



PROSPECT PARK

ASSOCIATION



UPCOMING EVENTS	Committee Meetings <i>2828 SE University Ave, Suite 200</i>	Community Meeting <i>22 Orlin Ave SE, PPUMC</i>
	<p><u>Monday April 4</u> Historic District Committee 5pm</p> <p><u>Tuesday April 5</u> Zoning and Project Review 7pm</p> <p><u>Monday April 11</u> Executive Committee 6:30pm</p> <p><u>Thursday March 21</u> MemComm 5:30pm</p>	<p>Monday April 25* Social time at 6pm Meeting at 6:30pm *please see message in newsletter about the Annual Meeting being rescheduled</p> <p>PPA Board of Directors Meeting to follow</p> <p>ABOUT PPA The Prospect Park Association is the official neighborhood association for the Prospect Park Area.</p> <p>Donate to PPA</p>

April Showers Bring Major Change

Hey Neighbors,

Happy Spring! I'm excited to see the snow has gone and (hopefully) won't be returning until next winter in Minnesota. I've heard a lot of conversations about planning garden plots and starting seedlings in kitchens, so hopefully we will see the fruits of those labors soon!

At last week's Board of Director's meeting some major changes took place that impact how PPA is run. The first was that the Board chose to postpone the Annual Meeting until September of this year. We do not have a specific date yet, but will let you know. The Board members and officers understand that this extends their terms for another 6 months, and are willing to serve that time for their community. A motivating factor in this decision are the upcoming bylaws proposal. If you have any questions or comments on this bylaws draft please send them to [Vince Netz](#).

The other large change in PPA's operations is moving the fiscal year from a May-April year to the calendar year. This was to match up with City of Minneapolis grant cycles.

Last but not least is the launch of the new neighborhood website, www.prospectparkmpls.org. Volunteers have been working very hard to get the new website ready, and they have succeeded in creating a beautiful, clean and user-friendly website with a wealth of information about Prospect Park and the services and amenities that can be found here. Please take a look at the website and share it with your neighbors!

Happy April, Jessica

PPA Community Engagement Coordinator

Annual Meeting Moved to September

On Monday, March 28 the Board of Directors voted to move the Annual Meeting from April to September. This change is largely to accommodate the upcoming bylaws revisions that will be proposed to the Board of Directors. The current Board accepts the 6 month increase in their terms and will continue serving their community capably. Information about the date and location will be released this summer. If you have any questions about the change in date please email [Vince Netz](mailto:Vince.Netz).

New Website Launched

The Prospect Park Association is excited to announce the launch of the newly re-designed neighborhood website, www.prospectparkmpls.org. The new website features the extensive content from the previous website, now with a cleaner look and mobile-friendly format.

Visitors to the new website can stay up-to-date with information about Prospect Park including annual events, meetings, neighborhood organizations and more. The website features simplified navigation for both desktop and mobile devices. Other features include online registration for PPA membership and the monthly newsletter, along with a link to donate to PPA online.

The website's new look features photography from local photographers and the new visual identity that is being rolled out across various communication mediums to identify both PPA and the Prospect Park neighborhood.

Annual Earth Day River Clean Up

Saturday, April 23, 2016 (weekend after Earth Day in April), meet at East River Parkway & SE Franklin Avenue at 9:30 for breakfast.

The City of Minneapolis coordinates one River Clean Up Day that spans several neighborhoods along the Mississippi. The Prospect Park neighborhood cleans the area along East River Parkway. Bagels, orange juice and coffee will be available for the Clean Up, and a pizza lunch will be offered afterwards.

"If you are interested in volunteering, show up!" - Tom Kilton, the Chair of the Clean Up Committee.

Residents are encouraged to join their friends and family for a day of service in the community. No pre-registration is required. The annual event involves picking up trash (gloves and bags are provided) in Minneapolis Parks and watersheds.

Southeast Seniors Annual Fundraiser

Southeast Seniors invites you to their 5th Annual fund raising event on April 23rd from 12 to 3 at Cabrini Catholic Church on Franklin Ave. Come support this grassroots organization that provides support to neighbors over 65 so they can stay at home safely and supported!

Through April 15, tickets are on sale for \$10 (over 65), \$15 (adults), and \$5 (10 and under). Prices go up \$5 each after the 15th and at the door so purchase your tickets today at the office (2828 University Ave. SE), by calling 612-331-2302 to reserve them, or by registering online.

[Here's the link](#) to see items in the online auction available through 9 pm on April 20. Click the "REGISTER AS A BIDDER" button, enter your email, and follow the prompts. If you have already purchased a ticket and given your email address, you will move through the process quickly. Bid high and bid often to support Southeast Seniors. Follow up with your online bids at the event on April 23rd.

For more information, contact Southeast Seniors [612-331-2302](tel:612-331-2302) or seseniors@mtn.org.

Organics Recycling Workshop

Get your organics recycling questions answered with hands-on learning, demonstrations, and tips that make organics recycling easy. Learn about the city's new Recycling Block Leader program and how you can sign up to be the leader on your block.

- Hear brief presentations from Minneapolis Recycling Staff, SET, our local commercial composting facility, and Hennepin County Department of Environment and Energy
- Get a free kitchen organics collection container
- Pick up a free yard sign promoting organics recycling

Enjoy refreshments with your neighbors

When: Saturday, April 9, 2016

Come to one of two sessions:

- Session 1: 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.
- Session 2: 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Where: Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park, 4055 Nicollet Ave S.

RSVP: Encouraged but not required

Info: www.minneapolismn.gov/organics

Bylaws Revision Update

Great progress has been made on the new PPA bylaws. Four listening sessions were held during February and March with 21 total attendees. Over 100 written comments have been received from 13 neighbors between January and March. About 66% of this feedback has already been adopted and further work on the remaining comments is underway. Finally, the City of Minneapolis recently provided a highly favorable review and some further valuable suggestions. The latest draft and supporting documents will be made available on the PPA website and through the PPe-List on April 14. To continue with PPA's commitment to an open and inclusive process, two more public listening sessions are scheduled for Saturday April 16 at 10am and Wednesday April 20 at 6pm at the PPA offices (2828 University Avenue SE, Suite 200).

Parking Restriction on Melbourne

At the March 28th Board of Directors meeting the Board reviewed the policy of one-sided winter parking on Melbourne Avenue. City Council Representative Cam Gordon asked PPA to review the policy that was suggested last winter in light of a petition signed by many residents of Melbourne, who feel that insufficient outreach to them led to a parking restriction that decreased safety and increased the burden of finding street parking. The Board chose to rescind its support of the parking restriction, and notified Representative Gordon's office of that decision.

Canoeing, Anyone?

Explore the wilderness right in the heart of the city on the Mississippi National Riverway. Southeast Seniors is teaming up with Wilderness Inquiry (WI) for a day long canoe-trip on the Mississippi from 10 am to 3 pm on Saturday, June 11. Each of the voyager canoes holds 8 people and an experienced guide. People over 65 are invited to bring themselves, friends and family. ALL ages and abilities are welcome. (Note - WI is well known for taking people with all abilities into the wilderness.) Fee (\$35 per person) includes all paddling, safety gear, and lunch. This trip is a collaboration between the two organizations to introduce WI as a resource to keep seniors in Southeast engaged in outdoor activities. For more information, call [612-331-2302](tel:612-331-2302) or check the Southeast Seniors website at seseniorsmpls.org.

Pratt Ice Cream Social

Save the date for the Pratt annual Ice Cream Social scheduled for Friday, June 3, 5:30-8:30 pm. Come meet your neighbors and friends and enjoy music, food, games, and Pratt Community School performances. The historic "Witch's Hat" Tower will be open to the public beginning at 5:00 p.m. for a spectacular view of the city skyline. The event will also include the Prospect Park Garden Club plant sale, the Pratt PTO Silent Auction, and more. Volunteer recruitment will begin soon—watch for a notice. Co-sponsored by Pratt School PTO, the Pratt Ice Cream Social Planning Committee, and Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Luxton Park. Call [612-668-1100](tel:612-668-1100).

Southeast Library Book Sale

The Annual Spring Book Sale at the Southeast Library will be Saturday, April 9th from 9-4pm. Donations to the book sale can be dropped off at the Southeast Library this week.

Surly Brewing to host concert

A staff person at Surly Brewing contacted PPA to inform us that they are seeking a special expansion permit for a concert at the brewery on Friday, May 20th. The band is Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros. The nearest neighbors have been informed.

Help Build Our Community!

Prospect Park Association relies on the hundreds of families and individuals who care deeply about the future of our neighborhood. Although the City of Minneapolis contributes to our budget, most of what we do would not be possible without the voluntary contributions of expertise and financial resources of our neighbors.

PPA is organized for neighbors to define what is important in Prospect Park and to make the neighborhood a welcoming and livable community. We all have a stake in Prospect Park's vitality, and we invite you to join your voice with ours. [Please consider a tax-deductible contribution today.](#)

Prospect Park T-Shirts Available

These shirts are 100% cotton and printed with the words "PROSPECT PARK". Within the design there is a scene of sky and trees. The 'A' in 'Park' features the iconic Witch's Hat Water Tower silhouette. Show your neighborhood pride with the newest Prospect Park t-shirt! The shirts are on sale for \$15 and are available in the PPA office. Contact Jessica for office hours. Sizes S, M, and L are still available.

PPA Minutes and Reports

Click on the link to view. January/February Committee reports are still pending approval.

- [PPA Executive Committee Minutes January 2016](#)
- [PPA Special Meeting of Executive Committee Minutes January 2016](#)
- [PPA Executive Committee Meeting Discussion February 2016](#) (quorum not reached)
- [PPA Admin Committee report February 2016](#)
- [PPA Zoning and Project Review Report February 2016](#)
- [PPA Master Planning Task Force Report February 2016](#)
- [PPA Membership and Communications Report November 2015](#)
- [PPA Membership and Communications Report February 2016](#)
- [PPA Historic District Report February 2016](#)
- [PPA Board of Directors Minutes January 2016](#)

PPA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event organized by PPA. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting us at (612-767-6531) at least 5 days before our event.

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