

WHO KEEPS US SAFE?

Join us for a Prospect Park Neighborhood Safety Workshop Series

2020 opened the door to new possibilities; 2021 presents us with the opportunity to step through it. The killing of George Floyd and our ongoing reckoning with longstanding racism has forced Minneapolis to answer difficult questions: Who keeps us safe? What role should the police play in public safety? What does it mean to be safe in the first place?

Join your neighbors on the first five Wednesdays of 2021 for a series about public safety in Prospect Park guided by local activists and advocates. Drop in for just one session or join them all.

Learn, share, question, and connect.

JAN 6, 5:30PM - Minneapolis Police History: *Sheila Nezhad, MPD150*

JAN 13, 5:30PM - City Solutions: Erin Sikkink, *Minneapolis Office of Violence Prevention*

JAN 20, 7:30PM - Alternatives to Traffic Safety Enforcement: *Ash Narayanan, Our Streets*

JAN 27, noon - Neighborhood Solutions: *Tabitha Montgomery and Grace Berke, Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association*

FEB 3, noon - Community-Led Activism: *Lex Horan, Reclaim the Block*

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Presenter Descriptions:

JAN 6, 5:30PM - Minneapolis Police History: *Sheila Nezhad, MPD150*

MPD150 is a community-based initiative challenging the narrative that police exist to protect and serve. The purpose of MPD150 is to change the story of policing in Minneapolis in order to set in motion a process for dissolving the Minneapolis Police Department. They accomplish this by shifting the discussion around police and policing in Minneapolis from one of procedural reforms to one of meaningful structural change and using research, community dialogue, creative visioning, and cultural activism, and encourages widespread community engagement and initiative. Notably, MPD150's "Enough Is Enough: A 150-Year Performance Review of the Minneapolis Police Department" is 140 page report and toolkit explores the history and performance of the Minneapolis Police Department from an abolitionist perspective.



JAN 13, 5:30PM - City Solutions: Erin Sikkink, *Minneapolis Office of Violence Prevention*

The Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) uses a community-focused, public health approach to help ensure that everyone can be free from violence. We work to break the cycle of violence by addressing it at three points: preventing it before it begins, intervening at the first sign of risk, and healing after it happens.



JAN 20, 7:30PM - Traffic Safety and Policing: Ash Narayanan, *Our Streets*

Our Streets Minneapolis works for a city where biking, walking, and rolling are easy and comfortable for everyone. We envision a city where biking, walking, and rolling are easy and joyful for people of all backgrounds and identities in all parts of Minneapolis; a city where streets and trails are vibrant community spaces with people walking and biking year-round and at all times; where kids and families feel safe and comfortable walking and biking to neighborhood schools, parks, and businesses; where older adults and people with mobility challenges are healthy, independent, and connected with their communities through streets and sidewalks designed for them; and where abundant biking and walking contributes to happy people, a healthy environment, and a strong economy.



JAN 27, noon - Neighborhood Solutions: *Tabitha Montgomery and Grace Berke, Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association*

Tabitha Montgomery and Grace Berke serve at the Powderhorn Park Neighborhood Association (PPNA) and have been advocating for public safety resources in South Minneapolis for several years. This includes work with the South Minneapolis Public Safety Coalition to create several proposals to increase investments in preventative strategies and livability improvements. PPNA has had the chance to learn from and engage with many community members and leaders on how public and private investment can better meet our public safety needs.



FEB 3, noon - Community-Led Activism: *Lex Horan, Reclaim the Block*

Reclaim the Block's mission is to build a Black-led, multiracial movement empowered to dismantle and defund the Minneapolis Police Department and to move those resources into community-led projects that truly promote health and safety. Our foundation is rooted in love, transformative organizing, building deep trust within our communities, abolition, and accountability.

