

PPERRIA NEWSLETTER

April 2015

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Hi Neighbors,

This time last year we were covered in snow and still freezing. While the weather can still change for the colder, I'm truly hoping that we can put winter behind us and focus on spring! The Community Garden is doing just that and recently worked with Surly Gives A Damn volunteers to build raised beds and some other structures for the Cornerstone Garden. [Check out the photos here.](#)

Here at the PPERRIA office things are heating up in planning the Annual Meeting, which is on Monday April 27th at Profile Event Center from 6-8pm. We are still seeking people to run for open Board positions and for businesses or non-profits to table at the event. This even is a big party with all the neighbors, [so don't miss out!](#)

On the business side of the organization, the Board recently passed the budget for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. PPERRIA's fiscal year runs from May-April. PPERRIA will be funding the Community Concerts, making staff full-time, building a more efficient website, and more in the next year.

While we have a budget to get things done in Prospect Park, we now need your help. PPERRIA runs on volunteer time, talent and hard work. Please consider joining a committee or the Board of Directors and help keep Prospect Park great!

See you around,
Jessica
PPERRIA's Staff

PPERRIA Seeking Board Nominations

The PPERRIA Nominations Committee has been formed, with Board Member Serafina Scheel leading the committee this year. Board members help guide and run PPERRIA as an organization and contribute to the work of improving the neighborhood. Board terms are two years. People who have been members of PPERRIA for at least one year are eligible. If you have any questions or would like to nominate someone please e-mail Serafina (serafinaep@gmail.com). Board elections will be on Monday, April 27th at the Annual Meeting.

Join the River Clean Up!

Interested in helping make the banks of the Mississippi sparkling this Earth Day? Join the Clean Up event on Saturday, April 25th from 9-11:30am! A bagel breakfast and pizza lunch will bookend the actual clean up. This event is fun for the whole family. Sign up with Tom Kilton at tom@tomkilton.com.

Want a Rain Garden?

PPERRIA has been awarded a Hennepin County Natural Resources Grant to install several rain gardens and two permeable driveways in the neighborhood. This in no small part to property owner Leila Denecke, who saw that the grant was available and sought out Metro Blooms employee Laura Hurley. Together they found property owners who were interested in rain gardens, secured partnerships with groups like Surly Gives A Damn and wrote the grant to great success. Thank you to Leila and Laura for their hard work!

Up to 15 property owners in the neighborhood will receive an onsite consultation, design, and installation from Metro Blooms. PPERRIA, with a grant from Hennepin County, is providing the majority of funding for the project; the property owner is only responsible for \$50 for the site consultation and for the cost of garden materials.

Interested property owners should contact Jessica at pperriastaff@gmail.com. Simply mention the Neighborhood of Raingardens project in your email and provide your address and phone number. A drawing will take place at the end of April and 15

residents will be chosen to participate in the project. Metro Blooms will contact the selected residents to set up onsite consultations. The consultation includes identifying runoff conditions on your property, taking measurements, determining the appropriate size for your raingarden, and selecting plants.

Rain gardens are increasing in popularity throughout the metro area due to their ability to manage stormwater run off in addition to the use of native plants and overall beauty. You can read all about the [virtues of rain gardens here](#), and more about the work that [Metro Blooms does here](#).

Increase Your Home's Energy Efficiency

Join over 7,000 Minneapolis homeowners who have participated in Home Energy Squad Enhanced. Since 2009 Home Energy Squad Enhanced has been helping homeowners save energy and money in their homes.

For \$70, a team of trusted energy consultants with Home Energy Squad Enhanced will:

- Install of energy saving materials: door weather stripping, a water heater blanket, programmable thermostat, CFL's and high-efficiency water fixtures
- Perform a blower door test to measure your home for air leaks
- Complete safety checks of your home heating system and water heater
- Conduct a complete insulation inspection

If your home needs insulation and air sealing upgrades Home Energy Squad Enhanced will provide you with a quote to get the work done, as well as a list of qualified contractors who can complete the work.

Schedule your Home Energy Squad Enhanced visit today! Call Beth at 612-335-5874 or visit mncee.org/mpls.

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Upcoming Events

Community Happy Hour

Surly Brewery

Monday April 20, 2015

Join your neighbors for a drink at the newest watering hole! The Community Happy Hour series continues on Monday, April 20 from 5:30-7:30pm. This is a casual meet-up meant to introduce neighbors to one another. Contact Jessica for more information (pperriastaff@gmail.com).

Calliope Women's Chorus performance at PPUMC

Saturday, March 14, 7-9pm

Prospect Park United Methodist Church for their ongoing concert series at the Church (22 Orlin Avenue). All are welcome to enjoy live music. The cost is a free-will offering that will go to Families Moving Forward. For more information visit the [PPUMC website](#).

Friends of the Southeast Library Book Sale at the Southeast Library

Saturday, April 18th, 9am-4pm

Bibliophiles rejoice and support the Southeast Library! Books will be priced \$2 for hardcovers and \$1 for paperbacks. Discounts will be given for volume purchases and a bag sale will take place from 3-4pm. Purchases can be made by cash or check.

Taste of Southeast Fundraiser at Saint Frances Cabrini Catholic Church

Saturday, April 18, noon-3pm

Hosted by the SE Seniors, join neighbors in tasting the variety of food that can be found in Southeast Minneapolis. Bid on items in the silent auction and support the SE Seniors. \$15/Adults, \$10/Seniors, \$5/kids 10 and under.

April River Clean Up

Saturday, April 25, 9-11:30am

Join your neighbors in keeping the Mississippi River clean! This annual Earth Day event is organized by Tom Kilton. All are welcome to join and take part in picking up trash along the riverbanks. The clean up will end with a free pizza lunch for volunteers. To sign up e-mail Tom Kilton at tom@tomkilton.com.

PPERRIA Annual Meeting at the Profile Event Center Monday, April 27, 6-8pm

Vote in the Annual Board elections, browse tables with important information from other businesses & organizations and meet your neighbors at the Annual PPERRIA Meeting! Food will be provided and beverages will be available. Invite your neighbors! The space, food and staff time is generously donated by the Profile Event Center. Bring donations to the Glendale Food Shelf and receive a raffle ticket for fabulous prizes in exchange!

PPERRIA Documents

To view the document click on the name of the file.

- [Executive Committee Minutes February 2015](#)
- [Admin Committee Report March 2015](#)
- [Treasurer's Report February 2015](#)
- [Historic District Report March 2015](#)
- [MemComm Report February 2015](#)
- [Budget for 2015-2016](#) (also: [a helpful guide to funding sources](#))
- [Board Minutes February 2015](#)

Upcoming Meetings

Admin Committee

Thursday, April 2nd, 7pm

Membership and Communications (MemComm) Committee

Thursday, April 9th, 5:30pm

Executive Committee

Monday April 13th, 6:30pm

Zoning and Project Review Committee

Wednesday April 15 (*different date than usual*), 7pm

Master Planning Committee

Thursday April 16th (*could be changed*), 5:30pm

All meetings take place in the PPERRIA office at 2828 University Avenue SE in Suite 200 unless otherwise stated.

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