




## June 2024 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 <a href="#">PPA Calendar</a>. All committee meetings are taking place virtually unless otherwise noted.</i></p> <p><b>ABOUT PPA</b> Prospect Park Association is the official neighborhood association for the Prospect Park Area of the city of Minneapolis.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Donate to PPA</a></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><b>Jackson Family Project</b> (formerly Community Building Committee) Thursday, Aug 1, 4:30pm</p> <p><b>Environment Committee</b> Tuesday July 9. 6:30pm * Hybrid &amp; Meets at Luxton Park</p> <p><b>Land Use &amp; Planning Committee</b> Thursday July 11. 7:00pm *Hybrid &amp; Meets at PPUMC</p> <p><b>Transportation &amp; Safety Committee</b> Wednesday July 10. 7:00pm *Hybrid &amp; Meets at PPUMC</p>	<p><b>PPA Board Meeting &amp; Community Meeting</b></p> <p><b>--HYBRID meeting--</b> <b>Monday June 24th</b> <b>6:30pm - 8:00pm</b> <b>at PPUMC and on Zoom</b></p> <p><i>Note: <a href="#">Zoom access info Meeting Agenda</a></i></p> <p><i>All Community Members are welcome!</i></p> <p><b>Management Council</b> <i>Sets Community &amp; Board Meeting Agendas</i> Monday, June 17, 7pm</p>

**GET INVOLVED!**

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

## Announcing PPA Board of Directors

Congratulations to PPA's newly elected or re-elected Board members: Eric Amel, Steve Brackett, David Frank, Britt Howell, Jerry Stein, Nike Vasilopoulos (U of M student representative). Their 2-year terms begin June 24th, 2024.

*Thank you to everyone who voted!*

They join current board members, **Jeff Barnhart** (business representative, **Ian Gorodisher**, **Abraham Kao**, **Gabrielle Metzger**, **William Morris** and **Lynn Von Korff**, elected in 2023 to serve two years.

Sincere thanks to **Dan Cross**, **Susan Larson-Fleming** and **Jane Stockman** who just completed board service.

PPA relies on volunteers from the Prospect Park neighborhood to serve on our board. Up to eight volunteers are elected to the board each year to serve two-year terms. Presently there are are several board positions that are open.

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## 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. Community members to help keep this guide up to date.

[Please suggest a resource for the guide here.](#) Thank you!

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# Call for NNO Ambassadors for "25% by '25" Initiative



Since 2020, the "25% by '25" initiative has helped Prospect Park residents cut their natural gas usage by providing information on energy audits, home insulation and how to save money through grants and the Inflation Reduction Act.

We are looking for anyone who has benefitted from our workshops, videos or information sheets to pay it forward by being an ambassador for the initiative on National Night Out on August 6th.

What does an ambassador do?

- Wears a button that says "25% by '25 Ambassador".
- Points people to fliers and information we provide.
- If folks at the NNO event are interested, talk about their own experiences with energy experiences.

That's it.

Last year, we only had 2 people step up and the year before that, we had 3. If interested in stepping up, please send an email to [britton.mary@gmail.com](mailto:britton.mary@gmail.com)

Thanks,  
Mary Britton  
PPA Environment Committee

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## Donate to Prospect Park Association

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



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



[Please donate to PPA at GiveMN](#)

## Post Office Project Completed

Thanks to funding from the Prospect Park Coop Legacy Fund and volunteers from the Environment Committee, the post office on University Avenue has a new look. During the week of June 10 - 14, volunteers from the Environment Committee met to prepare the area just to the left of the front door.

Over the course of the week, we removed the sod, purchased plants/bushes at Mother Earth Gardens, and installed plants, bushes and a cherry tree. By doing away with a boring strip of grass and planting greenery, the site is more attractive. Additionally, the bushes and cherry tree will help improve the air quality in the area.

The last step will be to install mulch to keep the moisture in and provide a finished look. If anyone has a lead on free wood mulch, please contact Lydia at [lydiaormac@gmail.com](mailto:lydiaormac@gmail.com).





## Transportation and Safety Chair Emeritus Evan Roberts writes:



The planter boxes at Pratt are doing great, and this year a Garden Club member, Sean McKenna, volunteered to plant some annuals. Although we're not in a drought right now, the planters will need watering over the summer. Last year we got a good group from this group and the PTO to help.

Please consider volunteering for a week's watering this summer (2-3 days if there's no rain). If you can help out, please fill out this form <https://bit.ly/prattwatering> about weeks you are available. I will make a schedule and put all the watering crew in touch with each other in a few days.

Many thanks for your help in keeping the neighborhood beautiful!

The local newsletter "Minneapolis Schools Voices" recently featured an article about the Pratt planters.

<https://www.mpls.schoolsvoices.news/posts/safer-streets-at-pratt-elementary-using-planter-boxes>

Evan

[evanrobertsnz@gmail.com](mailto:evanrobertsnz@gmail.com)

**Please help out if you can!**

# OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

**BF50 Indigenous Health & friends will welcome The 2023 James Beard Foundation Leadership Award Winner, Elder Jim Embry, Social Activist, back to The Twin Cities to celebrate Juneteenth!**

**June 19-24.** Elder Jim will be joined by his distinguished Guest, Jennifer Bailey.

On **June 23rd**, BF50 will host a Walking Garden Tour & Organic Seed Exchange, 5PM at Bridal Veil Garden, followed by a 6PM Gathering at The Markets at Malcolm Yards. Everyone is responsible for their own Malcolm Yards Card!


**Joy & Justice Journey Tour 2024! The Twin Cities welcomes the 2023 James Beard Foundation Leadership Award Winner, Jim Embry & Guest, Jennifer Bailey!** 

Jim Embry returns to the Twin Cities area to share experiences & insights from his 60+ years of Social Justice Activism. Jim is the Grandson of Small Scale Farmers who were also Social Activists. Join us as we learn, laugh, love and leave inspired!


More Information on the Twin Cities Joy & Justice Tour 2024  
Contact BF50 Wellness Team:  
[UrbanFarmDirect@gmail.com](mailto:UrbanFarmDirect@gmail.com)

**Events & Appearances:**

- ✓ 12PM: Wednesday, June 19: Visit Soul of the Southside 
- ✓ 11AM: Friday, June 21: Kumbayah Juneteenth Celebration
- ✓ 2PM: Friday, June 21: Community Peace Garden
- ✓ 10AM: Saturday, June 22: Greenway Slow Roll for Sickle Cell
- ✓ 5PM: Sunday, June 23, Walking Garden Tour/Seed Exchange at Bridal Veil
- ✓ 6PM: Sunday June 23, Dinner-The Markets at Malcolm Yards
- ✓ 5:30PM: Monday June 24, An Evening With Social Activists, Jim Embry





# FREE COMMUNITY MEALS

## WHERE:

Prospect Park United Methodist Church  
22 Orin Ave SE, Mpls, MN 55414

## WHEN:

Third Wednesday of each month @ 5:30 - 6:30 pm

*Food served will be a nutritious,  
healthy and balanced meal with no pork.*

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**



All are welcome to join us on the third Wednesday of each month  
anytime between 5:30-6:30pm for a free community meal.  
Dine in & take-out available!

Our next meal will be on Juneteenth, Wednesday, June 19.  
The menu includes:

- BBQ Beef • BBQ and Roast Chicken • Ribs
- Mac and Cheese • Corn Bread Muffins
- Salad • Fruit

<https://www.loavesandfishesmi.org>   <https://www.prospectparkchurch.org>

# FANTASIA

## FROM ATLANTIS TO MIDDLE EARTH

A World-Building Creative Writing & Art Camp

June 17-21 | 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. | Ages: 6-12 years | Held at PPUMC

New!! First-ever writing camp from ArtStart!



From Narnia to Harry Potter's Wizarding World, stories have the power to transport us to a different reality. Some of the most engaging ones create a whole alternate universe, where cowardly lions battle their fears, kids go on dangerous quests, and dragons soar through the skies. In this camp, you'll get to create your own fantasy world with words and images, and plunge into creating stories to rival those from Oz or Nim.

| MORNING SESSIONS                          |                                          | AFTERNOON SESSIONS         |                            | TUITION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| 8:00-10 AM                                | 10:15-11:45 AM                           | 12:00-2 PM                 | 2:15-3:45 PM               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 6-8 years,<br>Spine Tingling<br>Stories   | 9-12 years,<br>Spine Tingling<br>Stories | 6-8 years,<br>Wild Worlds  | 9-12 years,<br>Wild Worlds | Half-day: \$250 (morning or afternoon session)<br>Full day: \$450<br><br>Save 10% or \$50 for a full day registration<br>(morning & afternoon sessions) by entering<br>FULLDAYFAN24 on checkout.<br><br>Partial scholarships available upon request.<br><br>For more information and to register visit<br><a href="https://artstart.coursestorm.com/category/a-creative-writing-art-camp">https://artstart.coursestorm.com/category/a-creative-writing-art-camp</a> |
| 9-12 years,<br>Poetry as<br>Graphic Novel | 6-8 years,<br>Poetry as<br>Graphic Novel | 9-12 years,<br>Roll for It | 6-8 years,<br>Roll for It  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

Held at Prospect Park United Methodist Church, 21 Orin Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414

**For more information and to register visit:**

<https://artstart.coursestorm.com/category/a-creative-writing-art-camp>





## **BF50 Annual 4th Street Festival and Garden Gathering During National Night Out seeks Sponsors, Vendors, Speakers, Performers, Ambassadors & Volunteers!**

We look forward to having you & your team at our Annual BF50 Indigenous Health - 4th Street Festival & Garden Gathering in partnership with MPLS Parks: Bridal Veil & Luxton on National Night Out!

**Mark your calendars for Tuesday, August 6, 2024! 5:30 - 7:30PM.**

For those of you who'll be joining us for the first time; here's a look at what to expect from our Environmental, Sustainable Greener Living Community Event.

<https://www.instagram.com/reel/CvsPu-bPtZC/?igsh=czZ2Z3J1aGs1bG5h>

Although we have already received verbal confirmations from many of you; In order for our team to bring your confirmation to completion, everyone must complete the enclosed Registration/Participation Form. You Do Not have to request edit. Just tap the form & add your information:


<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1xCiSSxuiuw6ZI9DVTrLIS7Q-muUodrgio1FGB7hU7Ds/edit>

**PLEASE NOTE:** Everyone is responsible for their own Setup! You will need your own Tent, Table, Chair, Sunscreen, Water Bottle, etc. We encourage everyone to participate in the Sustainable Community Food Share. Please bring an Item (preferably store brought) to add to the table. Reach out to our team with any questions.

Prepare for an Outstanding Evening!

Best,

BF50 Wellness Team

Save The Date! August 6, 2024  
BF50 Annual 4th Street Festival &  
 Garden Gathering During  
National Night Out! 5:30 - 7:30PM



*In Collaboration with Minneapolis Parks:*

*Bridal Veil & Luxton Park*

*Supported by HeArtsSpeaks  
LC Productions*

*Sustainability, Environmental &  
Greener Living Community Event!*



**Get Involved!**

Contact: BF50 Wellness Team  
[UrbanFarmDirect@gmail.com](mailto:UrbanFarmDirect@gmail.com)

**NNO 2024!**





## **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](mailto:ward2@minneapolismn.gov)

Or contact staff directly:

[Policy Aide Celeste Robinson](#)

[Policy Aide Qannani Omar](#)

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[\*Locate your Congressional and Legislative district in Prospect Park\*](#)



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