



## May 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> Wednesday May 12, 4pm</p> <p><b>Environment Committee</b> Tuesday, May 11, 6:30pm</p> <p><b>Finance &amp; Administrative Committee</b> TBA</p> <p><b>Land Use &amp; Planning Committee</b> Thursday, May 13, 7pm</p> <p><b>Renter's Sub-Committee</b> Wednesday May 12, 6pm</p> <p><b>Transportation &amp; Safety Committee</b> Tuesday, May 18, 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>PPA Board Meeting &amp; Community Meeting</b> <b>--virtual meeting--</b> <b>Monday May 24th</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, May 17, 4pm</p>

**GET INVOLVED!**

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

# Thanks to Earth Day Clean Up Participants!



Thanks to over 100 people who participated in the Earth Day Clean Up in our neighborhood. While most started on the 10th of April, word on the street is that cleaning up and storm drain marking occurred during the two weeks ending on April 24th. Anyone who wants to adopt and/or mark a storm drain can contact the Environment Committee to get information or a stencil and paint for marking. On April 24th, a drawing was held to select five winners of the \$25 gift cards. Winners are as follows:

- Pre-school - Ben S.
- Grades 1-3 - Sophie G.
- Grades 4-6 - Irving N.
- Grades 7-9 - Lucia Z.
- Adult - Peggy R.

Winners can arrange to pick up their card by emailing [environment@prospectparkmpls.org](mailto:environment@prospectparkmpls.org).

## PPA Board/Community Meeting and Approved Minutes

### Upcoming PPA Board/Community Meeting:

All community members welcome!

**Monday, May 24, 2021, 6:30-8:30 pm**

Virtual meeting access and the board agenda will be provided in PPA's upcoming mid-month "mini" newsletter and on the ppe-list.

### PPA Meeting Minutes and Committee Reports approved at the April 26

#### Board meeting:

[March 22, 2021 Board/Community Meeting](#)

[March 30, 2021 Office Space Move Task Force](#)

[April 14, 2021 Community Building Committee](#)

[April 16, 2021 Transportation and Safety Committee](#)



**Based on the success of GiveAtHomeMN in May 2020, and in response to needs shared by our community of nonprofits and schools in a February survey, GiveMN will be offering another statewide giving campaign this May—#SpringForwardMN.**

**[Help Prospect Park Association Enter Spring Stronger by donating HERE.](#)**

*Here are just some of the examples of projects and activities that Prospect Park Association has been busy with since the pandemic started in 2020.*

PPA advocated for “Fast Track” construction of the Arthur Ave to Williams walkway so Prospect Park children can walk directly from Pratt School to Glendale Townhomes or Luxton Park.

Formed a new Renters’ rights sub-committee with the mission to empower renters through connection, education, and advocacy.

Held a two-week Earth Day Clean Up and storm drain cleaning event.

Co-sponsored the “Who Keeps Us Safe” speaker series on public safety with the Prospect Park Anti-racism Organization.

The Environment Committee's Home Energy Initiative "25% by 2025" with the goal to reduce natural gas use in residential homes.

The Transportation and Safety Committee's Traffic Calming project on Malcom Avenue to ensure Pratt school children using the playground have safe access.

The Land Use Committee created Design Standard Guidelines directed toward “hotel, apartment, condo, single family homes, duplexes Tri and four-plexes, and businesses for retail, manufacturing or maker spaces” developer engagement. These tools help set the tone and communicate the community’s expectations, perspective and history.

PPA facilitated raising \$5,000 from our community to make it possible for East Side Community Services to offer an after school program during the pandemic. The program serves Pratt School children and children living in Glendale Townhomes.

PPA contributed \$2,000 to Defend Glendale's Mutual Aid Project for public housing residents .

PPA received a Good Neighbor Fund grant to increase participation of students and public housing residents in the the 2020 Census.

*AND all this done during a pandemic while reducing PPA staff from full-time to half-time and navigating a major funding transition.*

## Join the Zero Waste Challenge

Sign up now for the online Zero Waste Challenge, which runs May 1 to 31.

Many people are interested in avoiding waste, decluttering, and recycling more but aren't sure where to start. Hennepin County's Zero Waste Challenge will help you learn more, connect



you with resources to help you reduce the waste and clutter in your life, and provide support and motivation along the way.

Past Zero Waste Challenge participants have called the experience eye-opening and a conversation-starter. They said it both educated them and pushed them into action. Some even called it life changing!

Steps to take once you sign up:

**Create your profile** and add a profile picture and mission statement.

**Join or start a team** and encourage family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues to take the challenge with you.

**Browse the categories and actions**, check off the actions you already take, and reflect on what actions would be most impactful for you.

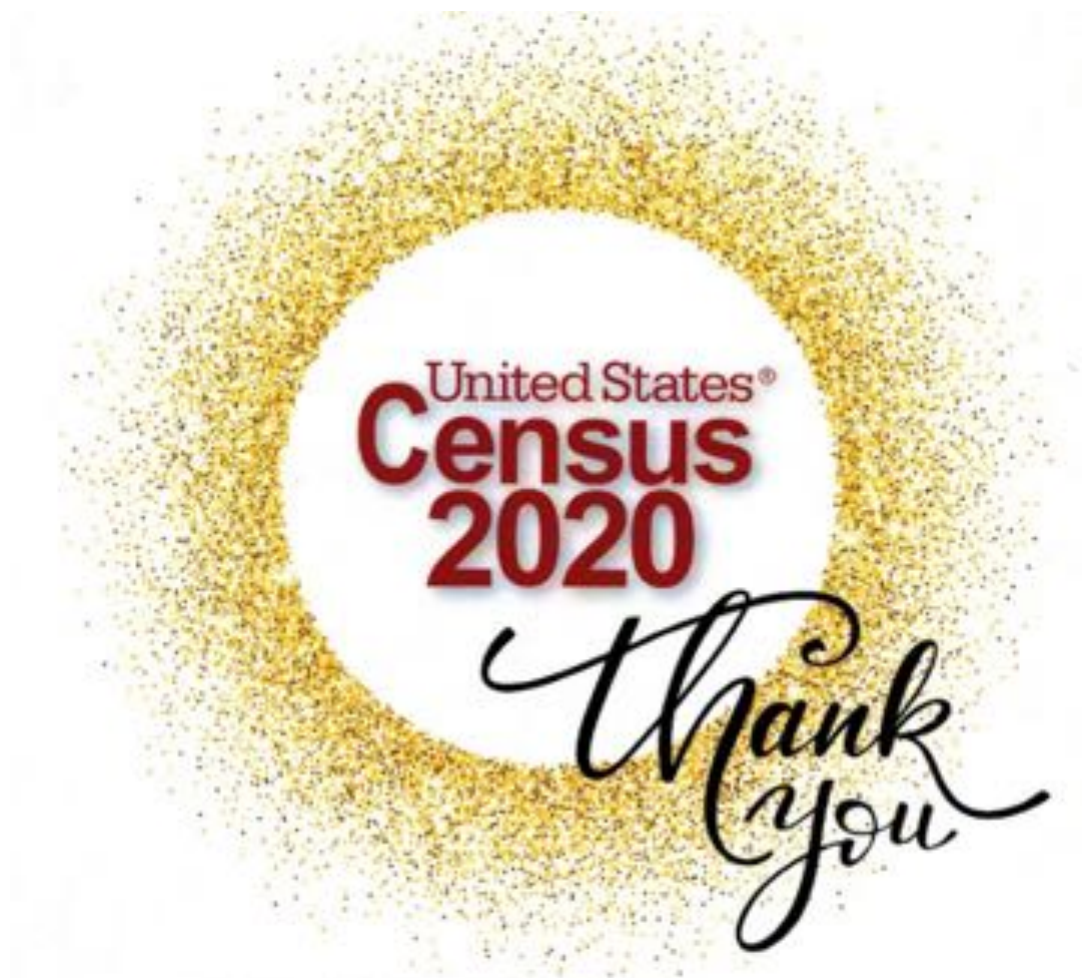
**Commit to actions** by selecting up to five one-time actions and five daily actions to work on during the four-week challenge.

**Log in regularly once the challenge starts** to report what actions you take, see the impact of your actions add up, encourage your team members, and interact with others in the feed.

See the information in the resources section for tips on leading a team (PDF) and promoting the challenge (DOCX) to others.

# Thank You to PPA's Census 2020 Volunteers!

Together we made a difference by increasing the number of Prospect Park residents who completed the 2020 Census. Thanks to your efforts and to the \$1,500 Good Neighbor Fund grant PPA received, we distributed census flyers in multiple languages to residents of Glendale Townhomes public housing and to 3,000 student apartments. We also brought Somali and English speaking U.S. census workers to Glendale so residents could safely complete the 2020 census during the pandemic.



THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU HEREBY RECOGNIZES

## **Prospect Park Neighborhood Association**

as an invaluable member of the 2020 Census Community Partnership and Engagement Program. We appreciate the efforts you made in making the Partnership Program a success and helping achieve a successful 2020 Census.

  
Dr. Steven D. Dillingham, Director  
U.S. Census Bureau



## Spring Clean-Up

The programs below are co-sponsored by Southeast Seniors & Minneapolis Community Education and will be held via Zoom.

To register or for more information,

- contact Southeast Seniors at 612-331-2302 or [info@seseniors.org](mailto:info@seseniors.org)
- provide your name, phone number and email address

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

## Better Sleep for Better Health Wednesday, May 12th, 1:30-2:30 pm

2020 brought us some incredible challenges, and difficult times bring increased stress, worry anxiety- all of which negatively impact our sleep! In this session, you will learn all about Sleep, it's connection to hard times, the importance of the quantity and quality, signs and symptoms of Sleep Disorders, and most importantly the "Do's and Don'ts" to get the sleep you need to be as healthy, happy and rested as possible.

Sarah Moe started her career in Sleep Medicine in 2006 and is the Founder and CEO of Sleep Health Specialists, which provides sleep education to local businesses and corporations. She was also an Adjunct Professor in the Polysomnography (Sleep) Program at Minneapolis College. Sarah sat on the Board of Directors for the Minnesota Sleep Society and the Educational Products Committee for the American Association of Sleep Technologists.

For her role in Sleep Education in our workforce, Sarah has been named to the Minnesota Business Magazine's "35 Under 35" 2016, "Most Likely to Succeed- Healthcare Division" finalist in 2017, "Women Who Lead" 2018, the Minneapolis St. Paul Business Journal's "Women In Business" 2019, and the TeamWomen's "WaveMaker Award- Uncharted Territory" finalist, 2019.

## Minneapolis Gems to Visit this Summer

### Wednesday May 19th, 12:00-1:30 pm

Summer is a favorite time to explore the many special places in Minneapolis. Michael Hernandez, Director of "Meet Minneapolis Visitor Center," will share updates on what will be closed due to COVID and what will be open to enjoy during our beautiful summer time.

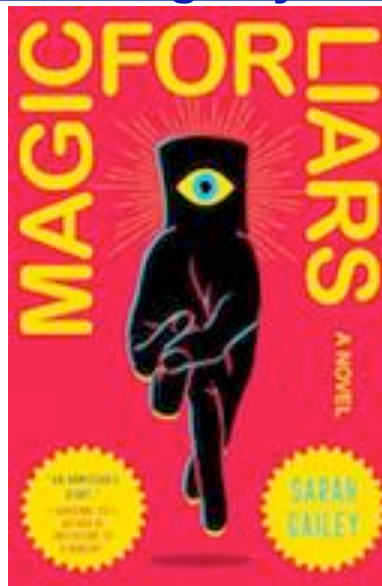
Michael Hernandez is the director of visitor services for Meet Minneapolis, a local non-profit responsible for marketing, selling and maximizing the visitor experience of Minneapolis for the economic benefit of the community. A graduate of Washburn High School's Academy of Travel & Tourism magnet program in 2002, Michael had the opportunity to work his way during his high school years at Meet Minneapolis through a job shadow, internship, part time and ultimately full-time employment. After 5 years at Meet Minneapolis, Michael decided to cross the river where he served in various roles for almost a decade at Visit Saint Paul.

In 2005, Meet Minneapolis began construction of its visitor center at 5th St and Nicollet Mall. It was Michael's calling back to Meet Minneapolis, having a passion for helping visitors know all there is to see and do in the city, metro and state. Today, Michael manages the Meet Minneapolis Visitor Center as well as its retail partner inside the store, Minnesota Makers. He enjoys coming to work knowing he will meet someone new each day and create lasting Minneapolis memories for them.

# ELYSIAN NIGHTS BOOK CLUB

Thursday, May 13th 7:00pm

[Mostly Dead Things by Kristen Arnett](#)



\*Online Discussion! Register at <https://hclib.bibliocommons.com/events/search/q=elysian/event/601dd14a22fe7d24006f4d75>

Break through the pandemic doldrums by joining us for a lively discussion of current books and pop culture! Hosted by Kyle and Joyce from the Arvonne Fraser Library, this book club will meet the second Thursday of every month. The link to the live online discussion will be emailed to registrants in advance (within 48 hours of the event).

eBooks or downloadable audiobooks available through [www.hclib.org](http://www.hclib.org). Physical copies available for check-out at Arvonne Fraser Library.



The 40th (!) Minneapolis St. Paul International Film Festival (MSPIFF) is around the corner, this **May 13 - 23, 2021**. We wanted to give you a heads-up so that you have the event on your calendar and can share the news!

MSPIFF40 will be a hybrid festival. Films, filmmaker conversations and panels will be presented primarily in the virtual world, complemented by several exciting outdoor events and screenings to ease us back into a more 'normal' world.

This year will showcase 100+ feature-length and 50+ short bold and exciting new films by emerging and veteran filmmakers representing more than 100 cultures from around the globe.

The full schedule is currently available at [MSPFILM.ORG](http://MSPFILM.ORG).

## [Read Councilmember Cam Gordon's April Newsletter](#)

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

## **Helpful COVID-19 Resources Governor Walz' Response and Preparation**

[Click here for updated Covid-19 news from Governor Walz](#)

"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.



# Free Covid-19 Testing Hennepin County

[Click here](#) for information on FREE testing open to those with or without symptoms

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## Additional Resources

[City of Minneapolis](#)   [MN Department of Health](#)

[Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#)   [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

## City Offers Resources with Trial Information

<http://news.minneapolismn.gov/category/chauvin-trial/>

## OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

[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!

*Did you know Prospect Park Association has a **Facebook** and **Instagram** Page?*



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