




## October 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, Nov 7, 4:30pm</p> <p><b>Environment Committee</b> Tuesday Nov 12. 6:30pm * Hybrid &amp; Meets at Luxton Park</p> <p><b>Land Use &amp; Planning Committee</b> Thursday Nov 13. 7:00pm *Hybrid &amp; Meets at PPUMC</p> <p><b>Transportation &amp; Safety Committee</b> Thursday Nov 13. 7:00pm *Hybrid &amp; Meets at PPUMC</p>	<p><b>PPA Board Meeting &amp; Community Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Monday October 28th</b> <b>6:30pm (Hybrid)</b></p> <p><b>Prospect Park United Methodist Church</b> 22 SE Orlin Ave 55414</p> <p><i>All Community Members are welcome!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u><a href="#">Agenda</a></u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u><a href="#">to attend via Zoom, register here</a></u></p> <p><b>Management Council</b> <b>Monday October 14th</b> <i>Sets Community &amp; Board Meeting Agendas</i></p>

**GET INVOLVED!**

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



**Proposed PPA Bylaw Amendment – second notice**

Proposed Motion: Revise PPA bylaws to require a “one-year break” instead of a “two-year break” as follows: “No more than 25% of directors may serve 6 consecutive years before taking a one-year break from board service.” See PPA bylaws page 6, IV. Board of Directors (Governing Body), section D Terms.

This revision will make the bylaw consistent with Neighborhood Community Relations (NCR) contract requirements. According to PPA’s bylaws the board may amend the bylaws through a two-thirds vote of the active Directors in a roll-call vote at a meeting with at least 30 days notice to Association members.



**Prospect Park Association needs your support!**



Why Give? Help PPA provide support to community members who improve our neighborhood through projects and activities, such as:



- Traffic-calming measures so *children can play safely near Pratt School* (PPA's Transportation Committee).
- Climate action and resilience plan successfully *reducing fossil fuel use in our neighborhood* (PPA's Environment Committee).
- *Successfully advocated for \$350,000 in city funding to repair stairs, lighting, etc. inside the Witch's Hat Tower* so it can reopen to the public (*Tower repairs are tentatively scheduled to be complete by April 2025*). PPA collaborated with Ward 2 Council Member Robin Wonsley, BF50 Indigenous Health, & others. The City Council unanimously approved funding (PPA's Tower Hill Park Committee).
- *Jackson Family Days at Pratt School & community events in collaboration with Jackson Family members and Pratt PTO*, funded by U of M's Good Neighbor Fund, PPCLF, NCR City of Minneapolis, Pratt PTO, and PPA (PPA's Jackson Family Project Committee).
- *Re-established PPA's Tower Hill Park Committee to advocate for the park and tower and plan public events at the Tower after it reopens in April 2025.*
- *Planted a new garden in front of the University Ave Post Office*, funded by PPCLF (PPA's Environment Committee).
- Held bi-monthly PPA meetings and co-sponsored community meetings to *give neighbors a voice* – worked with partners such as BF50 Indigenous Health, Ward 2 Council Member Robin Wonsley's office, MPD's 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct Inspector, local businesses, Crime Prevention and others.
- *Collaborated with "Sunly Gives A Damn" (SGAD) to fund a raised bed community donation garden* in the Prospect Park neighborhood (funded by U of M Good Neighbor Fund through PPA).
- *Educated renters about their rights and distributed voter registration information in collaboration with Ward 2*.
- *Keeping neighbors informed* through public meetings and newsletters.
- *Organized annual yard sale* across the Prospect Park Neighborhood (PPA's Environment Committee).
- *Supported Prospect Park's Ice Cream Social and Picnic, held June 2024.*

**Please also consider volunteering to serve on PPA's Board or a Committee!**

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.

[Please support PPA so we can continue serving our neighborhood.](#)

## [Please donate to PPA at GiveMN](#)

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.



**Thank you!**

Lynn Von Korff

Treasurer

Prospect Park Association



## **November Environment Committee Meeting**

Please join us on **November 12 from 6:30 to 8pm for our next Environment Committee meeting at Luxton Park.** The agenda will include a discussion about moving forward with the committee, our goals and objectives for 2025. We are looking for new committee members to bring their voices and ideas to the table.

We are also looking for ideas for the committee. As Prospect Park neighbors, what do you see as ways we, the committee, can help you respond to your environmental concerns? Do you want a workshop on saving energy, how to get an energy audit, to learn about how the state of Minnesota is using IRA funds or working on environmental issues...Do you miss the Fall Clean Up (volunteer needed to organize this)? Ideas for reaching out to renters. It's our last year of the 25% x 25 project - are you interested to know how well we've done? Please send your ideas and concerns to [environment@prospectparkmpls.org](mailto:environment@prospectparkmpls.org).

## University Good Neighbor Fund application deadline change 2025 Good Neighbor Fund Grants



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The Stadium Area Advisory Group board approved \$100,000 available in total grant funds for the year 2025 from the Good Neighbor Fund endowment. We encourage applications for projects that reflect the long-term purpose of the U of M Good Neighbor Fund, which is to promote the beauty, stability, vitality, and security of the communities adjacent to the University of Minnesota's Twin Cities campus.

The Good Neighbor Fund application deadline is **January 17th, 2025**. In past years the deadline was March 30th.

PPA submits applications to the Good Neighbor Fund on behalf of our neighborhood. PPA's Board of Directors reviews applications before they are submitted.

For more information: <https://government-relations.umn.edu/good-neighbor-fund>

### 2025 GNF Grant Cycle Timeline

September 23 - Good Neighbor Fund Board Logistical and Finance Update Meeting (Zoom)

October 9 - Community Kick Off Meeting- Van Cleve Park (6pm-7:30pm)

<https://umn.zoom.us/j/94945330961?pwd=muZOzzXt8WX10FcA0VdufkBZspzKIB.1>

December 4 - Office Hours 9am-10am

<https://umn.zoom.us/j/91399975489?pwd=Fb2poRJtD0Tn7HbreDXxNIB3X6bRPX.1>

January 8 - Office Hours 9am-10am

<https://umn.zoom.us/j/99864012119?>

[pwd=S6W1M4ouommQaFg6tXnOP89iZkVHbb.1](https://umn.zoom.us/j/99864012119?pwd=S6W1M4ouommQaFg6tXnOP89iZkVHbb.1)

January 17 - Applications Due

January 24 - Projects Distributed to the GNF Board

February 7 - Project Rating Sheets Returned

Week of February 17- 1st GNF Board Meeting for Project Discussion

Week of February 24 - 2nd GNF meeting ( if needed)

February 24- March 24 - Contracts signed and checks distributed

## New Community Garden in Prospect Park

PPA and “Surly Gives A Damn” received a University Good Neighbor Fund grant for a community donation garden in Prospect Park.



Photo: PPA Surly garden beds with growing veggies

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## OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

### The Prospect Park Fall Market

A celebration of art, food and community - the market will take place from **9 am - 3 pm on Saturday, November 2 at Prospect Park UMC, 22 Orlin Ave SE**. Find unique gifts made by local artisans, enjoy delicious homemade breakfast and lunch, and take home some delicious baked goods too.





# Free Community Meals at PPUMC

Enjoy free community meals on the third Wednesday of each month, **5:30-6:30 pm at Prospect Park UMC, 22 Orlin Ave SE**, thanks to a partnership with Loaves & Fishes and the help of many volunteers. Delicious and nutritious meals with no pork and vegetarian and vegan options are served. Mark your calendars for the next meal on November 20!



## FREE COMMUNITY MEALS

**WHERE:**  
Prospect Park United Methodist Church  
22 Orlin 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!**



## COMIDAS COMUNITARIAS GRATUITAS

**¡TENEMOS COMIDA PARA LLEVAR!**

**DONDE:** Prospect Park United Methodist Church  
22 Orlin Ave SE, Mpls, MN 55414

**CUANDO:** El tercer miércoles de cada mes  
5:30 - 6:30 pm

**FECHAS:** 15 de mayo, 19 de junio, 17 de julio, 21 de agosto, 18 de septiembre, 16 de octubre, 20 de noviembre, 18 de diciembre

La comida que serviremos será una comida nutritiva, saludable y equilibrada sin carne de cerdo.

*¡Todos están bienvenidos!*



812-378-2350 | [office@prospectparkchurch.org](mailto:office@prospectparkchurch.org)

## PPUMC Community Concert Series

Friends of Arthur Maud perform a free concert to benefit Southeast Seniors on **Saturday, November 9 at 7 pm at PPUMC, 22 Orlin Ave SE.** Music composed by Arthur Maud, ranging from songs of medieval France to chamber music for piano to 20th century art songs will be performed.

Featured musicians are: **MARY GOETZ**, piano, **EVAN SHALLCROSS**, violin, **CHARLES ASCH**, cello, **KRISTA PALMQUIST**, vocals

Arthur Maud is a Prospect Park resident, and was born and raised in Airedale, the West Riding of Yorkshire, England.



Saturday, November 9, 2024  
7:00 pm

# ART SONGS & CHAMBER MUSIC

by Arthur Maud

Enjoy music composed by Arthur Maud, ranging from songs of medieval France to chamber music for piano to 20th century art songs. With Mary Goetz on piano, Evan Shallcross on violin, Charles Asch on cello, and Krista Palmquist on vocals.

**100% OF PROCEEDS WILL GO TO**  
 **Southeast Seniors**  
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## Public Artwork Installed at New Westgate Commons Park



The Milligan Studio, *Ginkgo/Light*, 2024, stainless steel and kiln-formed fused glass. Photo: Kerry Morgan



*Ginkgo/Light* (det.) Photo: Kerry Morgan

At the corner of Emerald Street and Myrtle Avenue a new public artwork, *Ginkgo/Light*, now welcomes visitors to [Westgate Commons Park](#). This park in the St. Anthony Park neighborhood is a recent addition to the City of Saint Paul's Parks and Recreation system. Bordering the Minneapolis neighborhood of Prospect Park, the one-acre park provides much-needed green space to an area that has added hundreds of new housing units and numerous businesses over the past decade.

The sculpture [Ginkgo/Light](#) is a project by [The Milligan Studio](#), the public art practice of Irish sculptor Alan Milligan and novelist N.M. Kelby (Dr. Nicole Mary Milligan, PhD). Made from stainless steel and kiln-formed glass, the two eight-foot-tall half-moon gates feature the silhouettes of overlapping ginkgo leaves. Four of the leaves, two on each piece, are a combination of green, yellow, and gold-fused glass that can be enjoyed by approaching them from multiple directions. Just as the color and vibrancy of the glass shifts throughout the day and in various forms of weather, so too does the openwork steel armature as it casts a range of intricate shadows.

The artists highlighted the ginkgo (*Ginkgo biloba*) due to its presence in the neighboring communities. It is a common ornamental and shade tree in the Twin Cities, frequently used as a boulevard tree due to its tolerance of both salt and urban

pollution. Its stunning fall color, unique fan-shaped leaves, and resistance to pests or diseases adds to its popularity.

Like most people who live in this country, the ginkgo originated elsewhere; it is native to China. In this regard Ginkgo/Light celebrates, in the words of the artists, “those who are ‘transplanted’ here and, like the ginkgo, adapt and grow deep roots.” The hope is that Ginkgo/Light will become a landmark that celebrates this diverse and vibrant urban village.

Funding for this permanent public art project was made possible thanks to the City of St. Paul Parks and Recreation Department and a grant from the University of Minnesota’s Good Neighbor Fund.

The St. Anthony Park Community Council (SAPCC) has been working with the Parks and Recreation Department on the development of Westgate Commons Park for many years. Other initiatives include sunshades, more playground equipment and trees, and better groundcover. If you want to be part of stewarding this park, please contact Kerry Morgan, SAPCC Environment Committee, at [kamorgan2022@gmail.com](mailto:kamorgan2022@gmail.com).

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### **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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