

# Prospect Park Welcomes You!



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## Welcome to our neighborhood

Prospect Park is one of the oldest neighborhoods in Minneapolis, and its residents enjoy living in what's considered one of Minneapolis' best-kept secrets. Winding, tree-lined streets, where no two homes are alike, make this historic neighborhood a treasure that attracts a variety of residents. It has great views of the Minneapolis and Saint Paul skylines, as well as the University of Minnesota and the Mississippi River. The Witch's Hat Water Tower that sits atop the highest hill in Minneapolis is visible above the trees from miles away.

We're an intergenerational neighborhood in the habit of living respectfully with our neighbors, shoveling our sidewalks, and talking over the back fence. Many kids that grow in our neighborhood leave home and return years later to raise their own kids, many of whom attend the neighborhood Pratt Community School.

This is a friendly and involved neighborhood. We even have monthly political discussions around a pot-bellied stove at the local drug store! We hope you'll make yourself at home and also get involved.

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## Join us at PPERRIA meetings

Neighbors get together at Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association (PPERRIA) meetings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month. PPERRIA is the backbone of our community!

Join us for snacks and conversation starting at 6:30 p.m. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Prospect Park United Methodist Church (PPUMC). Renters are welcome as members!

## Neighborhood events

- Earth Day Cleanup of the Mississippi
- Annual Ice Cream Social in May featuring a once-a-year chance to climb to the top of the Witch's Hat Tower!
- Summer Concerts at Pratt School
- Garden Walk and Plant Sale in June
- National Night Out in August
- Neighborhood Cleanup in September
- Pratt Flea Market and Pancake Breakfast
- Mostly Weaving Sale in October
- PPUMC Art Fair and Bazaar in November
- Winter and Spring Community Choir Concerts
- Fire and Ice Festival at Luxton Park

## Connect with us online!

Join the Prospect Park e-list by emailing [ppe-list@gmail.com](mailto:ppe-list@gmail.com). The e-list shares daily messages from neighborhood residents about local events and issues, household services, sales, crime alerts, and more!

Facebook Group - Prospect Park Neighbors

[www.pperr.org](http://www.pperr.org) - The neighborhood website contains current events, history, contact information, maps, PPERRIA info, and other good stuff!

City of Minneapolis Website - Visit [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us) for information about activities, attractions, government services, and much more.

## Local businesses

Find restaurants, shops, grocers, and local businesses at [www.pperr.org](http://www.pperr.org).

## Parks, playgrounds, and recreation

All of Prospect Park in the late 1800s was meant for park land, until population and housing outran the need for open space.

Tower Hill Park - The highest geographic point in the city has two public tennis courts, hidden paths, views, and picnic tables below the Witch's Hat Water Tower.

Pratt School - The gardens, amphitheatre, and playground at Pratt are always a favorite place for children and families!

Luxton Park - Has an athletic field, a playground, many indoor activities (mostly for youth), a food shelf, and a free book exchange for all ages.

Chergosky Park - A pocket park at the foot of Sharon Avenue, it has play equipment geared to toddlers and lovely landscaping.

The Mississippi River Gorge - Along the east shore of the river, from the foot of Cecil Street upstream to the River Flats, lie walking and bike paths. A hidden gem with stairs!

Walking and running - For the distance walker or runner, the Mississippi River Boulevards on both sides of the river offer one of the finest routes in the U.S. There's also a running club called the Prospect Park Hill Climbers.

Bicycling - Minneapolis is the #1 Best City in the U.S. for bicycling! The Mississippi River Boulevards link to the "Grand Rounds" and the Mid-town Greenway. For everything you'd ever want to know about biking or walking the Twin Cities, including maps, visit [www.bikewalktwincities.org](http://www.bikewalktwincities.org).

## Pratt School and Community Center

At the heart of the Prospect Park neighborhood is Sidney Pratt School. Pratt is a pre-K-5 Minneapolis Public School with a strong commitment to community involvement, offering classes for children and adults in partnership with MPS community education and the U of M. Built in 1898, Pratt is the smallest school in the MPS system with 185 students. It offers before and after school child care. Adult classes range from home repair and gardening to dance and yoga.

## Public transportation

Visit [www.metrotransit.org](http://www.metrotransit.org) for bus and light rail schedules and maps. City buses run frequently on University Ave. SE, less frequently on Franklin Ave. SE. The Franklin Ave. bus connects to the Hiawatha Light Rail on Franklin. The University Avenue bus connects with the Hiawatha Light Rail line in downtown Minneapolis. By 2014 a new light rail line (now under construction) will run on University Avenue between the two downtowns.

## Library and book exchange

Branch public library: 1300 4<sup>th</sup> St. SE  
Book exchange: Luxton Park. The book exchange is free for all and features many local authors.

## Volunteer!

Volunteering is a great way to give back to your community and meet your neighbors. Volunteers are always welcomed to get involved with the Pratt School, Luxton Park, PPERRIA, the Garden Club, the Pratt Ice Cream Social, the Earth Day Cleanup, the Neighborhood Cleanup, and many other groups and events.

## Neighborhood housekeeping

Visit the City of Minneapolis website at [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us) or call 311 (within Minneapolis) for comprehensive information on garbage, parking, snow emergencies, etc.

- Garbage and recycling - Collected weekly, recycling every two weeks.
- Parking - Street parking is allowed overnight if no restrictions are posted. There's a 72-hour limit for parking in one place. You must not park within 5 feet of any driveway.
- Street sweeping - Done each fall and spring. Watch for signs on the street and park your car on an alternate block during sweeping day.
- Snow plowing - Minneapolis routinely plows streets but declares a "Snow Emergency" for big snowfalls. These are announced on the media, by phone, by email, by texts, on Facebook, and at the Minneapolis website, or call 612-348-SNOW.

Move your car as directed, or it could be ticketed and towed!

For a detailed, printable Prospect Park map, visit [WWW.PPERR.ORG](http://WWW.PPERR.ORG)

