



## December 2021 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;"><b><u><a href="#">Donate to PPA</a></u></b></p> <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 December 2, 4:30pm</p> <p><b>Environment Committee</b> Tuesday, December 14, 6:30pm</p> <p><b>Finance &amp; Administrative Committee</b> Thursday, December 16, 6pm</p> <p><b>Land Use &amp; Planning Committee</b> Thursday, December 9, 7pm</p> <p><b>Transportation &amp; Safety Committee</b> Tuesday, December 21, 7:30pm</p>	<p><b>PPA Board Meeting &amp; Community Meeting</b> <b>--virtual meeting--</b> <b>Monday Dec. 6th</b> <b>6:30pm - 8:00pm</b> <i>Note: access info on <a href="#">PP-elist</a></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, Nov. 29, 7pm</p>

**GET INVOLVED!**

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



# THANK YOU!

We're grateful to the generous community of donors who raised more than \$3,300 for PPA during Give to the Max Day.

Thank you so much for your support!

**give** **MAX**  
Nov. 18, 2021

## PPA's Equitable Engagement Plan

The City of Minneapolis recently adopted new neighborhood organization guidelines and funding levels ("Neighborhoods 2020"). The new guidelines prioritize Equitable Engagement, a change PPA strongly supported. Under this new program, every neighborhood organization submits an Equitable Engagement Plan using the city's template and community engagement principles and methods, such as:

- Participants from underserved groups design their own participation and projects
- Use multiple strategies to promote participation
- Build relationships and nurture trust
- Projects are thoughtfully considered
- Lift up and incorporate underrepresented voices

PPA's Equitable Engagement plan was based on projects developed by participants, as described above. Projects were approved by PPA's board.

[Read PPA's Equitable Engagement Plan here.](#)

## PPA to Set Strategic Financial Direction

Over the next several months, PPA's Board of Directors will set the organization's strategic financial direction in response to funding cuts. New neighborhood organization guidelines adopted by the City of Minneapolis decrease PPA's funding significantly over time, as shown in the table below "PPA's City Funding 2020-2024."

Despite a \$23,300 funding cut this year, PPA's current financial position is sound. To meet this year's challenge PPA's Board reduced staff by 50% and gave up the office. The next set of funding cuts will be more challenging but working together we can ensure Prospect Park continues to have a vibrant neighborhood organization representing residents, nonprofits, and businesses.

The Board will consider a combination of strategies to address this challenge, including but not limited to fundraising, using PPA's small pool of remaining NRP funds, streamlining administrative operations, recruiting additional volunteers, collaborating with other neighborhood organizations and more. Without board action, PPA's projected income will fall short by about \$12,000 in 2022 unless the city council increases neighborhood organization funding in December as part of the city's 2022 budget.

PPA's City Funding 2020-2024*	
2020	\$64,000
2021	\$40,700
2022	\$23,000
2023	\$18,600
2024	\$13,600

[\\*Click Here to read City of Minneapolis "Neighborhoods 2020" Guidelines & Funding Allocations](#)

[Click here to read Councilmember Cam Gordon's November Newsletter for Prospect Park](#)

## **4D Housing Program for Landlords - Information Session** **Wednesday, Dec 8th from 6:30 - 7:30**

Representatives from the city of Minneapolis' 4D Office will be giving a presentation on the 4D Program for Landlords, which rewards you for providing affordable housing with lower property taxes. You can also qualify for 70% coverage on energy upgrade costs!

Mary Britton, a Prospect Park landlord, will also be present to answer any questions on her experience with the program. and the one thing she would do differently when applying for the energy upgrade funds. [RSVP Here for Zoom access.](#)

For more information on the 4D Program - <https://www2.minneapolismn.gov/government/programs-initiatives/housing-development-assistance/rental-property/4d/>

## **Prospect Park's Climate Action Plan**


Prospect Park is the only neighborhood in the Twin Cities with its own Climate Action Plan and we have done a lot in the 2 years since it was first implemented. You can check out the high level details at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DIDuNAaqaVs>.

PPA's Environment Committee Chair, Mary Britton, was asked to present the details of our first year and a half with the plan to the Minnesota Climate Reality Project last July. You can also read the plan in its entirety at <https://prospectparkmpls.org/ppa/committees/environment.html>. It's posted on the left hand side of the screen, under Site Map.

If you'd like to be more involved as we move forward, please join the next PPA Environment Committee Meeting on Tuesday, December 14th at 6:30 - 8 for our year end wrap up.

Zoom Meeting Details: Meeting ID: 825 5216 0262, Passcode: 942958

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82552160262?pwd=cFlnVGF3OE5QQjJwU29GV0d6Ykpjdz09>



### Recent and Current Initiatives

- '25 by 2025' – Energy audits for everyone!
- NNO Ambassador program for '25 by '25'
- Garden/Alternative Energy Source Walk - June
- 3 Community Raingardens scheduled for August – church, public housing and senior living center
- Earth Day cleanup – April 10 – 24<sup>th</sup>

**Save the Date!**  
**2022 Luxton Fire & Ice Festival**  
**Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00 PM**



Fire & Ice takes place at [Luxton Park](#). This event brings together residents—young and old—to enjoy a family-friendly evening of fun!

The event's signature draw is a huge bonfire made up of dried-up holiday trees and wreaths, but the food, and horse-drawn hayrides are certainly of interest as well!

Current confirmed activities:

Horse & Carriage Rides  
Food (proceeds go to Luxton Learners Summer Program)  
and of course a Bonfire!

~ Tree pick up dates to be announced via the E-list

FFI: <https://prospectparkmpls.org/events/fire-and-ice.html>

# A new restaurant, Prospect Kitchen, opened in our neighborhood in November!



They are a local, independently owned restaurant offering coffee, breakfast, pastries, and lunch. Husband & wife team Jeff Ansorge & Luisa Morocho Espinoza pride themselves on scratch made fare & partnering with local farmers & producers whenever possible. The menu features items from house made scones, muffins, & granola to grain bowls, salads, & sandwiches.

They are located at 3020 University Avenue SE, next to Family Wise . Hours of operation are Monday – Friday from 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Dine in, take out, delivery, private functions & catering are available.

Let [Prospect Kitchen](#) know you heard about them through the Prospect Park Association Newsletter and coffee is on them when you stop in the month of December!



**You are invited to celebrate the new year with  
the Grand Opening of River of Hope Church in  
Prospect Park.**



**River of Hope**

 **River of Hope Church**  
Grand Opening  
January 2nd 2022

Open House 4pm      Service 6pm  
3300 University Ave SE, Minneapolis.  
[contact@rohchurch.com](mailto:contact@rohchurch.com)  
[www.rohchurch.com](http://www.rohchurch.com)

 River of Hope Church - TC       tcroh

Winter is coming and soon the snow will fly!

**Southeast Seniors needs your help recruiting snow removal folks for hire as well as Volunteer Snow Angels!**

Southeast Seniors helps neighborhood seniors with snow removal in two ways. For folks who can afford to pay for it, we help them find individuals or services who are available for hire. Do you know anyone looking for this type of work this winter? If so, please reach out to Southeast Seniors at 612-331-2302 or [ann@seseniors.org](mailto:ann@seseniors.org). For neighborhood seniors who are not able to pay for snow removal assistance, we do our best to find a volunteer Snow Angel who can help this neighbor free of charge. If you or anyone you know wants to learn more about being a Volunteer Snow Angel for a senior neighbor, please reach out to us at the contact info above.

Thank you!

The programs below are co-sponsored by Southeast Seniors & Minneapolis Community Education and will be held via Zoom. To register or for more information,

- Call 612-668-1100 and provide your name, phone number and email.
- Use the online registration link included below the class description

Registration closes at 5 pm the evening prior to each program to ensure that all participants receive the Zoom link and handouts (if applicable) prior to the start of the class.

**Managing Diabetes**



## **December 8th, 1:30-2:30 pm**

Are you worried about how diabetes or pre-diabetes may affect your life or the life of a loved one? You are not alone. Over one quarter of Americans age 65 and older have Type 2 Diabetes. Take charge of your health by learning more about risk reduction, self-management, and setting realistic goals.

Lisa Kane, RDN, LD is a holistic care provider with expertise in nutrition and dietetics. She has served as a brand consultant for food businesses in Minneapolis.

Registration link: <https://minneapolis.ce.eleyo.com/course/35001/lifelong-learning-55-fall-2021/diabetes-prevention-and-management-pratt-online>

## **From Sand Dunes to Ice Caps: A Moroccan Adventure**

**December 15th, 1:30-2:30 pm**

Immerse yourself in this travelogue as adventurer Martin Smith describes the physical setting and challenges the hikers faced on their towering ascent. Gain insights as he shares cultural info about the experience, too. Bring your questions! Arizona-based adventurer Martin Smith loves nothing better than travelling the globe and experiencing all the excitement that different regions and cultures have to offer. A real estate professional by trade, Martin has been married to his best friend Kristine for over 25 years and together they enjoy the love and companionship of their beloved Westies. Martin enjoys movies, hiking and all varieties of pop culture, but his main interest is always planning his next adventure!

Registration link: <https://minneapolis.ce.eleyo.com/course/35626/lifelong-learning-55-fall-2021/martin-s-incredible-hiking-adventures-trip-2-southeast-lifelong-learners-dec-pratt-online>

# CELEBRATE THE START OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH THE PILLARS!

Join us for a holiday get together with live music, shopping, and fun! Browse the Minnesota Alumni Pop-up Market featuring unique holiday items for sale. Enjoy the holiday spirit at The Pillars of Prospect Park and take home a special gift (limited quantities).

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021 1–3:00 p.m.**

22 Malcolm Ave. S.E. Minneapolis, MN 55414

RSVP TO JAY BENEDICT 612-623-7007 or [Jay.Benedict@fairview.org](mailto:Jay.Benedict@fairview.org)

**Share your joy. Donate a toy!**

The Pillars of Prospect Park is a drop-off site for Toys for Tots.



[PILLARSENIORLIVING.COM/PROSPECTPARK](http://PILLARSENIORLIVING.COM/PROSPECTPARK)

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