WELCOME TO PROSPECT PARK!

This guide includes upcoming things to do and see in Prospect Park as well as a list of our neighborhood organizations. These resources are published by Prospect Park Association (PPA), the neighborhood organization for Prospect Park.

You can add resources to this guide by submitting your suggestions here. We update this guide throughout the year.

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ABOUT THE NEIGHBORHOOD

UPCOMING THINGS TO DO & SEE IN PROSPECT PARK

- View the City of Minneapolis skyline at sunset from the base of the Witch’s Hat Water Tower in Tower Hill Park
- Step up your bartending game with a cocktail class at O’Shaughnessy Distilling Co.
- Test your brain on Trivia Mafia at The Market at Malcolm Yards
- Register kids for summer workshops on pewter casting, furniture making, lego mastering and so much more at Leonardo's Basement
- Have fun with Fiber Art for Families for kids ages 2-5yrs & a caregiver at the Textile Center
- Take a guided Architecture-focused tour of Surly Brewing during Doors Open Minneapolis
- Learn the Nordic tradition of spoon carving at Fireweed Community Woodshop
- Register the kids for summer sports programs at Luxton Park. (Programs fill up fast!)
**THE WITCH'S HAT TOWER**

The "Witch's Hat" water tower is in Prospect Park, (known as Tower Hill park), the highest natural land area in the city of Minneapolis.

The 110-foot Prospect Park Water Tower was built in 1913 with a holding capacity of 150,000 gallons. It was also built to be a bandstand; however, there was only one concert in the band shell because the musicians experienced difficulty in carrying their instruments up the inside spiral staircase of 101+16 steps. Up until Minneapolis Wi-Fi was deployed in 2010, it housed active city first-responder telecommunications equipment in the roof.

The Prospect Park Water Tower is located at 55 Malcom Avenue S.E. in Minneapolis.

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**STAY CONNECTED**

**PPA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

Stay informed about PPA's Board and Committee meetings, activities and events.

**SIGN UP HERE**

**THE PP LIST**

More than 1,300 Prospect Park residents are connected in this independent list serve. Send a sign up request via e-mail [HERE](#).

Connect with PPA on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).
BUSINESS & NON-PROFIT DIRECTORY

RESTAURANTS/MARKETS
- Fresh Thyme
- The Market at Malcolm Yards
- Surly Brewing
- O'Shaughnessy Distillery
- U Garden
- Feng Cha
- Caspian Bistro
- Legendary Spice
- Blaze Pizza
- Bona Vietnamese
- Tea House
- The Cajun House
- MU MU Tea
- Egg & I
- Raising Canes
- Sidewalk Kitchen
- Hong Kong Noodle
- Kowloon
- Stub & Herbs
- LivTru

SERVICES
- Southeast Auto Service
- Namit Alex Bhalla - Realtor
- Kim Nybo State Farm Insurance
- PICA Head Start
- Family Wise
- Anytime Fitness
- Factor of 4 Website Design
- Fairview Pharmacy - University Village
- Great Brakes Auto Repair
- Willie Willette Works Custom Furniture
- The Hub at The U of M Bike Center
- Kyra Nygard Photography

RELIGIOUS OR SPIRITUAL
- Prospect Park United Methodist Church
- River of Hope
- St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church
- St. Panteleimon Russian Orthodox Church
- Gracepoint Minneapolis
BUSINESS & NON-PROFIT DIRECTORY

ARTS ORGANIZATIONS
Textile Center
Fireweed Community Woodshop
Leonardo's Basement
Signature Arts Building

REUSE/RECYCLE/RESALE
Art+Architecture
Stay Gold Vintage
Glam Diggers Vintage
Claire Steyaert Antiques
Prospect Park Yard and Tailgate Sale
Minnesota Tech for Success

GARDENING
Prospect Park Garden Club
Prospect Park Community Gardens

FOOD SERVICES & HEALTH
Community Driven
Glendale Food Shelf (East Side Neighborhood Services)
BrittFit50 Indigenous Health

SENIOR LIVING
Pillars of Prospect Park
The Legends at Berry (St.Paul)

SEE PAGE 12 FOR GARDENS/PARKS/RECREATION & HISTORY & ARCHITECTURE
BUSINESS & NON-PROFIT DIRECTORY

EDUCATION
Pratt Elementary School
Pratt PTO
Pratt Site Council
Venture Academy
University of Minnesota Twin Cities

BANKS
First Independence
Spire Credit Union
Affinity Plus Credit Union
Bank of America
US Bank University Branch

CHILDCARE
University KinderCare
The Pillars Childcare
Family Wise Child Care Center

HOTELS
Hampton Inn & Suites
Days Hotel by Wyndham
Home2Suites
Hilton Garden Inn
Kasa University Ave
Sonder at Max
RENTERS RESOURCES

PROSPECT PARK RENTERS

The PPA Renter's Curriculum covers information on: searching for apartments, leasing them, moving, legal and supportive resources for renters, how to talk with landlords and organize with other tenants.

Sign up for Prospect Park Association's Renter's Curriculum — please fill out the form here.

You will receive an email confirmation when your moodle account is ready. Thank you for using this resource!

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA OFFICE OF OFF-CAMPUS LIVING

Resources on renting near campus, roommate finder, safety, navigating campus, student legal services and more. http://ocl.umn.edu/
LEGAL RESOURCES FOR RENTERS IN MINNEAPOLIS

Mid Minnesota Legal Aid
- Free legal support and advice
- Call at (612) 334-5970.

HOMELine's Legal Hotline
- Free legal hotline for renters in need
- Call at (612) 728-5767

Student Legal Service (For UMN Students)
- Free Legal support for UMN Students
- (612) 624-1001

ADDITIONAL HOUSING RESOURCES

Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County (CAP-HC)
- Organization offering resources including emergency rental assistance.
- Call at (952) 930-3541

HousingLink
- Site to find affordable and subsidized housing in Minnesota.
- Resources for rental assistance and apartment search tips.

TOP 11 QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN TOURING AN APARTMENT

Learning about your apartment, its history, and the landlord is a crucial step to take before leasing a new apartment. This video contains questions and tips to help you with your search: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1sOA1SzflbE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1sOA1SzflbE)
RENTERS RESOURCES

KNOW YOUR RENTING RIGHTS
The City of Minneapolis is launching a renting rights campaign to inform renters and property owners about renter rights by improving access to information from the City. The campaign aims to raise awareness about renting rights and the City’s renter resources with updates to the City website and community engagement with residents throughout Minneapolis. More than half of Minneapolis residents are renters.

Residents can learn more about renting rights, help with issues and resources on the City website.

Renting rights
Find out what you need to know about your rights as a renter in Minneapolis. We explain renter rights for the following issues:

- Renter screening.
- Security deposits.
- Evictions.
- Relocation.
- Repairs and maintenance.
- Retaliation.

Help with renter issues
Learn how you can get help with urgent situations, rental issues and City notices including:

- Property owner harassment or threats.
- Heat not working.
- Dangerous conditions.
- Property owner not responding to repair requests.
- Property owner discrimination.

Renter resources
See what resources are available to help you with rental housing issues in Minneapolis including:

- City resources of support from Rental Housing Liaisons.
- Legal resources.

Community events
Minneapolis residents can also learn more about renter rights from City staff at these summer community events:

- Community Connections Conference.
- Juneteenth.
- Somali Independence Day.
- Open Streets
COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

PRATT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
Pratt Community School is a Pre-K through 5 school, supported by a strong international community due in large part to their close proximity to the University of Minnesota. They welcome students from all cultural backgrounds and are always looking for ways to learn from and nurture their multicultural environment. Their mission is to create a safe, challenging and nurturing learning environment where all students succeed. https://pratt.mpls.k12.mn.us/Home

SOUTHEAST SENIORS
Southeast Seniors is a non-profit organization of health care professionals and neighbors helping people 65 and older remain independent and safe at home. Sometimes, it is just a simple task that needs doing or some resources that would make a difference. Growing older is much easier and safer when you have the support you need to live well at home. https://www.seseniors.org/
LOCAL GOVERNMENT

PROSPECT PARK IS CURRENTLY REPRESENTED BY

- Senator Kari Dziedzic, District 60
- House Representative Mohamud Noor, District 60B
- City Council Member Robin Wonsley, Ward 2
- Hennepin County Commissioner Angela Conley, District 4
- Park Board Commissioner Billy Menz, District 1

DISTRICTS
Congressional: 5
MN Senate: 60 & 63
MN House: 60B & 63A
County Commissioner: 04
Judicial: 04
Park: MINNEAPOLIS 1
Soil and Water Conservation: 4
School: MINNEAPOLIS DISTRICT 1
County: Hennepin

2023 LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS
This map shows the Legislative Districts ordered by the Minnesota Supreme Court Special Redistricting Panel on February 15, 2022.

ELECTIONS
Find your Voting Place Here: https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/
LIGHT RAIL STATIONS IN PROSPECT PARK
The Metro Green line from Union Depot to Target Field has the following stations in Prospect Park: Stadium Village, Prospect Park and Westgate.

BUS
The following transit lines have routes that pass near Prospect Park Bus: 121, 6, 63, 67. https://www.metrotransit.org/home

LOW-COST MOBILITY PROGRAMS
Transit Assistance Program
Metro Transit’s Transit Assistance Program (TAP) is meant to make public transit more affordable for lower income residents. Qualified customers can ride the bus and train for $1 per ride.

BIKE & SCOOTER SHARE
The City of Minneapolis entered into license agreements with Lime. Spin and Veo to participate in its shared bike and scooter program for the 2023 season. https://www.minneapolismn.gov/getting-around/bicycling/bike-share/

You can learn about the City’s shared scooter program and how to rent, ride and park scooters here.

WALKING PATHS/PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES
Ground Rounds National Scenic Parkway from Northeast Minneapolis through Prospect Park all along SE 27th Ave, connecting to both East and West River Parkways and across the Franklin Avenue bridge.
RECREATION

GARDENS/PARKS/PLAYGROUNDS

- **Chergovsky Park** - A tree-filled park offering a totlot playground and a picnic area at the foot of Seymour Ave and the pedestrian bridge over I-94 connecting residents to East River Road.
- **East River Parkway** - Part of the Minneapolis Parks Scenic Grand Rounds on the east side of the Mississippi River.
- **Luxton Park and Luxton Recreation Center** - A park and recreation center with outdoor soccer and softball fields, basketball courts, wading pool, and indoor gymnasium and meeting rooms. Luxton Recreation Center also encompasses **Luxton Community Center**.
- **River Gorge Park** - The east-bank Mississippi River flats stretch from the University of Minnesota to the St. Paul border and offer exciting opportunities to experience wildlife, restored prairie, beautiful sunsets, and wooded hiking and biking. **Mississippi Gorge Regional Park**.
- **Dartmouth Triangle** - This "pocket park" or "parklet" features a spring water tap (now capped) adjacent to East River Pkwy and SE Ontario St.
- **Tower Hill Park** (Prospect Park) - Features the historic Witch's Hat Water Tower and tennis courts. See also **Tower Hill Park Placeography** page.
- Tennis courts on **Tower Hill Park**
- **Bridal Veil Gardens**
- Tennis Courts on Tower Hill
- Village Green Playground at Pratt
- **Westgate Park** - (St. Paul) 725 Berry St.

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**LUXTON PARK**
112 Williams Ave. SE,
Phone: 612-370-4925
Browse and register for events at Luxton [here](#).

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**HISTORY & ARCHITECTURE**

*The Malcolm Wiley House*
*The Faulkner House*

**MINNEAPOLIS PARK & RECREATION BOARD**
For more info on parks, lakes, trails, parkways, recreation centers, and activities.
[https://www.minneapolisparks.org/](https://www.minneapolisparks.org/).
GET INVOLVED!
PPA COMMITTEES

COMMUNITY BUILDING

About: Listen, Learn, Ask and Transform. Tell us what community issues are on your mind. Meets the 1st Thursday of every month. Committee Co-Chairs, Susan Larson-Fleming and Jerry Stein. Contact: stein035@umn.edu, flemings@usfamily.net

ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

About: Climate Action Plan and Resiliency, Neighborhood Cleanup. Meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month. Committee Chair, TBD. Contact: environment@prospectparkmpls.org

LAND USE & PLANNING

About: Zoning & Development; Project Review. Meets the 2nd Thursday of every month. Committee Chair, Eric Amel Contact: landuse@prospectparkmpls.org

TRANSPORTATION & SAFETY

About: Walkability, Bikeability, Multi-Modal Transit, Traffic & Parking, Crime & Public Safety. Meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month. Committee Chair, Evan Roberts. Contact: transportation@prospectparkmpls.org
ABOUT PROSPECT PARK ASSOCIATION (PPA)

Founded in 1901, PPA is the oldest neighborhood association in Minneapolis and is the City-recognized voice of Prospect Park Neighborhood. PPA’s mission is to promote, in a non-partisan, educational and cooperative manner, the health, safety and general welfare of the neighborhood and to promote the maintenance and improvement of the aesthetic, residential and physical qualities of the neighborhood environment.

PPA relies on volunteers along with our part-time staff person, to work with City & County governments, nonprofit organizations & community members to help shape our neighborhood. You can help: participate in monthly in board/community meetings or Environment; Transportations and Safety; Community Building; and Land Use and Planning committee meetings. Meetings are currently virtual. To participate or learn more, subscribe to PPA’s newsletter here.

VISIT PROSPECT PARK NEIGHBORHOOD WEBSITE
PPA ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Recent selected accomplishments include installing rain gardens to mitigate the increase of stormwater runoff due to climate change, ‘25 by 25’ initiative to reduce greenhouse gasses, installing traffic calming planters at Pratt school, Census 2020 work to reach under-counted communities, work with the City to reopen walkway from Pratt to Luxton park, formed Renter Rights Subcommittee, created Prospect Park Unified Design Standards, and held the annual Earth Day Cleanup, “Heal the Earth” Eco Tour, and neighborhood yard and tailgate sales.

ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING & BOARD ELECTION

This is the day when the PPA members elect half of the Board of Directors every year. PPA board member elections are held in May in order to take advantage of the city-wide neighborhood organization election made available by Neighborhood Community Relations (NCR). Participating in the city-wide election date brings greater attention to our neighborhood board election, giving more neighbors the opportunity to participate as candidates and voters. See the PPA Board of Directors page for candidate details here.

DONATE TO PROSPECT PARK ASSOCIATION

The Prospect Park Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and all donations are tax-deductible. Donate to PPA at GiveMN HERE

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