



## October 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 <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="#">Donate to PPA</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>Community Building Committee</b> Thursday October 6, 4:30pm</p> <p><b>Environment Committee</b> Tuesday October 11, 6:30pm</p> <p><b>Finance &amp; Administration Committee</b> Thursday October 27. 6:30pm</p> <p><b>Land Use &amp; Planning Committee</b> Thursday October 13. 7:00pm</p> <p><b>Transportation &amp; Safety Committee</b> Wednesday, October 12, 7:30pm</p>	<p><b>PPA Board Meeting &amp; Community Meeting</b> <b>--virtual meeting--</b> <b>Monday Oct 24th</b> <b>6:30pm - 8:00pm</b> <i>Note: access info on PP-elist</i></p> <p><i>All Community Members are welcome!</i></p> <p><b>Management Council</b> <i>Sets Community &amp; Board Meeting Agendas</i> Monday, Oct 17, 7pm</p>

**GET INVOLVED!**

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

# You Can Help Build the PPA Welcome Packet Directory!

Prospect Park Association (PPA) is creating an electronic "Welcome to Prospect Park Resource Guide" for people living or working in Prospect Park neighborhood. The guide will include Prospect Park resources (e.g. events, organizations, social or community groups, parks, arts activities, places of worship, etc.) that are located in or take place in Prospect Park.

Help build the directory by submitting resources that you enjoy or think others new to Prospect Park would like to learn about. Remember they must be located in or take place in Prospect Park.

[Submit entries for PPA's Welcome to Prospect Park Resource Guide Here.](#)

## PPA Board/Community Meeting and Approved Minutes

### Upcoming PPA Board/Community Meeting:

All community members welcome! **Monday, October 24, 2022, 6:30-8:30pm**  
Virtual meeting access and the board agenda will be provided in PPA's upcoming newsletter and on the ppe-list.

### PPA Meeting Minutes and Committee Reports approved at the September 26 Board meeting:

[Transportation and Safety, July 13, 2022](#)

[Board/Community Meeting, August 22, 2022](#)

[Finance and Admin, August 11, 2022](#)

[Land Use, August 11, 2022](#)

## Donate to Prospect Park Association

Prospect Park Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. All donations are tax-deductible.

[Please donate to PPA at GiveMN](#) or mail checks to PPA, P.O. Box 141095, Minneapolis 55414.



## Planting Trees at the Prospect Park Post Office!

Volunteers from the PPA Environment Committee worked with employees of the U.S. post office to plant trees on September 9th. If interested in helping with future tree planting events, please email [environment@prospectparkmpls.org](mailto:environment@prospectparkmpls.org)



## The PPA Environment Committee celebrated the results of the second year of the "25% by '25" initiative on September 10th.

Residents of Prospect Park brought our natural gas usage down by 6.6% so far! Folks who attended the celebration shared what they did to contribute to this down turn. (See picture.) For more information on what the initiative is about, check out <https://www.prospectparkmpls.org/ppa/committees/environment.html>. To schedule an energy audit, go to <https://www.mncee.org/home-energy-squad>. We will be hosting workshops over the winter on energy audits, how to read your utility bills and how long it

will take to start making money on a better insulated home. More to come in future PPA newsletters and ppelist posts!



## Helpful Links for Lowering Energy Expenses and Reducing Carbon Output

**Consumer resources explaining Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) incentives:**

- **Federal Website communicating IRA incentive information**
  - The [CleanEnergy.gov website](https://www.cleanenergy.gov) was launched last week to help users navigate upcoming IRA incentives. The web-site allows users to find tax credits or rebates by activity (i.e. adding residential solar or heat-pumps, undertaking energy efficiency or weatherization measures, buying an electric vehicle, etc.) and displays the incentives available in 2022 versus those that will be available in 2023 under IRA. (Note: some IRA tax credit allowances have already gone into effect.)
- **Solar Tax Guide for Homeowners**
  - DOE's [Homeowner's Guide](#) to the Federal Tax Credit for Solar PV now includes changes Congress made in August. If you're planning to go solar, or

have already done so in 2022, here's some good news: the tax credit you'll receive just increased. The newly enacted Inflation Reduction Act expands the federal tax credit for solar energy, also known as the Investment Tax Credit (ITC), to 30% of the solar energy system's value. That will stay in place until 2033, when it will begin to taper down until it ends in 2035. The four-page [residential solar fact sheet](#) has been updated; a commercial solar ITC [fact sheet](#) is also available.

If you have specific energy topics you would like to learn more about, please email the environment committee at [environment@prospectparkmpls.org](mailto:environment@prospectparkmpls.org)

## OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

**The PPUMC COMMUNITY CONCERT SERIES is back!**



It begins with Art Songs & Chamber Music  
by Prospect Park resident Arthur Maud  
Saturday, October 22 at 7 pm in the PPUMC sanctuary  
- featuring -  
Mary Goetz – Piano, Evan Shallcross– Violin,  
Charles Asch – Cello, Krista Palmquist – Messo Soprano

The concert is free, with a freewill offering to benefit the **INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF MINNESOTA**, empowering refugees and immigrants through job training, educational programs, immigration assistance, case management and more. <https://www.iimn.org>.

## **Volunteers Needed!**

### **Fall Raking**

Southeast Seniors is seeking volunteers to help rake leaves (and/or mulch them!) at the homes of older adult neighbors in late October. Can be done solo or as a group – during the week or weekend. A great opportunity to be outside, get some exercise and help a neighbor! Southeast Seniors can provide bags and rakes. Bonus if you have a mower that can mulch up leaves, as we hope to provide a more eco- friendly option for folks this year. For more information, please contact Ann at [ann@seseniors.org](mailto:ann@seseniors.org) or 612-331-2302.

### **Pen Pals**

Do you like to receive personal mail, live in the 55414 zip code, and like to write letters? Are you 60 or older and interested in getting to know a local 5 th grader? If so, consider joining the Southeast Seniors Pen Pal program! You will be matched with a 5th grader from nearby Marcy Elementary School for a monthly letter exchange during this school year. By participating, you will help a young person learn how to write letters, ask questions, learn about others, and build an intergenerational friendship. Southeast Seniors can provide paper, envelopes and stamps. YOU receive the first letter! To get started, call Ann at 612-331-2302 or email [ann@seseniors.org](mailto:ann@seseniors.org).

### **Upcoming Classes**

#### **“Count Me in Como” Games Group**

Thursday, Oct. 6, 10:30-11:30 am, Southeast Christian Church (960 15th Ave SE). Join us for this monthly social opportunity to gather with neighbors for friendly conversation while playing cards and board games together! For more information or to register, call (612) 668-4828 or [click here](#).

#### **Being Aware of Your Surroundings**

Wednesday, Oct 12, 1:30-2:30 pm, 7th Floor Community Room, Pillars of Prospect Park. This presentation will cover the steps needed to create a safety plan, and key takeaways that can be used for a variety of incidents that may happen in the

community. There will also be time to ask questions of the University of Minnesota Department of Public Safety. Presented by Nick Juarez, Community Engagement Liaison with UMN Public Safety Department, and colleagues. Call (612) 668-4828 or [click here](#).

### **Understanding Natural Burial**

Wednesday, Oct 26, 1:30-2:30 pm, Van Cleve Park (901 15th Ave SE) Natural burial is among the most ancient of rituals to honor a body after death. Join this session to learn how it's making a comeback, the three designations of natural burial cemeteries, and how your after-death choices can reflect the values of your life. Presenter Marilaurice Hemlock is a funeral celebrant, pastoral minister, ritualist, death educator, and lover of words. Call (612) 668-4828 or [click here](#).

**Hey, Minneapolis! Early fall is a great time to [Adopt a Drain!](#)**



Trees will be shedding their leaves and by keeping them out of your drain you can help keep our waterways clean. This is because while a small amount of leaves are ok, just five bags worth of leaves can deliver one pound of phosphorous to a water body and result in up to 1,000 pounds of algae blooms.

Here is a great example of leaves and trash being cleared in this satisfying drain transformation!

For more information contact: **Lane Christianson DTM**  
*Adopt-a-Drain & Storm Drain Stenciling Programs Manager, [Lane.Christianson@minneapolis.mn.gov](mailto:Lane.Christianson@minneapolis.mn.gov)*

# The Como Cookout is back!

# COMO COOKOUT

+ SECIA's Annual Meeting & Board Elections!

**Saturday, October 8th, 11am - 3pm**  
**Van Cleve Park**

Rain Date: Sunday, October 9th, 11am-3pm

Join us for free food, live performances,  
a resource fair & fun activities for all!

## Event Schedule

11am-1pm: Live entertainment!

11:45am: Food service starts

1-2pm: SECIA Annual Meeting

2-3pm: More live music!



## Get Involved!

Learn more about meeting details,  
running for SECIA's neighborhood  
board, volunteering, and more at:  
[tinyurl.com/como-cookout-2022](http://tinyurl.com/como-cookout-2022)

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الترحيمة أو خدماتكم. نرجس الأمان إلى  
الموقع التالي. [secomo@secomo.org](mailto:secomo@secomo.org)

Sábado 8 de octubre de 11:00 de la  
mañana a 3:00 de la tarde en el parque  
Van Cleve. Acordámonos a la barbacoa  
del vecindario Como y a la reunión anual  
y elección de la Junta Directiva de SECIA  
del año 2022. Habrá comida, música en  
vivo, actividades y conversaciones  
comunitarias. SECIA es la organización  
del surtido del vecindario Como y todos  
las personas que viven y trabajan en el  
vecindario de Como son importantes en el  
desarrollo de Como sin importar su ciudadanía  
sonan los requisitos para votar y  
postularse para ser parte de la Junta  
Directiva de SECIA. (Necesitamos al ser  
votador Canadense tanto su candidatura  
para ayudar a crear una junta vecinal  
que los representantes de los vecinos  
del área. Obtenga más información en  
el sitio en la red [secomo.org/annual-meeting-2022](http://secomo.org/annual-meeting-2022). Si hay mal tiempo este  
evento se postpondrá para el domingo 9  
de octubre. Para solicitar servicios de  
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Join the Southeast Como Improvement Association (SECIA), UMN Off-Campus Living and the Minneapolis Parks & Recreation Board on Saturday, October 8 from 11-3 p.m. at [Van Cleve Park](http://VanClevePark). All are welcome!

# City of Minneapolis Renters' Rights Communication Survey



Renters: what types of questions do you have about renter protection rules, and how would you like to get this information?

The City is holding information meetings and has an [online survey](#) to find the most effective ways to reach renters with this information.

Find more information about [renter resources](#) and [renters' rights](#) on the City website.

## Culturally Specific Meal Project is Off and Running, and They Need Recipes!

**Submit your favorite Hmong, Latinx, or East African recipes to help them better nourish our neighbors. Go [HERE](#) to learn more and submit your recipes. For each of your recipes that are approved and completed, you will receive \$200!**

Culturally Specific Meal Project is looking to develop accessible, culturally appropriate, and authentic medically tailored meals to better serve East African, Hmong, and Latinx clients, who are disproportionately impacted by severe illnesses including COVID-19.

They are seeking recipes from those within our community that have lived experiences in the East African, Hmong and Latinx communities. Individuals can submit as many recipes as they'd like.

**Click for flyers in [Somali](#), [Spanish](#) and [Hmong](#).**

Recently, Sahan Journal featured the organization and their Culturally Specific Meal Project. [See the article here.](#)

For more information contact: Yia Yang (he/him/his), Culturally Specific Meal Project Manager. [www.openarmsmn.org](http://www.openarmsmn.org) [yia@openarmsmn.org](mailto:yia@openarmsmn.org), Direct: 612-677-2569

## **River of Hope would love for you to join them October 7th at 6:30pm for an evening of Community!**

This month will be a fall themed event, with fun crafts, games, music, and more! There will be Apple Cider and snacks provided! This event is open to anyone and all ages! See you on October 7th at 3300 University Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414



The general election is **Tuesday, November 8**. You can find important 2022 election information, including key dates and races, at <https://lwvmpls.org/for-voters/>.

LWV offers a variety of resources and services including

- Voter registration – support with getting people registered and/or verifying registration
- Voter education ([vote411.org](https://vote411.org)) – information about how & where to vote
- Voter guide – in-depth information about voter registration and who is running for office

*Article #6 in a series of articles about the 2022 Midterm Elections, brought to you by the League of Women Voters Minneapolis.*

## **MY VOTE. WHAT DOES IT MATTER?**

We're often encouraged to vote. "It's important. It's our duty. It makes a difference." But really what does it matter? How does my vote affect me? Actually, our one vote affects an outcome directly only when we're voting on amendments, like the three on last year's ballot. Instead, what our vote really does is elect a PERSON to represent us, a person whose vote in Congress or the Legislature reflects our wishes. That's why we have to examine candidates thoroughly beforehand to see that their views correspond to what we need and want.

For example, if we're interested in public safety, we'll want to know a congressional candidate's attitude toward gun violence and qualified immunity. How they vote on our behalf may give us better (or sometimes worse) protection.

How do prospective state legislators feel about training for police? Are they willing to help fund it adequately?

Where do the sheriff and county attorney stand on law enforcement? Will strict enforcement -- or more lax enforcement -- make us feel safe? What is their attitude toward justice?

Many people are similarly concerned about taxes. Will we benefit more if we pay less and have more money in our pockets? Or will we benefit more with better services -- like safe roads or good schools? How will legislators use the money that the federal government has set aside for Minnesota?

What about access to abortion services in Minnesota. Candidates for the legislature need to know our views and vote as we, their constituents, believe.

Low-cost housing is another issue facing law makers. We may gain from knowing we won't be evicted. We may benefit from government subsidies. We may rejoice at finding just the right home at an affordable price, thanks to government funding or policy -- based again on our votes.

And, of course, we all benefit if votes are fairly counted and secure. Our choice of legislators who uphold voting access and safety is essential.

On a more personal level, voting affects our attitudes. By voting we are taking an interest in the issues around us and feel good about doing our duty as citizens. We can take pride in being part of a democracy, a privilege to be sure.

So, during this election season, vote as if your future depends on it. It does.

## **LWV Announces Minneapolis School Board Candidate Forum**

League of Women Voters Minneapolis will host a Candidate Forum for Minneapolis School Board. All candidates on the General election ballot have been invited. Advancing Equity Coalition is a co-sponsor for this candidate forum. Candidates will respond to questions on a wide variety of issues of concern to voters.

**This forum will be held on Saturday, October 15, 1 pm to 2:30 pm, at the University of Minnesota Research and Outreach-Engagement Center (UROC), 2001 Plymouth Ave. N, Minneapolis.**

Voters can submit questions before the event to LWV Minneapolis at [vote@lwvmpls.org](mailto:vote@lwvmpls.org). Audience members will also have the opportunity to submit questions in writing at the event, in accordance with Forum Rules. By League of Women Voters policy, the identity of the person asking the question is confidential. This event is free and open to the public. The forum will be live streamed at <https://youtu.be/d3LMGXBCM4k> and recorded for later viewing on YouTube. Go to LWV Minneapolis ([www.lwvmpls.org](http://www.lwvmpls.org)) website for access to the recording after the event.

## **A Forum for Hennepin County Attorney was held on Sept. 29, 2022**



[You can watch the forum here.](#)

For more information, please contact us at [vote@lwvmpls.org](mailto:vote@lwvmpls.org)



## 2022 Election Timeline - Are you Ready?



### **October 18:** Pre-registration deadline

- Voters who miss this pre-registration deadline can [still register when they vote](#)

### **November 8:** Election Day!

- Polls are open 7:00am-8:00pm.
- [Find your polling place](#)
  - Remember polling places may have changed since the last general election due to redistricting.

## Voting Resources

[Sample ballot](#)

[Agent delivery of absentee ballot](#)

[Track your absentee ballot](#)

[Hennepin County 2022 Voter Guide](#)

[Know your rights \(PDF\)](#)

[2022 elections \(PDF\)](#)

[Voting checklist \(PDF\)](#)

[Voting as a college student \(PDF\)](#)

[Vouching \(PDF\)](#)

[English – Voting with no permanent address \(PDF\)](#)

[English – Voting while in jail \(PDF\)](#)

[English – Voting with a criminal record \(PDF\)](#)

[English: Welcome to Hennepin County Elections \(YouTube\)](#)

[English: How absentee ballots are counted \(YouTube\) \(2022\)](#)

More resources and translations available on [our website](#) as well as the [Secretary of State's website](#)

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

## 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 \(WHO\)](#)

[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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