



# PROSPECT PARK ASSOCIATION



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><b><u><a href="#">Donate to PPA</a></u></b> Prospect Park Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and all donations are tax-deductible.</p>	<p><b>Community Building Committee</b> Monday March 23, 4pm @ Luxton Park Recreation Center</p> <p><b>Environment Committee</b> Tuesday, March 24, 6:30pm @ Luxton Park Recreation Center</p> <p><b>Finance &amp; Administrative Committee</b> TBA</p> <p><b>N'hood Relations &amp; Outreach Committee</b> TBA</p> <p><b>Land Use &amp; Planning Committee</b> Thursday, March 12, 7pm @ PP United Methodist Church</p> <p><b>Transportation &amp; Safety Committee</b> Tuesday, March 17, 7 pm @ Pratt Elementary School</p>	<p><b>Community Meeting</b> <b>PPA Board Meeting</b> <b>Monday March 23</b> <b>PPUMC</b> <b>6:30pm - 8:00pm</b></p> <p><i>All Community Members are welcome!</i></p> <p>(Next meeting on Apr. 27)</p> <p><b>Management Council</b> <i>Sets Community &amp; Board Meeting Agendas</i> Monday, March 9, 7pm</p>

# You are invited to a PPA Community Meeting, March 11, at the Textile Center

## Welcome to our new PPA Board Member, Sammie Messina

Sammie was elected to the PPA Board at the February 24 PPA Community meeting. She is a masters student at the Humphrey School, studying nonprofit management, and is currently enrolled in a class on Board Development and Leadership. She will be a great asset to the Prospect Park community. Welcome, Sammie!

## PPA Job Announcement: Communications Coordinator

***Applications due 11:55pm, March 22***

### Position Summary:

Prospect Park Association (PPA) seeks a **temporary, part-time** Communications Coordinator (10 hours per week) for three months--renewal possible. **Salary \$18 - \$20 per hour**, depending on qualifications and experience. Responsibilities include preparing written and electronic communications and assisting the Office and Volunteer Coordinator. The position requires excellent interpersonal and written communication skills. The Communications Coordinator reports to the Office and Volunteer Coordinator.

### Work Schedule:

Flexible, **10 hours per week** between 10am-3pm Monday through Thursday. Occasional evening and weekend hours.

[Click here for the full description.](#)

***Interviews planned for mid-April and start date planned for early May***

# PPA Climate Action Plan

## Kick-Off Event

**Saturday, March 28, 10am to 2pm  
Prospect Park United Methodist Church  
(22 Orlin Ave SE)**

**Celebrate the end of winter by visiting with friends and neighbors while enjoying cookies and a hot drink! There will be activities and games for kids, too!**

Prospect Park Association's Environment Committee and climate action partners are joining together to transition Prospect Park to increased sustainability and resilience in the face of climate change.

The kickoff celebration of the neighborhood's Climate Action Plan is on Saturday, March 28th from 10 am to 2 pm at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church, 22 Orlin Ave SE in Minneapolis.

While there, be sure to sign up for a Home Energy Squad visit. Already had a Home Energy Squad visit and not sure of what to do with the results? Stop by CEE's Energy Advisor table for advice from experts. Information on rebates, financing and where to find the best contractors will be available. Information for renters and landlords will be available as well.

This is the first of several events that will provide resources, information and assistance in helping neighbors transition to no pollution sustainability. For more information, please contact the PPA Environment committee at [environment@prospectparkmpls.org](mailto:environment@prospectparkmpls.org).

A big thank you to Prospect Park United Methodist Church for co-hosting this event!

If you live in the 55414 zip code, are 65 or older and need a ride to the kickoff, please call Southeast Seniors at 612-331-2302 by 4pm on Wednesday, March 26 to make arrangements.

-Mary Britton, PPA Environment Committee Chair

# Upcoming PPA Community &

## Board Meetings

**Monday, March 23, 2020**

at [Prospect United Methodist Church, 22 SE Orlin Ave](#)

6:30-8:00 pm: PPA Board Meeting, all community members welcome!

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 February 24th Board meeting:**

Environment Committee - [January 2020](#)

Land Use Committee - [January 2020](#)

Transportation Committee - [January](#) and [February](#) 2020

Community Building Committee - [January 2020](#)

Finance and Admin Committee - [January 2020](#)

Community Meeting - [January 2020](#)

Board Meeting - [January 2020](#)

# GET COUNTED!

**March 12 - 20:** Look for the 2020 US Census postcard that will be mailed to your residence!

Between March 12 and 20, the majority of households will receive an invitation to respond from the Census Bureau. Some households will receive a census questionnaire in the mail but most will receive just a notification with directions for completing the form online or by phone. Census takers will go door-to-door to complete forms for those who do not respond. [Click here to see the sample Census questionnaire.](#)

Responses to the 2020 Census will influence funding and government representation in our community, for services that help every generation. [Click here to learn more \(video\).](#)

**IT IS IMPORTANT TO GET A COMPLETE COUNT!** Missing just one person in the census will result in loss of over \$27,000 of federal funding to the State of Minnesota over the 10 years, until the next census in 2030.

## Neighborhoods 2020, PPA Funding Update

**Proposed NCR neighborhood organization funding guidelines have been published ([click here to read them](#)). The public comment period, to give feedback on these guidelines, runs through April 17th, 2020.**

PPA's current NCR funding is \$64,000 total per year. If the guidelines are approved by the Minneapolis City Council, PPA would be eligible for \$20,000 per year in base funding the first year, \$15,000 the 2nd, and \$10,000 per year thereafter. The first two years are considered transition years. The new funding structure will begin 1/1/21.

PPA would also be eligible for:

- \$3,100 in “equitable engagement” funding per year.
- \$5,000- \$150,000 over 18 months. if awarded, in competitive “Partnership” grant. These funds are available to “community and neighborhood organizations who partner to engage historically underrepresented residents on policies, programs or

projects that impact them and in decision-making with a focus on furthering equity.”

This is a long-term grant program

- \$15,000-\$20,000 in grant funds over three years to fund proposals to share expenses/resources among 2-3 groups. This is a short-term grant program.

- Report by Lynn Von Korff, PPA Treasurer

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## **From the City of Minneapolis, Neighborhood and Community**

**Relations:** The draft Neighborhoods 2020 Program Guidelines are centered on building equity in our community. The City has worked closely with neighborhoods, community members and the University of Minnesota’s Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) on the development of the guidelines. The guidelines align with the City’s adopted Strategic Racial Equity Plan and the Minneapolis 2040 Comprehensive Plan, which states that “Minneapolis will have an equitable civic participation system that enfranchises everyone, recognizes the core and vital service neighborhood organizations provide to the City of Minneapolis, and builds people’s long-term capacity to organize and improve their lives and neighborhoods.”

NCR will be holding community informational meetings. All meetings will have interpreters available. These meetings provide a space where residents can submit public comments. Current meeting dates include:

**March 9:** 6:00-8:00pm. Urban Research and Outreach Engagement Center (UROC), 2001 Plymouth Avenue N. Minneapolis, MN 55411

**April 2:** 6:00-8:00pm. Northeast Park and Recreation Center, 530 Johnson Street NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418

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**Please send any feedback or comments on the guidelines to [staff@prospectparkmpls.org](mailto:staff@prospectparkmpls.org) by April 15.**

# **Join the Community Building Committee!**

**We are planning some fun engagements events this summer. Join us!**

**Our next meeting is 4pm, Friday, March 13, 2020  
at Luxton Park (112 Williams Ave SE)**

# Save the Date - Earth Day Clean Up!

**Saturday, April 18  
9am to 11:30am**

**Meet at Franklin Ave Bridge and East River Pkwy.  
Gloves and bags are provided.**

We will clean the area along East River Parkway. Juice, coffee, and breakfast treats will be available before the Clean Up, and a pizza lunch will be offered afterwards.

[Volunteer Sign-up here!](#)

Thank you to [SPIRE Credit Union](#) for their continuing support.  
For more information, contact [jan@prospectparkmpls.org](mailto:jan@prospectparkmpls.org)

*THANK YOU to Tom Kilton for 27 years of service coordinating this event!*

## Save the Date: 2020 Pratt Ice Cream Social

The 2020 Pratt ICS event will be held on **Saturday, May 30, 2020, from 12-3pm.**

The Witch's Hat Water Tower is expected to be open, we will have food and family-friendly games and events, and the Pratt School will hold their silent auction fundraiser, as always.

The decision to hold the event on a Saturday afternoon was made by stakeholders from the Pratt School and the ICS Planning Committee. The main factors in deciding to move to a Saturday are school day schedule, safety, and event set-up constraints. If a Saturday event is successful this year, the community may decide to repeat it in future years.

**Stay tuned for more ICS news this spring!**

Any questions, please contact PPA Staff:  
612-767-6531 or email [staff@prospectparkmpls.org](mailto:staff@prospectparkmpls.org)



# Updates from Southeast Seniors:

## Southeast Lunch Bunch

Held the third Wednesday of the month, 12 noon-1:30 pm

Prospect Park Methodist Church, 22 Orlin Ave. SE

**March 18:** *Running Away to Join the Ringling Bros & Barnum and Bailey Circus.* Eryn Vincent grew up in Prospect Park and was a teacher for 8 years before running away with the circus. Come hear Eryn's story about the life of a traveling show teacher with the great Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus!

12:00-12:30 pm- Luncheon and dessert provided- \$4.00 at the door

12:30-1:30 pm- Presentation by Eryn Vincent

**Please RSVP at 612-668-1100 two days prior, but walk-ins are always welcome**

## Older Adult Resource Series

Held the second Wednesday of the Month, 1:30-2:30 pm

Van Cleve Park, 901 15th Ave SE

**March 11:** *Healthy Living for Brain and Body: Tips from the Latest Research.* See "Minneapolis Public Schools Adult Community Education Classes" below, for more info.

# Pratt Adult Community Education Classes

## [HOUSEPLANTS 101. Tuesday, March 10, 6:30-8:30 pm.](#)

Houseplants bring warmth, greenery and life to your home even in the dead of winter. In this Pratt Community Education class "House Plants 101" you will learn how to choose plants that will be happy in your place, how much light your plants need and re-potting basics. Bring photos of any plant problems you have questions about and our instructor, Naomi Silseth, will help diagnose and guide how to fix common house plant problems. You will also complete a small planting project in class. Class fee: \$19 (\$14.25 age 62+) + \$5 supply fee.

Held at Pratt Community Education, 66 Malcolm Ave. SE

To register call 612-668-1100 or [click here.](#)



## [HEALTHY LIVING FOR BRAIN AND BODY. Wednesday, March 11, 1:30-2:30 pm](#)

For centuries we've know that the health of the brain and body are connected. But now, science can provide insights into how to make lifestyle choices that may help keep your brain and body healthy as you age. A representative from the Minnesota-North Dakota chapter of the Alzheimer's Association will share the latest research in the areas of nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement, and how to incorporate these factors into a plan for healthy aging. Co-sponsored by Southeast Seniors and Pratt Community Education. \$2 donation at the door; refreshments will be served.

Held at Van Cleve Park, 901-15th Ave. SE  
To register call 612-668-1100 or [click here](#).

# Creating Moments of Joy: A free seminar for memory loss caregivers.

Featuring Jolene Brackey, author of *Creating Moments of Joy*.  
This event is presented by the Pillars of Prospect Park.

**Thursday, April 2 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.**  
at Prospect Park United Methodist Church (22 Orlin Ave SE, Minneapolis)  
Light appetizers served.  
[Click here for event flyer.](#)

## Luxton Park Updates

Youth summer sports registration is open. We are offering the following sports:

- **Youth Baseball** 10U RBI. [Program #107733](#)
- **Youth Softball** 10U RBI Slow Pitch. [Program #107731](#)
- **Youth Coach Pitch** 8U. [Program #104604](#)
- **Youth T-Ball** 6U. [Program #104609](#)
- **Youth Track**, 9-18-year old's. [Program #107737](#)

***Volunteer coaches always needed!!***

U of M partnership: **free Hatha Yoga** beginning March 28<sup>th</sup>! [Program #101179](#). Space is limited to 10 participants.

[Click here to register for Minneapolis Park and Rec. Board programs!](#)

-Thanks, from Steve Zimmer at Luxton Park (112 Williams Avenue SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414) 612.370.4881

# Arvonne Fraser Library

## Activities and Events

**Book Club AF:** Join our discussion of new and interesting books tailored for readers interested in literature and pop culture. Lending copies may be picked up at the Arvonne Fraser Service Desk prior to meeting.

March 26: [The Dreamers](#) by Karen Thompson Walker

April 23: [Wilder Girls](#) by Rory Power

May 28: [What We Were Promised](#) by Lucy Tan

**Arvonne Fraser Chess Club:** All ages and skill levels are welcome. Have fun learning the basics of chess, improving your game, mastering strategies, and meeting other chess fans. Thursdays, March 5-May 14, 2020: 4-6 p.m.

**Family Storytime:** For children of all ages and their caregivers. Talk, sing, read, write and play together in a format appropriate for young children. Share books, stories, rhymes, music and movement. Wednesdays, March 11- April 29, 2020 10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

**Petite Concert:** For children ages 1-5 and caregivers. Join us for a fun-filled musical experience and discover instruments! Led by early childhood music specialists, your family will listen to and respond to classical music together. Collaborator: MacPhail Center for Music. Funded by Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. Please register each child attending. A maximum of two caregivers per registered child may also attend. Saturday, April 4, 2020 10:30-11:15 a.m. Registration opens Saturday Mar 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Architect Tour of Arvonne Fraser Library:** Want a behind-the-scenes look of the newly renovated Arvonne Fraser Library? Join lead architect Todd Grover of MacDonald and Mack Architecture who will guide us through the thought process and construction of the beautifully renovated library. The brief presentation will be followed by a walking tour of the building. Saturday, May 9, 2020, 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Arvonne Fraser Library  
1222 4th St SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414  
612.543.6725  
<https://www.hclib.org/southeast>

# OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

## Twin Cities News and Events

### **Cam Gordon Ward 2 Update:**

The e-update ([click here](#)) can be found online.

**CURA - Thomas Scott Seminar.** *Labor vs. Labor: Working-Class Institutional Politics in Response to Amazon and Gentrification in Western Queens.* March 19, 2020 4:00pm - 5:30pm. Reception and light refreshments to follow. Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Building, West Bank U of M Campus (301 - 19th Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55455). Presented by James DeFilippis, Rutgers University. [Click here for more info and tickets.](#)

**Minneapolis Vision Zero Action Plan:** The City Council has approved the Minneapolis Vision Zero Action Plan, which outlines key steps for the next three years to advance the City's goal of ending traffic deaths and injuries on City streets by 2027. The Vision Zero Action Plan includes 16 strategies and 72 actions to be implemented between 2020 and 2022. [Click here](#) for more info.

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*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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