



UPCOMING EVENTS	Committee Meetings 2828 SE University Ave, Suite 200	Community Meeting 22 Orlin Ave SE, PPUMC
Wednesday December 3 Storybook Workshop 6:30-8:30pm PPA Office, Suite 200 2828 University Avenue SE	Tuesday December 1 Zoning and Project Review 7pm Thursday December 3	No Community Meeting PPA does not host a Community or Board meeting in December. Happy Holidays!
Sunday December 13 Prospect Park Community Choir Concert PPUMC, 2pm 22 Orlin Avenue SE	Admin Commitee 6pm  Monday December 14 Executive Committee	ABOUT PPA The Prospect Park Association is the official neighborhood association for the Prospect Park Area.
Thursday December 17 Songs of the Season, 1-2pm St Francis Cabrini Church 1500 Franklin Avenue SE  Monday December 21 Community 'Happy Hour' Surly Brewing Co. 5-7pm 520 Malcolm Avenue SE	6:30pm  Membership & Communications Committee will not meet in December. The next meeting is Wednesday, January 6th	

## **Giving Thanks for Prospect Park**

We are so thankful for all volunteers, donors and neighbors who contribute to the Prospect Park Association. Give to the Max was a great day because we were able to see all of the support we have throughout the neighborhood. Donations to PPA go directly to support the advancement of the neighborhood's interests and building a stronger community. You can still donate to PPA on our <u>GiveMN page</u>. We will be giving thankyou gifts to donors through the end of the year. Thank you to all who support PPA!

As always, PPA is volunteer-run and volunteer-driven, and we are lucky to draw from a broad base of civic and professional expertise in our neighborhood. We as an organization get things done based on the actions we as individuals take together.

Whether you are new or experienced, just arriving or established, all of you are welcome to become involved at any level in PPA. We have task forces and committees working on many projects, and if you have a passion for something distinct, we can connect you with other people who share that interest in the neighborhood. If you want to know how to get started, just contact me at either the office (612) 767-6531 or by email.

See you around the neighborhood,

Jessica

PPA Community Engagement Coordinator

# **New Prospect Park T-Shirts Available**

These shirts are 100% cotton and printed with the words "PROSPECT PARK". Within the design there is a scene of sky and trees. The 'A' in 'Park' features the iconic Witch's Hat Water Tower silhouette. Show your neighborhood pride with the newest Prospect Park t-shirt! The shirts are on sale for \$15 and are available in the PPA office. Contact Jessica for office hours. Sizes XS, S, M, L and XL available. Perfect to give to the neighborhood enthusiast for the holidays!

#### **Drinks in the Park**

Get together with your neighbors for the holidays at Surly Brewing Company on Monday, December 21st from 5-7pm! This is a continuation of getting together to meet new neighbors and visit a local business. Surly will be celebrating their 1-year anniversary in December, so let's wish them well as a community! Surly is family-friendly and has non-alcoholic beverages available.

#### Let it Snow

This fresh snowfall serves as a great reminder to sign up for snow emergency alerts with the <u>City of Minneapolis</u>! Don't get towed this winter. If you are over the age of 65 and need assistance with shoveling please contact SE Seniors at 612-331-2302.

# Organics Recycling Coming to Prospect Park

Green organics recycling carts for collecting food scraps, food-soiled paper products and other compostable items such as coffee grounds, dryer lint, and pet and human hair are now dotting alleys and curbsides around the city. As of October 26, 2015 just over 31% of the city's solid waste and recycling customers have signed up for organics recycling; that is just over 33,500 households participating. Solid Waste & Recycling has delivered a cart to over 12,000 homes in Phase 1 neighborhoods. Another 21,548 households have signed up in Phase 2 neighborhoods. Phase 2 households will receive carts next spring. Carts have been delivered to over 12,000 homes in Phase 1 neighborhoods (including Prospect Park west of 27th Avenue SE). Over 21,500 households have signed up in Phase 2 neighborhoods, and these will get carts next spring.

There is no additional cost to residents to sign up. Sign up to get an organics recycling cart by calling Solid Waste & Recycling office 612-673-3536 or by emailing <a href="SWRcustomer@minneapolismn.gov">SWRcustomer@minneapolismn.gov</a> If you do not have an organics cart yet, all Minneapolis residents can use the residential organics drop-offs located in seven different parks throughout the City. Visit the drop-offs section of the City's organics page at <a href="www.minneapolismn.gov/organics">www.minneapolismn.gov/organics</a> for a listing of the drop-off locations.

# Schedule a Home Energy Squad Visit

Join over 7,000 Minneapolis homeowners who have participated in Home Energy Squad Enhanced. Since 2009 Home Energy Squad Enhanced has been helping homeowners save energy and money in their homes.

For \$70, a team of trusted energy consultants with Home Energy Squad Enhanced will:

- Install of energy saving materials: door weather stripping, a water heater blanket, programmable thermostat, CFL's and high-efficiency water fixtures
- Perform a blower door test to measure your home for air leaks
- Complete safety checks of your home heating system and water heater
- Conduct a complete insulation inspection

If your home needs insulation and air sealing upgrades Home Energy Squad Enhanced will provide you with a quote to get the work done, as well as a list of qualified contractors who can complete the work.

Schedule your Home Energy Squad Enhanced visit today! Call Beth at 612-335-5874 or visit <u>mncee.org/mpls</u>.

Home Energy Squad Enhanced is brought you by CenterPoint Energy and Xcel Energy and delivered by the Center for Energy and Environment (CEE), a Minneapolis nonprofit.

Note from Jessica: My husband and I recently had a Home Energy Squad visit and can already feel the effects! Our 110 year old house is much less drafty, all of our lightbulbs are now LED or CFL, two low-flow shower heads were installed and we have a reasonable quote for insulation installation from a CEE partner with all of the rebates we could get laid out before contracting the service. We highly recommend contacting CEE for this service!

## SE Seniors seeking volunteers

SE Seniors is in need of a office volunteer. This volunteer would assist with a variety of projects including mailings, data entry, phone calls, marketing, outreach and more. If you are interested in the position please call Marji Miller at 612-331-2302.

### **Yard Waste Collection**

Yard waste collection ended the week of November 16, 2015. If you still have yard waste that you'd like to get rid of before collection begins again next Spring, call Solid Waste & Recycling at 612-673-2917 and their Customer Service Representatives will provide you with locations that accept yard waste. Fees may apply at locations accepting yard waste.

The nearest site that accepts yard waste is SKB at 630 Malcolm, (612) 331-4610. Call the city or SKB for information.

#### TCF Bank Stadium Schedule

#### Remaining 2015 Season:

Dec 06 12 pm - Vikings vs Seahawks

Dec 20 12 pm - Vikings vs Bears

Dec 27 12 pm - Vikings vs Giants

#### Potential Vikings Playoff Games:

(start times will be late afternoon or evening)

Jan 09 or 10 - Wild Card

Jan 16 or 17 - Division

Jan 24 - NFC Championship\*

\*These events will also have entertainment and pyrotechnics added on, with sound checks and rehearsals occurring in the evenings prior to game day.

# Prospect Park Association Documents

- Admin Report: November 2015
- Executive Committee Minutes: October 2015
- Executive Committee Special Meeting Minutes: October 2015
- MemComm Report: October 2015
- Zoning and Project Review Report: November 2015
- Board of Directors Minutes: October 2015

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