

PPERRIA May 2015 Newsletter

Hi Neighbors,

Thank you to all who came out to the Profile Event Center on Monday, April 27th! It was great to see so many people come to meet one another and participate in the PPERRIA Board elections. We had several new members join--we had so many we ran out of membership forms! We look forward to getting to know these new neighbors at upcoming events and meetings.

May in Prospect Park is a beautiful time. Trees are budding, flowers are blooming and people are finding their way out of the house and on the biking paths and running trails. I look forward to seeing the magnificent gardens start to bloom in full force later this month and next.

At the end of the month you can find us at the Pratt Ice Cream Social on Friday, May 29th. This is the one time a year that the Witch's Hat Water Tower is open to the public. If you have any questions about the Ice Cream Social please contact Jan Thurn of Community Education (jan.thurn@mpls.k12.mn.us). PPERRIA will have a table at the Ice Cream Social.

One last thing to note is that due to Memorial Day, the monthly PPERRIA May meeting will fall on Monday, June 1st at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church. Social time starts at 6pm and the Community Meeting begins at 6:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,
Jessica Buchberger
PPERRIA's Staff

A newsletter for members and friends of the Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association

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Welcome New Board Members!

On Monday, April 27th PPERRIA elected 20 Board members to serve from 2015-2017, to join the 20 Board members who are halfway through their term. We had many new faces on the ballot this year, and it was tough competition! Thank you to all who ran for a seat on the Board. A hearty thank you to Serafina Scheel for heading up the Nominations Committee this year!

The 2015-2017 Board members are

1. Richard Adams
2. Eric Amel
3. Dick Gilyard
4. Tamara Johnson
5. Dick Kain
6. Dick Poppele
7. Evan Roberts
8. Ladan Yusuf
9. Vince Netz
10. Robert Roscoe
11. Judy Britton
12. Tony Garmers
13. John Kari
14. John Wicks
15. Ken Hampton
16. John Orrison
17. Eric Lueneburg
18. Diana Dukich
19. Peggy Rejto
20. Martha Joy

We look forward to seeing what this talented and community-minded group of people does for the Prospect Park neighborhood while on the Board of Directors!

Thanks for joining the River Clean Up!

Thank you to Tom Kilton and the River Clean Up Committee for organizing this year's Earth Day Clean Up! Your service in helping keep the River and Prospect Park clean and healthy is appreciated.

The Neighborhood Full of Rain Gardens

13 neighbors will be receiving subsidized rain gardens this summer! Names were chosen and notified this week. If you were not selected, please stay tuned on how to help install this year's rain gardens and how to apply for a grant next year!

Increase Your Home's Energy Efficiency

Join over 7,000 Minneapolis homeowners who have participated in Home Energy Squad Enhanced. Since 2009 Home Energy Squad Enhanced has been helping homeowners save energy and money in their homes.

For \$70, a team of trusted energy consultants with Home Energy Squad Enhanced will:

- Install of energy saving materials: door weather stripping, a water heater blanket, programmable thermostat, CFL's and high-efficiency water fixtures
- Perform a blower door test to measure your home for air leaks
- Complete safety checks of your home heating system and water heater
- Conduct a complete insulation inspection

If your home needs insulation and air sealing upgrades Home Energy Squad Enhanced will provide you with a quote to get the work done, as well as a list of qualified contractors who can complete the work.

Schedule your Home Energy Squad Enhanced visit today! Call Beth at 612-335-5874 or visit mncee.org/mpls.

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Music and Movies in the Parks

A great summer program is being kicked off again later this month, which is free music and free movies in Minneapolis Parks. Check out the [full schedule here](#). Luxton Park will host at least one movie this summer, continuing their "Hunger Games" theme of the previous few years.

Upcoming Events

Lunch in the Park at U Garden

Wednesday May 6, 2015, noon

Join your neighbors for lunch at a local restaurant! We'll be meeting at U Garden (2725 University Avenue SE) at noon on Wednesday, May 6th. No need to RSVP, just show up and meet your fellow Prospect Park residents!

Minnesota Freedom Band Pancakes & Jazz Fundraiser

Prospect Park United Methodist Church

Saturday, May 9, 9am-12pm

Cost is \$8 and includes an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast and live jazz during the meal. There will also be a bake sale as part of the fundraiser. [Learn more here](#).

Informational Meeting for Glendale Residents on Development Plans

Luxton Park

Monday, May 11, 6:30-8:45pm

The Minneapolis Public Housing Authority (MPHA) is hosting a meeting to talk about the Master Plan of the redevelopment with residents of Glendale. This meeting is resident focuses but is also open to the public. Contact Dean Carlson for more details (dcarlson@mplsmpha.org).

Community Sing

Pratt Community School

Tuesday, May 12, 6pm

Minnesota Community Sings brings people together to sing and build community through joined voices. Singing together can help build ties and strengthen friendships

in the neighborhood. This Community Sing is the first part of the Summer Concert Series in Prospect Park for the 2015 season.

PPUMC Concert Series: Barbershop Harmony

Prospect Park United Methodist Church

Saturday, May 16, 7pm

The PPUMC Concert Series supports the community through music and fellowship. Each month PPUMC hosts exceptional performers from across the Twin Cities. May's performance will benefit Fraser. [Learn more here.](#)

Pratt Council Annual Ice Cream Social

Pratt Community School

Friday, May 29th, 5:30-8:30pm

This annual event is a known across the City as the day to climb the Tower! Participate in games, music, performances, the silent auction and more at this community-driven event.

PPERRIA Documents

March and April documents will be available after the next Board Meeting. No documents are reviewed for approval at the April Annual Meeting due to time constraints.

Upcoming Events

All committee meetings take place at the PPERRIA office, 2828 University Avenue SE in Suite 200. All are welcome!

Zoning and Project Review Committee

Tuesday May 5, 7pm

Admin Committee

Thursday, May 7,

Membership and Communications (MemComm) Committee

Thursday, May 14, 5:30pm

Executive Committee

Monday May 11, 6:30pm

Master Planning Committee

Thursday May 21, 5:30pm

Community and Board Meeting

All are welcome to the Community meeting, with Board meeting to follow. This month, due to Memorial Day, the monthly meeting will take place on Monday June 1st at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church. Social time begins at 6pm, the community meeting begins at 6:30pm.