# PPERRIA News - March 2011

# **Newsletter of the Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association**



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# PPERRIA Board / Membership Meeting Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Prospect Park United Methodist Church Corner of Orlin and Malcolm Avenues S.E.

Come early for treats and talk – 6:30 to 7:00 pm.

If you have special needs requiring accommodation, contact Joyce Barta at 612-859-4960, or bartajm@yahoo.com.

We will make every attempt to meet that need.

### MARCH AGENDA:

PPERRIA committee work plans review Central corridor LRT update Committee updates – breaking news Board nominations for 2011-2012

Coming in April: Annual Meeting & board elections

### Your PPERRIA Officers:

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## **Notes from the President**

PERRIA continues to make progress on framing its strategic plans for 2012 and beyond. However, the process has exposed some problems we need to confront: Briefly, while facing increasingly more issues affecting our neighborhood and its livability, we have less capacity to deal with them.

Remember, we began the strategic planning process with a resident survey that eventually reached nearly 300 of the 1000 households in Prospect Park. (See a summary of the survey in my January Notes.) The PPERRIA Board is now attempting to match the objectives gleaned from the survey with the current committee structure. It consumed much of the February meeting (witness the February minutes in this issue).

So far we have learned that, while several committees have developed work plans to meet the survey objectives, other areas lack committee support. If this pattern is sustained even as we continue to refine this process, we will have to drop some expectations from the PPERRIA agenda.

Here's where I think we are headed with this; and it will require a different organization than we've been accustomed to in recent years: PPERRIA has traditionally reacted to specific items or crises, relying mostly on the dedicated volunteer efforts of a few. An exception to this was the huge community effort behind the NRP process. Then, we were setting priorities for spending over \$3 million of public money. Funding like that is not available today, but the range of community issues is comparable. In fact, many times over the past four years since I became PPERRIA president, I have noted how the pace of issues concerning our neighborhood is increasing. It now requires nearly daily attention just to keep up, and this is clearly not sustainable within our current organizational structure. Except for the able monthly staff support by Joyce Barta for the Board and Executive committee meetings, we rely totally on volunteers to carry out all the tasks we have taken on. It is simply too demanding on volunteers to keep up with events, and I believe we have reached a tipping point. We can continue with the current organization but limit our involvement to a level manageable by the available volunteers, or we can augment our volunteers with staff support to deal effectively with growing events.

By limited involvement, I mean taking on only those tasks for which we can engage a lead volunteer, who will put in the required time and effort; mindful that without that lead volunteer PPERRIA couldn't do everything we do now. For example: Residents often

ask PPERRIA to help with livability issues; or to address the City on their behalf; or we are asked by the City to take a position on a pending action. This might require a skilled volunteer to be available on call, any day, any hour. Sometimes we've been lucky and someone, such as Florence Littman, or a PPERRIA Board member, or an officer is available – and sometimes not. Missing a critical meeting at City Hall, for example, can have lasting consequences.

The neighborhood survey indicated that the residents want PPERRIA to be fully engaged, and they have a long list of expectations (see my January Notes). To meet those expectations, we need to find ways to engage the volunteer base in the community and to do it in more efficient and effective ways. I think we do this by making it easier and more rewarding to be a volunteer. We need to find out how to engage those lead volunteers with the requisite expertise without burdening them with all the details of organizing work groups, holding meetings and the many other tasks we now ask of our committee chairs. We also need to find ways to identify and engage all volunteers in ways that fit their schedules and time constraints.

PPERRIA does engage excellent, talented volunteers who donate their time to the neighborhood. But few of them have the time and energy to do this in a sustainable way. Nevertheless, we know that volunteers can respond in large numbers when things are well organized for them to plug in. I mentioned the NRP efforts, but a current example is the neighborhood clean up. A lead volunteer, Tom Kilton, organizes the timing, logistics and even the funding to support it. When people show up they're given a specific task for a fixed time, and the job gets done. Plus, it's an enjoyable social event.

Perhaps we can learn from this. Although our current committees follow this same organization model, many of the tasks are ongoing rather than once-or-twice-a-year events. Even so, the system works well in an area where a volunteer has taken the lead, but not in others where the burden is too demanding of the lead volunteer. This has become more evident with recent resignations by committee chairs. I suggest that we concentrate on attracting committee chairs by offering the staff help they need to do the job.

To help us think about this in more concrete terms, each committee was asked what it would take in resources – volunteer or paid – to carry out a work plan that meets the Board's expectations. We'll have help in this effort, over \$39,000 from monies supplied by a recently funded Community Participation grant. The

discussion will continue at our March 28 Membership/Board meeting. Please come and weigh in on this discussion. Our goal now is to have a statement of strategic objectives – along with community work plans supporting those objectives – for PPERRIA's annual meeting in April.

The annual meeting is also when we elect half of the Board of Directors and a slate of Officers. These are the core volunteers of this organization. And through their efforts, I hope we can engage the full potential of this neighborhood to meet the challenges of our strategic objectives.

.....Dick Poppele

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## PPERRIA Meeting Minutes February 28, 2011, Prospect Park United Methodist Church

The meeting of the Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association was called to order by President Dick Poppele at 7:04 PM. He asked Board members to sit up front.

Hayden, who rents from the Lunds, introduced herself saying this was her first PPERRIA meeting.

Paul Hamilton from the U of M student liaison office introduced himself.

Evelina (Evvie) Smirnitskaya introduced herself. She's the student reporter from *The Minnesota Daily*. Prospect Park is her beat.

The agenda was approved.

The minutes of the January meeting, as printed in the newsletter, were approved with no changes.

#### FEATURED NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS

Lois Willand introduced Magassa Ayana, who has opened Sabrina Grocery & Deli, at 2812 University Avenue (the small brick building just west of 2828 University—the former Osvold Company, now Tower Center). Magassa and wife, Karima Omer, offer deli meals and catering. He passed around copies of his menu. Food from Sabrina was featured at the opening of Tower Center in December. Florence Littman asked if the "marvelous bean dish" she tasted at the opening was available (yes). Parking is available in their small lot and outside dining will be available if the snow ever melts this year.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Dick Poppele announced that Prospect Park has been awarded a "Community Participation Grant" of \$39,281 from the city of Minneapolis. This successor to the Neighborhood Revitalization Program was set up by the city and each neighborhood was invited to apply for a set pool of money set aside for that neighborhood. Steve Ficker asked to get a copy of the proposal; Dick P. promised to send him one.
- Dick P. read a note of thanks from the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board to PPERRIA for its support of the Fire & Ice celebration on February 12.
- Huy, from Luxton Park, said he is seeking baseball coaches for Luxton.
- Dick P. said that the Community Concerts program needs a coordinator. These concerts (2 or 3 per summer) are free and held outdoors at the performance circle at Pratt or in PPUMC in case of rain. Dick said these are "joyful events" that bring neighbors of all ages together. Former coordinators Lois Willand and Jan Kilton can advise anyone who would take over organizing these events.
- Julie Wallace gave an update on the Central Corridor LRT project (she is on the Communications Committee of the city of Saint Paul). The first piece of the LRT line to be built will be the westernmost: University Avenue from Hampden Street to the city limit at Emerald Street. Construction has just begun on this part of the line. It will be finished by Thanksgiving. However, until Thanksgiving, that stretch of University Avenue will have one lane of traffic in each direction including buses, meaning the next nine months will see restricted traffic flow on this road. Construction of the line in Minneapolis will begin in the summer of 2012. Sally Brown urged people to patronize businesses along University Avenue during construction.
- Sally Brown of the Twin Cities Gray Panthers said that Somali Women in Minnesota (SWIM) and PPERRIA are in a partnership called "Community Connections for Change." A project to promote intergenerational dialogue in the Somali community is ongoing. Last year, the Gray Panthers, in association with SWIM, obtained a grant of \$5000 from the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs (CURA) in the Humphrey Institute at the U of M. The money was used to interview residents of Glendale "to create a stronger more vibrant community." Gray Panthers/SWIM is seeking another grant of \$10,000 to continue the project. CURA grants go to neighborhood organizations, so PPERRIA, which served as the money manager for the previous grant, will do so again if a second grant is obtained. Sally passed out a one-page summary of

the proposal. CCC hopes to strengthen connections across ages, cultures and organizations (so that "we know what each are doing"). She pointed out that a representative from the Glendale Residents Council now attends PPERRIA meetings. A leadership team has been created to keep track of where the money goes. Two representatives from SWIM said that part of the grant will be used to bring police and youth together "in order to understand one another" and part will be used to expand involvement of Somali girls in sports. Sally passed around a sign-up sheet for the first "intergenerational dialogue" which will be held at Luxton Park on March 8, 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

- Phil Anderson announced that the Nominating Committee of PPERRIA consists of himself, Tamara Johnson, Lindsey Wollschlager, and Richard Adams. Under the bylaws of PPERRIA, 20 of the 40-member Board of Directors stand for election every year. The election is held at the Annual Meeting in April. The Nominating Committee is looking for volunteers to serve on the board, especially younger residents of Prospect Park. If you would like to serve, contact a member of this committee.
- Karen Murdock said that the coordinator of the Board retreat in December felt that a weakness of PPERRIA meetings is that newcomers have difficulty determining who is in charge. To help to remedy this weakness, Karen provided new nametags for Board members. They are slightly larger than the regular nametags and have a bright golden color. She asked that Board members make new nametags for themselves and include the name of the committee or committees on which they serve. The color, which can be seen from across the room, assures, Karen said, that Board members "can run but they can't hide" at Board meetings. Newcomers to the neighborhood or to PPERRIA should seek out "gold tag" people at the monthly meetings.

#### PROCESS FOR SELECTING NCED COMMISSIONERS

Dick P. said that the Neighborhood Community Engagement Commission (NCED) of the city of Minneapolis has 16 members. Five from the City Council, two chosen by the Mayor, one from the Park Board. The remaining eight are from neighborhood organizations. The NCEC replaces the old Neighborhood Revitalization Program policy council (this is not a paid position. The NCEC meets monthly). NCEC has been operating for about a year and it:

- · reviews neighborhood plans and recommends approval to the Council
- advises the Mayor, the Council and city departments on community issues, development of policies etc.
- · oversees funding for neighborhood revitalization work

The NCEC has not yet adopted a process for electing NCEC members. Dick passed around a handout, "What Process Should Neighborhood Organizations Use for the Selection of NCEC Commissioners?" He put up an overhead with the following proposed process for electing NCEC members:

- 1. at city meeting late March adopt process—each neighborhood has one vote
- 2. candidate filing period April 5 April 22
- 3. candidates guide available April 29
- 4. neighborhoods select elector by May 26
- 5. district elections in June

By a show of hands, the PPERRIA board supported this proposed election process (a quorum of the Board was present at this meeting). Peter LaSha, who served in the past as representative to the NRP, volunteered to serve in the same role with the NCEC. He was elected by a show of hands. Judy Farmer asked what the NCEC districts are. They have not been defined yet.

#### STRATEGIC PLANNING—COMMITTEE WORK PLANS FOR 2011-2012

#### **Organizational Development Committee**

Rob Nordin and Betts Zerby represent the Organizational Development Committee of PPERRIA. The committee was formed by merging the Development and Membership committees. Three "listening sessions" were held last October to get input into what residents of PP would like to see in the future. Surveys were also given to the approximately 1000 households in PP (or could be filled out online on Survey Monkey). About 300 responses were received. Rob said the answers to the survey raise two questions:

- What should PPERRIA be focusing on in the next five years?
- Do we have the resources to meet these objectives?

Betts said that the ODC would like to broaden participation in PPERRIA and has a goal of attracting 25 new business members. ODC also wants to attract members who are renters rather than homeowners (a show of hands revealed that only three renters were present at tonight's meeting). Betts wants to hire Cheryl Vollhaber to teach her (and perhaps others) how to use the PP database that Cheryl maintains.

PPERRIA currently has 360 household members, representing about 500 individual members.

Judy Farmer asked if PPERRIA was listed on the "Give MN" website (This is a collaborative venture intended to move more charitable giving online, website http://givemn.razoo.com). PPERRIA is listed on this website, but only received 90 cents through it in 2010. Judy asked if PPERRIA has thought of holding some meetings at Luxton Park. Betts said that many NRP meetings were held there.

Rob said that the ODC will raise money for the strategic objectives of the neighborhood, not for individual enthusiasms. The next meeting of the Organizational Development Committee will be March 14.

The work plan of the Organizational Development Committee for 2011 will be published, either on the PPERRIA website or in a future newsletter or both.

Lindsey Wollschlager asked how PPERRIA would work out overlaps between the charges of the various committees. For example, the Communications Committee wants to support block clubs, but so does the Development Committee. Dick P. said that the Executive Committee should iron out these overlaps, since the chairs of all PPERRIA committees sit on the Executive Committee.

#### **Communications Committee (CommComm)**

Lois Willand reported that the Comm Comm has set up a "Google Calendar" link on the neighborhood website (www.pperr.org) to list neighborhood events. The goals of the Comm Comm for 2011 include improving the website, republishing the Welcome brochure (and distributing it to renters) and rebuilding block clubs.

The work plan of the Communications Committee for 2011 will be published, either on the PPERRIA website or in a future newsletter or both.

Susan Gottlieb said that block clubs in the neighborhood were strong in the first phase of the NRP program when there was a paid coordinator. Dick P. said that block clubs are part of the Public Safety department in the city, but the names of block club coordinators are confidential and the city will not share those names with the neighborhood organization.

#### **Livability Committee**

Carla Urban said that in the past two years the committee has not been very active but did organize the neighborhood cleanups and the push to get sound walls along East River Terrace. Neither Carla nor Tom Kilton can continue in their roles as co-chairs of the committee. Dick P. said that his expectation is that every member of the PPERRIA Board of Directors should serve on at least one committee. Carla said a strong committee structure would "empower people to address issues" themselves rather than relying on PPERRIA. Julie Wallace said that many residents of the neighborhood are unwilling to commit to joining a committee (many committees meet every month) but they would be willing to volunteer for a task force to address a specific issue.

#### **Historic District**

Joe Ring said he intends to pursue efforts to get the hill area of PP some sort of "historic" status, with luck as a federal historic district.

The work plan of the Historic District Committee for 2011 will be published, either on the PPERRIA website or in a future newsletter or both.

#### **Education/Human Services**

Dick P. said that this committee has been chaired by Susan Larson-Fleming for the past 15 years and that Susan played a critical role in getting NRP funds for Pratt. Due to health issues, Susan has now resigned her position.

The work plan of the Education/Human Services Committee for 2011 will be published, either on the PPERRIA website or in a future newsletter or both.

Judy Farmer said that she did not think that development of the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Pratt should be an important objective. Pratt is so small that it is in danger of closing. Judy said she would be willing to put together a group to develop a strategic plan on how to move Pratt forward, but she does not want to serve as chair of the Education Committee. She thinks a good model to follow would be that pursued by Loring School in northeast Minneapolis, which mobilized the surrounding neighborhood to get kids enrolled at Loring. Judy thinks that Pratt does not enroll a sufficient number of PP kids.

Susan Gottlieb said that the Minneapolis School District suggested building out the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor at Pratt as a way of attracting enrollment.

#### **Zoning Committee**

Florence Littman said that her committee cannot set up a detailed "work plan" for the future because the committee does not know what issues will come up and "we have to react to what's going on." The Zoning Committee reviews and makes recommendations on various issues, especially variances to the zoning code sought by individuals and by new developments in PP. The committee's goal for the future is "to continue these activities."

Florence said that in the recent past, liquor licenses have been a big issue. The Zoning Committee has developed (in conjunction with local restaurants) a liquor policy; Dick P. has asked the Zoning Committee to get the policy approved by the whole Board of Directors. He suggested that this could be part of the work plan for the committee in the year 2011.

Peter LaSha asked if the new LRT line would require zoning changes. Florence said no such changes are anticipated but that the LRT would be bound to bring significant change to the neighborhoods through which it passes. The city of Minneapolis tries to provide a "transition" zone between high-density commercial land uses and low-density residential areas. However, there is no such transition between University Avenue and the residential districts behind the avenue. Florence said that the Zoning Committee was aware of this and will try to see that businesses do not encroach into the residential areas.

The work plan of the Zoning Committee for 2011 will be published, either on the PPERRIA website or in a future newsletter or both.

#### **Transit Committee**

John DeWitt said that the neighborhood is currently in "the lull before the storm" of construction of the light rail transit line along University Avenue. He said that the transit committee will monitor the impact of LRT on the neighborhood. Problems are anticipated.

The work plan of the Transit Committee for 2011 will be published, either on the PPERRIA website or in a future newsletter or both.

#### **Master Plan Committee**

Dick Gilvard said that the committee has designated four subcommittees or task forces. These cover

- 1. 29th Avenue station area
- 2. Good Samaritan
- 3. parking
- 4. documentation of the Master Plan

He anticipates that meeting the goals of the committee will require some professional assistance.

The work plan of the Master Plan Committee for 2011 will be published, either on the PPERRIA website or in a future newsletter or both.

#### **Central Corridor Project**

Peter Wagenius said that the Central Corridor Project has a huge contingency budget. The money can be released when (if) things are completed on time and within budget. He asked what PP residents would like to spend money on if contingency funds are released. He said the city of Minneapolis would ask for contingency funds for the following improvements in PP:

- 1. aligning North Bedford Street with South Bedford Street. The intersection of Bedford and University is one of the most dangerous in PP, especially for pedestrians. Aligning the two parts of the street would improve safety for everyone. This would involve acquiring the SuperAmerica property.
- 2. providing that overhead powerlines be buried. This, said Peter, would mean less lopping off of branches of trees "so trees don't look like slingshots." University Avenue will be dug up anyway, Peter said, so if burying powerlines "is not done now, it will never happen."
- 3. providing pedestrian-level lighting along the light rail line
  Peter urged PP residents to contact the new members of the Met Council when they are appointed by Governor Dayton.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Murdock, PPERRIA Secretary

## Parents choosing Pratt:

To date, 73 parental cards favor Pratt as their child's Kindergarten class for Fall 2011, and half of those list Pratt as their "Number One" choice. The numbers already exceed anything from past years, without counting cards still to come in during this spring and summer.

.....Susan Larson-Fleming

# How is your PPERRIA NEWS delivered?

We ask because although many of you get your newsletter electronically, most get it via U.S. Mail. (And that option will remain into the foreseeable future.) But now we learn that our local bulk mail facility will soon move to the suburbs; and this challenges our volunteer-run operation making it unfeasible to continue with bulk-mail delivery.

This in turn means we'll be sending the newsletter as first-class mail. (It's always been a first-class newsletter!) Thus, to keep costs down we're appealing to more of you – if you can – to accept electronic-only delivery. And you'll continue to find it on our Website.

We say again: You will always receive a print copy by mail if that is what you need or want. However, to opt solely for electronic delivery, please contact Betts Zerby at <<u>ejzerby@yahoo.com</u>>.

The conversion to first-class mail will begin with the May 2011 newsletter	
	the editor

## **HELP WANTED**

Our long-time volunteer newsletter mailer Julie Wallace has earned a break. (She's continuing through next month, April 2011.) Here's your opportunity to fulfill a once-a-month brief, but vital, PPERRIA function.

Our newsletter is mailed mid-month on a time deadline – 10 issues per year – none in August and December.

#### You would:

- pick up folded and taped copies from the printing shop in Dinkytown
- apply pre-printed labels and U.S. postage (PPERRIA provides)
- deliver and drop them at the nearest U.S. Post Office

We'll need you to do the job for at least the coming PPERRIA year, longer if you can.

Interested? Contact Lois Willand, PPERRIA Communications Committee, at 612.378. 9697 or <loiswilland@gmail.com>.

If the following looks familiar, it's because it repeats an announcement that ran last month. Among other things, the date of the event was reset.....the editor

# Consult an architect on Saturday March 5th And it's FREE!

- Architects, landscape architects, and contractors will be available for free consultations on Saturday, April 30, from 10:30-2:30. Consultations will be made by appointment, to discuss remodeling and landscaping ideas for upgrading homesteaded property in University District neighborhoods. See the PPERRIA Website at www.pperr.org for a link to the U of M Website and *a* registration form.
- The location is the Bell Museum on the Minneapolis campus, so that attendees can also take advantage of the special exhibit *Sustainable Shelter: Dwelling Within the Forces of Nature*. This exhibit reveals innovative new building technologies and strategies that can help restore the health and viability of natural cycles, with an emphasis on building materials, energy, and water.
- The University District Alliance is sponsoring this (third) Architect Day for homeowners in Alliance neighborhoods Como, Marcy-Holmes, Prospect Park, and Cedar-Riverside following two very successful earlier sessions.
- Have you thought about a small or large remodeling project on your home? Maybe an addition or landscape redesign? Planning to add accessible features? Do you need some good advice before moving forward? This is a great opportunity to bounce your ideas off the experts. In addition to architects and landscape architects, contractors will be available to advise on cost and timing issues during the scheduled architect appointments.
- The Bell Museum is at 10 Church Street, SE, the corner of University and 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, SE (Church Street). Parking is available in the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Ramp one block north at the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, SE.

<ul> <li>Plan to bring scale drawings (</li> </ul>	(1/4" to 1	' preferred)	and any	relevant	photos or
other information about your home.					

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### PPERRIA SCHEDULE OF NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

(Formerly known as "the PPERRIA Neighborhood Calendar")

To include items in the PPERRIA schedule, contact Joyce Barta at bartajm@yahoo.com or 859-4960 by **Thurs**, **April 7**<sup>th</sup>

**Garden Club meetings:** Wednesdays, March 23<sup>rd</sup> and April 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. At locations to be announced – Call Kent Petterson at 332-1821

**Communications Committee meeting:** Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 7pm Prospect Park United Methodist Church – Call Lois Willand at 378-9697

**Glendale Residents Council meetings:** Fridays, March 25<sup>th</sup> and April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 3:30 pm Luxton Park – Contact Henry Keshi, keshi@minn.net

PPERRIA Board of Directors & Membership meeting: Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 7pm Annual meeting will be Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> Prospect Park United Methodist Church – President Dick Poppele 378-9242

**Zoning & Planning Committee meeting (Tentative):** Tuesday, April 5 <sup>th</sup> , 7pm Prospect Park United Methodist Church – Call Florence Littman at 331-2970

**PPERRIA Executive Committee meeting:** Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 7pm Prospect Park United Methodist Church – President Dick Poppele 378-9242

**Earth Day:** Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 am to noon (See FYI – back page) Meet on East River Parkway near the Franklin Bridge – Tom Kilton 339-3064

# February 2011 PPERRIA Staff Report 2/1/2011 – 2/28/2011

Staff hours from February 1 through February 28, 2011 totaled 26.75 hours for a cost of \$642. This was paid out of NRP 2 funds. Contract C-25154 (11-1-07) between NRP and PPERRIA contained \$27,229 for Administration, of which \$20,000 was designated for Staff and \$7030.26 for other administrative costs. \$8,585.40 remains for staff

# \*\*NEW\*\* YOUR LOCAL EVENTS CALENDAR ON-LINE

**Ever lose track of where and when things are happening?** 

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PRATT ICE CREAM SOCIAL · Earth Day Cleanup & andem Walk · Summer Concerts BOOT SALE AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST · Fall cleanup ?????

Need to schedule an event? Looking to see what dates are open?

Avoid confusion with the new **NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS CALENDAR** 

Find it on-line at the PPERRIA Website – pperr.org and click the CALENDAR link at the lower-left on the home page.

It will show the events currently listed for our neighborhood — plus Major secular and religious holidays To guide you in selecting a date

To schedule an event, send your information to pelist@gmail.com>
Include all relevant facts: Date, Time, Place, and whom to call.
(You can even attach a poster or flyer.)

Use it to know what's going on – and to let others know of your event!

Brought to you by your PPERRIA	A Communications Committee.
Helping you connect.	
	Lois Willand, Chail

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The following are not PPERRIA Committees, but they have PPERRIA representatives:									
Stadium Area Advisory Group (SAAG)	Dean Abrahamson, Florence Littman								
Southeast Minneapolis Committee on Learning (SEMCOL)	Susan Larson Fleming, David Galle, Jakki Kydd- Fidelman, Susan Gottlieb								
Southeast Economic Development Committee (SEED)	Dean Lund, Julie Wallace, John Kari								
District Councils Collaborative (DCC)	Phil Anderson								
University District Partnership Alliance	Dick Poppele, Dick Gilyard								

<sup>&</sup>quot;Do more than belong: participate." ......William Arthur Ward

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED



# $\mathcal{F} \mathcal{Y} \mathcal{I}$ : Minneapolis Earth Day Clean Up ("Ef'en the river don't rise")

The City and the Park and Recreation Board announced that our 2011 Minneapolis Earth Day Clean Up is to be Saturday, April 16, from 9:30 to noon. The annual event involves parks, neighborhoods and watersheds.

Last year more than 3000 volunteers removed over 15,000 pounds of trash.

PPERRIA observes Earth Day Clean-Up on the East Bank of the Mississippi Gorge. We meet at Franklin and East River Parkway. Gloves and trash bags are provided – no registration required. Just show up.

......Questions? Call Tom Kilton: 339-3064.

Join friends and family for a day of service in the community.

#### And Remember:

What happens tomorrow is shaped by those who show up today