




## March 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 <a href="#">PPA Calendar</a>. All committee meetings are taking place virtually unless otherwise noted.</i></p> <p><b>ABOUT PPA</b> Prospect Park Association is the official neighborhood association for the Prospect Park Area of the city of Minneapolis.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#"><u>Donate to PPA</u></a></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Prospect Park Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and all donations are tax-deductible.</p>	<p><b>Environment Committee</b> Tuesday April 8, 6:30pm</p> <p><b>Jackson Family Project (formerly Community Building Committee)</b> Thursday, April 3, 4:30pm</p> <p><b>Land Use &amp; Planning Committee</b> Thursday April 10. 7:00pm</p> <p><b>Tower Hill Park Committee &amp; Prospect Park Garden Club</b> Tuesday, March 20, 6:30pm at Luxton Park</p> <p><b>Transportation &amp; Safety Committee</b> Wednesday March 25. 6:30pm *Hybrid &amp; Meets at PPUMC</p>	<p><b>PPA Board Meeting &amp; Community Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Monday March 24th 6:30pm (online-only)</b></p> <p><i>All Community Members are welcome!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#"><u>Agenda</u></a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#"><u>to attend via Zoom, register here</u></a></p> <p><b>Management Council Monday January 20th</b> <i>Sets Community &amp; Board Meeting Agendas</i></p>

**GET INVOLVED!**

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

## ***Run for the PPA Board!***

***Prospect Park Association (PPA) is the city recognized neighborhood organization for Prospect Park***

### ***Engage in City & Neighborhood Activities***

***Environment, Equity, Public Safety, Land Use,  
Renters' Rights, Jackson Family Project, Witch's Hat Tower &  
Local Park Improvements, Transportation & More***

***Board member orientation provided***

### ***ALL ARE WELCOME!***

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

***The online election begins at PPA's Annual Meeting  
PPA Annual Meeting at 6:30pm on Monday May 12<sup>th</sup>***

***Contact [staff@prospectparkmpls.org](mailto:staff@prospectparkmpls.org) with questions or to receive more  
information. Learn more about PPA at [prospectparkmpls.org](http://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.***

***To run for the PPA Board, complete a Board Candidate Profile form  
at [prospectparkmpls.org](http://prospectparkmpls.org) by Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.***



**[SUBMIT CANDIDATE PROFILE HERE](#)**

## Environment Committee News

On March 11, Peter Wagenius, neighbor and Legislative and Policy Director from the Sierra Club, gave us an overview of the environmental work happening at the MN Legislature. He began with an overview of the work completed in 2023-23-24 with a Democratic trifecta (MN House, MN Senate & Governor):

- 100% clean electricity with no trade off of electricity or economics; PUC must implement carbon free energy by 2040
- Transportation laws including biking & rapid transit to reduce vehicle miles traveled (MN is the second state in the US to use this measurement)
- Front line Communities Protection - new permitting by PUC can't add cumulative impacts of pollution to communities already affected

But, now there are problems as the legislature and the Governor are messing with the clean energy laws. We suggest calls to Gov. Waltz to ask him not to cut this money from the budget but to continue supporting transit and clean energy.

- Governor proposes cutting \$32 million from transit support in the Metro area
- They want to continue to offer huge tax credits for data centers to be built in Minnesota. Not only is this a huge draw on energy, with little to no long term jobs being created, it actually ends up costing the state money. Those sales tax exemptions are already worth about \$100 million a year for data center companies, but the cost to the public is unknown if the industry grows to nearly 40 times the size of the current market, as electric utilities predict. Source <https://www.startribune.com/big-tech-will-use-minnesota-tax-breaks-for-an-influx-of-data-centers-nobody-knows-how-much-it-will-cost/601218607>

[Peoplenotpolluters](#) is a collaboration of "organizations working to influence Minnesota state decisions on projects that threaten environmental damage – from mines and crude oil pipelines to metal shredders and pesticide drift." The Sierra Club is a collaborator, and suggests those concerned with the environment get familiar with this organization that is working to continue the good work completed over the past few years.

Please join us to find out how you can learn more about our work.

- Our next Environment Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 8 at Luxton Park
- **SAVE THE DATE - Earth Day Clean up - Sat., April 19** - pick up supplies from 9:30 to noon (Tower Hill Park (north side)/Luxton Park/East River Road (1308)

# PPA Tower Hill Park Committee & Prospect Park Garden Club Joint Meeting

Thursday, March 20 6:30 – 8:00pm.

In person at Luxton Park Recreation Center, 112 SE Williams Ave

**Topic: Tower Hill Park Buckthorn Removal and Control program with Minneapolis Parks Department.**

Andrew Marotz from the Minneapolis Parks Department will provide information about our Buckthorn Remove and Control program with the Minneapolis Parks Department.

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## PPA Transportation and Safety Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 25 6:30 – 8:00pm (virtual via Zoom)

Agenda topics to include:

- plans for Malcolm & University with E Line construction
- reactions to park board Missing Link plans
- city and Park Board bicycle and pedestrian advisory committees
- update on parking at MIDB
- other topics of interest to residents!

**Zoom link to join:**

<https://umn.zoom.us/j/99512964447?pwd=MoqHM0vThy2YRxBqMgxUjkGDSstJhc.1>

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## PPA Meeting Minutes and Committee Reports Approved at the January Board/Committee Meeting

- [Board/Community Meeting, December 9, 2024](#)
- [Finance Committee, January 9, 2025](#)

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**PRATT  
ICE CREAM  
SOCIAL AND  
PICNIC**

The Pratt Ice Cream Social and Picnic is back again for 2025 ... and it Promises to be another fun, memorable neighborhood event!



Like last year, there will be games for the kids, a Garden Club Plant Sale, food trucks, free ice cream (from our friends at the Pillars) and more. Plus the ever-popular "Prospect Park's Got Talent" show.

Mark your calendar now for Friday, May 30 4:30–8:00 pm.

We look forward to seeing you there!

## Save May 4th & May 8th for Jackson Family Project Community Events!



The University of Minnesota Good Neighbor Fund has awarded PPA's Jackson Family Project a \$9,600 grant to hold two community-wide events in Prospect Park. The events will provide opportunities to learn about Roger Wilkins, the grandson of Amy and Madison Jackson. The Jackson's were the first African American family to live in the Prospect Park neighborhood. Their three children, Helen (Roger Wilkins' mother), Marvel, and Zelma were the first African American students to attend Pratt school, also attending the University of Minnesota. Roger Wilkins was the first African American Assistant Attorney General of the United States. He also won a Pulitzer Prize for his writing at the Washington Post. His autobiography, "A Man's Life," received remarkable positive reviews when it was published in 1981, including being called "indispensable reading,...and a beautiful book" by James Baldwin, "An important groundbreaking work" by the New York Times, among many others.

The Jackson's built their home in Prospect Park in 1908. In 1909 they were subjected to protests because they were Black, as described in TPT's documentary production "Jim Crow of the North." Madison Jackson was told that no one would play with his children. In response he built a playground in his yard. This was before the period of park and school playgrounds, and it turned out that many neighborhood children wanted to play with the Jackson children on the new playground. The Jacksons lived in the neighborhood for over 20 years and became important members of the community.

### **Additional event details announced soon:**

**On May 4th:** online conversation led by Dr. Melvin Peters to introduce the book. Sections of the book and other materials will be made available in advance.

**On May 8th:** in-person community gathering at Pillars of Prospect Park where Dr. Peters will speak. Members of the Jackson family and others will serve on a panel responding to Dr. Peters and to questions from the audience.

These events are a partnership of Jackson family members, Prospect Park Association, Pratt PTO, Pratt school faculty and other community groups.



# Environmental Justice Event

**BF50 Indigenous Health Initiative & Project Sweetie Pie** will join UMN IonE: Institute on the Environment for our 3rd Annual Green Summit, taken place on April 4, 2025 at Humphrey School of Public Affairs, 10:00AM - 2:30PM. (See flyer for more details)



Use the QR Code to RSVP for the event. Special Guest: Assistant Commissioner for the MDA: Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Patrice Bailey will be present, along with other notable organizations, working in Ag, Food, Farming, Forestry, Environmental & Conservation Communities.

Looking forward to hosting another Environmental Event, centered around Connecting Communities & Uniting The Future. **Contact: Britt Howell - [UrbanFarmDirect@gmail.com](mailto:UrbanFarmDirect@gmail.com)**



## New Rights for Minneapolis Renters

Minneapolis renters have rights that help them know what to expect from good property management and protect them in difficult situations. March 1 marked the first day that two new renter rights went into effect.

### Changes to the pre-eviction filing notice for unpaid rent

Renters who are at risk of being evicted for not paying their rent will now have a greater “heads up.” Before property owners start the eviction process, they must now give renters 30 days’ notice. Previously, the notice period was 14 days. The period begins once the notice is mailed or the day it is hand-delivered to the renter.

### Renter rights mandatory disclosures

In 2024, the City passed an ordinance that set a new standard for transparency in renting. The ordinance helps new renters learn more about the places they call home and their protections and resources—just in case they need them. Property owners must share some information before new renters sign a lease, and other pieces within 90 days after the lease starts.

Make sure to visit the City website to see the full explanation of what property owners must share and when.

[Property owners: Know what you must share and find resources](#)

[Renters: Learn more about your rights](#)



Council Member Wonsley speaking on the Renters Rights Mandatory Disclosure Ordinance that goes into effect on March 1, 2025. Left to Right: Jenni Rivera and Siya Shelar from the University of Minnesota Undergraduate Student Government, Siya Sakhardande from the Prospect Park Association, and Julia Zwak from Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid



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# OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

## Monthly Free Community Meals at PPUMC

Come enjoy great food and conversation on **every third Wednesday of the month from 5:30-6:30 pm at Prospect Park United Methodist Church in Community Hall, 22 Orlin Ave SE** across the street from Pratt School. Dine-in and take-out available!

PPUMC offers a healthy and delicious meal in partnership with Loaves & Fishes and the support of volunteers, with no pork and vegetarian and vegan options and no pork - made possible by a collaboration with Loaves & Fishes and the help of volunteers. All are welcome.



### FREE COMMUNITY MEALS

**DINE-IN & TAKE-OUT AVAILABLE!**

**WHERE:** Prospect Park United Methodist Church  
22 Orlin Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414

**WHEN:** Third Wednesday of each month, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

**DATES:** Jan 15, Feb 19, Mar 19, April 20, May 21, June 10,  
2020: July 15, Aug 20, Sept 17, Oct 15, Nov 18, Dec 17

Food served will be a nutritious, healthy, and balanced meal with no pork.  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

For more information, contact Prospect Park UMC at  
612-378-2380 or [office@prospectparkchurch.org](mailto:office@prospectparkchurch.org)



### COMIDAS COMUNITARIAS GRATUITAS

**(TENEMOS COMIDA PARA LLEVAR!)**

**DONDE:** Prospect Park United Methodist Church  
22 Orlin Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414

**CUANDO:** El tercer miércoles de cada mes, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

**FECHAS:** 15 de enero, 19 de febrero, 19 de marzo, 18 de abril,  
2020: 21 de mayo, 18 de junio, 16 de julio, 20 de agosto,  
17 de septiembre, 15 de octubre, 19 de noviembre,  
17 de diciembre

La comida que serviremos será una comida nutritiva, saludable y equilibrada sin carne de cerdo. (Todos están bienvenidos!)

612-378-2380, [office@prospectparkchurch.org](mailto:office@prospectparkchurch.org)



## Upcoming Events at PPUMC

### [VocalEssence](#)

Singers of This Age presents "Be the Light"

Saturday, April 12, 7 pm at [Prospect Park UMC](#).

A dynamic collection of Twin Cities area teens will perform in this free concert, with donations accepted in which 100% will go to The Center for Victims of Torture.

PROSPECT PARK UMC COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES  
FEATURING VOCALESSENCE  Singers Of This Age

# “BE THE LIGHT”

A DYNAMIC COLLECTIVE OF TWIN CITIES AREA TEENS

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2025 | 7:00 PM  
PROSPECT PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT



TO LEARN MORE, SCAN THE QR CODE

OR VISIT [CVT.ORG](http://CVT.ORG)



## **Celebrate Easter at Prospect Park UMC**

Calling all kids for a free **Easter Egg Party** on Saturday, April 19, 9:30-10:30 am, at Prospect Park United Methodist Church, 22 Orlin Avenue SE, Mpls (free on-street parking & across the street at Pratt Elementary School). Egg dyeing, feet painting- gooey!, donuts on a string- yum!, cookie decorating, face painting, microwaving peeps, crafts, and games from 9:30am – 10:15am, Easter Egg Hunt at 10:15am. Fun for children of all ages. Everyone welcome.

A flyer for an Easter Egg Party. The background is a collage of colorful Easter eggs. The text is centered on a white rectangular area. The title is "Easter Egg Party" in a large, dark font. Below it is "Best Easter Egg Hunt in town!" in a smaller, bold font. The date and time are "Saturday, April 19 9:30am - 10:30am". The activities listed are "Egg dyeing, feet painting- gooey!, donuts on a string- yum!, cookie decorating, face painting, microwaving peeps, crafts, games and 10:15 am Easter Egg Hunt." The bottom line says "Fun for children of all ages. Everyone welcome. Free." At the bottom left is the Prospect Park United Methodist Church logo. At the bottom right is the address "22 Orlin Ave SE Minneapolis, MN 55414", the phone number "612-378-2380", and the website "www.prospectparkchurch.org".

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## **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.



## **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](mailto:ward2@minneapolismn.gov)

Or contact staff directly:

[Policy Aide Celeste Robinson](#)

[Policy Aide Qannani Omar](#)

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