




August 2024 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>Jackson Family Project (formerly Community Building Committee) Thursday, Aug 1, 4:30pm</p> <p>Environment Committee Tuesday Aug 13. 6:30pm * Hybrid & Meets at Luxton Park</p> <p>Land Use & Planning Committee Thursday August 8. 7:00pm *Hybrid & Meets at PPUMC</p> <p>Tower Hill Committee Monday August 12, 7pm</p> <p>Transportation & Safety Committee Thursday Aug 15. 7:00pm *Hybrid & Meets at PPUMC</p>	<p>PPA Board Meeting & Community Meeting</p> <p>Monday October 28th 7:00pm Board Retreat in August</p> <p><i>All Community Members are welcome!</i></p> <p>Management Council Monday October 14th Sets Community & Board Meeting Agendas</p>

GET INVOLVED!

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

Notice of Proposed PPA Bylaw Amendment

At PPA’s Board & Community meeting on October 28th, 2024, the board will vote to delete the following sentence from PPA bylaws: “No more than 25% of directors may serve 6 consecutive years before taking a two-year break from board service.” (See PPA bylaws page 6, IV. Board of Directors, Governing Body, section D Terms). PPA’s bylaws are available here: <https://prospectparkmpls.org/ppa/ppa-pdfs/PPA-Bylaws-approved-2022-08-22.pdf>. PPA will continue to follow Neighborhood Community Relations (NCR) board service requirements if this amendment is enacted. Please email finance@prospectparkmpls.org if you have questions about the proposed amendment. Community members are strongly encouraged to serve on PPA’s board!

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## PPA Approved Meeting Minutes and Committee Reports

- [February 2024 Land Use Minutes](#)
- [March 2024 Land Use Minutes](#)
- [March 2024 Jackson Committee Minutes](#)
- [April 2024 Jackson Committee Minutes](#)
- [April 2024 Transportation Committee Minutes](#)
- [Annual Meeting & Board Meeting Minutes. Document 1 of 2 for 5-13-24.](#)
- [Report Meeting Minutes document 2 of 2 for 5-13-24](#)
- [May 2024 Finance & Admin Committee Minutes](#)
- [June 2024 Board Meeting Minutes](#)
- [July 2024 Environment Committee Minutes](#)

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PPA Revives Tower Hill Park Committee



Join your neighbors for the first meeting of the revived PPA Tower Hill Park Committee on Monday, August 12th at 7pm (in-person) at Luxton Park Recreation Center. We will advocate for Tower Hill Park and the Witch's Hat Water Tower and organize events designed to give people opportunities to learn the Tower's history, appreciate its value, and enjoy spectacular views from its observation deck. Although the Tower cannot open to the public until after the City of Minneapolis finishes the interior repairs, we cannot wait. We need to ensure the Park is maintained, particularly the popular view of the city skyline at sunset from the base of the Tower.

The Tower has not been open to the public since 2019 when nearly 5,000 people climbed the stairs during the two-day "Doors Open" event. We hope to open the Tower again for Doors Open in May 2025, if not before. The City of Minneapolis owns and manages the Witch's Hat Water Tower and so is responsible for its maintenance and repairs, while Tower Hill Park is maintained by the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Department.

Come to the meeting, learn what's taking place, join the committee email list, and be involved: we need you!

Jackson Family Day Held in Prospect Park 2024



Members of the Jackson family, Pratt School, and Prospect Park neighborhood came together again this year for Jackson Family Day. The events, held in May at Pratt and PPUMC, were organized by PPA's Jackson Family Project Committee, Pratt PTO and Pratt School. Ward 2 Council Member Robin Wonsley presented Jackson family members, Sharon and Melvin Peters and Judith Claytor, with a City of Minneapolis proclamation in their honor.

The Jackson Family Project is designed to honor, memorialize, and learn from the first African American family in the Prospect Park neighborhood. The Jackson family built their home in Prospect Park in 1908. In 1909 they were subjected to racist protests because they were Black. Amy and Madison Jackson were told that no one would play with their kids. In response, they built a playground in their yard. This was before the period of park and school playgrounds, and it turned out (as they suspected) many neighborhood kids wanted to play with their kids on the new playground.

The Jacksons lived in the neighborhood for 20 years and became important members of the community. The Jackson daughters were the first black students at Pratt school 100 years ago. Sharon Peters and Judith Claytor, granddaughters of Amy and Madison Jackson, attend Jackson Family Project events and are members of PPA's Jackson Family Project committee.

Jackson family history provides a compelling and inspirational source for Pratt students and our neighborhood to examine questions of race and to learn about Black history and resilience. During the annual Jackson Family Day celebrations, held in 2023 and 2024, Pratt School students document Jackson family history through video and art projects, and talk with Jackson family members. A first-grade teacher at Pratt has spearheaded the work. Introducing students to these issues via stories about the Jackson girls from the neighborhood has proven to be very powerful.

Resilience marked the Jackson family, not only in their Prospect Park years but for generations. Helen Jackson, one of three daughters, who was a little girl during the protests became the first African American national president of the YWCA, devoting decades to leading the YWCA nationally to become an integrated organization,

affecting millions of American girls. In 1968 the University of Minnesota (from which she graduated in 1928) awarded her the Regents Outstanding Achievement Award. Marvel Jackson, her older sister, became a well-known journalist in New York City. She was in a writing group with Langston Hughes, worked with W. E. B. Dubois during the Harlem Renaissance, and wrote acclaimed exposes of conditions of African American women for major newspapers. These two girls and their sister Zelma were the first African American students to attend Pratt school, also attending the University of Minnesota.

Jackson Family Project Committee volunteers have been working together for many years to develop this project, learn about the Jackson family, and create wider engagement in the community. The joint school and neighborhood group has spent hundreds of volunteer hours, traveled to archives in Michigan and Washington D.C., elicited significant leveraged contributions already, and have laid the groundwork for this event and those to follow.

The Jackson Family Project is funded in part by Pratt PTO, PPA, the University of Minnesota Good Neighbor Fund, Prospect Park Coop Legacy Fund, City of Minneapolis Neighborhood Community Relations, and individual gifts.

OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS

Prospect Park National Night Out Events

4th Street SE: Tues. Aug. 6th from 5:30-7:30 pm

BF50 Indigenous Health is inviting you to join us for our 4th Annual 4th Street Festival & Garden Gathering in collaboration with Minneapolis Parks; Bridal Veil & Luxton Parks on NNO. Here's a look at what to expect from our NNO/BF50 Sustainability & Greener Living Community event at Minneapolis Park, Bridal Veil: <https://www.instagram.com/reel/CvsPu-bPtZC/?igsh=czZ2Z3J1aGs1bG5h>

Click the link below to learn more about the event & register to attend. You Do Not Have to Request Access. Just tap the form & complete the registration. All organizations will receive Free Tabling - No Fees! Once you open the form; you'll have an opportunity to let us know how you'd like to participate. Everyone must register!

Register below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1tKWwbTDi0RNWVBxsXwk_YI0FqaLWya09ctB_-9oK_zw/viewform?edit_requested=true#responses

Best,

BF50 Wellness Team, BF50 Indigenous Health Initiative, Ph: 612-888-2748

-Britt

BF50 4th Street Fest & Garden Gathering with MPLS Bridal Veil & Luxton Parks!

Join Us! August 6th

5:30 – 7:30PM

Land Acknowledgement
Spoken Word Artist
CM Robin Wonsley's Office
MWMO Presentation
UMN Presentation
Devin Brown Speaker
Local Businesses & Orgs
Hennepin County Library
Puppetry Activity Table
Kids & Adult Hula Contest
Kids & Adult Coloring Contest
Lawn Games & Street Games
Shared Community
Sustainable Food Table
Please Bring a Dish!
Prizes & a Pepper Pinata 

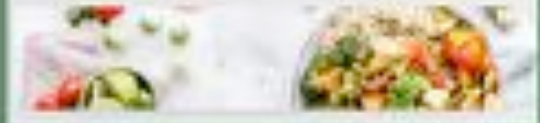
Lawn Chairs or Blankets,
Sunscreen & Water Bottles
are highly recommended!

Bridal Veil Garden
2905 4th St SE
Mpls, MN 55414

Contact: BF50 Wellness Team
UrbanFarmDirect@gmail.com

Sustainability & Greener Living
Community Environmental Event!

Bring your favorite sustainable Dish
in a compostable container to share
with the community. (Store bought
dishes preferred). Include Serving
Ware with your dish. Thank You!



GAMES



NNO in The Oval, Tuesday, August 6

Potluck, Kids talent show and smores. Please bring a dish to share. We will have a hot grill for your grillables and a bonfire for smores (provided). All are welcome! 'The Oval' is the park at the intersection of Franklin & Bedford. August 6, 6-9pm.- Seth W

Melbourne Ave. SE: Tues. Aug. 6th from 5:00-8:00 pm

We are excited to host the 2024 National Night Out for Melbourne Ave. S.E. On Tuesday, August 6th from 5:00 - 8:00 pm, 110 Melbourne Ave. will host the NNO event. Bring a dish or drink to share or just come and be a great neighbor. We will have games, drinks and great food.

If you have questions or comments please call or text co-host Marco at (612) 840-3258.

When: Tuesday, August 6th

Time: 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Where: Backyard of 110 Melbourne Ave. S.E.

Marco C. Suemnick, 612-840-3258

mcscreativesolutions@gmail.com

Mid-ARTHUR AVENUE BLOCK CLUB, Tuesday, August 6

As usual the mid-Arthur Ave Block Club will be having a party tent with refreshments and potluck snacks on Tuesday, August 6th 5 - 8 pm.

- Andy

CORNER OF BEDFORD and ORLIN, Tuesday, August 6

The Annual National Night Out potluck will be held on Tuesday, August 6 at 6 p.m. at the corner of Bedford and Orlin. All neighbors who live on Bedford north of Franklin; on Orlin between Emerald and Seymour, on Melbourne between Orlin and Seymour, and on Clarence: we hope you'll join us. Please bring a dish to share, your own serving utensils, and your own plates and silverware and drinks. If you have a lawn chair for yourself, please bring it; we will have a few extras, and there's always the lawn, as well. Please spread the word to neighbors who may not be on the e-list.

- Brooke M

MALCOLM AVE, LOWER ARTHUR & WILLIAMS AVEs, Tuesday, August 6

*When: Tuesday, August 6 from 6-8pm

Plans: We will host a potluck dinner on the side lawn at 150 Malcolm Ave SE, where Malcolm, Melbourne, Lower Arthur and Williams Avenues come together. There will be tables set up for food. Please bring a potluck item to share with your neighbors, your own plates and cutlery and a picnic blanket or chairs if you would like. Cups, beverages, and napkins will be provided.

*In the event of rain, we will postpone until Wednesday, August 7th

EAST RIVER TERRACE, EAST RIVER PARKWAY, CECIL, SEYMOUR and THORNTON, Friday, Sept 6

National Night Out (NNO) is Tuesday, August 6. However, in 2011, the part of Prospect Park along East River Parkway and East River Terrace voted to hold our event on the first Friday after Labor Day in the hope of cooler weather and more people in town. Attendance has been fabulous ever since we made that change. The annual block party for residents of East River Parkway, East River Terrace, and the parts of Cecil, Seymour and Thornton that connect them is Friday, September 6th from 6:00 - 8:30 pm. Details will be forthcoming via the area Email Exchange. Any resident who isn't yet participating in the Exchange and wants more information is welcome to contact ert.erp.exchange@gmail.com
- LR on ERT

BARTON AVENUE BLOCK, Tuesday, Sept 10

This year we will again gather for a potluck on the lawn in front of 64 Barton from 5-7:30 on Tuesday Sept. 10. Rain date will be Wed. Sept 11, but if it rains that day we will gather in the garage at 18 Barton Ave.

For more into contact Becky Shockley shock001@umn.edu

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***Luxton Annual Summer Celebration-TC Mobile Jazz***

August 7<sup>th</sup>. 4-7 PM, Luxton Park Front Yard

Part of the Summer Neighborhood Nights, Luxton Park will be hosting its annual Summer Celebration. This celebration will include great music from the Twin Cities Mobile Jazz Project, Arvonne Fraser Library, an art project with Parcel Arts, BikeMN will have a bike repair program and there will be a backpack giveaway for neighborhood youth. There will great fun and good cheer and a fun experience. See you all there!

Steve Z. Luxton Park, Office: 612-370-4881  
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Coming Soon!

Immersive multimedia experience *LEGACY DREAM SPACE* MPLS • SEPTEMBER 2024 at Art & Architecture building's (3338 University Ave SE) Modus Locus Expansion space, Interference Arts is mounting an interactive multimedia exhibition called Legacy Dream Space.

[click here](#).for more information about the exhibit.

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

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[Policy Aide Celeste Robinson](#)

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