




February 2023 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;">Donate to PPA</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>Community Building Committee Thursday February 2, 4:30pm</p> <p>Environment Committee Tuesday February 14, 6:30pm</p> <p>Land Use & Planning Committee Thursday February 9, 7:00pm</p> <p>Transportation & Safety Committee Wednesday, February 8, 7:30pm</p>	<p>PPA Board Meeting & Community Meeting --virtual meeting-- (no meeting in February) Monday Mar 27th 6:30pm - 8:00pm <i>Note: access info on PP-elist</i></p> <p><i>All Community Members are welcome!</i></p> <p>Management Council <i>Sets Community & Board Meeting Agendas</i> Monday, Mar 13, 7pm</p>

GET INVOLVED!

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

Looking for a Way to
Get More Involved
in Your Community?

***RUN FOR THE
PPA BOARD
OF
DIRECTORS***

PPA will be electing several new
board members at the Annual
Meeting & Board Election on May
15, 2023.

**Black or indigenous folks, people
of color, students, and renters are
urged to apply to bring diverse
perspectives to the PPA board.**

More information will be available
in the upcoming PPA newsletters
and on the PPA website soon.

Notice of Proposed Reallocation NRP Funds

On March 27th, 2023, PPA's Board of Directors will vote on a motion to reallocate \$25,000 from the existing Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) phase 2 "housing" (loans/grant, 1A-C.1A-C) to the Tenants' Rights priority.

Questions? finance@prospectparkmpls.org about this proposed reallocation.

Background: The "Tenants' Rights Project" educates renters in the wider Prospect Park community on their rights and connects them with resources available should their rights be violated. Project activities include research and data collection, events, student and community meetings, focus-groups, and workshops, collaboration, and the creation of resource materials. The reallocated funds will primarily be used to hire a part-time Tenants' Rights Community Organizer to continue implementing PPA's NRP tenants' rights project, established by PPA community and board members and approved by Neighborhood Community Relations (NCR) in 2020.

2023 Board/Community Meeting Schedule

PPA will hold regular Board/Community meetings on January 23rd, March 27th, May 15th, June 26th, August 28th, October 23rd, and December 4th. The Annual Meeting will be held May 15th. All are welcome to attend. Although regular Board meetings will no longer be held in February, April, July, or September, community meetings will be scheduled as the need arises. PPA will also issue fewer newsletters this year. These changes will be evaluated throughout the year and revised if necessary. PPA made these changes because City of Minneapolis neighborhood organization "base" funding decreased to \$10,000 this year. As a result, PPA has significantly less staff support available. On a positive note, fewer board meetings might make it easier for some community members to serve on the board.

To keep board and community members informed about PPA committee activities, committee minutes will be emailed monthly to board members and staff will have them added to PPA's website. If a board action is needed between regular meetings, the Board can vote electronically without a meeting or call a special/emergency meeting. For electronic board votes without meetings, the appropriate committee will prepare and email background materials to staff, Staff will email the materials to the board and have them added to the website. [For more information see PPA bylaws.](#)

Climate Action Plan Festival



Join friends and neighbors on Saturday, Feb. 11th 1:00 - 2:30 to find out *more about the 3 local organizations working on the climate crisis!*

- University of Minnesota's plans to upgrade their Climate Action Plan. Take this opportunity to share your input.
- *The City of Minneapolis is also working on an updated Climate Equity Plan and wants to hear from you.*
- The PPA Environment Committee volunteers will be there to share our climate action plan and provide information and materials for home energy solutions. Free window insulation for filling out a survey.

What: Local Climate Action Plan Festival

- **Provide feedback on the U of M's Climate Action Plan**
- **Learn more about upcoming PPA Environment Committee** events such as Earth Day Cleanup, tree planting and the '25% by '25' Initiative
- *Engage with representatives from the City of Minneapolis' Office of Sustainability on their Climate Equity Plan*
- **Cookies! Cider! Treats!**
- **Fun activities for the kids**, including games & making their own seed balls!

Where: Luxton Park Building, 112 Saint Mary's Ave SE

When: Saturday, February 11th from 1:00 - 2:30, Come and Go Open House
Co-hosted by the U of M and PPA Environment Committee

The Prospect Park Neighborhood Guide

WELCOME TO PROSPECT PARK!



The Prospect Park Neighborhood Guide includes:

- *Upcoming things to do or see in Prospect Park*
 - *Ways to stay connected*
 - *Business and Nonprofit Directory*
 - *Renter Resources*
 - *Local Government Resources*
 - *How to Get Around*
- *Ways to volunteer on behalf of our neighborhood and more!*

[Please share this guide with neighbors—and check it out yourself.](#)

Do you have a suggestion or correction? PPA will update the guide several times per year. We created a way for community members to help keep this guide up to date.

[Please suggest a resource for the guide here.](#) Thank you!

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Donate to Prospect Park Association

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

[Please donate to PPA at GiveMN](#)

Simply click for online GiveMN or mail checks to PPA, P.O. Box 141095, Minneapolis 55414.



2023 Luxton Park
Prospect Park-Glendale
FIRE & ICE FESTIVAL



**BONFIRE, HORSE DRAWN HAY RIDES, BOOK GIVEAWAY,
FACE PAINTER, MPRB NATURALIST, FOOD AND GOOD CHEER!**

Saturday, February 4, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Luxton Park Recreation Center & Grounds

112 Williams Avenue SE

612-370-4925

**SPONSORED BY: MINNEAPOLIS PARK AND RECREATION BOARD AND
EASTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES**

Art Songs & Chamber Music

by Arthur Maud

Saturday, February 11, 2023 @ 7 pm
Prospect Park UMC (Mpls)

Enjoy chamber music composed by
Arthur Maud

With Mary Goetz on piano
Evan Shallcross on violin
Charles Asch on cello, and
Mezzo Soprano Krista Palmquist



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**COMMUNITY
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JOIN US IN SUPPORTING OUR
COMMUNITY THROUGH MUSIC

22 Orin Ave SE, Mpls

At the Foot of the Water Tower

PROSPECTPARKCHURCH.ORG



You're invited to a celebration of art songs and chamber music composed by Prospect Park resident Arthur Maud, expertly performed by Mary Goetz on piano, Evan Shallcross on violin, Charles Asch on cello, and Krist Palmquist, Messo Soprano.

The concert is free, with a freewill offering collected in which 100% will benefit [FamilyWise](#). Since 1976, FamilyWise has pursued their mission: to strengthen families by promoting the safety, stability, and wellbeing of children. The nonprofit has locations in Prospect Park in Minneapolis and also St. Paul.

Born and raised in Airedale, the West Riding of Yorkshire, England, Arthur Maud studied singing at an early age and was chorister and soloist in local churches until his family emigrated to the USA in 1948. He has studied composition in Germany (Hochschule für Musik, Munich 1956-7) and America with Dominic Argento, Paul Fetler, Harold Genzmer, Carl Orff, Leroy Robertson, Leo Sowerby, and others.

He composed Sinfonia concertante for Organ and Orchestra for the PhD at the University of Minnesota in 1977. As Director of Concentus Musicus Minnesota he prepared and directed more than twenty years of concert seasons for its vocal and early music ensembles and produced nine recordings, three with international labels.

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The purpose of the panel is to get updates from City staff on current work towards meeting the goals outlined in the [People's Climate & Equity Plan](#). The panelists will include Kim Havey, the Director of Sustainability; Patrick Hanlon, Director of Environmental Programs; and Marcus Mills, organizer with

Community Power and Black Visions. The panelists will speak about ongoing work and future commitments on the four key areas of the PCEP: Carbon Free Buildings, Climate Resilient Neighborhoods & Green Transportation, Wealth Building & Eliminating the Wealth Gap, and Ongoing Dedicated Funding for Green Infrastructure. There will also be time for questions.

Please spread the word with your members, neighbors, and/or colleagues. Everyone is welcome! [Read about the People's Climate & Equity Plan.](#)



Balance Activities & Falls Prevention Tips

Wednesday, February 8, 3:30–4:30 pm, Van Cleve Park

In life, we need balance in many ways. One important way is our physical balance, which helps us to move and carry out physical tasks throughout our day. This presentation will offer insight and exercises for maintaining and improving physical balance. We'll also discuss ideas for preventing falls. All ability levels welcome! Exercise modifications will be shared. Instructor Marisa Cuneo-Linsly has been in the fitness industry for 40 years. Register by calling Minneapolis Community Education at 612-668- 1022 or visit <https://minneapolis.ce.eleyo.com/course/43556/lifelong-learning-55-winter-2023/balance-activities-falls-prevention-tips-with-marisa-marcy-55>.

Watercolor Painting

Wednesday, February 15, 1:30–2:30 pm, Zoom

Whether or not you consider yourself an artist, try your hand at painting a beautiful winter scene with step-by-step guidance. We'll focus on painting a winter sunset scene with sunlight streaming through the trees. A basic supply package will be provided and mailed to you prior to our gathering. Instructor Megan Dolezal has a BA in studio art and has painted in watercolor for over 15 years. To register, call Minneapolis Community Education at 612-668-1022 or visit <https://minneapolis.ce.eleyo.com/course/43554/lifelong-learning-55-winter-2023/watercolor-painting-with-megan-marcy-55-online>.

Upcoming Black History Month Events

In celebration of Black History Month, the City of Minneapolis is offering free, public events (hybrid: in-person and online) under the theme Black Resistance Minnesota Resilience. The events are presented in partnership with Hennepin County through the efforts of these employee resource groups: City of Minneapolis Black Employee Network, Hennepin County People of Color Employee Resource Group and Hennepin County African American Employee Resource Group.



[Check this page for links closer to the event dates.](#)

- **Embracing and Empowering our Youth**
Noon-1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9. City of Minneapolis Public Service Building, Conference Room 100 505 Fourth Ave. S.
- **2023 History Makers at Home award ceremony:** The [Minneapolis Department of Civil Rights](#) is honoring several community leaders as part of the History Makers at Home program – a profile series featuring inspirational leaders in a wide range of fields. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. programming, 12:30-1:30 p.m. refreshments and networking on Thursday, Feb. 16 Capri Theater, [2027 West Broadway Ave.](#)
- **Rock Your Crown Past Present and Creative**
Noon-1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23. City of Minneapolis Public Service Building, Conference Room 100 505 Fourth Ave. S.

Virtual meditation, mindfulness and movement events

[Everyone is invited to join these free sessions with wellness experts at this](#)

[Zoom link.](#)

- Mindfulness meditation 9-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7.
- Zumba experience 3-4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8.
- Yoga 9-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14.
- Mindfulness meditation 9-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21.
- Mindfulness meditation 9-9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28.



Special Events

Wednesday, Feb. 15

Black History Month Community Bonding

Pershing Park | 5 - 7pm | FREE | All ages

Play a Black History themed interactive Jeopardy game, enjoy light refreshments and a take home a craft project.

Wednesday, Feb. 22

Minnesota Black Baseball

Powderhorn Park | 7 - 8pm | FREE | All ages

Frank White, author of "They Played for the Love of the Game" will cover the history of Minnesota black baseball players by sharing stories and photos passed through generations. The stories tell of denial, hardship and segregation, yet highlight those who persevered and were united by their love of the sport.

Friday, Feb. 24

Black History Month Celebration

North Commons Park | 4:30 - 7pm | FREE | All ages

Celebrate Black History Month in style as The Link and North Commons Park join forces to bring you an unforgettable event! Enjoy delicious food, non-stop entertainment and special activities. Prepare to be mesmerized by the talents of local artists who will take the stage and showcase their abilities. There will be an exciting raffle prize that you will want to take advantage of!

Financial assistance for mortgages, foreclosure



With HomeHelpMN, Minnesota Housing may be able to help those who are behind on their mortgage or worried about foreclosure due to the pandemic. Homeowners may be eligible for up to \$50,000. Applications will be accepted while funds are available.

Watch the [HomeHelpMN webinar](#) with information on eligibility requirements and how to apply. Visit homehelpmn.org or call 1-800-388-3226 to apply for financial assistance.

Help spread the word

[Download the outreach toolkit in English, Spanish, Somali and Hmong.](#)

Spanish: Si usted se encuentra atrasado con los pagos de su préstamo de vivienda o le preocupa una ejecución hipotecaria debido a la pandemia, HomeHelpMN de Minnesota Housing le podría ayudar.

Visite HomeHelpMN.org o llame al 1-800-388-3226 para determinar si usted califica para asistencia financiera.

Somali: Haddii lagugu leeyahay rahmaad ama aad welwel ka qabto in guriga lagaala wareegayo xanuunkii faafayey awgiis, HomeHelpMN oo ah barnaamij ay leeyihiin Minnesota Housing ayaa ku caawinaya.

Booqo HomeHelpMN.org ama soo garaac 18003883226 si aad u aragto haddii aad u qalanto kaalmada dhaqaale.

Hmong: Yog hais tias koj them tsis tau nqis vaj tsev los sis txhawj xeeb txog kev raug kaw vim muaj kab mob sib kis, Lub HomeHelpMN hauv Minnesota Housing tuaj yeem pab tau. Mus saib hauv HomeHelpMN.org lossis hu rau 1-800-388-3226 seb koj puas tsim nyog tau txais kev pab nyiaj

OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

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[Subscribe to MN Representative Mohamud Noor's newsletter. \(District 60B\)](#)

[Subscribe to MN Senator Kari Dziedzic's newsletter. \(District 60\)](#)

[Subscribe to MN Representative Samantha Sencer-Mura E-list \(District 63A\)](#)

[Subscribe to MN Senator Zaynab Mohamed newsletter. \(District 63\)](#)

Helpful COVID-19 Resources

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

Free COVID-19 Testing Hennepin County

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

Additional Resources

[City of Minneapolis](#)

[MN Department of Health](#)

[Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#)

[World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

[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!



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