



PROSPECT PARK

ASSOCIATION



UPCOMING EVENTS	Committee Meetings <i>2828 SE University Ave, Suite 200</i>	Community Meeting <i>22 Orlin Ave SE, PPUMC</i>
	<p><u>Tuesday January 5</u> Zoning and Project Review</p> <p>CANCELED Next meeting February 2</p> <p><u>Wednesday January 6</u> MemComm 5:30pm</p> <p><u>Thursday January 7</u> Admin Committee 6pm</p> <p><u>Monday January 11</u> Executive Committee 6:30pm</p>	<p><u>Monday January 25</u> Social time at 6pm Meeting at 6:30pm</p> <p>PPA Board of Directors Meeting to follow</p> <p>ABOUT PPA The Prospect Park Association is the official neighborhood association for the Prospect Park Area.</p>

Happy New Year Prospect Park!

We are looking forward to all that the neighborhood will accomplish in 2016! Many projects are underway already, including a new website, art filled wraps for utility boxes on University Avenue and other work that committee and task force volunteers are taking on. The neighborhood will see big changes north of University Avenue this year, which we will work hard to keep you up-to-date on. As always, our work depends on neighbors' time and energy to get things done!

Whether you are new or experienced, just arriving or established, all of you are welcome to become involved at any level in PPA. We have task forces and committees working on many projects, and if you have a passion for something distinct, we can connect you with other people who share that interest in the neighborhood. If you want to know how to get started, just contact me at either the office (612) 767-6531 or by [email](#).

See you around the neighborhood,

Jessica

PPA Community Engagement Coordinator

Let it Snow

Don't get towed this winter! Sign up for snow emergency alerts with the [City of Minneapolis](#)! If you are over the age of 65 and need assistance with shoveling please contact SE Seniors at 612-331-2302.

Textile Center Annual Member Exhibition

The Textile Center is opening their Annual Member Exhibition with a two hour reception on Thursday, January 7 from 6-8pm. The show runs from January 7 - February 27, 2016 and features 138 artists in all of the Textile Center's galleries. [Find out more on the website](#).

Fond Farewells

We are saying goodbye to long-time Luxton Park Director Huy Nguyen this month. He has received a promotion and is moving to another park in Minneapolis. We have appreciated working with Huy over the last five years and know that his enthusiasm and leadership will be welcomed at the new park. He has written the following to the neighborhood:

Hello Prospect Park Friends and Family,

My name is Huy Nguyen and I was recently the center director at Luxton Park. I want to let you know through this post that I will be transferring to Farview Park and starting a new journey in the new year. I want to say thank you for having me be a part of your great neighborhood and thank you for supporting Luxton Park for the last five and a half years while I was there. I have met wonderful families, volunteers, friends, and colleagues that have helped Luxton Park pave the way for some amazing programs. For those who live in this neighborhood, keep supporting one another and continue to do great things. I will miss you very much. I have asked the new director to write a short professional description of himself and you can find that below. If you have any time, stop into Luxton and say hello. Happy New Year and I wish you and your families all the best. Sincerely, Huy Nguyen

Another farewell we are saying is to Cupcake. The owners of the bakery and cafe have decided to focus their energies on other stores and the catering service. They will be missed! This is the message they left on their Facebook page:

We are announcing some new changes for 2016. The Cupcake organization is restructuring to streamline and simplify our daily operations and to focus on three business opportunities for growth in 2016. Going forward, Cupcake will be focusing on building our brand by expanding our catering and e-commerce business, marketing exclusive products and events at our Mall of America location, and supporting our fast growing Eagan location which has almost doubled in revenues over the last year. Our focus on these three opportunities will allow us to take better advantage of our organizational talent and resources.

As a result of these changes, we are electing to close two(2) of our physical store locations, one in St. Paul and one in Minneapolis. We have enjoyed operating these multiple locations but want to focus on the fast growing sectors of our company going forward.

Happy New Year and we look forward to delivering additional sweetness to every day from Cupcake!

Welcome to New Friends!

With Huy leaving Luxton Park, we are eager to meet his successor, Steve Zimmer! Steve wrote this to introduce himself to Prospect Park:

I am a recreation enthusiast and have been an employee of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board since 2008. I graduated with a recreation management degree from the University of Wisconsin, LaCrosse in 2005. After that I was the Athletic Director at the Don & Sallie Davis Boys & Girls Club in South Milwaukee. I most recently have been working as a Recreation Leader at Farview Park for 2 years, Keewaydin Park for 1 year, and was a Youthline employee in the Phillips Neighborhood prior. During my collegiate career, I worked in the retail industry for 5 years as a receiving clerk at a Menards home improvement store in LaCrosse, Wisconsin. I love working with people and enjoy providing safe experiences for all people to recreate. Altogether, I enjoy my job and I am very blessed to help families and communities come together to play sports and become more involved with one another through creative programming and events. If you would like to know more about me, feel free to ask using the contact information below. I look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely,

Steve Zimmer

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Organics Recycling Coming to Prospect Park

Sign up by February 1st to get your cart this spring!

Over 12,000 households in the Phase 1 roll-out area received their green organics recycling carts this fall. All Solid Waste & Recycling customers who sign up to participate in the organics recycling program by February 1st will receive their organics carts beginning in April this spring.

City crews already have over 20,000 organics carts to deliver in the Phase 2 areas of the City. To prepare, the delivery lists have to be printed and reviewed beginning in February. If you sign up after the February 1, 2016 deadline, you'll still get your cart in 2016; it just might not be until July or August.

As of December 14, 2015, 34,015 households have signed up for organics recycling, or just about 32% of the city's solid waste and recycling customers. The number of households signed up to participate in organics recycling in the Prospect Park neighborhood is 508. This is 36.58% of all households with Minneapolis Solid Waste & Recycling Service in the neighborhood. If you haven't signed up for your organics cart yet, sign up now by contacting Solid Waste and Recycling at 612-673-2917 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday or SWRcustomer@minneapolismn.gov. For more information visit: www.minneapolismn.gov/organics

TCF Bank Stadium Schedule

Sunday, January 10: Vikings v Seakhawks.

Prospect Park T-Shirts Available



These shirts are 100% cotton and printed with the words "PROSPECT PARK". Within the design there is a scene of sky and trees. The 'A' in 'Park' features the iconic Witch's Hat Water Tower silhouette. Show your neighborhood pride with the newest Prospect Park t-shirt! The shirts are on sale for \$15 and are available in the PPA office.

Contact [Jessica](#) for office hours. Sizes XS, S, M, L and XL available.

ABOUT PPA

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