




June 2026 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;"><u>Donate to PPA</u></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>Environment Committee Wednesday July 8. 6:00pm (click to receive meeting notices)</p> <p>Jackson Family Project Thursday August 6, 4:30pm (click to receive meeting notices)</p> <p>Land Use and Planning Committee Thursday, July 9, 2026, 7:00pm (click to receive meeting notices)</p> <p>Transportation & Safety Committee Wednesday July 9. 6:30pm (click to receive meeting notices)</p>	<p>PPA Board Meeting & Community Meeting</p> <p>Monday June 22nd 6:50pm (hybrid mtg) <i>(enter at far-left, east-side of building up ramp)</i></p> <p><i>All Community Members are welcome!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Agenda</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>to attend via Zoom,</u> <u>register here</u></p> <p>(access begins at 6:50pm)</p> <p>Management Council Monday June 8th <i>Sets Community & Board Meeting Agendas</i></p>

GET INVOLVED!

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

CONGRATULATIONS

to PPA's nine newly elected
board members:

Eric Amel (one-year term), Issac Bandy, Steve Brackett, Luke Connolly (two-year business representative), ShugE Mississippi, Jerry Stein, Kaia Sveen, Mitchell Toft, and Sofia Valdes.

They begin two-year terms, unless otherwise noted, on June 22nd 2026, at PPA's upcoming Board & Community meeting. Thank you to everyone who voted!

They join current board members Arthur Herbert, Stuart Levesque (two-year U of M student representative), Gabrielle Metzger, Max Ostenso, Donna Schneider, and Ryan Woldt.

Sincere thanks to board members completing their PPA board service: Ian Gorodisher, Jules Gorodisher, Britt Howell, and David Frank.

PPA relies on volunteers from the Prospect Park neighborhood to serve on our board. The Board consists of no fewer than 11 and no more than 16 members. At least eight board seats are open for election each year.

PPA Meeting Minutes and Committee Reports Approved at the March 23, 2026 Board/Committee

[Board/Community meeting, December 8, 2025](#)

[Board/Community meeting, January 26, 2026](#)

[Jackson Family Project, February 5, 2026](#)

[Environment Committee, February 11, 2026](#)

[PPA Board Minutes electronic vote, February 8, 2026](#)

PPA Meeting Minutes and Committee Reports Approved at the May 2, 2026 Annual Meeting

[Transportation & Safety committee minutes, April 22, 2026](#)

[Board/Community Meeting March 23, 2026](#)

[May 2, 2026 Annual Meeting Minutes](#)

[May 2, 2026 Annual Meeting Minutes 2 \(presentation\)](#)

Thank you to everyone who made Prospect Park Yard Sale weekend such a success!

We hope there were lots of treasures to be found and plenty of friendly neighbors to meet! **Special thanks to Jennifer Michlitsch**, who organized the Prospect Park yard sales again this year! Bringing the neighborhood together for an event like this takes a lot of time and dedication, and her hard work and planning made the event a huge success. There were a record-breaking 44 yard sales this weekend. **Thank you, Jenny!**



Message from the Prospect Garden Club

Thank You for a Successful Weekend in Prospect Park!

We wish to congratulate the organizations and many enthusiastic individual volunteers who made this recent weekend of Yard Sales and Garden Walks such a special success. This one really stood out.

Special thanks to the Prospect Park Association for it's continuing support through publicity, event signs posted throughout the neighborhood, and the garden-green maps of the event locations. Together with last weekend's Ice Cream Social and Plant Sale, these events really strengthen our bonds as we move throughout our neighborhood, see what we look like, and meet new folks.

Of course, the Garden Walk is an event we especially value. Each year the Walk affords us an opportunity to highlight and see up-close what some of our fellow flower and vegetable gardeners have going on in their plots. We are known as a community that prides itself on our floral displays - particularly this year when our spring season erupted so bounteously. We thank you all for the continual creative efforts that you make to keep us looking good!

The Prospect Park Garden Club, Gib Ahlstrand, GC Communications

Gib Ahlstrand and John Wike, coordinators; Kay Taylor, secretary; Judy Bratt, treasurer.

Buckthorn Project Event

Families! Please consider joining us from 10am to noon this Sunday, June 21, for a **Family Friendly Buckthorn Workday at Tower Hill Park**. What's that? It's Father's Day, you say? How could there be a better way to celebrate Dad? Join him, Grandad, Opa, Papa, Grandpa, and any other dad in your life, along with other kinds and families from throughout the neighborhood, to do our part in maintaining and managing the beauty of the park in our backyard. There are ways people of all ages and abilities can help out, so join us as we come together and celebrate one of our most beloved neighborhood amenities.

Plus, we'll have free pizza and soft drinks for everyone!

Please RSVP Steve (see below), with how many in your group, so we know how many pizzas to order!

Where: Tower Hill Park

When: Sunday, June 21, 10 am

What to bring: Gloves, clippers, loppers (Optional. Tools will also be provided)

What to wear: Long sleeves are helpful (buckthorn is pokey), sturdy shoes + sunscreen!

Questions?: Contact Steve Brackett 618-967-8036.

Thank you,

PPA Tower Hill Park Committee, PPA Environment Committee, PP Garden Club

Can't make it on June 21? More Days to Volunteer!



The Prospect Park Garden Club and PPA's Environment Committee seek volunteers to continue the multi-year process of eradicating invasive buckthorn from Tower Hill Park. With the guidance of the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Volunteer Coordinator, volunteers come together to clip and haul the invasive species using a pesticide-free method called "Critical Cutting," which slowly kills the plant without damaging the landscape or poisoning waterways.

Thursday, June 25, 5:30pm-7:30pm

Saturday, July 18, 10am-noon

Thursday, July 23, 5:30pm-7:30pm

[Contact the Environment Committee](#) with questions. All are welcome!

OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

Agri-Cultural Event at Bridal Veil Gardens

Hello Garden Friends!

BF50 Indigenous Health Initiative invites you to join us For our second Food, Farming, Forestry, and Finance event on June 27, 2026 at 1:00PM. The event will be held at Bridal Veil Gardens in Prospect Park, SE Minneapolis. The park is ADA accessible and conveniently located near the light rail, just blocks away from the UMN Campus. **See flyers below.**

What to expect:

- Education & Resource Tables
- An Expert Panel Discussion
- Seed Exchange Table **with MPRB & BF50**
- Interactive Tabling Partners
- Calming Coloring Experience (Our Urban Canopy Coloring Book) Ages 7-Seniors
- Poetry Book Authors, Poets, and Spoken Word Artists
- A FREE Lite Fair and Networking Hour
- Peruvian Dancers, and a local Solo Singer

Please bring your lawn chairs, water bottles, sunscreen and good vibes!

RSVP Form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1GWrCTdDUd4iJrRKGCao6OhQbMWFYW508MMj6q4iiYjo/viewform?edit_requested=true

Hope to see you there!

**DATE: Saturday
6/27/2026**

**Food, Farming,
Forestry & Finance
Series - Year 2!**

**Where:
Bridal Veil Gardens**

**Address:
2909 4th Street, SE
MPLS, MN 55414**

**Time:
1:00-3:30PM**

**What to bring:
Lawn Chairs, Water
Bottles, Sunscreen
& Good Vibes!**

**If you would like to table or
attend this event - Contact
the BF50 Wellness team:**

UrbanFarmDirect@gmail.com

BF50
INDIGENOUS HEALTH
HEALTH WELLNESS AND CULTURAL ARTS

**BF50 Indigenous Health
Initiative Presents: 2026
Agri-Cultural Events at
Bridal Veil Gardens**

**Cultivating Community
Connections &
Engagements around
Sustainability, Greener
Living, Urban Farming &
Community Gardening**

What To Expect :

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Calming Coloring Experience:
Our Urban Canopy Book
Lite Fair Networking Hour
Poetry & Drumming, Poetry
Book Authors, Peruvian
Dancers, & Solo Singing Artist!

BF50 Indigenous Health Initiative
Health Wellness & Cultural Arts Curators

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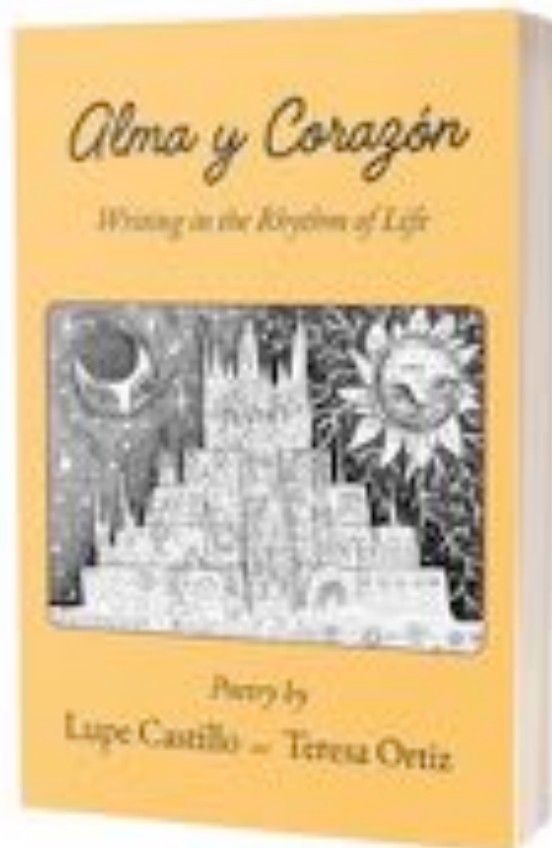
Alma y Corazon

Writing in the Rhythm of Life

A poetry collection by
**Lupe Castillo
& Teresa Ortiz**



Photography by Larry Lantz, Jr. courtesy of the Minnesota Latino Museum



Meet the poets:

June 27, 2026, 1 – 3:30 p.m.

Part of the Food, Farming,
Forestry & Finance Series

Bridal Veil Gardens

2909 4th Street, SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414



SPRINGBOARD
for the arts

MN Latino Museum



Sponsored by BF50 Indigenous Health Initiative in partnership with
Springboard for the Arts: Rooted & Rising!

INNERCITY TENNIS

2026 Summer Tennis in the Parks - InnerCity Tennis

Tower Hill Park (Prospect Park):

- 8:00–9:00 AM: Ages 5–10
- 9:00–10:00 AM: Ages 11–17

This year, we'll be including 5-year-olds! Thank you for your consideration!

Best, Graham Kellogg
Community Programs Manager---Tennis Professional
612-239-6621 grahamm.kellogg@innercitytennis.org

Summer Tennis in the parks

INNERCITY TENNIS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

JUNE 15TH - JULY 31ST

AGES 5-17

A FUN OPPORTUNITY FOR KIDS TO GET OUT, LEARN TENNIS, AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS!

WHERE: 18 PARKS ACROSS MINNEAPOLIS
TIMES: 1 HOUR CLASSES BETWEEN 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM
COST: \$50 PER WEEK OR \$250 FOR ALL SIX WEEKS

SCAN HERE FOR SCHOLARSHIP FORM!

SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER!
OR VISIT: INNERCITYTENNIS.ORG/PARKS

The poster features a yellow tennis ball character with arms and legs, holding a tennis racket and a ball. A circular inset shows a person playing tennis on a blue court. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.

Summer Tennis in the parks

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CELEBRATING OUR 75TH SEASON!

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The poster features a cartoon illustration of a boy in a yellow shirt and white shorts swinging a tennis racket. A circular inset shows a group of five people standing on a tennis court. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.

Events at Prospect Park United Methodist Church

Please join us for Free Community Meals every 3rd Wednesday of the month

Time: 5:30-6:30 pm at [Prospect Park UMC](#), 22 Orlin Ave SE. You can dine in or get take-out. Meals are delicious and nutritious, with vegetarian and vegan options, and no pork. A collaboration with [Loaves & Fishes](#) and the help of volunteers makes this possible. We hope to see you there!

FREE COMMUNITY MEALS
DINE-IN & TAKE-OUT AVAILABLE!

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

WHEN: Third Wednesday of each month
5:30 - 6:30 pm

2026 DATES: Jan 21, Feb 18, Mar 18, Apr 15, May 20, June 17, July 15, Aug 19, Sept 16, Oct 21, Nov 18, Dec 16

Food served will be a nutritious, healthy and balanced meal with no pork.

ALL are welcome!

Prospect Park United Methodist Church

Loaves & Fishes

612-276-2288 | www.prospectparkchurch.org | office@prospectparkchurch.org

GRATUITAS COMIDAS COMUNITARIAS
¡TENEMOS COMIDA PARA LLEVAR!

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

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

2026 FECHAS: 21 de enero, 18 de febrero, 18 de marzo, 15 de abril, 20 de mayo, 17 de junio, 15 de julio, 19 de agosto, 16 de septiembre, 21 de octubre, 18 de noviembre, 16 de diciembre

La comida que serviremos será una comida nutritiva, saludable y equilibrada sin carne de cerdo. ¡Todos están bienvenidos!

Prospect Park United Methodist Church

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Would you like to help construct new **Habitat for Humanity** housing? Join the effort for a **Summer Work Week** planned for **Monday, August 3- Friday, August 7!** **Prospect Park UMC, St. Francis Cabrini, and St. Cecilia's** are entering their 34th year of working together to provide affordable housing with Habitat for Humanity. The three churches together are called **Tres Iglesias. Volunteers are welcome!**

This year, three churches will work with multiple groups building five homes (new construction) at **Pope Leo Village** in **THE HEIGHTS DEVELOPMENT** near downtown St. Paul. The Heights is the major redevelopment project transforming the former Hillcrest Golf Club into a mixed-use 112-acre community in St. Paul's Greater East Side. You can learn more about Pope Leo Village projects around the country here: <https://www.tchabitat.org/popeleovillage>

If you would like to volunteer, please register at <http://www.cabrinimn.org/habitat-signup> under **Tres Iglesias**. If you'd like more information or have questions, please contact **Steve Kerrigan** at **763-200-2227** or steve.kerrigan@tsi.com. Volunteers are needed on-site and to help with food. All volunteers must sign up in advance. Thank you, and we hope to see you there.

Dates: **Monday - Friday, August 3 –7, 2026**

Time: **8:30 AM to 3:30 PM**

Location: **The Heights: 1400 North Winthrop St, Northern Hayden Heights, St. Paul**

Build Type: **New Build**

TRES IGLESIAS SUMMER PROJECT

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

 **Tres Iglesias** is an association of three neighborhood churches (St. Frances Cabrini, St. Cecilia's, and Prospect Park UMC) who have joined together every year since 1992 to work on a Habitat for Humanity project in the Twin Cities area.

SIGN UP TODAY!



cabrinimn.org/habitat-signup-intro

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Volunteers are needed on-site and to help with food. All volunteers must sign up in advance.

This is our 34th year working to provide affordable housing. We are, as always, grateful for your generous support.

Please donate to Prospect Park Association at GiveMN

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.

Prospect Park Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization; donations are tax-deductible.



Simply click for online GiveMN or mail checks to: PPA
P.O. Box 141095,
Minneapolis 55414.



Council Member Wonsley:

Contact or Share Your Opinion or Address an Issue Any Time

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Or contact staff directly: [Policy Aide Celeste Robinson](#) | [Policy Aide Qannani Omar](#)

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The Prospect Park Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and all donations are tax-deductible. Our mailing address is: PO Box 141095 Minneapolis, MN 55414

Contact us: staff@prospectparkmpls.org 612-767-6531

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