



# PROSPECT PARK

ASSOCIATION



MEETINGS	Committee Meetings 2828 SE University Ave, Suite 200	Community Meeting 22 Orlin Ave SE, PPUMC
<p><i>The most up-to-date list of meeting please check the <a href="#">PPA Calendar</a>. All committee meetings take place at the office (2828 University Avenue SE) unless otherwise noted.</i></p> <p><b>ABOUT PPA</b> Prospect Park Association is the official neighborhood association for the Prospect Park Area.</p> <p><b><a href="#">Donate to PPA</a></b> Prospect Park Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and all donations are tax-deductible.</p>	<p><u>Tuesday, December 6</u> Zoning and Project Review 7-9pm <a href="#">Draft Agenda</a></p> <p><u>Thursday December 15</u> Membership/Communications 5:30-7pm <a href="#">Draft Agenda</a></p>	<p><b>PPA Town Hall Meeting</b> <b>Monday December 12,</b> <b>6:30pm - 7:30pm</b> <a href="#">Saint Frances Cabrini Catholic Church</a> <a href="#">TBD-Please see calendar</a></p> <p><b>PPA Board Meeting</b> <b>7:30pm - 8:30pm</b> <a href="#">Saint Frances Cabrini Catholic Church</a> <a href="#">TBD-Please see calendar</a></p>

# Peace in the Neighborhood

Hi Neighbors,

This is widely acknowledged to be a tough year, from a global perspective to a personal one for many people. Some days are tougher than others, but throughout all the hardships this year I have been grateful to see what an amazing and supportive community is found in Prospect Park. I hope that 2017 proves to be a better year, and one where we all continue to grow together as a community.

There are so many ways to get to know your neighbors, and one of them is to volunteer with PPA. You can do good work for your community with a committee, a project, an event, or just going out to welcome new people to the neighborhood. We rely on the time and energy of the neighbors to make Prospect Park a great place to live, and I hope that this upcoming year you will find a place to plug in and get involved.

If you cannot devote your time, please consider donating to PPA through our GiveMN page or with a check. Your donation helps get volunteer-led projects funded, and it is much appreciated!

Peace to Prospect Park this December,

Jessica

PPA Staff

## Community Meeting December 12

While there has not traditionally been a PPA Community Meeting in December, the revised bylaws allow for a meeting. It will be held on Monday, December 12 at Saint Frances Cabrini Catholic Church ([map](#)). Social time will start at 6:00pm, and the meeting will begin at 6:30pm. An agenda will be posted on the PPA calendar.

# Election Results

Congratulations to our new and returning elected representatives! You can find the full list of who represents Prospect Park on [every level of government here](#). We have been pleased to see that the representative-elect for the 60B district, Ilhan Omar, has been getting national attention for being the first Somali-American to be elected to a state-wide lawmaking office. We are excited to work with all of our representatives!

# Good Neighbor Fund

The Good Neighbor Fund is a grant program run by the University of Minnesota, established to make sure the neighborhoods affected by the University's events at the TCF Bank Stadium have opportunities to build community and beautify their streets. PPA is seeking ideas and hard workers to make projects a reality! Past projects that were funded by the Good Neighbor Fund include the utility box wraps on University Avenue, and the Summer Celebration Concert at Luxton Park in 2015 and 2016.

# Clean Sweep

In the October newsletter, we promised a report about the Clean Sweep results from our Fall Clean Sweep on October 1. Thanks to the 18 volunteers, trucks and drivers provided by SKB, coffee donated by Dunn Brothers on University, and other goodies supplied by PPA and organized by Jan Kilton and Mary Alice Kopf, we had a fun morning with great success. Although there seemed to be less 'stuff' because of the many years we've been doing this, we still managed to fill several trucks throughout the neighborhood. It was a great morning and lots of fun getting to know more neighbors - please consider joining us next year! We need to raise the median age of volunteers, who were mostly over 60.

Over the course of the morning, we picked up:

- 15 tires
- 4,380 pounds of debris (concrete and wood)

This year, we enlisted the help of a metal scrapper who helped pick up all the metal (a trailer full and then some!) and take it to a scrap yard. We hope to work with them next year!

Watch for the announcement of the spring river clean up in early April. This date is set by the city of Minneapolis so the neighborhood has no control over when it happens. But, it is a great way to meet neighbors and clean up along the river.

## Prospect Park Community Choir

Join the PPCC at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church on Sunday, December 11 at 2pm for their holiday concert! [More information here.](#)

## Pratt Fundraiser at Pizza Luce

The Pratt Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) has organized a fundraiser at [Pizza Luce](#) for Monday, December 5th! All day Pizza Luce will donate 25% of sales to dine-in customers if [you have a flier](#). Pratt Parents will be passing out the fliers at the restaurant, so head on over to support Pratt and eat delicious food!

## Textile Center Gift Shop

Visit the Textile Center this month for beautiful handmade gifts made by local artisans! The Annual Holiday Gallery Shop is open until December 24th. Many events to meet the makers are scheduled throughout December. [See more here.](#)

## Prospect Park Merchandise

Prospect Park t-shirts, posters commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Witch's Hat Water Tower, and the history book Under the Witch's Hat, are all for sale at the PPA office! Limited sizes are available. To schedule a pick up time or for more information on pricing and availability, please call Jessica at 612-767-6531.

# Southeast Seniors News

Southeast Seniors has been around Prospect Park for 28 years yet there are still people who don't know what the organization does. SE Senior's goal is to coordinate services to help seniors live well at home. The organization works with people 65 and over to connect them to services, transportation, and as appropriate, a friendly visitor. There is a new cooking program to inspire folks to cook more healthily. All of these programs are free! SE Seniors staff can also connect those in need with medical support for a sliding fee.

SE Seniors would love to talk to you about how you can get involved as a volunteer. Do you know a neighbor who could benefit from our services? Check out the [SE Seniors website](#) or call [612-331-2302](tel:612-331-2302) for more information about our programs and services.

## PPA Documents

- PPA Board Minutes approved on 11/28/16
  - [June 2016](#)
  - [July 2016](#)
  - [October 2016](#)
- [October Membership and Communications Committee Minutes](#)
- [November Zoning and Project Review Minutes](#)
- [Final Home Tour Report](#)

*PPA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event organized by PPA. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting us at (612-767-6531) at least 5 days before our event.*

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