




June 2023 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 style="text-align: center;">Donate to PPA</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Prospect Park Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and all donations are tax-deductible.</p>	<p>Community Building Committee no meeting in June</p> <p>Environment Committee Thursday June 13, 6:00pm</p> <p>Finance & Administration Committee Tuesday June 8, 6:30pm</p> <p>Land Use & Planning Committee Thursday June 8. 7:00pm</p> <p>Transportation & Safety Committee Wednesday, June 14, 7:30pm</p>	<p>PPA Board Meeting & Community Meeting</p> <p>--virtual meeting-- Monday June 26th 6:30pm - 8:00pm <i>Note: access info on PP-elist</i></p> <p>(no meeting in July)</p> <p><i>All Community Members are welcome!</i></p> <p>Management Council <i>Sets Community & Board Meeting Agendas</i> Monday, June 19, 7pm</p>

GET INVOLVED!

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

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## Donate to Prospect Park Association

Prospect Park Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. All donations are tax-deductible.

[Please donate to PPA at GiveMN](#)



Simply click for online GiveMN or mail checks to PPA, P.O. Box 141095, Minneapolis 55414.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW PPA BOARD MEMBERS!

We congratulate the newly elected and re-elected members of our Board of Directors.

- Ian Gorodisher
- Abraham Kao
- Gabrielle Metzger
- William Morris
- Lynn Von Korff
- Susan Larson-Fleming
- Jeff Barnhart

Thank you to those who attended PPA's Annual Meeting on May 15th and voted in the election. We appreciate your contribution!

At the next Board meeting on June 26, 2023, the first order of business shall be the election of officers by the Directors. Eligible candidates may be self-nominated or nominated by any member of the Association. The candidate for each office who receives the greatest number of (board member) votes shall hold the office.

The June 26th virtual Board meeting details will be available five days before the meeting in the PPA newsletter and PPelist.

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**PPA Meeting Minutes and Committee Reports approved at the December 5, January 23, March 27 and May 15 Board/Community meetings:**

[Land Use Meeting, September, 8, 2022](#)

[Board/Community Meeting, September 28, 2022](#)

[Community Building Meeting, October, 6, 2022](#)

[Board/Community Meeting, October 24, 2022](#)

[Finance and Admin Meeting, October 27, 2022](#)

[Community Building Meeting, November 3, 2022](#)

[Board/Community Meeting, December 5, 2022](#)

[Land Use Meeting, December 8, 2022](#)

[Environment Committee Meeting, December 13, 2022](#)

[Transportation and Safety Meeting, December 14, 2022](#)

[Community Building Meeting, February 2, 2023](#)

[Board/Community Building Meeting, March 27, 2023](#)

[Community Building Meeting, April 6, 2023](#)

**The Prospect Park Neighborhood Guide**



- Upcoming things to do or see in Prospect Park
  - Ways to stay connected
  - Business and Nonprofit Directory
    - Renter Resources
  - Local Government Resources
    - How to Get Around
- Ways to volunteer on behalf of our neighborhood and more!

[Please share this guide with neighbors—and check it out yourself.](#)

Do you have a suggestion or correction? PPA will update the guide several times per year. [Please suggest a resource for the guide here.](#) Thank you!

## Prospect Park Yard Sales: June 10-11, 2023



Registration is now open for the 2023 Prospect Park yard sales. The sales will be held June 10-11, coinciding with the Garden Club's annual garden walk and plant sale. Advertised time will be 9am-4pm. [Prospect Park Website Yard Sales](#)

As the weather warms and spring cleaning shifts into full swing, consider holding off on that trip to the donation center and setting those items aside for a yard sale instead! Clean items that are dusty or dirty, and price them as you set them aside to make setup easier the day of the sale. Also start to gather boxes or bags for shoppers to use.

### TO REGISTER:

- - Contact me: Jenny Michlitsch, [jrmichlitsch@hotmail.com](mailto:jrmichlitsch@hotmail.com), 612-840-5519 (c). Please include:
  - - Contact email
  - - Contact phone number
  - - Street address of sale
  - - Short list of items/categories of items you will have for sale (you can also provide or update this list later if you need to)
  - - Which day(s) your sale will be (Saturday only or Saturday + Sunday)
- - Deliver the \$8 registration fee to me (cash or check made out to PPA) via mail or drop off in person at 86 Arthur Ave. SE (mail slot is in front door). You will get a receipt via email.
- - **Registration deadline:** June 6

### ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION:

- **Map:** Sale locations (for those who registered and pay the fee only) will be included on the sale map, along with the text you provided describing what you will have for sale. I will send a PDF of the final map that you can print and hand out at your sale, or you can request that I drop off printed copies for you. I will ask about this closer to the sale date.
- **Signs:** Yard sale signs will be posted along major streets in the PP neighborhood the week before the sale.
- **Ads:** Ads will be placed in the *Star Tribune*, *Pioneer Press*, *The Villager*, *The Bugle*, *Seward Profile* (online), etc. We will also advertise on social media (NextDoor, PP Instagram and Facebook, neighborhood group pages, etc.)

# **Jackson Family Playground Dedication at Pratt**

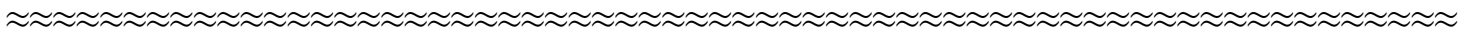
**Friday, June 2, 3-3:30 Pratt  
Performance Circle**

In 1908, Madison and Amy Jackson built their house on Franklin Ave. Met with protests by residents who didn't want African Americans in the neighborhood. Madison and Amy were told that no one would play with their children. Madison built a playground in their yard and the children came. Daughters Marvel, Helen and Zelma were the first African American children to attend Pratt School.



On June 2, the Pratt Playground will become the Jackson Family Playground.

Join us for a short reception, and a glass of lemonade, to meet Sharon Peters and Judith Claytor, the daughters of Helen Jackson in the Pratt performance circle. Perhaps bring umbrellas to help with the heat.



## **New Public Art Mural in Prospect Park at Venture Academy!**

The new mural is located outside on Venture Academy's building at the corner of 27th and University Ave SE. Students worked with mentors from their own communities to engage in leadership development, creativity, and collaboration, while creating the mural. Five organizations came together to make the program possible, including [Creatives After Curfew](#), [East Side Neighborhood Services](#), [Venture Academy](#), [Prospect Park Association](#) and the University of Minnesota Good Neighbor Fund. Artists Hibaaq Ibrahim and Juliette Myers, from Creatives After Curfew, worked with students to plan, facilitate, and design the mural. Artists and students met weekly after school at Venture Academy. Creatives After Curfew is a decentralized collective composed of local independent Bi-racial People of Color (BIPOC), white accomplices, and Queer artists from the Twin Cities.



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Update to how well 25 by 25 has done through 2021!

- Mary Britton, PPA Environment Committee

Last summer, I reported that Prospect Park residents had brought our natural gas usage down by 6.62% since 2019. I heard from CenterPoint Energy recently and the numbers have actually been adjusted to 7.27%! Woohoo!

I asked what the numbers were for Minneapolis as a whole and the answer was 4.75% That means that Prospect Park is decreasing our carbon footprint at a pace 50% faster than the rest of the city! Double woohoo!

Thanks to everyone who participated! We'll find out how we did in 2022 at the end of the summer.

Answers to a recent "25% by '25" question...

Q: I've already insulated my house as much as possible and gotten a high efficiency furnace. What else can I do? A: Great question! And good for you for cutting down your carbon footprint!



1) When it's time to replace your gas hot water heater, replace it with an electric one. While upfront costs will be more, operating expenses will be less. The overall cost is basically the same. (Reach out to environment@prospectparkmpls.org if you would like the financial analysis.)

This could cut your gas usage by as much as 13%.

2) When it's time to replace your central air unit, consider a heat pump. It will cost a few thousand more, but you will be able to heat your home more affordably in early winter and spring with electric powered heat.

Plus, tax credits are available through the Inflation Reduction Act.

3) Be an ambassador for the 25 by 25 initiative at National Night Out in August.

The reality is that we need to reach folks one by one and NNO is a perfect time for that. If interested, please reach out to us at environment@prospectparkmpls.org.



Community Connections Conference and Green Zone Summit

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, June 10 (Check-in starts and exhibit hall opens at 8 a.m.)

Minneapolis Convention Center, Lower Level, Hall A

[Pre-register online today or register in person on the day of the conference in multiple languages.](#)

- * Exhibits from City departments, nonprofits and other government agencies.
- * Fun activities including the Hennepin County Library mobile, a scooter track and a Lego robot exhibit from High Tech Kids.
- * Workshops on many interesting topics including renter's rights, resources for survivors domestic violence in immigrant communities, citizenship, climate action, drivers licenses for all, youth safety and many more.
- * Performances from community artists.
- * Lunch.
- * Free booster and one-dose Pfizer vaccines against COVID-19, including \$50 gift cards, toys and portable first aid kits to take home.

Performers

We'll be joined by artists Enia Kyle and Ifrah Mansour for poetry and spoken word, with dance from Holly (Miskitoos) Henning, Zack Red Bear, Lao Women Friendship Club Dance and Ballet Folklórico Mexico Azteca (pictured).

Breakout session list published

Take a look at the 16 morning and 10 afternoon breakout sessions you can look forward to at the conference.



Sustainability and Greener Living: An Intentional Conversation, Hosted by Britt Howell of BF50 Indigenous Health in partnership with Project Sweetie & MPLS Climate.

2023 Community Connections Conference - Minneapolis in motion

Sustainability and Greener Living: An Intentional ...

By Britt Howell

Saturday June 10, 2023 / 01:15 PM - 02:30 PM

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June 17th - Cultural Garden Gathering

Presented by BF50 Indigenous Health in partnership with MPLS Parks at Bridal Veil, featuring 2023 James Beard Leadership Award Winner, Jim Embry. BF50 is supported by Minnesota Humanities Center.

You'll Need:
Your Lawn Chairs
Water Bottles
Sunscreen
Good Vibes!

You're Invited!
6/17/23 @ 2PM

Contact: BF50 Wellness Team
UrbanFarmDirect@gmail.com



June 17th
2-4PM

Joy & Justice with Jim Embry

MPLS Parks is partnering with Minneapolis Parks for a Cultural Garden Gathering. Join us for a day of learning about water and gardens, food, community, and the history and future of Minneapolis. We will be featuring 2023 James Beard Leadership Award Winner, Jim Embry, in partnership with Minnesota Humanities Center. A light lunch will be provided.

June 17th, 2-4pm

Water and Gardens

200 W. 1st Street W Minneapolis, MN 55404



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Join us in the Garden!



Minnesota
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Join Southeast Seniors and Minneapolis Community Education for our last two classes of the academic year!

**Square Dancing at
Van Cleve Park
Tuesday, June 6**

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**HealthRhythms
Drumming at Van
Cleve Park
Wednesday, June 7**

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JUNE TEENTH

CELEBRATING
FREEDOM DAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 17
NOON - 6 PM

BETHUNE PARK // 1304 N. 10TH AVE.

11 AM - NOON: Parade

Sponsored by Juneteenth Community Board

Music and entertainment provided by:



JAMECIA
BENNETT



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ORIGINAL



BDOT
CROC

Brooklyn Park Lions Drum Corp • Nick Chirch
DJ Dime • Jackson Hurst • Jandeltha Rae

EMCEE: Maya Marchelle LIVE PAINTING BY: Kenneth Caldwell

**FOOD, ENTERTAINMENT,
VENDORS AND FAMILY ACTIVITIES!**

Council Member Wonsley:

Contact or Share Your Opinion or Address an Issue Any Time

E-mail Council Member Wonsley and her staff at ward2@minneapolismn.gov

Or contact staff directly:

[Policy Aide Celeste Robinson](#)

[Policy Aide Qannani Omar](#)

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