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## Asphalt plant near Gross golf?

by Margo Ashmore and Gail Olson

It pays to have relatives in nearby cities: That's how Minneapolis residents and park commissioners found out about a proposed asphalt plant in Roseville across the border from Francis A. Gross National Golf Course. The story is as much about how notice was given, as it is about the plant's

projected environmental impacts.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency recently extended its comment periods on both the project's air emissions permit and its Environmental Assessment Worksheet from Aug. 11 to Sept. 10. But it wasn't until Aug. 9 that some Northeast residents got word about the proposed plant.

That evening, three people; First District Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Commissioner Liz Wielinski, former Minneapolis park board commissioner Walt Dziedzic, and Lois Kelly from the Windom Park neighborhood, went to the Roseville City Council meeting and expressed their dismay.

ASPHALT PLANT ▶ 6

## Problems and plans at CARE

by Gail Olson

Even though they're dead, the two pit bulls who attacked Minneapolis mail carrier Bryan Bloomquist on July 27 are now listed as "dangerous dogs." After police shot the pair at the scene, on Colfax Avenue North, where the dogs lived, Minneapolis Animal Care and Control director Dan Niziolek said the designation could prevent the pit bulls' owners—who were charged with misdemeanors—from owning another dangerous dog for five years.

Niziolek was a featured speaker Wednesday, Aug. 18, at the Third Ward CARE meeting at East Side Neighborhood Services. The meeting agenda also included spokespersons from city housing inspections, the problem properties unit, and the Minneapolis Police Department. The 3rd Ward includes the Northeast neighborhoods of Beltrami, Bottineau, Sheridan, St. Anthony East and St. Anthony West.

### Aggressive animals

Niziolek said the dog owners were also cited for failing to license the dogs and have them vaccinated against rabies. City Council Member Diane Hofstede, who chairs the CARE meetings,

THIRD WARD CARE ▶ 8

## Parade of Community Gardens: Mulberry Junction

Mulberry Junction at 23rd Avenue and California Street NE was one of 65 community gardens in the Gardening Matters "parade" Saturday, Aug. 21. While some gardeners went about their normal business of weeding, sculptor Aldo Moroni helped kids make structures out of clay.



Later, John Coy read from his book "Two Old Potatoes and Me" and talked about how the book was produced. Organizers say the garden is self-supporting through the annual fees for individual plots, and other strategic material donations. Long ago there was some start-up money, and its equivalent is kept in an account in case the garden has to be moved. The private property that it is on is for sale and may be redeveloped. (Photos by Margo Ashmore)

## Handling hazardous waste in NE

by Kerry Ashmore

Will it be a LEED-certified, state-of-the-art community amenity with green space and bike paths? Or will it be a garbage dump?

It depends on whom you ask. City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County officials have their eye—and, potentially, about 10 million tax dollars—on the 6.5-acre Wheeling Corrugating property at 27th and University avenues NE. They want to create a "one-stop" waste-transfer facility, replicating the county's household hazardous waste facility in Bloomington and replacing the city's South Minneapolis transfer station, which operates the city's residential construction and demolition debris voucher program and some other waste handling.

County officials also con-

firmed that routine solid waste collections could be brought to the new facility for transfer, if the Hennepin County incinerator is not operating.

The other facilities are located in industrial areas with the nearest residences more than 500 feet away. The 27th and University property has a lot of nearby industry, especially to the north; but it also has houses across an alley from it, and across 26th Avenue from it.

Wheeling Corrugating's commercial roofing operation closed in 2009, and the company put the property up for sale. The purchase price will probably be about \$2 million, and the new facility will probably cost about \$6-8 million.

Government ownership would take the property off of the tax rolls; it now generates

\$64,000 per year in property taxes. The property tax payments are current.

The Minneapolis City Council approved buying the property, if the property passes numerous tests of environmental safety, soil condition, and general suitability for the proposed project.

The new facility would allow residents to drive in to an enclosed building with either household hazardous wastes or construction and demolition debris. The wastes would be sorted, packaged and removed to recycling or disposal facilities.

City and county officials emphasize that it will be a drop-off facility, not a processing facility. Materials would be sorted, separated, packaged and shipped.

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## Pretty purses painted

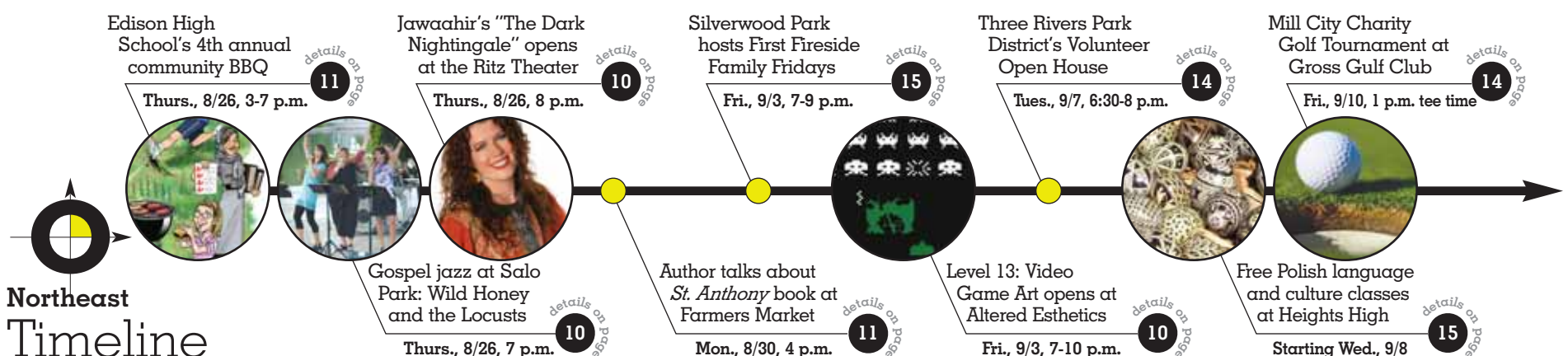
by Gail Olson

Marge's purses are going to graduate school.

After artist and grad student Erin Goedel read a *Northeaster* story last month about long-time Columbia Heights resident Marge Glynn—who has a passion for collecting pretty clutch purses—it struck a chord with her.

Goedel has a passion, too: she captures women's apparel in oil paint.

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