




December 2024 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 PPA Calendar. All committee meetings are taking place virtually unless otherwise noted.</i></p> <p>ABOUT PPA Prospect Park Association is the official neighborhood association for the Prospect Park Area of the city of Minneapolis.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Donate to PPA</u></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Prospect Park Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and all donations are tax-deductible.</p>	<p>Environment Committee Tuesday December 10, 6:30pm and Tuesday January 14, 6:30pm</p> <p>Jackson Family Project (formerly Community Building Committee) Thursday, January 9, 4:30pm</p> <p>Finance and Admin Committee Thursday January 9, 7pm Virtual Meeting: request zoom invitation finance@prospectparkmpls.org</p> <p>Land Use & Planning Committee Thursday January 9. 7:00pm *Hybrid & Meets at PPUMC</p> <p>Transportation & Safety Committee Thursday Nov 13. 7:00pm *Hybrid & Meets at PPUMC</p>	<p>PPA Board Meeting & Community Meeting</p> <p>Monday December 9th 6:20pm (online-only)</p> <p><i>All Community Members are welcome!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Agenda</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>to attend via Zoom, register here</u></p> <p>Management Council Monday December 2nd Sets Community & Board Meeting Agendas</p>

GET INVOLVED!

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

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*Thank You for Your Generous Financial Support to PPA*

**Prospect Park Association (PPA) has raised \$3,020 in individual gifts so far this year—75% of our 2024 annual goal.**

**A sincere thanks to all who donated!**

**[Donate here](#) to help PPA reach our year-end goal by December 31st  
or mail a check to  
PPA, P.O. Box 141095, Minneapolis, MN 55414.**



Why Give? Help PPA provide support to community members who improve our neighborhood through projects and activities, such as:

Please also consider volunteering to serve on PPA's Board or a Committee!

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The PPA Environment Committee invites you to join us!

We want to hear your voice and ideas!

What environmental projects would you like to see and be involved in?

We have accomplished so much in the last few years:

From the "25% by '25" initiative to Earth Day Cleanups to planting trees, pollinator gardens and rain gardens, the PPA Environment Committee has been helping to make the neighborhood a great place to live.

We need involvement from more neighbors to keep going strong.

Here are some opportunities for you to get involved in 2025:

- Neighborhood beautification
 - Earth Day Cleanup
 - Planting trees
 - Rain & pollinator gardens
 - Working with the Garden Club
- Work with the SPARKED program at Luxton Park to support youth working on environmental projects
 - Water testing
 - Video production on environmental topics for the neighborhood
- Participate in Workshops/gatherings - what do you want to learn about?
 - Legislature activity - locally & nationally
 - Rain gardens
 - Solar farms
 - "25% by '25" - last year of this initiative
- Monthly meetings & neighborhood outreach:
 - **We meet the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at Luxton Park.** (Let us know if you need a ride to the meeting)
 - Table at neighborhood events to connect with neighbors at Fire and Ice, Earth Day Clean up, Ice Cream Social, Luxton Jazz Festival and other events throughout the year

Come to the next meeting on **DECEMBER 10** or
Send us an email at environment@prospectparkmpls.org



Approved Meeting Minutes and Committee Reports

- [Board/Community Meeting, June 24, 2024](#)
- [Board Subcommittee on Prospect Park “Welcome Packet” & Newsletter size, July 20, 2024](#)
- [Tower Hill Park Committee, August 12, 2024](#)
- [Transportation and Safety, September 18, 2024](#)



[Please donate to PPA at GiveMN](#)

Founded in 1901, 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.

[Please support PPA so we can continue serving our neighborhood.](#)

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Simply click for online GiveMN or mail checks to:
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Minneapolis 55414.



OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

The Pillars Home for The Holidays Event, December 11th



Prospect Parkers are invited to attend our annual Home for the Holidays open house, here at The Pillars of Prospect Park on **December 11th from 1- 3 p.m.** Guests may come and go throughout many of our residents' homes seeing many different style apartments and enjoy desserts and refreshments. Kindly RSVP to Kriste.Edson@fairview.org by December 9th.

The Pillars Child Care is Hiring!

Pillars is looking for someone to add to their team. They are located at University and 30th, across from Fresh Thyme. If you or someone you know is interested in working with young children, please contact Marie Abear, Marie.Abear@fairview.org or call 612-623-7023. The child care is also enrolling FT and PT infants through pre-K children for winter.

**Upcoming events at Prospect Park United Methodist Church (PPUMC)
Christmas Pageant - A Play in a Day for Children in Grades K-6.**



Saturday, December 14, 9:15 am - 4 pm at Prospect Park UMC. This is an opportunity for children in grades K-6 to work with theater professionals, use their creativity, and have lots of fun while they learn the Christmas story. Students will rehearse and perform a Christmas Pageant under the direction of local theater professionals. Kids will create the costumes and set, improvise the dialogue, and add their own unique spin to this age-old story. The day will end with a public performance and a reception (with a visit from Santa Claus!). For more information and to register by December 7, [click here](#) or reach out to Rebekah Richards at (651) 468-7058 or r-richardspiano@gmail.com.

PPUMC Community Concert Series: Seymour Brass Sextet Holiday Concert to benefit Pratt School.

The poster features a dark green background with a pine branch border. At the top, there are white string lights and a gold ornament. A trumpet is positioned in the upper right, and a tuba in the lower left. Musical notes are scattered throughout. The title 'Seymour Brass Sextet' is written in a large, gold, serif font. Below the title, a table provides the date and time. The text below the table describes the concert and its purpose. At the bottom, there is a box for the freewill offering and the Pratt Community School logo.

DECEMBER	14	7:00 pm
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Prospect Park UMC | 22 Orlin Ave SE, Mpls, MN 55414

PPUMC invites you, one and all, to come hear our local SEYMOUR BRASS SEXTET play a concert of music from "Joy to the World" to "Silent Night," from "Jingle Bells" to "The Wassail Song." It will be a "jingle-joyous" evening!

A FREEWILL OFFERING WILL BENEFIT



Saturday, December 14, 7 pm at Prospect Park UMC. The concert is free with donations accepted in which 100% will go to Pratt.

The Christmas season is a special time for music, especially brass music ever since the Salvation Army's brass ensembles began playing on street corners for Christmas

shoppers. Thus, as part of our Community Concert Series, PPUMC invites you, one and all, to come hear our local “Seymour Brass Sextet” play a concert of music from “Joy to the World” to “Silent Night,” from “Jingle Bells” to “The Wassail Song.” It will be a “jingle-joyous” evening!

The Seymour Brass Sextet is made up of: Tuba (bass voice): Derek Nelson | Euphonium (baritone voice): Marilee Johnson | Trombone (tenor voice): Brad Voves | French Horn (alto voice): Bob Garnett | Trumpets (soprano voices): KP Powell and Jake Gysland.

Free Community Meals at PPUMC

Come enjoy great food and conversation on **every third Wednesday of the month from 5:30-6:30 pm at Prospect Park UMC in Community Hall, 22 Orlin Ave SE** across the street from Pratt School. Dine-in and take-out available! PPUMC offers a healthy and delicious meal in partnership with Loaves & Fishes and the support of volunteers, with no pork and vegetarian and vegan options included. All are welcome. The next meal will be **Wednesday, December 18**. Community meals will continue into 2025 on the third Wednesday of each month, starting with January 15, 2025.



FREE COMMUNITY MEALS

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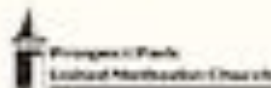
Prospect Park United Methodist Church
22 Orlin Ave SE, Mpls, MN 55414

WHEN:

Third Wednesday of each month 5:30 - 8:30 pm

*Food served will be a nutritious,
healthy and balanced meal with no pork.*

ALL ARE WELCOME!



COMIDAS COMUNITARIAS GRATUITAS

¡TENEMOS COMIDA PARA LLEVAR!

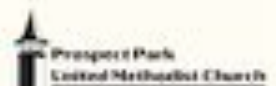
DONDE: Prospect Park United Methodist Church
22 Orlin Ave SE, Mpls, MN 55414

CUANDO: El tercer miércoles de cada mes
5:30 - 8:30 pm

FECHAS: 15 de mayo, 19 de junio, 17 de julio, 21 de agosto, 18 de septiembre, 16 de octubre, 20 de noviembre, 18 de diciembre

La comida que serviremos será una comida nutritiva, saludable y equilibrada sin carne de cerdo.

¡Todos están bienvenidos!



812-378-2380 | office@prospectparkchurch.org

PPUMC Christmas Eve Service: Sunday, December 24, 6 pm

On Christmas Eve, PPUMC will celebrate with a Lessons & Carols service. The service will end with singing Silent Night by candlelight. All are welcome.

O Come, All Ye Faithful!

PROSPECT PARK UMC CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
Saturday, December 24 at 6 pm
22 Orlin Ave SE Minneapolis, MN 55414

On Christmas Eve, we celebrate with a Lessons & Carols service. The service will end with singing Silent Night by candlelight. O, Holy Night! Christ is born, and full of expression of who God is and what God is like dwells among us! As the classic Carol sings, "Truly he taught us to love one another. His law is love, and his gospel is peace."

Luxton Park Fire & Ice Festival & Tree Pick Up Information

2025 Luxton Fire & Ice Festival

Saturday, February 1st, 6-8 pm

indoor activities will be modified due to construction

Tree Pick Up

Thursday, January 2. 1-5 pm

Wednesday, January 15. 1-5 pm

Please email

szimmer@minneapolisparcs.org

for pick up.



Council Member Wonsley:

Contact or Share Your Opinion or Address an Issue Any Time

E-mail Council Member Wonsley and her staff at ward2@minneapolismn.gov

Or contact staff directly:

[Policy Aide Celeste Robinson](#)

[Policy Aide Qannani Omar](#)

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