



PROSPECT PARK

ASSOCIATION



UPCOMING EVENTS	Committee Meetings <i>2828 SE University Ave, Suite 200</i>	Community Meeting <i>22 Orlin Ave SE, PPUMC</i>
	<p><u>Monday May 2 & June 6</u> Historic District Committee 5pm</p> <p><u>Tuesday May 3</u> Zoning and Project Review 7:30pm (later start time)</p> <p><u>Monday May 9</u> Executive Committee 6:30pm</p> <p><u>Thursday May 5</u> MemComm 5:30pm</p>	<p>Monday May 23 Social time at 6pm Meeting at 6:30pm</p> <p>PPA Board of Directors Meeting to follow. Special PPA Board of Directors Meeting Sat. May 7, Argyle House</p> <p>ABOUT PPA The Prospect Park Association is the official neighborhood association for the Prospect Park Area.</p> <p><u>Donate to PPA</u></p>

May your flowers bloom soon!

Hey Neighbors,

I hope your April was fantastic, despite the loss of our one and only Prince.

The neighborhood saw a lot of activity in April, from the temporary move of the Cornerstone Community Gardens, to a very successful river clean up that was actually on Earth Day weekend (unlike the last few years, when it snowed!), and of course the new website launch. Thank you to those who have commented on the new website! We appreciate all feedback.

This month the PPA Board of Directors is having a special meeting on Saturday, May 7 at 10am in the Argyle House meeting room (900 Washington Avenue SE). The proposed bylaws amendments, [which can be viewed here](#), will be reviewed article by article by the Board of Directors, and amendments to the amendments will be proposed and voted upon. The approved amendments to the amendments will be adopted into the document, the final version of which will be voted upon at the Board of Directors meeting on Monday, May 23rd. There will be time for PPA members who are not on the Board to comment on the Bylaws as a whole. Again, you can view the [proposed changes here](#), and a document comparing [PPA's current bylaws to the proposed version here](#).

Have a great May!

Jessica

PPA Community Engagement Coordinator

Committee Agendas

At the Board Meeting on Monday, April 25 the Board of Directors unanimously voted on a plan to distribute committee agendas to the public in a thoughtful and timely manner. From May onward, committees will set the agenda for the next month's meet at the end of each meeting. This version is only a draft until approved at the next month's committee meeting. Our staff person, Jessica, will make any updates to agendas on the website in the week before the meeting occurs. We hope that this practice will increase transparency of discussions occurring within PPA, and will encourage more people to get involved when they see a topic they are interested in. Please look out for the agendas in the June newsletter!

Pratt Ice Cream Social

Save the date for the annual Pratt Ice Cream Social scheduled for Friday, June 3, 5:30-8:30 pm. Come meet your neighbors and friends and enjoy music, food, games, and Pratt Community School performances. The historic "Witch's Hat" Tower will be open to the public beginning at 5:00 p.m. for a spectacular view of the city skyline. The event will also include the Prospect Park Garden Club plant sale, the Pratt PTO Silent Auction, and more. Volunteer recruitment will begin soon—watch for a notice. Co-sponsored by Pratt School PTO, the Pratt Ice Cream Social Planning Committee, and Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Luxton Park. Call [612-668-1100](tel:612-668-1100) for more information.

Canoeing, Anyone?

There are still spots available to explore the wilderness right in the heart of the city on the Mississippi National Riverway. Southeast Seniors is teaming up with Wilderness

Inquiry (WI) for a day long canoe-trip on the Mississippi from 10 am to 3 pm on Saturday, June 11. Each of the voyager canoes holds 8 people and an experienced guide. People over 65 are invited to bring themselves, friends and family. ALL ages and abilities are welcome. (Note - WI is well known for taking people with all abilities into the wilderness.) Fee (\$35 per person) includes all paddling, safety gear, and lunch. This trip is a collaboration between the two organizations to introduce WI as a resource to keep seniors in Southeast engaged in outdoor activities. For more information, call [612-331-2302](tel:612-331-2302) or check the Southeast Seniors website at seseniorsmpls.org.

Surly Brewing to host concert

A staff person at Surly Brewing contacted PPA to inform us that they are seeking a special expansion permit for a concert at the brewery on Friday, May 20th. The band is Edward Sharpe and the Magnetic Zeros. The nearest neighbors have been informed.

Upcoming Events at TCF Bank Stadium

Dear Neighbors:

The Stadium Area Advisory Group held it's biannual meeting last week. Activities scheduled at TCF Bank for the next 6 months that may be of interest to Prospect Park are as follows:

Mon, May 23: Beyoncé Concert

Parking restrictions begin @3PM. Concert begins @7:30PM, concluding by 11PM. Small pyrotechnic show at the end. So far 43K tickets have been sold.

Summer: It's very likely no more major events will be scheduled. Drum Corps Int'l may have a small event on Jul 15.

Fall Gopher Football Schedule:

Thu, Sep 01: Oregon State

Sat, Sep 10: Indiana State

Sat, Sep 24: Colorado State

Sat, Oct 08: Iowa

Sat, Oct 22: Rutgers (Homecoming)

Sat, Nov 05: Purdue

Sat, Nov 19: Northwestern

Exact game times will be announced 12 days beforehand due to television scheduling requirements. Extra seating installed for the Vikings has been permanently removed. The stadium is now back to it's original 50,805 capacity.

The Stadium Group meets again in the fall. If you have general questions or concerns about stadium operations please bring them to the attention of the Prospect Park Association so they can be forwarded to the appropriate agency.

Kind Regards,

Vince Netz

TCF Bank Stadium Area Advisory Group

U of M Good Neighbor Fund Management Committee

Grants Approved for Prospect Park Projects

We received confirmation that two projects submitted to the Good Neighbor Fund have been approved for funding! Congratulations to the teams who wrote the grants for the Community Concert at Luxton Park and the project 'Raising the Banners!' Many thanks to the hard working volunteers who prepared the grant applications, and to the future work of completing the projects!

Help Build Our Community!

Prospect Park Association relies on the hundreds of families and individuals who care deeply about the future of our neighborhood. Although the City of Minneapolis contributes to our budget, most of what we do would not be possible without the voluntary contributions of expertise and financial resources of our neighbors.

PPA is organized for neighbors to define what is important in Prospect Park and to make the neighborhood a welcoming and livable community. We all have a stake in Prospect Park's vitality, and we invite you to join your voice with ours. [Please make a tax-deductible contribution today.](#)

Prospect Park T-Shirts Available

These shirts are 100% cotton and printed with the words "PROSPECT PARK". Within the design there is a scene of sky and trees. The 'A' in 'Park' features the iconic Witch's Hat Water Tower silhouette. Show your neighborhood pride with the newest Prospect Park t-shirt! The shirts are on sale for \$15 and are available in the PPA office. Contact Jessica for office hours. Sizes S, M, and L are still available.

PPA Minutes and Reports

Click on the link to view.

- [Special Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, February 18, 2016](#)
- [Executive Committee Meeting Minutes, March 14, 2016](#)
- [PPA Historic District Committee Report, April 4, 2016](#)
- [PPA Zoning and Project Review Committee Report, April 5, 2016](#)
- [PPA Membership and Communications Report, March 17, 2016](#) (includes committee's objectives for upcoming year)
- [Report on the District Council's Collaborative to PPA Board of Directors, April 2016](#)

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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