



# August 2015 Newsletter

Hi Neighbors,

An exciting change is coming to our neighborhood!

As many of you may know, our neighborhood association has been working to establish a new visual identity for our neighborhood. On September 19, the new identity will be officially launched at a neighborhood-wide celebration. Mark your calendars!

The new identity includes a new logo for both our neighborhood and the association, along with a simplified name for the association, changing from the Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association (PPERRIA) to Prospect Park Association (PPA). PPA will begin to use the new logo and name starting September 1.

The celebration on September 19 will be held in the afternoon, following the neighborhood clean-up, and will celebrate this and other achievements made by neighborhood volunteers over the past year. We plan on hosting this party in the new office location on University Avenue. Watch for more details.

Volunteers in this neighborhood continue to astound and amaze me. I've rarely seen such a hard working group of people, all striving to make Prospect Park the best place to live. Everyone cares deeply and wants to connect with their community. I hope you feel as proud to live here as I do!

See you around the park,  
Jessica

## Glendale Community Townhomes

Last month the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (MPHA) and the Minneapolis City Council chose to postpone the public hearings reviewing the redevelopment plans for the Glendale Townhomes. The Glendale Committee worked very hard to get this delay in order to ensure due diligence is done in this process. It was clear in reviews of the MPHA's process that some steps were skipped, communication with the residents was not optimal and more work had to be done before the final decision was made.

The Glendale Committee continues to meet frequently in order to do research, plan outreach and stay up-to-date with their neighbors on news about public housing throughout the country. If you're interested in attending a meeting or acquiring a "We Stand With Our Glendale" lawn sign, please e-mail Jessica ([pperriastaff@gmail.com](mailto:pperriastaff@gmail.com)) for more information.

## Community Concert at Luxton Park on 8/11

The Prospect Park Concert Committee and Luxton Park staff are teaming up to host the 2nd Annual Luxton Summer Celebration on Tuesday, August 11th. There will be food, fun and two great bands; DredIDread and Thirty Three Degrees North. The festivities start at 6pm and will include a special celebration for Defend Glendale Townhomes in light of all the hard work the residents have done.

## Call for Artists: Utility Box Designs

PPA has secured a grant to enhance a highly visible stretch of University Avenue SE through artist-designed utility box wraps. These wraps will create a continuous visual experience that engages neighbors and passerby and will become a recognizable landmark for the neighborhood. We're seeking a local artist to create a set of six different but complementary wrap designs for these boxes. The artist will be paid \$5,000 upon delivery of approved artwork.

This opportunity is open to professional artist sand teams of artists living or working in teh following zip codes: 55414, 55455, 55454 and 55114 (encompassing Minneapolis' Prospect Park, Seward, Como and Marcy-Holmes neighborhoods, and St. Paul's Saint Anthony Park neighborhood). Artists may propose ideas in any media, but must be able to translate their work into digital files that can be printed and applied to the boxes.

[For more details about the boxes please visit here.](#) If you have questions or a submission please email [pputilityboxes@yahoo.com](mailto:pputilityboxes@yahoo.com)

## Attention: Legal Fund Donors

In the early 1990's PPERRIA volunteers collected donations for a Legal Fund. The Admin Committee and Board of Directors is considering folding the fund into the General Fund and Budget of the organization. If you donated to this fund the Admin Committee would like your opinion about the change. Please email your opinion to [pperriastaff@gmail.com](mailto:pperriastaff@gmail.com).

## Enter the Mississippi Minute Film Festival

Create and enter your own 1-minute film about the Mississippi River in Minneapolis. The competition is divided into 4 different categories that highlight different areas of the river. For more information about how to enter visit [www.mississippiminute.org](http://www.mississippiminute.org). This competition is hosted by The Minneapolis Riverfront Partnership.

## Music and Movies in the Parks

A great summer program is offered through the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board. They are hosting free music and free movies in Minneapolis Parks throughout the season. Check out the [full schedule here](#).

## Upcoming Events

### Tuesday, August 4th

National Night Out

Various times and locations

Many block clubs will be hosting parties to bring neighbors together on National Night Out, and many others will wait until September when it's cooler. Minneapolis has ranked #1 in NNO participation nationally. If you have not heard about any gathering for your block you have a few options. You can [check the city's website](#) to see if they list a gathering spot for your block at 2015 Registered Events - City of Minneapolis. There is

also a big NNO observance in Prospect Park that takes place on the Oval (Franklin Ave. S.E. between Bedford and Cecil). Please also check the e-list notices if you get them for the most up-to-date information.

### **Tuesday, August 11th**

Luxton Park Summer Celebration

6pm

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### **Tuesday August 11th**

Rain Garden Installation Day

Evening

Over a dozen rain gardens will be installed by volunteers in one evening! PPA secured a grant from Hennepin County to provide rain gardens and permeable drive ways to Prospect Park residents. PPA has teamed up with Metro Blooms, Surly Gives a Damn and the MN Conservation Corps to make it happen. If you see a crew of sweaty people, thank them for their help in managing Prospect Park's storm water!

### **Saturday, August 16**

Open Streets: Franklin Avenue

11am-5pm

Open Streets events bring together local businesses, families and neighbors to bike, walk, socialize, play and shop in their communities in a car-free environment. Family-friendly programming is put on by local businesses and event partners, from group yoga and exercise in the streets to live music and kid play zones, there is something for everyone at Open Streets. The Franklin Avenue Open Streets is the first of two Open Streets that is quite close to Prospect Park--another will be held at the University of Minnesota on September 12th.

### **Mondays August-September**

Donation Based Yoga Classes

6-7:15pm

Monday night yoga classes taught by experienced teachers will continue through September at PPUMC (22 Orlin Avenue). The classes are open to all levels, no previous yoga experience necessary. If possible bring your own mat. RSVPs are appreciated, but not required. RSVP to [uta.wolfe@stthomas.edu](mailto:uta.wolfe@stthomas.edu).

## Official Documents

[Executive Committee Minutes June 2015](#)

[Admin Committee Report July 2015](#)

[MemComm Committee Report June 2015](#)

[Zoning and Project Review Committee Report July 2015](#)

[Glendale Committee Report July 2015](#)

[Glendale Townhomes Fact Sheet](#)

## TCF Bank Stadium Schedule

Below is the current list of events at TCF Bank Stadium through Feb 2016 which may be of interest to the neighborhood. To minimize traffic/parking impacts during Vikings games, tailgating will be located in designated lots north of the Stadium, at Downtown East and Stadium Village LRT stations, and at the MN State Fairgrounds with special buses added on the transitway. Tailgating will not be permitted on any other UM property, including ramps and garages. NOTE: Some times are TBD due to stadium reconfiguration when events occur back to back. Once determined, Gopher games will either be at 11AM or 2:30/3PM. Events marked \* will be televised. Concerts reflect only those booked as of 5/10/2015.

Aug 15 (Sat) @7PM Bucs vs Vikings (preseason)

Aug 22 (Sat) @7PM Raiders vs Vikings (preseason)

Sep 03 (Thu) @8PM TCU vs Gophers

Sep 12 (Sat) Open Streets Initiative University/Stadium Village

Sep 19 (Sat) TBD Kent State vs Gophers

Sep 20 (Sun) @12PM Lions vs Vikings \*

Sep 25 (Fri) TBD Homecoming Pre-Game Concert

Sep 26 (Sat) TBD Ohio vs Gophers (Homecoming)

Sep 27 (Sun) @12PM Chargers vs. Vikings \*

Oct 17 (Sat) TBD Nebraska vs Gophers

Oct 18 (Sun) @12PM Chiefs vs Vikings \*

Oct 31 (Sat) @7PM Michigan vs Gophers  
Nov 08 (Sun) @12PM St. Louis vs Vikings \*  
Nov 21 (Sat) TBD Illinois vs. Gophers  
Nov 22 (Sun) @12PM Packers vs Vikings \*  
Nov 28 (Sat) TBD Wisconsin vs Gophers  
Dec 06 (Sun) @12PM Seahawks vs Vikings \*  
Dec 20 (Sun) @12PM Bears vs Vikings \*  
Dec 27 (Sun) @12PM Giants vs Vikings \*  
Feb 20 (Sat) TBD Gophers Alumni Game  
Feb 21 (Sun) TBD NHL Series Blackhawks vs Wild (est 50,000+ attendance)

## Upcoming Events

All committee meetings take place at the PPERRIA office, 2828 University Avenue SE in Suite 200. All are welcome!

### Glendale Committee

Tuesday, August 4th, 10am

### Admin Committee

Thursday, August 6, 6pm

### Executive Committee

Monday, August 10, 6:30pm

### Membership/Communications (MemComm) Committee

Thursday, August 20, 5:30pm

### Zoning and Project Review

Canceled in August

### Community and Board Meeting

There is no community or board meeting in August. See you in September!

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