




## May 2024 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 <a href="#">PPA Calendar</a>. All committee meetings are taking place virtually unless otherwise noted.</i></p> <p><b>ABOUT PPA</b> Prospect Park Association is the official neighborhood association for the Prospect Park Area of the city of Minneapolis.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Donate to PPA</a></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><b>Jackson Family Project</b> Tuesday, May 2, 4:30pm</p> <p><b>Environment Committee</b> Tuesday May 14. 6:30pm * Hybrid &amp; Meets at Luxton Park</p> <p><b>Finance &amp; Administration Committee</b> Thursday May 30, 6pm</p> <p><b>Land Use &amp; Planning Committee</b> Thursday May 9. 7:00pm *Hybrid &amp; Meets at PPUMC (joint meeting with Transportation &amp; Safety Committee)</p> <p><b>Transportation &amp; Safety Committee</b> Thursday May 9. 7:00pm *Hybrid &amp; Meets at PPUMC (joint meeting with Land Use &amp; Planning Committee)</p>	<p><b>PPA Board Meeting &amp; Community Meeting</b></p> <p><b>--HYBRID meeting-- Monday June 24th 6:30pm - 8:00pm at PPUMC and on Zoom</b></p> <p><i>Note: <a href="#">Zoom access info</a> <a href="#">Meeting Agenda</a></i></p> <p><i>All Community Members are welcome!</i></p> <p><b>Management Council Sets Community &amp; Board Meeting Agendas</b> Monday, June 17, 7pm</p>

**GET INVOLVED!**

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



## **PPA Annual Neighborhood Meeting & Board of Directors Election**

***HYBRID meeting: All are Welcome!***

**Monday, May 13, at 6:30pm at**

**Prospect Park United Methodist Church (PPUMC)**

**22 SE Orlin Ave, Minneapolis, MN 55414**

- Meet the Board of Directors candidates

*Each candidate is invited to give a brief introduction. (Nominations for write-in candidates will be accepted during the meeting.)*

- Annual Report

- **[To attend the Annual Meeting via Zoom REGISTER HERE](#)**

**Online voting for the Board of Directors will open during the Annual Meeting and close one week later on May 20 at 4pm.**

Anyone who lives or works in the Prospect Park neighborhood is eligible to vote. Please contact [staff@prospectparkmpls.org](mailto:staff@prospectparkmpls.org) with questions.

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[Please donate to PPA at GiveMN](#)

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



[Meet the Board Candidates HERE!](#)

<p>ERIC AMEL</p>	A portrait of a man with glasses and a grey shirt, looking slightly to the side.	<p>STEVE BRACKETT</p>	A portrait of a man wearing a blue bicycle helmet and a blue shirt, smiling.
<p>DAVID FRANK</p>	A portrait of a man with a grey beard and a blue shirt, looking directly at the camera.	<p>BRITT HOWELL</p>	A portrait of a woman with long dark hair, smiling.
<p>JERRY STEIN</p>	A portrait of a man with a white beard and glasses, wearing a grey hoodie.	<p>NIKO VASILOPOULOS (student representative seat)</p>	A portrait of a man in a dark suit and tie, standing outdoors in front of trees.



## ***WINTER 2024 Edition***

### **The Prospect Park Neighborhood Guide**



- Upcoming things to do or see in Prospect Park
- Ways to stay connected
- Business and Nonprofit Directory
- Renter Resources
- Local Government Resources
- How to Get Around
- Ways to volunteer on behalf of our neighborhood and more!

[Please share this guide with neighbors—and check it out yourself.](#)

Do you have a suggestion or correction? PPA will update the guide several times per year. Community members to help keep this guide up to date.

[Please suggest a resource for the guide here.](#) Thank you!

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### **Earth Day Clean Up Results**

Thank you to all the amazing volunteers who came out for the PPA Earth Day Cleanup! We are so grateful for each and every one of you who took the time to make our community a cleaner and more beautiful place. Together you collected more than fifty bags of trash at Tower Hill Park, Luxton Park and on East River Road.

Thank you for caring about our environment and for making Prospect Park a better place for all of us to enjoy.





## Prospect Park Yard Sales: June 15-16, 2024

Registration is now open for the 2024 Prospect Park yard sales. The sales will be held June 15-16 to coincide with the Garden Club's annual garden walk. Advertised time will be 9am-4pm Saturday and 9am-3pm Sunday.

As the weather warms and spring cleaning shifts into full swing, consider holding off on that trip to the donation center and setting those items aside for a yard sale instead! Clean items that are dusty or dirty, and price them as you set them aside to make setup easier the day of the sale. Also start to gather boxes or bags for shoppers to use.

### TO REGISTER:

1. Complete the [Google registration form](#).
2. **Registration deadline:** Tuesday, June 11

### ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION:

- **Map:** Sale locations for registered sales will be included on the sale map, along with the text you provide describing what you will have for sale.
- **Signs:** Yard sale signs will be posted along major streets in the PP neighborhood the week before the sale.
- **Ads:** Ads will be placed in local papers and on social media.

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### Join us for a Joint Transportation and Land Use Meeting: evening of May 9

Joint meeting of PPA Transportation and Land Use Committees

Thursday, May 9 @ 7pm held at PPUMC, 22 E. Orlin Ave. or via zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88388621178?pwd=JIRRMrHYH8PUwYe46nYDrZBaQJRdSn.1>

Meeting ID: 883 8862 1178 Passcode: 057472

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Topics include discussion of Metro Transit E Line BRT, and a presentation from Our



Streets on the Twin Cities Boulevard / I-94 proposal.

## **Jackson Family Project Open House 5-7pm Thursday, May 16th** **You are invited to attend at Prospect Park United Methodist Church (PPUMC).**

This is an in-person event. Appetizers and refreshments will be provided. The Jackson Family Project is a collaboration between Prospect Park Association, Pratt Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), and Pratt School.

The Jackson Family Project is designed to honor, memorialize, and learn from the first African American family in the Prospect Park neighborhood. The Jacksons built their home in Prospect Park in 1908. In 1909 they were subjected to racist protests because they were Black. Amy and Madison Jackson were told that no one would play with their kids. In response, they built a playground in their yard. This was before the period of park and school playgrounds, and it turned out (as they suspected) many neighborhood kids wanted to play with their kids on the new playground. The Jacksons lived in the neighborhood for 20 years and became important members of the community.

Amy and Madison Jackson, granddaughters of Sharon Peters and Judith Claytor, are key members of the Jackson Family Project committee. Jackson family history provides a compelling and inspirational source for Pratt students and our neighborhood to examine questions



of race and to learn about Black history and resilience. A beautiful photograph of the Jackson family taken in 1909 in front of their home on Franklin Ave (see above) was enlarged and framed to hang in Pratt School. The Minneapolis Public School board officially named the Pratt playground for the Jackson family and it was dedicated in 2023. Amy and Madison's three daughters were the first black students to attend Pratt school 100 years ago.

Resilience marked the Jackson family, not only in their Prospect Park years but for generations. Helen Jackson, one of three daughters, who was a little girl during the protests became the first African American national president of the YWCA, devoting decades to leading the YWCA nationally to become an integrated organization, affecting millions of American girls. In 1968 the

University of Minnesota (from which she graduated in 1928) awarded her the Regents Outstanding Achievement Award. Marvel Jackson, her older sister, became a well-known journalist in New York City. She was in a writing group with Langston Hughes, worked with W. E. B. Dubois during the Harlem Renaissance, and wrote acclaimed exposes of conditions of African American women for major newspapers. These two girls and their sister Zelma were the first African American students to attend Pratt school, also attending the University of Minnesota. Introducing Pratt students to these issues via stories about the Jackson girls and the neighborhood has proven to be very powerful.

A joint volunteer committee of PPA and Pratt PTO have been working together to develop this project, learn about the Jackson family, and create wider engagement in the community. The joint school and neighborhood group have spent hundreds of volunteer hours, traveled to archives in Michigan and Washington D.C., elicited significant leveraged contributions already, and have laid the groundwork for this event and those to follow.

## **Glendale Townhomes Historic Designation Nomination**

Ward 2's Council Member, Robin Wonsley, has submitted an application for Glendale Townhomes to receive historic designation. The Heritage Preservation Commission will hear the nomination on **June 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm at the Public Service Center (250 4<sup>th</sup> St S) in Room 350**. Since this will be a public hearing, members of the public may show up to speak. The HPC chair will usually allow 2 minutes for each person to comment. Members of the public can also send written public comments before the meeting to the staff person handling the application, Rob Skalecki, at [robert.skalecki@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:robert.skalecki@minneapolismn.gov).



The HPC will vote to approve or deny the nomination at the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. If approved, the HPC will place the district under interim protection and call for the designation study to be completed. The next HPC hearing would then be for the designation. The designation hearing could be up to a year later. If the

nomination is denied on June 4<sup>th</sup>, then the process is over. Nomination application decisions can't be appealed. For further information contact:

**Celeste Robinson** | Policy Aide, **Minneapolis City Council** | Council Member **Robin Wonsley** | Ward 2  
[Celeste.Robinson@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:Celeste.Robinson@minneapolismn.gov)





Summer is right around the corner, and the Minneapolis Department of Regulatory Services is gearing up for a Renter Rights Resource Fair on June 4. Renters and property owners will have the opportunity to connect with City staff and community organizations about renting questions, concerns and resources.

### Event details:

- Date: Tuesday, June 4, 2024
- Time: 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Location: [Minneapolis Public Service Bldg \(1st floor\) 505 S 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, MN 55415](#)
- A free meal and interpretation services will be provided.

We're excited that organizations such as Urban League Twin Cities, Arrive Ministries, and others will be able to help with a wide range of topics like:

- Overcoming maintenance issues
- Renter rights
- Understanding property owner/tenant responsibilities
- Housing resources for immigrants and refugees
- Environmental hazards in homes

*Hosted by the Department of Regulatory Services—protecting the health, safety and welfare of residents by regulating, inspecting and enforcing laws and ordinances. Contact Kaylee Tracy at [kaylee.tracy@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:kaylee.tracy@minneapolismn.gov) for more information or with any questions. See the [Facebook page](#).*



# ArtStart: a creative writing and art camp for kids 6-12 coming to PPUMC in June

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June 17-21 | 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. | Ages: 6-12 years

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Tuition assistance is available upon request.

Contact: [anne@artstart.org](mailto:anne@artstart.org)



## **Council Member Wonsley:**

### **Contact or Share Your Opinion or Address an Issue Any Time**

E-mail Council Member Wonsley and her staff at [ward2@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:ward2@minneapolismn.gov)

Or contact staff directly:

[Policy Aide Celeste Robinson](#)

[Policy Aide Qannani Omar](#)

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