



## September 2020 Newsletter

MEETINGS	Committee Meetings <i>2828 SE University Ave, Suite 200</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 take place at the office (2828 University Avenue SE) unless otherwise noted.</i></p> <p><b>ABOUT PPA</b> Prospect Park Association is the official neighborhood association for the Prospect Park Area.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u><a href="#">Donate to PPA</a></u></b></p> <p>Prospect Park Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and all donations are tax-deductible.</p>	<p><b>Community Building Committee</b> Monday September 11, 4pm</p> <p><b>Environment Committee</b> Tuesday, September 8, 6:30pm</p> <p><b>Finance &amp; Administrative Committee</b> TBA</p> <p><b>Land Use &amp; Planning Committee</b> Thursday, September 10, 7pm</p> <p><b>Transportation &amp; Safety Committee</b> Tuesday, September 15, 7 pm</p>	<p><b>PPA Board Meeting &amp; Community Meeting</b> <b>--virtual meeting--</b> <b>Monday Sept 11th</b> <b>Annual Meeting</b> <b>6:30pm - 8:00pm</b> <i>Note: access info on <a href="#">PP-elist</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, September 7, 7pm</p>

**GET INVOLVED!**

# **Vote: Request Your PPA Board Mail-in Ballot by September 10!**

There will be no in-person voting!! Follow the button below to sign-up for your mail-in ballot. Requests must be received by **12pm on Thursday, September 10.**

**Completed ballots MUST be postmarked no later than Thursday, September 24.**

**[Request Your Ballot Here](#)**

## **Virtual Annual Neighborhood Meeting (Neighbor-fest)**

**Monday, September 21, 2020, 6:30-8pm**

Meeting access starts at 6:20pm.

- Neighborhood Update (year-end recap, finances)
- Meet the Board of Director candidates (short introductions)
- Table Talk (community information and announcements)

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**All are welcome! Meet the Board Candidates before sending in your mail-in ballots.**

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To get Zoom meeting access, **fill out the RSVP Google Form below.** Zoom access information will be emailed to you directly following submission of the form.

If you have any questions, please email [staff@prospectparkmpls.org](mailto:staff@prospectparkmpls.org).

**[Click here to RSVP for 9/21 Annual Meeting](#)**

## **Board of Director Elections: Find out who's running**

There are nine candidates running and seven open seats.

Candidates;

Amy Kaminsky, Ben Tuthill, Dan Cross, Jenna Hoge, Joe Ring, Krista Ostrom,  
Laura Preus, Lynn VonKorff and Rachel Coffin

Read up-to-date candidate profiles in the link below.

**[Read the Candidate Profiles Here](#)**

### **PPA Environment Meeting**

Please join us

Agenda: Race and the Environment

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

6:30-8PM

Environmental and racial issues are deeply connected but in the U.S. there has been a history of ignoring the racial inequities of damaged environments. At this pivotal time, the PPA Environment committee wants to broaden the discussion as we work towards a better environment. We will be discussing Prospect Park's Climate Action Plan what neighborhood resiliency is and how we can all work together to improve Prospect Park.

Britt Howell, PPA Vice President, will be joining us to moderate the discussion. She has a background in Racial and Equity training and is working on completing the U of M's Neighborhood Leadership and Organizing Program at the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs.

To register for the meeting and to see the PPA Climate Action Plan, please visit <https://prospectparkmpls.org/ppa/committees/environment.html>,

*-Mary Britton, Environment Committee Chair*

## PPA is Hiring! Administrative and Communications Coordinator

Jan Nelson, PPA's Office and Volunteer Coordinator is leaving PPA at the end of the year but has generously offered to help the new person learn the job. They will work as a team until Jan leaves.

***Job Announcement: Prospect Park Association Administrative and Communications Coordinator - Application deadline - September 18.***

***Position Summary:*** Prospect Park Association (PPA) seeks a part-time Administrative and Communications Coordinator (20 hours per week). Salary \$20 - \$22 per hour, depending on qualifications and experience. This position requires demonstrated office management skills and experience working with volunteers and community members from communities of color and under-represented groups, including renters and students. The person filling this position will have excellent interpersonal and oral communication skills, enjoy working with volunteers, and encourage volunteer and neighborhood leadership and participation.

***Work Schedule:*** Flexible, 20 hours per week. Must be available evenings the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month.

***How to Apply:*** Submit a resume, three references, and a cover letter addressing how your background and experience relate to the position and qualifications as Word or PDF documents to: [search@prospectparkmpls.org](mailto:search@prospectparkmpls.org) ***no later than September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020.***

**[Full Job Announcement Here.](#)**

## Invitation to participate in PPA Land Use Task Forces

### **Towerside Design Guidelines Task Force**

At the PPA Land Use Committee meeting held in August Dick Gilyard, John Kari and Roger Purdy all of Towerside presented a paper that included "Design Guidelines" to provide information on the process of development within the Towerside Area. A brief discussion of the Guidelines took place and a motion was made to continue the discussion through a new Task Force consisting of neighborhood persons interested in the topic.

If you're interested in participating, contact Dick Gilyard at: [gilyardr@gmail.com](mailto:gilyardr@gmail.com)

### **PLACE Task Force**

You are invited to join a task force to explore a neighborhood initiated development project. Chris Velasco, Executive Director PLACE, a nonprofit group, is willing to work with us. PLACE collaborates with partners to “design and build mixed-income, transit-oriented developments that feature the arts and affordable living opportunities.” Lynn Von Korff invited Mr Velasco to a PPA Land Use Committee to describe their process and past projects and Land Use voted to create a Task Force. If you're interested in participating in the Zoom meeting, contact John Wicks at: [jonewix@aol.com](mailto:jonewix@aol.com)

*-John Wicks, Land Use Committee Chair*

## Clean Sweep Cancelled for 2020

Due to Covid19, the annual neighborhood clean sweep that usually happens in September, will not happen this year.

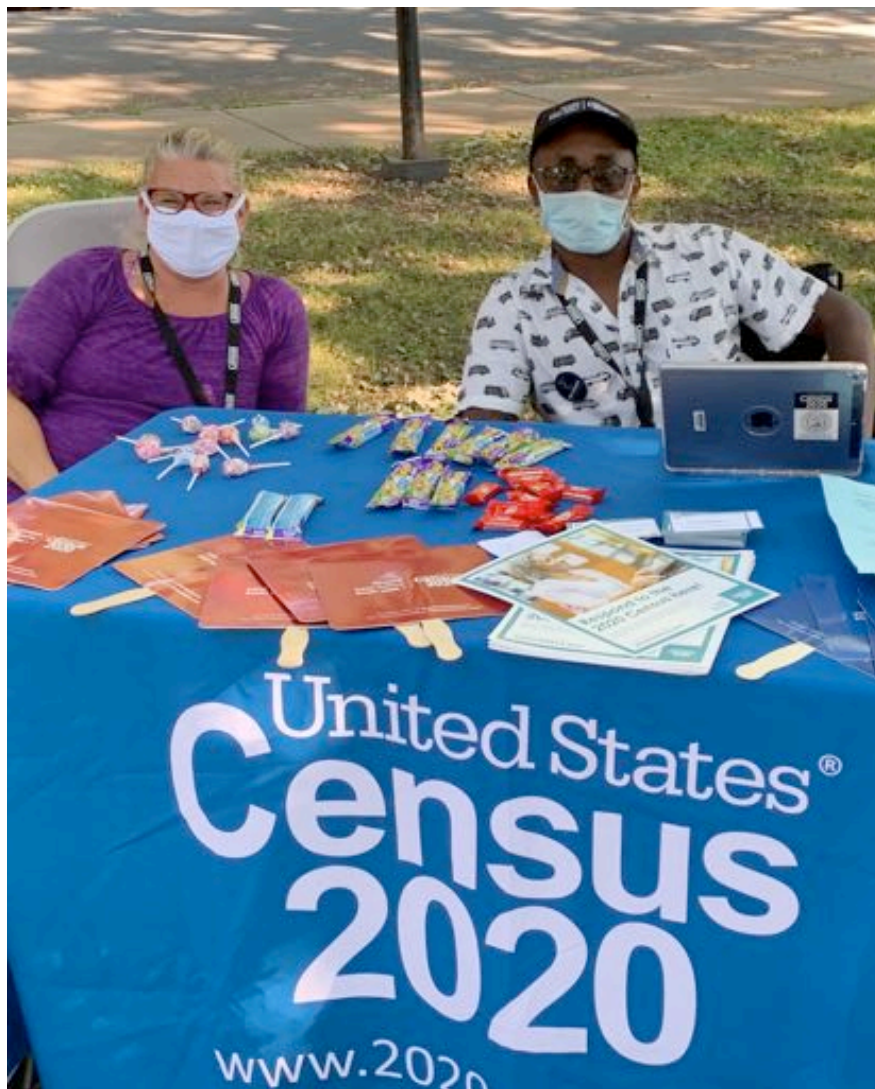
Unfortunately, it is just not possible to do this event safely. With luck and a vaccine in place, look for the volunteer crew to be on the streets in September 2021 to pick up items you can't get rid of in other ways

*-Lydia McAnerney*

# Glendale Census Outreach

On Tuesday, August 18, Census Representatives were available to answer questions and help Glendale residents complete their census questionnaires. We estimate that 30 households were counted at the event. Kids and adults enjoyed Census swag, treats and a beautiful summer evening of social distancing. These efforts were made possible through a generous grant to PPA from the U of MN Good Neighbor fund to help reach under-counted populations in our community. We're also focusing our efforts on the apartment/student population as well as the Glendale townhomes.

If you're interested in helping deliver census fliers, please contact [jan@prospectparkmpls.org](mailto:jan@prospectparkmpls.org)



**Make sure you are counted! Deadline - September 30th**



# we count minnesota

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## Remember: Counting Every Person Truly Matters

Missing just one person in the census will result in a loss of over \$27,000 of federal funding to the State of Minnesota over the 10 years, until the next census in 2030. Get counted! Prospect Park has an expected undercount of 2,500 people, **which could lead to the loss of \$67,500,000 that could be put directly into community funding.**

Responses to the 2020 Census will influence funding and government representation in our community, for services that help every generation. Visit the [Minnesota Census Website](#) for more information.

**Fill out the 2020 Census today at**  
**[my2020census.gov](https://my2020census.gov)**

### 2020 Prospect Park Response Rate by census tract

Tract 1256 - **55.8% response**

Tract 1049.02 - **57.3% response**

Tract 1048.02 - **62.2% response**

Source: [City of Minneapolis Response Rates](#) Data as of 8/31/2020

Total population 8400, expected undercount of 2500.

[Click here for neighborhood undercounted rates.](#)

# Neighbors helping neighbors



Pictured: Defend Glendale and Public Housing Coalition's "Public Good Minneapolis Project" volunteers preparing to distribute pandemic supplies to all 184 Glendale Townhomes households in Prospect Park.



**Southeast Seniors & The Pillars of Prospect Park  
Present:**

**Voter Registration!**




**Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
11 am-3 pm**

Southeast Seniors staff and volunteers, assisted by League of Women Voters of Mpls, will have a table in the main parking lot at The Pillars across from Fresh Thyme Grocery Store. Stop by to register to vote, request an absentee ballot, or find out more about voting options for the 2020 General Election on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020.

Located outside of The Pillars of Prospect Park, 22 Malcolm Ave SE, near the parking lot entrance on 30<sup>th</sup> Ave SE. Look for the white tent! Please call Southeast Seniors at 612-331-2302 if you have any questions.

  
**THE PILLARS**  
OF PROSPECT PARK  
708 W. 4<sup>TH</sup> ST. | PHOENIX, AZ 85003

 **Southeast Seniors**  
HELPING SENIORS LIVE WELL AT HOME

# September Events

## Co-Sponsored by Minneapolis Community Education & Southeast Seniors

All programs will be held via Zoom. To register or for more information, please contact Southeast Seniors at 612-331-2302 or [info@seseniors.org](mailto:info@seseniors.org) or click [here](#).

### Using Zoom to Connect with Others-Practice Sessions

**Wednesday, September 2, 10:00-11:00 am**

**Wednesday September 2, 2:00-3:00 pm**

**Wednesday, September 23, 12:00-1:00 pm**

**Wednesday, September 30, 12:00-1:00 pm**

If you would like to participate in online classes but don't feel confident in how to use the Zoom online program, join us for this practice session for help on how to get started. You will learn the basics so that you can attend online programs and also know how to connect with friends and family online. We are offering this practice on multiple dates. Choose the one that works best for your schedule or attend more than one for more practice.

### MN Medicare Market for 2021 & Beyond

**Wednesday, September 9th from 1:30-2:30 pm**

Whether you are already on Medicare or will be enrolling soon, join us for this informative workshop to learn about the basics of Medicare, the different types of supplemental plans, and how to choose which plan is right for you. Bring your questions!

Presented by Chris Abbott, a Medicare Specialist for the North Star Medicare Supplement Division. With years of experience in the industry, he efficiently assesses individual health care needs to find the plan right for you. Chris brings a wealth of unparalleled knowledge and expertise to help make complex Medicare decisions easier.

### Southeast Lunch Bunch Reconnect: Food for Better Times & Best Energy

**Wednesday, September 16th from 12-1:30 pm**

While we aren't able to meet in-person, Southeast Lunch Bunch will continue to meet virtually this fall! Each month will include a fun and informative presentation and time to

connect with others. Our September gathering will include a presentation by Lisa Kane, RDN, LD. Lisa is a holistic care provider with expertise in nutrition, dietetics, and community wellness. She has also served as a brand consultant for food businesses in Minneapolis. So grab your coffee/tea cup, lunch at home if you like, and join us for the Southeast Lunch Hour Reconnect. All are welcome!

Stress! Anxiety! These two conditions are impacting many of us more than ever during this year's challenges. Together, we will explore common pitfalls in people's eating habits when facing these two frequently chronic conditions. Understand the links between sugar and chronic disease. Learn about inflammation, and manageable ways to stop it. Gain tips to boost your energy levels and reduce stress through physical activity and the outdoors. Leave with a plan for shopping creatively to receive both pleasure and benefit from food!

*-Betsy Snyder, SE Seniors Executive Director*

## **You're invited - join an on-line book discussion with Arvonne Fraser library staff**

Break through the pandemic doldrums by joining us for a lively discussion of current books and pop culture!

Hosted by Kyle and Joyce from Arvonne Fraser Library, this book club will meet the **second Thursday of every month**. Each month we will determine the book for the next month based on eBook availability from the library.

The link to the live online discussion will be emailed to registrants in advance (within 48 hours of the event).

Sept. 10: [Fleishman is in Trouble](https://hclib.bibliocommons.com/events/search/q=book%20club%20af/event/5f3c154f6e62343a0052fd3f) by Taffy Brodesser-Akner (available as an eBook or downloadable audiobook) <https://hclib.bibliocommons.com/events/search/q=book%20club%20af/event/5f3c154f6e62343a0052fd3f>

*-Kyle Orcholski, Arvonne Fraser Library*

## A message of thanks from the Pratt PTO



**TO: Prospect Park Association**

As you know, last spring we did not have the fortune of eating ice cream and socializing with you all. Our Pratt families missed the opportunity to be together with the neighbors of Prospect Park. Knowing that the PTO Silent Auction is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year, you still supported us by asking the PPCLF for \$1400 on our behalf. We are so very thankful that they granted \$1,000 of the request. Time and time again I am amazed at the support and care you give to Pratt! I really feel like this neighborhood shines with generosity that lifts up our school and builds community. Thank you!

This year is unlike any other. Know that your support always matters, but even more so during these unprecedented times. Be assured that the Pratt PTO is dedicated in supporting the teachers, students, and staff at Pratt. If you wish to donate do so here: <https://www.paypal.com/biz/fund?id=CXHxFBBC5ALU8>

With Sincere Gratitude,

Leah Dunbar

Pratt PTO President

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

## **TO: Prospect Park Co-Op Legacy Fund**

We are so thankful for your outstanding commitment to support our school!!!! Thank you so much for honoring the request of the Prospect Park Association last spring of \$1,000 to go to our PTO. Knowing that we were unable to have one of the biggest fundraising events of the year, the Pratt PTO Silent Auction, the PPA was extremely thoughtful to request on our behalf.

We are also very thankful for your support to fund our music program. Your gift of \$2,360 is so appreciated. When every dollar makes a difference, this kind of generosity is a relief.

There are so many unknowns as we navigate what this school year looks like for our kids, but it is so helpful to know how much this community is dedicated to our school, students, and community. We are very humbled by your generosity.

As you know, fundraising is going to be difficult this year as so many people and businesses are struggling. We do not know what the future holds, but for right now the Pratt PTO is going to support our teachers, staff, students, and school in the best way we can. If you wish to further donate please do so here: <https://www.paypal.com/biz/fund?id=CXHxFBBC5ALU8>

In Gratitude,

Leah Dunbar

Pratt PTO President

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



## Are You Registered To Vote?

[\\*Click here to check your registration status.\\*](#)

Minnesota General Election: November 3, 2020

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Vote by mail, or at a polling place on or before election day.

[Click here for U of MN Voter Resources](#)

### PPA Board Meeting

No September Board Meeting: Please attend the 9/21 Annual Neighborhood Meeting

PPA Board Meeting, all community members welcome!

**Next meeting: Monday, October 26, 2020 | 6:30-8:00 pm**

Virtual meeting access information will be provided through newsletter and PP-elist.

PPA Community and Board Meeting Agendas will be available at least 5 days before the meeting, published in a short email newsletter and on the [PPA website calendar](#).

## Approved PPA Meeting Minutes

Committee Reports/Minutes approved at the August 24 Board meeting:

July 27, 2020 [Board Meeting Minutes](#)

August 21, 2020 [Community Building Committee Minutes](#)

July 28, 2020 [Environment Committee Minutes](#)

August 21, 2020 [Finance and Admin. Committee Minutes](#)

# Helpful COVID-19 Resources

## Governor Walz' Response and Preparation

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

"Stay at Home" does not mean "Stay Inside". The order states that everyone is encouraged to stay active outside during this time, provided they practice safe social distancing.

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## Hennepin County COVID-19 Resource List

Shared by Arvonne Fraser Library Staff - Thank you!

[Click here to read.](#)

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## Additional Resources

[City of Minneapolis](#)

[MN Department of Health](#)

[Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#)

[World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

## Free Covid-19 Testing Registration

[Click here](#) for information on FREE testing open to those with or without symptoms.

# OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

[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!

[Click here to subscribe to MN Senator Kari Dziedzic's newsletter.](#)

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