




November 2023 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 Tuesday, December 5, 4:30pm</p> <p>Environment Committee Thursday November 14. 6:30pm *Meets at Luxton Park</p> <p>Finance & Administration Committee Thursday, December 14, 6:00pm</p> <p>Land Use & Planning Committee Thursday November 9. 7:00pm</p> <p>Transportation & Safety Committee Wednesday, November 8, 7:30pm</p>	<p>PPA Board Meeting & Community Meeting</p> <p>--virtual meeting-- Monday October 23rd 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, November 27, 7pm</p>

GET INVOLVED!

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

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## Give to the Max Day is Thursday November 16th

### Donate to Prospect Park Association

PPA needs your contributions to continue serving our neighborhood. Please join us for early giving or on November 16 to support PPA [here](#).



"Give to the Max is a celebration of Minnesotan generosity and the impact it has in every community across our state. For many nonprofits, Give to the Max is their biggest fundraiser of the year and your support is essential to helping power their work for the year ahead," said Jake Blumberg, executive director of GiveMN.

### Early Giving

Early Giving starts on November 1st and runs until Give to the Max Day (November 16th). Donations made during the early giving period are eligible for the daily \$500 Early Giving Golden Ticket and the \$10,000 Super-Sized Golden Ticket.

That means your donation could be randomly selected to turn into a donation of \$500 or even \$10,000 — talk about making an impact with your giving decisions!

**Thank you for your support!**

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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.

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Prospect Park Association will hold a Community Meeting at 6:30pm on Monday, December 4th to discuss a Merger Exploratory Report.

Four neighborhood organizations, Prospect Park Association (PPA), Southeast Como Improvement Association (SECIA), Marcy-Holmes Neighborhood Association, and the Nicollet Island/East Bank Neighborhood Association received a \$20,000 grant from the City of Minneapolis to explore merging.

As part of the grant, Willow Consulting worked with three representatives from each of the four neighborhood organizations and created a Merger Exploratory Report.

A merger is one of the financial strategies PPA is exploring to ensure we can continue fulfilling our mission to serve Prospect Park despite the significant decrease in City of Minneapolis funding.

No decisions have been made yet. The board of each of the four neighborhood organizations is expected to decide by February whether or not they intend to merge. Neighborhood organizations that decide to merge will work with legal counsel to develop a Merger Plan Agreement including new governing documents such as articles of incorporation, mission, bylaws, and also a staffing plan, new organization name, and more. Read the Merger Exploratory Report for more on the timeline and process.

At PPA's meeting on December 4th they'll be a brief summary presentation of the [Merger Exploratory Report](#) followed by opportunities for community feedback.

Email comments or questions in advance of the meeting to finance@prospectparkmpls.org.

Also, here's an [article in the Star Tribune](#) about neighborhood organizations in northeast Minneapolis that recently voted on a merger plan.

Thanks Everyone Who Came Out to the “Reopen The Tower” Event



PPA partnered with The Ward 2 office and Friends of Tower Hill Park to celebrate our beloved landmark and support the efforts to reopen the Tower in 2024.



Thank you to all who joined us for the October 29 event at Tower Hill Park.

Thanks also to CM Robin Wonsley, staff aide Celeste Robinson, Lupe Castillo for her assistance, as well as all of PPA Board Members. Special thanks to PPA board members Ian Gorodisher, Britt Howell, Jane Stockman and Lynn Von Korff for helping organize the event.



Photos by Liza Davitch

PPA Meeting Minutes and Committee Reports approved at the October 23, 2023 Board/Community meeting

[Board/Community Meeting: August 28, 2023](#)

[Environment Committee: September 12, 2023](#)

[Community Building: October 5, 2023](#)

[Finance and Administration: October 5, 2023](#)



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!

Memorials & Tributes

Gifts and contributions to Prospect Park Association in honor or memory of a loved one or special occasion. Gifts made in October 2023.

In Honor of Jack Whitehurst & Sue Whitehurst

The 25% by '25 results are in and 2022 was another great year!

25% by '25 is the Environment Committee's initiative to bring down residential natural gas usage in our neighborhood by 25% by the end of 2025.



It can be a challenge to compare one year to another when looking at energy usage, given the fluctuations in weather. I've added the average temperature of the 6 coldest months to mitigate this. We also need to look at how we are doing against the city of Minneapolis as a whole. That's where we can really see our progress since 2019. While the overall city's usage increased by 2.5%, Prospect Park's decreased by 4.7%! Woo-hoo!

We eliminated 621 pounds (per building!) of CO2 from being produced in 2022! Let's keep it going and make 2023 an even better year!

Check out the picture from our annual '25% by '25' celebration for ideas on how to cut your energy usage - energy audits, insulation, heat pumps and more!

November Community Concert Series at Prospect Park United Methodist Church

[Amaryllis](#) is the duo of Anne Benson and Ken Steffenson. Ken and Anne perform traditional tunes from Ireland, Scotland and America on a variety of acoustic instruments. Their shows and recordings include hammered dulcimer, guitar, fiddle, flute, harmonica and mandolin.

The concert is FREE, with a freewill offering benefiting neighbor and community partner Simpson Housing Services.

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Two Events Which Might Interest the Folks Living in Prospect Park

November 21 at 7:00pm an ecumenical service of Thanks Giving will be held at Prospect Park United Methodist church – all are welcome.

November 29 at 7:00pm a prayer service at St Frances Cabrini, 1500 SE Franklin, to remember transgender persons who were killed in the U.S. so far this year. Hot cider and treats will be served. All are welcome.

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Classes Sponsored by: [Southeast Seniors](#) & Minneapolis Community Education

Write your own Obituary

Wed, Nov 8 , 1:30 - 2:30 pm , Van Cleve Rec Center, FREE

Learn how - tools, hints, examples--with guest speaker Marilaurice Hemlock (funeral celebrant, death educator, liturgist, pastoral minister, lover of words and obituaries, and member of the Land Conservation Natural Burial Project.

[REGISTER ONLINE NOW](#) or CALL 612-668-1022

Qi Gong with Sharee Marcus

Wed, Nov 15, 1:30 - 2:30 pm , Van Cleve Rec Center, FREE

Low-impact exercise for the body, mind & heart.

relax, movement, breath and meditation

[REGISTER ONLINE NOW](#) or CALL 612-668-1022

LUXTON YOUTH SPORT OPTIONS 2024

WINTER/SPRING SEASONS

Basketball, Hockey, Wrestling, Gymnastics, Flag Football

Registration begins October 25, 2023

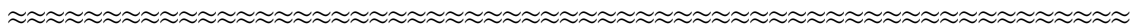
SUMMER SEASON

Baseball, Softball, Track & Field: *Registration begins February 21, 2024*

FALL SEASON

Football (flag & tackle), Soccer, Volleyball: *Registration begins May 1, 2024*

For more information, www.teamsideline.com/minneapolisparks



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

Or contact staff directly:

[Policy Aide Celeste Robinson](#)

[Policy Aide Qannani Omar](#)

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