

PROSPECT PARK ASSOCIATION



MEETINGS

The most up-to-date list of meeting please check the <u>PPA</u> <u>Calendar</u>. All committee meetings take place at the office (2828 University Avenue SE) unless otherwise noted.

ABOUT PPA

Prospect Park Association is the official neighborhood association for the Prospect Park Area.

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Prospect Park Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and all donations are tax-deductible.

Committee Meetings 2828 SE University Ave, Suite 200

<u>Thursday, August 3, 7-9pm</u> Planning and Land Use Committee <u>Hampden Inn</u> Conference Room <u>Draft Agenda</u>

<u>Thursday, August 17, 5</u>:30pm Neighborhood Relations and Outreach Committee <u>Draft Agenda</u>

Tuesday, August 22, 10:00am Environment Committee Location TBD

<u>Tuesday, August 29,</u> 7pm Transportation & Safety Committee <u>Draft Agenda</u>

<u>Wednesday, September 6, 7pm</u> Livability Committee

Community Meeting 22 Orlin Ave SE, PPUMC

Community Meeting not meeting this month

Monday, August 21st, 7pm Management Council Discuss Annual Meeting

PPA Board Meeting not meeting this month

Monday, August 14, 4:30pm 4th Street Lofts Task Force Discussing plans for development at 4th St & 29th Ave

Summer is for Celebrating

Hi Neighbors,

We're heading into a busy time of year, but first let's celebrate summer! Now is the time to really soak up the rays, enjoy the river, and spend time outside with your neighbors. We have plenty of events in the neighborhood to help you get out of the house and enjoy living in Prospect Park!

See you around the neighborhood, Jessica PPA Program Manager

Summer Concert Series

Come hear music, talk to neighbors and visit with groups concerned about our neighborhood. Learn about the plans MNDOT has for I-94, talk to representatives from Prospect Park Association, Textile Center, precinct police, Representative Ilhan Omar's and Senator Kari Dziedzic's offices, and others. Take a few minutes to talk to the Minneapolis Institute of Art folks, the Park naturalist or bounce in the Bouncy House. Free hot dogs and fixings or pizza and salad for a small price.

This year's music will be provided by Siama, Minnesota's resident Congolese Pop Star. He brings his feel-good music to festivals and events - an evening NOT to be missed. The "Instrument petting zoo" will be available for all ages to try out different percussion instruments and play along with the band. This year, you can enter the drawing to receive some prizes by completing a survey about the concert and the music series. Here's the schedule for the evening:

6:00 pm - Community information tables available

6:30 pm - Food available

7:00 pm - Music begins

8:00 pm - Music and event wind down

Questions or want more information? Please contact Lydia at lydiaarmac@gmail.com.

The concert committee is also seeking feedback on the Summer Concert Series as a whole, and would love your thoughts! <u>Please take the committee's survey</u>.

PPA Board of Directors needs you!

On Sept 25 PPA will host our annual neighborhood celebration at the Profile Center. Everyone is welcome! A key part of that event is the election of new members to the Board of Directors. There are seven open seats with 2-year terms, and any Prospect Park homeowner, renter, student, or business owner is welcome run. There are also two 1-year seats available for those who wish to serve but with a shorter commitment.

Because of the hard work of the past Board in reshaping PPA for the 21st century, many activities are now centered around our 6 new committees. The Board continues evolving to focus on planning, policy, and most importantly building relationships that can make real impacts in our community. I hope many of you have seen the positive work PPA facilitated during the past year, from the new banners, community gardens, neighborhood cleanups, utility box wraps, the home tour, the ice cream social, and more.

Our ultimate goal is to create easier opportunities for you to volunteer for civic service in Prospect Park, from just a few hours a year to longer commitments such as the serving on the Board. If you're interested in running for a seat, or volunteering with us in other ways, please contact <u>Jessica Buchberger</u> for details. A great neighborhood starts with you!

Kind Regards
Vince Netz, President

Development in the Neighborhood

Many projects are moving forward to develop the area north of University Avenue, and it can be hard to keep up! If you're interested in learning more about the projects, consider joining the PPA Land Use Committee. These volunteers work with developers, hear the news first and have input on design work while building relationships with the companies that are moving into the neighborhood. Upcoming projects that will be discussed on Thursday, August 3rd, include micro-apartments proposed for 4th Street & 29th Ave, an update on the Oppidan Senior Living facility proposed for Malcolm Ave & University Ave, and updates on other proposed projects that PPA heard from at previous meetings. All are welcome!

Office Renovation Progress

The PPA Office is under renovation! The new floors have been installed, and all office residents are moving back into their spaces. Next up: floors in the kitchen and finishing the bathrooms.

Prospect Park Home Tour

The planning committee has begun work on the 2nd Annual Prospect Park Home tour scheduled for Saturday, October 7, 10 am - 3 pm. We have a long list of prospective houses including suggestions from last year and houses we've just been wondering about! If you would like to have your house featured (or would like to recommend a neighbor's house) for this year or a coming year, please send us a note at (lydiaormac@gmail.com). With so many "tour-worthy" houses, it is quite difficult to select just 10 for this year's tour. If we can't get you on the list this year, we'll be in touch next year. For now, mark October 7 on your calendar, and watch for more information!

For the 2018 tour, we are planning to do an "Architect's Related Home Tour," so stay tuned!

Upcoming Neighborhood Events

Save the date for these fun events!

- August 1, National Night Out, various locations
- August 8, <u>Summer Celebration</u> at Luxton Park
- September 25, <u>PPA Annual Meeting and Elections</u>
- October 7, <u>Prospect Park Home Tour</u>
- October 7, Prospect Park 2020 Harvest Festival
- October 14, <u>Clean Sweep of Prospect Park</u>

Solid Waste and Organic Recycling Updates

Organics recycling has turned one year old, and more than 45,000 households use the service! Minneapolis Solid Waste and Recycling has more updates and pertinent recycling information here.

Southeast Seniors Receives Award!

Southeast Seniors is pleased to announce that they are one of the recipients of the Center for Community-Engaged Learning's 2016-17 Outstanding Community Partner Award.

Organizations are selected for this award on the basis of the following criteria: receives positive feedback from students about their experience at the community organization; excels in all aspects of partnership: consistent communication, knowledge of service-learning pedagogy, and participation in the Community Engaged Learning office's committees and events; and/or has a long history of working with them in innovative ways. Southeast Seniors was nominated to receive this award primarily because of their thoughtful approach to developing the Connection Club - going well beyond providing a "volunteer opportunity" for students and making sure the experience is meaningful for both the students and the seniors.

If you are over 65, and would like more information about or want to participate in The Connection Club where you would meet and do activities with a UMN student over the course of a semester, please contact Lydia McAnerney, Volunteer Coordinator for Southeast Seniors at 612-331-2302.

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! To schedule a pick up time or for more information on pricing and availability, please call Jessica at 612-767-6531.

A brief update from the other Prospect Park

Watch out for vicious squirrels haunting the parks!

PPA Documents

The PPA Board of Directors did not meet in July, and will not meet in August.

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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