



November 2021 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> <p>Prospect Park Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and all donations are tax-deductible.</p>	<p>Community Building Committee Thursday November 4, 4:30pm</p> <p>Environment Committee Tuesday, November 9, 6:30pm</p> <p>Finance & Administrative Committee Tuesday, November 9, 6pm</p> <p>Land Use & Planning Committee Thursday, November 11, 7pm</p> <p>Transportation & Safety Committee Tuesday, November 16, 7:30pm</p>	<p>PPA Board Meeting & Community Meeting --virtual meeting-- Monday Dec. 6th 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, Nov. 29, 7pm</p>

GET INVOLVED!

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

Prospect Park Association Needs Your Help

PPA has been a united voice of the neighborhood for over 40 years—connecting Prospect Park with the city council, MNDOT, the Minneapolis Park Board and others. Much of the work is done by volunteers but there is a level of funding that is needed to support all the volunteer efforts. In the past most of that funding came from the City of Minneapolis. Recently, as part of the City's Neighborhoods 2020 initiative, PPA's funding has been reduced from \$42,000 to \$13,000. The PPA board has carefully reviewed their budget and have taken measures to cut the operating budget by giving up their office space and reducing staff to 1 half time employee. This still leaves a large gap in the budget.

In the past few years, the PPA has been responsible for:

- Reopening sidewalks between Williams and Arthur (benefitting children from Glendale who attend Pratt School)
- Traffic calming measures around Pratt and other neighborhood areas.
- Implementation of a neighborhood climate action and resilience plan.
- Fundraising for and installing 3 community rain gardens.
- Hosting an eco-tour with the Garden Club as part of their annual garden walk.
- Crafting guidelines for development in the neighborhood.
- Working with Glendale Townhome residents and others to resolve long-standing parking issues at Glendale.

In order to continue to do such work, we need your help.

PPA has been a means for the neighborhood to craft a strong, influential voice from individual concerns. We welcome your ongoing participation in crafting that voice.

Please consider donating to PPA on our [GiveMN page](#) on a monthly basis. Any amount is greatly appreciated, but a monthly donation allows the PPA to better forecast the budget.

Thanks, [Mary Britton](#) PPA Board Member and Environment Committee Chair

give **MAX**

Nov. 18, 2021

PPA is participating in the 13th annual Give to the Max giving event taking place this year starting on Monday, Nov. 1 and culminating on Thursday, Nov. 18.

Give to the Max is a statewide giving event that raises millions each year for more than 6,000 causes across Minnesota and beyond. Considered Minnesota's holiday for generosity, donors have given more than \$225 million since the inaugural Give to the Max Day in 2009.

PPA has been hard at work making positive and tangible impacts in your community.

To keep PPA's future bright,
please give today.



[CLICK HERE TO DONATE TO PPA'S GIVE TO THE MAX FUNDRAISER](#)

The Transportation & Safety Committee is looking for your ideas about how we can redesign the space at the **intersection of Orlin and Seymour** to calm traffic, and create more welcoming public spaces. If you have ideas for this space, please share them with the committee at transportation@prospectparkmpls.org by **November 15**.

If you attended the meeting on 20 July, we have notes from the meeting and welcome new ideas from people who could not attend.



New to organics recycling?

Learn how to collect organics in your home at an upcoming informational session:

Tuesday November 9, 2021 (6 – 7 p.m.): [Join session](#)

NEW: Organics Recycling Drop-Off at Towerside Park!



- When:** Starting November 9th, 2021
- Where:** Towerside Park, West side of pavilion, 2901 4th St.
- What:** Bring your organics to this public drop-off site. Free for residential use. Sign up online today!
- Sign up:** minneapolismn.gov/organics-dropoffs

How to participate?

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3

- 1.** Collect organics in compostable bags throughout your home, including the kitchen, bathroom and bedroom.
- 2.** Place your bagged organics in an organics bin at Holmes Park.
- 3.** Organics are collected weekly and delivered to an industrial composting site.



Questions?

Join a virtual informational session:

- Monday November 1st, 6:00—7:00 p.m.
- Tuesday November 9th, 6:00—7:00 p.m.

minneapolismn.gov/organics-dropoffs



Emergency Rent Assistance Available

HENNEPIN COUNTY MINNESOTA

The state of Minnesota has announced an end to the eviction moratorium. You may still be protected from eviction for past due rent if you have a pending application for COVID-19 rent assistance through [The Zero Balance Project](#) or [RentHelpMN](#).

If renters are behind on rent, they should call 211 or go to www.renthelpmn.org to start the process.

In Hennepin County you can also go to www.hennepin.us/rent-help. You can get assistance from either fund but not both.

Create meals, not waste:

Join Hennepin County's Stop Food Waste Challenge

We love food, which leaves us wondering: why do we let so much of it go to waste? About 40% of food is wasted somewhere along the supply chain, and you may be surprised to learn that much of that food waste happens at home.

Improve your food-waste-fighting skills with the Stop Food Waste Challenge

Learning skills like creating a meal plan, buying just what you need at the grocery store, cooking creatively, and properly storing food can have a big impact on reducing the amount of food in your home that goes to waste.

Join Hennepin County's online Stop Food Waste Challenge at hennepinfoodwaste.ecochallenge.org to learn easy, practical skills that will help you stop wasting food, put more money in your pocket, and create a healthier environment.

How the challenge works

The challenge goes from October 13 to November 10. Create your profile, join or start a team, then browse the categories and actions. Select up to five one-time actions and five daily actions to make progress on during the four-week challenge. It's recommended that everyone starts with tracking their food waste for one week – it's the best way to learn what's going to waste in your household and identify ways to prevent it.



During the challenge, you will get email updates with resources and tips for taking action, access to reducing food waste webinars, and opportunities to connect with others.

PPA Board/Community Meeting and Approved Minutes

Upcoming PPA Board/Community Meeting:

All community members welcome!

Monday, December 6, 2021, 6:30-8:30 pm

Virtual meeting access and the board agenda will be provided in PPA's upcoming newsletter and on the ppe-list.

PPA Meeting Minutes and Committee Reports approved at the October 25 Board meeting:

[August 23, 2021 Board Meeting](#)

[September 27, 2021 Board Meeting](#)

[September 9, 2021 Community Building Committee](#)

[September 21 and October 5, 2021 Finance and Admin Committee](#)

Fall Clean-Up

Fall is in the air, and soon fall raking will be upon us! Southeast Seniors is seeking volunteers to help rake leaves at the homes of neighborhood seniors. A great opportunity to be outside, get some exercise, and help a neighbor! We can provide bags and rakes. For more information on helping out, or to sign up for this free service available to folks over age 65 living in 55414, please contact Ann at ann@seseniors.org or call 612-331-2302. Thank you!

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 Nov 4 & Thu Dec 2

Time: 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Cost: Free

Call Southeast Seniors at 612-331-2302 to register!

The programs below are co-sponsored by Southeast Seniors and Minneapolis Community Education and will be held via Zoom.

To register or for more information,

- contact Southeast Seniors at 612-331-2302 or info@seseniors.org

- provide your name, phone number and email.

Registration closes at midnight the evening prior to the program to ensure participants receive the Zoom link and handouts (if applicable) prior to the start of the class

We're in America Now: A Survivor's Stories

Wednesday, November 10 th, 1:30-2:30 pm

Local author Fred M.B. Amram will describe his experiences as a child in Nazi Germany and as a refugee in a new country with a new language and culture. He will also explore how memoirs are written and how difficult it is to assure truth given that we all have faulty memories. Although the Holocaust was horrific, Amram's writing and speaking capture the bitter and the sweet.

Fred M. B. Amram is a retired award-winning professor of communication and creativity. He has authored books and articles about creativity, inventors, robotics, and communication. Professor Amram has been curator of exhibitions about creativity and woman inventors throughout the United States. He has provided worldwide consulting services to industry, government agencies, and educational institutions . . . and he invents. In presenting Professor Amram the Patent and Trademark Office's prestigious Excellence in Education Award, the Commissioner of the PTO referred to Amram as "excellence in education personified."

Fred was born in Hannover, Germany, where he experienced the early years of the Holocaust. As a child survivor, Fred's memory of events is surprisingly clear. Although the transition to a new language and culture was difficult, the alternatives were worse. Consequently, his adopted country truly became a land of opportunity where one could build a new life and become more than a "survivor." The loss of uncles, aunts, a grandmother and many more relatives has motivated him to share his story and to speak against genocide everywhere.

Fred's popular memoir became his recent transition from scholarly writing to storytelling. He is currently working on a novel and a table-top art book.

Curbs, Floors & Chairs- The Key to Independence **Wednesday, November 17th, 1:30-2:30 pm**

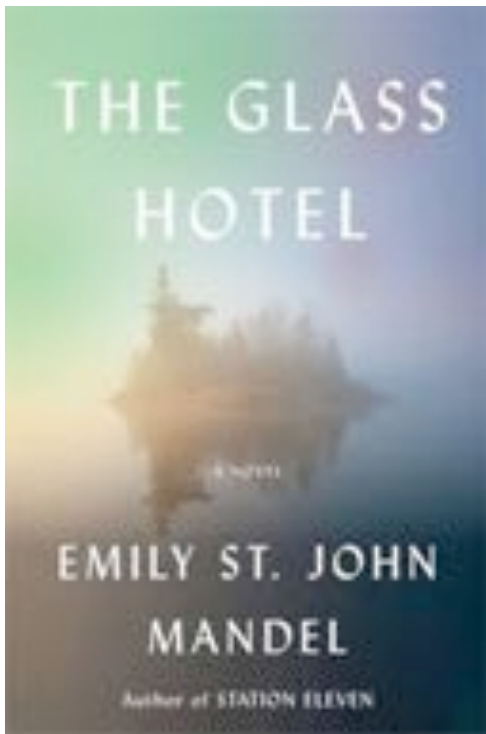
All movement and activity, including stepping onto curbs, getting off the floor or rising from low couches, requires good balance, joint mobility and coordination. Learn tips and exercises that you can practice to continue getting on, up and over the physical obstacles in your life.

Gail Johnson is the Health & Wellness Manager for CommonBond Communities, a low-income housing provider based in St. Paul, MN. She is a nationally certified Health & Wellness Coach and Group Fitness Instructor. She holds a MN State License in Occupational Therapy, and she is a Master Trainer for the S.A.I.L. (Staying Active and Independent for Life) program, an evidence-based fall prevention exercise program. Gail enjoys sharing health information and leading fitness classes. She has been teaching active older adult programs for about 18 years.



Virtual Meeting - November 18th, 7:00pm – 8:30pm

The Glass Hotel by Emily St. John Mandel



Are you ever at a loss as to what to write in an attempt to convince people of the general public to attend your free book club? Me too! That said, if you enjoy reading and hearing what other people have to say about books and pop-culture in a very welcoming and fun space, you should join us!

Hosted by Kyle and Joyce from Arvonne Fraser Library, this book club will meet the second Thursday of every month.

Registration for this book discussion can be found here: [https://hclib.bibliocommons.com/events/search/q=the%20glass%20hotel/event/611bee5b4b14ec3d00c9440d](https://hclib.bibliocommons.com/events/search?q=the%20glass%20hotel/event/611bee5b4b14ec3d00c9440d)

The link to the live online discussion will be emailed to registrants in advance (within 48 hours of the event).

eBooks or downloadable audiobooks available through www.hclib.org.

Physical copies available for check-out at Arvonne Fraser Library.

[Read Councilmember Cam Gordon's October Newsletter](#)

[Subscribe to MN Senator Kari Dziedzic's newsletter.](#)

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

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Additional Resources

[City of Minneapolis](#) [MN Department of Health](#)

[Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#) [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

[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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