




January 2025 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>Donate to PPA</p>  <p>Prospect Park Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and all donations are tax-deductible.</p>	<p>Environment Committee Tuesday February 11, 6:30pm</p> <p>Jackson Family Project (formerly Community Building Committee) Thursday, February 6, 4:30pm</p> <p>Land Use & Planning Committee Thursday February 13. 7:00pm</p> <p>Tower Hill Park Committee Tuesday, February 18, 6:30pm</p> <p>Transportation & Safety Committee Wednesday February 12. 6:30pm *Hybrid & Meets at PPUMC</p>	<p>PPA Board Meeting & Community Meeting</p> <p>Monday January 27th 6:30pm (online-only)</p> <p><i>All Community Members are welcome!</i></p> <p><u>Agenda</u></p> <p><u>to attend via Zoom, register here</u></p> <p>Management Council Monday January 20th <i>Sets Community & Board Meeting Agendas</i></p>

GET INVOLVED!

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

Prospect Park New Years Eve Luminaries. Photos courtesy of Tanya Bachmann.



Run for the PPA Board!

***The election will be held at PPA's Annual Meeting on
Monday, May 12th***

*Engage in City and Neighborhood Activities: Environment,
Safety, Land Use, Equity, Renters' Rights, Jackson Family
Project, Witch's Hat Water Tower & Tower Hill Park
Improvements, Transportation and More.*

Board member orientation provided

ALL ARE WELCOME!

*There are up to eight board seats open including one business representative
seat. Board terms are two-years beginning June 23rd, 2025.*

*Prospect Park Association (PPA) is the city recognized neighborhood
organization for Prospect Park. Learn more about PPA at
prospectparkmpls.org*

*Board members must be at least 18 years old and either: a resident in the Prospect Park
neighborhood, or an owner or business lessee of real property in the neighborhood,
or the designated representative of a nonprofit, educational organization or governmental
organization in the neighborhood.*

Board Candidate Profiles will be due Friday, April 11th

*Contact staff@prospectparkmpls.org with questions or to receive more information about
becoming a PPA board member. The board candidate profile form will be available soon.*



All are welcome to the February 11th Environment Committee Meeting

Our next Environment Committee Meeting will be February 11 at 6:30 pm at Luxton Park. Our agenda will focus on activities and events for the remainder of 2025. We have some new ideas and new energy, so please join us. All are welcome. For more information, please email environment@prospectparkmpls.org.

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## '25% by '25' Initiative Update

This is the last year of the "25% by '25" initiative that the PPA Environment Committee started back in 2021 to bring residential natural gas usage down in Prospect Park. (For more information on this initiative, please visit our website at <https://prospectparkmpls.org/ppa/committees/environment.html>.)

As a community, we've already cut our natural gas usage by 8.37%, or the equivalent of 73 houses or 114 gas fueled cars.

We highly recommend getting a home energy audit as a starting point. I'm happy to tell folks that **you can get an audit for free** right now from MNCEE. <https://www.mncee.org/home-energy-squad>. **Phone: 651-328-6220**

For detailed information on what rebates and tax credits are available, please check out the recording of last year's workshop - <https://youtu.be/KVGPFbeF4y8>. There will be one final workshop later on this year (date TBD).

Also, for those of you who had energy upgrades done in 2024, be sure to apply for your IRA tax credit. Here is the link - <https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-form-5695> . You may be eligible for as much as \$2000, depending on your type of upgrade.



If you have any questions, please send them to [environment@prospectparkmpls.org](mailto:environment@prospectparkmpls.org) and we'll do our best to answer them. Or stop by our table at the Fire & Ice Festival at Luxton Park on February 1st - we'd be delighted to see you.

Thanks much,  
Mary K. Britton,  
PPA Environmental Committee  
'25% by '25' Initiative

# Joint PPA Tower Committee & Prospect Park Garden Club Meeting Tuesday, February 18th at Luxton Park, 6:30pm

This meeting is open to all interested in the Tower and Tower Hill Park.

## Agenda

1. Brief report on Tower repairs.
2. Report by the Garden Club on their Stewardship Program with the Minneapolis Parks Department for Tower Hill Park.
3. Discussion on a proposal for the two groups to work together on a program for Buckthorn removal and control in Tower Hill Park.
4. If there is an agreement by those in attendance that two groups wish to move forward together by a vote there will then be a need to set a meeting schedule for the future progress.



## Partnership Engagement Grant Fund

Partnership Engagement Fund (PEF) interest forms are due to NCR (Neighborhood Community Relations) by February 19th, 2025. NCR will email you a grant application after you submit an interest form. NCR interest forms and more grant information here: <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/resident-services/neighborhoods/neighborhood-organizations/get-involved/partnership-engagement-fund/>

**NCR requires applicants to work with a neighborhood organization.** If you'd like to work with Prospect Park Association (PPA), **please submit a copy of your final application to [staff@prospectparkmpls.org](mailto:staff@prospectparkmpls.org) by March 3rd.** To be considered by PPA's board, projects must serve the Prospect Park neighborhood.



## PPA Approved Meeting Minutes and Committee Reports

- [Board/Community Meeting, October 28, 2024](#)
- [Environment Committee, September 10, 2024](#)
- [Tower Hill Park Committee, September 21, 2024](#)
- [Jackson Project Committee, October 3, 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.

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



Simply click for online GiveMN or mail checks to:

PPA, P.O. Box 141095,  
Minneapolis 55414.



## **OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **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@minneapolisparks.org](mailto:szimmer@minneapolisparks.org) for pick up.



## Church of St. Francis Cabrini Events

- **Theology and Narrative in the Gospel of John, with Rev. Michael Joncas, Wednesdays - 7:00pm - 8:30 - 22 January - 26 February 2025**

The St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Community presents a series of six talks, 1500 SE Franklin Ave, Mpls.

Topics include:

Two stories from the "Book of Signs":

Conclusion of the "Book of Signs" and initiation of the "Book of Glory

Jesus' "Last Will and Testament"

The heart of the Church's kerygma

A priest of the Archdiocese of St. Paul Minneapolis, Rev. (Jan) Michael Joncas holds degrees in English from the College of St. Thomas, St. Paul, and in liturgical studies from the University of Notre Dame, and the Pontificio Istituto Liturgico of the Ateneo S. Anselmo in Rome.

He is the author of six books and more than 250 articles and reviews. Joncas has composed and arranged more than 300 pieces of liturgical music and recorded more than 20 collections of liturgical music.

- **Taizé Prayer** will be offered at 7:00pm, Feb 18 at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic, 1500 SE Franklin Ave, Mpls.
- **An Evening of Story Telling** (in the spirit of Native American story telling) and refreshments at 6:00pm, Feb 8 at St. Frances Cabrini Catholic, 1500 SE Franklin Ave, Mpls.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.cabrinimn.org/theology-and-narrative-in-john>

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Glendale Food Shelf Benefit Concert at Prospect Park United Methodist Church



**PAT DONOHUE &
RICHARD KRIEHN**

Benefitting
Glendale Food Shelf,
a food program of

 **EAST SIDE**
Neighborhood
Services

Saturday, February 8, 2025, 7PM at PPUMC: 22 Orlin Ave SE

Join PPUMC as they welcome back Pat Donohue and Richard Kriehn to the Community Concert Series! You won't want to miss these veteran performers from 'A Prairie Home Companion'. The concert is FREE to attend, with 100% of the money raised from our freewill offering going to our neighbors at Glendale Food shelf.

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1102701571596807>

---> ABOUT THE PERFORMERS <---

Grammy winning fingerpicker Pat Donohue's devotion to acoustic guitar has made him an American standard, as he echoes the tones of Robert Johnson, Blind Blake, Merle Travis or Muddy Waters. Chet Atkins called Pat one of the greatest fingerpickers in the world today; Leo Kottke called his playing "haunting." Minnesota-based multi-instrumentalist Richard Kriehn played with the "Guys All-Star Shoe Band" and the "House Band" on 'A Prairie Home Companion' from June of 2010 until the host, Garrison Keillor retired in July of 2016.

---> ABOUT THE BENEFICIARY <---

Located in the Prospect Park neighborhood of Minneapolis, the Glendale Food Shelf provides food support to families living in Glendale Town Homes. Glendale Food Shelf supplies a wide variety of food items, including fresh fruits and vegetables and culturally-specific foods that are staples to the diets of community members. Learn more: <https://www.esns.org/foodprograms/>

---> ABOUT THE COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES <---

Over the past decade+, the Prospect Park United Methodist Church Community Concert Series has contributed over \$80,000 to a variety of community service programs and organizations across the Twin Cities. It's a perfect combination – enjoying great music and raising money for a worthwhile cause! A delicious snack buffet follows the concert.

PPUMC is located at 22 Orlin Ave SE in Minneapolis, at the foot of the historic Prospect Park Water Tower, one block south of University Ave on Malcolm Ave and adjacent to the Metro Transit Green Line. Free parking is available on-street and at Pratt Community School.

For more information, please call 612-378-2380 or visit www.prospectparkchurch.org

Bringing the U to Community



Tuesday, January 28, 11:30 am-1:00 pm.

Lunch will be provided.

University of Minnesota Safety Center

315 14th Avenue S. Minneapolis, MN 55455

The Office of Government and Community Relations invites you learn about the University of Minnesota's latest projects and initiatives, discuss issues that matter to our community, and help shape a lasting partnership between the University and local residents, leaders, and organizations.

[RSVP to attend by January 24 here.](#)

Agenda

- I. State Legislative Request and UMN Advocates
- II. The MIX Update
- III. Safety Center Tour
- IV. University District Alliance Meeting

Parking Options: Metered street parking, Venue at Dinkytown - 1304 5th Street SE. Minneapolis, MN 55414 (2 hours is \$7.00), 4th Street Parking Ramp - 1625 4th Street SE (\$3.00 an hour)



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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