



#### **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.

#### **Donate to PPA**

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

#### Committee Meetings 2828 SE University Ave, Suite 200

Tuesday, January 3 & February 7 Zoning and Project Review 7-9pm <u>Draft Agenda</u>

Wednesday January 11 Membership/Communications 5:30-7pm <u>Draft Agenda</u>

## Community Meeting 22 Orlin Ave SE, PPUMC

PPA Town Hall Meeting Monday January 23, 6:30pm - 7:30pm TBD-Please see calendar

PPA Board Meeting Monday January 23, 7:30pm - 8:30pm TBD-Please see calendar

## **Happy New Year!**

Hi Neighbors,

It's nice to be in 2017! We look forward to a year of joy and community building in Prospect Park. If your New Year's Resolution is to become more involved in your community, volunteering with PPA is a great way to start! Just <a href="mailto:ema

There are not many events in the neighborhood this month, other than the usual monthly activities. We look forward to February when things heat up a little!

Jessica

**PPA Staff** 

# City Councilman Cam Gordon's 'Office Hours'

If you have an issue in the neighborhood or a concern about a City-wide program, our <u>Ward 2 Council Member Cam Gordon</u> holds open "office" hours at <u>T-Rex Cookie and Cafe</u> on Thursdays from 9-11am. Stop by and have a chat about what is important to you with our local elected official.

## **Community Education Classes Begin**

The Winter Session of Pratt Community Education classes will begin the week of January 30. Some of the most popular classes will be offered again, including dance, music, fitness, home and creative arts classes Monday through Wednesday evenings, and Saturday mornings. New Winter classes include: How to Plan a Successful Home Remodeling Project,

The Seven Generations and Seven Grandfather Teachers of the Anishinaabe, If Walls Could Talk: How to Research Your House History, Migraine Boot Camp: Natural Remedies & More, Prenatal Yoga, Understanding Index Funds, and Your First Vegetable Garden.

Join the community of lifelong learners at Pratt Community Education, 66 Malcolm Ave. SE. For more information or to register for classes call us at <u>612-668-1100</u>, or visit the website at <u>www.mplscommunityed.com</u>.

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

#### **Southeast Seniors News**

A great big thank you to all who supported Southeast Seniors this past year - with your time, treasure or talent. We could not exist without the many people who help in homes (companionship), driveways (shoveling), yards (raking), driving (to and from many places), donating (funds, time, energy, ideas) and in general being amazing human beings. If you have some time, we have a way for you to be involved so give us a call (612-331-2302) or send us an email (lydia@seseniors.org).

#### Chess player sought for Southeast Senior

Do you play chess? Do you have some time to help someone re-learn and then play a few games? How about an hour a week or every other week? If you can say yes to these 3 questions, you are the person we seek. Southeast Seniors has had a request for a volunteer to work with a senior who wants to play chess. It's an easy way to support someone who otherwise is a bit lonely and seeks companionship. If you answered yes, and are willing, give Lydia a call at <u>612-331-2302</u> and let's get started!

#### **Free Sand**

Keep your sidewalks safe for your pedestrian neighbors by getting free sand from the City of Minneapolis! Check out the <u>pick up locations here</u>.

## Fire & Ice Festival: Saturday, Feb. 4th

This annual event is all about celebrating winter and the warmth that can be found! Come to Luxton Park between 5:30-8:30pm on Saturday, February 4th for live music, hot food and beverages, bird house making, horse-drawn hay rides, caricature artists and, of course, a huge bonfire! Dress appropriately.

If you want to donate your Christmas tree to the bonfire please call Luxton Park staff to pick it up: 612-370-4925.

## **Community Concert Task Force**

The task force spoke about the need for help and the community listened! Thank you to the 4 new members of the task force who stepped forward to help with the organization of our 4 concerts this next summer. Let's Celebrate!

On Tuesday, January 10 at 5 pm, the PPA Summer Concert Task Force will be meeting at Luxton Park. We will meet for about an hour to begin the organizing process for the 2017 Summer Concert series. We will offer 4 concerts again next summer with a variety of music. We would welcome anyone who is interested in helping us choose musicians for the summer series and organizing the events each month to come to our meeting. Our biggest need is a small group of people to help with the August Community Celebration at Luxton. Last year's event was a grand success - we'd like to build on that with more music, art, children's and adult's activities, and other ideas to bring out the community.

For more information or to get involved, please contact Lydia McAnerney at <u>612-581-0868</u> or just come to the meeting on Tuesday - we'd love to have you. In fact, we can't do this without you!

# Save the Date — Community Connections Conference

Save the Date for the 5th annual Community Connections Conference – Your Voice, Your City: CommUnity - being held on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at the Minneapolis Convention Center. The conference is FREE to all participants.

The Neighborhood and Community Relations Department hosts the conference annually in partnership with City departments, neighborhood organizations, and community partners. It is designed to showcase and build successful community collaborations between neighborhoods, cultural communities, residents, and the City.

<u>Please visit the website</u> for future updates and details regarding the conference.

#### **PPA Documents**

- <u>Letter Supporting Receivership for Frenz properties</u>
- PPA 2016-2017 Work Plan

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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