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Residents have mixed views on effect of 20,000 soccer fans coming into neighborhood

By MARGIE O’LOUGHLIN

Neighbors who live within a few blocks of Allianz Field are having to adjust to new levels of traffic on MNUFC game days. On the evening of Game II, April 24, people shared the following thoughts.

A neighbor at Sherburne and Simpson (who asked to remain anonymous) said, “My wife and I have lived here for 16 years. I love watching the people go by and seeing the action around the stadium on game days, but parking is a big problem for us. We don’t have a garage, and both my wife and I are handicapped. We have to park in front of our house. If we can’t get home in time to park in our parking spaces, we don’t have a place to park.”

Tina Sweesy, who lives three blocks away from Allianz Field, said, “The stadium hasn’t presented a big deal for us. I’m just glad the Super Block is starting to feel safer. I feel like, for 18 times/year, why not have people come and visit our neighborhood?”

By JANE MCCLURE
Allianz Field’s first few Major League Soccer games have had a mixed impact on surrounding neighborhoods, in terms of parking and traffic. Some neighbors are already seeking expanded or new residential permit parking districts, in response to people filling streets with parked vehicles. Others have decided to make a profit, signing up to rent out their off-street driveways or parking pads to soccer fans. Pre and post-game periods have brought heavy motor vehicle traffic on arterial and neighborhood streets, with traffic tie-ups north and south of University Ave. But Minnesota United FC’s admonition to fans to walk, bike or use transit, shuttles, off-site paid parking lots for games apparently is being heeded. Buses and trains have carried full loads of passengers to and from games.

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Some rent out driveways, others ask for residential permit parking districts

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Bridging divide between renters and homeowners

Renter’s Voice Summit first step in giving voice to half of city residents who rent

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Bringing the voice of renters into city hall is a subject Ward 4 Council Member Mitra Jalal Nelson is passionate about.

She is a renter who campaigned on a platform of renter’s rights last summer before being elected to the seat vacated by Russ Stark. On Thursday, April 18, she held a Renter’s Voice Summit in partnership with five district councils.

“Half of our community is renting and we have yet to see full representation [on the city council],” Nelson pointed out.

She added, “Tenants are the most diverse group of tenants. What are our rights? What are ways to make our voices heard?”

Nelson pointed out that this is the first time an event of this kind for renters has been organized.

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The dream of Major League Soccer has been that Allianz Field only seemed like a fantasy four years ago, has become a reality. For those who work or lived in the neighborhood for years, Allianz Field looks like a spaceship it is, especially when lit up in red, green or blue, the light show adds to the aesthetic.

The Minnesota United have now played three home games in Allianz Field. I was fortunate enough to attend the April 24 game against the LA Galaxy, but not fortunate enough to take part in the tradition of singing the Oasis song, “Wonderwall” after a winning win. (They tied these two games before winning 1-0 over DC United.)

How do you like soccer? I never got into the sport until the Minnesota United, and while I do keep track of the scoring, why a yellow card gets raised, the games are very fun. For low scoring affairs, the excitement is still off the charts, especially when your team scores a goal. The big soccer fans are unmatched in their enthusiasm, waving giant flags and banging drums in the fan section, but a first-time visitor will still have a great time. If you are skeptical, give it a try. The excitement is contagious.

Here are some observations if you decide to check it out.

There are things to do outside Allianz Field, so allow time to walk around the entire stadium. A path winds through the entire concourse. Walk into the Brew Hall, located north of the field. The Brew Hall is open Thursday-Sunday when there isn’t an event at Allianz Field, with non-game prices. It also stays open 1.5 hours after home games, so a great way to avoid traffic.

Another way to avoid post-game traffic is to stop by nearby restaurants and bars. If you can afford the time, a person is better off grabbing their last drink at the Black Hart or other bars before venturing to their vehicle or transit.

If you plan to come by car, the closest parking lots are $25. You can also take a shuttle bus from the State Fair, which charges $15 to park. I suspect more restaurants will use a shuttle service to take away the stress of parking.

Transit may be the best way to get to the game. Cheaper than a taxi, Allianz Field is close to both the Green Line Light Rail Line and the A-Line Bus Rapid Transit. Transit is ending up connecting to the Blue Line at Hiawatha and 46th St. So far, public transit is taking about 45 minutes to clear out after a game – typically larger events are considered good if the time is less than one hour. Over the past few years, there has been a lot of thought going into Allianz Field. Would it actually get built? If so, would it be the best option for the old bus barn site from a community standpoint? Once it was a foregone conclusion, the talk turned to the details. What would the rest of the “superblock” look like? Would public funds be used for the development? What impact would it have on the neighborhood, both on game days and always?

The biggest concerns the Midway Chamber heard from both members and residents were parking and traffic – both strictly game day concerns. With the United playing 17 home games a year and a handful of other larger events, traffic and parking are not regular concerns for most residents during the week.

If you get, take advantage of the neighborhood. Open Hands Academy, a local charter school, can provide 28 meals for those in need with a $50 donation, is home to Bethel University and has at least what thousands of fans walk by a few games. Even organizations farther than walking distance will benefit from the thousands of fans coming from each direction as they drive by either by personal vehicle or transit.

I am thrilled the Midway will get to welcome 20,000 soccer fans 17 times at Allianz Field. The Midway area is the home for Tommie-Johnnie game, and other events in the future. Our guests will support our local businesses and give many more added visibility and name recognition. I am grateful for the “Wonderwall” a lot in the Midway this year. Scars all the way up!
Convenience store is fined

An area convenience store must pay a $500 fine, as a result of St. Paul Planning Commission approval for the license. The city fined the store for selling contraband under state law.

The city’s regulations allow for the city to take action of its own if such contraband is found. The city opted to assess a $500 fine.

Midway Amoco BP had until March 22 to challenge the fine or seek a hearing, either before the City Council or a legislative hearing officer, but chose not to do so.

Liquor laws are changed

Two of St. Paul’s remaining “blue laws” are no more, as a result of St. Paul City Council action April 17. Liquor can now be sold within 300 feet of religious institutions throughout the city. The change allows sale to restaurants with on-sale liquor licenses and liquor stores.

The changes, won unanimous City Council approval, strike down regulations that have been in place since the 1960s. Schools and places of worship have long had to the ability to vet on-sale liquor licenses or liquor stores that are within 300 feet of their locations.

MISCO awarded city funding

A Midway company will benefit from a $49,500 forgivable Strategic Investment Fund (SIF) loan. The St. Paul City Council, acting as the Housing and redevelopment Authority, approved the loan to MISCO April 10.

Company leader Dan Digre told council members that the loan will assist with relocation to the new headquarters at 1771 E. 37th Place. The company site, which was founded 70 years ago by his father, Clifford, when the family lived in the Selby-Dale neighborhood, will bring a lot of jobs with it, as the company is returning to its St. Paul roots.

MISCO designs, tests and manufactures loudspeakers and amplifiers. Its new headquarters facility will be the only speaker manufacturing operation of its kind in North America.

MISCO has outgrown its location in Minneapolis and needed a new site with a larger room to grow that is welcoming to its business and unique intellectual property. The company is looking for a space with a lot of natural light to help with the purchase of furniture and equipment to support the company’s growth. It will bring 66 existing jobs here, and through their growth hire an additional 55 – 60 new employees through their growth.

A third project, Raymond Station, at 1730 University Ave., was also granted a conditional use permit for additional height. The two projects reflect a growing trend of mixed-use, market-rate housing planned on and near University.

The Pitch is to be built on the Bremer Bank site. The bank will relocate while its new home is built. It will also include 13,000 square feet of retail for a new Bremer Bank, and possibly a Walgreens.

Scannell is building on the former Furniture Barn site, and plans a restaurant on its first floor. Both buildings will have below-ground parking.

Both Scannell projects are in the traditional neighborhoods 3 zoning district, where a height of 55 feet is allowed. The condition allows an additional height of 70 feet. Raymond Station will reach a height of seven feet in one section. Its University and Hamptden avenues, site is also zoned for traditional neighborhoods 1 use.

All told, the three developments will bring about 250 new housing units to the area.

Midway Park wins grant

The Midway Park in Lexington-Hamline neighborhood will receive an additional $180,000 from Capitol Region Watershed District. The St. Paul City Council accepted the funding May 2 in seven projects, one of which was a $134,000 project funding up to $3.18 million.

The watershed district works on water issues including water runoff, drainage, rain gat- deners and other needs.

The park is located on the east side of Griggs St. between University and St. Anthony avenues. It was awarded several years ago as the Pazzaluna restaurant and is within a short distance of other restaurants and downtown businesses and operations.

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Peace Park wins grant

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Mixed-use, multi-family projects are moving ahead

With the announcement of the new Midway Park and the decision to fine a Midway area convenience store, the city’s development work is moving forward.

The changes came forward after a disagreement between the Gray Duck Tavern at Wabasha and Fourth St. and the St. Paul Conservatory for the Performing Arts, a charter school at 16 W. Fifth St. The liquor license for Gray Duck was approved in 2017 after an extensive building renovation. Charter school officials objected in December 2018, noting that they hadn’t been asked to weigh in on the matter. School officials asked the city to suspend liquor sales at the restaurant. The city declined to do so.

The school has operated at its downtown location since 2013. It is in the same building as the Pazzaluna restaurant and is within a short distance of other restaurants and downtown businesses and operations.

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City seeks grant funding

The St. Paul City Council April 24 approved a grant request for a Midway site that has been eyed for redevelopment. Prop- erty at 1730 University Ave. and the former Ford dealership property site in Highland were submitted to the Metropolitan Council, for Livable Communities. Livable Communities are an organization that represents the interests of city and county residents. The city’s requests are for Livable Communities Demonstra- tion Account (LCDA) pre-develop- ment grants.

Then city has used various Livable Communities Develop- ment Carts for several years, and for projects all along Green Line light rail projects. Project funded through the grant program have to meet certain criteria. The city has for the grants on be- cause the property site is in a high-density area. It’s not a developer hasn’t been named.

1730 University is a commercial building. It’s on a block with another smaller commercial property and two homes. The properties have been marketed as a group and are zoned for tradi- tional neighborhoods 3 mixed- use redevelopment. The rezoning occurred several years ago as part of a larger rezoning project all along Green Line light rail.

A total of six parcels, of 46 acres, make up the site.

The Inter-Faculty Organization (IFO) is an organization that represents the interests of students at the seven Minnesota state universities. They held an informa- tional meeting at Hamline University on Thursday, May 2, 2019 for the Hamline adjunct faculty union. Adjunct anthropology professor Mariza Regan said she is happy with the University and St. Anthony Avenue, the site is one of the old Bongo neigh- borhood and economic backgrounds. It’s also part of the old Bongo neigh- borhood, a predominantly Afri- can-American neighborhood that was partially destroyed when Inter- state 94 was built in the 1960s.

The 2.05-acre site is just south of the Audubon Castle. It is owned by Wilder Foundation, which has its head- quarters west of the property. A new development would finish the southwest corridor of Lexing- ton and University Avenue. The site was one of the homes to the St. Paul Saints ballpark, but was re- developed as a strip mall more than 50 years ago. High-profile battles were waged over redevelop- ment in the 1990s. Neighbor- hood groups called for a dense, mixed-use block with larger homes.

The property is zoned for tradi- tional neighborhoods 4 use, which would allow heights of up to 77 feet, with additional height allowed through a conditional use permit process.

The city and city officials have been working on the issues involving the sale of liquor licenses, but chose not to notify the school. School officials asked the city to suspend liquor sales at the restaurant. The city declined to do so.

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Eureka Recycling helps people recycle better

By MARGIE O’LOUGHLIN

Eureka Recycling is one of only a handful of nonprofit recycling facilities across the country, and they’re a zero waste organization, too.

They process an average of 400 tons of recyclable materials from the Twin Cities metro area daily. Katrina Lund, director of community engagement, emphasized, “That’s 400 tons that aren’t being burned in incinerators every day.

The mission is to demonstrate that waste is preventable. This impacts the way they run their recycling program – everything from how they market their recyclables to how they pay their employees.

Located in Northeast Minneapolis, Eureka’s programs are designed to help individuals, organizations, and communities understand the significance of zero waste, use new recycling sources and education needed to achieve zero waste goals.

On Saturday, June 1, Eureka will host its first ever open house for St. Paul and Minneapolis residents. It’s from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Facility tours will be offered on the half hour during these times. Taking a tour helps people reckon with how huge quantities of recyclable material are collected, separated, and bundled – all at very high speeds.

In this time of change in the recycling industry, it’s important to understand what can and can’t be recycled in a MRF (materials recovery facility) like Eureka.

Current Director of Operations, Todd Hoffman, said, “It’s pretty simple. We’re designed to handle food and beverage containers, though we end up with all kinds of things like garden hoses, plastic toys, chain link fencing, and propane tanks.”

When St. Paul switched to single stream recycling a few years ago, the quantity of recyclables collected went up, but the waste went down.

Hoffman and Lund made the following suggestions for people who want to recycle better:

- Don’t put recyclables into plastic bags. Dump them directly into the blue cart.
- Make sure that containers being recycled are empty. Get them reasonably clean, too.
- Just because something is recyclable, doesn’t mean it’s recyclable in the blue cart. For example, plastic bags are recyclable but not through Eureka. Search www.minnesotalitterreycling.org by zip code to learn where to bring them. CIB, Target and Walmart on University Ave. In the Midwest are all drop-off spots for plastics such as product wrap, newspaper and bread bags, and more. The bins are located near the entrance of each store.
- Batteries are now frequently embedded in greeting cards. The batteries are hazardous and should not be put in with recycling.
- Batteries, propane tanks, and electronics should be taken to a hazardous waste site.
- If there’s a choice between products packaged in plastic or glass, choose glass. Glass can be recycled infinitely; a plastic bottle will likely be turned into decking and from there it can’t be recycled into anything else; plastic bottles can only be recycled once.

Lund explained that most of the trash collected in the Twin Cities ends up being burned in an incinerator in downtown Minneapolis. She said, “One of the myths in this industry is that incineration is cheaper than recycling. The real costs of incineration go well beyond a dollar amount. You have to figure in the invisible [and unknown] costs of asthma and other respiratory illnesses, carcinogens released into the air, and the effect on climate change.”

Hoffman concluded, “We have a consumption problem in this country. Forty-two percent of the CO2 emissions in the US come from the production, consumption, and disposal of consumer products. What can we do about that? Use less, be content with what you have, choose durable options. People get overwhelmed and think that their individual actions don’t add up but they do.”

Eureka Recycling is located at 2828 Kennedy Street NE, Minneapolis 55413. There’s no need to RSVP for the open house, but you can reserve a spot for a specific tour time at www.eurekarecycling.org. Enjoy snacks and coffee (in compostable cups), and photo opportunities with bales of aluminum cans and mixed plastics. Public tours are also available each Wednesday at 9 a.m. by reservation.

Complaints slow, but people still refusing to pay trash bills

Rate of residents not paying bills still at about 11%

By JANE MCCLURE

St. Paul residents have had organized trash collection for six months. While complaints have slowed down, there are still people refusing to pay their bills. That was the key takeaway in a report delivered April 24, 2019 to the St. Paul City Council.

St. Paul Department of Public Works solid waste program supervisor Christopher Swanson reviewed the data from the program progress thus far. While council members are pleased about some points of the program, other areas were targeted for improvement. Questions remain about other issues, as to whether or not organized collection has resulted in fewer instances of illegal dumping.

The council is monitoring the trash issues closely, there is a five-year contract in place between the city and haulers. The ability to make changes is limited.

In the meantime, the St. Paul Trash group is pushing ahead with its lawsuit against the city. They return to Ramsey County District Court May 9. One goal is to put the question of organized trash collection on an election ballot.

Since October 2018 St. Paul has required single-family, duplexes, triples and fourplex properties to have city-supplied trash carts and haulers assigned by district. While that pleases people who complained about illegal dumping and too many trash trucks in an alley or on a street, they’re still concerned about incineration.

Council members told Public Works staff that while the complaints have dropped, they’re still concerned about incidents of poor customer service. Ward 7 Council Member Jane Prince described a situation in which a customer had to quickly leave town to help an ill family member, and yet couldn’t get ahold of trash collection. The company told the customer that a minimum two weeks’ notice is required for such holds.

Prince also said she continues to be concerned about people on fixed incomes, who struggle to afford even the smallest trash cart and every-other-week service. She said the haulers consortium needs to show “common sense” in dealing with customers.

Other council members said they, too, continue to hear complaints about poor customer service and missed collections. There have been almost 1,400 complaints, with most focused on billing, late fees, missed pickups and other issues. Legislative hearings on unpaid bills began in April, with many hearings focusing on misdirected or incorrect charges. The first challenge is to bills go to the St. Paul City Council for final action in May.

The missed pickups number of 1,676, or 7% seemed low to some council members. But Swanson said that doesn’t include weather-related issues. One related issue the council is looking at is whether the city should take over alley plowing, which would be one way to address the problems on snow-clogged alleys.

Another question council members had was how to measure the success of organization collection, which could be seen as reducing illegal dumping and wear and tear on streets. Swanson said that while the dumping figures can be easily collected, looking at impacts on streets is something that could take years.

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The Black Hart combines soccer, LGBTQ+ and neighborhood hangout

Town House Bar revamped by Midway resident and soccer fan as Minnesota United move into Allianz Stadium nearby

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Wes Burdine felt like something was missing when he moved into the Midway area three years ago. It needed a neighborhood gathering place.

With Allianz Stadium going up, Burdine also believed that the Midway needed a soccer bar.

So one day he called up Holly Monnett, owner of St. Paul’s oldest LGBTQ+ bar, the Town House Bar (1415 University Ave. W.) four blocks from his house, and shared his idea with her.

“I want to take what exists in this bar and add soccer to it,” Burdine said.

She told him, “This is the phone call I’ve been waiting for,” Burdine recalled.

CULTURE YOU CAN’T RECREATE

The Town House began as a fine dining restaurant in the 1940s and stayed that way through the 1960s. In 1969, it was rebranded as a gay bar, albeit subtly. Monnett began working there in 1974, became manager in 1980, and bought the place in 1987.

The bar has been well-known for its burlesque and drag shows, as well as weekly karaoke and piano lounges.

“It has a culture that you can’t recreate from scratch,” observed Burdine.

And he didn’t want to. Rather, he wanted to build upon it and bring more people, both gay and straight, soccer fans and neighbors, through the door. “It is important to me to keep some things that are really vibrant and interesting here,” said Burdine.

“This is a great space where a lot of things have happened.”

TRIBAL SOCCER WORLD

His goal is to continue to serve the queer community and to offer a soccer bar that serves a distinct fan culture, one he knew through his work as a soccer writer, blogger, and podcaster.

“Soccer culture is very niche,” remarked Burdine. “It’s a little bit tribal.”

Part of that means that soccer fans enjoy watching games together, and if a game isn’t on, people like me took it upon ourselves to write about it the way we wanted to,” explained Burdine.

Through that work, Burdine is familiar with the Minnesota United, its owner and players, and its fans.

Located a thousand feet from the new Allianz Field, the Black Hart aims to be the new spiritual home for soccer in the Twin Cities, and a place to catch matches from around the world of soccer.

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NOT GENTRIFYING BUT NEIGHBORHOOD STAR

The Town House hadn’t been the only place he had considered purchasing in the Midway. As one point, a property owner had encouraged him to raise the prices and push people out in order to get the right kind of clientele.

That advice didn’t sit well with Burdine, who has no intention of gentrifying his neighborhood.

He appreciated The Town House and didn’t want anyone to feel uncomfortable there, although he had also identified some things that needed to be fixed and updated.

“This is a working class bar,” said Burdine.

Burdine officially took over on Aug. 31, 2018 and held a grand re-opening of The Black Hart, named for an iconic black-tailed deer at the heart of the Minnesota wilderness, on March 2, 2019.

With the help of a $100,000 Neighborhood Star matching grant, Burdine spruced up the place. He painted the outdoor of the building and the ceiling, installed new vinyl flooring, added some wallpaper, and put up new signage. There was also a great deal done that isn’t noticeable, such as electrical work.

He tried to buy the empty lot next door to build a patio, but the current owners seem to be hanging onto it until they can get $500,000 for it. Burdine remarried. All of the empty store-fronts along University Ave. that have been purchased by out-of-state investors set on hanging onto them until the prices reach exorbitant amounts frustrates the neighborhood resident, and he’s working with local officials to do something about it.

Burdine also converted the former dart area into a seating space, and added a large window to bring in light. He added more craft beer and liquor options in response to patron suggestions.

A giant 143-inch screen and projector went in on the stage. It allows patrons to view soccer games and rolls away during drag shows.

Catch the long-time Pumps and Pearls show on Tuesdays, and other burlesque and drag shows on the weekends after 9:30 p.m.

There’s a karaoke every Tuesday night beginning at 8-3 a.m. and again on Fridays in the lounge at 9 p.m. Sunday is Cheapie Night with free pool and darts after 8 p.m. Monday night is Trivia Night with Trivia Mafia.

Check the online calendar for which soccer games will be shown (www.blackhartstp.com).

Hours are Monday to Thursday, 3 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday 3 p.m. to 2 a.m., Saturday noon to 2 a.m. and Sunday noon to 1 a.m. Black Hart opens at 9 a.m.

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The idea is to get to be the place of choice for Midway residents,” said Burdine. “He’s not just the drag shows or the soccer. It’s their space, as well.”
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Loons open Allianz Field era with draws and a win

Minnesota United FC kept an unbeaten mark for the first month in its new home.

By MATTHEW DAVIS

The Minnesota United FC Loons Major League Soccer team (4-3-2) capped its first month playing at Allianz Field in St. Paul with a win April 28. The Loons won for the first time in the new stadium as 19,620 watched. The Loons edged a win 1-0 over D.C. United (5-3-2), which came into Allianz Field's brief history.

“I thought we deserved it more to come,” Mannone said in the postgame press conference. “It means a lot! I never thought I would score the first goal in the new stadium," Alonso said in the postgame press conference. "I'm very happy for the goal and the team. We managed the game in the right moments against a good team.”

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Loons forward Angelo Rodriguez had the crowd roaring with the game winner in the 82nd minute. He collected his fourth goal of the season, which matched his total from 2018. Goalkeeper Vito Mannone earned the win in net as he faced one shot on goal in 90 minutes of action. Mannone improved to 4-3-2 overall, which included starts in the first two games of Allianz Field's brief history.

“It feels great. Hopefully more to come,” Mannone said in the press conference. "It's a great base for us to go and win games.”

He allowed three goals in that first game when the Loons had a 3-3 draw with New York City FC (2-1-8) April 13 in front of 19,796 fans. The first-year goalkeeper faced six shots on goal and made three saves.

Loons midfielder Osvaldo Alonso scored the first-ever goal at Allianz Field in the 13th minute of the game, which shot off the offensive fireworks for the stadium's premiere.

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Neighborhood responds to game-day traffic

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Parts of the traffic plan were changed after the experi- ence April 13. A U-turn at Snelling and Shields avenues will be closed before and after games. Barricades for a HealthEast lot that is rented to game-goers were changed to deter traffic from en-
tertaining the adjacent neighbor-
hood onto Shields. St. Anthony was opened without restrictions east of Pascals Street to aid local business traffic.

For pedestrians, the police department will park a squad car with lights on before the Simp-

son-University crossing to help pedestrians cross the street. Pe-

destrian barricades were added along Spruce Tree Dr. and Fry St. to improve pedestrian safety.

Linders said the city and soc-

cer team would continue to make adjustments as the season goes on.

The spillover parking has vexed some neighbors. Snell-
ing-Hamline and Merriam Park residents south of the stadium have started the process to cre-

ate or expand residential permit parking districts. Those requests will eventually wind up before the St. Paul City Council for a vote.

Snelling-Hamline residents wish to expand Area 8, which currently includes Iglehart and Carroll avenues between the As-

bury Street-Snelling Ave. alley, and Asbury from Iglehart to Car-

roll. The change calls for permit parking on Concordia, Carroll and Iglehart from Asbury to Pas-
cal St. This is one of the city’s oldest residential permit park-

ing districts and was created in response to bus commuter park and rider spillover parking.

A second area would be a new residential permit parking district, calling for permit park-
ing on Concordia Ave. from Pierce St. to Snelling, the north side of Carroll from Pierce St. to Fry St., Carroll from Fry to Snell-

ing, east side of Pierce from Concordia to Carroll, and Fry

One of the first things fans see as they approach the stadium from Snelling Avenue is the 12-foot-high letters spelling out the word “U-N-I-T-E-D.” The sculpture recognizes the contributions of the club’s Itasca Society members. Limited to 11,842 fans — one for every lake in Minnesota — the society is made up of season ticket holders who supported the club during its first major league season. (Photo by Margie O’Loughlin)

According to Allianz Field field gen-
eral manager Justin Borrell, traffic flowed relatively smoothly on opening day. Similar to when an event is held at the Excel Energy Center, there were 40s. St. Paul police helping to manage traffic. Borrell said, "The number of police, fire, and emergency medical services employees did not affect the ability of these departments to respond to emergencies in other parts of the city."

(Photo by Margie O’Loughlin)
The city of Saint Paul announces a $50,000 investment into adding youth jobs to the Midway area as a pipeline of opportunity for youth ages 14-24. The first phase of the program, referred to as VYO, places about 450 youth annually in their first job experience. Participants will receive the wages, and the sites are focused on non-profit and public or governmental locations over a 9-week period in the summer. The second phase of the program, referred to as the second or third job experience for most participants, and is focused on developing partnerships that pair youth with organizations and businesses willing to pay them. Participants will connect with real life job experiences that the youth are interested in. The program will place 225 interns this summer at places such as the St. Paul Union Bank, Xcel Energy, among many others.

“This investment from the city will help the Midway area support the new stadium and it is very exciting to be able to offer a whole new generation of employees entering the workforce,” said Chad Kulas, Executive Director of the Midway Chamber of Commerce. “We’re eager to see the impacts and investment from the new stadium, and with this investment the public is helping to lead the way and showcasing how they can support the need for jobs in this area.”

To vote: The special election is Tuesday, May 21 at 7 p.m. at the Como Park Streetcar Station, which is at the northeast corner of Lexington and Horton.

Garage sales May 17
The 2019 Como Neighborhood Garage Sale is scheduled for the weekend of May 17. Typically, dozens of neighborhood residents hold garage, yard, and rummage sales that weekend, making it easier for bargain hunters to hit a lot of sales in a small area in a short amount of time. Shoppers can find a map online a few days ahead of time; check District 10’s website: www.district10como.org.

To register your sale: The deadline to register your sale is Thursday May 9; after that, we can’t guarantee your sale will be included on the map. Fill out the form at www.district10como.org/2019_garage_sale.html. The registration fee is $15.

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Advisory Committee hosts this natural area. Como Woodland Como Park that is being restored Tim Morgan, an ISA certified – documenting species in Como and Shrubs Nature Survey Walk St. Paul to join a 1.5-hour Trees Wynne Ave (SW Como Park) Meet on Thursday June 13, 5 Nature Walk bakken.org/accessibility. dimmed lights throughout the nerding with The Bakken Museum– for you: Minimizing Clutter, Organice will be speaking on “Making your Living Space Work for you: Minimizing Clutter, Maximizing Joy.” Sensory-Friendly at The Bakken The Autism Society of Minnesota (2880 Wycliff St. #102) is part- nering with The Bakken Museum on Saturday, May 25 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a special sen- sory-friendly event with lowered volume on interactive exhibits, dimmed lights throughout the museum, additional sensory friendly signage, therapy animals, and music. More at http://the-bakken.org/accessibility/. Trees & Shrubs Nature Walk Meet on Thursday June 13, 5 p.m. at the Kilmer Fireplace, 1221 Wynne Ave [SW Como Park] St. Paul to join a 1.5-hour Trees and Shrubs Nature Survey Walk – documenting species in Como Woodland. Leading the walk is Tim Morgan, an ISA certified arborist and owner of Morgan’s Tree Service for 16 years. Como Woodland is a rare little patch of Como Park that is being restored to native plants and maintained as a natural area. Como Woodland Advisory Committee hosts this event: comowoodlandoutdoor- classroom.org. RSVP with com- mitttee chairperson: teri@hayer@gmail.com Future Survey Walks in the Como Woodland Nature Survey Walk Series are: Mammals, Reptiles & Amphibians on June 22 at 8:30 a.m.; Butterflies & Other Insects on July 18, 6 p.m.; Dragonflies on August 10, 9 a.m.

Music in the Parks kicks off May 16
The 2019 Music in the Parks season officially kicks off on Thursday, May 16 at Como Lakeside Pavilion’s Spring Cafe. Music in the Parks events at Mean Park will begin May 21 and events at the redesigned, soon-to-re- open Como Park will begin June 10. Movies in the Parks events start Thursday, June 13 and are free and open to all. Most mov- ies have family-friendly activities before the show. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. All movies are weather dependent and subject to change without notice.

Free movie on angels
The Theosophical Society will meet 7 p.m. Monday, May 20 in the Griggs-Midway Bldg., 1821 University Ave. for a free pub- lic showing of the movie “The Witnessing of Angels” with actors Lee Majors and Patrick McNeely. (2006 DVD, 60 min.) The movie explains how divine encounters with messengers could assure us that God is at work in our lives. This is a free show, and a free portion of weekly harvests. Free Youth Mental Health First Aid NAMI Minnesota (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will hold a free Youth Mental Health First Aid training course on May 22, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at NAMI Minnesota, 1919 University Bldg., Suite 400 in St. Paul. The course is designed to teach participants the risk factors and warning signs of mental health problems in ado- lescents, build understanding of the importance of early interven- tion, and teach individuals how to help a youth in crisis or experi- encing a mental health or sub- stance use challenge. Participants will also lead a five-step plan to support an adolescent developing signs and symptoms of a mental illness or emotional crisis. To register (required) or get more detailed information, con- tact NAMI Minnesota at 651-645- 2948 or see “classes” at naminn.org.

Art, Food, and Farming Frogtown Farm’s Community Celebration brings together affordable fresh produce, local entertainment, and farm activities on the second Thursday of each month. Some of the things you’ll find at a Community Celebration include hands-on activi- ties in the outdoor classroom, food amid farming stories from neighbors, live music, and local farm businesses and organizations. Community Celebration will take place on June 13, July 11, Aug. 8, Sept. 12, Oct. 10. Frogtown neighborhood are eligible for a workshare program. Participating farm members will receive a free portion of weekly harvests. More at www.frogtownfarm.org.

‘Cost of Living’
The next event in the Lex-Ham Community Theater’s play read- ing series is ‘Cost of Living’ by Martyna Majok – which won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 2018 - on Friday, May 24 at 7:30 and Saturday May 25 at 1184 Portland Ave., Saint Paul ‘Cost of Living’ focuses on three members of a family: a former trucker and his recently paralyzed ex-wife, and a young man with cerebral palsy and his new caregiver. The pot- luck supper starts at 6:30 p.m. with the play reading to follow. First Time attendees always welcome. More at LexiHamArts.org.

Drums for beginners
Women’s Drum Center, 2242 University Ave., will offer a class in hand drums for beginners on Monday, May 14, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. The class is $10. Drums are provided. Visit womensdrumcenter.org.

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Metro Regional Arts Council (MRAC) awarded $275,839 to 28 organizations/projects in the first round of its FY 2019 Arts Learning grant program, including $10,000 for Keane Sense of Rhythm (836 Prior Ave. St. Paul). Funding will provide free tap classes for students in grades 6-12 in two Freedom School programs held at public schools in Saint Paul in the summer of 2019. The Arts Learning grant program is a direct result of the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund of the Legacy Amendment.

Jewish Community Council oral history

The Jewish Community Action (2375 University Ave W #150, St. Paul) has received a $9,270 grant through the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Small Grants program. The organization will be working on documenting the institutional history of Jewish Community Action in oral history interviews.

United Way grants

Greater Twin Cities United Way (United Way) is awarding $14 million in grants this year to innovative, holistic solutions and innovative ideas from 95 local nonprofit organizations in the Twin Cities region. Among those are: Amherst H. Wilder Foundation, 451 Lexington Pkwy N.; Casa de Esperanza, 540 Fairview Ave.; Frogtown Neighborhood Association, 501 Dale St N #300; Goodwill-Easter Seals Minnesota, 553 Fairview Ave N.; International Institute of Minnesota, 1694 Como Ave; Keystone Community Services, 2000 St Anthony Ave.; Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood, 451 Lexington Pkwy N.; Twin Cities RESEAL, 1600 University Ave W. #4; and Ujamaa Place, 1821 University Ave W. #257.

Making a global impact at Como

The public is invited to a new program titled “Como: Making A Global Impact.” This free lecture series will take place Sundays in May at 10:30 a.m. in Como Park Zoo & Conservatory’s Visitor Center Exhibit Gallery.

Head to Merriam Park Library in May

Family Storytimes, Fridays 10:30-11:00 a.m. Spend time Shar- ing stories, songs, and rhymes with your child while building a foundation for reading success. Preschoolers, toddlers, and babies welcome!

Paw Pals with Katie and Kerry, May 2, 6-7 p.m. Read to a friendly dog who loves to sit and listen to stories. For kids ages 6-12. Please register by calling 651-642-0385 or stopping by the library’s service desk.

Board at the Library, Wednesdays, 2-3:30 p.m. Join us for board games such as: Apples to Apples Jr., Chess, Checkers, and more. Or, bring your own board games.

You Can Make It! Mondays, 3-5 p.m. Hands-on crafts and activities for kids ages 7 to 11.

Urban Birding Festival and the National Park Service, Thursday May 16 - Sunday May 19. The Fish and Wildlife Service will have a table with hands-on activities for families including bird crafts, “birds on a stick”, items to touch and feel, and learn how to use binoculars. Outdoor bird watching and activities are possible, weather permitting.

Club Book with Charles C. Mann, Tuesday, May 7, 7:30 p.m. Join us for a presentation by historian Charles C. Mann, with audience Q&A and book signing to follow. New York Times bestselling historian Charles C. Mann is perhaps best known for his ground-breaking “1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus.” As the name suggests, 1491 challenges and corrects long-held assumptions about the indigenous peoples who populated the New World before European colonization. It won the prestigious National Academies Best Book Award. Mann’s meticulously researched follow-up, “1493: Uncovering the New World Columbus Created,” ranges across continents and centuries to explain how the world we inhabit came to be, “according to the Washington Post.” His newest project, “The Wizard and the Prophets,” tells the remarkable story of two influential yet little-known twentieth century scientists who struggled with the world we face today: the modern environmentalism movement. Mann is also a prolific correspondent and columnist for publications ranging from Smithsonian, to Foreign Policy, to The New York Times.

Open Lab for Writers, Thursdays, 10:30-noon. No instructor. This is an opportunity to meet, discuss, or work on whatever you’re writing. All writers welcome.

Tech Help Clinic, Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fridays, noon-2 p.m. Saturdays, 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. Tech Help Clinics are for all ages, families, and smartphone and laptop users. Bring your questions, problems, and concerns. No registration required.

Mernam Park Book Club, Mondays, 6-7:30 p.m. May 20, “Station Eleven” by Emily St. John Mandel.


at 612-827-5364 or WAMM@minn.org.

Serve on city groups

Mayor Melvin Carter invites community members to serve on Saint Paul committees, boards and commissions. Saint Paul has 31 committees, boards and commissions focused on policy and programs that shape the city: “Our committees, boards, and commissions directly impact our quality of life on a daily basis,” said Mayor Melvin Carter. “I encourage all city residents to apply for these public service opportunities to help lead Saint Paul forward.” There are currently 12 vacancies across the 14 boards.

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Naming as one of Minnesota Monthly’s “10 Artists to Watch” in 2012, Helen Hatch is an independent dancer and choreographer based in St. Paul. She is the founder and director of Hatch Dance.

St. Paul Ballet presents ‘ThreeFold’

St. Paul Ballet Presents: ThreeFold on May 23, 24, at 7:30 p.m. and May 25 at 2 and 7:30 p.m. at The Southern Theater, 1420 Washington Ave S, Minneapolis, MN 55454.

This field brings together seasoned dance makers Penelope Free, Helen Hatch, and Sally Rousse, united by mutual admiration and inspiration of legendary dancer and teacher Bonnie Mathis. The new works will feature some of the Twin Cities’ most acclaimed dancers with live and recorded music from Poolboy, Beeethoven, Groekell, and Weill.

Simple Folk, a quartet first created in 2009 by Penelope Free, is reimagined for ThreeFold. Featuring Free, Da’Rius Malone, and original cast members Chris Hannon and Sally Rousse, the work uses folk songs transcribed by Beethoven to support various characters, enabling the dancers to embody experiences from the sublime to the ridiculous. With subtle humor and wistful melancholy, Simple Folk waxes nostalgic about profoundness large and small. Simple Folk’s strongly drawn characterizations align with Bonnie Mathis’s famed performances of the psychological ballets of Antony Tudor.

For tickets, call 612-326-1811 or visit www.boxoffice@souththeatre.org Tickets $13-$28 with a “Pay As Able” option on Saturday May 25 at 2 p.m.

Learn about mental illnesses, the impact of negative attitudes and five things each of us can do to make Minnesota a better place for people who experience a mental illness. These free programs are open to the public and will be held at NAMI Minnesota, 1919 University Ave W. in St. Paul. For more information, contact the Workshop Coordinator at 651-645-2948 or workshop@naminm.org. WANN Walk at Como Be a part of the 12th annual Women Against Military Madness (WAMM) Walk Against Weapons, a new movement from 2019. Join other dedicated peacekeepers for a vibrant, visible, 1.75 mile stroll around Lake Como in St. Paul on Saturday, June 1. Rain or shine. Check-in is 10:30 a.m. and the walk begins at 11 a.m. There will be a short rally at 11:45 a.m. More

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School of Rock live at Can Can Wonderland on Sunday, May 12, 3-5 p.m. All ages welcome. The St. Paul School is rolling out the big guns with two of its best groups: House Band and Your Mom’s V.W.G. Cost is $2. Wonderfund for those 12 and older; all Wonderfund proceeds go directly back to the artists and programming. More at www.can-canwonderland.com.

Honeywine concert
Honeywine, a pure, sweet trio with a real Americana sound, will be at Celtic Junction Arts Center (836 Prior Ave.) on May 17 and May 24. Michael Pearce Donley on mandolin, Michael Burch on drums, Andy Carroll on bass, Eric Christopher on fiddle and mandolin, Michael Burch on drums, and Mark Stillman on accordion. Advance tickets $20; $25 at the door. 18 and under FREE at the door. More at www.celticjunction.org.

Women make up nearly half of the U.S. workforce, but hold less than a quarter of the country's science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) jobs, according to the U.S. Dept. of Commerce. Project Scientist,a nonprofit committed to exposing a diverse population of young girls to a high-quality STEM academy, seeks to close this gender gap. Ingersoll Rand, a global diversified manufacturing company that employs thousands in STEM fields, demonstrated its support for Project Scientist with a check presentation and ribbon cutting at Macalester College on April 17. Guests included Saint Paul Mayor Melvin Carter, students from STEM-focused girls charter school Laura Jeffrey Academy, and Saint Paul Area Chamber of Commerce leaders. Kevin Bollom, Vice President of North Amer- ica Building Services for Ingersoll Rand, presented Project Scientist Founder and CEO Sandy Marshall with the $125,000 first-year installment of a $375,000 donation on behalf of the Ingersoll Rand Foundation. The donation, spread over two years, will fund a summer STEM academy at Macalester College, as well as support summer STEM academies in California and North Carolina, all operated by Project Scientist.

The Project Scientist Summer STEM Academy at Macalester College will take place July 22 to Aug. 9, with a different theme-based curriculum for each of the three weeks. An off-site exped- ition to a local business caps off each week to provide students the opportunity to meet women in STEM careers and participate in hands-on projects. Space available for girls ages 4-12; par- ents can learn more at projectscientists.org/programs/st-paul.

In Our Community

Steve Kufus handball tourney 2019
Every year the Minnesota Youth Handball recognize a person that has given a lot to promote handball in Minnesota by naming the tournament after them. This year outstanding person is Steve Kufus who has given time to help teach, moral support and finan- cial support to the Minnesota Youth Handball Community.

This year the Midway YMCA had a program called Court Sports where handball, racquetball and volleyball is taught. The players entered the Minnesota State Handball 2019 tournament that was held at the University of Minnesota. Ayhan Assen a 11-year-old from Friends School won the 2 bouncer Youth Hand- ball Tournament.

The Youth Handball Program has been growing every year. This year the group taught 40 to 50 young adults (from eight dif- ferent countries) to play the game. Phil Gehlen Coen, along with the University of Minnesota students, worked with the older player- es to teach not only handball but leadership, responsibility, hon- esty, friendship, and sportsmanship. Mitchell Lallier, along with the older players, worked with the younger players (5-12) to learn the value of playing handball at the Midway YMCA.

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In the back row, left to right: Mitchell Lallier, Steve Kufus and Leslie Oskay. Front row: Ayhan Assen and Eliot Schnieder.

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- Kristin Reilly, principal