




February 2022 Newsletter

MEETINGS	Committee Meetings <i>virtual until further notice</i>	Community Meetings <i>22 Orlin Ave SE, PPUMC</i>
<p><i>For the most up-to-date list of meetings please check the PPA Calendar. All committee meetings are taking place virtually unless otherwise noted.</i></p> <p>ABOUT PPA Prospect Park Association is the official neighborhood association for the Prospect Park Area of the city of Minneapolis.</p> <p>Donate to PPA</p>  <p>Prospect Park Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and all donations are tax-deductible.</p>	<p>Community Building Committee Thursday February 3, 4:30pm</p> <p>Environment Committee Tuesday, February 8, 6:30pm</p> <p>Finance & Administrative Committee Thursday, February 24, 6pm</p> <p>Land Use & Planning Committee Thursday, February 10, 7pm</p> <p>Transportation & Safety Committee Wednesday, February 9, 7:30pm</p>	<p>PPA Board Meeting & Community Meeting --virtual meeting-- Monday Feb. 28th 6:30pm - 8:00pm <i>Note: access info on PP-elist</i></p> <p><i>All Community Members are welcome!</i></p> <p>Management Council <i>Sets Community & Board Meeting Agendas</i> Monday, Feb. 21, 7pm</p>

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[PPA Event Calendar for Updated Meeting Information](#)

Message from the PPA Environment Committee

As part of the PPA Environment Committee's '25% by '25' Initiative (see <https://prospectparkmpls.org/ppa/committees/environment.html>), you are invited to a presentation by MNCEE on Home Energy Audits and Improvements.

When: Wednesday, February 23rd, 6:30-7:30 pm

**Where: Zoom meeting
(information will be provided when you RSVP by clicking below)**

[FILL OUT FORM](#)

Please join us to find out the financial benefits of a better insulated home, what support MNCEE and the PPA Environment Committee offers, and where you can get free materials and 0% financing.

A third of the houses in Prospect Park pay the highest heating bills in the state. In last year's energy audits, 1 in 5 were found to have NO insulation in the walls.

Please note: This is the only information session like this that we will be holding this year.

Thanks!

Mary Britton, Environment Committee Chair



Prospect Park Association Needs Your Financial Support!

[Please donate to PPA at GiveMN](#)



The Prospect Park Association needs your support to continue serving our neighborhood. The City of Minneapolis recently reduced PPA's funding by 64%. To help fill the gap, PPA closed its office and reduced staff by half, but it's not enough. This year we need to raise \$7,000 so our half-time staff person can continue providing support to PPA's all-volunteer board and committee efforts.

Why give? In the past year alone:

- PPA helped fast-track the reconstruction of the walkway between Williams and Arthur so children from Glendale can get to school safely.
- PPA installed traffic-calming measures so children can play safely near Pratt School.
- PPA leveraged funds to support an after-school program for Pratt School children during the pandemic.
- PPA delivered on a neighborhood climate action and resilience plan.

- PPA raised funds from community partners to install three rain gardens.
- PPA hosted a “Heal the Earth” eco-tour with the Garden Club as part of the annual garden walk and yard & tailgate sales.
- PPA crafted design guidelines for development in the neighborhood.
- PPA helped facilitate meetings between the City of Minneapolis and Glendale residents to resolve long-standing parking issues.

Founded in 1901, PPA’s **mission** is to promote, in a non-partisan, educational and cooperative manner, the health, safety and general welfare of the neighborhood and to promote the maintenance and improvement of the aesthetic, residential and physical qualities of the neighborhood environment. PPA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. If you prefer to give by check, our mailing address is: PPA, PO Box 141095, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

[Please donate to PPA at GiveMN so that we can continue working for our neighborhood.](#)

Thank you!

Eric Amel, President

Amy Kaminsky, Board Member

An Introduction from Ward 2 Council Member Robin Wonsley Worlobah Inauguration, Council Leadership, and Committee Placements



In January, I had the distinct honor of being sworn in as the Council Member for Ward 2 and became our city's first Black Independent Democratic Socialist on City Council. Following the inauguration program, we held our first official meeting of the City Council where we voted on Council leadership positions including President & Vice President, Committee placements, and other city matters.

For Council President, I voted in favor of Council Member Andrea Jenkins (Ward 8). For Council Vice President, I voted in favor of Council Member Elliott Payne (Ward 1). I believe our city needs bold, thoughtful, and collaborative leadership to help rise from the ashes of George Floyd's murder by MPD and the historic uprising that followed. Based on Council Member Payne's personal and professional experiences, I felt certain that he would stand alongside working class people and help move our city to pass a strong 3% rent control policy, invest in public housing and needed renter protections, address environmental racism and climate change, and advance public safety solutions beyond policing.

In the end, Council Member Andrea Jenkins (Ward 8) was elected Council President and Council Member Linea Palmisano (Ward 13) was elected to serve as Council Vice President for the 2022-2023 term. Both Council President Jenkins and Council Vice President Palmisano expressed understanding of the magnitude of the social issues our city faces. I look forward to collaborating with both of them to ensure the Council is moving with urgency and intention.

My committee placements were also officialized at this meeting. Based on our 2022-2023 committee structure, I will serve as Vice Chair of the Policy & Government Oversight Committee, and will be a member of the Public Health and Safety Committee and the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee. I will also be on the Budget Committee and Government Structure Committee, which all Council Members are part of.

Additionally, Council Members were asked to vote for two issue-specific workgroups, a Rent Control Workgroup and a Government Structure Workgroup.

I abstained from voting on both workgroups. I abstained on the Rent Control Workgroup for several reasons. Council Members were never presented with a formal proposal about crucial details regarding this workgroup, such as who would be part of it, selection criteria for participants, the objectives of the workgroup, or the timeline of the work. I have real concerns about a Rent Control Workgroup being created that does not have a clear directive, composition, or timeline.

My abstention was also grounded in the fact that after a year of [studying](#) the policy and gathering public input on it, the city is in a place where it can pass a universal 3% rent control policy with no exemptions. This is the [policy supported by the city's own study](#), commissioned by the Council and conducted by the University of Minnesota's Center for Urban and Regional Affairs specifically addressing how to create a pragmatic Rent Control policy for our local economy. Minneapolis residents have also made it clear that they are in support of city officials moving forward with passing such a policy. This was confirmed on November 2nd, when more than 76,000 residents turned out to the polls and voted in favor of Question 3, which authorized the City Council to move forward with the creation of a municipal Rent Control policy. Lastly, this exact policy has already been passed in our sister city, St. Paul. All of that said, I believe that the City Council is well positioned to move forward with drafting and passing a 3% Universal Rent Control Ordinance in the immediate future. If you would like to understand more about my position on Rent Control, please take a look at the [op-ed I co-authored with four other Council Members](#).

[Stay Informed: Sign up for Council Member Robin Wonsley Worlobah's Ward 2 newsletters and get updates on the ward and the city.](#)

Public Virtual Event Opportunity Friday, February 18 from 5-7pm!

Join Prospect Park community members to meet Council Member Robin Wonsley Worlobah during the Neighborhood Tour.

Council Member Wonsley Worlobah will introduce herself, meet constituents, answer questions, and offer resources to stay connected to the Ward 2 office. The Neighborhood Tour is open to anyone who lives, works, or studies in the neighborhood.

[Facebook event link HERE](#)

Council Member Robin Wonsley Worlobah
Ward 2 Neighborhood Tour

UMN & Como
January 28th 5-7pm

Seward & Riverside
February 4th 11am-1pm

Longfellow & Cooper
February 11th 5-7pm

Prospect Park
February 18th 5-7pm

Minneapolis
City of Lakes

Events are for anyone who lives, works or studies in the neighborhood. Register or join directly at facebook.com/minneapolisward2

2022 LUXTON PARK PROSPECT PARK-GLENDALE FIRE & ICE FESTIVAL



**BONFIRE, HORSE DRAWN HAY RIDES,
FOOD AND GOOD CHEER!**

Saturday, February 5, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Luxton Park Recreation Center & Grounds
112 Williams Avenue SE
612-370-4925

IF YOU HAVE A TREE PLEASE BRING IT TO THE
LUXTON PARK GROUNDS AND TOSS IT ON THE PILE!!!!!!

*Food is for purchase.
Proceeds go to the Summer Luxton Learners program



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PPA Board/Community Meetings and Approved Minutes

Upcoming PPA Board/Community Meeting

PPA Board/Community Meeting, all community members welcome!

Next meeting: Monday, February 28, 2022 | 6:30-8:30 pm

Virtual meeting access information will be provided through newsletter and PP-elist.

PPA Board/Community Meeting Agendas will be available at least 5 days before the meeting, published in a short email newsletter and the [PPA website](#).

Approved PPA Meeting Minutes

Committee Reports/Minutes approved at the January 24 Board meeting:

October 25, 2021 [Board/Community Meeting](#)

December 6, 2021 [Board/Community Meeting](#)

October 14, 2021 [Environment Committee Meeting](#)

December 14, 2021 [Environment Committee Meeting](#)

December 2, 2021 [Community Building Committee Meeting](#)

December 16, 2021 [Finance and Administration Meeting](#)

New Murals at The Pillars of Prospect Park

University of Minnesota College of Design students received real world experience bringing their art to life in a partnership with The Pillars of Prospect Park senior living community. The College of Design students completed two projects:

Mural: Students in the Advanced Typography class created mural concepts to adorn the 6' x 38' interior wall of courtyard play area at The Pillars Child Care. The Pillars of Prospect Park staff selected the winning design by Annabelle Casperson. Local artist and 2012 UMN graduate Nick Vander Loop painted the design on the courtyard wall. The project was led by UMN Teaching Specialist Bill Moran.

Time lapse of this art installation is available here: [Nicholas Adsit Vander Loop Mural at The Pillars of Prospect Park](#)



Generator Wrap: Students in the Intro to Design class created art concepts to wrap the roughly 17' generator on the exterior of The Pillars of Prospect Park. The Pillars of Prospect Park residents and staff selected the winning design by Morgan Frober. The project was wrapped by Brand Ink.



The project was led by UMN Lecturer, Karl Engebretson.

Opportunities at The Pillars

The Pillars Childcare Center currently has openings for 4- and 5-year old's in the Pre-School Room. And they are accepting applications for teachers in the Infant room.



Call Sarah for more information: (612) 623-7023

Message from Adopt-a-Drain

Just one tablespoon of salt permanently pollutes five gallons of water, so make every granule count! Remember to scatter and use salt only where it's critical. When you apply salt to pavement aim for 3 inches of space between salt granules.



Lane Christianson DTM

Adopt-a-Drain & Storm Drain Stenciling Programs Manager

Join us for this monthly social hour where we will gather to enjoy conversation as we play cards and board games together. Co-sponsored by Southeast Seniors and Pratt Community Education.

Participants must wear a face covering, maintain social distance and assess their own health prior to joining this group. All in-person programs will follow Minneapolis Community Education's current COVID-19 safety protocols.



Location: Van Cleve Park, 901 15th Ave. SE

Dates: Thursday, February 3rd and Thursday, March 3rd

Time: 10:30 - 11:30 am

Cost: Free

Call Pratt Community Education at 612-668-1100 to register!

The programs below are co-sponsored by Southeast Seniors & Minneapolis Community Education and will be held via Zoom. They are offered on a sliding fee scale, with a suggested contribution of \$0-\$10. To register or for more information, call 612-668-1100 and provide your name, phone number and email, or use the online registration link included below the class description. Registration closes at 5 pm the evening prior to the program to ensure that all participants receive the Zoom link and handouts (if applicable) prior to the start of the class.

Wednesday, February 9th, 2022, 1:30-2:30 pm
Winter Sunlight Watercolor

Whether or not you consider yourself an artist, try your hand at painting a beautiful winter scene with step-by-step guidance from instructor Megan Dolezal. We'll focus on painting a winter sunset scene, with sunlight streaming through the trees. A basic supply package will be provided to you prior to our gathering.

Megan Dolezal has a BA in studio art and has been painting in watercolor for over 15 years. Megan enjoys encouraging her students, getting excited by the progress they make, and then celebrating their accomplishments some more (painting is very exciting to her). She loves painting outside and can be found sitting around the parks of Minneapolis.



Register online here:

<https://minneapolis.ce.eleyo.com/course/36314/lifelong-learning-55-winter-2022/southeast-lifelong-learners-winter-sunlight-watercolor-pratt-online>

Wednesday, February 16th , 2022, 1:30-2:30 pm
Wheel of Friendship

Join us for this fun, interactive spotlight on the power, purpose and pleasure of friendship. Hit pause and reflect on the role social connections play in our lives. Share your insights and hear others' thoughts and ideas on what it means to make, to be and to have friends. Weigh in on exciting, new programs centered on connection and companionship. Your input and ideas matter. Together, let's explore why being there for each other is what matters most!



Georgia Afton takes her professional work in elder services personally. She originally worked for her current employer – Little Brothers – Friends of the Elderly (LBFE) – from 1999 to 2003 as the organization's development and communications director. To this day, she cherishes the memory of several Elder Friends made during those years who added joy, meaning and wisdom to her life. Those friendships, coupled with navigating her own parents' elder years from overseas, drew her back to LBFE in 2015. She now serves as the organization's community outreach director and is happy to, once again, embrace the work of ending elder loneliness and isolation through the power of friendship. Georgia's previous nonprofit work

has included communications and development roles with Nonviolent Peaceforce and Clare Housing. She earned a B.A. from University of Minnesota and an M.F.A. from Hamline University.

Register online here: <https://minneapolis.ce.eleyo.com/course/36332/lifelong-learning-55-winter-2022/southeast-lifelong-learners-wheel-of-friendship-pratt-online>

Helpful COVID-19 Resources

Governor Walz' Response and Preparation

[Click here for updated Covid-19 news from Governor Walz](#)

"Stay at Home" does not mean "Stay Inside". The order states that everyone is encouraged to stay active outside during this time, provided they practice safe social distancing.

Free Covid-19 Testing Hennepin County

[Click here](#) for information on FREE testing open to those with or without symptoms

Additional Resources

[City of Minneapolis](#) [MN Department of Health](#)

[Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

- [Click to subscribe to MN Senator Kari Dziedzic's SD60 newsletter.](#)
- [Click to subscribe to MN Representative Mohamud Noor's 60B newsletter](#)

[Follow the Off-Campus Living Facebook Page](#) and [sign up here](#) for their newsletter to receive updates on safety, business, and more in the University of Minnesota Campus area. Non-students are also encouraged to participate!



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