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Anoka man dies after officer-involved shooting in St. Louis Park

An Anoka man died after a shooting in St. Louis Park involving police.

The incident occurred at about 6:15 p.m. Jan. 19 at Louisiana Court Apartments, 2760 Louisiana Ave., according to the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office. Police had responded to a report of a verbal domestic situation at about 6 p.m. that day at the apartment building.

The Hennepin County Medical Examiner's Office identified the deceased man as Matthew Neil Tuhkanen, 35, of Anoka. He was injured at one of the building's apartments and died of multiple gunshot wounds, according to the medical examiner's office. The time of death is listed as 6:25 p.m. Jan. 19 at the apartment.

The police officer involved has been placed on standard administrative leave, according to the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office, which is investigating.

"Additional details will be provided as they are available," the sheriff's office statement says.

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City will mandate electric vehicle charging stations

Ordinance will affect new parking lots

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St. Louis Park City Council members hope an upcoming requirement for parking lots will

have a powerful impact on behalf of its climate action plan.

Council members voted 6-0 Jan. 7 to require the owners of new and reconstructed lots to add electric vehicle charging stations, a move city leaders hope will encourage drivers to use electric ve-

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Students display their potential and energy

(SUN SAILOR STAFF PHOTO BY SETH ROWE)

Fourth-grade student Lydia Welsch, of St. Louis Park, explains her knowledge of kinetic and potential energy to Irene Muñoz Tebar, an Amity Institute intern at Park Spanish Immersion School, as Irene's brother, second-grader Simon Welsch, looks on Jan. 15 at the Park Spanish Immersion School Imagination & Inventors' Fair. Muñoz Tebar awarded the siblings with certificates after the presentation, which included models of a roller-coaster and Ferris wheel. **For more photos, see Page 11.**

District gathers input for new start times

Planned Park Spanish Immersion School move helped prompt review

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St. Louis Park Schools leaders do not have a proposal for new school start and end times yet, but they're having dozens of meetings about it.

In addition to input sessions in person and over Facebook earlier this month, a Twitter Town Hall online discussion is planned 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29.

Twitter users can tweet @SL-PublicSchools using the hashtag #SLPstarttimes. District representatives will then respond.

Superintendent Astein Osei and Sara Thompson, director of communications and community relations, scheduled more than 45 meetings across the district to gain input in January.

"We'll be getting our steps in for sure," Thompson said during a Jan. 14 update for the St. Louis

Park School Board.

Of the outcome, Thompson said, "We don't have a plan. We really have a piece of white paper. Anything's possible in terms of what we do going forward."

Current school start times range from 7:33 a.m. at St. Louis Park Middle School to 9:20 a.m. at Susan Lindgren Elementary School.

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Park Spanish Immersion School students display knowledge at fair



(SUN SAILOR STAFF PHOTOS BY SETH ROWE)

Top left: Park Spanish Immersion School fifth-grader Salayah Watson, of St. Louis Park, adds to her ball of slime while sitting between second-grader Nevaeh Blackburn, left, and fourth-grader Arianna Blackburn, both of Brooklyn Park. The girls presented their slime project during the school's Imagination & Inventors' Fair Jan. 15.

Top right: Irene Muñoz Tebar, an Amity Institute intern at Park Spanish Immersion School, asks second-grader Simon Welsch, of St. Louis Park, a question as his sister, fourth-grader Lydia Welsch, attends to a model roller-coaster during the fair.

Right: St. Louis Park resident Zachary Stillman, a fifth-grade student at Park Spanish Immersion School, creates bubbles during a demonstration involving dry ice as his father, Marty Stillman, watches. Gas from the dry ice traveled up the tube and interacted with a solution including soap, water, glycerin and corn syrup to create the bubbles.



COMMUNITY BRIEF

St. Louis Park resident acts in new play

St. Louis Park resident Marcelo Mena will play the role of a lead dog and act in an ensemble as part of "The Three Snow Bears" cast in his first production with Stages Theatre Company. Marcelo, a fifth-grader, began his acting career at age 4 at the Miami Children's Theatre. For the premiere of the production, Stages part-

nered with New Native Theatre to take inspiration from a fairytale classic and transform it into a meaningful production that follows a courageous Yup'ik girl and her brother as they learn how climate change impacts their community. The theater company noted that Marcelo has Montauk, Cherokee and Zapotec tribal affiliations. The production runs through Monday, Feb. 18, at the theater company, 1111 Mainstreet in Hopkins. Info and tickets: stages-theatre.org

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