




May 2025 Mini-Newsletter

MEETINGS	Annual Meeting	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>PPA Annual Neighborhood Meeting & Board of Directors Election</p> <p>Monday, May 12th, 6:30pm <i>In-Person Meeting: All are Welcome!</i></p> <p>Meets at PPUMC, 22 SE Orlin Ave.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet the Board of Directors candidates <i>Each candidate is invited to give a brief introduction. (Nominations for write-in candidates will be accepted during the meeting.)</i> • Annual Report 	<p>PPA Board Meeting & Community Meeting</p> <p>--IN-PERSON meeting-- Monday May 12th 6:30pm - 8:30pm at PPUMC</p> <p><i>Note:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Meeting Agenda</p> <p><i>All Community Members are welcome!</i></p>

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**PPA ANNUAL MEETING
& BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ELECTION**

Monday, May 12th, 2023, 6:30-8pm

**Held at
The Pillars of Prospect Park
22 Malcolm Ave SE
(this is an in-person meeting)**

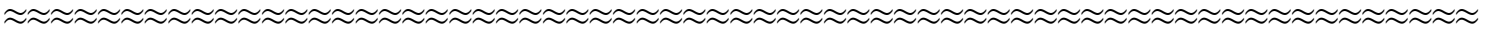
AGENDA

- Meet the Board of Directors candidates
Each candidate is invited to give a brief introduction.
(Nominations for write-in candidates
will be accepted during the meeting.)
- Annual Report

[Click here for the Annual Meeting Agenda](#)

[Board of Directors Election](#)

[**Meet the Board Candidates HERE!**](#)



[Candidate Bios Here](#) Online voting opens during the Annual Meeting and closes one week later **on Monday, May 19 at 4pm.**

Anyone who lives or works in the Prospect Park neighborhood is eligible to vote. Email any questions to staff@prospectparkmpls.org

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Jackson Family Project Community Events



The Jackson Family Project will hold two community 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 Washington Post editorials. 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

Jackson Family Project Event Details

- **Sunday May 4th 3:30-5:00pm:** online conversation led by Dr. Melvin Peters to introduce the book (virtual only). Dr. Peters is a retired professor of African American studies at Eastern Michigan University. He's also the brother-in-law of Roger Wilkins. Email Jerry Stein at Stein035@umn.edu to request selected chapters from the book, "A Man's Life." [Click here to receive a zoom invitation in advance for this meeting.](#) After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.
- **Thursday, May 8th 5-7pm:** community gathering at Pillars of Prospect Park, 22 Malcolm Ave SE (in-person only). Dr. Peters, a retired professor of African American studies at Eastern Michigan University and member of the Jackson family, will serve on a panel and take questions from the audience. Again, email Jerry Stein at Stein035@umn.edu to request selected chapters from the book, "A Man's Life."

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.

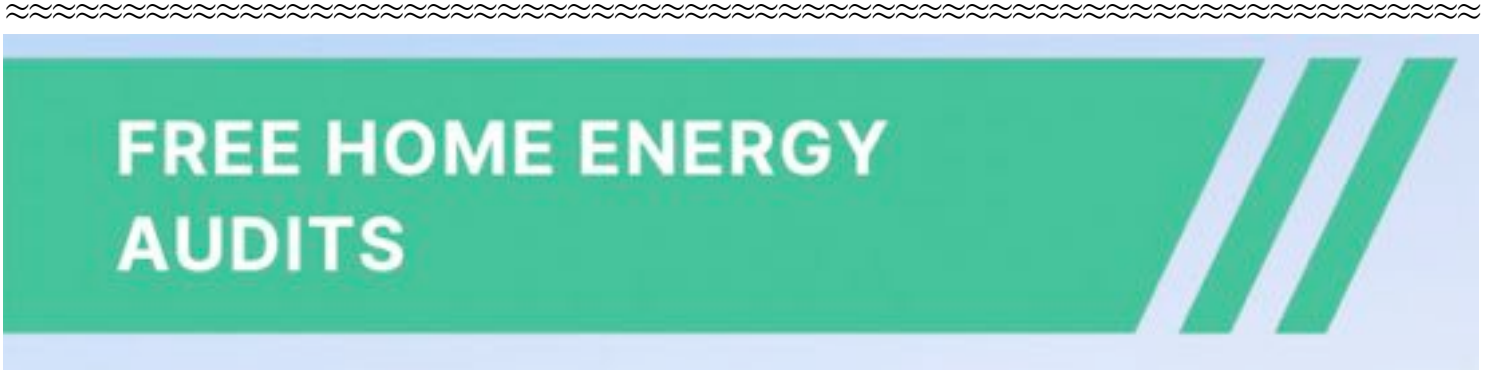
The Jackson Family Project is a partnership of Jackson Family members, Prospect Park Association, Pratt PTO, and Pratt school faculty.

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.



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](#). **Deadline: Monday, June 9**
- ** **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 placed in local papers and on social media.



About half the houses in Prospect Park have not had an energy audit in the last 5 years and it's probable that most of those have never had an energy audit.

This year, MNCEE is offering FREE home energy audits to all Minneapolis residents (renters included!). Take advantage of this opportunity to make your home more comfortable and energy efficient.

For more details, visit: <https://www.mncee.org/home-energy-squad>.
If you'd like to hear from a neighbor what their experience was like, go to the 12:20 mark in this video <https://youtu.be/WZeXxPgqxKM>.

- Thanks, Mary Britton, PPA Environment & Resiliency Committee

OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

Agri-Cultural event at Bridal Veil Garden



When: Saturday, June 21, at 12:30pm

Where: Bridal Veil Garden,
2905 SE 4th Street 55414

BF50 Indigenous Health initiative, in partnership with MPRB Bridal Veil Garden, invites you to join us for another Sustainability & Greener Living Agri-Cultural Event with the James Beard Foundation Leadership Award Winner, Jim Embry & guest, Jennifer Bailey.

[See the BF50 Indigenous Health website](#) for more details, including the full schedule of activities.

Registration: <https://sites.google.com/macalester.edu/bf50-indigenous-health/home>

Contact the BF50 Wellness Team with any questions: UrbanFarmDirect@gmail.com

[To glean more information about their efforts throughout the U.S. see the flyer HERE](#)



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