



## April 2021 Newsletter

MEETINGS	Committee Meetings <i>virtual until further notice</i>	Community Meetings <i>22 Orlin Ave SE, PPUMC</i>
<p><i>For the most up-to-date list of meetings please check the <a href="#">PPA Calendar</a>. All committee meetings are taking place virtually unless otherwise noted.</i></p> <p><b>ABOUT PPA</b> Prospect Park Association is the official neighborhood association for the Prospect Park Area of the city of Minneapolis.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u><a href="#">Donate to PPA</a></u></b></p> <p>Prospect Park Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and all donations are tax-deductible.</p>	<p><b>Community Building Committee</b> Wednesday April 14, 4pm</p> <p><b>Environment Committee</b> Tuesday, April 13, 6:30pm</p> <p><b>Finance &amp; Administrative Committee</b> TBA</p> <p><b>Land Use &amp; Planning Committee</b> Thursday, April 8, 7pm</p> <p><b>Renter's Sub-Committee</b> Wednesday April 14, 6pm</p> <p><b>Transportation &amp; Safety Committee</b> Tuesday, April 20, 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>PPA Board Meeting &amp; Community Meeting</b> <b>--virtual meeting--</b> <b>Monday April 26th</b> <b>6:30pm - 8:00pm</b> <i>Note: access info on <a href="#">PP-elist</a></i></p> <p><i>All Community Members are welcome!</i></p> <p><b>Management Council</b> <i>Sets Community &amp; Board Meeting Agendas</i> Monday, April 19, 4pm</p>

**GET INVOLVED!**

**[PPA Event Calendar for Updated Meeting Information](#)**

## Earth Day Clean Up - April 10-24



The PPA Environment Committee is pleased to announce a neighborhood wide Earth Day Clean up beginning on Saturday, April 10th, and running through Saturday, April 24th.

Help keep the storm water drains clear of litter and leaves, pick up the parks, or clean up your section of the neighborhood. We'll have 4 locations where you can pick up supplies (bags for litter & recycling, gloves, and a reusable water bottle) on **Saturday, April 10 between 9AM and noon.**

When you register, you can let us know where you'll be working. Our goal is to cover the neighborhood. Prizes of a \$25 gift card will be awarded after a drawing to a lucky person in each of 5 categories (grades 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, and adult).

Please [complete this quick form](#) to let us know which of the 4 areas you will stop by on Saturday, April 10, 9AM - 12PM for supplies (Tower Hill Park, Luxton Park, East River Road, (near the Franklin Ave. bridge, or Towerside Park at 4th St and 29th Ave.). If you can't make it on the 10th but want to be involved, complete the form for ways to be involved. For more information, please email [environment@prospectparkmpls.org](mailto:environment@prospectparkmpls.org).

# April Renters' Sub-Committee Meeting

The next renters' committee meeting is **Wednesday, April 14, 6:00pm – 7:00pm**

All are welcome! We would love for you to join us.

RSVP for the zoom link here: [bit.ly/rentersrsvp](https://bit.ly/rentersrsvp)

- Exciting updates on a local renter win!
- Brainstorming for fall renter outreach/education
- Strategizing for an upcoming meeting with our councilmember and housing inspections; how to make the system more accessible and functional for renters

## PPA Address is Changing April 30th

**Our new mailing address is:**

**Prospect Park Association  
PO Box 141095  
Minneapolis, MN 55414**

PPA will continue its long-term relationship with the Prospect Park United Methodist Church (PPUMC). Our files, equipment, and supplies will be stored at PPUMC and PPA Board and Community meetings will return to PPUMC when in-person meetings are possible. Meanwhile PPA meetings continue to be held virtually.

Our Administration and Communication Coordinator, Liza Davitch, and Renters' Rights Community Organizer, Kasha Kaahiye, will work from their home offices.

PPA contacts, email addresses, and telephone number will remain the same.

PPA can no longer maintain an office due to a roughly 60% decrease in its City of Minneapolis base funding. Neighborhood organizations will have an opportunity to apply for competitive short-term Partnership Engagement Project funds. [Learn more about "Neighborhoods 2020" and the transition to the new neighborhood funding program here.](#)

## PPA Board/Community Meeting and Approved Minutes

**Upcoming PPA Board/Community Meeting: Monday, April 26, 6:30-8:30 pm**

All community members welcome!

Virtual meeting access and the board agenda will be provided in PPA's upcoming mid-month "mini" newsletter and on the ppe-list.

## PPA Meeting Minutes and Committee Reports approved at the March 22

### Board meeting:

[February 10, 2021 Community Building Committee](#)

[February 11, 2021 Land Use Committee Meeting](#)

[February 16, 2021 Transportation and Safety Committee](#)

[February 22, 2021 Board/Community Meeting](#)

[March 9, 2021 Office Space Move Task Force Meeting](#)

[March 10, 2021 Community Building Committee](#)

*Did you know Prospect Park Association has a **Facebook** and **Instagram** Page?*



[Like us on Facebook](#) / [Follow us on Instagram](#)



## Community Education Spring Class Brochure

This spring Minneapolis Community Education has 350+ virtual and in-person enrichment classes for community connection, growth and learning. With diverse online programs curated for youth, adults, families, people ages 55+, and adults with developmental disabilities, we have something for everyone. To check out all of our classes, go to our virtual brochure. You can register at [mplscommunityed.com](https://mplscommunityed.com) starting March 8.

Our Pratt spring classes include some of our most popular dance, defensive driving 55+, fitness, home and current affairs classes. New classes include Green Up Your Home Energy Use for Spring and Summer, Hosting a Zoom Meeting, How to Get the Sleep You Need, Italian Language and Culture, Essential Tips for “Solo Seniors,” Midday Yoga Sculpt, Minneapolis Gems to Visit this Summer, Tap Dance, Understanding Identity Pronouns , and more.

For questions or help with registration, please contact

[Jan.Thurn@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Jan.Thurn@mpls.k12.mn.us)

Community School Coordinator, Pratt Adult Enrichment Programs

## [Read Councilmember Cam Gordon's March Newsletter](#)

1)Ward 2 Forum: Minneapolis Green New Deal 2)Test Wells Underway for Towerside District Energy 3)Biochar Facility Possible in Towerside 4)Meeting with Valhalla Clinic 5)Critical Parking Changes in Glendale Area 6)Settlement with Family of George Floyd 7)Council-led Public Safety Charter Moves Forward 8)Maximum Occupancy Ordinance 9)Travel Demand Management Ordinance 10)Rent Stabilization Charter Amendment Moves Forward 11)Report on Injuries Caused by “Less Lethal” Weapons 12)Accessory Dwelling Unit Ordinance Passes 13)Right to Recall Ordinance Passes



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## Spring Clean-Up

“I glanced out the window at the signs of spring. The sky was almost blue, the trees were almost budding, the sun was almost bright.”

— *Millard Kaufman, American Screenwriter & Novelist*

Spring is officially here! Did you know that Southeast Seniors offers basic spring yard clean-up to residents of Southeast Minneapolis who are age 65+? If you are interested in this free service OR if you would like to be one of our volunteer cleaner-uppers, please contact us! We usually set this up for late April, depending on what happens weather-wise in early spring.

Please contact Ann Carter, Southeast Seniors' Volunteer Coordinator, at 612-331-2302 or [ann@seseniors.org](mailto:ann@seseniors.org) for more information.

And Happy Spring from all of us at Southeast Seniors! Life might not be back to 'normal' just yet, but as Laura Ingalls Wilder wrote:

*“Some old-fashioned things like fresh air and sunshine are hard to beat.”*



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The programs below are co-sponsored by Southeast Seniors & Minneapolis Community Education and will be held via Zoom.

To register or for more information,

- contact Southeast Seniors at 612-331-2302 or [info@seseniors.org](mailto:info@seseniors.org)
- provide your name, phone number and email.

Registration closes at midnight the evening prior to the program to ensure that all participants receive the Zoom link and handouts (if applicable) prior to the start of the class.

### **Gender Identity & Pronouns**

**Wednesday, April 14th, 1:30-2:30 pm**

Merriam-Webster recently added a new definition in its entry for "they" noting that the pronoun is also used to refer to an individual whose gender identity is non-binary. Respecting someone's self-identification means using the gender pronouns with which they most identify. Learn why organizations are adopting the practice of introducing a person with their name and gender pronoun and how awareness helps inclusion of the LGBTQ community.

Jason Bucklin is the Coordinator of Out4Good & LGBT Programs with the Minneapolis Public Schools Office of Student Support Services.

### **Elder Abuse & Financial Exploitation**

**Wednesday, April 21st, 12-1:30 pm**

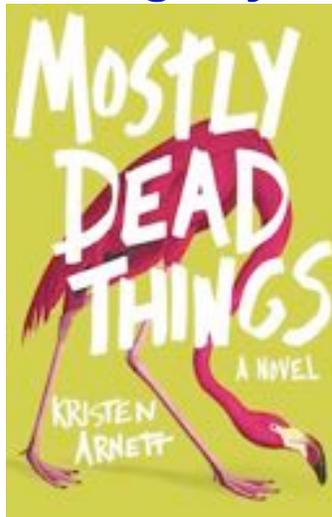
The Minnesota Elder Justice Center mission is to mobilize communities to prevent and alleviate elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation of elders and vulnerable adults. Our presentation will help attendees recognize the signs and symptoms of abuse, how to report suspected abuse, and discuss measures we can take to prevent abuse and financial exploitation.

Katie Behrens, MPH is the Program and Organization Operations Manager at the Minnesota Elder Justice Center.

# ELYSIAN NIGHTS BOOK CLUB

Thursday, April 8th 7:00pm

**[Mostly Dead Things by Kristen Arnett](#)**



\*Online Discussion! Register at <https://hclib.bibliocommons.com/events/search?q=elysian/event/601dd24fa37b8445006265aa>

Break through the pandemic doldrums by joining us for a lively discussion of current books and pop culture! Hosted by Kyle and Joyce from the Arvonne Fraser Library, this book club will meet the second Thursday of every month. The link to the live online discussion will be emailed to registrants in advance (within 48 hours of the event).

eBooks or downloadable audiobooks available through [www.hclib.org](http://www.hclib.org). Physical copies available for check-out at Arvonne Fraser Library.



### **Worker-owned Cooperative Seeking Board Members and Spanish Teachers**

We are currently in the start-up phase and are seeking new board members to participate in all aspects of establishing and building our business. We are also seeking Spanish teachers.

The Language Learning Cooperative, a worker-owned cooperative whose mission is to provide student-centered language lessons using communicative, cooperative, and collaborative methodology, as well as to create an equal and just environment for teachers and students, while becoming a leader in the language teaching industry. We will offer group and individual ESL, French, German and Spanish lessons to all ages and abilities.

#### **Board Member / Start-up Details:**

- currently unpaid positions
- terms will last 2-3 years during start-up
- not required to be worker-owners/members
- teaching experience not required
- potential for founder/start-up investment opportunity

To apply, email us at [board@languagelearningcoop.com](mailto:board@languagelearningcoop.com).

#### **Spanish Teacher Details:**

- native or near native fluency
- minimum one year of teaching experience
- experience teaching K-8 preferable
- potential for founder/start-up investment opportunity

To apply, email us at [contact@languagelearningcoop.com](mailto:contact@languagelearningcoop.com).

Our cooperative is based in Minneapolis and is seeking local candidates. We encourage all who are invested in creating an equitable, diverse, and community-centered worker cooperative to apply.

Please visit our website [languagelearningcoop.com](http://languagelearningcoop.com) for more information.

## Pillars Student Residency Program

Calling all students! We are so excited welcome and open up our student residence program here at The Pillars Senior Living to a small group of students who are ready to enrich their educational experiences. Students will make a commitment to interact with The Pillars of Prospect Park Senior Living residents on a monthly basis, through planned activities or shared experiences in this unique program; safely modeled after other successful intergenerational living communities. A first for Minneapolis/ St. Paul! For example, students can lead an art class, music program or fitness program, and can also engage with our older adult residents at meal time or social hours. The program will run September 2021 through May 2022, with consideration to extend leasing during summer months. Applications and references required by June 15th. Rent for an unfurnished studio is \$1,000 / month and includes all utilities, (with the exception of phone), cable and basic shared wireless internet in common areas, laundry in unit, plus ten meals a month! **Have questions or ready to apply? Please contact Rebecca Bollig, Executive Director at (612) 623-7000 | [rbollig1@fairview.org](mailto:rbollig1@fairview.org) to receive your application today.**



**Meet Liz - Neighborhood MHealth Fairview Staff Member and Mom at Pillars Child Care!**



<https://vimeo.com/520064926>

Like Liz, you can have less stress and focus on your work, while your 6-week-old to pre-Kindergarten children enjoy their days filled with fun! Our Pillars Child Care Center's talented teachers can't wait to meet your family!

The Pillars Child Care Programs Offer:

- - Intergenerational activities with our Grandfriends who live on our campuses,
- - Engaging curriculum that focuses on educational benefits of learning through play,
- - Healthy food prepared daily by our own Chefs,
- - Fun exploration outside time,
- - And so much more!

We'd love to meet your child and talk to you about your child care needs! Summer spots will fill fast, please reserve early.

**The Pillars Child Care** | 3033 University Ave. S.E., Minneapolis |  
612-623-7023 Sarah McGuire | [Smcguir2@fairview.org](mailto:Smcguir2@fairview.org)

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## **Free Energy Bill Consultations**

Are you looking to reduce your energy use and costs? Do you have questions about efficiently heating and cooling your home? Are you curious about renewable energy? The Citizens Utility Board (CUB) of Minnesota, a non-profit consumer advocate, provides free 30-minute consultations to address these and other home energy issues. Consultations are done by phone or video conference. CUB provides customized suggestions to meet the needs of your unique households. A 30 minute bill consultation results in an average household savings of \$150! Appointments are available each month. [Click here to reserve a spot](#) or contact Carmen Carruthers, Outreach Director at [carmenc@cubminnesota.org](mailto:carmenc@cubminnesota.org) or by calling 651-300-4701 ext.2.

# Helpful COVID-19 Resources

## Governor Walz' Response and Preparation

[Click here for updated Covid-19 news from Governor Walz](#)

"Stay at Home" does not mean "Stay Inside". The order states that everyone is encouraged to stay active outside during this time, provided they practice safe social distancing.

## Free Covid-19 Testing Hennepin County

[Click here](#) for information on FREE testing open to those with or without symptoms

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## Additional Resources

[City of Minneapolis](#)   [MN Department of Health](#)

[Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#)   [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

## City Offers Resources with Trial Information

<http://news.minneapolismn.gov/category/chauvin-trial/>

## OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

[Follow the Off-Campus Living Facebook Page](#) and [sign up here](#) for their newsletter to receive updates on safety, business, and more in the University of Minnesota Campus area. Non-students are also encouraged to participate!

[Click here to subscribe to MN Senator Kari Dziedzic's newsletter.](#)

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