




September 2022 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 September meeting cancelled.</p> <p>Environment Committee Thursday September 8. 6:30pm</p> <p>Finance & Administration Committee Thursday September 8. 6:00pm</p> <p>Land Use & Planning Committee Thursday September 8. 7:00pm</p> <p>Transportation & Safety Committee Wednesday, September 14, 7:30pm</p>	<p>PPA Board Meeting & Community Meeting --virtual meeting-- Monday Sept 26th 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, Sept 15, 7pm</p>

GET INVOLVED!

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

Update on the Environment Committee's '25% by '25' Initiative

The PPA Environment Committee just got the latest data from CenterPoint Energy and for the second year in a row, **natural gas consumption is down!** Woohoo! Our goal is '25% by '25' (25% reduction by the end of 2025) and by the end of 2021, **we were down 6.6%!** Thank you to everyone living in 1 - 4 unit housing that has taken steps to contribute to the good results so far.

We will be having a celebration on
Saturday, September 10th, 1-3pm
in front of 118 Arthur Ave SE, rain or shine.
Everyone is welcome! There will be music and treats.

At 2 pm, we plan on taking a picture of everyone who has done anything towards this goal, whether it's as simple as a home energy audit or as ambitious as a heat pump.

Wondering why we're focused on natural gas?

Check out our web page at [PPA Environment & Sustainability Committee - Prospect Park Neighborhood Minneapolis \(prospectparkmpls.org\)](https://prospectparkmpls.org) or watch a presentation that Mary Britton, Environment Committee chair, gave to the Climate Reality Project last summer (explanation starts around the 10 minute mark).

[Developing a neighborhood Climate Action Plan - YouTube](#)

**PPA Meeting Minutes and Committee Reports
approved at the August 22 Board meeting:**

[Land Use, July 14, 2022](#)

[Board/Community Meeting, July 25, 2022](#)

Donate to Prospect Park Association

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[Please donate to PPA at GiveMN](#) or mail checks to PPA, P.O. Box 141095, Minneapolis 55414.



Prospect Park National Night Out Block Club Gatherings in September

Barton Ave. Block Club Party Sept. 13

Barton Avenue will hold its annual block party (a.k.a. Happy Hour) on **Tuesday Sept 13 from 5-7 pm** in front of 18 Barton Ave SE. Rain date will be Wed. Aug 14. For more info contact Becky Shockley <shock001@umn.edu>

Annual Block Party for East River Parkway, East River Terrace, Cecil, Seymour, and Thornton on Friday, Sept. 9th

The annual block party for residents of East River Parkway, East River Terrace or the parts of Cecil, Seymour and Thornton that connect them, will be **Friday, September 9th**. For the folks looking for information on National Night Out, this is what our area does instead. In 2011 neighbors here voted to hold our event on the first Friday evening after Labor Day in the hope of both cooler weather and more people in town. Attendance has been fabulous ever since we made that change. Updates about this event and other Parkway/Terrace matters are sent via our "Email Exchange". If anyone living in our part of the neighborhood sees this and is not yet part of that Email Exchange, please contact: ERT.ERP.Exchange@gmail.com

Glendale Food Shelf



If you have an overabundance of vegetables from your garden or CSA, please consider running them over to the Glendale Food Shelf. For their hours and location, see <https://www.esns.org/foodprograms>

Eastside Meals on Wheels Volunteer Search

Eastside Meals on Wheels has grown 75% since the start of the pandemic. It's always a challenge to



find enough delivery drivers, but especially in summers and with this amount of growth!

Relying on volunteers helps us serve older adults low to no-cost meals and helps them remain in their own homes longer. Delivering is a great feel-good activity. <https://www.volunteermatch.org/search/opp3372794.jsp> Call 612-277-2529 Email Bradley@eastsidemeals.org.



Building a Resilient Community

Community Safety Through Community Building

Upcoming Connecting Como - Building a Resilient Community event dates with free produce distributions:



Wednesday, September 14th, 4-6pm, Van Cleve Park: September's Event will focus on Mental Health and resiliency. The date will be chosen to coincide with the arrival of new student residents into our neighborhood. + Free produce distribution!

For more information or to get involved, contact julian@secomo.org or jessica@secomo.org.

<p>Serie "Construyendo una comunidad resiliente" con distribución gratuita de alimentos</p> <p>Servicio restaurativo en restaurantes locales</p> <p>Lunes, 25 junio • 5-7pm • Van Cleve Park</p> <p>¿Qué tema quiere ver USTED?</p> <p>Miércoles, 25 agosto • 5-7pm • Van Cleve Park</p> <p>¿Qué otros temas de seguridad y bienestar de la comunidad quieren escuchar?</p> <p>¡Pídanos qué saber en secomo@secomo.org!</p> <p>Salud mental y reducción de daños</p> <p>Miércoles, 24 septiembre • 8-9pm • Lugar por determinar</p> <p>Reserva actividades gratuitas e interactivas al nivel de SECA.</p>	<p>Taxarvaha "Dwidida Budohe Adag" oo leh qaybta waqar oo soo gala</p> <p>Calendario: San Catarina Xarabaha</p> <p>Miércoles, Lunes, 25 • 5-7pm • Van Cleve Park</p> <p>moowadawna qaybta waqar oo soo gala?</p> <p>Khoro, Opaxo 21 • 5-7pm • Van Cleve Park</p> <p>Waa maay moowadawna oo soo gala?</p> <p>Hawadawna iyo hawadawna ka dhaxso ee soo gala moowadawna? Naqa oqoona secomo@secomo.org</p> <p>Calendario: Markada iyo Oromada</p> <p>Waxayadaw</p> <p>Jarko, Taqandoo 18 • 8-11 galabnimo • Conda TED</p> <p>Ma ayaa soo gala adiga oo iyo oo soo gala? Waxayadaw secomo@secomo.org</p>	<p>مجلسة "بناء مجتمع من" مع توزيع مجاني للمنتجات</p> <p>العدالة التضامنية في أحيائنا</p> <p>الخميس 25 يونيو • 5-7 مساءً • Van Cleve Park</p> <p>ما الموضوع الذي تريد توزيعه؟</p> <p>الخميس 25 أغسطس • 5-7 مساءً • Van Cleve Park</p> <p>ما هي الموضوعات الأمنية والسلامة التي تود أن نسمع عنها المتطوعين؟</p> <p>يرجى أن تأتي إلى الاجتماعات إن كان عليك من secomo@secomo.org!</p> <p>أصحة العقلية وتقليل الأضرار</p> <p>الأربعاء 24 سبتمبر • 8-9 مساءً • الموقع يتحدد لاحقاً</p> <p>تفضل بطلب التذاكر من خلال الإنترنت في secomo@secomo.org</p>
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Contact: Mary Juhl; 612-358-5733

BWSR Accepting Applications for Lawns to Legumes Grants

Cost-share funding available to Minnesota residents to create residential pollinator habitat

August 22, 2022

St. Paul, Minn. – The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) is once again accepting applications for the Lawns to Legumes program. This program aims to increase habitat for at-risk pollinators in residential settings across the state by providing people with cost-share funding, workshops, coaching and gardening resources. The new application period opens today and applications will be accepted through January 18, 2023.

Notifications about funding decisions will be sent to project applicants in February. Those who do not receive funding are encouraged to pursue DIY projects using the many [online resources](#), including BWSR's [Planting for Pollinators Habitat Guide](#), gardening templates, tips for selecting native plants and more.

Anyone who lives in Minnesota and has an area for outdoor planting can apply to be reimbursed for up to \$350 in costs associated with establishing new pollinator habitat in their yards. Recipients are required to contribute a 25% match in the form of purchasing materials, hiring contractors or as in-kind time spent planting and maintaining their projects.

“This program empowers Minnesota residents to make a difference for pollinators in their own living spaces,” BWSR Executive Director John Jaschke said. “Lawns to Legumes offers options for Minnesotans to put conservation on the ground in a way that works for them.”

[Apply online at Blue Thumb's website.](#) For more information on Lawns to Legumes, visit BWSR's [website](#).

BWSR is the state soil and water conservation agency, and it administers programs that prevent sediment and nutrients from entering our lakes, rivers, and streams; enhance fish and wildlife habitat; and protect wetlands. The 20-member board consists of representatives of local and state government agencies and citizens. BWSR's mission is to improve and protect Minnesota's water and soil resources by working in partnership with local organizations and private landowners.

Upcoming classes with Southeast Seniors!

“Count Me in, Como!” Games Group THU, SEPT 8, 10:30-11:30 am

Southeast Christian Church, 960 15th Ave SE, Minneapolis

Join us for this monthly social opportunity to gather with neighbors for friendly conversation while playing cards and board games together! Prizes awarded & light refreshments served. To register or for more information, please contact Southeast Seniors at 612-331-2302 or info@seseeniors.org with your name, phone number, and email address.

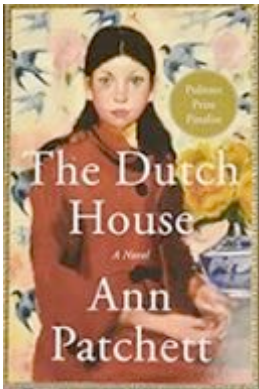
“Gardens as Art” WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1:30– 2:30pm

The Pillars of Prospect Park, 1st Floor, 22 Malcolm Ave SE, Minneapolis. Learn about the Giverny, France gardens of renowned artist Claude Monet – the natural spaces where he lived, gardened and painted. Monet considered his gardens to be his greatest work of art. Become a garden artist yourself by creating a colorful flower arrangement to take with you! Vases and flowers provided. Class is led by Becca Norris, Master Gardener. To register or for more information, please contact Southeast Seniors at 612-331-2302 or info@seseeniors.org with your name, phone number, and email address.

SE Seniors/Arvonne Fraser Library Book Club Discussion

Tuesday, August 30 1–2 pm, Held virtually via Zoom

***The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett**



There's no cost to participate! The library provides copies of each book title for participants to borrow.

REGISTER or GET information

- call Southeast Seniors at 612-331-2302
- email info@seseeniors.org

Please provide your name, phone number, and email address and please let us know whether you'd like to borrow a book, and we can arrange home delivery.

Events at Arvonne Fraser Library

Kyle Orcholski, Librarian, Arvonne Fraser Library, 1222 SE 4th St, 55414

Love Your Library Day

Saturday, September 3rd 10am – 2pm

Discover what your library has to offer! Join us on the library lawn for drop-in writing activities, games, art, family play and learning activities. For all ages.

DIY Bullet Journal

Saturday, September 10th 1pm – 3pm

Make a simple dot grid notebook & learn how to set up your new bullet journal. Use it to manage your schedule, tasks, art practice, and more.

Library Architect Tour

Tuesday, September 13th 1pm – 2:30pm

Want a behind-the-scenes look of Arvonne Fraser Library? Join lead architect Todd Grover of MacDonald and Mack Architecture as he guides us through the thought process and construction of our beautifully renovated library. The program will include a brief presentation and a walking tour of the building.

*Registration is required. Please register online at <https://hclib.bibliocommons.com/events/62ed858f958157451a88292b> or by calling the Arvonne Fraser Library at (612)543-6725.

Smarts & Crafts

Thursday, September 15th and Thursday, September 29th 6-8pm

Join your neighbors for a casual crafty book club. Chat about old & new favorites over a quick creative project. Project supplies provided or bring your own work-in-progress.



Message from Adopt-a-Drain

Did you know that Minneapolis has the one of the nation's largest Adopt-a-Drain programs? Way to go! Join the over 2,700 drain adopters in Minneapolis in protecting local lakes, creeks and the Mississippi River by committing to keeping a storm drain near you clean. Sign up today at adopt-a-drain.org.



Article #5 in a series of articles about the 2022 Midterm Elections, brought to you by the League of Women Voters Minneapolis.

The general election is **Tuesday, November 8**. You can find important 2022 election information, including key dates and races, at <https://lwvmpls.org/for-voters/>.

LWV offers a variety of resources and services including:

- Voter registration – support with getting people registered and/or verifying registration
- Voter education (vote411.org) – information about how & where to vote
- Voter guide – in-depth information about voter registration and who is running for office

Who Votes, Who Doesn't and Why

Recent Supreme Court rulings have exposed the reality that government representatives often don't act in accordance with the will of the people. Polls indicate, for example, that Americans support access to abortion, yet the highest court in the land rescinded that right. So why the disconnect? It's about voting – who votes, who doesn't and why.

Among the pool of all eligible voters in the U.S., approximately 1 out of 3 did NOT vote in the 2020 Presidential election. The top reasons that these 77 million Americans did not vote were 1) lack of interest in politics 2) they didn't like the candidates and 3) they didn't think their votes would matter. Those least likely to vote were under 34, Hispanic, less educated, unmarried and with lower incomes. Difficulty of voting was not identified as a major reason for not voting, but we know there are subgroups, such as those living with a disability or with logistical barriers (childcare, transportation) for whom voting can be challenging if not impossible.

Then there are the disenfranchised. Minnesota is one of twenty states in which anyone convicted of a felony is prohibited from voting until they have been discharged from their entire sentence, including any term of probation or supervised release which may include monetary restitution. As a result, 57,000 individuals (1.5% of Minnesota's voting population) are denied the right to vote.

At the federal level, the most significant reason for the mismatch between Americans' values and those of our elected officials is unequal representation in the Senate that gives smaller and less populous states more political clout. Because there are 2 senators elected per state, the 40 million people who live in the 22 smallest states get 44 senators to represent their interests, while the 40 million people in California get just two. More than half of all Americans live in 9 states, giving them just 18 (out of 100) U.S. Senate seats.

However, in Minnesota, every vote for regional and state-wide offices, counts equally. And registering to vote is easy with mail-in, online, and same-day registration options. Elections are won and lost by very slim margins. If every Minnesotan exercised their right to vote, the values and priorities of elected officials might better reflect those of the people they represent.

The non-partisan League of Women Voters advocates for a whole range of policies that would make elections more free, fair and equitable. We are also focus on educating, motivating and helping voters overcome barriers in order to raise up all voices. Contact us at vote@lwvmppls.org if you'd like us to work with your community on voter registration, education or turnout.

- [Sign up for Council Member Robin Wonsley Worlobah's Ward 2 newsletters and get updates on the ward and the city.](#)
- [Click to subscribe to MN Representative Mohamud Noor's 60B newsletter](#)
- [Click to subscribe to MN Senator Kari Dziedzic's SD60 newsletter.](#)

Helpful COVID-19 Resources Governor Walz' Response and Preparation

[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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