



# Welcome to the Prospect Park neighborhood and the City of Minneapolis

We who live here enjoy its urban-village feel where we can walk to work, recreation, shopping, community meetings and events. We have two community centers: Luxton and Pratt. Our sense of place is heightened because we have clear geographic boundaries. On the west we have the University; the south: the Mississippi River; the east: the city boundary between Minneapolis and St. Paul; and the north: the railroad tracks and industrial area. SE Library serves the neighborhood - it's located on 13th Ave and 4th Street and is open 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday and 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Saturday. Luxton Park, located at 112 Williams Ave SE, is a great place to get outdoors and spend quality time with your friends and neighbors. Your City Council Member is Cam Gordon (612-673-2202 or [cam.gordon@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:cam.gordon@ci.minneapolis.mn.us)).

## General and City Resources

**311:** Call 311 for all city services that do not require police or emergency attention. For example, call 311 to fix potholes, clean graffiti, replace burnt out streetlights, report housing violations, and so on.

**911:** Call 911 for any situation requiring police, fire, or medical response. This is not just an emergency number and should be used to report suspicious behavior or party complaints.

**RJCA:** If you receive a ticket related to alcohol, noise or disorderly conduct, you may be eligible to participate in a diversion program to avoid having a misdemeanor on your record. Restorative Justice Community Action uses a face-to-face restorative justice model that recognizes the community as a victim of crime and gives offenders constructive ways to make amends for their actions through community service, for example. Contact RJCA at 612-746-0780 or visit [www.rjca-inc.org](http://www.rjca-inc.org) to see if you're eligible or if you'd like to participate as a community member!

**Libraries:** To find public library hours and locations, visit: [www.mpls.lib.mn.us](http://www.mpls.lib.mn.us).

**Parks:** Luxton Park is nearby at 112 Williams Ave SE, open until 9 p.m. every day. Call 612-370-4925 to hear about programs they offer. To find other park hours and locations, visit: [www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org).

**Volunteering:** Interested in doing something for others? Call 211 or email [neighbor@umn.edu](mailto:neighbor@umn.edu).

**Register to Vote:** Minneapolis has changed to **ranked choice voting** in 2009. Find out more information such as where you can register, have a registration application sent to you, or find what to bring so you can register on Election Day at: [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/elections](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/elections).

**Garbage and Recycling:** **Garbage is picked up each week** and you must return your cart to your house/garage within a day of the pickup. Find out when your garbage day is for your address at [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/pickup-day.asp](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/pickup-day.asp).

**Recycling is picked up every other week**, and needs to be sorted in a specific way. To find out when your recycling day is for your address, check [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/solid-waste/recycling-calendar.asp](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/solid-waste/recycling-calendar.asp). Find out more at [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/solid-waste/recycling.asp](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/solid-waste/recycling.asp).

**Maximum Occupancy:** It's illegal to have more than three unrelated people living in most housing units in the neighborhood, or more than five unrelated people in units in larger apartment buildings.

## University Resources

**Student Government:** Get involved! Undergrads, go to [www.msa.umn.edu](http://www.msa.umn.edu), and graduate and professional students go to [www.gapsa.umn.edu](http://www.gapsa.umn.edu).

**MSA Express:** The undergraduate student government operates a van service for students on the weekends. Visit: [www.msa.umn.edu](http://www.msa.umn.edu) and click on "MSA Express."

**Security Escort Services:** If you ever feel uncomfortable walking or biking alone in the neighborhoods around the University campus, do not hesitate to call 624-WALK(9255) for a security escort.

**University Student Legal Services:** Need help with landlord/tenant disputes or other legal issues? Call 624-1001, e-mail [usls@umn.edu](mailto:usls@umn.edu) or visit [www.umn.edu/usls](http://www.umn.edu/usls).

**Counseling:** If you would like to talk to someone about any problems or stresses that are bothering you, contact University Counseling & Consulting Services at [www.uccs.umn.edu](http://www.uccs.umn.edu) or dial 211.

## Upcoming Events

**September 12: Pratt Boot (Rummage) Sale and Pancake Breakfast** - sale 8:00 a.m. to noon, food 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Pratt School parking lot( 66 Malcolm SE).

**September 26: Neighborhood Clean Up** - 8:30 a.m. to noon, volunteers needed! Please contact Tom Kilton at 612-339-3064 for more information.

## Safety Tips

- **Stay alert:** Cell phones and iPods are great, but not when they keep you from having any idea what's going on around you. Most robberies of students occur when they are distracted.
- **Walk with a friend:** People on their own are better targets for robbery. Stay in groups, stay safe.
- **Don't leave anything of value in your car:** It will likely be stolen, and you'll have to pay to fix a window, too. If you absolutely must have valuables in the car, put them in the trunk *before* you reach your destination.
- **Lock your bike:** Investing in a heavy U-lock (with a flat key, not a cylindrical one) will help prevent bike theft.
- **Keep the serial #** of your bike and other valuables in a safe place online with the portfolio program: <https://portfolio.umn.edu/>.
- **Lock your doors and windows at home** and don't leave valuables where they can be seen from outside.
- **Call 911.** If you need an immediate response from police, fire or ambulance service, please call 911. If there's an emergency at a party you've organized and you call 911, you won't be fined.

## Please Party Responsibly

### Planning a Party:

- **Check your lease** to make sure that if the police do come and issue tickets, you will not be evicted.
- **Let neighbors know** about the party a day or two ahead of time so that they can call you if the party gets noisy or unruly.
- **Avoid serving glass bottles.** They are easily broken and difficult to clean up.
- **Closed containers are important** so that date rape drugs cannot be slipped into someone's drink. If someone is drugged at your party, the charges can come down on the party host no matter who did it.
- **Designate at least one person to be sober** at the party who is in charge of answering the phone, dealing with unruly or drunk guests as well as the police should they show up.
- **Don't let any of your guests** use the outside of your's or your neighbors' house as a toilet.
- **Keep fires under control.** Recreational fires can be no more than two feet high and three feet in diameter and should be extinguished by 10:00 p.m. Fires must be at least 25 feet from a structure and only untreated wood may be burned (nothing painted or varnished).

### Keep in Mind:

- **The noisy and unruly assembly ordinance takes effect at 10:00 PM** and any party that can be heard from the street can be broken up by the police from ten at night until eight in the morning.
- **Know who is coming to your party** for the sake of your safety. Many thieves come to parties to scope out houses for breaking into later on.
- **If you are ticketed** due to an unruly party or other alcohol offense, consider participating in the Restorative Justice program (612-746-746-0780 or [info@rjca-inc.org](mailto:info@rjca-inc.org)). If you need legal representation, contact University Student Legal Services (624-1001 or [usls@umn.edu](mailto:usls@umn.edu)).

## Additional Tips for Game Days:

- It is illegal for you or your guests to park on a sidewalk or lawn, even if you own the property and it is illegal to sell parking spaces without a commercial license.
- It is illegal to consume intoxicating liquids in public.
- It is illegal to serve alcohol to minors and to sell alcohol without a liquor license, which can come with a \$3000 fine.
- You are living in a neighborhood filled with residents and families, and not everyone is going to the game. Be respectful and keep it down if you are socializing before or after the game.

## Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association (PPERRIA)

The group actively addresses local issues directly affecting our neighborhood. PPERRIA Committees and Task Groups address issues such as: block club organizing, zoning and land use changes, schools, taxes, traffic changes, parks, arts, recreation, housing rehabilitation, historic preservation, and environment. Find out more at [www.pperr.org](http://www.pperr.org).

## Student Neighborhood Liaisons

Our mission is to improve the livability of the neighborhoods near the U of M campus. We accomplish this by partnering with PPERRIA and residents to bridge the gap between students and their neighbors through block and neighborhood events to create opportunities for all to be engaged in the neighborhood. Our goal is to build on the existing sense of community (friendly, vibrant, safe, and environmentally healthy) and strengthen it by working with community members. Join us in keeping your neighborhood a great place to live!

### Student Neighborhood Liaison Program

#### Student and Community Relations

Office for Student Affairs  
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128 Pleasant St SE  
Minneapolis, MN 55455  
612-625-8939  
612-626-6214 (fax)  
[neighbor@umn.edu](mailto:neighbor@umn.edu)  
[www.scr.umn.edu](http://www.scr.umn.edu)

Join our student group, Student Neighborhood Organizers, at [www.sua.umn.edu/groups/](http://www.sua.umn.edu/groups/). Find us on Facebook! Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and search for Student Neighborhood Liaisons.