




March 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>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 March 2, 4:30pm</p> <p>Environment Committee Tuesday March 14, 6:30pm</p> <p>Land Use & Planning Committee Thursday March 9, 7:00pm</p> <p>Transportation & Safety Committee Wednesday, March 8, 7:30pm</p>	<p>PPA Board Meeting & Community Meeting --virtual meeting-- (no meeting in February) Monday Mar 27th 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, Mar 20, 7pm</p>

GET INVOLVED!

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

**Run for the PPA Board!
Elections will be held at the
Annual Meeting on
Monday, May 15.**

**GET ENGAGED IN THE CITY AND
NEIGHBORHOOD DISCUSSIONS ABOUT
EQUITY, ENVIRONMENTALISM, SAFETY,
COMMUNITY BUILDING, TRANSPORTATION,
LAND USE, AND MORE!**

**Black or indigenous folks, people of color, students,
and renters are urged to apply to bring diverse
perspectives to the PPA board.**

**Community Board training and orientation
provided;
ALL ARE WELCOME!**



**There are seven board seats up for election. In addition,
there is one student seat and one business representative
seat available. Board terms are two-years beginning June
2023.**

**All board members must be at least 18 years old and either:
a resident in the neighborhood, or an owner or business
lessee of real property in the neighborhood, or the
designated representative of a nonprofit, educational
organization or governmental organization in the
neighborhood.**

CANDIDATE PROFILES DUE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

Notice of Proposed Reallocation NRP Funds

On March 27th, 2023, PPA's Board of Directors will vote on a motion to reallocate \$25,000 from the existing Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) phase 2 "housing" (loans/grant, 1A-C.1A-C) to the Tenants' Rights priority.

Questions? finance@prospectparkmpls.org about this proposed reallocation.

Background: The "Tenants' Rights Project" educates renters in the wider Prospect Park community on their rights and connects them with resources available should their rights be violated. Project activities include research and data collection, events, student and community meetings, focus-groups, and workshops, collaboration, and the creation of resource materials. The reallocated funds will primarily be used to hire a part-time Tenants' Rights Community Organizer to continue implementing PPA's NRP tenants' rights project, established by PPA community and board members and approved by Neighborhood Community Relations (NCR) in 2020.

2023 Board/Community Meeting Schedule

PPA will hold regular Board/Community meetings on March 27th, May 15th, June 26th, August 28th, October 23rd, and December 4th. The Annual Meeting will be held May 15th. All are welcome to attend. Although regular Board meetings will no longer be held in February, April, July, or September, community meetings will be scheduled as the need arises. PPA will also issue fewer newsletters this year. These changes will be evaluated throughout the year and revised if necessary. PPA made these changes because City of Minneapolis neighborhood organization "base" funding decreased to \$10,000 this year. As a result, PPA has significantly less staff support available. On a positive note, fewer board meetings might make it easier for some community members to serve on the board.

To keep board and community members informed about PPA committee activities, committee minutes will be emailed monthly to board members and staff will have them added to PPA's website. If a board action is needed between regular meetings, the Board can vote electronically without a meeting or call a special/emergency meeting. For electronic board votes without meetings, the appropriate committee will prepare and email background materials to staff, Staff will email the materials to the board and have them added to the website. [For more information see PPA bylaws.](#)

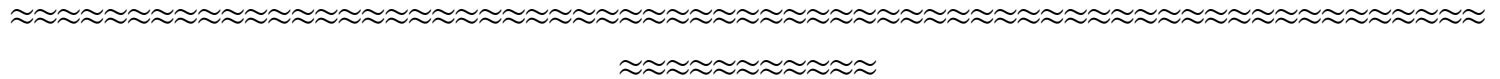
Luxton Park Summer Registration is Open!



Follow this link to register: https://apm.activecommunities.com/minneapolisparks/Activity_Search

Available summer sports programs are:

Name	Status	Number	Ages	Day(s)	Enr	Open
Youth Baseball: 10U RBI	Open	143136	8..10	M W F Sa	0	15
Youth Coach Pitch: 8U Luxton	Open	143956	7..8	Tu Th	0	15
Youth Softball: 10U RBI Slow Pitch	Open	142428	8..10	Tu Th F Sa	0	15
Youth T-Ball: 6U Luxton	Open	143960	5..6	Tu Th	0	15
Youth Track: All Divisions	Open	141377	9..17	Tu Th	5	20



Luxton Recreation Center is fortunate enough to be receiving an upgrade/remodel of a new Spark'd Studio. Please follow this link for more information:
<https://www.minneapolisparks.org/activities-events/sparkd-studios/>

If you have any questions please feel free to contact:
Steve Zimmer, Luxton Park, Office: 612-370-4881

The Prospect Park Neighborhood Guide

WELCOME TO PROSPECT PARK!



The Prospect Park Neighborhood Guide includes:

- *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. We created a way for community members to help keep this guide up to date.

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

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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.



Earth Day Clean Up - April 22, 2023

Back in 1970, Earth Day was established to demonstrate environmental protection; fifty-three years later, our planet needs you more than ever.

Join the neighborhood to *Invest in our Planet*, the 2023 Earth Day theme.

On **Saturday, April 22 from 9:30 to 11:30**, pick up gloves & bags to help clean up our neighborhood at one of two locations:

- Down along East River Parkway (south of the Franklin Avenue Bridge)
- Tower Hill Park

Join volunteers from the neighborhood, Surly, and UMN Keep the Litter Out of the Mississippi River. If you can't come down that morning, feel free to visit a nearby park, go along your street, or pick another area to clean up. For more information or to commit to an area not by the river, please contact Lydia McAnerney at lydiaormac@gmail.com.



Thanks to all those who came to the Climate Action Festival!

We appreciate all those who stopped by and provided feedback! And special thanks to our volunteers who helped put on the event!

The PPA Environment Committee, University of Minnesota's Office of Sustainability, and representatives from The City of Minneapolis were all on hand to share their Climate Action Plans and answer questions.

Message from Mary Britton, PPA Environment Committee Chair

It is with mixed emotions that I announce that I am stepping down as chair of the PPA Environment Committee. April will be my last month in that role. It's time for me to move on.



The Environment Committee has accomplished a lot in the last few years and I am extremely grateful to everyone who served on the committee. We raised money to install 3 community rain gardens at Glendale, River of Hope Church and the Pillars. We planted trees at the post office and organized the annual Earth Day Cleanups.

We also created a neighborhood Climate Action Plan that we reviewed annually and updated as needed. Our "25% x '25" initiative" has helped residents reduce their carbon footprint from natural gas use by 6.7% since its inception. Lydia McAnerny led the organization of 2 EcoTours for folks to learn more about home energy upgrades. We also have held many information sessions on home energy audits, upgrades and the 4D program for landlords.

I want to especially thank the following:

Lydia McAnerney - responsible for more than half of our accomplishments

Kathleen Davis - committee secretary

Steve Zimmer - director of Luxton Park

Jenny Michlitsch - for her work on graphics and presentations

Tina Clarke, Vera Marshall, Britt Howell, Lupe Castillo, Rick McCormick, Jim Reinardy, Mary Legris, Jane Stockman, Jon Urban, Dan Bielenberg, Schaneen Maynie and Liza Davitch - for tabling, outreach, feedback, coming to meetings and encouragement

And though he is no longer with us, I want to call out the support and encouragement that I received from Roger Schmitz.

I will still lead the '25% by '25' initiative, but that will be the extent of my involvement.

Thanks, Mary Britton

Note from PPA: PPA is looking for a volunteer Environment & Sustainability Committee Chair to take over Mary Britton's position beginning in May.

Click the link below for more information about the PPA Environment Committee

<https://prospectparkmpls.org/ppa/committees/index.html>

or contact PPA staff, Liza Davitch, at staff@prospectparkmpls.org

OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS



Escape to the Tropics

Wednesday, March 8, 1:30 – 2:30 PM, Van Cleve Park

Educational presentation on tropical places and plants, then create bright paper flowers to take a bit of the tropics home! All materials provided. To register, call Minneapolis Community Education at 612-668-1022 or visit

https://minneapolis.ce.eleyo.com/course/43559/lifelong-learning-55-winter-2023escapetothetropicsmarcy-55fbclid=IwAR2WTROZtMII_SjOXdE9o9NVS4dLH06JLuu1TF5_UfcknAgfOSGYpNpGm9Io

History of the Minneapolis Central Library

Wednesday, March 22, 1:30 – 2:30 PM, Hennepin County Minneapolis Central Library

Guided tour of the downtown building focusing on four floors of art, unique architecture, and large book collections. To register, call Minneapolis Community Education at 612-668-1022 or visit https://minneapolis.ce.eleyo.com/course/43561/lifelong-learning-55-winter-2023/history-of-the-minneapolis-central-library-marcy-55fbclid=IwAR00eYHoQCHOortnGfCRjHImC_h08SPSOuxNqWtlablLsu7q37jW_UPt



Adopt-a-Drain MN

Use Less Salt! Winter road and sidewalk de-icing salt is a major – and permanent – polluter of local freshwater lakes and streams. Learn best practices and the consequences of using too much salt online at the [City of Minneapolis Salt Mini-Course](#).

Financial assistance for mortgages, foreclosure



With HomeHelpMN, Minnesota Housing may be able to help those who are behind on their mortgage or worried about foreclosure due to the pandemic. Homeowners may be eligible for up to \$50,000. Applications will be accepted while funds are available.

Watch the [HomeHelpMN webinar](#) with information on eligibility requirements and how to apply. Visit homehelpmn.org or call 1-800-388-3226 to apply for financial assistance.

Help spread the word

[Download the outreach toolkit in English, Spanish, Somali and Hmong.](#)

Spanish: Si usted se encuentra atrasado con los pagos de su préstamo de vivienda o le preocupa una ejecución hipotecaria debido a la pandemia, HomeHelpMN de Minnesota Housing le podría ayudar.

Visite HomeHelpMN.org o llame al 1-800-388-3226 para determinar si usted califica para asistencia financiera.

Somali: Haddii lagugu leeyahay rahmaad ama aad welwel ka qabto in guriga lagaala wareegayo xanuunkii faafayey awgiis, HomeHelpMN oo ah barnaamij ay leeyihiin Minnesota Housing ayaa ku caawinaya.

Booqo HomeHelpMN.org ama soo garaac 18003883226 si aad u aragto haddii aad u qalanto kaalmada dhaqaale.

Hmong: Yog hais tias koj them tsis tau nqis vaj tsev los sis txhawj xeeb txog kev raug kaw vim muaj kab mob sib kis, Lub HomeHelpMN hauv Minnesota Housing tuaj yeem pab tau. Mus saib hauv HomeHelpMN.org lossis hu rau 1-800-388-3226 seb koj puas tsim nyog tau txais kev pab nyiaj

You're invited to observe **LENT**
and Celebrate
the RESURRECTION (EASTER)
at Prospect Park United Methodist Church

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Thursday, April 6
6 pm Service

GOOD FRIDAY

Friday, April 7
6 pm Service

RESURRECTION (EASTER) SUNDAY

Sunday, April 9
Easter Sunrise Service approx. 6:30 am
Gather at the base of Tower Hill at 6:25 am
Easter Breakfast aprox. 7 am
PPUMC Community Hall
10 am Sanctuary Service of Celebration

Plus, for Kids!

EASTER EGG PARTY
Saturday, April 8
9:30-10:30 am
at PPUMC



**Prospect Park
United Methodist Church**

22 Orin Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414
612-378-2380
www.prospectparkchurch.org
Pastor Ishiah Dennis

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

[Subscribe to MN Representative Mohamud Noor's newsletter. \(District 60B\)](#)

[Subscribe to MN Senator Kari Dziedzic's newsletter. \(District 60\)](#)

[Subscribe to MN Representative Samantha Sencer-Mura E-list \(District 63A\)](#)

[Subscribe to MN Senator Zaynab Mohamed newsletter. \(District 63\)](#)

Helpful COVID-19 Resources

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

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 \(WHO\)](#)

[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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