



### Annual Meeting

Monday, Sept. 14  
Building 20  
6 p.m.: Registration  
6:30 p.m.: Meeting  
Board positions of Pam Gunderson & Peggy Jacobson are up for election

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### Club Room Reminder

Just a friendly reminder about the use of the club room. All users are responsible for leaving the room in a clean and orderly condition. Tables should be wiped clean, floors vacuumed, and dishes and glasses cleaned. If you use the dishwasher please empty it when it's finished. Towels, tablecloths, etc., should be washed and returned. Trash and garbage containers should be left clean.

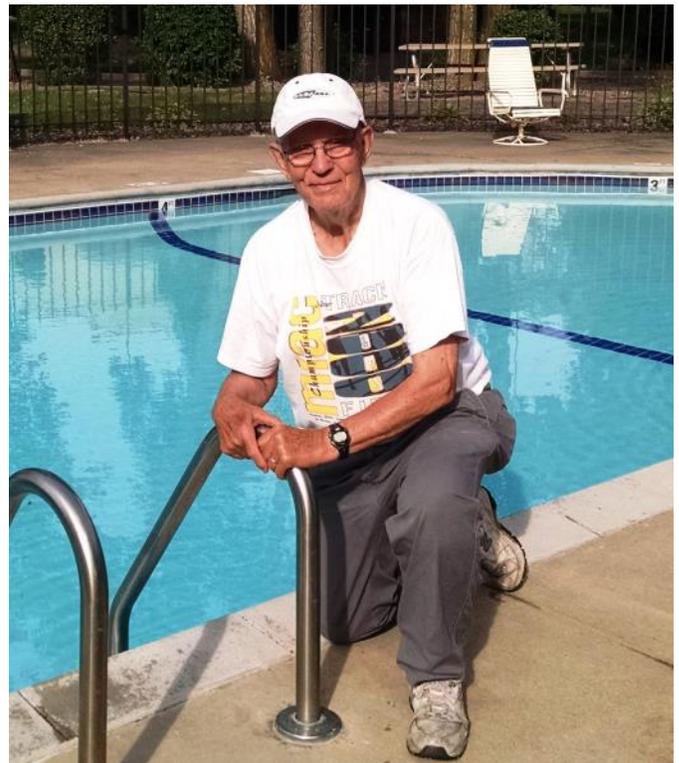
## Neither cotton, nor turtles, nor rust will keep the Pool Guy from his aquatic rounds

You'll see his yellow sticky notes on the fence of the pool each morning during the summer:

- Losing the battle with cotton. Skimmers full.
- Last night's storm blew a lot of debris into the pool – and a medium turtle.

Bob Hoisington, a.k.a. the Pool Guy, mostly goes unseen and unknown by many Birch Pond residents. But early each summer morning he spends sometimes up to three hours cleaning the pool, testing the water, adjusting the chemicals, spray-painting the fence to prevent rust and repairing the cement.

Bob knows the Birch Pond pool like his own bathtub: He's maintained it for almost 30 years. He babies the heater, which is the original, pointing out that pool heaters last an average of eight years. He also looks after the condo's hot tubs. He knows his aquatic stuff as he's taken classes and has been certified in pool maintenance. His records are detailed; his routine down to a literal science. The ideal temperature for the pool is 84 degrees; 101 degrees for the



hot tub.

The pool is checked and tested (based on 50 criteria) by a Ramsey County inspector before being approved for opening each spring. The pool's 2015 Grade was A+. His son Bob, Jr., is licensed in pool maintenance. Bob tutors his son for retesting every five years as a requirement for the license. This gives Bob a chance to update any

changes in the code, which are many.

Ironically, instead of a career in aquatics, Bob's focus was in track and field and mathematics. He was a secondary school mathematics teacher for 34 years and a high school track and field and cross country coach for 31 years.

Bob attended Pine Island High School where he

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## Bob “The Pool Guy” Hoisington continued from page 1

participated in track, basketball, baseball and football (All State Honorable Mention). He received his B.A. from Macalester College in mathematics and education, and earned seven letters in track and cross country. Macalester won the MIAC Championship three times and was runner-up once during Bob's four years there. He received his M.A. from the University of Minnesota (Department of Curriculum and Instruction) in Tests and Measures (no, not pH or alkaline). He's taken graduate credits, but doesn't have his Ph.D. – yet.

His education career started in Windom, where he taught for one year before being drafted. He spent three years in the U.S. Army

Proving Ground in Maryland; 14 years at Minneapolis Central High School; and 16 years at Minneapolis Southwest, where he retired in 1983.

Bob and his wife, Jean (who passed

away in 2013), were married for 61 years. They have one son and three daughters, 21 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

By the way, Bob is 87 years old.

### Among Bob's considerable achievements are:

- ◆ Minneapolis Public Schools Hall of Fame - Coaching (1983)
- ◆ Hometown Hero Award - MN Ovarian Cancer 5K Run/Walk, WCCO TV (2000)
- ◆ Carleton Interscholastic Hall of Fame (2000)
- ◆ Minnesota State High School League Hall of Fame - Coach/Official (2002)
- ◆ Macalester College Athletics M-Club Hall of Fame (2002)
- ◆ Life Time Service Award - Hamline University (Elite) Track and Field (2010)
- ◆ State Coach of the Year (5 times)
- ◆ Minneapolis Coach of the Year (7 times)
- ◆ Coached 7 MSHSL Team Championships (4 runner-ups), 36 Individual champs
- ◆ Coached Minneapolis City Track/Cross Country Championships (22 times)
- ◆ Head starter/referee at 50+ high school, university and college meets per season in 36 years; included NCAA Div. III National Championships at Carleton and Macalester

## Explore New Brighton's Hansen Park



Just a mile northeast of Birch Pond is Hansen Park, a 70-acre park located at 1555 5<sup>th</sup> St. NW. It features wooded trails, a rocky creek, pond and pedestrian bridges. Sports facilities include tennis courts, softball and baseball fields, hills for winter sledding and two ice rinks.

There is plenty of parking and abundant suburban wildlife that includes owl, deer, beaver and more. The park has a picturesque 1.3 mile lighted trail. The 12-hole disc golf course on the south end was voted 2015 Best Disc Golf Course by City Pages.

Other amenities include:

- Bocce Ball
- Horseshoes
- Neighborhood Center
- New Playground
- Picnic Pavilion
- Rental Facilities
- Volleyball Court

For more information about the park, call New Brighton Parks and Recreation Guest Services at 651-638-2130 or visit [www.ci.new-brighton.mn.us](http://www.ci.new-brighton.mn.us).

### Check out the BP Association website

The Association Resident website contains Board minutes, financial reports, association documents and links to pay association dues ([https://minnesota.fsrconnect.com/cws\\_v3/login.aspx](https://minnesota.fsrconnect.com/cws_v3/login.aspx)). One of the documents is the Residents' Guide - Rules and Regulations. It contains items such as: swimming pool, guest room and club room procedures; parking and garage policies; maintenance issues, etc. Whether you are a new resident or have lived here for years, please take some time to become familiar with or refresh your mind to the contents. If you haven't signed up for access to the website, the process is detailed.

## Meet your Birch Pond Board members, property manager

This edition of the Birch Pond Bulletin features Marlene Dowson, treasurer; Peggy Jacobson, member-at-large; and Cherise Mortensen, association property manager.

**Marlene** lives in Building 10 and is serving her second term on the BP Board; treasurer this year. She's lived here for five years; her husband Dale passed away six months after moving here. She has three daughters and one son. Marlene attended St. Charles grade school, graduated from St. Margaret's Academy then attended the Minneapolis School of Business. She worked as medical secretary at the University of Minnesota Hospitals. Now she volunteers at her church and other organizations, and loves being involved with her family.

"I enjoy being an integral part of Birch Pond. It's a great place to live," she says. "Thanks to all the

volunteers who work tirelessly to keep it the great community it is; we couldn't do it without your help."

**Peggy** has been on the Board almost three years. She and her husband, David, moved to Birch Pond Building 10 six years ago from Northeast Minneapolis, where she had lived all her life. They have three children, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Peggy worked for Minneapolis schools part time for 20 years. The Jacobsons go to Wisconsin to their lake place most weekends in the summer. For the last 20 years they have spent winters in Lake Havasu, AZ, and plan to continue making the trip south for as long as they can.

"We love Birch Pond and are very comfortable here," she says.

**Cherise** has been in residential property management for over 32

years, the last three-and-one-half with FirstService Residential, and in association management since 2001. She was also a real estate agent. Cherise has Community Associations Institute designations: Certified Manager of Community Associations and Association Management Specialist. Cherise lives in south Minneapolis with her two small Havanese dogs. She has a 30-year-old daughter, Alicia, who lives nearby. Cherise loves to be outdoors gardening, walking the lakes and bike riding.

"I enjoy working at FirstService Residential. It's always the people and providing good service that are rewarding to me. When homeowners know they have good service from vendors, contractors and maintenance, it matters," she said. "I like to learn new things daily and every day is different!"

## Celebrate summer with music, art, parades

Check out these events in New Brighton and St. Anthony. They are perfect for all ages and many are free.

### Silverwood Park concerts

([www.threeriversparks.org/parks/silverwood-park](http://www.threeriversparks.org/parks/silverwood-park)): 6:30 p.m., Aug. 5, 9, 19. (Pictured below)

**Silverwood Student Art Show:**  
Aug. 13-31 (Great Hall)

**Much Ado About Nothing Public Theater:** 8 p.m., Fri-Sun.

**Salo Park Concerts** (Silver Lake Village): Every Thursday through Aug. 13, 7 p.m.

**St. Anthony Village Fest**  
([www.stanthonyvillagefest.com](http://www.stanthonyvillagefest.com));  
July 31-August 2; parade July 31, 6 p.m.

**New Brighton Stockyard Days**  
([www.stockyarddays.org](http://www.stockyarddays.org)): Aug. 2-10; parade Aug. 6, 6 p.m.



### Got News?

Send news and suggestions to: Janell Wojtowicz, Building 20, Apt. 315, 651-528-7425 or [janellwoj@comcast.net](mailto:janellwoj@comcast.net). Deadline for the fall edition is Sept. 15. For those who did not receive this by email, but would like to, send me your email address.



## Birch Pond garage sale proceeds benefit condo slush fund

By Kathy Morales, Building 20

What started out as just a clean-up of the Hobby Room in Building 20 resulted in a \$692 slush fund: \$611 for Building 20 and \$81 for Building 10. As Ray Kocon and Kathy Morales cleaned out the Hobby Room this spring, they found many duplicate items. A garage sale seemed like a good idea to recycle many items. It took several days of cleaning and sorting before they were ready to ask other residents for their items to contribute to the garage sale.

Many residents contributed items and ideas for the sale, which was held June 25-26. The success was due to much hands-on assistance the days before and the days of the sale. Many thanks to contributors and workers. Helping with set-up, clean-up, working the "sales floor" and cashiering were Ray Kocon, Jerry Cowan, Paul Rettinger, Jennifer Bensen,



Carolyn Laroche, Elaine Rossow, Barbara Fitzgerald, Mary Ann Wiener, Patricia Kight, Kathy Morales and Katherine Burrill. Three of the long tables were

sold; they are so heavy and hard to store and will be replaced with fiber glass tables. The funds will be used for small maintenance and miscellaneous needs.

## "May I take your order?"

By Paul Rettinger, Building 20

Like most retired folks we sometimes find it difficult to cook for just one or two people. With continued rising food costs, it can be hard to buy all the ingredients and make affordable favorite meals without a lot of leftovers. Here are a few places with good food and drink specials at affordable prices.

**Cossetta**, 211 7th Street West, St. Paul (two blocks east of Xcel Energy Center) – Great variety of Italian foods, bakery and store. Monday-Friday Special of the Day features pizza by the slice. I recommend Monday's mushroom and olive pizza. 651 222-3476, [www.cossettass.com](http://www.cossettass.com)

**Flaherty's Bowl**, 1273 W. County Road E., Arden Hills – \$5 deals: ribs (Mon.), all burgers (Tues.), ½ price pizzas (Wed.), 8 oz. ribeye (Thurs.). Fish Fry (Fri.) is \$7.95; 22 oz. Beers tap - \$3.50 until 3 p.m.; 22 oz. Hamm's - \$3.50 all day. 651-633-1777, [www.flahertysbowl.com](http://www.flahertysbowl.com)

**Jimmy's**, 1132 County Road E East, Vadnais Heights – All lunches (until 3 p.m.), 7.95, includes beverage; 14 lunches to choose from. Great taco salad. 651-482-1100, [www.visitjimmys.com](http://www.visitjimmys.com)

**Porterhouse Steak and Seafood**, 235 East Little Canada Road – High-end restaurant; cozy environment. Great for special occasions such as anniversaries. 651- 483-9248, [www.porterhousesteakandseafood.com](http://www.porterhousesteakandseafood.com)

**R.J. Riches**, 2145 Highway Ave., Mounds View (Highway 10, across the street from Mermaid Restaurant and Bowling, behind BP gas station) – Senior specials every night. Large portions that can be split. Wed. night all-you-can-eat pasta (two choices); fresh home-style turkey sandwich which is more like a meal. No alcohol. 763-780-3888

More reviews coming in the fall edition of the BP Bulletin.

