



October 2020 Newsletter

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 PPA Calendar. All committee meetings take place at the office (2828 University Avenue SE) unless otherwise noted.</i></p> <p>ABOUT PPA Prospect Park Association is the official neighborhood association for the Prospect Park Area.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Donate to PPA</u></p> <p>Prospect Park Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and all donations are tax-deductible.</p>	<p>Community Building Committee Monday October 7, 4pm</p> <p>Environment Committee Tuesday, October 13, 6:30pm</p> <p>Finance & Administrative Committee TBA</p> <p>Land Use & Planning Committee Thursday, October 8, 7pm</p> <p>Transportation & Safety Committee Tuesday, October 20, 7 pm</p>	<p>PPA Board Meeting & Community Meeting --virtual meeting-- Monday Oct 26th 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, October 6, 7pm</p>

GET INVOLVED!

PPA Board Election Results

* = Elected Board Member

* Amy Kaminsky - 81 votes

* Ben Tuthill - 85 votes

Dan Cross - 60 votes

* Jenna Hoge - 96 votes

* Joseph Ring - 67 votes

Krista Ostrom - 58 votes

* Laura Preus - 102 votes

* Lynn VonKorff - 106 votes

* Rachel Coffin - 64 votes

162 ballots were distributed by mail to those who requested them. 132 ballots were completed and mailed in. The seven elected board members will begin their 2-year terms at the October 26th Board Meeting. A sincere thank you to all the candidates for their interest in serving PPA and the community.

Notice to Prospect Park community

Announcing two motions for approval at the PPA October 26 Board Meeting:

1. A motion to roll forward the NRP strategy called “NET Program” from NRP phase to NRP phase 2.
2. A motion to reallocate \$5,000 into the “NET Program” strategy (\$693.42 from Historical District Completion and \$4,306.58 from Loans/Grant/Affordable Housing Development).

Approval of these motions will allow PPA to fund a “Learning Pod/Learning Dreams” program for low-income children and their families in Glendale. The project was approved by PPA’s Board of Directors. The project was specifically requested by residents—and meets a need that has been identified by families and educators alike.

This notice is provided in accordance with the City of Minneapolis 21-day notice requirement.

Litter

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GONE

October 1-10, 2020

Help Prospect Park Look Great and earn a Chinook Book!

"Litter Be Gone" is happening **October 1 - 10th**

Pick up supplies on **Saturday, October 3** between 9 & 1 at the Family-Wise Parking Lot, 3036 University Ave SE.

Sponsored by the Office of Off Campus Living and the PPA Environment Committee, **Litter Be Gone** is a series of events to clean up litter across Minneapolis each fall. Pick up litter in your street and around your block to help keep our city clean. Lucky enough to have a squeaky clean block? The banks of the Mississippi could always use some love, as well as Luxton, Tower Hill and Chergosky Park. And let's not forget the U of M Transitway!

Our friends at [Chinook Book](#) have generously provided a 12-month full access subscription (\$15 value) to all Litter Be Gone volunteers who participate in a cleanup and report their results. Chinook Book partners with some of the best local and sustainable businesses in Minnesota to offer rewards and discounts you can use on essentials like groceries, take out, and online purchases of gifts and household items. Simply pick up litter in your neighborhood between **October 1 and 10**, then [submit the results using the online form](#). You will automatically receive an email with an activation code and details on how to redeem it.

SUPPLIES: Use your own or pick up gloves and bags on Saturday, October 3 between 9 and 1 at the Family Wise parking lot (corner of Malcolm & University - 3036 University Ave)

REPORT RESULTS: [Submit the results using the online form](#) to receive your free Chinook Book

-Lydia McAnerney, Environment Committee

PPA Environment Committee Announcement

Concerned about Climate Change? Don't despair! Take Action!

PPA Environment Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 13, 6:30 pm to 8 pm

Please join us as we discuss short term and long term initiatives to bring down Prospect Park's carbon footprint and make the neighborhood more resilient.

Register here - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdnEhegjkM0_6LAc7dBBhtJCfUn-W8zWpIrp9YpYsdDpcCs_A/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&usp=mail_form_link

PPA Census outreach update

Prospect Park Association has been working to reach under-counted communities in our neighborhood, specifically Glendale Townhomes residents and renters.

PPA's census activities included:

- Distributing census materials in Somali and English to Glendale Townhomes
- Making Somali and English-speaking Census representatives available to Glendale Townhomes residents
- Distributing over 3,000 flyers to 20 large apartment buildings and hundreds of small apartment units
- Mailing a postcard with census information to all Prospect Park households, including all the large apartment buildings

This year's census count has been negatively affected by the pandemic. Most students left their apartment prior to the April 1 count day - and most did not return to buildings in Prospect Park this fall.

PPA wants to thank the following individuals for their work on this project:

Jan Nelson, PPA staff, for coordinating; Malik Yusuf, MPHA Glendale Townhomes property manager for helping with efforts in Glendale Townhomes.

Volunteers: Jenna Hoge, Lydia McAnerney, Sammie Messina, Lisa Norling, and Lynn Von Korff, for their help reaching renters.

Volunteers: Mary Britton, Lupe Castillo, Jenna Hoge, Britt Howell, Lydia McAnerney, Jenny Michlitsch, Laura Preus, and Ben Tuthill for their work on the postcard committee.

Update - 2020 Prospect Park Response Rate by census tract

Tract 1256 - 58% response

Tract 1049.02 - 60.4% response

Source: [City of Minneapolis Response Rates](#)

Data as of 9/29/30

Census deadline - Monday, 10/5. [Click here to complete census.](#)
community funding.

Invitation from Cam Gordon to participate in continued conversations about future of community safety

Let's keep the conversations about the future of community safety going.

So far this summer and early fall, I have been able to participate in a number of very deep, nuanced, important conversations about the future of community safety in our city. Some of the best were by special invitations with small groups of neighbors in their backyards or nearby patch of public green space. Other powerful conversations happened more recently during National Night Out parties. These small gatherings showed me that valuable small in-person discussions can be accomplished using COVID-19 safety precautions.

Now, as fall is upon us, I want to have more of these discussions, at the same small scale, block by block.

To do that I need your help.

If you live in Ward 2 and would like to co-host a conversation with me on your block, (apartment building or area) please email my Policy Aide Robin Garwood at robin.garwood@minneapolismn.gov. Please share your name, what block you live on, and a few dates and times that would work well for your block.

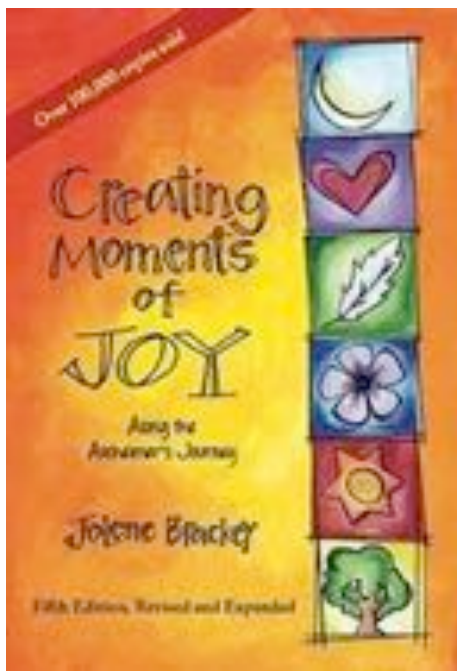
These block events are an opportunity for people to ask me questions about what's happening about community safety in Minneapolis, and for us to ask each other about our ideas, feelings, and hopes for what public safety in our city should look like and could look like in the future.

These kinds of small discussions allow us to really listen to each other, to understand and to hear how much we share. In this time, when it is easy to see the large divides between us about policing and public safety, I believe that there is a deeper consensus that also needs to be found, focused on and built upon. By opening our minds and opening our hearts to each other we can take the next steps together to keep us all safe now and make sure we are all safer into the future.

If you want to help and be a part of this, please reach out to me or Robin. This will help me do my work and, hopefully, help us all move towards the more just and peaceful City we want for everyone."

-Cam Gordon, Ward 2, Council Member

[Click here for Cam Gordon's September report.](#)



Save the Date! The Pillars of Prospect Park is proud to host Jolene Brackey, author and national speaker for creating Moments of Joy!

Join other family members and friends as The Pillars Memory Care proudly presents: Author and national speaker, Jolene Brackey!

Date Tuesday, October 20th at 1pm

Location: Zoom link

Free Registration: <https://pillarsseniorliving.com/prospectpark/event/creating-moments-of-joy/>

"Creating Moments of Joy" In this live virtual presentation, you'll be sure to see the vision. A vision that we will soon look beyond the challenges of Alzheimer's disease and focus more of our energy on creating moments of joy. It's impossible to create a perfectly wonderful day, but you can create perfectly wonderful moments. Catch Jolene's energy and obtain fun, simple ways to bring joy and hope into every day.



Volunteer Opportunities and Upcoming Events!

Fall Raking

Love to crunch in the fall leaves AND help a neighbor? Please join Southeast Seniors for our annual fall raking effort! Southeast Seniors offers fall raking clean up to our clients in Marcy Holmes, SE Como and Prospect Park. This is a great way to help someone out while still maintaining social distance! Southeast Seniors can provide rakes and bags, and you can pick a day/time that works best for you. The leaves are usually ready to be fully raked up around the first week in November. Please contact **Ann Carter**, Volunteer Coordinator at Southeast Seniors, for more information or to sign up to help with this job! **612-331-2302**, ann@seseniors.org

Snow Angels

Southeast Seniors also offers free snow removal for clients who need it. Our Snow Angel program connects a neighborhood volunteer with a nearby senior for season-long snow removal help. As a Snow Angel you agree to do the snow removal for your senior whenever it snows enough to warrant shoveling/snow blowing. If you're going to be out of town you just let us know and we provide a back-up while you're unavailable! We do our best to connect Snow Angels with seniors who live very nearby so that this can all happen with relative ease. You could also share this job with a friend or neighbor.

We're looking for folks living in Marcy Holmes, SE Como and Prospect Park. Please contact Ann Carter, Volunteer Coordinator at Southeast Seniors, for more information or to sign up to be a Snow Angel! **612-331-2302**, ann@seseniors.org

October Events Co-Sponsored by Minneapolis Community Education & Southeast Seniors

All programs will be held via Zoom. To register or for more information, please contact Southeast Seniors at 612-331-2302 or info@seseniors.org or click here. Registration will close 4 hours before the start of each program to ensure enough time to send the Zoom link and course materials to all participants.

Join interpretive naturalists Adam Barnett and Heidi Matheson Wolter from Richardson Nature Center as they introduce you virtually to their raptor ambassadors. You will learn about why these animals live in captivity, what makes them a part of the group of birds we call raptors and the special characteristics and adaptations each of them have. Adam loves sharing the wonders of the natural world with people of all ages and enjoys canoeing, fishing, catching dragonflies,

and searching for agates along the north shore of Lake Superior. Heidi enjoys exploring in nature with children, sharing the experiences of being outside, getting muddy, working with the honeybees and caring for the raptors.

While we aren't able to meet in-person, Southeast Lunch Bunch will continue to meet virtually this fall! Each month will include a fun and informative presentation and time to connect with others. Our October gathering will include a presentation about Minnesota Raptors. Grab your coffee/tea cup, lunch at home if you like, and join us for the Southeast Lunch Hour Reconnect. All are welcome!

Wednesday, October 21st from 12:00-1:30 pm Lunch Bunch Reconnect: Minnesota Raptors

Patti Christensen is a Hennepin County Master Gardener who transferred from Outagamie County, Wisconsin in 2014 when she retired to Minnesota to be near grandchildren. Between Wisconsin and Minnesota Patti has devoted 12 years to the program. She enjoys working with people and volunteers teaching classes, giving tours at the Arboretum, working with the Alzheimer's Growing Connections program and answering a lot of questions from people like you! Beth Beck has been a Hennepin County Master Gardener since 2016. She lives in Minnetonka where her yard is largely perennials - both sun and shade. She is slowly converting her landscape to more native plants with a focus on providing a nourishing ecosystem for pollinators and beneficial insects. Much of her volunteer time is spent in Adult Education and is currently on the leadership team as Adult Education Chair.

The biophilia hypothesis describes how humans are innately linked to nature and other forms of life. Gardeners know this feeling from how they approach the garden and why they are drawn towards working with plants. We will explore where this science behind where this intrinsic draw came from, and what it means to us today. A focus of the class will be on how to use nature to improve health and wellbeing. This class will be presented by two Master Gardeners from the University of Minnesota Extension Master Gardener Volunteer Program.

**Wednesday, October 14th from 1:30-2:30 pm
Nature Heals: Enhance Nature to Enhance Health & Wellbeing**

- *Betsy Snyder, Executive Director, Southeast Seniors*

Southeast Seniors & The Pillars of Prospect Park Present:

Voter Registration!



Tuesday, September 8th, 2020
11 am-3 pm

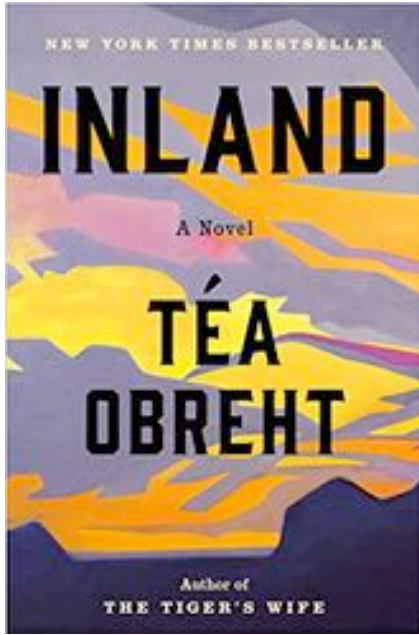
Southeast Seniors staff and volunteers, assisted by League of Women Voters of Mpls, will have a table in the main parking lot at The Pillars across from Fresh Thyme Grocery Store. Stop by to register to vote, request an absentee ballot, or find out more about voting options for the 2020 General Election on November 3rd, 2020.

Located outside of The Pillars of Prospect Park, 22 Malcolm Ave SE, near the parking lot entrance on 30th Ave SE. Look for the white tent! Please call Southeast Seniors at 612-331-2002 if you have any questions.


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 **Southeast Seniors**
HELPING SENIORS LIVE WELL AT HOME

You're invited - join an on-line book discussion with Arvonne Fraser library staff



Our next meeting will be online on **Thursday, October 8th** at 7pm. Here's a link to the registration page as well as a description for it:

<https://hclib.bibliocommons.com/events/search/q=elysian%20nights/event/5f6271a92a966623003b0ef5>

Break through the pandemic doldrums by joining us for a lively discussion of current books and pop culture! Hosted by Kyle and Joyce from Arvonne Fraser Library, this book club will meet the second Thursday of every month. Each month we will determine the book for the next month based on eBook availability from the library.

The link to the live online discussion will be emailed to registrants in advance (within 48 hours of the event).

Learn more about participating in virtual library events.

Oct. 8: Inland by Tea Obreht (available as an eBook or downloadable audiobook)

-Kyle Orcholski, Arvonne Fraser Library

Upcoming voter information event and School Board candidate forum

League of Women Voters sponsored

Tuesday, October 6th 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Join us for a live stream of the Civic Buzz event on the LWVMpls' Facebook event page

Holding an important national election in the midst of a pandemic has complicated this important civic duty. Questions about how to vote, when to vote, and planning your vote are front and center on all media. Is there evidence of voter suppression or voter fraud in Minnesota? What are the alternatives to in-person voting? Is mail-in or absentee voting safe? Are there absentee ballot drop boxes in Minneapolis? Will my mail-in ballot count?

Michael Wall, Voter Outreach Specialist from Secretary of State Steve Simon's office, will be on hand to address concerns about absentee voting, voter fraud and more. Katie Lauer, the Communication and Outreach Coordinator for Minneapolis Elections and Voter Services, will explain the processing and security of absentee ballots, and LWVMpls Voter Services Chair, Marilyn Cantisano, will outline available election/voting volunteer opportunities. All speakers will

be available to answer questions. Unable to watch this live-stream event? Following this event, voters may visit the LWVMpls

website, www.lwvmpls.org, to watch the program and to find answers to their questions about the options available to them for meeting this most-important civic duty in a way that feels the safest for them.

School Board Candidate Forum

Thursday, October 8, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

The Voter Services Committee reminds you to attend the virtual (no live audience) School Board Candidate Forum on **Thursday, October 8 from 7- 8:30 pm**. The Forum will be broadcast live on MCN Channel 6 and available for live streaming on the LWVMpls Facebook page. The Forum will also be recorded and a link posted as soon as available for anytime viewing on our website www.lwvmpls.org.

The following candidates have agreed to participate:

- 1 · Kim Ellison - At Large
- 2 · Michael Duenes - At Large
- 3 · Sharon El-Amin - District 2
- 4 · Kerry Jo Felder - District 2
- 5 · Christa Mims - District 4
- 6 · Adriana Cerrillo - District 4

Ira Jourdain is unopposed for District 6 and did not respond to our invitation to participate. Besides the candidates and studio technicians, the only other individuals in the studio will be LVWMpls members Pam Telleen (moderator), Susan Reinhart & Erin Harvey (question sorters), and Kim Rosenfield (time keeper).

Please Submit Questions in Advance for the Candidates

Email your question(s) as soon as possible to vote@lwvmpls.org. LWVMpls will start sorting questions by subject matter as soon as they are received and make a selection to present to candidates during the Forum.

You may also submit questions during the Forum via the LWVMpls Facebook page.

-League of Women Voters

Metro Transit wants your input!

Now through **October 9th**, Metro Transit is seeking input from the communities we serve to help prioritize the potential arterial BRT corridors for implementation. Which of the 11 potential BRT corridors would you most likely use and why? This information will be used to select and prioritize the top three corridors.

Explore each proposed corridor here

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/241c090bf9d14b16a0e19f5c78117696>

Share your opinion by completing a short survey: surveymonkey.com/r/futurebus Refer any general project questions to NetworkNext@metrotransit.org

-Juan Rangl, Community Outreach Coordinator, Metro Transit

Volunteer Opportunities - Eastside Meals on Wheels

We are very excited to announce a new pilot program, EMoW Garden, which we have started to help provide more fresh fruits and vegetables to our clients! This is being made possible through partnership with local organizations, including The Food Group.

Next week, on October 6th, we will be delivering locally grown and freshly harvested apples, onions, and winter squash to our clients. Naturally, we'll be needing some extra volunteers to get everything distributed. Please check this new Sign Up, or just email back and I'll put you on the list!

Bradley Van Winkle Operations Coordinator Eastside Meals on Wheels 612-277-2529



Would you like to request a mail-in ballot?

Click here for MN Sec of State mail-in ballot request form.. Minnesota

General Election: November 3, 2020

[Click here to find poll-locations](#)

Vote by mail, or at a polling place on or before election day.

[Click here for U of MN Voter Resources](#)

PPA Board Meeting

PPA Board Meeting, all community members welcome!

Next meeting: Monday, October 26, 2020 | 6:30-8:00 pm

Virtual meeting access information will be provided through newsletter and PP-elist.

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](#).

Helpful COVID-19 Resources

Governor Walz' Response and Preparation

[Click here for updated Covid-19 news from Governor Walz](#)

"Stay at Home" does not mean "Stay Inside". The order states that everyone is encouraged to stay active outside during this time, provided they practice safe social distancing.

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Hennepin County COVID-19 Resource List

Shared by Arvonne Fraser Library Staff - Thank you!

[Click here to read.](#)

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Additional Resources

[City of Minneapolis](#)
[MN Department of Health](#)
[Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#)
[World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

Free Covid-19 Testing Registration

[Click here](#) for information on FREE testing open to those with or without symptoms.

OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

[Follow the Off-Campus Living Facebook Page](#) and [sign up here](#) for their newsletter to receive updates on safety, business, and more in the University of Minnesota Campus area. Non-students are also encouraged to participate!

[Click here to subscribe to MN Senator Kari Dziedzic's newsletter.](#)

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