



January 2021 Newsletter

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GET INVOLVED!

Community Building Committee

Wednesday, January 6, 2021. 4pm

Finance and Admin Committee

Thursday, January 7, 2021. 4pm

Renters' Sub-Committee

Thursday, January 21, 2021. 6pm

Environment Committee

Tuesday, January 12, 2021. 6:30pm

Land Use and Planning Committee

Thursday, January 14,

Happy New Year Prospect Park! May your lights continue to shine bright!

Thanks to resident, Carrie Oelberger, for initiating the idea for a New Year's Eve luminary event. Thanks also to Seth Werner, Katie Nyberg and to all the resident participation and contribution as you walked the neighborhood!



2021. 7pm

Management Council Meeting

Monday, January 18,
2021. 7pm

Transportation and Safety Committee

Tuesday, January
19, 2021. 7pm

PPA Board/Community Meeting

Monday, January 25,
2021. 6:30pm

All community members
are welcome!



photos courtesy of Andy Mickel

WHO KEEPS US SAFE?

A PROSPECT PARK NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY WORKSHOP SERIES

2020 opened the door to new possibilities; 2021 presents us with the opportunity to step through it. The killing of George Floyd and our ongoing reckoning with longstanding racism has forced Minneapolis to answer difficult questions: Who keeps us safe? What role should the police play in public safety? What does it mean to be safe in the first place?

Join your neighbors on the first five Wednesdays of 2021 for a series about public safety in Prospect Park guided by local activists and advocates. Drop in for just one session or join them all.

Learn, share, question, and connect.

RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/rst7g2HT3dg8vNRx9>

Presenter Descriptions:

JAN 6, 5:30PM - [Minneapolis Police History](#), Sheila Nezhad, MPD150

MPD150 is a community-based initiative challenging the narrative that police exist to protect and serve. The purpose of MPD150 is to change the story of policing in Minneapolis in order to set in motion a process for dissolving the Minneapolis Police Department. They accomplish this by shifting the discussion around police and policing in Minneapolis from one of procedural reforms to one of meaningful structural change and using research, community dialogue, creative visioning, and cultural activism, and encourages widespread community engagement and initiative. Notably, MPD150's "Enough Is Enough: A 150-Year Performance Review of the Minneapolis Police Department" is 140 page report and toolkit explores the history and performance of the Minneapolis Police Department from an abolitionist perspective.



JAN 13, 5:30PM - [City Solutions: Erin Sikkink, Minneapolis Office of Violence Prevention](#)

The Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) uses a community-focused, public health approach to help ensure that everyone can be free from violence. We work to break the cycle of violence by addressing it at three points: preventing it before it begins, intervening at the first sign of risk, and healing after it happens.



JAN 20, 7:30PM - [Traffic Safety and Policing: Ash Narayanan, Our Streets](#)

Our Streets Minneapolis works for a city where biking, walking, and rolling are easy and comfortable for everyone. We envision a city where biking, walking, and rolling are easy and joyful for people of all backgrounds and identities in all parts of Minneapolis; a city where streets and trails are vibrant community spaces with people walking and biking year-round and at all times; where kids and families feel safe and comfortable walking and biking to neighborhood schools, parks, and businesses; where older adults and people with mobility challenges are healthy, independent, and connected with their communities through streets and sidewalks designed for them; and where abundant biking and walking contributes to happy people, a healthy environment, and a strong economy.

JAN 27, noon - [Neighborhood Solutions: Tabitha Montgomery and Grace Berke,](#)
[Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association](#)

Tabitha Montgomery and Grace Berke serve at the Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association (PPNA) and have been advocating for public safety resources in South Minneapolis for several years. This includes work with the South Minneapolis Public Safety Coalition to create several proposals to increase investments in preventative strategies and livability improvements. PPNA has had the chance to learn from and engage with many community members and leaders on how public and private investment can better meet our public safety needs.



FEB 3, noon - [Community-Led Activism: Lex Horan, Reclaim the Block](#)

Reclaim the Block's mission is to build a Black-led, multiracial movement empowered to dismantle and defund the Minneapolis Police Department and to move those resources into community-led projects that truly promote health and safety. Our foundation is rooted in love, transformative organizing, building deep trust within our communities, abolition, and accountability.



RSVP for the Workshop Series [HERE](#)

Next Environment Committee Meeting

Please join us for our monthly committee meeting on **Tuesday, January 12th from 6:30 - 8 pm**. Sign up for Zoom information

HERE.

Topics will include:

- Rain gardens for Glendale, Pillars and potentially the Post Office on University in 2021
- Virtual kickoff for goal of bringing natural gas use down 25% by 2025
- Environment Committee Budget



Local film legend, Al Milgrom dies at the age of 98.

Known as 'The Godfather of the Twin Cities film scene', Milgrom passed away peacefully on December 20, 2020.

Al founded what is today the MSP Film Society in 1962, as the University Film Society and the Minneapolis St. Paul International Film Festival (formerly Rivertown Film Festival) in the early 1980's. For more than 50 years he introduced countless Minnesotans to the best of international cinema and to the concept of film as an important art form.

In Al's 90's he began completing his own films, starting with his documentary "The Dinkytown Uprising" which he first filmed in 1970. It chronicles the unprecedented 40-day, 40-night continuous Dinkytown "Occupation" to prevent construction of an unwanted hamburger joint.

Read Al's obituary [HERE](#).

StarTribune memorial to Al [HERE](#).

See the trailer for "The Dinkytown Uprising" [HERE](#).



Photo:Twin Cities Reader Archive



Photo:Liza Davitch

Memorials can be directed to Southeast Seniors, seseniorsmpls.org. Southeast Seniors had been a support to Al, allowing him to live independently at home in his 90s. And to the Museum of Russian Art, tmora.org. Al loved the Museum of Russian Art, and would visit it frequently. His parents fled Russia and Al had traveled there many times.

2021 Luxton Park Fire and Ice Festival News

-from Steve Zimmer, Luxton Park Director



~Luxton Fire & Ice will hopefully be held at some point in 2021. As of right now we are not able to have an event of this nature. The only activity will be the bonfire. There will be no indoor activities, hay ride, etc.

~However, we will still be picking up trees on the basis of having the event at some point. Currently we are still planning on Saturday, February 6th for the event but, may have to change the date depending on the status of any Governors mandate.

- Event Date: TBD
- Event Time: 5:30 – 8 PM
- Event Location: Luxton Park-112 Williams Ave SE
- **Tree Pick Up: We will be out in the neighborhood on Wednesday, January 13th & 27th, from 11:30 AM – 5 PM.**
 - We will pick up trees during that time if they are on the curb or if a neighbor emails szimmer@minneapolisparks.org
 - We will not go on someone's property, up to the porch, in the alley without an email. If a tree is on the curb on the dates and times listed we will grab it.

Please join PPA's Planning and Land Use Committee at 7pm on **Thursday, January 14th, 2021** to consider a motion to approve the proposed Prospect Park Unified Project Design Standards and Preamble. A PPA Land Use Design Standards Task Force comprised of PPA board and community members has been working on this project for several months. In addition, PPA Land Use members provided input at their December meeting. The Standards have been approved by the St Anthony Park neighborhood and Towerside Innovation District. The proposed Design Standards and Preamble, in conjunction with PPA's Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) process, will provide planning and design guidance to all parties with a stake or role in the development and redevelopment of Prospect Park.

[Proposed Prospect Park Unified Project Design Standards, 12/30/20](#)

[Proposed Prospect Park Preamble to Unified Project Design Standards, 12/30/20](#)



Exercise Training and Tips for Better Balance
Wednesday January 27th, 12-1:30 pm via Zoom

In life we need balance in many ways. One important way is our physical balance. Physical balance helps us to move and carry out physical tasks throughout our day. This presentation will offer insight and exercises related to maintaining and improving physical balance. Be prepared to move. All ability levels welcome. Exercise modification will be shared. Presenter Marisa Cuneo-Linsly has been in the fitness industry for 40 years. She has done everything from teaching fitness classes to becoming

the Fitness Director at a number of local Fitness facilities. She enjoys working with people of all ages. Currently, Marisa works for Interlachen Country Club in Edina and she owns and operates her own personal training business called "StrengthWorks". She is available for in-home training. For fun, Marisa also operates a drum business called Smiling Drum Studio Dedicated to Women and Community, enjoys her 3 cats, husband, extended family, and staying active.

This class is co-sponsored by Southeast Seniors and Minneapolis Community Education. To register or for more information, please contact Southeast Seniors at 612-331-2302 or info@seseeniors.org. Registration will close 4 hours before the start of the program to ensure enough time to send the Zoom link to all participants.

Virtual Powerful Tools for Caregivers Class

Jan. 7th- Feb. 11th, 2021. 6 Week Series. Thursdays, 2-3:30pm

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is an educational program designed to help family caregivers take care of themselves while caring for a relative or friend. You will benefit from this class whether you are helping a parent, spouse, friend, someone who lives at home, in a nursing home, or across the country.

East Side Neighborhood Services is partnering with Southeast Seniors to bring you this "virtual" six-week class via Zoom video conferencing. If you're not familiar with Zoom, don't worry! Registered participants will be asked to attend an orientation prior to the class where you will practice using Zoom and receive support for any technical challenges.

To register, contact East Side Neighborhood Services at 612-787-4086 or VitalLiving@esns.org. Donations accepted based on a cost share.

Board/Community Meetings and Approved Minutes



Upcoming PPA Board/Community Meeting:

Monday, January 25, 2021 | 6:30-8:30 pm

Virtual meeting access information and Agenda will be provided at least 5 days before the meeting, published in a short email newsletter and on the [PPA website calendar](#).

**PPA Committee Meeting Reports/Minutes
approved at the December 7 Board meeting:**

- October 6, 2020 [Design Standards Land Use Task Force Minutes](#)
- October 28, 2020 [Design Standards Land Use Task Force Minutes](#)
- October 13, 2020 [Environment Committee Minutes](#)
- November 18, 2020 [Community Building Committee Minutes](#)



Happy holidays to the over 2,100 City of Minneapolis participants in the **Adopt-a-Drain MN** program! This year you helped keep almost 50,000 pounds of debris out of Minneapolis waterways! We are so grateful for you all adopting a storm drain and working with us to protect Minnesota lakes and rivers.

Lane Christianson ACG ALB

Click here to read Council member Cam Gordon's December Newsletter

Stay informed about snow emergencies by signing up for the City of Minneapolis News and Alerts [HERE!](#)

The City uses GovDelivery to send email and text messages on many topics, including

- Snow emergencies
- Crime alerts
- City Council updates



Helpful COVID-19 Resources

**Governor Walz'
Response and
Preparation**

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

**Additional
Resources**

[City of Minneapolis](#)

[MN Department of Health](#)

"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.

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

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

Hennepin County COVID-19 Resource List

Free Covid-19 Testing Hennepin County

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

Shared by Arvonne Fraser Library Staff
- Thank you!

[Click here to read.](#)

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!

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