

PPERRIA NEWSLETTER

March 2015

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Hi Neighbors,

It was great to see you in February!

The last four weeks went by so quickly, one can hope that Spring will show up soon. I'm getting notices to start seedlings and to sign up for CSA's, so that must be a sign that it will warm up shortly, right?

March brings a perfect time to start getting involved in PPERRIA and other neighborhood activities. The Annual Meeting will be Monday, April 27th at the Profile Event Center. This is the meeting in which the neighborhood members elect half of the Board of Directors for the year. There are several spots available. If you are interested in being nominated please contact the Chair of the Nominations Committee, Serafina Scheel (serafinaep@gmail.com).

Other ways to get involved are to join a committee, the schedule of meetings can be seen on the right side of this e-mail. There is always something for a volunteer to do, so if you have a project or vision you'd like to see happen in the neighborhood please join a committee!

Keep an eye out for more events and information announced soon. The best way to stay up-to-date is to subscribe to the Prospect Park eList, which you can do by e-mailing 'ppelist@gmail.com.'

See you around,
Jessica
PPERRIA's Staff

PPERRIA Seeking Board Nominations

The PPERRIA Nominations Committee has been formed, with new Board Member Serafina Scheel leading the committee this year. Board members help guide and run PPERRIA as an organization and contribute to the work of improving the neighborhood. Board terms are two years. People who have been members of PPERRIA for at least one year are eligible. If you have any questions or would like to nominate someone please e-mail Serafina (serafinaep@gmail.com). Board elections will be on Monday, April 27th at the Annual Meeting.

Thanks for Attending

Thank you to all who attended the Development Overview at Surly Brewery on Saturday, February 14th. Around 150 people attended and showed a real interest in what will be built in Prospect Park in coming years. The various groups who work on the plans are finding ways to keep the neighborhood up-to-date and we will let you know when there is more information. A big thank you to Surly Brewing Company and their staff for making the event run smoothly and to the Prospect North Partnership for helping to organize the event.

Want a Rain Garden?

PPERRIA has been awarded a Hennepin County Natural Resources Grant to install several rain gardens and two permeable driveways in the neighborhood. This in no small part to property owner Leila Denecke, who saw that the grant was available and sought out Metro Blooms employee Laura Hurley. Together they found property owners who were interested in rain gardens, secured partnerships with groups like Surly Gives A Damn and wrote the grant to great success. Thank you to Leila and Laura for their hard work!

Up to 15 property owners in the neighborhood will receive an onsite consultation, design, and installation from Metro Blooms. PPERRIA, with a grant from Hennepin County, is providing the majority of funding for the project; the property owner is only responsible for \$50 for the site consultation and for the cost of garden materials.

Interested property owners should contact Jessica at pperristaff@gmail.com. Simply mention the Neighborhood of Raingardens project in your email and provide your address and phone number. A drawing will take place at the end of April and 15 residents will be chosen to participate in the project. Metro Blooms will contact the selected residents to set up onsite consultations. The consultation includes identifying runoff conditions on your property, taking measurements, determining the appropriate size for your raingarden, and selecting plants.

Rain gardens are increasing in popularity throughout the metro area due to their ability to manage stormwater run off in addition to the use of native plants and overall beauty. You can read all about the [virtues of rain gardens here](#), and more about the work that [Metro Blooms does here](#).

PPERRIA In the News

Minnesota Daily reporter Nick Wicker wrote an article detailing Prospect Park's nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. [You can read the article here.](#)

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For \$70, a team of trusted energy consultants with Home Energy Squad Enhanced will:

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Upcoming Events

Lunch in the Park

Caspian Bistro

Thursday, March 12; noon-1:30pm

Join your neighbors for lunch at a local restaurant! The Lunch in the Park series continues on Thursday, March 12th at the Caspian Bistro. Come for lunch and meet new people or catch up with your neighbors. Contact Jessica for more information (pperriastaff@gmail.com).

Lazy Does It performance at PPUMC

Saturday, March 14, 7-9pm

Prospect Park United Methodist Church for their ongoing concert series at the Church (22 Orlin Avenue). All are welcome to enjoy live music. The cost is a free-will offering that will go to the Glendale Food Shelf. For more information visit the [PPUMC website](#).

April River Clean Up

Saturday, April 25, 9-11:30am

Join your neighbors in keeping the Mississippi River clean! This annual Earth Day event is organized by Tom Kilton. All are welcome to join and take part in picking up trash along the riverbanks. The clean up will end with a free pizza lunch for volunteers. To sign up e-mail Tom Kilton at tom@tomkilton.com.

Upcoming Meetings

Zoning and Project Review Committee

Tuesday March 3

7pm

Admin Committee

Thursday, March 5th

7pm

Executive Committee

Monday March 9th

6:30pm

Membership and Communications (MemComm) Committee

TBD, email Jessica for more information (pperriastaff@gmail.com)

Master Planning Committee

Thursday March 19

5:30pm

Community and Board Meeting at Prospect Park United Methodist Church

Monday March 23

Social: 6pm

Meeting: 6:30pm

All meetings take place in the PPERRIA office at 2828 University Avenue SE in Suite
200 unless otherwise stated

PPERRIA Documents

To view the document click on the name of the file.

- [Executive Committee Minutes January 2015](#)
- [Admin Committee Report February 2015](#)
- [Zoning and Project Review Committee Report from January 2015](#)
- [Master Planning Report, January 2015](#)
- [PPERRIA's Official Letter of Support for Prospect Park Nomination to the National Register of Historic Places](#)
- [Approved Mission & Objectives Document](#)
- [Board of Directors Minutes January 2015](#) (The Attendance List will be updated by the Secretary for final documentation)