




May 2026 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 style="text-align: center;">Donate to PPA</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>Environment Committee Wednesday May 13. 6:00pm (click to receive meeting notices)</p> <p>Jackson Family Project Thursday May 7, 4:30pm</p> <p>Transportation & Safety Committee Wednesday May 13. 6:30pm (click to receive meeting notices)</p> <p>Prospect Park Association Annual Meeting & Board Member Election Saturday May 2nd, 10:30am, at Pillars of Prospect Park, 22 SE Malcolm Ave</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Annual Meeting AGENDA</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Board CANDIDATE BIOS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Vote Here</p>	<p>PPA Board Meeting & Community Meeting</p> <p>Monday June 22nd 6:50pm (hybrid mtg) <i>(enter at far-left, east-side of building up ramp)</i></p> <p><i>All Community Members are welcome!</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Agenda</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>to attend via Zoom,</u> <u>register here</u> (access begins at 6:50pm)</p> <p>Management Council Monday June 8th <i>Sets Community & Board Meeting Agendas</i></p>

GET INVOLVED!

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

JOIN US!

PPA ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION

10:30am, Saturday, May 2nd

Pillars of Prospect Park,

22 Malcolm Ave SE,

Minneapolis, MN 55414

(In-person only)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Meet PPA Board Candidates!

Bagels, coffee and tea provided.

**PPA's online board member election will
begin at the Annual Meeting.**

Marvel Jackson Cooke, a Life in Journalism: Gathering and Panel Discussion

**Thursday, May 14, 2026, 5:00pm - 6:30pm, Prospect Park United
Methodist Church
22 Orlin Avenue SE Minneapolis, MN, 55414**

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The Jackson Family Project is a partnership of Jackson family members, Prospect Park Association, Pratt PTO, and Pratt school faculty. The project is funded by the University of Minnesota Good Neighbor Fund, City of Minneapolis Neighborhood Community Relations, Prospect Park Association, Prospect Park Co-op Legacy Fund, and Pratt PTO.

To learn more about Marvel Jackson Cooke and read some of her articles

visit: <https://jacksonfamilyproject.org>

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Light meal from Tacosito served



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NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE

2026 Prospect Park Yard Sales: June 13–14

Registration is now open for the 2026 Prospect Park yard sales. The sales will be held June 13-14 to coincide with the **Garden Club's annual garden walk on June 13th.**

Advertised time will be **9 am-4 pm Saturday and 9 am-3 pm Sunday.**

As the weather warms and spring cleaning shifts into full swing, consider holding off on that trip to the donation center and setting those items aside for a yard sale instead! Clean items that are dusty or dirty, and price them as you set them aside to make setup easier the day of the sale. Also, start to gather boxes or bags for shoppers to use.

TO REGISTER:

- Complete the [Google registration form](#).
- **Registration deadline: Monday, June 8**

ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION:

- Map: Sale locations for registered sales will be included on the sale map, along with the text you provide describing what you will have for sale.
- Signs: Yard sale signs will be posted along major streets in the PP neighborhood the week before the sale.
- Ads: Ads will be placed in local papers and on social media.



Volunteers Needed to Remove Invasive Buckthorn from Tower Hill Park

Tools and training provided – just bring yourselves to Tower Hill Park!

The Prospect Park Garden Club and PPA's Environment Committee seek volunteers to continue the multi-year process of eradicating invasive buckthorn from Tower Hill Park. With the guidance of the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Volunteer Coordinator, volunteers come together to clip and haul the invasive species using a pesticide-free method called "Critical Cutting," which slowly kills the plant without damaging the landscape or poisoning waterways.

Volunteer on one or more of the following days:

Saturday, May 16 th 10am-noon

Thursday, May 28 th 5:30pm-7:30pm

Sunday, June 21 st 10am-noon: Kids and Their Families Day

Thursday, June 25 th 5:30pm-7:30pm

More dates will be announced later.

Email environment@prospectparkmpls.org with questions.

All are welcome!

OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

PRATT SCHOOL

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

& PICNIC

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2026
4:30 – 7:30 PM

Pratt School Playground | 66 Malcolm Av SE

RAIN OR SHINE!

NOTE: THE TOWER IS STILL CLOSED THIS YEAR.

PLUS Prospect Park's got **Talent**
An all-ages talent show, starring your PP neighbors!

BRING A PICNIC SUPPER – OR VISIT ONE OF OUR GOURMET FOOD TRUCKS

- FREE ICE CREAM TREATS (While supplies last)
- GAMES
- BID SILENT AUCTION
- PLANT SALE

IT'S ANOTHER BEAUTIFUL DAY IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD!

Pratt School Ice Cream Social & Picnic

Friday, June 5th, 4:30 – 7:30 pm

Pratt School Playground, 66 Malcolm Ave SE

- * Prospect's Park got Talent: an all-ages talent show starring your PP neighbors
- * Rain or Shine
- * Bring a picnic supper or visit one of our gourmet food trucks provided by The Pillars while supplies last
- * Games, Silent Auction, Plant Sale, & Free Ice Cream Treats



The Prospect Park Co-op Legacy Fund

The Prospect Park Co-op Legacy Fund (PPCLF) is happy to announce the 2026 grant funding cycle is now open for you to submit your request for funding. PPCLF specializes in providing small grants of up to \$1500 in support of community-based projects serving the Prospect Park neighborhood. Applications are due by midnight, May 15, 2026.

The purpose of the Fund is to provide grants for community-based projects with a co-operative, peace and justice emphasis. These include neighborhood improvement and environmental projects, educational programs and scholarships, and organizations which serve seniors and persons with disabilities. The guidelines for projects are as follows:

- Special emphasis is given to projects or programs with limited sources of income.
- Grants do not support programs or projects that are political or religious in nature.
- Priority will be given to projects that directly benefit the Prospect Park neighborhood.
- Projects should be completed within one year of receipt of funds.

This year you can easily complete an application online. We will acknowledge receipt of your application once you press SUBMIT. If you received funding in 2025, you are requested to complete a report (also available on our new website) before receiving funds in 2026. Find information about PPCLF and the grant application and report [HERE](#) or talk to a board member.

Looking forward to hearing from you,
Lydia McAnerney, PPCLF Secretary



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.

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Simply click for online GiveMN or mail checks to:
PPA, P.O. Box 141095,
Minneapolis 55414.



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