



October 2025 Newsletter

MEETINGS	Committee Meetings <i>virtual until further notice</i>	Community Meetings <i>22 Orlin Ave SE, PPUMC</i>
<i>For the most up-to-date list of meetings please check the PPA Calendar. All committee meetings are taking place virtually unless otherwise noted.</i> ABOUT PPA Prospect Park Association is the official neighborhood association for the Prospect Park Area of the city of Minneapolis. Donate to PPA  Prospect Park Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and all donations are tax-deductible.	Jackson Family Project Thursday November 6, 4:30pm Land Use & Planning Committee Thursday November 13. 7:00pm Transportation & Safety Committee Wednesday November 12. 6:30pm	PPA Board Meeting & Community Meeting Monday October 27th 6:30pm (hybrid mtg) <i>All Community Members are welcome!</i> <u>Agenda</u> <u>to attend via Zoom, register here</u> (access begins at 6:20pm) Management Council Monday October 13th Sets Community & Board Meeting Agendas

GET INVOLVED!

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

Please donate to PPA at GiveMN

Founded in 1901, PPA's mission is to promote, in a non-partisan, educational and cooperative manner, the health, safety and general welfare of the neighborhood and to promote the maintenance and improvement of the aesthetic, residential and physical qualities of the neighborhood environment.

Please support PPA so we can continue serving our neighborhood.

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Simply click for online GiveMN or mail checks to:

PPA, P.O. Box 141095,
Minneapolis 55414.



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### **PPA Meeting Minutes and Committee Reports Approved at the June Board/Committee Meeting**

[Environment Committee Minutes 4-15-25](#)

[April 15, 2025 PPA Board Minutes 1 of 2 Annual Report Presentation 5-12-25](#)

[PPA Board Minutes 2 of 2 Agenda and Minutes 5-12-25](#)

[PPA Board Minutes electronic vote 5-26-25](#)

[Transportation & Safety Committee, 6-12-25](#)

[Jackson Family Project Proposed Motion June 23rd, 2025](#)

## **Buckthorn Removal Project Event at Tower Hill Park**

The Prospect Park Garden Club and PPA's Tower Hill and Environment Committees, in cooperation with the Surly Gives-a-Damn volunteers, invited folks to take part in another BUCKTHORN CLEAN-UP day at Tower Hill Park, Saturday, June 28, 10 to noon. This is part of a projected 3-year project to eradicate buckthorn from Tower Hill and to replace it with native perennials, shrubs and trees.

### **Volunteers Use “Critical Cutting” Method to Remove Invasive Buckthorn from Tower Hill Park**



With the guidance of the Minneapolis Park District, volunteers came together throughout the summer and fall to clip and haul the invasive species using a pesticide free method called “Critical Cutting,” which slowly kills the plant without damaging the landscape or poisoning waterways.

Thanks to all the volunteers who helped or attended workdays, including: Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Volunteer Coordinator Andrew Marotz, the faculty, staff and students from Open World Learning, a 6-12th grade St. Paul Public School, Mary Sellke and “Surly Gives a Damn” volunteers and members of the Prospect Park Garden Club!

If you want to volunteer for this project email [ppatower@prospectparkmpls.org](mailto:ppatower@prospectparkmpls.org). All are welcome!

Steve Brackett

PPA Tower Hill Park Committee



Many thanks to Lydia McAnerney, Rick McCormick and Mary Britton for their outstanding leadership of PPA's Environment Committee, including the 25%x25 project! Their last environment meeting was on October 13th.

Mary Britton and the 25%x25 project were recently featured in the [Minneapolis Star Tribune](#).

“How one Minneapolis neighborhood reduced its carbon emissions by 1,600 metric tons”

PPA is looking for a new environment committee chair or co-chair - see upcoming board meeting [agenda](#), If you are interested or want to learn more, please join the meeting or reach out to PPA's Board or staff at [staff@prospectparkmpls.org](mailto:staff@prospectparkmpls.org)

## OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS



### FREE COMMUNITY MEALS

DINE-IN & TAKE-OUT AVAILABLE!

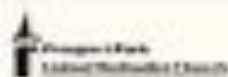
**WHERE:** Prospect Park United Methodist Church  
22 Orin Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414

**WHEN:** Third Wednesday of each month, 5:30 - 8:30 pm

**DATES:** Jan 15, Feb 19, Mar 19, April 23, May 21, June 18,  
2025: July 16, Aug 20, Sept 17, Oct 13, Nov 19, Dec 17

Food served will be a nutritious, healthy, and balanced meal with no pork.  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

For more information, contact Prospect Park UMC at  
612-378-2380 or [office@prospectparkumc.org](mailto:office@prospectparkumc.org)



### COMIDAS COMUNITARIAS GRATUITAS

¡TENEMOS COMIDA PARA LLEVAR!

**DONDE:** Prospect Park United Methodist Church  
22 Orin Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414

**CUANDO:** El tercer miércoles de cada mes, 5:30 - 8:30 pm

**FECHAS:** 15 de enero, 19 de febrero, 19 de marzo, 18 de abril,  
2025: 21 de mayo, 18 de junio, 18 de julio, 20 de agosto,  
17 de septiembre, 15 de octubre, 19 de noviembre,  
17 de diciembre

La comida que serviremos será una comida nutritiva, saludable y  
equilibrada sin carne de cerdo. ¡Todos están bienvenidos!

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**The Prospect Park Fall Market** is BACK for another year! Join us on Saturday, November 1 from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm at Prospect Park United Methodist Church to get a head start on your Christmas shopping.



**NEW THIS YEAR:** Children's Maker Room! Create holiday gifts for family and friends. Ages preschool - middle school. Free! Open from 9:30am - 2:30pm.

**We hope to see you there! The market includes:**

- Artisans selling wares such as pottery, quilts & fabric art, jewelry, cards, and so much more!
- Breakfast and lunch available for dine in or to-go!
- "Silent auction" of food items & art!
- Fresh, homemade baked goods for purchase!

The Prospect Park Fall Market has been a decades-long tradition at Prospect Park UMC.

## **Towerside Community Pulse Survey is Live!**

Your Voice. Your Neighborhood. Your Future.

**[Take the Survey](#)**

**A Great Neighborhood is Built Together**



Share your ideas for Towerside's parks, housing, transportation, public spaces, and community life. Your input will help shape the future direction of the district!

### **The Goal of This Survey**

The Community Pulse Survey is designed to better understand the experiences and priorities of everyone who spends time in Towerside. The feedback will help guide Towerside's priorities, inform public sector decision-making, and influence local development so it reflects the community's voice.

### **Who It's For**

This survey is for people who visit, live, or work in and around the Towerside Innovation District, located between Stadium Village, Prospect Park, and the St. Paul Westgate areas along University Avenue.

### **What's Inside**

The survey asks about how you experience the neighborhood, including sidewalks, transit, safety, parks, and events. It explores what services and spaces are most important to you, such as housing, small businesses, and community gathering places. It also invites you to share your priorities and vision for the future — from affordable housing and green space to jobs, culture, and connection.

The survey takes about 15–20 minutes to complete. All responses are confidential, and participation is optional. By completing the survey, you'll also be entered into a drawing to win one of four prizes:

- \$50 gift card for Surly Brewing
- \$50 gift card for Malcolm Yards
- \$100 gift card for Fresh Thyme Market
- \$100 Visa gift card



**[Take the Survey](#)**    **Join In. Share Ideas. Shape What's Next.**

**About Towerside:** [Towerside Innovation District](#) is a nonprofit working to create an equitable, vibrant, and sustainable neighborhood within the Twin Cities' first innovation district, located around Stadium Village, Prospect Park, and the Westgate areas of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

**Free Tower Brass Quintet Concert to Benefit Pratt Community School**  
**On Saturday, November 8 at 7:00pm we welcome back the Tower Hill Brass Quintet in support of Pratt School!** This concert is FREE to attend, with 100% of proceeds from a freewill offering benefiting our neighbors at Pratt.



**ABOUT THE CONCERT - Brass Favorites for Fall!** This concert is a sampler of styles and musical periods from Gilbert & Sullivan to Lennon & McCartney, and from the romantic classics to showtunes and jazz! Featuring: Derek Nelson - Tuba, Marilee Johnson - Euphonium, Bob Garnett - French Horn, K Powell & Jake Gysland - Trumpet

**ABOUT THE BENEFICIARY - [Pratt Community School](#)** in Minneapolis's Prospect Park neighborhood receives support from a strong international community fostered by its close proximity to the University of Minnesota. Pratt prides itself on creating an inclusive school community and celebrating its diversity across racial, ethnic and socio-economic boundaries. As a small community school, it offers individualized and active learning experiences where staff knows each child and appreciates them for their unique talents.

## **Council Member Wonsley:**

### **Contact or Share Your Opinion or Address an Issue Any Time**

E-mail Council Member Wonsley and her staff at [ward2@minneapolismn.gov](mailto:ward2@minneapolismn.gov)

Or contact staff directly:

[Policy Aide Celeste Robinson](#)

[Policy Aide Qannani Omar](#)

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