



November 2020 Newsletter

MEETINGS	Committee Meetings <i>2828 SE University Ave, Suite 200</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 take place at the office (2828 University Avenue SE) unless otherwise noted.</i></p> <p>ABOUT PPA Prospect Park Association is the official neighborhood association for the Prospect Park Area.</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 Monday November 18, 4pm</p> <p>Environment Committee Tuesday, November 10, 6:30pm</p> <p>Finance & Administrative Committee TBA</p> <p>Land Use & Planning Committee Thursday, November 12, 7pm</p> <p>Transportation & Safety Committee Tuesday, November 17, 7 pm</p>	<p>PPA Board Meeting & Community Meeting --virtual meeting-- Monday Dec 7th 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, November 8, 7pm</p>

[Give to the Max Day is November 19! Support PPA's community building and engagement work. Click here to donate. Thank You](#)

URGENT MESSAGE ABOUT VOTING

If you have not already done so, do not send your ballot in the mail!

League of Women Voters, Minneapolis, 10/30/2020

The deadline for mail-in ballots may no longer include a grace period, which might mean your ballot won't be counted. [Check the Star Tribune article for full details.](#) Or, [hear from Secretary of State Steve Simon here.](#)

On Election Day

On Election Day, you CANNOT drop off your ballot at polling places or at other early voting locations.

ALL ballots MUST BE RETURNED to the county elections office by 3:00 pm on Election Day, Tuesday, November 3rd. Mailed ballots must be received by 8:00 pm on election day. Ballots arriving after November 3rd, regardless of the postmark will not be counted.*

If you have an absentee ballot ready

Minneapolis drop off sites will be open tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday and until 3:00 pm on Election Day. [Check for locations and hours here.](#) If you are outside of Minneapolis, visit [MN VOTES](#) or contact your city or county elections office for drop-off locations.

If you cannot get to a drop off site, there are still ways to vote

Here are suggestions from the Secretary of State's office:

If you haven't yet voted or mailed your ballot, make a plan:

Absentee ballots already accepted by the counties are fine, and no action need be taken.

If you have mailed your absentee ballot, you can confirm the status of the ballot

Use the tracker on our website: <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/AbsenteeBallotStatus.aspx>

or

Contact your county elections office (or city if the city runs absentee ballots, e.g.

Minneapolis) to ask for the status of your absentee ballot: <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/find-county-election-office/>

If the ballot has been accepted, no further action is needed

If the ballot has not been accepted, vote in person:

Vote early in person at the county Elections Office or an early voting site the voter is eligible to use: <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/cities-and-towns-with-in-person-absentee-voting/>

or

Vote on November 3 at the voter's polling place: <https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>

While the ruling is incomplete, the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals said this evening that any absentee ballots received after November 3rd (Election night) will be separated in case they are ruled invalid.

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Saturday, Nov. 7, 9:00am-Noon "Tower Hill Brush-Off"

-Allison Bell, Brush-Off event organizer

Volunteers are needed to clean up brush on Tower Hill.

Meet at the corner of Malcolm Ave. and Orlin Ave. (near the Pratt Playground)

The goal of this event is to create a safe nature play area for Pratt students & other children.

We will work together to remove brush from the lower part of Tower Hill that borders Pratt School.

Some tools will be provided, but if you have them, please bring clippers, hack saws, etc. Gloves and other protective clothing strongly recommended.

Also, please wear masks and maintain at least 6 feet social distance.

Children are welcome but no childcare will be provided.

Tower Hill Brush-Off is sponsored by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, Pratt Community School, and Prospect Park Association.

PPA Cares About Renters' Issues

New!! Announcing the Renters' Sub-committee

Are you a renter in Prospect Park? Are you a Prospect Park resident interested in supporting your neighbors who rent? We want to hear from you!

3 ways to get involved:

1. Check out our webpage at <https://bit.ly/pprenters> and take our renters' survey - it's short, we promise.
2. Shoot us an email at renters@prospectparkmpls.org to get on our mailing list.
3. Join us at our first (Zoom) meeting on **November 11th at 6:30pm.**

Look forward to more updates in the coming months. Renter power!

-Ben Tuthill and Jenna Hoge, Renters' Sub-committee Co-Chairs

PPA Environment Committee Announcement

- - Mary Britton, Environment Committee Chair

Concerned about Climate Change? Wondering what you can do?

The PPA Environment Committee invites you to our next meeting where we will be discussing our 5 year plan for the neighborhood's Climate Action Plan:

Tuesday, November 10th - 6:30 pm

To RSVP and get zoom log on information, please go to <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1qPjA4ymfENZFHfUwDtC9EN79WUf46Ffc58CNK3c21rw/edit>

The Mississippi River needs you! Adopt a Drain.

The October snow will not last hopefully and the leaves are almost done falling. Let's adopt our storm drains and clear them of fallen leaves! Leaves are litter and a little known seasonal pollutant that builds up in our streets. When they flow unfiltered through the Prospect Park storm drains along with other trash, they go in the Mississippi River. Please consider adopting a storm drain or two. The time commitment is only 10 or 15 minutes every month or so to remove leaves and other debris to help keep our river clean.

<https://www.cleanwatermn.org/rake-up-to-protect-lakes-and-rivers-from-leaf-litter/>

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Clean Sweep initiative in early October! 30 Prospect Park adults and 40 children from ESNS cleaned up our streets and parks. It is very much appreciated!

PPA Board/Community Meetings and Approved Minutes

Upcoming PPA Board/Community Meeting

PPA Board/Community Meeting, all community members welcome!

Next meeting: Monday, December 7, 2020 | 6:30-8:30 pm

Virtual meeting access information will be provided through newsletter and PP-elist.

PPA Board/Community Meeting Agendas will be available at least 5 days before the meeting, published in a short email newsletter and on the [PPA website calendar](#).

Approved PPA Meeting Minutes

Committee Reports/Minutes approved at the October 26 Board meeting:

August 24 2020 [Board Meeting Minutes](#)

September 21, 2020 [Annual Meeting Notes](#)

September 11, 2020 [Community Building Committee Minutes](#)

October 7, 2020 [Community Building Committee Minutes](#)

August 11, 2020 [Environment Committee Minutes](#)

October 20, 2020 [Transportation and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes and Motions](#)

[Click here to read Councilmember Cam Gordon's October Newsletter](#)

PRATT PTO asks for your support
Goal \$10,000 by December 11!

**Help East Side Neighborhood Services support Glendale and Pratt Youth
PPA endorses this project and urges you to contribute if you can. Goal: \$5000**

Letter from Lance Witzig, Director of Advancement, East Side Neighborhood Services

Everything has been upended in 2020. At East Side, we provide tailored programming for students and families of young people at Glendale and Pratt Elementary School. We didn't plan for COVID-19 and the additional expenses required to ensure that every student has access to the support they need to thrive.

We need to raise **\$5,000** to hire two teachers to provide targeted instruction and support through the end of 2020. Additional teachers will result in positive, concrete academic gains for Pratt and Glendale youth—virtual learning is extra challenging without in-person guidance to support individual needs.

The good news: **a generous community donor has agreed to match every donation dollar for dollar up to \$2,500.** That means if the neighbors of Prospect Park can contribute \$2,500, we'll be able to provide the teachers our students need through the end of the year.

[You can make a donation online here](#), or send a check to the following address with a note indicating the gift go to Glendale and Pratt School youth programs:

East Side Neighborhood Services
Attn: Advancement
1700 2nd Street NE

Minneapolis, MN 55413

You can reach out to Lance Witzig, Director of Advancement, at lwitzig@esns.org with any specific questions or concerns.

Thank you for your support through these ever-changing times!



Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities!

November Events Co-Sponsored by Minneapolis Community Education & Southeast Seniors

All programs will be held via Zoom. To register or for more information, please contact Southeast Seniors at 612-331-2302 or info@seseniors.org or click [here](#). Registration will close 4 hours before the start of each program to ensure enough time to send the Zoom link and course materials to all participants.

Less Stress, Lower Stress

Wednesday, November 11th from 1:30-2:30 pm

Are you or a loved one thinking of decluttering or downsizing next year? Is the thought of downsizing overwhelming? Feeling like you have no idea of what to keep and what to toss? Does the prospect of coordinating a move overwhelm you? Or are you stressed by expectations of helping a parent or other loved one to make these decisions? Gain tips and direction to help address any or all, of these issues!

Presented by Laurie Wrobel, owner of Clutter 911. Laurie has spoken with many families and groups about clarifying priorities, decluttering for major transitions, and decreasing chaotic areas or promoting greater relaxation in your home.

Lunch Bunch Reconnect: Mountain Hiking Adventures

Wednesday, November 18th from 12-1:30 pm

The Himalaya Range is home to the world's highest peaks including Mount Everest and K2. Himalaya means "abode of snow" and the mountain system has profoundly shaped the cultures of South Asia. Many of its peaks are sacred in both Hinduism and Buddhism. Arizona-based adventurer Martin Smith joins forces with "The Dubai Five", a group of five dynamic women trekkers, on a fun and informative expedition through the wonders of the Himalaya all the way up to Everest Base Camp...but will they all get home safe?

Arizona-based adventurer Martin Smith loves nothing better than travelling the globe and experiencing all the excitement that different regions and cultures have to offer. A real estate professional by trade, Martin has been married to his best friend Kristine for over 25 years and together they enjoy the love and companionship of their beloved Westies. Martin enjoys movies, hiking and all varieties of pop culture, but his main interest is always planning his next adventure.

Volunteer Drivers Needed!

Southeast Seniors is seeking volunteers to drive neighborhood seniors to medical appointments. We have COVID safety protocols in place: Both parties wear masks, the rider sits in the back passenger side seat, the volunteer keeps the car windows cracked and does not enter the client's home or the medical clinic. Volunteers are matched with only one senior client to drive in a two week period. All our clients live in the 55414 zip code. Many of our clients still need to get to some essential appointments and we need more drivers to accommodate the need! Please contact us at 612-331-2302 for more information or email Ann Carter at ann@seseniors.org.

**Southeast Seniors & The Pillars of Prospect Park
Present:**

Voter Registration!



Tuesday, September 8th, 2020
11 am-3 pm

Southeast Seniors staff and volunteers, assisted by League of Women Voters of Mpls, will have a table in the main parking lot at The Pillars across from Fresh Thyme Grocery Store. Stop by to register to vote, request an absentee ballot, or find out more about voting options for the 2020 General Election on November 3rd, 2020.

Located outside of The Pillars of Prospect Park, 22 Malcolm Ave SE, near the parking lot entrance on 30th Ave SE. Look for the white tent! Please call Southeast Seniors at 612-331-2002 if you have any questions.



Seeking Snow Angels!

Southeast Seniors offers free snow removal for clients who need it.

Our Snow Angel program connects a neighborhood volunteer with a nearby senior for season-long snow removal help. As a Snow Angel you agree to do the snow removal for your senior whenever it snows enough to warrant shoveling/snow blowing. If you're going to be out of town you just let us know and we provide a back-up while you're unavailable! We do our best to connect Snow Angels with seniors who live very nearby so that this can all happen with relative ease. You could also share this job with a friend or neighbor. We're looking for folks living in Marcy Holmes, SE Como and Prospect Park. Please contact Ann Carter, Volunteer Coordinator at Southeast Seniors, for more information or to sign up to be a Snow Angel! 612-331-2302, ann@seseniors.org

- Betsy Snyder, Executive Director, Southeast Senior

[Link to Pillars Events](#)

Arvonne Fraser library staff invites you!

Elysian Nights Book Club

Thursday, November 12th at 7pm

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. Each month we will determine the book for the next month based on eBook availability from the library.

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

[Learn more about participating in virtual library events.](#)

Nov. 12: [Miracle Creek](#) by Angie Kim (available as an eBook or downloadable audiobook)

Here's the link to the November 12 Arvonne Fraser Library's book club discussion.

<https://hclib.bibliocommons.com/events/search/q=elysian%20nights/event/5f872e3c17d56731005cf2e2>

New Weekly Program!

Every Wednesday at 8pm. Here's a link to register for the program: <https://hclib.bibliocommons.com/events/search/q=after%20hours%20happy%20hour/event/5f8a085f2c52c34500ee41c5>

Join us for a free-flowing discussion of irrelevant topics and pop culture! Share what you've been reading, watching, or creating. Everyone is invited. Co-hosted by Kyle from Arvonne Fraser Library with Becky and Amanda from Minneapolis Central Library. The link to the live online discussion will be emailed to registrants in advance.

-Kyle Orcholski, 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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Hennepin County COVID-19 Resource List

Shared by Arvonne Fraser Library Staff - Thank you!

[Click here to read.](#)

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Additional Resources

[City of Minneapolis](#)

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

Free Covid-19 Testing Registration

[Click here](#) for information on FREE testing open to those with or without symptoms.

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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