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‘Falcon Heights will never be the same’
One year after Castile shooting, residents and mayor reflect on the aftermath and the future.

By Kristal Leebrick

Philando Castile.

Twelve months ago, most Falcon Heights residents had never heard the name.

That changed July 6, 2016, when Castile, a 32-year-old black man from Robbinsdale, was shot and killed by St. Anthony police officer Jeronimo Yanez during a traffic stop on Larpenteur Avenue.

Now, the man whose mother said “never talked much here” is “making a lot of noise.” Those words of Valerie Castile are etched into a wooden pillar erected at the makeshift memorial site next to where her son was killed, and Philando Castile’s legacy is shaping public policy in this small St. Paul suburb.

Valerie Castile’s words “struck home with me,” said Falcon Heights Mayor Peter Lindstrom. “Philando Castile was not a member of our community, did not live in our community, but what happened to him was transformational for our community, did not live in our community, and hopefully far beyond. People are talking now, and we have been since July 6.”

Yanez, 29, was charged with second-degree manslaughter in the shooting and two counts of dangerous discharge of a firearm for endangering Castile’s passengers, girlfriend Diamond Reynolds and her 4-year-old daughter.

Prosecutors argued that when Yanez stopped Castile for a nonworking brake light, Yanez failed to follow protocol when Castile told Yanez he had a gun. Defense attorneys argued that though Castile volunteered he had a gun with him, he did not disclose that he had a permit to carry it. When Castile reached for his pocket, Yanez claimed he believed Castile was reaching for his gun.

Yanez was found not guilty on all counts on June 16.

“This is not the verdict that we should have gotten,” said Melanie Leeth shortly after the verdict was announced. Leeth served as co-chair of the Falcon Heights Task Force on Policing and Inclusion, which came together in December to help the city develop new police policies and establish inclusive and welcoming practices for all residents and guests in the city.

“This case was supposed to be the trial and its aftermath. Center of the volcano Mayor Lindstrom got the call from the city administrator around 10 p.m., less than an hour after Castile was shot last July. When the mayor showed up at the scene just a quarter-mile from his home, he was told only that there had been an officer-involved shooting.

“It’s not sure when he first saw things are written, it favors the police.”

“My heart hurts for Philando’s family and friends,” said Paula Mielke, a Falcon Heights resident who is part of a group that pushed for police reform in the city after the shooting. “For their sake, we can’t stop pushing for changes in policing that so desperately need to happen.

We have to continue to be loud for Philando.”

“Falcon Heights will never be the same,” Leeth said, “but I’ve got to believe we are on the path to bring about change that will be a lasting improvement on us as individuals and as a collective called the city of Falcon Heights.”

As the green signs that dot lawns throughout the city say, the nation is watching Falcon Heights as city officials and residents continue to deal with this high-profile shooting, the trial and its aftermath.

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Como Avenue, is building a football field and track, a seasonal level parking deck hugging the railroad right-of-way.

Hmong College Prep Academy, located on Brewster Street, just east of St. Paul police officers and firefighters, meet-and-greets from the neighborhood organizations and giant balloons, face-painting, outdoor games and plenty of lawn for the young ones to run, jump, roll and dive across.

Details: Friday, July 14, 5:30-8 p.m. at the Historic Streetcar Station, 1224 N. Lexington Parkway.

This ought to get their attention
The concept is simple: As a pedestrian, you (1) grab a fluorescent orange flag that’s important to you, round up $31.50, and deposit the flag in the crosswalk, (2) wave it to get motorists’ attention and (3) walk the crosswalk, (2) wave it to get motorists’ attention and (3) walk across safely. Once you reach the other side, deposit the flag in the canister mounted there. State law requires drivers and cyclists to stop for pedestrians in any crosswalk, marked or unmarked.

District 10 is mounting the flag kits at six crosswalks that, based on surveys, residents say are hazardous: Como Avenue at Pascal Street, Front Avenue at Chautauqua Street, Hamline Avenue at Nebraska Avenue, Lexington Parkway at Como Drive Lake Drive, Nagasaki Road in the park near the fishing pier and south parking lot, and Van Slyke Avenue, Horon and Avenue C.

Sponsor a crosswalk: If you want to sponsor a flag kit for a different crosswalk that’s important to you, round up $31.50, and District 10 will make and mount another kit.

Find a list of more than a dozen available intersections on the District 10 website, district10comopark.org, make your choice, then email district10@district10comopark.org or call 651-644-3889. District 10 will handle the rest.

Hmong Prep Academy expanding
The Hmong Prep College Academy, located at 2050 Roselawn Ave., is building a classroom and office addition, a football field and track, a seasonal sports dome, and a parking deck adjacent to its existing campus. The campus, which sits on 10 acres what was mostly bus and trucking barns from the Snelling service road, Brewster, Pascal Street and the railroad right-of-way.

Como College Prep Academy opened in 2004 and now has 300 students in kindergarten through Grade 12. With the expansion, it expects enrollment to rise to 2,200.

Major construction, which began in April, will be carried out in two phases in 2017 and 2018. The expansion plans include:

• A 98,500-square-foot addition of classroom, office and gym space, south of the existing classroom building, on what is now a school parking lot. The expansion will serve primarily as the elementary school.

• 441 off-street parking spaces for cars and buses, including a two-level parking deck hugging the Snelling service road south of Brewster.

• An 85,000-square-foot sports dome, locker rooms, and athletic field north of the railroad right-of-way. The 75-foot-high dome is expected to be inflated about half the year.

• A football and soccer field, track and playground south of Brewster, adjacent to Pascal. The plan, as proposed, does not include bleachers or a permanent sound system, but does include lights.

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Catch ‘Much Ado About Nothing’ in College Park on Thursday and Friday
Shakespeare, neighbors and summertime.

If you love all those things, catch Shakespeare in St. Anthony Park, Thursday, June 22, and Friday, June 23, at College Park in St. Anthony Park. Performances will be held at 7 p.m. both nights and an 11 a.m. matinee will be held on June 23. Don’t miss local youth performing William Shakespeare’s comedy “Much Ado About Nothing” and its “skirmishes of wit” and “plagues rigile well prevented”—all with the iconic willows of College Park at a backdrop. While retaining Shakespeare’s time-honored language, the actors have straeted the play squarely in the St. Anthony Park of today. Look for scum from ’droop

The District 10 Board will vote June 20 on waiving the 45-day waiting period for a beer-and-wine license for the restaurant open in the old Java Spot/Como Coop Grill space before the Minnesota State Fair.

Restaurant owner Matty O’Reilly had admired the space, located on the Snelling service road south of Brewster, adjacent to Pascal. The plan, as proposed, does not include bleachers or a permanent sound system, but does include lights.

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Community foundation to honor Rick Beeson

Sunrise Banks vice president has been ‘unfailing supporter of all things St. Anthony Park’ since 1988

Longtime Sunrise Banks executive Rick Beeson will be honored with its Saint Anthony Park Community Foundation’s 2017 Spirit of the Park Award at the Fourth in the Park celebration at Langford Park July 4.

Beeson currently serves as executive vice president for corporate development and government relations at Sunrise Banks, following 20 years as president and chief executive officer of Sunrise-owned Park Midway Bank. Under Beeson’s leadership, the bank has been an unfailing supporter of all things St. Anthony Park, said Jon Schumacher, executive director of the foundation.

“Rick has been instrumental in so many aspects of our community life. I can’t really think of an institution, group, initiative, charity, or event he hasn’t had some impact on,” Schumacher said.

Beeson was a member of the founding group that started the community foundation, and the bank was a lead donor in the foundation’s successful endowment campaign in 2008. He played a similar role as fundraiser and committee member for St. Anthony Park Library’s children’s room expansion in 1998 and has served on many neighborhood committees and boards, including the District 12 Community Council, the St. Anthony Park Business Association, the District 12 Comprehensive Plan and Como 2030 Small Area Plan Task Force, the Luther Seminary Planning Committee, the St. Anthony Park Arts Festival and the Midway Chamber of Commerce.

Sunrise Banks has also played lead roles in support of St. Anthony Park’s retail community on Como Avenue and the Creative Enterprise Zone in south St. Anthony Park. The banks’ dedication of a new headquarters on Wabasha Avenue has added jobs and customers to that area.

“His door is literally always open and he makes it a point to just chat with neighbors,” Schumacher said. “I have relied on his wisdom, expertise and friendship through my 17 years with the foundation. He truly embodies the spirit of this wonderful community.”

Beeson worked with the St. Paul Dept. of Planning and Economic Development as senior project manager, before joining what was St. Anthony Park Bank in 1988. He holds a bachelor of arts in political science from the University of Minnesota and an MBA from the University of St. Thomas. He serves on the board of the F.R. Bigelow Foundation and is past chair of the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce.

A whole lot of fun in July

ComoFest returns this summer with three weekends of activities.

The Como Park neighborhood will celebrate its eighth-annual ComoFest the last three weekends in July with a variety of events, including a movie night and campout, an ice cream social, an art fair, a 5K walk and run, and summer celebrations at Beloved Studios, Lyngblomsten and TopLine Federal Credit Union.

ComoFest will kick off with the District 10 Ice Cream Social, Friday, July 14, 5:30-8 p.m., at the historic Streetcar Station, 1224 N. Lexington Parkway. The night will include free ice cream, lawn games, live music and a few surprises.

Need more information? Call District 10 at 651-644-3899.

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The Real American History Book Group aims to ‘learn whole story of America’s past’

The American story: How much do we really know of our country’s story? Most of us know, at best, the dominant, commonly accepted narrative. But there is much more. Much of our history lies hidden from us, especially the histories of minority and marginalized groups in our country. What has made our country great has been our willingness to expand our understanding of community to include more and more outside and oppressed groups into the mainstream of American society and its history.

This has never been an easy process, but we have accomplished much and, yet, there is so much more that needs to be done. The Real American History Book Group: Learning the Whole Story is offering an opportunity for interested people to come together to expand their knowledge of American history. Each month a different topic will be covered. There will be presentations, but there will also be plenty of time for discussion. All interested persons are invited to attend. You don’t have to have attended the previous meetings to attend.

The fourth meeting, Tuesday, July 18, 7-9 p.m., at St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, 2136 Carter Avenue, will have discussion of the three books the group is reading this summer: Kelly Brown Douglas’s “Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God” (in light of the malice due to the killing of Philando Castile), Lincoln, Little Crow, and the Beginning of the Frontier’s End” (in light of the controversy over the scaffold sculpture at the Walker Sculpture Garden) and Ronald Takaki’s “A Different Mirror: A History of Multicultural America” (the basic theme of the book group). The group will divide into small groups, depending upon which book people are reading, for the first hour and then gather together to share what they are learning with those reading the other books.

Prospectus and bibliography available. Contact Grant Abbott at granthabbott@gmail.com for more information.

The Real American History Book Group was formed in honor of Dr. W. Noble, emeritus professor, American Studies, University of Minnesota.
Transition Town conference comes to St. Paul in July

By Mimi Jennings

As more Americans look beyond fossil fuels to power their lives, members of the growing national Transition network will gather for the first time July 27–30. And they’re coming here, to Macalester College in St. Paul, from Transition Towns across the country, ready to share a range of approaches—homegrown to tech-savvy—for creating climate-ready towns and cities.

Titled “Growing a Movement for Resilient Communities,” the conference welcomes all who are working toward sustainability. Tickets are available for single events, and concurrent workshops will help broaden, deepen and scale up the Transition in your back yard (see box below).

The main gathering kicks off Thursday, July 27. Keynote speakers are author-animator Richard Heinberg (whose “300 Years of Fossil Fuels in 300 Seconds” won a YouTube honor) and Phyllis Young, Standing Rock elder and water protector. “broaden, deepen and scale up” the Transition Tap.

Or not. There’s a lot going on in American lives at the moment; other groups work to these ends as well. But this conference offers a chance to learn more about Transition, to face tough questions in good company, to realign our daily lives with a sustainable future and to respond with whatever energy our heart calls us to invest.

Transition worldwide

As grassroots groups responding to peak oil, climate disorder, and economic injustice and instability, we recognize the human tendency to behave as if current conditions will continue—until it’s too late. We respond by taking positive steps in common, reducing isolation and fear.

We invite newcomers; we tell stories of epiphanies, successes and do-overs. From its origins in the UK in 2005, Transition has grown to a worldwide network (TransitionNetwork.org). In the United States, the nonprofit Transition US serves as an umbrella group (TransitionUS.org). The Twin Cities is an active area: other groups include Transition West Side/West St. Paul, and in Minneapolis, Transition Longfellow, Transition Northeast and Corcoran Grows. Learn more at TransitionTwinCities.org.

Transition in your back yard

Burge readers may already be aware of Transition Town-ASAP! You may know it as the green group asking zero-waste questions like “Where is ‘away’?” at the recent St. Anthony Park Arts Festival. Or as the winner of the St. Anthony Park Community Foundation’s publicly voted three-year grant award in 2015. Maybe you’ve joined in a resource fair, cider-pressing, poetry reading or survey, or you’ve seen the “r” symbol in windows. You’ve noticed our projects for clean energy, local food, and greener housing and transit—and for closer ties between south and north St. Anthony Park, between homeowners, renters and businesses, between neighbors of different cultures, ages and views. You might have lifted a pint at the monthly Transition Tap.

Thank you, Bugle readers

Thanks to all who helped raise $42,240 in the Park Bugle’s 2016-17 fund drive.

We thank all of you who have contributed, including the following people and businesses that gave between Feb. 16 and March 31.

The nonprofit Bugle would not be here without your contributions. We rely on tax-deductible donations to help defray the newspaper’s annual operating costs. And, of course, we are always happy to accept more contributions. If you haven’t had a chance to donate, you still can by going online at www.parkbugle.org.

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the recent Union Park meeting, 10 years ago the city had made plans to connect Minneapolis’ Greenway to St. Paul. The trail would have made use of the 100-year-old railroad bridge that crosses the river near 27th Street. However, despite the city receiving more than $10 million in federal funding for the project, a lawsuit by the Canadian Pacific Railway, which owns the tracks, kept the city from moving ahead, Mascko said. Plans for the St. Paul greenway have languished ever since.

“What we learned is, if we’re going to be anywhere near the railroad, we have to have [the railway] on board,” said Mascko.

But now the St. Paul connection might have new life. One thing working in the community’s favor is that, as more of the railroads’ industrial users have disappeared, the old tracks are increasingly obsolete. At the parked room in the Episcopal Homes building at University and Fairview avenues, many seemed to believe that the time is right to try again.

“We need an elected official to stand up on this, maybe from Hennepin County, and maybe Ramsey,” said Soren Jensen, president of the Midtown Greenway Coalition.

Jensen and others on the panel suggested that, if metro officials take the lead in building bike connections on their side of the border, funding the bridge crossing could be an achievable goal.

During the meeting, St. Anthony Park resident Karen Nelson asked the panel about the possibility of connecting the bridge north to Prospect Park and the parts of St. Paul west of Highway 280. According to Nelson, by using the abandoned railroad tracks that had served the Weyerhaeuser facility on the city border, any future Greenway trail could become a bridge between south St. Anthony Park and the surrounding neighborhoods to the east and south.

Yet others on the panel, like Mike Madden, head of an activist group called Neighborhoods First!, preached caution. Railroads “are not philanthropic” and have “obligations to their shareholders” that make it difficult and expensive to negotiate community benefits, Madden said.

He was most concerned about building a bike trail on the portion of the Canada Pacific right-of-way between University Avenue and the Mississippi River.

After a discussion with community members from Union Park, St. Anthony Park and across St. Paul, a consensus emerged to continue to work and plan for a St. Paul greenway connection.

Someday people may be able to bike and walk across the Mississippi River on a dedicated greenway, from St. Paul to the chain of lakes. For many St. Paulites, it would be a dream come true.

Bill Laduke is an urban geographer and writer living in St. Paul.
Linnea Gardens to celebrate building’s centennial

Twin City Linnea Home first served as a refuge for the lonely and a home for the homeless

By Michelle Christianson

In the early 1900s, government services for the elderly and indigent were nearly non-existent. So a group of Swedish immigrant women, headed by Anna Bennett of St. Paul and Ida Kindvall of Minneapolis, came together as the Linnea Society to build a “free city for the lonely and a home for the homeless, a refuge where the stranger feels at home.”

The fruit of their effort was the Twin City Linnea Home for the Aged, 2040 Como Ave., which served the City Linnea Home for the Aged, where the stranger feels at home.”

The women of the Linnea Society, date unknown.

The east wing of the building was finished in 1917, the center wing in 1925, and the west wing in 1926. The mortgage was burned at the 20th-anniversary celebration of incorporation in 1929, at which time there were 86 residents. Though one of the original purposes of the building was to house young women between jobs, none ever lived there. The first resident was a Norwegian man.

As there was no skilled care available, residents had to be able to care for themselves to a certain degree and to climb stairs, as there was no elevator in the building until 1994. When they moved in, the men and women who lived there paid a fee, based on a sliding scale, and were allowed to stay as long as they liked.

Building Derr took care to preserve the character of the original structure—uncovering and incorporating four of the six original skylights and the exposed brickwork from the original porch, plus some components of the original building, such as the boiler doors and a wood buffet—while updating the infrastructure. Aches in most units replicate the porch arches, yet updates like gas fireplaces, garages, baseboard heating, a ram garden and new landscaping bring the condominium into the present.

Ann Derr, resident of Linnea Gardens and wife of architect Doug Derr, planned the July 23 celebration, which includes an ice cream social in Alden Park, historical displays of pictures and memorabilia about Linnea, memories from local residents and a history of Alan Hagstrom’s family (Hagstrom is the great-nephew of founder Anna Bennett and her sister Emily Rysstrom), a timeline and an open mic for reminiscences about Linnea Home and Gardens, as well as a performance by comedienne Penne Sewall.

Linnea Home was named for the linnea flower, a low-growing, hardy perennial common to Sweden.

By 1968, there were fewer members in the Linnea Society and those members were getting older, so the group donated the home to the Board of Social Ministry of the Lutheran Church in America, which later became Ecumen.

In 2005, Ecumen sold the building to a group of developers and the residents were relocated. Many artifacts and documents associated with the home were donated to the Swedish Institute at that time. The developers hired architect Doug Derr, who designed the 22 condominiums that make up Linnea Gardens today. Habitat for Humanity Construction finished the project by doing the working drawings and gutting and restructuring the building.

As there was no skilled care available to residents and helping them out in their apartments. Carol Maliny, who grew up in the neighborhood and still lives nearby, recalls volunteering there, as her mother had before her, running the bingo game, ironing and helping with cooking.

Neighborhood children visited residents and scouting groups raised money to support the facility. Since the residence was not affiliated with any specific denomination, neighboring churches sent visiting clergy and for a time drove residents to services.

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Gremlin Theatre will open first show in Vandalia Tower July 7

Gremlin Theatre will open in 20th season in its new performance space at 550 Vandalia St. in the Vandalia Theatre Tower Fri., July 7, with “Don’t Dress for Dinner.”

Described as the “perfect farce” by “Chicago Style Magazine,” the play features Bernard, who is planning a romantic weekend with his chic mistress in his charming converted farmhouse (while his wife, Jacqueline, is away, of course). He has arranged for a cordon bleu cook to prepare gourmet delights and has even invited his best friend, Robert, to provide the alibi. What could possibly go wrong?

“Don’t Dress for Dinner” will run through Sunday, July 30. Tickets are $28 for general admission and those under 30 pay half their age every night. Discounts are available for seniors and for Fringe button holders.

Go to www.gremlin-theatre.org for the schedule and for tickets or call 888-71-TICKETS.

Gremlin Theatre’s new 120-seat theater and performing arts facility will serve as home to the Gremlin Theatre company and provide performance space to other theater and performing arts groups in the Twin Cities.

Located off I-94 and University Avenue, it’s within walking distance of the Green Line; Vandalia Tower is home to the Independent Film Project, the St. Paul Neighborhood Network, the offices and studios of many artists and performing arts groups, and Lake Monster Brewery. Vandalia Tower features a large courtyard and patio with rotating food trucks on evenings and weekends next to the Lake Monster tap room. Founded in 1998, the nonprofit Gremlin Theatre has staged nearly 60 productions, been honored with numerous awards, built two performance spaces and hosted dozens of diverse performance groups. Since closing its facility at 2400 University Ave. in 2013, Gremlin has produced at a variety of locales before moving into Vandalia Tower.

CELLOici concert series debuts with four performances in July

CELLOici, a new four-concert series, will be presented by the International Cello Institute (ICI) this summer at venues in Minneapolis and St. Paul. ICI is an intensive program for serious cellists between the ages of 12 and 23 held at St. Olaf College in Northfield. Four of ICI’s esteemed artist faculty members will present recitals. St. Anthony Park resident Laura Sewell is co-director of the institute.

ICI is in its seventh year of hosting a three-week summer camp at St. Olaf. Information about each concert in the series is listed below:

Tuesday, July 18, 7 p.m., Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church, Silver Ansonia, Minnesota Orchestra assistant principal cellist, will perform works of Beethoven, Schumann, Dbyasy and Piazzolla with pianist, Timothy Loveless.

Monday, July 31, 7 p.m., Hennepin Avenue United Methodist Church: Emmanuel Feldman, professor of cello at Boston’s New England Conservatory, will present a program of Copland, Barber and Gershwin with pianist, Mary Jo Gottfried.

Thursday, Aug. 3, 7 p.m., Courtroom 317, Landmark Center, 75 W. Fifth St., St. Paul: Co-sponsored by the Schubert Club, Cécile Parra will perform works of Kabalevsky, Rachmaninoff and Brahms with pianist, Peter John.

Tickets are $20 for adults; $15 for seniors and students are free. For more information, go to celloamericanelxperience.com.

Linnea Gardens from 7

small, purple twinerose native to Sweden and Minnesota named after Swedish botanist Carl von Linnæus. Just as this little insignificant-looking flower spreads its beautiful fragrance in all directions and is carried by the wind to distant places, we hope to spread joy to lonely persons, helping them along life’s way,” Anna Bennett said. At the celebration, Hagstrom and Ann Derr will recite a poem in Swedish about the flower as a way of honoring those long-gone Swedish-immigrant women who saw a need and did something about it.

Michelle Christianson lives in St. Anthony Park and is a longtime contributor to the Park Bugle.
Spring reflections 2017

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from people across the globe,” he said. Some callers were reporters, but most were angry people who saw his cellphone number after it was posted on social media. He unplugged his landline and turned off the cellphone. The next morning, more than 60 messages were waiting for him.

He described those first days as being “at the center of the volcano.”

Lindstrom said, “The City Council had a reputation for being tuckered, said Lindstrom, “we have this mindset that we were this small city, with a council of five, nonpartisan, that we should do something.”

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For Mielke, doing better meant making the city’s brainstorming solutions, try things out, he said. Before July 6, 2016, the city’s brainstorming sessions tended to address issues such as whether or not to install a sidewalk in front of the elementary school, he said.

Now Falcon Heights, which does not have its own police force, is preparing to end its long-term contract with the St. Anthony Police Department and is in contract negotiations with the Ramsey County Sheriff’s Office. Along with that, the five-member City Council is looking to institute recommendations from the Task Force on Policing and Inclusion.

“We did have total trust in the St. Anthony Police Department. For 22 years, it was a good relationship,” Lindstrom said.

He was aware that the stretch of busy, four-lane Larpenteur that crosses through Lauderdale and Falcon Heights and is patrolled by St. Anthony police had a reputation for being tuckered. “But I can honestly say it did not come up with racial overtones, that [police] were racially profiling,” he said.

Residents attending a community forum one week after the shooting shared anecdotes that indicated a different view.

“Right away, there were groups of people—both from within the city and outside the city—that were encouraging us to cut the contract with [St. Anthony police] right then,” Lindstrom said. “The council didn’t feel comfortable breaking the contract until we had a chance to really think it through in a thorough and deliberate manner.”

He called for the creation of a policing task force at a July 13 community forum. “And it took a while to get it up and going. We had to, as a council, identify what the goals of the task force and what the charge of the task force would be,” he said. And, quite frankly, what really was challenging was anytime we met, there would be 100 people in the audience. It was challenging to have a conversation when people were shouting you down. But we got it done. We created the task force.”

“We Can Do Better”

With a background in public relations and marketing, Paula Mielke came up with the slogan “Falcon Heights We Can Do Better” for a coalition of residents who came together after the shooting to ask when we all do better.”

Then her marketing skills kicked into high gear. She had T-shirts printed with the slogan and “started getting them out to people.”

For Mielke, doing better meant the City Council needed to move more quickly in communicating with residents and making decisions about the city’s relationship with the St. Anthony Police Department. The City Council held a special meeting just after the shooting to consider firing a public relations person, but ultimately decided not to.

Communications from the city were “lackluster,” said Mielke, “so a group of us started meeting. We have that pretty much every Sunday since July 31.”

One of the first orders of business for the fledging Falcon Heights We Can Do Better group was to submit a letter to the City Council requesting that it tell the acting St. Anthony police chief that he must appear before the next council meeting. When Lindstrom said to form a task force appeared to be stalled, the group submitted a resolution on Aug. 10 to the council proposing a task force on policing. And when it was learned that neither Falcon Heights nor the St. Anthony police had analyses of data on arrests and ticketing in the city, Mielke’s son Luke gathered it.

The group’s initial mission was to help the council, Mielke said, “We had this mindset that we were this small city, with a council of five, nonpartisan, that we should do something.”

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While in high school, the Melkels’ older son, Luke, also served on the Parks and Rec Commission and younger son, Isaac, served on the Environment Commission. “We’ve always been involved in our community,” she said.

Mielke lives six blocks from Larpenteur and takes it daily to her upholstery business in Minneapolis. “I drive past that spot every day,” she said.

When she heard about the shooting, she was filled with shock and disbelief, she said. “We always thought we were this progressive city, right? We’re a highly educated community. We have U of M professors everywhere,” she said. “When this happened, we asked, ‘What are we missing?’ ”

Her first reaction was, “We can do better,” a reference to the late Minnesota Sen. Paul Wellstone’s renowned quote: “We all do better when we all do better.”

“I’m just so tired of this”

Michael Wade attended the Sept. 29 meeting after co-workers brought it to his attention. It was in his neighborhood and “I was frustrated in hearing what people had to say,” he said.

Wade lives at 1550 Larpenteur, the Falcon Heights Town Square apartment complex at the corner of

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Falcon Heights to 11
‘Philando’s Garden’

Victor Toso has spent the last two years tending the memorial site to Philando Castile next to the Larpenteur Avenue entrance to the Minnesota State Fair, a spot many refer to as “Philando’s Garden.”

Last summer, he coordinated with the fair’s grounds crew and removed all of the signs, flowers and adornments so the crew could mow. Through the winter, he kept torches burning, until he was told by fire officials that the flames were a hazard and he needed to stop. This spring, he decided to mow the site himself.

He describes his caretaking as “self-selected.” Toso lives a quick walk from the site, which makes it easy for him to maintain the area.

The night Castile was killed, Toso encountered the police blockade on the street as he made his way home after picking up a generator from a friend. A storm that had moved through the Twin Cities on July 5 had left areas of Falcon Heights without electricity. Toso stopped to get electrical cords from his shop, the Nada-Chair company on Larpenteur at Hwy. 280. When he got back onto Larpenteur, he saw the emergency lights. “I drove around the back way and because I had no electricity, there was zero news,” he says.

The news came at 6 a.m. the next day in a text from a friend in Europe who sent a link to an article from the London Times.

Toso grew up as a missionary kid in the former French colony of Madagascar. Castile’s death has made him question the U.S.’s colonial past, he says, and his own experience growing up around that corner. “There were people around who are black, according to 2015 census figures. Town Square consists of ‘two realities’ said Wade, who has lived there for three years. The complex has two buildings: One is for seniors, who are mostly white, while the other houses mostly African-Americans and Somali immigrants, he said.

There have been people at these community meetings, white folks, who have claimed that it’s considered the black corner.”

Wade said, “We try to avoid walking around that corner...”

He smiled, adding: “I was glad for the honesty. People need to know that that ideology is out there.”

Last July 6, after spending a day in the heat laying asphalt, Wade drove down Larpenteur on his way home from work.

“By the time I got home a little bit after 8:30, my muscles were cramping up bad,” he said. “At the same time that Philando was getting shot, I drove by, Wade said, he was lying on his couch, icing his shoulder and watching TV. When the news reports broke about the shooting, ‘I realized this is just down the street. I had just come up that same way.’”

He became quiet, and then: “I am nervous. I didn’t fit in nobody’s description that day. I was like, wow, I’m just so tired of this.”

Wade—who in August self-published the book “Mirror on the Wall: Reflections of Racism and Social Justice,” addressing the struggles of living through the setbacks systemic oppression causes—attended the September panel discussion but found it “strange?” He laughed.

“Some of my best friends from high school, a decade out of high school, told me that their whole family was prejudiced until they met our family,” she said. “I’ve seen the good, bad and ugly of racism both in the city as well as in the suburban areas.”

Leehy, an ordained minister, runs a nonprofit called Mobilizing and Releasing Caring Hearts, or MARCH. She works with churches and other organizations in their outreach missions, work she refers to as “social justice and spiritual renewal.”

One project she’s proud of is her work in Anoka in the 1990s at a coffeehouse that provided a safe place for young people who “didn’t fit into cultural norms and needed to be loved for who they are.”

Despite the good relations built with the Anoka program years ago, “there were times I could not be the last one there and had to have escorts because my staff knew that there was racist stuff going on [in the community]. They stayed around to protect me,” she said.

The wooden memorial erected at the site in February includes this quote from Philando Castile’s mother. The memorial was spearheaded by members of Falcon Heights We Can Do Better: Chuck Laszewski, designed by Kate Lindgren and constructed by Bruce Mielke, Cody Austin and Laszewski.

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A garden of surprises

Look closely and you will find a wide variety of life in your gardens.

By Sharon Shinomiya

One of the great pleasures of a garden is that you never know what you will find in it. You design, plant and tend your garden, but it has a mind of its own. It issues its own invitations to the wider world. Every day can bring delightful surprises along with disappointments and a few horrifying discoveries. Thankfully, the pleasant ones usually outnumber the unpleasant.

If you let your garden do what it wants to do, at least some of the time, you might find it has good ideas. Let your woodland wildflowers make seeds and ants will plant them around your garden for you. What if your violets or hepatica decide they don’t like your garden, but prefer the path or a wood-chipped area instead? Let them grow there and you may be rewarded with a stunning colony.

Allow those volunteer blackberry vines or chrysanthemums to grow and your garden might become home to its own unique hybrids. Don’t deadhead some of your spent flowers and enjoy a second bloom of interesting seed heads and a free buffet for the birds in the fall.

If you are observant, you will come across a wide variety of life in your garden—all sorts of insects, spiders, amphibians, birds, mammals, mushrooms and more.

Many kinds of birds will be attracted to your garden: the usual robins, chickadees, blue jays, cardinals and goldfinches, and less common birds as well. Early spring brings melting snow, and while the ground is still frozen temporary ponds can form in low areas. These ponds can draw in a Cooper’s hawk for a bath-and-preening session. Tiny ruby-crowned kinglets may search for insects in shrubs and trees. Eastern towhees, wood thrushes or white-throated sparrows may scratch and scuffle about in the tangles of vines, or maybe a turkey will just happen to wander through.

A garden can be exciting in a dangerous sort of way. You never know when you might witness a robin barely escape a chase by a hungry pair of Cooper’s hawks. Or it can be a place full of sorrow when you find a not-so-lucky overbird, victim of an unfortunate collision with your window.

A particular delight of spring and summer is encountering baby rabbits. Yes, they do grow up to do terrible things to your garden, but if they’ve survived the onslaught of predators (and avoided becoming a horrifying discovery), these little innocents will softly and quietly appear before you, and you will not be able to do anything but hold your breath and smile.

Watching the mammals that share your garden can help you forget the distressing things they sometimes do—like the chipmunks that dig up your potted plants, the squirrels that top off your tulips and adult rabbits that mow down your pansies, crocuses and whatever else you really wanted to bloom. If you are especially unlucky, your garden will become a buffet for a raccoon, woodchuck or a deer, though urban gardeners seem to be safe from them.

Spring brings out one of the enchanting sounds of a garden. On warm dry evenings, you can hear earthworms rustling the leaves you left on your gardens for mulch. That’s when you know your garden is alive. Another sound of life in your garden is the buzzing of bees around the blooms of your prairie willow in spring, froglily beardtongues in summer and coralberrys in fall.

Speaking of bees, if you have patches of bare ground, you might find ground bees have moved in. Their homes look like anthills with extra wide entrance holes.

Fascinating mushrooms appear in all seasons. In the spring, you might find the large black cups of devil’s umbo on a thick old lilac branch you left in the garden to decompose. In late summer, tiny bird’s nest mushrooms might grow on woodchips and look first like little bicolored buttons and then, appropriately, like nests with eggs inside. Or a mass of tiny red-orange eyelash cups will crop up in the cracks of your old sidewalk next to green featherly moss. Or sniddorms, oddly mushrooms known for their phallic shape, will shoot up overnight and attract flies who will distribute the mushroom’s spores.

In spring while removing leaves from your garden, you might be astonished to uncover a road still ensconced in the cold soil, just waking up from hibernation. Tiny frogs seem to make themselves known in late summer by appearing suddenly as frog-shaped silhouettes on your window screen. Another creature that appears in late summer is the orb-weaver spider, whose intricate webs are amazing works of engineering and art.

Many kinds of caterpillars eat the leaves of your plants. Look closely at your pansies and you might find a spiky black caterpillar with spots of yellow, red and indescent blue. It will become a painted lady butterfly. Or you might find black-, white- and yellow-striped monarch caterpillars on milkweed, or white-and-black-striped, orange-spotted black swallowtail caterpillars on parsley or dill. While you’re on the lookout for caterpillars, you may come across an enormous common green-darner dragonfly at rest on a stalk. These are just a few of the intriguing things you can happen upon in a garden, and you are certain to discover many more.

Sharon Shinomiya has gardened for 22 years in the Como Park neighborhood.

Photos by Sharon Shinomiya
Devil’s urns appear in spring on sticks and logs, just one of the many mushrooms you may come across in a garden.

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If every young rabbit survived, they would inundate our gardens. But the truth is, the world is a dangerous place for rabbits. Nearly 80 percent of the rabbit population dies from weather, predators or disease each year, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Few live beyond their first year, and only the rare rabbit makes it to age three. Predators include hawks, owls, coyotes, raccoons, skunks, dogs, cats and people—who hunt them and run them over with their cars and lawn mowers.

Gardens provide the perfect habitat for rabbits, offering both food and shelter. Rabbits eat a variety of plants during the growing season and in winter switch to twigs, bark and buds. There are effective ways gardeners can cope with rabbits.

One option is to grow some of the wonderful plants rabbits don’t like to eat (see sidebar for some ideas). But keep in mind that if rabbits are hungry enough, they will eat almost anything, and they will also taste new and unfamiliar plants.

If you share the same taste in plants as your rabbits, or you’re a vegetable gardener, you will experience less heartache if you protect your plants. An effective but not necessarily attractive way to protect plants is to use enclosures that exclude rabbits. A fence can protect large areas. Fences should be 18 to 24 inches high and made of 1-inch galvanized steel mesh (chicken wire) or hardware cloth, according to an article by Jennifer Menken, University of Minnesota Extension website. If your rabbits are particularly determined, it might be best to bury several inches of the fence to prevent access from digging. Cylinders of fencing can protect individual plants during summer, and small trees and shrubs in winter.

If you can’t bring yourself to use enclosures, you can try taste-deterrent sprays, but you will need to be vigilant and reapply them frequently.

Another way to thwart rabbits is to use raised planters (18 to 24 inches off the ground), hanging baskets and window boxes for annuals or vegetables. Rabbits don’t seem to come onto steps or decks, so smaller pots in these places may not be bothered.

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**JULY EVENTS**

Venue information is listed at the end of the calendar. Send your events to calendar@parkbugle.org. By Monday, July 3, to be included in the August issue.

**4 TUESDAY**
Fourth of the Park, all day long, St. Anthony Park. Parade line up begins at 10:30 a.m. See the events schedule on page 24.

**5 WEDNESDAY**
English Conversations Cafe, Wednesdays, 4-5:30 p.m. at Anthony Park Library.

St. Anthony Park Book Club, 5th TFD, St. Anthony Park Library, 6:30-8 p.m.

Maker Camp, Wednesdays in July and August, St. Anthony Park Library, 1-5 p.m. Hands-on, drop-in activities for youth ages 8-12. Parents and guardians are encouraged to join in the fun.

**6 THURSDAY**
Community Support Group, Thursdays of each month, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 10-11:30 a.m.

Bereavement Support Group, last Thursday of each month, St. Anthony Park United Church of Christ, 10-11:30 a.m.

Parchment story time in McDunnough Chinese, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 a.m.

Dialogue on Townships meets every Thursday, U of M St. Paul Campus, 7-8:30 p.m.

**7 FRIDAY**
Meditation Study Group, Fridays iv-h, St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Books on Love, passion, explore books, songs, crafts, service activities and more. For preschool and elementary school children.

Walking in the Longfellow Park gym every Friday, 10 a.m. Free and open to adults.

SAPAS blood pressure check, St. Anthony Park Library, 1-2 p.m.

**8 SATURDAY**
Source Comics & Games, Source Comics & Games, 10-3 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Costuming tricks and illusions.

Casino, Winning, for Middle School Students, Tuesdays in July starting July 11, St. Anthony Park Library, 12-2:30 p.m. This fun, fast-paced class will explore various casino games, experiences through directed learning activities and art projects. Space is limited. Registration is required.

SAPAS blood pressure check, Seal Hi-Rise, 3-5 p.m.

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**13 THURSDAY**
St. Anthony Park Area Seniors Cinema series, “Zootopia,” St. Anthony Park Library, 2 p.m. All welcome. Free.

Recent and Healthy: a Community Conversation, HealthPartners Como Clinic, 2500 Como Ave., 7:30 p.m. A conversation on how racism affects the health of people in the U.S. and in our community. Free. People of color can promote their own health in the best of everyday ways, and ways to recognize the legacy of racism and promote the health of everyone. County Yeager, M.A., JMFTE will lead the discussion. A doctoral candidate at the U of M, Yeager works with the Office of Black Male Student Achievement in Minneapolis Public Schools.

**14 FRIDAY**
SAPAS Cake Day, City Gables, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. No registration required.

**17 MONDAY**
SAPAS Game Day, City Gables, 10 a.m.-noon. Free. No registration required.

**18 TUESDAY**
Puppet Show Theatre presents “Cardboard Explosion,” St. Anthony Park Library, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m. Recommended for ages 5+

**19 FRIDAY**
Reading Readiness, St. Anthony Park Library, 2-3:30 p.m. (Chair yoga July 7 & 21. No class July 4.)

**21 FRIDAY**
SAPAS Cake Day, City Gables, 10 a.m.-noon. No charge or registration required.

**23 SUNDAY**
Summer Spark: Ten Penny Tunes, St. Anthony Park Library, 2-2:30 p.m.

**26 SATURDAY**
Community Sing, Olson Campus Center, Luther Seminary, 6-7 p.m.

**28 FRIDAY**
Over 50 Seniors from our community gather, 7-8:30 p.m. sing. The event is free, but a tip will be passed for our music leaders and to make the songs possible. Children welcome.

**29 SUNDAY**
Community Sing, Olson Campus Center, Luther Seminary, 6:30 p.m. $10 at the door.

**31 TUESDAY**
Screening of “The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry” by Rachel Joyce, McEldain, 1-2 p.m. All are welcome.

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**VENUE INFORMATION**

**Auburndale Senior Apartments**, 655 W. Maryland Ave., 651-607-8946

City Gables, 1611 Palomino St., Lutherdale

Falcon Heights Town Square Apartments, 1550 W. Larpenteur Ave., 651-345-0390

City Gables, University Ave., Como Park/Falcon Heights

Como Park/Falcon Heights Town Square Senior Apartments, 930-10:30 a.m. and Arbor Pointe Senior Apartments, 11 a.m.-noon

**FREE SENIOR BLOOD PRESSURE CLINICS**

St. Paul Senior Apartments, 11 a.m.-noon

St. Anthony Park Area Seniors, 11:30 a.m.-noon

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Auburndale Senior Apartments, 655 W. Maryland Ave.

Arbor Pointe Senior Apartments, 2200 Hilliard Ave., 651-607-8946

Auburndale City Hall, 1891 Welsey St., 651-691-0300

Albion Children’s Home & Creative, 1404 -1408 W. Larpenteur Ave., 651-646-5506

Olson Campus Center, Lutherdale Seminary, 1-2 p.m. 1490 Follow St.

Senior Apartments, 10-11 a.m.

**31 FRIDAY**
Do It Yourself Clinic, Women’s Dem Clinic, 6:30 p.m. $10 at the door.

**SENIOR EXERCISE**

Seniors, Thursdays, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Every Wednesday, Town Square Senior Apartments, 10-11 a.m.

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Local man at Dunwoody College's Instructor of the Year

Pablo Villamil, an adjunct instructor in architectural drafting and design at Dunwoody College in Minneapolis and a resident of St. Anthony Park, was honored with an Instructor of the Year Award in May. The award is given annually to faculty members who demonstrate commitment to students' academic success, serve as a professional role model to students and colleagues, and aim for academic excellence in curriculum development and instruction.

Nominations for Instructor of the Year awards come from current Dunwoody students.

Seminary presents conference on Luther and the Reformation

A free, two-day conference on Martin Luther and the Reformation of the Catholic Church will be held Aug. 18 and 19 at Luther Seminary, 4433/. Talks on Friday, Aug. 18, include "Of Smelly Diapers and Cranky Kids: How Luther Turned His World Upside Down" by Mark Thrun; "Luther in an Age of Trump: A Feminist Proposal" by Deanna Thompson; “Dangerous Truths” by Steve Paulson; and “The Problem of Sanctification in Luther Reconsidered” by Kyle Roberts.

Lectures on Saturday, Aug. 19, include "Tortus Homor: the Embodied Person in Luther's Thought and Its Usefulness for Theologies of Embodiment" by Mary Lowe; "Luther as Political Theologian" by Silas Morgan; “Luther, Faith and Cognitive Science” by Guillermo Hansen and a table talk by Paul Caprez and Lois Malcolm.

You can learn more about the conference on Facebook at facebook.com/events/771495863022481 Como Ave. “High Seas, Tall Ships and Brave Men: the Story of 19th-Century Sailing,” will present how life aboard a sailing vessel in the 1800s was arduous, cramped and frequently cut short by accident or disease. It was also the stuff of high adventure.

Group supports families, friends of those living with mental illness

NAMI Minnesota sponsors free support groups for families and friends of individuals living with a mental illness. A family support group meets in Roseville on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Centennial United Methodist Church, 1524 Co. Rd. C-2 West (at Snelling Ave.). For information, call Anne Mac at 651-484-0599.

Smallest Museum in St. Paul's exhibition list announced

The Smallest Museum in St. Paul (SMSP) has announced its July through December 2017 exhibits. Six local artists have been chosen to create exhibits spanning a variety of disciplines.

SMSP is a 3-by-2-foot micro museum housed in a vintage fire-hose cabinet outside Workhouse Coffee Bar, 2399 University Ave.

- "Ahan On Spoon”—poems on a refugee’s forgiveness by Seymoukda Vongsay
- "Behemoth in the Neighborhood”—Midway Stadium by Yoosif Del Valle
- "Eight Places You Are Right Now”—a postcard documentary by Lauren Husby
- "I Spy Art All Around Me”—3D butterflies from historic Prospect Park phonos by Becky Rahn
- "Reflection” by Angie Courchaine
- "Souvenir Plates of Midway Landmarks” by Rebecca Meader
- "The Problem of Deus Absconditus” by Steve Larsen Husby
St. Anthony Park business to sell kits to grow microgreens at home

Frigid North Farms, an online business that sells kits for growing microgreens, is coming to St. Anthony Park. It will open for business Monday, July 10. Microgreens are tender, young vegetables a bit bigger than bean sprouts and smaller than baby lettuces. They are flavorful, low in calories, dense with nutrients and expensive. A package smaller than a container of raspberries can cost $10 at the grocery store.

Frigid North Farms aims to make microgreens more accessible with durable, reusable growing kits that include trays, seeds, growing medium and instructions designed for people who have never grown plants indoors.

Margaret Taylor, the founder of Frigid North Farms, has a degree in plant biology from the University of Minnesota. She became interested in growing microgreens after watching her brother-in-law grow them in his kitchen with a homemade rig. She researched and found microgreen-growing kits now sold online are single-use, disposable and expensive. Frigid North Farms will sell kits to grow Brassica Blend (broccoli, kale and arugula), Spicy Brassica Blend (broccoli, kale, arugula and radish), and sunflower shoots. The kits will be at frigidnorthfarms.com. Taylor says she plans to expand kit varieties and will offer a CSA this winter.

Lyngblomsten is first senior-care group named a Service Enterprise

Lyngblomsten, a senior-care organization that has been serving older adults in the Twin Cities since 1906, recently was certified as a Service Enterprise, a designation given to a small percentage of nonprofits nationwide for their exceptional volunteer programs. Lyngblomsten is the first senior-care organization in Minnesota to become a Service Enterprise.

The Service Enterprise Initiative, or SEI, recognizes nonprofits that strategically engage volunteers and their skills across all levels of the organization to deliver successfully on their social missions. Currently, more than 300 organizations in 20 states and Puerto Rico have been certified as Service Enterprises, including 35 in Minnesota.

Tim Overweg, manager of volunteer services for Lyngblomsten, coordinated the certification process for Lyngblomsten. The designation indicates how Lyngblomsten is a step ahead of other senior-care organizations when it comes to volunteer engagement and management, Overweg said. Lyngblomsten provides a full continuum of services, including health care, housing and community-based resources. Incorporating in 1906, Lyngblomsten is a Christian nonprofit organization that offers health care and housing facilities, and community-based outreach programs for seniors living independently. Learn more at www.lyngblomsten.org.

Area artists to sell at St. Kate’s fair

Area artists Kate Daly, Greta Sandquist, Colleen Tabaka and Susan Fries will be showing their work at Art at St. Kate’s, a one-day outdoor art fair Saturday, July 8, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., on the green triangular lawn at Cleveland and Randolph avenues on the St. Paul campus of St. Catherine University.

The fair will include clay, fiber, glass, leather, jewelry (gold, silver, stone, beaded), metal, paper, wood, mixed media, painting, watercolor, photography, printmaking and sculpture. There will be everything from leather handbags and belts, watercolor paintings, cloisonné pendants, and stained glass to hand-dyed silk apparel, hand-woven rugs, turned wood, original cards, metal sculptures, gouard art, quills, hand-blown glass paperweights, screen printing, hand-made paper, found-art chimes, plus pottery tiles, vases, plates, teapots and mugs.

The art fair will also feature strolling musicians and food trucks.

Featured artists include M. Kelly Frost, jewelry, St. Louis Park; Nate Lynx, glass, Robbinsdale; Bill and Linda Sumner, fiber, Princeton; Rose Gianlorenzi, leather, Minneapolis; Janie Mork, paintings, Richfield; and Julia Timm, clay, Minneapolis. The emerging artist for 2017 is Anne Kueny, fiber, St. Paul.

Find out more at www.artscircle.org.
Willis Emke
Willis Emke, 80, died May 11, 2017. He was a graduate of Bowman, N.D., High School and North Dakota State University in engineering. Willis was an engineer for the Minnesota Department of Transportation for 40 years and a member of Falcon Heights United Church of Christ.
He is survived by his wife, Margaret; sons, John (Deb) and Doug (Karen); step-grandson, Nic; sister, Arlene; and brothers-in-law, Ron Bartz and John Gistad. His memorial service was held May 27 at the church.

Joseph Janacek
Joseph A. Janacek, 96 of Red Wing, was a fisherman and enjoyed all sports. He was an avid golfer, draftsman. He was an avid golfer, Joseph A. Jancsek, 96 of Red Wing, Minnesota, died May 29, 2017.

Donald Scott Madole, 99, of Falcon Heights, Minnesota, died May 27 at Como Park Lutheran Church. He was a veteran of World War II and had a career of more than 30 years as a structural steel engineer and draftsman. He was an avid golfer, fisherman and enjoyed all sports.

Helen Krinke
Helen L. Krinke, 98, of North Oaks, died May 12, 2017. She was born and raised in Winthrop, Minn. She was longtime resident of Roseville. She was preceded in death by her husband of 71 years, Edna, and brother, Phil. She is survived by his children, Carol (Jerry) Brown, Robert (Alice), John (Shelly Fern) and Lois Bergerson; four grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; and great-grandchildren; and companion, Joyce Faecke. His funeral was held May 17 at Morris Nilsen Chapel in Minneapolis, with interment at Fort Snelling.

Robert Megard

Robert Pervo
Richard is survived by his wife, Karen (married April 2, 1967); his brother, Charles Pervo; and sister, Pamela Clifton. He will be recognized at the fall Society of Biblical Literature meeting in Boston with a Festschrift volume prepared in his honor. All are invited to a funeral mass on Thursday, July 6, at 11 a.m. at St. Mark’s Episcopal Cathedral in Minneapolis. An RSVP to rskervo@comcast.net would be appreciated for planning purposes.

Contributions in his name to the Groveland Food Shelf (grovelandfoodshelf.org) is requested in lieu of flowers.
Policing recommendations include establishing a community-police work group with experts on equity, policing and public policy to look into the city; a call for comprehensive data collection on all police interactions and crime in the city; and a list of policing priorities, which includes the recommendation that non-moving motor vehicle violations be a low priority and have police issue more warnings rather than tickets.

Inclusion recommendations include creating a committee dedicated to racial reconciliation and healing; dedicating staff time to forge partnerships, find grants and recruit volunteers to accomplish the efforts; and providing a variety of avenues to get people involved by varying times and locations, providing childcare and minimizing costs to make opportunities more accessible. You can find the complete recommendations on the city website, falconheights.org.

The last scheduled Community Conversation was held Monday, June 19, just after this issue of the Bugle went to press and three days after the Castile trial ended. It is not lost on many that the community event aimed at reviewing the task force’s recommendations and discussing next steps for the city was held exactly the holiday that commemorates the day in 1865 when slavery was abolished in Texas and, more generally, the emancipation of slaves throughout the Confederated South.

Wade was the only black member of the 12-member task force. Co-chair Leehy and co-facilitator Ken Morris, an adjunct professor at Hamline University, are also black. Despite a lack of racial diversity, both Leehy and Wade say this was a diverse group on the task force. “I feel there were both sides,” Wade said. “What I would call the pro-police version...[Well, [Castile] did something wrong to be in that position. He needed to respect the police man” to “Hold on man, he said he was a permit-to-carry holder and you asked for his I.D. and that’s what he was reaching for. He would have liked more time on the task force.”

Leehy agrees that more could have been done had the task force run another six months, but said, “We cranked out a lot in a small amount of time. There comes a point where we have to let go and give it to the City Council and let them do their work.”

Ending the St. Anthony contract

Falcon Heights We Can Do Better

kept pushing for the City Council to end the contract with St. Anthony and renegotiate it. In the end, actions taken by the St. Anthony City Council got it done. In late March, the council passed a resolution to change the police contract and make the city of Falcon Heights solely liable for any police incident within its borders. That move came out of the blue, said Lindstrom, “which was very disappointing to me and the rest of the council. They must have known this was not something that any city would abide by.”

“They wanted us to take full liability over officers that we did not hire, over officers we did not train, over officers that we have no oversight over,” he said. “If there was a high-speed chase that started in St. Anthony, went through Roseville and some tragedy happened a foot into Falcon Heights, under their proposal, we would have 100 percent liability—and they did not do that for Lauderdale,” which also contracts with the nearby Minneapolis suburb. Falcon Heights put out a call for letters of interest to nearby law enforcement agencies. Ramsey County is the only one that answered.

Getting it right

Every City Council and task force meeting, every Council workshop, every Community Conversation has had at least one member from the Falcon Heights We Can Do Better group in attendance since June 7, Mielke said. They wanted to make sure Castile was always on the agenda, she said.

The group has connected with “black allies”—groups like the African American Leadership Council and people such as Castile’s good friend and co-worker John Thompson—who also have stayed focused on the council’s actions in regards to St. Anthony police.

“I remember a meeting when [a group of people] turned around and faced us and thanked us,” Mielke said.

“The person who has kept me going all these months is John Thompson. … When I think I don’t have the energy to go to or organize another meeting, I think of John,” she said. “From the beginning, he has said, ‘Falcon Heights, you have to get this right.’”

As this group moves past the trial, members are now working on learning “why the city is so white,” Mielke said. So far, research has found covenant classes on many homes that say you “can’t sell to a person of color,” she said. Mielke’s own house had one, but “it’s scratched out and dated and notarized. It was there. You can read it, but lines are drawn through it.”

“We think it would be great to look at zoning and policies that have stayed in place, where people don’t realize there’s a racial bias,” she said. “That’s what we’re looking at next.”

Sey hello

The city of Falcon Heights has a lot of work to do, Lindstrom said.

“Everything was pretty lunky dory for 22 years, but I now recognize it was not that way for everybody,” he said. “The reality is if someone has a different skin color than mine, they may walk through this world with much different experiences than me. My skin color provides me with privileges that others don’t have, and all of us ought to be having those conversations to better educate us about those privileges and how to change it.”

So how does Falcon Heights talk to other communities? “Ask your police the hard questions around things like training,” Leehy said. “How much de-escalation training are they receiving? How much implicit-bias training are they receiving? How much critical-incident training—which covers things like mental health training—are they receiving? Look at your boards. Do you actively outreach to make sure your commissions have broad representation?”

Prioritize diversity in the police department, he said. “Emphasize a culture of what I call a guardian mentality instead of a warrior mentality,” he said. “You don’t want your officers believing that they are under fire all the time and the occupancy is always under fire.”

Police need to know that they are partners with the community, he said.

For Wade, the path toward change in racial relations can’t start until people start talking to each other. “We have so much to learn from each other and nobody wants to just reach out to the other,” he said. “I used to work at a Holiday station out at White Bear Lake. I was told I was the first black guy to ever work at the store. Period. And my management said, ‘That’s nothing to be proud of.’”

Wade said, “I’m their first black supervisor. Me, at 42 years of age, I shouldn’t be the first black anything.”

“White folks say, ‘What can I do?’” One answer is simple, he said. “Say, ‘Hey.’”

“Don’t look shocked if you see me in Cub and I greet you,” he said. “Have a conversation with me. Opposite comes in the most mysterious ways.

You’re my neighbor. My interest is your interest. We may be training to help each other out,” he said. “That’s how it starts.”

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for the new state-of-the-art turf athletic field at Como Park Senior High School in May. Students, teachers and St. Paul Public Schools and city officials attended the groundbreaking ceremony.

Como Park Senior High

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A new field for a new year

A groundbreaking ceremony for the long-awaited turf field at Como Park Senior High School was held May 17. The turf is being installed directly west of the building inside the track. School board members, government supporters in hard hats grabbing a shovel and breaking ground. The band proceeded along the parade route through downtown from Rice Park to CHS Field, home of the St. Paul Saints, and played in the stadium while the patrol unites from all the schools entered. The Como Band then played the national anthem for the crowd to officially start the event honoring the service of the patrols.

AOF students score internships

Academy of Finance (AOF) students secured summer internships with a variety of business partners, including Travelers, 3M, Ecolab and Xcel Energy. Students were busy by the end of the year with financial literacy and entrepreneurial projects. Presentations took place both at school and at corporate headquarters. Additionally, a field trip to Thomson Reuters on May 26 allowed students to participate in a digital marketing workshop.

A night on the town

The 2017 Como Poem, “A Night on the Town,” was held May 20 at the U.S. Bank Stadium, on the suite level of the Vikings’ new stadium. The venue received rave reviews from the Como juniors, seniors, guests and staff as everyone enjoyed the dance and atmosphere.

The end

The annual senior barbecue was held June 2 at school, the last day of classes for the 2017 graduates. The barbecue was hosted by the Como staff and community, with assistance from local businesses and boosters. The graduation ceremony was June 6 at Roy Wilkins Auditorium downtown in the RiverCentre. Student speakers included Eli Freberg, Divine Ubogbo and Angela Artuka.

St. Anthony Park Elementary
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SAP’s in the news

St. Anthony Park Elementary School and its school-fresh program were featured in Log & Tally magazine’s Spring/Summer 2017 issue. Log & Tally is published by the Hoo-Hoo International Order, an organization of people and businesses that produce products such as wood doors and window frames from forest products. The group had donated $1,000 to the school last year to purchase school-forest supplies for staff to bring students outdoors for learning.

An article about the school’s outdoor-learning program was published in May and students were featured on the cover and inside the magazine. You can learn more about Hoo-Hoo International and see a copy of the magazine at www.hoooho.org.
Como Park Cougars

**Badminton**—The Como Park Cougars varsity badminton team earned the third-place trophy at the Minnesota state tournament in mid-May. Johnson took first, defeating Harding in the finals.

St. Paul’s most popular sport continues to be badminton. Como’s program had more than 50 players competing on three levels this season, with fun and improvement evident all around. The varsity squad posted an overall record of 13-6 while competing in the state tournament.

Of the 24 varsity badminton teams in the state, six of the eight quarterfinals were St. Paul schools. The final four were all from St. Paul, featuring Johnson, Harding, Washington and Como. In the semifinals the Cougars lost to Johnson, the eventual state champion, by a score of 3-2. (Como was the only team to earn points against Johnson in the tournament). The Cougars bounced back with a 4-3 victory over Washington in the third-place match.

Como junior Tu Lor Paw was the Cougars’ top singles player and was voted most valuable. Junior Taw Bee played second singles. Juniors Yia Xiong and Zoua Yang were the No. 1 doubles team for the Cougars. Of the top 10 players in the deep program, six will return next season.

**Softball**—Senior pitcher Kathryn Proper led the young Cougars back to the final four of the section tournament and a second-place finish in the St. Paul City Conference. The team’s overall record was 15-6 with Proper centering the defense and amassing 290 strikeouts in her career with three state tournament selections Grace Commers and Olivia Mancia-Chavez, who are both juniors. Three of the golfers are ranked in the top 10 of their classes academically, and the team grade-point average is 3.9. There are plans for summer golf events to develop more skills and confidence. With six golfers returning next season, the Cougars plan to keep it fun and strive for better scoring on the course.

The team was frequently recognized for its mental strength and positivity. They earned the coveted Team Spirit Award at the Mankato Classic tournament in White Bear Lake. Individual honors included Georgia Langer earning All-Conference, Junior Claudia Patrin was selected All-Conference and First-Team All-State honors. Junior Claire Farrow and sophomore Antero Sivula were both First-Year Athlete of the Year.

**Boys’ tennis**—The Como Area Ultimate team was composed of 10 dedicated players who consistently competed against teams with rosters twice as big. Despite the lack of depth, the Aurora girls finished second place overall in the Division 2 end-of-the-year state tournament.

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**Track and field**—Senior Innocent Murwaneshyaka qualified for the state track meet in the 1,600M and 3,200M races. He represented Como in the state track meet June 9 and 10 at Hamline University.

Como had another St. Paul City champ: Lukas Walton, a junior, ran to victory in the 300M hurdles. In the Section 4AA Meet, he finished in sixth place. On the girls’ side, junior Florence Uwajenda finished second at the city meet in the 800M and also placed sixth in Section 4AA. Also noteworthy from the city meet were Como’s jumpers. Junior Tim Simmons was fourth in the triple jump and fifth in the long jump.

Senior Charlie Krzyzak and juniors Gunnar Olson and Donny Ventrelli were All-Conference. Honorable Mention was earned by seniors Jackson Muhlbauer, Ricky Spears and Dylan McClellan, along with juniors Collin Columbus and Patrick Correia.

The season’s most impressive victory was a 10-5 victory over St. Anthony Village, a former state champion and perennial state contender. Ventrelli, who led the team in RBI, had two home runs in that game. Krzyzak had the team’s best batting average. Olson was the team’s top pitcher.

**Boys’ tennis**—The varsity team finished third in the St. Paul City Conference with a record of 8-2. The overall record of 8-8 included wins over nonconference opponents North St. Paul, Tartan, Simley and Mounds Park Academy. Junior Gabe Reynolds, sophomore Will Larson and Murray eighth-grader Riley Edwins earned All-Conference. Senior Eli Freberg, junior Lab Hofo and sophomore Amos Sivula achieved Honorable Mention.
Creinin-Derham Hall. CAU was coached by Como alum Jesus Calabrian, former coach and teacher Ross Savage was honored with the Steven Craig Miller Award for 14 years of leadership and service to the Como ultimate frisbee programs.

**Murray Pilots**

**Baseball**—The Pilots finished with an overall record of 10-3, tied for second place in the St. Paul City. Rainouts and rescheduled games were frequent, but the team had a lot of fun. In fact, the highlight of the season was a game played despite a downpour, leaving muddy field conditions. No one seemed to mind.

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**Fitzgerald**—All Pilot runners improved their times throughout the season and peaked at the year-end St. Paul City Meet. The girls’ 4 x 200 relay team of Fiona Juarez-Sweeney, Paul City Conference middle-school standings with 7 wins and 2 losses. The team was led by pitchers Colt Wyman, Ian Culver and Damian Perryman, with excellent catching by Kaelyb Sears. Dedicated eighth-graders included Stone Frasl, with excellent conditions. No one seemed to mind.

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Como Park student anthology explores identity and culture

By Ned Leebrick-Stryker

For six months of their inaugural year of high school, 49 ninth-graders at Como Park Senior High School collaborated with the Mid-Continent Oceanographic Institute, a nonprofit on University Avenue that teaches writing skills to under-resourced students, to create an anthology of poems and prose called “Adventures Within Another.”

“We began the project by creating a community of learners and writers,” said Risa Cohen, the English teacher whose students created the book. “Each of us shared an artifact that represented our individual culture and community and explained what it meant to us. These artifacts became the focus of the first essay(s) students wrote for the book.

The Mid-Continent Oceanic group proved to be a boon for the Como students. “They taught me that if I put my mind to it, I write something beautiful,” said Rebarth Htoo, a member of Cohen’s class. Htoo’s poem “If you were here with me,” offers a bittersweet look back on an old memory, something the students were encouraged to do by the organization. Students had an opportunity to explore emotional situations that aren’t commonplace in a classroom.

[In my writing], I got to explore my grandparents and my hometown,” said student Ktru Moo, whose poem “Where I’m from” explores a rich ancestry.

The students’ writing came from a personal place, Cohen explained. She guided students to choose topics and write about experiences that were meaningful to them. Working collaboratively with their peers on brainstorming exercises gave them a framework for their writing, she said. “Students learned how to write about memories, and they learned about life and everybody’s story.”

The students were ultimately the creative guides of the book during the creation process. “They learned how to work in a group to create a published book, especially coming up with the title and the cover design,” Cohen said. That gave the students the experience of having their names and work in a published book.

“Adventures Within Another” can be purchased at the Mid-Continent Oceanographic Institute’s online store at moi-msp.org. That gave the students the experience of having their names and work in a published book.

My family is like a watered flower. When the flower is grown it becomes bountiful, beautiful. And it feels special like a dead tree still growing.

We are a group of brightness, To know it is a blessing from God, Whether we are close or far, We are a family in love like moon and star love each other.

Ktru Moo has a cat name Grey. They live with their parents and enjoy playing soccer.

Trips Through the Ocean
By Anisa Smith

Orca Island on a ferry Kayaking in the ocean Wavesashing. Feel the warmth of the sun Sea lions, eagles, turkey vultures Jellyfish, starfish Sea lions gliding under the water Salt water on my hands Crashing through waves Every island paddled by Really cool

Anisa Smith lives hanging out with friends and family over the weekends. They live with their mom, dad and two siblings. Their favorite sports to play are volleyball and hockey.

Ned Leebrick-Stryker is a student in the School of Journalism and Mass Communications at the University of Minnesota.
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It's almost that special time of year again, where you pull out your flag, grab your lawn chair and put on that red, white and blue. The annual 4th in the Park parade and picnic are nearly here!

This year will be the 70th anniversary and we're looking forward to celebrating the big anniversary. We will be adding new, exciting elements to the day, including new activities and more vegetarian options by the tennis courts.

PREPARE FOR THE PARADE

Parade proceeds from Luther Place, down Como Avenue to Langford Park via Knapp Street. Parade includes a color guard, Neighborhood units, bands, floats, VIPs, music, kids and much more.

REFRESHMENT STAND OPENS
Purchase pulled-pork sandwiches, hot dogs, ice cream, veggie burgers and more vegetarian options by the tennis courts. Sponsored by the St. Anthony Park Booster Club.

ACTIVITIES

10:30 a.m. GRAND PARADE ASSEMBLY
Children's bikes, trikes, wagons, etc. assemble at Ned's Park at 10:30 a.m. and move to the starting point at the bandstand in Langford Park.

11 a.m. GRAND PARADE BEGINS
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

8 a.m. LANGFORD PARK RACES
Registration at the recreation building (50-cent registration fee). Races start at 8:30 a.m.

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1-4 p.m. PONY RIDES & KIDS’ ACTIVITIES
* * New location * * because of construction at the elementary school all kids’ activities will be on the south side of the park behind the recreation center. Kids can get their faces painted or take a turn on the inflatable obstacle course.

2:30-4 p.m. RACES & CONTESTS
Family fun events for kids of all ages. Ribbons for all participants.

4 p.m. INSTAGRAM PHOTO CONTEST WINNER ANNOUNCED
(Must be present to win.)

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