




March 2022 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>Community Building Committee Thursday March 3, 4:30pm</p> <p>Environment Committee Tuesday, March 8, 6:30pm</p> <p>Land Use & Planning Committee Thursday, March 10, 7pm</p> <p>Transportation & Safety Committee Wednesday, March 9, 7:30pm</p>	<p>PPA Board Meeting & Community Meeting --virtual meeting-- Monday Mar. 28th 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. 21, 7pm</p>

GET INVOLVED!

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

Board Member Elections to be Held in May

PPA's neighborhood organization board member election May 9-16.

The annual meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Monday, May 9.



As announced last fall, PPA moved board member elections to May in order to take advantage of the first city-wide neighborhood organization election made available by Neighborhood Community Relations (NCR). Participating in the city-wide election date will bring greater attention to our neighborhood board election, giving more neighbors the opportunity to participate as candidates and voters. The City of Minneapolis will help promote neighborhood organization board member elections held on the city-wide date.

PPA Board unanimously passed a resolution, reviewed by PPA's legal counsel, to move our regular Board of Directors election to May.

[Click here to view the full approved resolution.](#)

Join PPA's Board of Directors

Get engaged in the city and neighborhood discussions about community building, transportation, safety, environmentalism, equity, land use, renter's rights and more!

Please consider serving on PPA's Board of Directors. In the May election there will be 7 board seats whose term expires at that time. Board terms are two years starting June 2022 and ending June 2024. There will also be an election for a one-year term expiring June 2023. Black or indigenous folks, people of color, students, and renters are urged to apply to bring diverse perspectives to the PPA board.

[Click here](#) for info about serving as a board member.

[Click here](#) for more information about the PPA Board.

If you are interested in running for the PPA board please contact staff@prospectparkmpls.org.

Information on how to participate in the May election as a candidate or voter will be published in PPA's mid-March newsletter. Prospect Park Association Meetings will continue to be held virtually for the time being.

City of Minneapolis Planning Commission Hearing for Proposed Student Housing at 27th and University Ave SE



There will be a hearing on March 7th, 2022 for a 16-story development at 2630 University Ave SE (site of Profile Center). The development called “Union Stadium Village” will have 620 dwelling units and provide housing for over 1,000 students.

You can view plan submitted to Planning Commission Committee of the Whole (COW) at: <https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:5836e80f-bef3-4a3f-a7a0-23961dc85bcd>

Hearing Link: <https://lims.minneapolismn.gov/Calendar/independent/upcoming/cpc>

Classes at Luxton

Over winter break, students at Luxton park participated in a two-day workshop with Kyra Nygard where teens learned the creative process and techniques of scanography and collage making. Using their scans and other papers, the students created square collages. The squares were then scanned and turned into a “tessellation” or pattern by Kyra using Photoshop. This project has been a part of an ongoing partnership between Luxton Park, Glendale residents and PPA (with support from the Learning Dreams project).



Sponsored Senior Photos

Kyra Nygard is a portrait photographer creating a sponsorship program for high school senior photography. The goal of the sponsorship is for students who are unable to afford senior photos to be sponsored by donors who will fund their photo session. Senior photos are often used as the first headshots for students entering a professional environment. The photos get used on resumes, portfolios, websites and social networks. Kyra is looking for donations from \$50-\$300 to cover the cost of photoshoots as well as nominations for students who would benefit. Please get in contact by sending an email to Kyra at kyrajnygard@gmail.com. To see her work go to kyranygard.com.

Donate to Prospect Park Association

Prospect Park Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. All donations are tax-deductible. [Simply click here](#) or mail checks to: PPA, P.O. Box 141095, Mpls. 55414.



Saturday, April 9 – April 23: Earth Weeks Neighborhood Cleanup



The PPA Environment Committee is pleased to announce a neighborhood wide Earth Day Clean up beginning on Saturday, April 9th, and running through Saturday, April 23rd. Help keep the storm water drains clear of litter and leaves, pick up the parks, or clean up your section of the neighborhood. We'll have 4 locations where you can pick up supplies (bags for litter & recycling,

gloves, and a reusable water bottle) on **Saturday, April 9 between 9AM and noon**. When you register, you can let us know where you'll be working. Our goal is to cover the neighborhood. Prizes of a \$25 gift card will be awarded after a drawing to a lucky person in each of 6 categories (pre-school, grades 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, and 19-25). Please [complete this quick form](#) to let us know which of the 4 areas you will stop by on Saturday, April 9, 9AM - 12PM for supplies (Tower Hill Park, Luxton Park, East River Road, (near the Franklin Ave. bridge, or Bridal Veil Park at 4th St and 29th Ave.). If you can't make it on the 9th but want to be involved, complete the form for ways to be involved. For more info - environment@prospectparkmpls.org.

Continue Celebrating Black History with these Virtual Events Presented by Eventbrite



Black History Month is more than just a reflection on the past. It's also about celebrating the present (and the future) of Black culture. In this curated collection, Eventbrite is putting a spotlight on virtual events that will not only teach you about Black history, but will showcase Black excellence in its many forms: food, film, comedy, music, literature, and more. These are events that energize, educate, and entertain — all while honoring and celebrating Black culture.

March 2: [Black History Every Month: The History of Black People in America 1619-2021](#)

March 17: [Centering Power & Healing: BIPOC as Leaders in the Equity Movement](#)

March 20: [Travel Indoors! \(Black Travel Summit Digital Sessions\)](#)

Find More events at [Eventbrite Events that Celebrate Black History](#)

PPA Board/Community Meetings and Approved Minutes

Upcoming PPA Board/Community Meeting

PPA Board/Community Meeting, all community members welcome!

Next meeting: Monday, March 28, 2022 | 6:30-8:30 pm

Virtual meeting access information will be provided through newsletter and PP-elist.

PPA Board/Community Meeting Agendas will be available at least 5 days before the meeting, published in a short email newsletter and the [PPA website](#).

Approved PPA Meeting Minutes

Committee Reports/Minutes approved at the January 24 Board meeting:

January 6, 2022 [Community Building Committee Meeting](#)

January 12, 2022 [Transportations and Safety Committee Meeting](#)

January 24, 2022 [Board/Community Meeting](#)

January 27, 2027 [Finance and Administration Meeting](#)

Claire Steyaert Antiques Grand Re-Opening Event

Saturday March 12, 2022, 11AM-6PM, Art & Architecture Building

3338 University Avenue SE, 2nd Floor, Minneapolis, MN 55414



After two years of Covid restrictions and the uncertainty of the fate of our building, we are very pleased to announce that we are HERE, and we are OPEN!

Please join us for our Grand Re-Opening Event with scores of new inventories! New items in the categories of Fine Antiques, Fine Art and Accessories. Italian, French, Spanish Colonial, Rustic Western Americana are top on our list!

Come view, shop, mingle and enjoy gathering with light refreshments. Please be advised that whatever the current CDC suggestions are at this time will be honored. We look forward to seeing you! Contact: Tim Carroll, tjamescarroll@gmail.com 612.306.2584

Wednesday, March 23rd, 2022, 1:30-2:30 pm
Beyond Similes & Metaphors: Fun with Figures of Speech

This class is co-sponsored by Southeast Seniors & Minneapolis Community Education and will be held via Zoom. It is offered on a sliding fee scale, with a suggested contribution of \$0-\$5.

The ancient Greeks and Romans invented hundreds of figures of speech to ornament their writing. Most of these had faded out of use by the end of the 19th century. This class will teach you a dozen figures to enhance your reading, with lively examples of literature from the Bible, the stories of Sherlock Holmes, and more.

Karen Murdock is a former Geography teacher. She is passionately interested in Sherlock Holmes, gardening, and the spatial distribution of everything.

To register, please call 612-668-1100 and provide your name, phone number and email address or register online here:

<https://minneapolis.ce.eleyo.com/course/36292/lifelong-learning-55-winter-2022/southeast-lifelong-learners-beyond-similes-metaphors-fun-with-figures-of-speech-pratt-online>

Spring Clean Up



Spring is almost here! Did you know that Southeast Seniors offers basic spring yard clean-up to residents of Southeast Minneapolis who are age 65+? If you are interested in this free service OR if you would like to be one of our volunteer cleaner-uppers, please contact us!

We usually set this up for late April, depending on what happens weather-wise in early Spring. Please contact Ann Carter, Southeast Seniors' Volunteer Coordinator, at 612-331-2302 or ann@seseniors.org for more information.



Halcyon Days Book Club (Virtual Meeting)
Thursday, March 10th, 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Leave the World Behind by Rumaan Alam



Halcyon Days is a book club that doesn't take itself too seriously; like hanging out with old friends you didn't know you had! This book club is free and open to everyone. Hosted by Kyle from Arvonne Fraser Library, this book club will meet the **second Thursday of every month.**

To register for the Halcyon Days Book Club, follow this registration link: <https://hclib.bibliocommons.com/events/61e6d7f940ff262f00623600>

A link to the live online discussion will be emailed to registrants within 48 hours of the event.

March 10: [Leave The World Behind](#) by Rumaan Alam
April 14: [Dial A For Aunties](#) by Jesse Q. Sutanto
May 12: [Such a Fun Age](#) by Kiley Reid

2022 People for Parks Fund grant!



Are you a community member or group with a great idea for improving parks in your neighborhood? Then [you're invited to apply](#) for a 2022 People for Parks Fund grant!

This year, the People for Parks Fund Advisory Committee authorized a minimum of \$35,000 in funding for community-grown projects and programs throughout Minneapolis. Most grants will be between \$1,000 and \$10,000 and will be awarded to 501c3 and 501c4 organizations, government agencies, and community groups and others with a fiscal agent.

Applications are due by March 15 and applicants will be notified in May. For grant guidelines, criteria, and a link to the online application form, please visit our [People for Parks Fund page](#). Applications and FAQs are available in English, Spanish, and Somali.

Learn More or Apply Now: <https://mplsparksfoundation.org/Initiative/people-for-parks-fund/>

2021 Grantee Stories

The Minneapolis Parks Foundation first introduced the grant program in 2021, awarding six grants totaling nearly \$35,000. You can read these grantee stories and more on our blog, [Common Ground](#).

[Fun and Gains at Currie Park](#)

Traditional Somali games fostered culture and community across generations.

["SOL of the Cities"](#)

An inclusive "serve to play" futsal league brought together youth and families at North Commons Park.



[Urban Bird Collective](#)

Shared the healing powers of nature and birdwatching to Minneapolis and St. Paul BIPOC and LGBTQ+ communities

Helpful COVID-19 Resources

Governor Walz' Response and Preparation

[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 \(WHO\)](#)

OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

- [Click to subscribe to MN Senator Kari Dziedzic's SD60 newsletter.](#)
- [Click to subscribe to MN Representative Mohamud Noor's 60B newsletter](#)
- [Sign up for Council Member Robin Wonsley Worlobah's Ward 2 newsletters and get updates on the ward and the city.](#)

[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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