




August 2023 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;">Donate to PPA</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, September 14, 4:30pm</p> <p>Environment Committee Thursday August 8, 6:30pm (agenda below)</p> <p>Finance & Administration Committee does not meet in August</p> <p>Land Use & Planning Committee Thursday August 10. 7:00pm</p> <p>Transportation & Safety Committee Wednesday, August 9, 7:30pm (agenda below)</p>	<p>PPA Board Meeting & Community Meeting</p> <p>--virtual meeting-- Monday August 28th 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 Sets Community & Board Meeting Agendas Monday, August 21, 7pm</p>

GET INVOLVED!

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

Donate to Prospect Park Association

Prospect Park Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. All donations are tax-deductible.

[Please donate to PPA at GiveMN](#)

Simply click for online GiveMN or mail checks to PPA, P.O. Box 141095, Minneapolis 55414.



Prospect Park Association needs your financial support!

Why Give? PPA improves our neighborhood by supporting dedicated volunteers who work on projects and activities, such as:

- Traffic-calming measures so children can play safely near Pratt School.
- The Jackson Family Playground Project at Pratt School.
- PPA Environment & Sustainability Committee “25% by ’25 Initiative” neighborhood climate action and resilience plan.
- New trees in Glendale and sites along University Avenue.
- Working with community partners and the City of Minneapolis to reopen the Witch’s Hat Water Tower.
- After-school arts project giving students the opportunity to work with mentors from their communities on leadership development, creativity, and collaboration.
- Improving pedestrian and biking safety in our neighborhood.
- Keeping us informed so we can advocate for changes to “Rethinking I-94” (see link in this newsletter).
- Installing three community rain gardens.
- Creating a “Welcome to Prospect Park” electronic resource guide for new residents (see link to guide in this newsletter.)
- Annual yard & tailgate sale.
- Fast-tracking reconstruction of the walkway between Williams and Arthur so children from Glendale can get to school safely.
- Neighborhood clean-up and Earth Day.
- And hopefully, bringing back Prospect Park’s Ice Cream Social (see call for volunteers in this newsletter).

Founded in 1901, PPA’s mission is to promote, in a non-partisan, educational and cooperative manner, the health, safety and general welfare of the neighborhood and to promote the maintenance and improvement of the aesthetic, residential and physical qualities of the neighborhood environment.

PPA is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization. If you prefer to give by check, our mailing address is: PPA, PO Box 141095, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

[Please donate to PPA at GiveMN so that we can continue working for our neighborhood.](#)

Thank you! Eric Amel President, Prospect Park Association

Prospect Park Ice Cream Social 2024?



Interested in volunteering to plan and carry out a Prospect Park Ice Cream Social in 2024? Attend an information session on Monday, September 25th at 6:30pm at Prospect Park United Methodist Church. It's been several years since Prospect Park Association and Pratt PTO worked together to host the annual Pratt Ice Cream Social and things have changed.

At the info session you'll learn what's changed and what resources are available for a 2024 Ice Cream Social. Hope to see you there!

PPA Transportation and Safety Committee to Discuss MnDOT Plans for I-94

MnDOT has released several alternatives for the future of I-94.

See here:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNDOT/bulletins/365b43a>

The Transportation and Safety Committee will discuss these plans at its next meeting on Wednesday, August 9 at 7:30 PM. Zoom Link for the meeting is here:

<https://umn.zoom.us/j/92109556771>

Meeting ID: 921 0955 6771

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The PPA Environment Committee will meet at 6:30pm on August 8.

Discussion items will include a review of national night out, Neighborhood cleanup in September, and the 25x25 0/0 campaign.

We'll meet at Luxton Park. All are welcome.

The Prospect Park Neighborhood Guide - *Summer Edition*



- Upcoming things to do or see in Prospect Park
 - Ways to stay connected
 - Business and Nonprofit Directory
 - Renter Resources
 - Local Government Resources
 - How to Get Around
- Ways to volunteer on behalf of our neighborhood and more!

[Please share this guide with neighbors—and check it out yourself.](#)

Do you have a suggestion or correction? PPA will update the guide several times per year. Community members to help keep this guide up to date.

[Please suggest a resource for the guide here.](#) Thank you!



OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

August Events at Luxton Park!

Luxton Summer Celebration - August 9th, 4-8 PM

Twin Cities Mobile Jazz Project-Live Music, Arvonne Library, Parcel Arts, Community Information Tables



Movie in the Park on the big screen - August 29th
Space Jam: A New Legacy (2021)

Movie will start at dusk (approximately 9:15 PM)

BF50 4th Street Festival & Garden Gathering during National Night Out!
August 1st at 5:30PM



BF50 will have a Shared NNO Community Food Table located at the corner of 4th Street & 29th Ave - Alongside Bridal Veil Gardens. Please bring your favorite sustainable food to share with the community. Everyone is encouraged to bring their favorite drinks & their own Utensils, to include: Cups/Bowls/ Plates/Forks/Spoons, Napkins, etc.



Lawn Chairs, Sunscreen and a Water Bottle is suggested!



We will see you on August 1st at 5:30PM.

BF50 4TH STREET FESTIVAL & GARDEN GATHERING WITH MPLS BRIDAL VEIL GARDENS

HIGHLIGHTING:
Spoken Word Artists
And Drummer
Vocalists & Comedian
Ward 2 Council Member
Environmental Organizations
Mississippi Water Watershed Management Organization
Calming Arts Activity Zone
"Our Urban Canopy"

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1ST
2905-2909 4TH STREET SE
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55414
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT!

UrbanFarmDirect@gmail.com

Free Event! **5:30-7:30PM**



PROSPECT PARK United Methodist Church

BUILDING BELOVED COMMUNITY

Saturday, August 5 | Saturday, September 9 | Saturday, October 5

Building Beloved Community is a program tailored for preschool through 4th graders to learn about caring for the earth and caring for each other.

Programming will include music, art, and other activities tailored to different ages/developmental needs. Children can attend individual sessions or the full series. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to attend with their children. For more information and to register, visit www.prospectparkchurch.org.



On August 28, the Twin Cities community will come together to honor the enduring legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and commemorate the 60th anniversary of the historic March on Washington for Jobs & Freedom

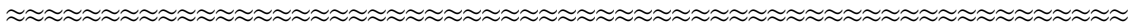
Let Freedom Ring is a commemorative procession down Northrop Mall at the University of Minnesota, followed by a concert on Northrop's Carlson Family Stage. The concert, curated by G. Phillip Shoultz, III, associate artistic director of VocalEssence, will feature dynamic artists who will activate memories of the Civil Rights era, inspiring us to stand in solidarity as we renew our commitment to do the work required to secure liberty and justice for all. Among the featured artists are:

- **Jovonta Patton**: As a five-time #1 chart-topping Billboard recording artist, Jovonta Patton's uplifting and accessible "pop-gospel" music has captured the hearts of many.
- **Joe Davis & The Poetic Diaspora**: Blending old school and new school hip hop, R&B, funk and soul, Joe Davis & The Poetic Diaspora will present a soul-stirring performance that tells stories of struggle, resilience and celebration.
- **Threads Dance Project**: A contemporary ballet company that seeks to celebrate and explore the threads that unite humanity, Threads Dance Project will use dance as a powerful medium to create dialogue, acceptance and understanding.
- **G. Phillip Shoultz, III**: No stranger to using the power of spoken word and song to inspire communities, G. Phillip Shoultz, III fosters unity and action among people of all ages and abilities.

The event will kick off at 5:30 p.m. with a commemorative procession down Northrop Mall, culminating with remarks from the steps of Northrop. At 6 p.m., the audience will be seated for the Let Freedom Ring concert. Local resource tables will be available for exploration during this time.

Admission to the Let Freedom Ring concert is free, but reservations are required. Attendees can reserve their tickets online to secure their spot for this unforgettable evening of celebration and remembrance.

This event is made possible by the collaborative efforts of the U of M College of Liberal Arts and Northrop, and VocalEssence. The concert is the signature event of CLA's [Dream Initiative](#),



Household hazardous waste drop-off event



Hennepin County is hosting a community collection event where county residents can safely and properly dispose of unwanted garden and household hazardous wastes.

Upcoming event in Minneapolis

9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 11, and Saturday, Aug. 12
Patrick Henry High School, 4320 Newton Ave. N.

Learn more

[Visit Hennepin County's household hazardous waste collection event webpage](#) for a list of items you can bring to the event, to review safety guidelines, and to see the list of all 2023 events.

Thriving Solo at 65+

Wed, August 16, 1:30 - 3 PM
Van Cleve Park Rec Center
901 15th Ave. SE, Minneapolis



Cultivating connection for preparedness, resiliency, & well-being.

Connect with others in similar life situations & participate in activities to increase well-being, preparedness and belonging.

Afternoon includes guest speakers - Linda Camp, Georgia Afton & Sharee Marcus - Qi Gong, resource table, and snacks.

REGISTER/DETAILS: Call Southeast Seniors at 612-331-2302 or email ann@seseniors.org.



Council Member Wonsley:

Contact or Share Your Opinion or Address an Issue Any Time

E-mail Council Member Wonsley and her staff at ward2@minneapolismn.gov

Or contact staff directly:

[Policy Aide Celeste Robinson](#)

[Policy Aide Qannani Omar](#)

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