




April 2022 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 PPA Calendar. All committee meetings are taking place virtually unless otherwise noted.</i></p> <p>ABOUT PPA Prospect Park Association is the official neighborhood association for the Prospect Park Area of the city of Minneapolis.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Donate to PPA</u></p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Prospect Park Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and all donations are tax-deductible.</p>	<p>Community Building Committee Thursday April 7, 4:30pm</p> <p>Environment Committee Tuesday, April 12, 6:30pm</p> <p>Land Use & Planning Committee Thursday, April 14, 7pm</p> <p>Transportation & Safety Committee Wednesday, April 13, 7:30pm</p>	<p>PPA Board Meeting & Community Meeting --virtual meeting-- Monday Apr. 25th 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, Apr. 18, 7pm</p>

GET INVOLVED!

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

SAVE THE DATE

**PPA Annual Neighborhood Meeting
Monday, May 9th, 2022, 6:30pm**

*Virtual Neighbor-Fest Meeting:
Zoom info will be available beginning May 4*

Program:

- Meet the Board of Directors candidates.
- Neighborhood annual review
 - Financial updates
- Upcoming plans and more



**Board Member Elections to be Held in May
PPA's Board Member Election online from May 9-16.**

The annual meeting will be held at 6:30pm on Monday, May 9.

As announced last fall, PPA moved board member elections to May in order to take advantage of the first city-wide neighborhood organization election made available by Neighborhood Community Relations (NCR). Participating in the city-wide election date will bring greater attention to our neighborhood board election, giving more neighbors the opportunity to participate as candidates and voters. The City of Minneapolis will help promote neighborhood organization board member elections held on the city-wide date.

PPA Board unanimously passed a resolution, reviewed by PPA's legal counsel, to move our regular Board of Directors election to May.

[Click here to view the full approved resolution.](#)

JOIN PROSPECT PARK ASSOCIATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

YOUR VOICE IS VALUABLE!

Prospect Park Association (PPA) is the
city-recognized voice of our neighborhood.

Get engaged in the city and neighborhood discussions about
community building, transportation, safety, environmentalism,
equity, land use, renter's rights and more!

There will be seven board seats up for election. In addition to the
seven regular two-year seats, there will be a special election for a
one-year seat. The first board meeting of the new term will be
Monday, June 27, 2022.

Community Board training and
orientation provided;
ALL ARE WELCOME!

Black or indigenous folks, people of
color, students, and renters are urged
to apply to bring diverse perspectives
to the PPA board.

PROSPECT
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**Candidate Profiles due:
Friday, April 22, 4PM**

**Candidate Profiles will
be published in PPA's
newsletter and website
and on the pp-elist on
May 4**

[Click here for more info about serving as a PPA Board
Member](#)

[SUBMIT YOUR CANDIDATE PROFILE HERE](#)

Donate to Prospect Park Association

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Saturday, April 9 – April 23: Earth Weeks Neighborhood Cleanup



The PPA Environment Committee invites you to join the neighborhood-wide Earth Day Clean up beginning on **Saturday, April 9th, and running through Saturday, April 23rd**. Help keep the storm water drains clear of litter and leaves, pick up the parks, or clean up your section of the neighborhood. Choose one of 4

locations where you can pick up supplies (bags for litter & recycling, gloves, and a reusable water bottle) on **Saturday, April 9 between 9AM and noon**. When you register, you can let us know where you'll be working. Our goal is to cover the neighborhood. Prizes of a \$25 gift card will be awarded after a drawing to a lucky person in each of 6 categories (pre-school, grades 1-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, and 19-25). Please [complete this quick form](#) to let us know **which of the 4 areas you will stop by on Saturday, April 9, 9AM - 12PM for supplies** (Tower Hill Park, Luxton Park, East River Road, (near the Franklin Ave. bridge, or Bridal Veil Park at 4th St and 29th Ave.). If you can't make it on the 9th but want to be involved, complete the form for ways to be involved. For more info - environment@prospectparkmpls.org.

Plants Wanted

With true spring just around the corner, the PPA Transportation & Safety Committee is looking for donations of flowers and hardy shrubs for the planter boxes on Malcolm Avenue. If you have seedlings to spare or plants you'd like to transplant, please be in touch with the committee at transportation@prospectparkmpls.org. Last year's plants grew well, and we hope that the perennials survived the winter. However keeping plants alive above ground, and right on the road is a bit different than in a garden. Look for information on a planting time in a future newsletter!



PPA Board/Community Meetings and Approved Minutes

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

Approved PPA Meeting Minutes / Committee Reports/Minutes:

February 3, 2022 [Community Building Committee Meeting](#)

March 9, 2022 [Transportations and Safety Committee Meeting](#)

February 28, 2022 [Board/Community Meeting](#)

January 11, 2027 [Environment Committee](#)

Prospect Park Co-Op Legacy Fund (PCLF) grant cycle to begin soon

For over 20 years, the PPCLF has donated thousands of dollars to local projects and organizations that enrich our community. This year will be no different. Our main focus areas are cooperative, peace & justice projects, especially local neighborhood improvements, educational/environmental programs, and those that support seniors and persons with disabilities. Special emphasis is given to funding projects with limited sources of income. Watch for information on the PPElist about how to apply for up to \$1,500. Alternately, if you want more information once it is available, please contact Lydia McAnerney (PPCLF Secretary) at lydiaormac@gmail.com.

River of Hope Church invites you to Easter Service, Sunday April 17th!



All are welcomed to join us! Service starts at 10:30AM at 3300 University Ave SE, Minneapolis. We hope to see you there!

[https://
www.rohchurch.com/](https://www.rohchurch.com/)



Count Me in Como

Join us for this monthly social hour where we will gather to enjoy conversation as we play cards and board games together. Co-sponsored by Southeast Seniors and Pratt Community Education. Participants must wear a face covering, maintain social distance and assess their own health prior to joining this group. All in-person programs will follow Minneapolis Community Education's current COVID-19 safety protocols.

Location: Van Cleve Park, 901-15 th Ave. SE

Dates: Thu April 7th , Thu May 5th , Thu June 9th

Time: 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Cost: Free

Call Pratt Community Education at 612-668-1100 to register!

Southeast Lifelong Learners

The programs below are co-sponsored by Southeast Seniors & Minneapolis Community Education. They are offered on a sliding fee scale, with a suggested contribution of \$0-\$5.

To register or for more information:

** Call 612-668-1100 and provide your name, phone number and email address*

** Use the link included below the class description to register online*

Making the Most of Ancestry.com

Wednesday, April 13th, 1:30-2:30 pm. Van Cleve Park, 901 15 th Ave SE, Minneapolis, 55414

This presentation will help Southeast Seniors make the most of Ancestry.com databases to study their family's histories, including researching in US and other national censuses, vital records (birth, death and marriage), military and pension records, land and property records, and immigration records. Attendees will learn how to get free access to Ancestry.com Library Edition through the Hennepin County Library and will learn basic search strategies for

accessing the more than 27 billion records contained in the Ancestry.com databases.

James W. Oberly is professor emeritus of history at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. In retirement, he enjoys teaching workshops on genealogy. He and his wife, Louise Merriam, split their time between their home in Prospect Park and their cottage in Perry, Maine.

Register online: <https://minneapolis.ce.eleyo.com/course/40233/lifelong-learning-55-spring-summer-2022%E2%80%94941/southeast-lifelong-learners-making-the-most-of-ancestry-com-pratt>

Stop & Smell the Roses- Lake Harriet Rose Garden

Wednesday, April 20th, 10-11 am, Prospect Park United Methodist Church, 22 Orlin Ave SE, Minneapolis, 55414

The Lyndale Park Lake Harriet Rose Garden is one of the most beloved places in our city. Andrew Gawboy of Mpls. Parks & Recreation will tell us all about the planning, design, and maintenance of this Minneapolis gem. Andrew Gawboy is the Horticulture Crew Leader for the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board. He loves sharing his expertise, enthusiasm, and care for roses and this treasured place in the Twin Cities.

Register online: <https://minneapolis.ce.eleyo.com/course/40230/lifelong-learning-55-spring-summer-2022%E2%80%94941/southeast-lifelong-learners-stop-and-smell-the-roses-the-story-of-lake-harriet-rose-garden-pratt>

Seeking Volunteers for Spring Clean-Up

Spring is almost here, and Southeast Seniors is seeking volunteers to help with our Spring Clean Up efforts! We are looking for individuals, families, or other groups to do the spring yard clean up for a senior (or two!) living in Southeast Minneapolis. This can be done at your convenience sometime in late April. We can provide yard waste bags and rakes. Please contact Ann Carter, Southeast Seniors' Volunteer Coordinator, at 612-331-2302 or ann@seseniors.org for more information. Thank you!



April 2nd-May 2nd

Happy Ramadan to all neighbors celebrating! Here is some information about Ramadan in the Twin Cities: <https://www.minneapolis.org/calendar/holidays/ramadan/>



Thursday, April 14th, 7:00pm – 8:30pm (Virtual Meeting)
Dial A for Aunties by Jesse Q. Sutanto



Halcyon Days is a book club that doesn't take itself too seriously; like hanging out with old friends you didn't know you had! This book club is free and open to everyone. Hosted by Kyle from Arvonne Fraser Library, this book club will meet the **second Thursday of every month.**

To register for the Halcyon Days Book Club, follow this registration link: <https://hclib.bibliocommons.com/events/61e6d7f940ff262f00623600>

A link to the live online discussion will be emailed to registrants within 48 hours of the event.

May 12: [Such a Fun Age](#) by Kiley Reid

The Pillars of Prospect Park

Join us for a **Decluttering and Downsizing Seminar** at The Pillars of Prospect Park Senior Living on **Wednesday, May 18th at 10:00am**. You will get helpful tips to tackle the challenges of making a lifestyle transition!



Senior Move Specialist and Professional Sorter with Gentle Transitions, Jill Freeman will be presenting educational tips to help those considering an upcoming move or who would just like to declutter for the future. From downsizing, sorting, getting rid of the excess, to packing, unpacking and resettling, you will gain valuable knowledge and a multitude of resources to help you get through the process “gently”. Come join us for this fun and motivating presentation.

Please RSVP to Jay at (612) 623-7007 or jay.benedict@fairview.org. The Pillars is located at 22 Malcolm Ave. SE, Minneapolis. Facebook Event page: <https://fb.me/e/62QIIGPfb>

Yard waste collection begins mid-April

Yard waste collection will begin the week of April 11, 2022. Yard waste must be properly prepared for collection.

[Learn more about yard waste collection.](#)



Be(e) friendly to our pollinators

Although yard waste collections starts soon, consider leaving items untouched on your lawn for as long as possible. Bees often nest in broken stems of plants and butterflies overwinter in leaf piles. Giving them time to wake up will help our community flourish.

Sign up to use an organics drop-off site near you



Do you live in an apartment with no access to an organics recycling program? The City of Minneapolis now has 18 organics drop-off sites open and free for use in partnership with Hennepin County, and the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board and several community groups. Two more drop-offs at Stewart Park and North Commons Park will open on Earth Day, April 23.

Sign up for one of 20 drop-offs near you at minneapolis.mn.gov/organics-dropoffs.

[Find out more about the Minneapolis organics recycling program](#)

Blue Thumb Resilient Yards Spring Workshops: *DIY yard tactics for taking climate change action*

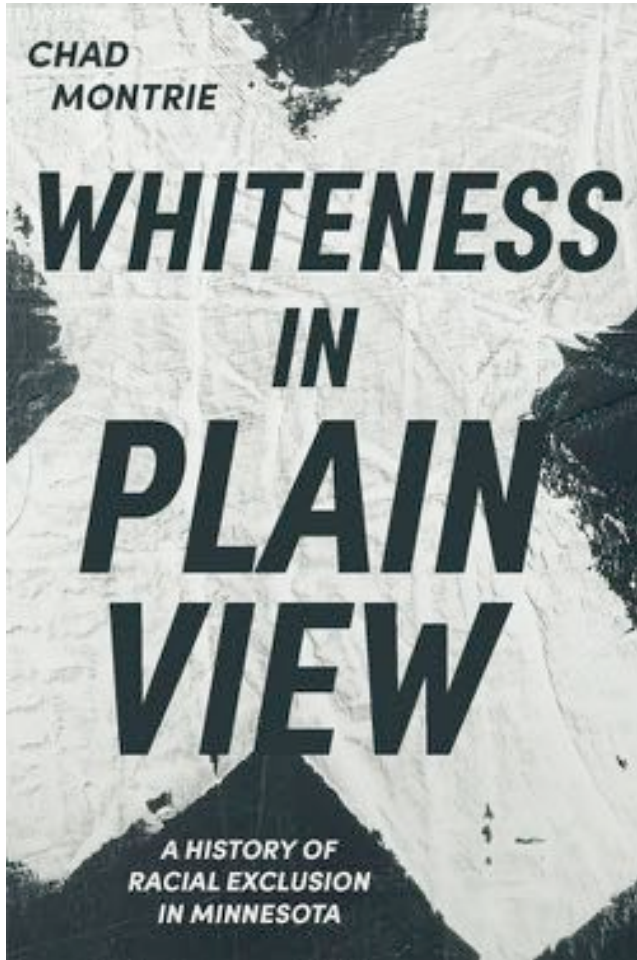


Workshops cost \$15 and will be offered throughout the spring starting March 29. Scholarships are available. More information and a schedule of workshops are available by visiting <https://bluethumb.org/events/> or calling 651-699-2426. [Blue Thumb](#) is coordinated by [Metro Blooms](#), a nonprofit that partners with communities to create resilient landscapes and foster clean watersheds, embracing the values of equity and inclusion to solve environmental challenges.

Registration is open for Blue Thumb's Resilient Yards workshops to help home gardeners meet the challenges of climate change. These workshops, offered virtually, teach earth-friendly actions that mitigate the impacts of heat waves, flooding rains, and habitat loss through rain gardens, native planting, and other do-it-yourself tactics. These actions are especially important in urban settings, where hard surfaces like roads and sidewalks absorb heat, causing heat islands, and send runoff into sewers that empty into and pollute our lakes and streams.

There are two main workshops: Resilient Yards and Pollinator Lawns (also called Turf Alternatives). For both, registrants will be encouraged to watch an online presentation before the workshop. This "homework" prepares participants to get the best from the virtual workshop with experts. Resilient Yards will cover resilience, site assessment, rain gardens, native planting, designing with trees and shrubs, turf alternatives, and other information for an eco-friendly yard. Pollinator Lawns/Turf Alternatives will focus on options to traditional turf lawns including flowering lawns that support pollinators and that require less watering and mowing.

Hennepin History Museum: April 2022 Events



[Book Launch: Whiteness in Plain View: A History of Racial Exclusion in Minnesota](#)

Saturday, April 9, 5:30-7:30 pm

Author and historian Chad Montrie discusses his book which documents a legacy of racial exclusion in Minnesota state politics, economy, and culture.

Location: Hennepin History Museum.
Reservations required.

Cost: Pay As You Can



[Community Care in Action: Mutual Aid Archival Exploration](#)

Saturday, April 23, 11 am-1 pm

Can we make a truly just nation? What would it take? We'll look back at photographs, objects, and documents from the Museum's archives as we discuss the impact of mutual aid.

Location: Mixed Blood Theatre.
Reservations required.

Cost: Pay As You Can



[Then & Now: A Community Conversation on Public Schools](#)

Saturday, April 30, 10 am-12 pm

We welcome the South Minneapolis community and current school board members to an informal conversation about ongoing educational issues/policies.

Location: Hennepin History Museum.
Reservations required.

Cost: Pay As You Can

For further information on all HHM events: <https://hennepinhistory.org/events/>

All Youth Programs & Sports are Free at 17 Minneapolis Parks Beginning this Summer

Registration fees have been eliminated for all youth programs, activities and sports leagues based at Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) parks, recreation centers and facilities within census-designated “areas of concentrated poverty.”

This new policy applies to any Minneapolis resident 17 and under signing up for any activity at one of 17 MRPB sites within a designated area. It begins with the start of summer youth program registration, which opened March 2 and will continue at least through the year.

The **sites with free youth programs** include Bottineau Park, Central Gym, East Phillips Park, Elliot Park, Farview Park, Folwell Park, Harrison Park, Kroening Nature Center, **Luxton Park**, North Commons Park, Painter Park, Peavey Park, Phillips Park, Powderhorn Park, Stewart Park, Van Cleve Park and Whittier Park.



In addition, three Rec Plus School-Age Childcare sites are now donation-based: Harrison Park, Matthews Park and Webber Park.

Visit minneapolisparcs.org/register to browse all MPRB programs online. You can also drop by or call your local recreation center to ask about upcoming programs and sign up. [Read more about the free youth programs and sports on the MPRB website.](#)

Each year, the City of Minneapolis recognizes Youth Violence Prevention Week to raise awareness about youth violence prevention. This year, the City will support Youth Violence Prevention Week between April 2 – April 10. Through a diverse array of community-driven activities, we will help encourage a healthy and safe start to spring. The goals of this annual weeklong campaign are to raise awareness about violence as a public health issue and to empower young people, families, and the community around effective ways to prevent or reduce youth violence. For questions or more information, please email ViolencePrevention@minneapolismn.gov

To learn more about the Minneapolis Office of Violence Prevention, please visit <https://www2.minneapolismn.gov/government/departments/health/office-violence-prevention/>

Futsal Tournament, hosted by Harambee Sports Club

- * Saturday April 2nd, 9am-7pm
- * East Phillips Park Cultural and Community Center, 2307 S 17 th Ave
- * Harambee Sports Club will run a FREE 2-day futsal (indoor soccer) tournament for high school-aged young people (grades 9-12).

Youth Empowerment Breakfast & Training, hosted by Brothers EMpowered

- * Saturday April 2nd, 10am-2pm
- * 121 Washington Ave S
- * This event will include a breakfast, training, group session, and open gym, and is meant to help young people explore self-identity and purpose and build knowledge, self-awareness, and leadership skills.

Youth Violence Prevention Event, hosted by African American Survivor Services

- * Saturday April 2 nd , 1pm-3pm and Sunday April 3 rd , 1pm-3pm
- * Kmart parking lot, Lake St/1 st Ave S
- * At this POP-UP Showcase event, youth participants will showcase/perform expressive forms of art related to their visions of the issues of violence in their community. On the second day, space will be created for youth participants to interact and share ideas around violence prevention policy changes and prevention strategies.

Prospective to Change, hosted by House of Conversion

- * Saturday April 2nd, 1pm-4pm
- * North Commons, 1801 James Ave N

* This event will bring together community around making an impact on violence prevention. It will include food, activities, and discussion.

Video Booth-Solutions for Violence at The Northside, hosted by Pan Asian Arts Alliance

* Saturday April 2nd, 9am-12pm

* UROC, 2001 Plymouth Ave N

* An opportunity for North Minneapolis young people and residents to creatively express their ideas around violence prevention strategies and solutions through short video testimonials.

Youth Violence Prevention Game Night, hosted by The Hope Project MN

* Saturday April 2nd, 4pm-9pm

* New Rules, 2015 Lowry Ave

* A night of board games, video games, food, fun, and positive and safe activities for young people with messaging around conflict resolution.

All-Star Weekend Game, hosted by T.O.U.C.H Outreach

* Saturday April 2nd, 2pm-5pm and Sunday April 3 rd , 2pm-5pm

* South High School, 3131 19th Ave S

* This event will be filled with team and family style games and sports to provide safe, engaging, and positive activities for young people and their families. It will include a 3-point contest and dunk contest with prizes.

Community Youth Anti-Violence Chess/Game Day, hosted by Wellspring Second Chance Center

* Saturday April 2nd, 2pm-6pm

* Shiloh Temple, 1201 West Broadway.

* Chess, checkers, and Jenga tournaments and food, will support youth development, foster skills that can protect against community violence; provide fun and friendly activity.

Coyle Cup, hosted by Pillsbury United Communities – Brian Coyle Center

* Tuesday April 5th, Wednesday April 6 th , Thursday April 7 th , and Friday April 8 th , 4pm-10pm

* Brian Coyle Center, 420 15th Ave S

* The Coyle Cup is a series of basketball tournaments meant to provide safe space, build healthy body and mind, provide social and emotional supports from positive adults, and create fun and interactive learning opportunities.

Youth Safety and Violence Prevention Camp, hosted by We Push For Peace

- * Wednesday April 6th, 10am-2pm

- * 1300 Lagoon, Suite 240

- * This event will help equip young people ages 10-14 with strategies for daily personal safety, coping skills, and empowerment.

Hope Fest, hosted by Restoration Inc

- * Wednesday April 6th, 12pm-4pm

- * Sanctuary Covenant Church, 710 West Broadway

- * This family-friendly event is intended to promote violence-free and healing spaces that instill hope and promote healing and where young people and families can have fun. It will include food, door prizes, sports, music, art, fitness, dance, and healing.

Spring Break Jam, hosted by Futsal Society and the Whittier Recreation Center

- * Thursday April 7th, 5pm-8pm

- * Whittier Recreation Center, 425 W 26th Ave

- * This night of fun and engaging activities for young people ages 12-18 will include food, music, bingo, basketball, and soccer competitions.

Youth Violence Prevention Basketball Tournament, hosted by One Step Forward

- * Friday April 8th, 1pm-4pm

- * Harold Mezile North Community YMCA, 1711 West Broadway Ave

- * This event is meant to empower young people through physical activity, provide safe and positive spaces, increase awareness of youth violence prevention, and provide information and resources to young people and families. It will include a basketball tournament, live entertainment, guest speakers, and food.

3 vs 3 Tournament, hosted by Don't Shoot Guns Shoot Hoops

- * Saturday April 9th at 12pm and Sunday April 10th at 9am

- * Colin Powell Center, 2924 4th Ave S

- * This event will use basketball tournament to create a safe space for young people and bring awareness to gun violence prevention.

My Neighborhood is Safer Because of Me, hosted by Asian Media Access

- * Saturday April 2nd through 8th

- * This is a social media campaign that will span numerous YVP week events. Young will attend YVP week events and share their comments and experiences using the hashtag #MyNeighborhoodIsSaferBecauseOfMe. The campaign is meant to give young people an opportunity to increase awareness of youth violence prevention, showcase their support for each other, be proud of what they have done around violence prevention, and support creative expression against violence.

Helpful COVID-19 Resources

Governor Walz' Response and Preparation

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

Free Covid-19 Testing Hennepin County

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

Additional Resources

[City of Minneapolis](#)

[MN Department of Health](#)

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

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

OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

- [Click to subscribe to MN Senator Kari Dziedzic's SD60 newsletter.](#)
- [Click to subscribe to MN Representative Mohamud Noor's 60B newsletter](#)
- [Sign up for Council Member Robin Wonsley Worlobah's Ward 2 newsletters and get updates on the ward and the city.](#)

[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!



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