



PROSPECT PARK ASSOCIATION



MEETINGS	Committee Meetings <i>2828 SE University Ave, Suite 200</i>	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 take place at the office (2828 University Avenue SE) unless otherwise noted.</i></p> <p>ABOUT PPA Prospect Park Association is the official neighborhood association for the Prospect Park Area.</p> <p>Donate to PPA Prospect Park Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and all donations are tax-deductible.</p>	<p>Community Building Committee Friday April 17, 4pm</p> <p>Environment Committee Tuesday, May 26, 6:30pm</p> <p>Finance & Administrative Committee TBA</p> <p>N’hood Relations & Outreach Committee dormant</p> <p>Land Use & Planning Committee Thursday, May 14, 7pm</p> <p>Transportation & Safety Committee Tuesday, May 19, 7 pm</p>	<p>PPA Board Meeting & Community Meeting --virtual meeting-- Monday June 22nd (note: May meeting cancelled) 6:30pm - 8:00pm <i>Note: access info on PP-elist</i></p> <p><i>All Community Members are welcome!</i></p> <p>Management Council <i>Sets Community & Board Meeting Agendas</i> Monday, April 13, 7pm</p>

Check out the walkway



Take a walk down Arthur Avenue and see the repair and reconstruction of the walkway. Arthur at one end and Williams Avenue at the other. Thank you Minneapolis Public Works! Work is still in progress. { Completed on May 1st. } Photo: Dan Marshall

View from my corner ...

At PPA, we submitted three grants for funding from the U of MN Good Neighbor fund. Keep your fingers crossed! The projects include funding to support SE Seniors COVID-19 pandemic and beyond; a new fall event at the tower to welcome U of MN students with music, free food, engagement and voter registration (we'll need to follow all state COVID-19 protocols with creative accommodation); and a photographer-led project (see Dan's walkway photo above) to document through portraits of Prospect Park residents "Love and Isolation" in COVID-19 times. Thanks to all who worked on these grant proposals.

PPA received a \$1500 grant from the U of MN Good Neighbor Fund to support Census efforts to increase the count of those who are historically under-represented in the Prospect Park Census count.

I'll be taking a one-week staycation: a less-exciting replacement for my cancelled March trip to Paris and northern France. Gardening, weaving, walks, and home projects will fill my time.

Reminder:

You'll find information about PPA meetings and cancellations on the PPA web-site [Event Calendar](#).

I continue to work remotely. Email: jan@prospectparkmpls.org.

Stay well. Take care of yourselves, your families, and each other.

--Jan Nelson, PPA Office and Volunteer Coordinator



GET COUNTED!

Reminder: Fill out your Census Questionnaire.

Help the schools in our communities when their doors reopen and for the next 10 years by responding to the #2020Census now. You can answer online, by phone, or by mail.

[Visit 2020Census.gov](https://www.census.gov)

Responses to the 2020 Census will influence funding and government representation in our community, for services that help every generation. [Click here to learn more \(video\).](#)

IT IS IMPORTANT TO GET A COMPLETE COUNT! Missing just one person in the census will result in loss of over \$27,000 of federal funding to the State of Minnesota over the 10 years, until the next census in 2030.

Virtual Earth Day Cleanup

This year, the PPA Clean Up Committee tried something new! Since the regular Earth Day river clean up on April 18 was cancelled, we got creative. Over a 2-week period, from April 4 to the 18th, folks were encouraged to go out to pick up litter and report back by sending a photo.

Three people sent in pictures and we heard about other people who participated. We know that people participated but didn't report their progress. Thank you to all who helped make the earth a cleaner place!

Thank you to Tanya Bachman and children, Trey and Tocara, Richard Adams and Ross Kylo, Vera Marshall, Jim and Nick Oberly, and Brooke Magid-Hart for their enthusiastic participation. They received Chinook Community Coupon Books as a thank you.

-Lydia McAnerney, Earth Day Virtual Clean-up

PPA Garden Plant Give-Away

Saturday May 30, 10am - 4pm Rain or Shine!

This year, because of the general quarantine, the Garden Club will not hold its annual plant sale which normally is part of the Ice Cream Social (also canceled).

Instead, the Garden Club will sponsor a curbside plant give-away around the Prospect Park neighborhood. Participants will place free plants on their sidewalks or driveways in front of their homes.

A list of plants available and the addresses where they may be picked up will be publicized near the end of May. Typical perennials and houseplants will be available. Just drive by and pick some up!

If YOU have any plants to donate, contact me and we'll enroll you on the list.

- *Gib Ahlstrand*
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PPA's Response to COVID-19

Update from PPA's COVID-19 task force

A month ago we launched our Neighbor to Neighbor support project. Thank you to Christianne Lind, Sarah Huddleston, and Lydia McAnerney for helping to monitor the responses and to the 13 people who offered their services. What a great neighborhood!

Check out the page on the PPA website, where you can go for information and links about the COVID-19 situation ([click here](#)).

We have volunteers willing to help.

We all need help from time to time - let us know.

[If you find yourself in need of assistance due to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic, please fill out a Request for Help form \(click here\).](#)

Volunteers will review your request and match you with a neighbor who can fulfill your request, who will contact you within 24 hours so you can confirm what you need. Please email pp.nhood@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns

Want to help in this difficult time? - let us know.

[Please fill out an Offer To Help form \(click here\)](#). Volunteers will review your request and match you with a neighbor who can use your help. You will contact the person you are going to help and make arrangements about what they need and how soon. Please email pp.nhood@gmail.com to let them know that you have fulfilled a request for help.

Please stay safe, and be kind to your neighbors. Working within the guidelines set out by Governor Walz and staying in touch will help us all get through this together.



Attention Mask Makers

Many people in the neighborhood are making masks - are you one of them? Do you or someone you know need one? Please email pp.nhood@gmail.com and either that you need one (include your name & address) or that you are making them and have enough to give away.

Thank you!

-Mary Britton and Lydia McAnerney, PPA COVID-19 Task Force Co-Chairs

Upcoming PPA Board Meeting

Next meeting: Monday, June 22, 2020

Virtual meeting access information will be provided through newsletter and PP-elist.

6:30-8:00 pm: PPA Board Meeting, all community members welcome!

PPA Community and Board Meeting Agendas will be available at least 5 days before the meeting, published in a short email newsletter and on the [PPA website calendar](#).

Approved PPA Meeting Minutes

Committee Reports/Minutes approved at the April 27 Board meeting:

Board Meeting - [March 23, 2020](#)

Community Building Committee - [April, 2020](#)

Environment Committee - [March, 2020](#)

Critical Parking Community Meeting - March [Doc. 1](#), [Doc 2](#), [Doc 3](#)

**City Councilmember
Cam Gordon's E-Newsletter**

[Click here to read.](#)



Donations Needed!

Southeast Seniors is seeking donations of household items and cleaning products for our clients and volunteers. The most urgently needed items include cleaning wipes, disposable gloves, hand sanitizer and masks. If you have items that you'd like to donate, please call 612-331-2302 or email info@seseniors.org. Financial contributions are also appreciated and can be made online at <http://www.seseniorsmpls.org/donate.html> or by mailing a check to Southeast Seniors at 2828 University Ave SE #200 Minneapolis MN 55414. Thank you so much for your support!

Cheerful Notes for Seniors

Southeast Seniors is looking for volunteers to help send our clients cheerful notes during this time of social isolation. Here's how it works: You write/make a card/letter expressing cheerful, supportive sentiments (with card making supplies of yours, or regular printer/notebook paper). You mail it to/drop it off at Southeast Seniors. We mail it to our clients who would most benefit from getting some happy, day-brightening mail.

Feel free to do one note, or more. Whatever works for you! These will be generic, cheerful messages--not specific to one certain person. Feel free to add colorful drawings, stickers, smile faces, etc! They don't need to be fancy or clever, just kind and uplifting! If you're interested, please contact Ann Carter at Southeast Seniors for more details: ann@seseniors.org, or 612-331-2302

-Betsy Snyder, Executive Director, Southeast Seniors

Helpful COVID-19 Resources

Governor Walz' update and resources

[Click Here.](#)

[Click here to read the Governor's Frequently Asked Questions about the Stay at Home Executive order.](#)

"Stay at Home" does not mean "Stay Inside". The order states that everyone is encouraged to stay active outside during this time, provided they practice safe social distancing.

Hennepin County COVID-19 Resource List

Shared by Arvonne Fraser Library Staff - Thank you!

[Click here to read.](#)

Additional Resources

[City of Minneapolis](#)

[MN Department of Health](#)

[Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#)

[World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

News and Events

Neighborhood News: The University of Minnesota has purchased the building at 2829 University Ave SE (known as the TV building), parking ramp, and nearby surface lot for \$20.7 million.

Cam Gordon's Ward 2 website, including City Response to COVID-19:
[\(click here\)](#)

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[Click here to subscribe to MN Senator Kari Dziedzic's newsletter](#)

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PPA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event organized by PPA. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting us at (612-767-6531) at least 5 days before our event.

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