



# PROSPECT PARK

ASSOCIATION



UPCOMING EVENTS	<b>Committee Meetings</b> <i>2828 SE University Ave, Suite 200</i>	<b>Community Meeting</b> <i>22 Orlin Ave SE, PPUMC</i>
	<p><u>Thursday July 7</u> Historic District Committee 4pm</p> <p><u>Monday July 11</u> Zoning and Project Review 7pm</p> <p><u>Monday July 1</u> Executive Committee 6:30pm</p> <p><u>Thursday July 21</u> MemComm 5:30pm</p>	<p>Monday July 25 Social time at 6:00pm Meeting at 6:30pm</p> <p><b>PPA Board of Directors Meeting to follow.</b></p> <p><b>ABOUT PPA</b> The Prospect Park Association is the official neighborhood association for the Prospect Park Area.</p> <p><b><u><a href="#">Donate to PPA</a></u></b></p>

# Bylaws for One, Bylaws for All

Dear Neighbors,

The Prospect Park Association entered a new era on Monday, June 27 with the adoption of a vastly revised and amended bylaws. With a two-thirds majority needed to pass, the vote was 28 in favor, 2 against, 2 abstaining. The previous bylaws had been written in 1982 when the Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association (PPERRIA) was first incorporated. Adjustments were made over the years, but the document remained largely intact.

Over time, many members of the Association were becoming increasingly concerned that the existing structure was impeding PPA's effectiveness as a governing body and making PPA less attractive than its competitors when it came to securing grant funding. In the fall of 2015 a task force was formed to revise the document. Numerous task force meetings, six listening sessions, two presentations at regular Community Town Hall meetings, two special Board meetings to consider amendments, a blizzard of emails, and multiple meetings with City officials later, the document was finalized. In an unprecedented display of community involvement, it had been reviewed, debated, researched, tweaked, revised, re-revised, word-smithed, amended, and edited by scores of residents, businesses, and developers.

At the core of the debate was a controversial provision to step back the number of Directors from 40 to 16 over two years. For decades, even before its incorporation, PPERRIA/PPA had existed as a neighborhood forum, a "Town Hall meeting" in which residents gathered to debate, hash out, and vote on matters of concern to the neighborhood. A major challenge facing the association was to preserve that forum and the involvement it engendered, while creating a governing structure that could respond more immediately to current development pressures, demographic changes, and policy changes at the City and State levels. The final document was presented to the Board on May 23. It failed to reach the minimum 27 votes needed to approve bylaws amendments, with 23 in favor, 2 against, and 3 abstaining. However, one Director on the prevailing side opted, per Robert's Rules of Order, to reconsider the vote at the

next meeting. On June 27, the extensively amended bylaws became the new governing document for PPA.

According to the proviso passed at the June 27 meeting, the amended bylaws take effect immediately, with the following transitional elements:

- PPA shall elect 7 new 2-year directors at the September 2016 Annual Meeting, and 2 appointed members will join the board from the student population and the business community. The Board will not exceed 29 directors, and will be no fewer than 14 elected directors.
- The Executive Committee shall continue until the September 2016 Annual Meeting.
- At the 2017 Annual Meeting, PPA shall elect another 7 new 2-year directors, totaling 14 elected directors to the Board.

At that point, the transition is complete.

We are now faced with the task of successfully implementing these new bylaws. A work in progress, but the broad community involvement that went into the creation of the document gives it a fighting chance.

Thank you to all who contributed to the process, and to all who are contributing to the transition,

Christina Larson  
PPA Board President

[PPA Amended Bylaws](#)

# Summer Community Concert Series

Join the community for a free concert! On Tuesday, July 12 at the Pratt School Amphitheater, the Community Concert Committee presents an energetic and lively band, Eisner's Klezmerim, at 7 pm.

This is a traditional, old world klezmer ensemble, based in Minneapolis and led by Judith Eisner. The instrumental music of Ashkenazi Jews is known today as "klezmer" music. Used primarily at weddings, it is at once joyous, haunting, and deeply introspective. They will offer you a rare opportunity to hear traditional klezmer music. In case of inclement weather (extreme heat or rain), come over the Methodist Church across the street. For more information please contact Lydia ([lydiaormac@gmail.com](mailto:lydiaormac@gmail.com).)

# Fundraise for PPA by Eating at Buffalo Wild Wings

Buffalo Wild Wings is throwing us a fundraiser! On Monday, July 18 if you eat at Buffalo Wild Wings and show them this flier, they will donate 10% of your bill to the Prospect Park Association! Buffalo Wild Wings is on the corner of Oak Street and University Avenue by the TCF Bank Stadium, and they do have a parking lot. Other great things they have include a patio, a good beverage menu, a kid's menu, vegetarian items, and great wings. Please join us at any time on Monday, July 18th to help raise money for PPA!

# Utility Box Wraps Tour

Join your neighbors for a guided tour of the new artistic wraps on University Avenue's utility boxes on Thursday, July 14th at 6pm on the corner of 29th Avenue & University Ave, in front of 2900 University Avenue SE. The tour will end at Surly Brewery, where attendees can discuss the art with the artist and enjoy a beverage.

Used to beautify streets and as an anti-graffiti measure, utility box wraps have been a popular way for neighborhoods to improve unsightly boxes by traffic light corners. The Prospect Park Association proposed hiring a local artist to create custom designs for six utility boxes on University Avenue to the University of Minnesota's Good Neighbor Fund and the Vikings Good Neighbor Partnership Fund, and received the grant to do the installation. The Vikings Good Neighbor Partnership Fund was established when the Vikings and the University of Minnesota made the agreement for the Vikings to play at TCF Bank Stadium for the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 seasons.

The group working on the wraps placed a call for artists, and was incredibly impressed with Becka Rahn's "Found Art" collages. Rahn takes photos of overlooked objects in any given area and will create beautiful collages and scenery, with the added bonus of the art being an interactive game of "I Spy." In addition to being an artist, Rahn teaches a variety of subjects related to fiber-art, including felting, dyeing, weaving, knitting, beadwork and quilting. She also makes one-of-a-kind wearable garments and accessories, and is the author of *The Spoonflower Handbook*.

## Music and Movies in the Parks

Enjoy free music and movies in Minneapolis parks this summer! The Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board provides a series of free live music and movie screenings every summer. You can look up the [schedules, bands and films here](#).

## Construction Updates

Prospect Park is experiencing a lot of traffic pattern changes due to construction.

Please refer to the following websites for the respective construction projects:

[Franklin Avenue Bridge](#)

[Highway 280](#)

[I-94](#)

[Franklin Avenue reconstruction](#) (project website currently not up-to-date)

# Neighborhood Clean Ups

The Earth Day spring clean up was a while ago, but a grand success. Thanks to all the neighbors who turned out to help clean up the river. We had over 50 neighbors and LOTS of Surly Gives A Damn volunteers who made short work of assembling a huge pile of both garbage and recycling.

Looking forward to the Fall Neighborhood Clean Up, please mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 1 from 9 am to 12 pm**. We will be collecting metal, tires, brush, and concrete. Volunteers are needed to help make this event a success. Each year, we take a poll of ages. For the past few years, the average has been nearly 60. Younger Prospect Park residents, please consider helping out to lower that median age! To let us know of your interest, please get in touch with Tom Kilton ([tom.kilton.b1cw@statefarm.com](mailto:tom.kilton.b1cw@statefarm.com)) or Lydia McAnerney ([lydiaormac@gmail.com](mailto:lydiaormac@gmail.com)). More specifics will be available in September.

# Early Voting for August Primaries

Early voting is now open for the primary election in a new location downtown, the Early Vote Center at 217 S. Third St. In-person absentee voting is no longer at City Hall. The new site allows more privacy and easier access for voters than the City Hall Rotunda did.

Early in-person voting is convenient. It especially helps voters who need special accommodations, such as language support, that the extra time, attention and onsite resources of early in-person voting afford more readily than the polls might on Election Day.

Standard hours throughout the absentee voting period are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. During the final two weeks before each election, these hours will be extended and include weekend times. These hours will be posted at ([vote.minneapolismn.gov](http://vote.minneapolismn.gov)) once they have been set. People can vote early (by absentee ballot) by mail or in person.

# Tour of 22 on the River

22 on the River, the apartment building at 22 27th Avenue, has opened. This building was the former Good Samaritan home, and has been rehabbed by the Fine Associates to luxury apartments.

The Fine Associates would like to give any Prospect Park resident a tour of the building, ending on their roof top, on the evening of Thursday, July 7th between 6-8pm. They have created an [Eventbrite page](#) for people to register for tour times in order to help keep tour groups to a manageable size.

# Help Build Our Community!

Prospect Park Association relies on the hundreds of families and individuals who care deeply about the future of our neighborhood. Although the City of Minneapolis contributes to our budget, most of what we do would not be possible without the voluntary contributions of expertise and financial resources of our neighbors.

PPA is organized for neighbors to define what is important in Prospect Park and to make the neighborhood a welcoming and livable community. We all have a stake in Prospect Park's vitality, and we invite you to join your voice with ours. [Please make a tax-deductible contribution today.](#)

# Southeast Seniors, a Great Place to Volunteer!

Have a few hours a month to volunteer? Looking for ways to enrich our community? Check out Southeast Seniors! We have many ways to plug in and make Prospect Park stronger. Here are a few ways:

- Get to know a senior in the neighborhood by spending a few hours every month visiting with them. You can play a game, go for a walk, help with chores or just visit over tea or coffee. Consider doing this with one of your children as a way to adopt a grandparent.
- Become a SE Senior volunteer driver. Some seniors still live at home but need a ride now and then to the grocery store, doctor, dentist, or other appointments. If you shop at Cub or Rainbow and are willing to offer a ride to someone nearby, here's a perfect way to volunteer. While the need is mostly during the week, there are also some requests on the weekend. Please note this is not a scheduled commitment, but dependent on your availability.

If you are 65 and older and like to write, we are beginning to collect names for the fall Pen Pal Program. We'll match you with an elementary student at Marcy Open School who will exchange letters with you beginning in September. We can provide stamps and cards; you provide the news and monthly exchange with a student. Last year's program was a huge success!

If any of these opportunities appeal to you, please contact Lydia at [612-331-2302](tel:612-331-2302) or [lydia@seseeniors.org](mailto:lydia@seseeniors.org).

## City Wide Organics Recycling Roll Out Complete

Organics recycling carts have now been delivered citywide to more than 38,200 residents who have signed up, and by the end of June, we'll have collected more organics in 2016 than in all of 2015. You can still sign up to receive a green organics recycling cart, and you'll get yours within a couple weeks. There is no extra charge to have your organics picked up every week on your collection day. Sign up [online or by calling Solid Waste & Recycling at 612-673-2917](#).

### Common Organics Recycling No-No's



Please remember that the following items are not accepted in the green organics recycling carts:

- [Yard waste](#)
- Milk cartons (these may go in your [blue recycling cart](#))
- Frozen food boxes
- Pet and human waste products including: pet waste, litter or bedding, diapers, baby wipes and feminine hygiene products (State will not allow compost facilities to accept these)
- Shiny, lined food service items including hot and cold cups, paper plates with designs on them, paper ice-cream tubs, and takeout containers that are not labeled as certified compostable (Check on [BPI website](#) to verify if products are BPI certified compostable)

### **Calling Recycling Block Leaders**

As of June 27<sup>th</sup>, over 100 residents have signed up to become [Recycling Block Leaders](#) spreading the word about recycling, organics recycling, waste reduction, reuse and more on their block. Recycling Block Leaders will receive email updates from the City and pass this information along to your neighbors. Educational topics will change over time. The first priority will be to encourage neighbors to participate in the organics recycling program and to answer any questions they have on what's acceptable and what is not. Recycling block leaders can [order educational resources](#), like brochures, yard signs and more, to distribute to their neighbors. Sign up to be a Recycling Block Leader today by contacting Recycling Program Aide Laura Horner at [laura.horner@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:laura.horner@minneapolismn.gov) or [612-673-3318](tel:612-673-3318).

Learn more about Recycling Block Leader program [here](#).

## **Prospect Park T-Shirts Available**

These shirts are 100% cotton and printed with the words "PROSPECT PARK". Within the design there is a scene of sky and trees. The 'A' in 'Park' features the iconic Witch's Hat Water Tower silhouette. Show your neighborhood pride with the newest Prospect

Park t-shirt! The shirts are on sale for \$15 and are available in the PPA office. Contact Jessica for office hours. Sizes S, M, and L are still available.

## PPA Minutes and Reports

Click on the link to view.

- [Executive Committee Minutes May 2016](#)
- [Zoning and Project Review Report, June 2016](#)
- [MemComm and Concert Task Force Reports, May 2016](#)
- [2015/2016 Year End Financial Report](#)
- [PPA Bylaws \[approved June 27, 2016\]](#)

*PPA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event organized by PPA. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting us at (612-767-6531) at least 5 days before our event.*

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