




July 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;">Donate to PPA</p>  <p>Prospect Park Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and all donations are tax-deductible.</p>	<p>Community Building Committee July meeting cancelled.</p> <p>Environment Committee July meeting cancelled.</p> <p>Finance & Administration Committee No meeting this month</p> <p>Land Use & Planning Committee Thursday, July 14, 7:00pm</p> <p>Transportation & Safety Committee Wednesday, July 13, 7:30pm</p>	<p>PPA Board Meeting & Community Meeting --virtual meeting-- Monday July 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, July 18, 7pm</p>

GET INVOLVED!

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

Proposed New PPA Bylaws

PPA's Board of Directors will vote to adopt new bylaws on August 22nd 2022. [Click here to read the proposed new bylaws, including descriptions of major changes.](#) PPA's proposed bylaws were reviewed by Birken Law, a firm specializing in nonprofit law, and meet requirements established by Neighborhood Community Relations (NCR) for neighborhood organizations. [PPA's current bylaws are here.](#)
Email finance@prospectparkmpls.org if you have questions.

PPA Board/Community Meeting and Approved Minutes

Upcoming PPA Board/Community Meeting:

All community members welcome! **Monday, July 25, 2022, 6:30-8:30pm**
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 June 27 Board meeting:

[Board/Community Meeting, April 25, 2022](#)

[Transportation & Safety and Land Use, May 11, 2022](#)

[Transportation & Safety Committee, June 8, 2022](#)

[Environment Committee, February 8, 2022](#)

[Environment Committee, March 8, 2022](#)

[Environment Committee April 12, 2022](#)

[Community Building Committee, April 7, 2022](#)

Big Thank You

The June 18 Eco-Tour/Yard Sales/Rain Gardens/ Electric Bike event was wonderfully successful!

I'd like to thank everyone who volunteered by opening up their homes for the eco-tours and hosting yard sales.

I especially want to call out the following folks who volunteered their time to organize, promote and run the events.

Lydia McAnerney - Eco Tour organizer

Jenny Mitschlitch - Yard Sales organizer

Britt Howell & Lupe Castillo (BritFit 50 Indigenous Health) - Electric Bike and Scooter demo organizers

Julie Wallace, Dan Bielenberg, Mary Legris, Kevin Low, Chris Mocosko - Community Rain Garden Tabling

Stacey Boots Camp - MNCEE Home Energy Audits

Kathleen Davis, Jane Stockman, Liza Davitch, Andy Mickel - Prep work and communications

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Mary Britton, PPA Environment Committee Chair

P.S. If folks are interested in volunteering for future Environment Committee events, please email us at environment@prospectparkmpls.org. It really makes a difference!



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Prospect Park Association Needs Your Support!

[Please donate to PPA at GiveMN](#)

Prospect Park Association needs your support. The City of Minneapolis reduced PPA's funding by 64%. To help fill the gap, PPA closed its office and reduced staff by half, but it's not enough. This year we need to raise \$7,000 so our half-time staff person can continue providing support to PPA's volunteer board and committee efforts.

Why give?

- PPA installed traffic-calming measures so children can play safely near Pratt School.
- PPA leveraged funds to support an after-school program for Pratt School children during the pandemic.
- PPA delivered on a neighborhood climate action and resilience plan.
- PPA raised funds from community partners to install three rain gardens.
- PPA hosted a second "Heal the Earth" Eco-Tour on June 18th this year.
- PPA is collaborating with the Pratt PTO to design the Jackson Family Memorial Playground at Pratt School.

"Thank you for considering a one-time or repeating donation! I used the GiveMN link and it was super easy to set up a monthly schedule. I like donating to our neighborhood. Our family is grateful to live in Prospect Park and be a part of this community. PPA gets so much great work done with a network of volunteers - I see it in action each month! PPA is being frugal given the loss of city funding, and our contributions will make all the difference. Thanks again!" Laura Preus

"PPA makes a vital difference to the neighborhood. The staff effort your donation will support provides continuity and professionalism to help our community organize to be a better place. PPA's work towards the vision of creating a shared street, gathering place, and new playground on Malcolm Ave is making our neighborhood a better place to be." Evan Roberts

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, P.O. Box 141095, Minneapolis, MN 55414. Please donate to PPA at [GiveMN](#) so we can continue working for our neighborhood. Thank you!

Laura Preus
PPA Board Member

Evan Roberts
PPA Transportation & Safety Committee Chair

Summer Community Engagement Sessions - Addressing Race-based Policing



Following a two-year pattern or practice [investigation](#), the Minnesota Department of Human Rights (MDHR) found that the City and Minneapolis Police Department engage in race-based policing.

This summer, in partnership with the [MDHR](#), the [MNJRC](#) has agreed to lead the official community outreach strategy for MDHR. **We will be holding 5 [community engagement sessions](#)** to gather ideas from community members on how to best address race-based policing through a consent decree. What we learn from community members will be included in a report to MDHR that will inform the content for a consent decree with the City of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Police Department.

Please visit mnjrc.org/events to RSVP for these events and to learn more about this important project.

What is a Consent Decree? A consent decree is a court-enforceable agreement that identifies specific changes to be made and timelines for those changes to occur. [View the video here to learn more.](#)

To learn more about what community engagement has been done thus far, check out our recent [blog](#) by Audel Shokohzadeh (Community Engagement Director for the MDHR).

Outside of the above engagement sessions, the MNJRC has developed a comprehensive toolkit to support anyone interested in leading an independent session. If your organization is interested in hosting an event, please email us at kayla@mnjrc.org for more information and access to our toolkit.

Thank you for supporting our work and caring about these important issues. We hope you can join us in July to contribute to this critical opportunity!



Join Us For Open Streets Franklin!

Join BF50 Indigenous Health for our Annual Bike Tour & Block Party during Franklin Open Streets - July 10th, 11:00AM - 4:30PM. This year our Featured Artist is Natchez Beaulieu. Read more on [EventBrite](#). Bike Tour begins at 1:30PM Sharp! Arrive by 1:15PM to complete your waivers. Get your Tickets before we fill up! Electric Bikes & Scooters supplied by Nice Ride/Lyft. See you on the Street!



Rethinking I-94

[Register for the Twin Cities Boulevard Accountability Forum!](#)



Join us on Tuesday, July 19 as we call on MnDOT Commissioner Nancy Daubenberger, Minneapolis and St. Paul city leaders and Rethinking I-94 project decision makers to take steps toward repairing I-94's harms and making the Twin Cities Boulevard a reality.

This includes asking for a public commitment to apply for the Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program planning grant to fully evaluate a highway-to-boulevard conversion on I-94. [Send an email to decision makers here.](#)

[Click here to register for the virtual forum.](#)

A Thank You to the Community from Pratt Community Education

Beginning in Fall 2022, Pratt Community Education classes will be moved to our Seward Community Education site at 2309-28th Ave. South. Though we in Minneapolis Community Education would like to offer adult programs in every MPS building, it is not always possible. We are consolidating some of our program sites next fall for more efficient and accessible use of our buildings. Seward is a park-school complex connected with Matthews Park offering more rooms for classes. The availability of adequate adult-size furniture and adaptable program spaces at Pratt has changed as it has grown as an elementary school over recent years.

Many of our Pratt instructors will continue to teach at Seward, and with more available spaces we anticipate adding new classes. Pratt Coordinator, Jan Thurn, will be retiring at the end of this school year, and Kylei Burge serves as the coordinator at Seward. We have been working closely together to ensure a smooth transition and are excited about offering evening and Saturday adult and family programs at Seward. We will also continue to co-sponsor 55+ programs with Southeast Seniors at Van Cleve Park, The Pillars of Prospect Park, and other southeast Minneapolis locations.

Our sincere thanks to the Pratt community for your participation in our programs from the 1970s to present. We also appreciate all of the efforts of Pratt School, the Pratt PTO, the former Pratt Council, Prospect Park Association, Southeast Seniors, Prospect Park United Methodist Church, Van Cleve and Luxton Parks, and other community partners who we have worked with over the years to provide a variety of classes and special events. Our mission is to build strong communities and enhance living in the city of Minneapolis through lifelong learning. We hope you will continue to join us at Seward and our many other Minneapolis Community Education sites for future classes and programs. Please feel free to contact our Eastside Team Leader, Andrew Gramm at 612-668-2108 if you have any questions or ideas for new classes.

River of Hope would love to invite members of the Prospect Park Neighborhood to join us for our first Community Night!



[2nd Annual Share-the-Word Patio Party with Southeast Seniors!](#)



LOCATION: Pillars of Prospect Park Patio on 30th Ave SE, across from Fresh Thyme (In case of rain, 7th Floor Community Room at Pillars.)

DATE: Thursday, July 28

TIME: 6:00 – 7:30 pm - Drop by any time.

DETAILS: call SES at 612-331-2302.

Enjoy light refreshments and drumming performances by [Smiling Drum Studio](#). Join Southeast Seniors staff, volunteers, neighbors and supporters to learn more about what we do in the Southeast Minneapolis community!

ACTIVITY: NEW GROUP FOR LGBTQ SENIORS: EXPRESS YOURSELF!



LOCATION: The Pillars of Prospect Park, 1st Floor Café, 22 Malcolm Ave SE

DATE: First Friday of each month, beginning July 1

TIME: 7:00 - 8:30 pm

No pre-registration needed. Co-sponsored by SE Seniors and the Pillars of Prospect Park Activities planned based on interests - Crafts? Dancing? Conversation? Masks and confidentiality required, so everyone feels safe to attend. Note: Drivers may wish to arrive early as there is limited parking in The Pillars lot.

Please enter through the main door facing 30th Ave SE. Check in with the receptionist before heading north down the main hall to the Cafe. Your host, Trina Porte, has been seen and heard in the Minneapolis LGBTQ community since she came out in 1983. A poet, artist, teacher, former Pride board member, and lesbian of many interests, Trina looks forward to facilitating quality time for us at The Pillars while meeting other Community Elders!

Southeast Seniors is seeking volunteers for occasional yard work — trimming bushes, weeding, mowing, and other light yard chores. If you enjoy working outside and want to make a difference in your community, please consider this opportunity! Volunteer whenever you are available. For more information, contact Ann Carter at ann@seseniors.org or 612-331-2302.

CarFit



DATE: August 18, 8:30 -11:30 am

LOCATION: Van Cleve Park, 901 15th Ave SE

CarFit is a free educational program created via the collaboration of AARP, AAA, and the American Occupational Therapy Association. It offers older adults opportunities to check how well their personal vehicles "fit" as well as improve their fit. To learn more or sign up for a CarFit check appointment, call Southeast Seniors at 612-331-2302 or email

Moira at: moira@seseniors.org.

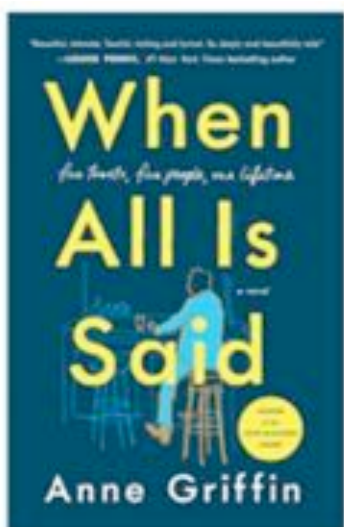
Would you like to drive with greater confidence and comfort? If you're an older driver in SE Minneapolis, please consider joining Southeast Seniors for its first CarFit event! Created by AARP, AAA, and the American Occupational Therapy Association, CarFit allows you to determine how well your vehicle "fits." (Statistics say mature drivers are the safest, due to honed safety habits, but are more likely to be seriously injured if a crash occurs, due to greater vulnerability of aging bodies.) At our CarFit event, trained volunteers work with you to determine how to fit your vehicle for maximum comfort and safety. Each CarFit check takes 15-20 minutes. Drivers leave with car-specific best fit tips, mirror adjustment training, adaptive equipment information, and community resources to help promote safe driving in the Twin Cities!

PROGRAM: Virtual Book Club

DATE: Tuesday, July 26, TIME: 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Discussion: When All is Said by Anne Griffin

VIA ZOOM. FREE



There's still time to sign up if you're interested, & no cost to participate!

The library provides copies of each book title for participants to borrow.

REGISTER or GET information

- call Southeast Seniors at 612-331-2302
- email moira@seseniors.org

When you contact us, please let us know whether you'd like to borrow a book, and we can arrange home delivery. Event is

cosponsored by Southeast Seniors and Arvonne Fraser Library



Article #3 in a series of articles about the 2022 Midterm Elections, brought to you by the League of Women Voters Minneapolis

Public Safety is On the Ballot Again This Year

In November, you won't see an obvious question on the ballot like last year's City Question #2. Nonetheless, almost every federal, state and local public office in the General Election affects policing and public safety in Minneapolis. The Mayor and Police Chief have direct authority over the Minneapolis Police Department (MPD), but those powers are limited by state and federal policies. When you vote, think about how these elected offices impact your community's safety.

CONGRESS instituted "qualified immunity" that protects public employees from being sued for actions taken on the job. Congress has the authority to make changes at the federal level. Since 2009, more than half of the cases brought against police officers have been dismissed based on qualified immunity.

The GOVERNOR, STATE SENATORS and STATE REPRESENTATIVES set the parameters for police union contracts and oversee both the State Patrol — which has statewide law enforcement authority — and the P.O.S.T. Board — which sets standards of conduct and training for police officers. They also can pass state-level civil rights laws explicitly without qualified immunity.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS manage the social service agencies that provide mobile mental health crisis response and co-responders to accompany police emergencies. They also oversee County Corrections which runs county jails.

The COUNTY ATTORNEY decides which crimes are prosecuted and is responsible for getting guns out of the hands of felons and domestic abusers.

The SHERIFF serves warrants, subpoenas and orders of protection and has county-wide law enforcement authority, frequently providing back up for the MPD.

The SCHOOL BOARD is responsible for overseeing the management of safety personnel and systems that keep children safe on school property.

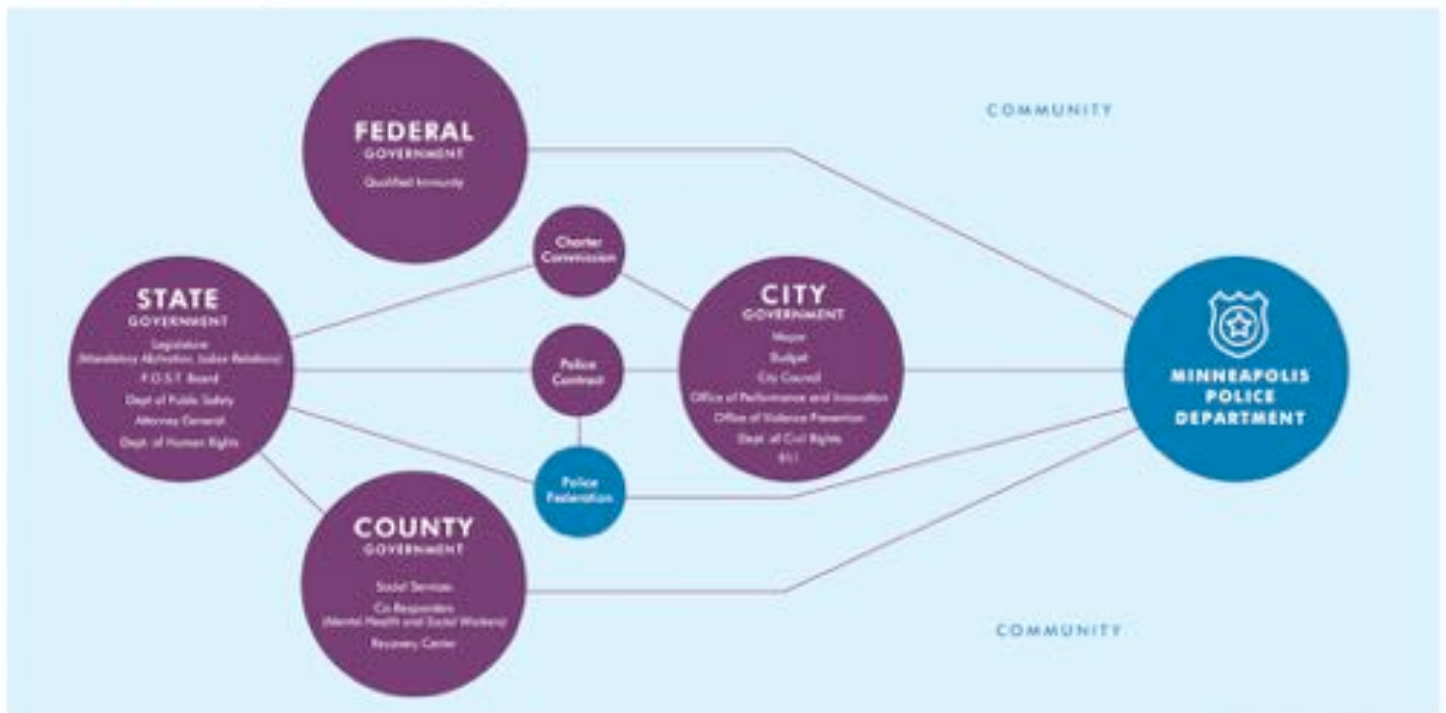
JUDGES oversee criminal and civil lawsuits, set bail and impose sentences.

So, if you care about equity in public safety and policing in Minneapolis, vote in every race from the top to the bottom of the ballot and on both sides!

For more details, read the LWV Minneapolis' Reimagining Public Safety Study (www.lwvmpls.org).

For more information about who's on YOUR ballot and how to register and vote in the Primary (August 9) and General (November 8) elections, visit www.vote411.org.

Public Safety Landscape



OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

Ward 2 Resident Survey

The Ward 2 office is excited to share with you the [Ward 2 Resident Survey](#) and [Community Conversations](#).

Council Member Wonsley Worlobah is using this survey to help get the broadest range of resident voices included in shaping her policy priorities as well as her priorities going into the 2023 budget cycle. We want this survey to reach as many Ward 2 residents as possible, especially people who may not ordinarily participate in more time-intensive forms of civic engagement. The Community Conversations will focus on the same topics that are addressed in the survey, including updates from the Council Member and time for residents to discuss in small groups, ask questions, and share their thoughts.

The survey will be open until July 25th, 2022.

Celeste Robinson

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

Additional Resources

[City of Minneapolis](#)

[MN Department of Health](#)

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

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

[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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