




## June 2025 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 <a href="#">PPA Calendar</a>. All committee meetings are taking place virtually unless otherwise noted.</i></p> <p><b>ABOUT PPA</b> Prospect Park Association is the official neighborhood association for the Prospect Park Area of the city of Minneapolis.</p> <p><a href="#">Donate to PPA</a></p>  <p>Prospect Park Association is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and all donations are tax-deductible.</p>	<p><b>Environment Committee</b> Tuesday July 8, 6:30pm</p> <p><b>Land Use &amp; Planning Committee</b> Thursday July 10, 7:00pm</p> <p><b>Transportation &amp; Safety Committee</b> Wednesday July 9, 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>PPA Board Meeting &amp; Community Meeting</b></p> <p><b>Monday June 23rd 6:30pm (online-only)</b></p> <p><i>All Community Members are welcome!</i></p> <p><a href="#"><u>Agenda</u></a></p> <p><a href="#"><u>to attend via Zoom, register here</u></a> (access begins at 6:20pm)</p> <p><b>Management Council Monday June 16th Sets Community &amp; Board Meeting Agendas</b></p>

## GET INVOLVED!

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

# CONGRATULATIONS

to PPA's eight newly elected  
board members:

Ian Gorodisher (incumbent), Jule Gorodisher, Arthur Herbert, Stuart Levesque (U of M Student Representative), Gabrielle Metzger (incumbent), Max Ostenso, Donna Schneider, and Ryan Woldt.

They begin two-year terms on June 23rd, 2025 at PPA's upcoming Board & Community meeting. Thank you to everyone who voted!

They join current board members: Eric Amel, Steve Brackett, David Frank, Britt Howell, and Jerry Stein.

Sincere thanks to board members completing their PPA board service: Jeff Barnhart, Abraham Kao, William Morris, Nico Vasilopoulos, and Lynn Von Korff.

PPA relies on volunteers from the Prospect Park neighborhood to serve on our board. The board consists of no fewer than 11 and no more than 16 members. At least 8 board seats are open for election each year.

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## **PPA Meeting Minutes and Committee Reports Approved at the May Board/Committee Meeting**

- [- Transportation & Safety Committee, March 2025](#)
- [- Transportation & Safety Committee, April 2025](#)

## **Buckthorn Removal Project Event at Tower Hill Park**

The Prospect Park Garden Club and PPA's Tower Hill and Environment Committees, in cooperation with the Surly Gives-a-Damn volunteers, would like to invite folks to take part in another BUCKTHORN CLEAN-UP day at Tower Hill Park. This is part of a projected 3-year project to eradicate buckthorn from Tower Hill and to replace it with native perennials, shrubs and trees.

**Date: Saturday, June 28, 10 to noon, rain or shine  
(bring rain poncho, hat, just in case of wetness)**

We are very pleased to have on board for this buckthorn clean-up the Surly Gives-a-Damn volunteer group, from our neighbor Surly Brewing Co. They have previous experience eliminating buckthorn, so are a welcome addition to our project.

We will be applying current practices of buckthorn removal, called the Critical Period Cutting Method, which has been successfully applied in recent years around the city. No chemicals are applied. This tactic basically starves the buckthorn over the course of 2-3 years of regular cutting and tending.

No previous experience is necessary. We will show you on-the-spot what kind of cuts to make to the plants.

This is a great opportunity for folks of all ages to participate - children, young folks, students, retirees - anyone who cares about Tower Hill Park and wants to seize this opportunity to make it a more beautiful place and rid ourselves of the scourge of buckthorn from Tower Hill once and for all!

Please bring tools and equipment if you can! Some tools will be provided, but you can bring your own loppers, clippers, tarps for hauling, small pruning saws, rakes, brooms, etc. No power tools are allowed. And do wear strong GLOVES, eye protection, and durable clothing to prevent scratches from the thorns on the plants.

Steve Brackett, PPA Tower Hill Park Committee, Buckthorn Removal Project  
Gib Ahlstrand, Garden Club Communications



## **OTHER COMMUNITY NEWS**



## Agri-Cultural event at Bridal Veil Garden

**When:** Saturday, June 21, at 12:30 PM

**Where:** Bridal Veil Garden,  
[2905 4th Street SE 55414](#)

BF50 Indigenous Health initiative, in partnership with MPRB Bridal Veil Garden, invites you to join us for another Sustainability & Greener Living Agri-Cultural Event with the James Beard Foundation Leadership Award Winner, Jim Embry & guest, Jennifer Bailey.

[See the BF50 Indigenous Health website](#) for more details, including the full schedule of activities and registration link.

For further assistance, contact the BF50 Wellness Team: [UrbanFarmDirect@gmail.com](mailto:UrbanFarmDirect@gmail.com)  
Thank you,  
BF50 Wellness Team,  
BF50 Indigenous Health Initiative,  
Ph: 612-888-2748



YOU ARE INVITED!

# FAMILY NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHTS LUXTON PARK

TUES. JUNE 17  
4-6 PM

- Carlson's Lovable Llamas
- Minneapolis Institute of Arts
- Pop-up library by Hennepin County Libraries

TUES. JULY 8  
4-6 PM

- DJ Jacques Elate Joss
- Mamako Art
- Pop-up Park by Minneapolis Parks
- Pop-up library by Hennepin County Libraries

WED. AUGUST 6  
4-7 PM

- Twin Cities Mobile Jazz Project
- Parcel Arts
- Pop-up library by Hennepin County Libraries
- Ice cream & backpack giveaway!



HENNEPIN COUNTY  
LIBRARY



FREE  
EVENTS

Questions? Call Luxton Park 612.370.4925

# FREE COMMUNITY MEALS AND FOOD PANTRIES AT PROSPECT PARK UMC

Prospect Park UMC's food ministry continues to grow, thanks to your support. We are serving over 150 free meals the third Wednesday of each month; in May this included providing about 100 servings of food to some of our unhoused neighbors in Minneapolis. Those who attend the meals are appreciative of the opportunity to enjoy nutritious food prepped, prepared and served with love by our faithful volunteers, and word of mouth is our best marketing tool. People also value the opportunity to visit with neighbors and build connections with people they are meeting for the first time.

Our Free Food pantries in front of the church continue to be heavily used, and we ask that folks take what they need and give what they can. With the arrival of summer, we again welcome donations of soups, sauces, canned vegetables and other items that may have frozen in the winter. We are also in need of pasta and rice mixes that require only the addition of water. We value your input and ideas as we continue to learn from our work and look forward to where the Spirit is leading us in this mission to bless and be blessed.

**Mark your calendars to join us for the next free community meal on Wednesday, July 16, 5:30-6:30 pm at 22 Orlin Ave SE, when you can dine in or get take-out.**

Kelley Jewett for the Community Meals Team  
(Sarah Hvidsten, Jake Velasquez, Morgan Jellison, Liz Richards, Kelley)



## FREE COMMUNITY MEALS

**DINE-IN & TAKE-OUT AVAILABLE!**

**WHERE:** Prospect Park United Methodist Church  
22 Orlin Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414

**WHEN:** Third Wednesday of each month, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

**DATES:** Jan 15, Feb 19, Mar 19, April 24, May 21, June 18,

**2025:** July 16, Aug 20, Sept 17, Oct 15, Nov 18, Dec 17

Food served will be a nutritious, healthy, and balanced meal with no pork.  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

For more information, contact Prospect Park UMC at  
812-378-2160 or [office@prospectparkchurch.org](mailto:office@prospectparkchurch.org)



## COMIDAS COMUNITARIAS GRATUITAS

**(TENEMOS COMIDA PARA LLEVAR!)**

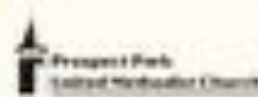
**DONDE:** Prospect Park United Methodist Church  
22 Orlin Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414

**CUANDO:** El tercer miércoles de cada mes, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

**FECHAS:** 15 de enero, 19 de febrero, 19 de marzo, 18 de abril,  
2025: 21 de mayo, 18 de junio, 16 de julio, 20 de agosto,  
17 de septiembre, 15 de octubre, 19 de noviembre,  
17 de diciembre

La comida que serviremos será una comida nutritiva, saludable y equilibrada sin carne de cerdo. (Todos están bienvenidos!)

812-378-2160, [office@prospectparkchurch.org](mailto:office@prospectparkchurch.org)



## Summer Tennis Program at Tower Hill Park



Programming at the Tower Hill Tennis Courts begins Monday, June 16, and runs through August 1. We offer both weekly and full-summer registration options, along with scholarships for interested families.

### **Tower Hill Park (Prospect Park):**

8:00–9:00 AM: Ages 6–10 and 9:00–10:00 AM: Ages 11–1

[PDF with more information](#)

Grahamm Kellogg, Community Programs Manager—Tennis Professional  
612-239-6621 [grahamm.kellogg@innercitytennis.org](mailto:grahamm.kellogg@innercitytennis.org)

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### ***“Inside Out 2”***

**Movie in the Park at  
Luxton Park, 112 SE  
Williams Ave  
August 5th -  
Starts at dusk**

[MPRB Movies in the Park  
page here](#)



## Please donate to PPA at GiveMN

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.

Please support PPA so we can continue serving our neighborhood.

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Simply click for online GiveMN or mail checks to:

PPA, P.O. Box 141095,  
Minneapolis 55414.



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### **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](mailto:ward2@minneapolismn.gov)

Or contact staff directly:

[Policy Aide Celeste Robinson](#)

[Policy Aide Qannani Omar](#)

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