



March 2021 Newsletter

GET INVOLVED!

Environment Committee

Tuesday, March 9, 2021,
6:30pm

Bylaw Revision Planning Meeting

Tuesday, March 9, 2021,
6:00pm

Community Building Committee

Wednesday, March
10, 2021, 4pm

Renter's Sub-Committee

Wednesday, March
10, 2021, 6pm

Land Use and Planning Committee

Thursday, March 11, 2021,
7pm

Management Council

Monday, March 15, 2021,
4pm

Transportation and Safety Committee

Tuesday, March 16, 2021,
7:30 pm

PPA Board/Community Meeting

Monday, March 22, 2021,
6:30pm

Earth Day Celebration to go forward in Prospect Park



The 2021 Prospect Park Earth Day Clean Up will take on a new look. Beginning on **Saturday, April 10 and extending to April 24**, you can help clean up garbage & recycling from the road, boulevards, path along the river, and parks.

You can pick up supplies and get your sports water bottle at three locations between 9 am and noon on the 10th.

We'll have tables at the traditional spot on East River Parkway (just east of the Franklin Avenue bridge), the new park at 4th and 29th streets, and Luxton Park.

RSVP for the March 9 Environment Committee Meeting [HERE](#).

Help make Malcolm Ave a better community space!



Neighbors on PPA's Transportation & Safety Committee and Pratt School are building an improved community gathering space on Malcolm Avenue between Sidney Place and Orlin Avenue. Projects being planned in this area include:

- The Jackson Family Memorial with a curriculum to learn about the first African-American children to attend Pratt School,
- Pratt School Playground remodel and renaming,
- Tower Hill Nature Play area,
- A “shared space” on Malcolm Ave. where pedestrians have priority and cars must slow to 10mph.

One of the first steps is calming traffic and experimenting with a new street layout. This spring PPA will use Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) funds to buy materials for wooden planter boxes that will slow traffic, while still letting vehicles through. The planters will create a “chicane” at the intersection with Sidney Place, as illustrated below.



Look for a future announcement about opportunities to help build, plant and water the boxes this spring. We need you and we need your tools!

If the chicane with planters works well, a permanent chicane could be built, perhaps looking like these in Seattle.



In the meantime, for more information, contact Evan Roberts at transportation@prospectparkmpls.org

March Renters' Sub-Committee Meeting

The next renters' committee meeting is **Wednesday, March 10, 6:00pm – 7:00pm**

All are welcome! We would love for you to join us.

RSVP for the zoom link here: bit.ly/rentersrsvp

We will be discussing the upcoming Rent Control Policy, the 4D program, renters and 311, and neighborhood renter education.

Is there something you want to add? Email us at renters@prospectparkmpls.org and we will make sure it is on the agenda!

PPA Board/Community Meeting and Approved Minutes

Upcoming PPA Board/Community Meeting:

All community members welcome!

Monday, March 22, 2021, 6:30-8:30 pm

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

PPA Meeting Minutes and Committee Reports approved at the February 22 Board meeting:

December 8, 2020 [Environment Committee Meeting](#)

January 12, 2021 [Environment Committee Meeting](#)

January 14, 2021 [Land Use Committee Meeting](#)

January 19, 2021 [Transportation and Safety Committee](#)

January 25, 2021 [Board/Community Meeting](#)

February 9, 2021 [Environment Committee Meeting](#)

February 16, 2021 [Office Space Move Task Force Meeting](#)





Southeast Seniors

HELPING SENIORS LIVE WELL AT HOME

Volunteer Drivers Needed

Interested in helping out a neighbor? Southeast Seniors is seeking volunteer drivers to transport neighborhood seniors to and from Covid Vaccination appointments as well as other medical appointments. We are following strict Covid protocol to minimize transmission risk. Please contact Volunteer Coordinator Ann Carter for more information: ann@seseniors.org or call 612-331-2302

The programs below are co-sponsored by Southeast Seniors & 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 that all participants receive the Zoom link and handouts (if applicable) prior to the start of the class.

Safer Living Using Smart Home Technology & Adaptive Equipment Wednesday, March 10th, 1:30-2:30 pm

Staying in your home can sometimes be a matter of finding practical solutions. Learn about adaptive equipment, smart home technology, and more that can help you with the activities of daily living, maintaining your connections with others, and living well at home.

Sue Redepenning is the owner of LiveLife Therapy Solutions and the Program Director for Technology for HOME, a state-funded program which provides assistive technology (AT) for people with disabilities throughout Minnesota. Sue leads a team of twelve AT consultants (Occupational Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology, Physical Therapy, Nursing and Engineering). Sue is an Occupational Therapist and has worked in the field of AT for over 20 years. She has presented at AT-related conferences locally and nationally.

Why Friendship Matters in a time of COVID-19 Wednesday, March 17th, 1:30-2:30 pm

This interactive presentation explores the value and importance of friendship in these turbulent pandemic times and looks at why finding creative ways to engage with others is so important to our well-being. Staying connected in the face of social distancing matters. Nourishing meaningful relationships and investing in new ones provides a powerful antidote to loneliness. Come connect with us. Together, we can harness the power of friendship and be there for each other when it matters most.

Georgia Afton takes her professional work in elder services personally. She originally worked for her current employer – Little Brothers – Friends of the Elderly (LBFE) – from 1999 to 2003 as the organization's development and communications director. To this day, she cherishes the memory of several Elder Friends made during those years who added joy, meaning and wisdom to her life. Those friendships, coupled with navigating her own parents' elder years from overseas, drew her back to LBFE in 2015. She now serves as the organization's community outreach director and is happy to, once again, embrace the work of ending elder loneliness and isolation through the power of friendship. Georgia's previous nonprofit work has included communications and development roles with Nonviolent Peaceforce and Clare Housing. She earned a B.A. from University of Minnesota and an M.F.A. from Hamline University.

Click here to read Councilmember Cam Gordon's February Newsletter

University of Minnesota Twin Cities Campus Master Plan

As neighbors to the West Bank, East Bank and St Paul locations of the Twin Cities campus, we want to know what you think. What does the future of the U of M Twin Cities campus look like to you?

The University of Minnesota is updating its campus plans, across the statewide system. We are starting with the Twin Cities. The physical plan will guide the evolution of our campus for the next decade and will address natural features, open spaces, buildings, land use, and other critical infrastructure.

Your feedback as someone who is often on-campus is requested, through the U of M Twin Cities Campus Master Plan survey. Input from this **10-minute survey** will shape the future of our campus and its ability to meet the needs of our students, staff, visitors, and other partners while considering the environment we share with our neighbors.

Follow this link to complete the survey: <https://z.umn.edu/umtc-neighbor>

More information about the Twin Cities Campus Master Plan, with additional ways to provide your insight, can be found at: z.umn.edu/campusmasterplan.

Thank you for your time and interest in the Twin Cities campus!

Monique MacKenzie, Director of Campus Planning, University of Minnesota

Thursday, March 11th 7:00pm, The Wilder Girls by Rory Power



*Online Discussion! Register at

<https://hclib.bibliocommons.com/events/search?q=elysian/event/601dd1cca37b8445006265a2>

Break through the pandemic doldrums by joining us for a lively discussion of current books and pop culture!

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

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

March 11: Wilder Girls by Rory Power

April 8: Mostly Dead Things by Kristen Arnett

May 13: Magic for Liars by Sarah Gailey

eBooks or downloadable audiobooks available through www.hclib.org. Physical copies available for check-out at Arvonne Fraser Library.

Helpful COVID-19 Resources

Governor Walz' Response and Preparation

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

"Stay at Home" does not mean "Stay Inside". The order states that everyone is encouraged to stay active outside during this time, provided they practice safe social distancing.

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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)

To request updates from the City of Minneapolis on the timeline and preparations for the upcoming trial

<http://news.minneapolismn.gov/category/chauvin-trial/>

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!

[Click here to subscribe to MN Senator Kari Dziedzic's newsletter.](#)

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