to see who gets to three goals."

The Raiders got a big third-period goal from Anderson that put STA away, with assists from Lippai and Houge. The Ca-

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Mechtel was also a member of the 200 free relay team that took third place, along with seniors Luke Audette, Tommy Simmons and Joe Matschina. Cadet junior Will Barth finished third in the 500 free and fifth in the 200 free events. Audette came in right behind Barth in the 200 free.

Two Rivers finished in 18th place with 42 points. Junior Fin Gustafson had the top Warrior effort with a seventh-place showing in the 200 individual medley.

Best month of the year is here

When it comes to sports, March in many ways is the best month of the year. For openers, there's spring training. The results of the games in Florida and Arizona may mean little in the big picture. What's important, however, is being able to watch a few innings being played outdoors in glorious sunshine. It provides a reminder that warmer days are ahead and the snow on the back porch will, indeed, melt away soon.

For fans of various high school sports teams around the state, March has greater importance. It's state tournament time. Regular-season results are quickly forgotten as everybody still has a chance to run the board.

As noted elsewhere on these pages, Cretin-Derham Hall will

return to the boys' state hockey tournament this week after its 4-2 defeat of rival Saint Thomas Academy.

The state girls' basketball tournament is the following week. Visitation won 16 regular-season games and is the No. 2 seed in Section 3AAA. To get to state, the Blazers will likely have to top a DeLaSalle team that took two close games from them during the regular season.

The Minnehaha Academy girls' basketball team won 19 games during the regular season. Still, that meant nothing when the second-seeded Redhawks began Section 4AA play. They'll likely have to find a way to dismantle top-seeded Saint Croix Lutheran, which entered sections on a 14-game winning streak.

Boys' basketball is the final prep winter tournament. Veteran CDH coach Jerry Kline said March games are vastly different than January ones. "Every possession counts now," he said. "You've had all season to adjust."

Last year, the Raiders took third at state in Class AAAA with a 103-95 double-overtime win over Eastview. This season has been topsy-turvy from the start. After being held to 38 points in a loss at Mounds View on February 24, CDH erupted for a season-high 83 points four days later in a win at Roseville to improve to 13-12 overall.

Let the postseason fun begin.

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dets also scored in the third period, a power play goal by senior Lucas Kickhofel and assisted by Cronin, but it wasn't enough.

Funk gave a big pat on the back to junior goalie Leo Miller, who only recently returned from a knee injury suffered around the holidays, but looked sharp versus the Cadets.

This was the first time the two clubs had engaged in a section playoff game since 1969, Funk said. "We knew that it was going to be emotional for us," he said, adding that his squad had learned plenty about the Cadets after losing to them in the first game of the season. "We're a completely different team now."

The Cadets enjoyed a nice turnaround this year after playing .500 hockey last winter. New head coach Mike Randolph said his charges simply couldn't counter against CDH's furious opening period. "They gained a lot of momentum after that first goal," he said.

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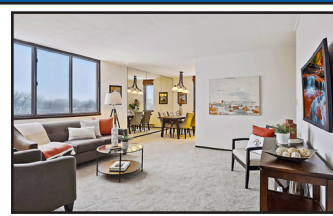


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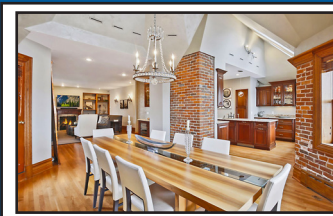
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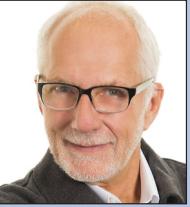
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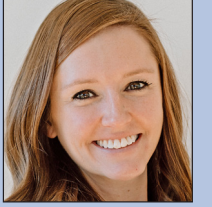


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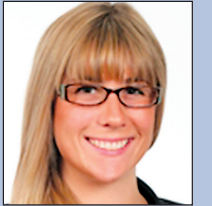


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