



# BRYN MAWR BUGLE

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## Bugle Review Committee

Our neighborhood paper has come a long way. The Bryn Mawr Bugle had quite humble beginnings. The initial issues in 1975 were a few typed and xeroxed pages stapled together at one corner. There were not photos or illustrations and our Bugle had yet to be named. One of the first issues ran a "Name the Paper Contest". It is now hard to imagine our familiar Bryn Mawr paper with its other proposed names – The Messenger or Breeze or Sounder or Banner or Bulwark. It just seems comfortable and right that it became our Bryn Mawr Bugle and though it's become more polished over the past 30 years, it has been the main communication resource for neighborhood concerns and issues.

Contrary to the suggestion in a column in last month's Bugle, the Bugle is not in danger of immediate shut down. While facing concerns related to cost and viability the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association (BMNA) recognizes the Bugle as playing an important part in our community. A standing sub-committee of the BMNA was appointed to be the Bugle Review Committee in 2007. This committee was established to assist the editor with content review questions. Jay Peterson (chair), Lisa Mills, Jessica Wiley and Marlin Possehl made up the committee membership. We recently added members of the fund-raising committee to participate in the current discussion and review process of the overall Bugle business model. Our first meetings focused on the purpose and need for the Bugle, and identified possible changes to make it viable into the future. Even major newspapers are facing a great deal of pressure these days (some large ones have recently gone out of business) and our small paper is no exception. The Bugle currently runs on an operating deficit to the collected ad revenue and relies on membership funds and other fund-raising activities to make up the difference. We have been fortunate to have a long-time printer, but there are concerns about printing companies continuing to produce small-run papers.

The Bugle Review Committee was charged with looking at how to address these factors, including questions about cost, content, quality and distribution. Our first task was to look at the important role the Bugle plays in our neighborhood. We identified several points that make the Bugle unique to Bryn Mawr –

- The Bugle is an important information service to the neighborhood
- The Bugle engages a large number of volunteers in its production and distribution
- The Bugle is the main communication vehicle for information from the BMNA Board
- The Bugle builds a unique sense of community (How many neighborhoods have their own paper?)
- The BMNA website, while important, it does not replace the Bugle at this time nor would an online version of it
- The Bugle provides a connection to the older members of our community

The Bugle does cost our organization to produce, but a question remains how much cost should be underwritten by the BMNA as part of its mission?

We looked at several options that will create a more supportive environment for the Bugle, including creation of an operations review group to focus on the Bugle and report to the Board on a regular basis. Other suggestions under consideration are options in number of issues, number of pages, advertising rates, raising sources of funds and increasing advertising. We will include options and recommendations in the committee's final report.

We are also looking at the contract we have with the Editor. We recently extended the Editor's contract for a period of six months, while the Committee completes its work. We will begin a notification process to the neighborhood prior to renewal of a two-year contract for the Bugle Editor and the Neighborhood Coordinator in the future, staggering them so one is reviewed per year. We will formalize the expectations and duties required to produce the Bugle in its 11-month schedule including:

- Advertising and Business Management
- Editorial and Content Management
- Production and Distribution

If you have personal interest in contributing in some way to the future success of the Bugle and, in particular, have related experience, please contact the BMNA President, Marlin Possehl, at (612) 377-5662 or [president@bmna.org](mailto:president@bmna.org). We can always use volunteers to contribute articles, take photos, help with delivery and a host of related tasks.

- Jay Peterson, Area 6  
BMNA Bugle Review Committee



## Help Wanted for Earth Day Cleanup on April 18

The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board will lead the cleanup of parkland and waterway shorelines on Saturday, April 18 to celebrate Earth Day. For the 15th consecutive year the Bryn Mawr and Harrison neighborhoods will participate by adopting the efforts at Bassett's Creek, Wirth Lake, and Cedar Lake.

Please join us on the morning of April 18 to pick up debris leftover from the long winter. Your efforts will help keep the park, city and waterways clean. We've had great success over the years but WE NEED PEOPLE to cover the wide range of parkland. Just two hours of your time will go a long way toward sustaining our parks.

**The cleanup efforts for Bryn Mawr will focus on two sites: Bassett's Creek, Wirth Lake, and Cedar Lake:**

- The Bassett's Creek cleanup site is based at the J.D. Rivers picnic area, along Glenwood Avenue at Washburn Avenue.
- The Wirth Lake Beach site is along Glenwood Ave between Xerxes Ave and Wirth Parkway (in the beach parking lot).
- The Cedar Lake cleanup site is based at the parking lot at West 25th Street and Cedar Lake Parkway. This site is more convenient for Area 1 and 2 residents.

Volunteers can check in starting at 9:30 AM to get bags/supplies and a territory assignment. Cleanup will continue until noon, although you're welcome to show up even if just for an hour or so. Please dress appropriately for the weather, including boots and good gloves (water repellent types are best). Children are encouraged to participate, but because these locations are near water please be sure that young children have appropriate supervision.

If you have any questions about our specific cleanup efforts, please contact Karen Soderberg at 612-374-3613 or [karen@brynmawrsoap.com](mailto:karen@brynmawrsoap.com).

## FESTIVAL OF GARAGE SALES MAY 2ND & 3RD, 2009

This year's registration proceeds  
benefit the Bugle!

Map of registered sales  
posted on [BMNA.org](http://BMNA.org)

**REGISTER ON PAGE 9.**



## BMNA Reporter

*BMNA Minutes March 11, 2008*

Present: Marlin Possehl, President; Larry Skov, Vice President; Chad Smude, Ron Sterbenz, Co-Treasurers; Susan Verrett, Area 1; Jessica Wiley, Area 3; Paul Markert, Area 4; Dave Logsdon, Area 5; Jay Peterson, Area 6; Barry Shade, Area 6; Stephen Harvey, Area 7; Scott McLaughlin, NRP Co-Chair; JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle Editor; Patty Wycoff, Neighborhood Coordinator.

Guests in attendance: Tim Hammett, Crime Prevention Specialist; Lisa Goodman, City Council; Andrew Kraling, Area 7; Tony Pavelko, Food 4 Thought; Dylan Thomas, Southwest Journal.

### Call to order and introductions

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 in the Bryn Mawr Elementary Cafeteria. A quorum was present. Scott McLaughlin was welcomed as one of the new NRP Co Chairs.

### Approval of agenda

Added Food 4 Thought to the agenda. Jay moved -Ron seconded.

### City Reports City Council-Lisa Goodman

The March 25 Lunch with Lisa topic will be the multi model transit station. There will be an April program, then Lunch with Lisa will take a break.

The city held a snow emergency notification video contest. Videos can be viewed on <http://www.youtube.com>

Lake of the Isles will be repaved this summer. There will be a large scale meeting Monday, March 30, at Kenwood Rec Center where neighbors can hear a presentation on this \$3 million project.

Lisa passed out the 2009 City of Minneapolis Budget in Brief. Will likely be receiving one time funds from the stimulus program so no reduction in police and fire services for 2009.

Discussed implications of LGA dollars from the state being drastically reduced for Minneapolis. Paul Markert asked about paving projects in Bryn Mawr. Lisa referred him to Doug Kress.

### Police Department-Tim Hammett

Tim brought documentation about crime statistics in the neighborhood over the past two months and a comparison from 2008 to 2009. The Mpls Police Department is not going to lose any officers because of dollars coming from the stimulus program.

### Neighborhood Coordinator Update-Patty Wycoff

First ever membership kick-off party at Cuppa Java was a success; we raised \$430. The music was fabulous. Had a request to have a food drive in conjunction with the May annual dinner. Consensus from the board to do so. Will again host and run a BMNA garage sale. Last year, The Minneapolis Rowing Club did the maps, advertising, and signs for the garage sale event. JoEllyn will talk with Lynda Shaheen about the Boy Scout troop doing this. Other options discussed included the Voyagers or another service oriented group to do this organizing.

Sent CEE emails of participants for the Energy Challenge. Participants will begin receiving information from CEE.

### Food 4 Thought-Tony Pavelka

There is a group starting a CSA (community supported agriculture) which would deliver vegetables to Bryn Mawr. They are working with a variety of Minneapolis neighborhoods and four area farms. Sign up by May. There can be home delivery for 18 weeks. A full share is \$625 and feeds a family of four. Half shares are \$400. For more information go to [www.food4thought.com](http://www.food4thought.com).

### BMNA Project

The Energy Challenge- Participants will begin receiving information from CEE. Discussed the downtown improvement project. The Grand Round

signs are not feasible; the poles are going to be removed. Paul suggested creating a community gathering spot at the corner of the church. Larry is looking at costs for a kiosk. The ash tree mapping, our second capital project choice, could be pursued; we would work with the park board. Marlin will talk with the downtown business contacts before we abandon the downtown focus.

### Bugle Review Committee -Jay Peterson

The committee met this week. They have taken a strong position to strengthen the Bugle. Agreed upon a shared reality-the Bugle is important to the neighborhood, engages volunteers, requires volunteers to walk the streets to deliver, is the main communication vehicle for the BMNA, and builds a unique sense of community. The committee has identified issues around cost. Three categories are being addressed; advertising, editorial and content, and production and editing. Will finalize these at the next meeting and make a statement about the mission and vision of the Bugle that will drive decisions.

### Report on Contractor Agreements-Marlin Possehl

Bugle Editor and Neighborhood Coordinator contracts will be staggered so that they come up on alternate years. Currently have a 6 month contract for the Bugle Editor and extending Neighborhood Coordinator until 2010.

### 2009 Budget Presentation-Ron Sterbenz, Chad Smude

We generated income from membership donations of \$16,000 last year; expect to raise \$12,500 this year. Each area rep is being asked to solicit 10 new members. We have 1100 households in neighborhood. Have direct mailed membership materials to households. Money that we set aside has become our second biggest funding source. Bugle expenses exceed ad revenues. We can no longer apply the communication grant from the city to the Bugle; restrictions against

using public dollar grants for a publication that takes ads. We will be revisiting the capital project budget. Discussed having registrations for the garage sale attributed to the Bugle budget. The Bugle advertises and supports the garage sale. Maybe more people would register their sales if they knew that the dollars supported the Bugle. There are dollars that we can capture from the city for a qualified project. Will explore whether we can use these dollars for projects that are being proposed. Ron moved to approve budget-Barry seconded.

### BCV-ROC

Accept resignation from Kevin Thompson as BCV-ROC representative- Marlin is the alternate for both positions for the Bassett Creek Valley planning committee but doesn't want to become the permanent representative. We need to find a new rep. The committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month for 1 1/2 hours. Ron moved; Larry seconded.

### Approving Area 7 Co-Representative Replacement

Andrew Kraling volunteered to be a co-rep for Area 7. Larry moved, Jay seconded to appoint Andrew as co-rep for Area 7.

### Standing Committee Reports

**Land use** - no report

**Traffic** - no report

**Parks and Rec** - no report

**Schools Committee-**

Family Fun Night at Bryn Mawr Elementary will take place on Friday March 27 5:30 -8:00. The BMNA donated \$100. There will be silent auction.

**BFR-included in treasurers report.**

### Treasurer's Report

There is a new neighbor who is willing to be treasurer if Ron and Chad will back him up. They are meeting with him to work this out.

### Reports from BMNA Reps to Affiliated groups

**BCV-ROC—Marlin reported.**

The committee met in February. Had a positive meeting.

**SWLRT-Barry Shade reported.**

EIS process goes forward, The citizens' advisory group met in January and will meet this month. Discussed how strongly we should be arguing for the rail to run through our neighborhood. Barry will send a confirmation of our support to Gail Dorfman. CL Parks

### Discussion Items and Announcements

March 28 is Earth Hour. Neighbors are being asked to go dark from 8:30 -9:30 PM. This will help migrating birds.

Reminder that there is a BMNA board gathering on March 14 at Jessica's.

**Adjourned at 8:35**

Jessica moved, Sue seconded.

*Submitted by Jessica Wiley for Lisa Mills*

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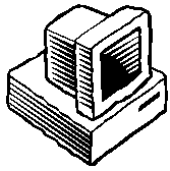
## Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Annual Dinner

**visit with your neighbors, eat yummy food**

## And Board Elections

**Seeking Candidates: Vice-President, Treasurer, Co-reps from Areas 1, 3, 5, & 7.**

**Contact your Area Representative to get on the ballot!**



## From the Editor

**M**inneapolis Public Schools (MPS) is in the process of making changes for the 2010-11 school year. They are looking at transportation and specialized programs known as "magnets". Students are currently bused to magnets from a larger attendance area.

Anwatin International Baccalaureate (IB) is one of those magnet schools. Because of the rigor of the IB program and its "whole child" philosophy, MPS is considering expanding its IB offerings.

There are many great things about the IB approach to instruction. At middle years (grades 6-10) it pushes students not only to learn facts and retain information, but to "think" and to make content relevant to their own lives.

One way to do this is to encourage looking at subjects from different perspectives. For instance, when teaching about the American Civil War, we may talk about what was happening in Europe at that time or what role or influence the native peoples of America played.

I recently had the opportunity to reflect on what my life looks like through someone else's eyes. This past week, our family hosted a young girl from Osaka, Japan. In anticipation of her arrival, as we frantically cleaned and repaired our house (one month ago, the tile in

the kids' bathroom decided to liberate itself from the sub-floor) I wondered what she would think of our home, our lifestyle and our community.

Mrs. Kyoko French, the Japanese teacher at Anwatin and Southwest High School, sent out a questionnaire for host families to complete. It was to be forwarded to our student and asked about our family structure and traditions, our house, and neighborhood. We told her the names, ages and hobbies of our children, we shared our cultural heritage and family traditions, and we told her about Bryn Mawr.

It was very rewarding to send her the link to BMNA.org and know that she could get a preview of our sweet little community. Once she arrived, the neighborhood put on a great show: trees and parks all a round; walking to the corner store and to the Boyles' house, where another student was staying; the short hop to the downtown public library, the Basilica, the Walker/Sculpture Garden and COSTCO (now that was a cultural experience!); and of course, Fast Freddie's.

The weather was cold and rainy with occasional April flurries-that's Minnesota for you. But Bryn Mawr was cozy and nurturing and it was our joy to share this with the world.

- JoEllyn Jolstad bugle@bmna.org

## Minneapolis and Saint Paul Home Tour is April 25 & 26

**S**ixty homes, 39 in Minneapolis (including two in Bryn Mawr) and 21 in Saint Paul will be featured on the Minneapolis & Saint Paul Home Tour. Homes on the free, self-guided tour will be open Saturday, April 25, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, April 26, 1-5 p.m.

In this event that inspires homeowners to improve their homes, "real homes, real people, real ideas," residents open their doors to show creative and practical ideas for kitchens, bathrooms, space additions and more. Talk directly with homeowners, and in many cases, their contractors, architects, and other trades people. More than a dozen homes feature green, energy-efficient remodeling methods and materials.

As a past tour visitor put it, "It's always both an idea generator and fun, especially seeing all price range homes and projects."

To help plan your tour, Home Tour Guides with maps, descriptions of all the homes and special features are available at local libraries in

Minneapolis, Saint Paul, and suburban Hennepin and Ramsey counties. Guides are also available at all the homes on tour days...decide where to start by going to the website, MSPHomeTour.com.

Visit the Minneapolis Telecommunications Network-at www.mtn.org to view a half-hour video sampling the homeowners, including Jeff and Salena Gallo's Area 7 home. Their LEED Platinum Certified home is located at 5 Washburn Avenue S.

During the Home Tour, you can also check out Cherie Peterson's Area 6 home at 229 Upton Ave. S. See how she gave her post-war bungalow an open floor plan and create a pleasant place to live and work.

The Minneapolis & St. Paul Home Tour is coordinated by Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) with the City of Saint Paul Planning and Economic Development department, and other corporate and non-profit sponsors. For information, call 612-673-5140.



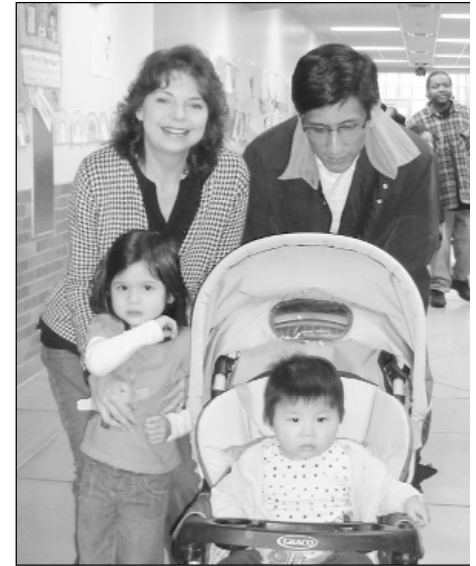
## Bugle Notes by David Logsdon

### Area 5

**W**elcome to Bryn Mawr, Lori Haines! Lori just recently moved into our community from Plymouth and is renting Chris Reid's place in Area 5. Chris' National Guard unit was recently deployed to Iraq. Lori is a friend of his and will be there until he returns. She works at Elsie's Bowling Alley in Northeast Minneapolis and runs the pull tab operation in the bar. She is loving it in Bryn Mawr.

### Area 6

**L**isa Mills along with husband Haris Sih recently returned from China with their new baby girl, Jocelyn. She was welcomed home by big sister, Miranda. Lisa is currently on maternity leave from her position as BMNA Board Secretary.



*The Mills-Sih family at Bryn Mawr School's Family Fun Night.*

## FESTIVAL OF GARAGE SALES MAY 3RD & 3RD, 2009 REGISTER BELOW!

### BRYN MAWR'S ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF GARAGE SALES May 2nd & 3rd, 2009

~~ REGISTER YOUR SALE HERE! ~~

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE BRYN MAWR BUGLE  
A MAP OF REGISTERED SALES WILL BE  
POSTED ON BMNA.ORG

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS OF SALE \_\_\_\_\_  
(Note: only Bryn Mawr addresses can be included in directory.):

LIST ITEMS FOR SALE: \_\_\_\_\_

OPEN SUNDAY?  YES  NO

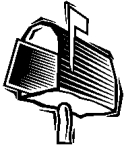
~~ FEE ~~

**\$10.00** FOR INCLUSION IN THE DIRECTORY OF SALES  
(This also helps to cover the cost of advertising and other expenses.)

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BMNA.**  
Forms and fees can be dropped in the BMNA box at the Bryn Mawr Market or mailed to:

**GARAGE SALES**  
505 CEDAR LAKE ROAD SOUTH  
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55405

**DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29**



## Letters

### NEED FOR PROPERTY TAX REFORM

Property tax has become a contentious issue. But it hasn't always been that way. In the beginning it was a tax on land only. The concept of the original property tax was that land could produce income. It was a de facto income tax. However, when the politicians started taxing homes, the original concept was compromised and the controversy started because our homes do not produce income.

Anybody who opposes a reform to our property tax that has evolved beyond recognition from the original concept, are misled by the culture that property taxes are the most stable tax. Yes, property taxes are stable. But that stability is not due to the fact that property values are used as the tax base. The stability is achieved by the change in LEVY the local governments can make. If another tax base was used, the local governments could achieve the same stability by a LEVY on that tax base just as they do now.

Our property values and personal income have followed the same curve. One can verify that with the Minnesota Department of Revenue. Therefore, there is no reason why our property tax should not be reformed based on household income. That would restore the integrity and end the controversy.

There is no reason for the local governments to fear that their revenue stream would be decreased. It would be the opposite because the STATE would save over billion dollars every budget cycle and therefore could increase the Local Government Aid by that much. The savings would be from all the unnecessary aid the State pays in property tax refunds.

The skeptics may oppose property tax reform. But before anybody closes his/her mind to a reform, they must consider the overwhelming evidence that our property tax is UNFAIR. Why else would we need "boards of adjustment" and the STATE spending over a billion dollars in every budget to mitigate the aggrieved. And, don't forget that every one is threatened of loosing their home if financial disaster strikes us and we don't have income to pay the property tax.

If our property tax was reformed based on household income, we would be paying our fair share to start with and no state aid would be needed for anybody. It would be restored to its original integrity and at the same time we would have eliminated the threat of loosing our homes.

- *Juris Curiskis, Area 2*

### TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT

I am writing in regards to Dave Logsdon's article; "Bugle Under Attack" this is ridiculous. Everyone agrees that the Bugle is a great asset to our community. This is a group of neighbors working together to bring new creative improvements to the Bugle, not "single minded zealots determined to get their way". Once again the BMNA has attempted to circumvent any constructive concepts on how to unite all areas of our neighborhood and bring a refashioning to the Bugle.

There were several good ideas that came out of this group on how to improve the content and layout of the Bugle. These ideas were never even looked at! Some ideas were to have the

paid contract association positions available to the public to apply for, new sections; environment, area awareness, Cedar Lake/park updates (much needed due to our phantom park board commissioner), neighborhood history & photos and many more.

As for calling your neighborhood representative; I encourage you to do so. Ask the BMNA and Bugle staff to print the ideas that were presented to them. Then we all can see the ideas and feedback, welcome input from all BMN residents, not just a select few. Status quo is not improvement, we need to look at the areas that need enhancements not just accept the few folks who think everything is just fine.

One of the reasons why many people want to see changes to the Bugle is because of articles like Dave's. There is a time and place for personnel articles, people do not want to hear a persons ramblings about themselves and their families on a monthly basis. This is a newspaper not a diary. The notion that Dave has "Frankly, never met the dude before this meeting" and the "board member seems to feel the Bugle is a luxury" is a full blown fallacy. Could it be that Dave is showing his ripe old age of 64? Maybe he better ask his MD for Aricept before it is to late.

- *Kim Ramey, Area 1*

### IN APPRECIATION OF THE BUGLE

As a 20 year resident of Bryn Mawr, I believe that the Bryn Mawr Bugle provides a great community service. It advertises and promotes our neighborhood. It connects me to my community. The Bugle is informative, interesting and influential. Most of all, it builds community spirit.

I love the Bryn Mawr Bugle. Each month I read every article. The front page of the Bugle announces upcoming events. With this publication, we are reminded to save the date of the BMNA annual dinner, the 1500-family yard sale, exclusive garden tour, wildly-popular ice cream social, family fall party and Saturnalia festival. The Bugle issues a friendly invitation to one and all and provides details about these events. Without such reminders, how many of us would attend? In addition, the Bugle includes a monthly calendar of neighborhood meetings for those of us who wish to become more involved.

Inside the paper you can find informative articles about what's happening at Anwatin and Bryn Mawr Schools, Dave Logsdon's tell-it-like-it-is Counter Talk, Greg Leckers' View from the Bridge column featuring trees and plants in our midst and other interesting nature topics. I find it interesting to find out about our outstanding parks and to compare this year's weather patterns with past years listed in the Bryn Mawr Almanac.

The Bugle nudges us to improve our lives. I've been inspired to implement a couple of the energy tips suggested in the paper. Being reminded of crime safety measures helps keep our crime statistics low. Little wonder that Bryn Mawr is a model neighborhood. Our newspaper pushes us to post our house numbers, use LED holiday lights and order plants to support the local school and beautify our gardens.

Most of all I like learning about my neighbors. What fun that the first Volunteer Profile featured a resident of my block! How inspiring is the page in the June issue that features high school graduates. How can you avoid being proud of living in Bryn Mawr when you read about the outstanding folks who live here. We live in a great neighborhood. By promoting its residents, the Bugle adds to that image.

As you can tell, I'm a fan. A cadre of other folks believe in their neighborhood newspaper as well. The Bugle coordinators (I'm one) and the Bugle distributors volunteer to deliver Bugles each month to the houses on their block. They know they are helping their neighbors and that their efforts are appreciated.

So keep those Bugle issues coming! I can't wait to find out about downtown Bryn Mawr's facelift, the Energy Challenge outcome, Bloomsbury's new tenant and the Presbyterian Church's renovation project.

- *Sandy Clarke, Area 4*

### ENDORSE MAYOR RYBAK!!!

Mayor Rybak's opponent Bob Miller is known for his role as executive director of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) in Minneapolis. Many don't know, however, that one of his actions in this role maimed the landscape of the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood (BMN) permanently.

The BMN is home the Ewing Wetland, a 10,000 year old working wetland and woods located 750' west of Cedar Lake. The 11 acres contained old growth trees, wildlife, and rare botanical plants, as well as subterranean species living in microbiologic colonies.

Privately owned, Ewing Wetlands went up for sale early in the 1990's. The Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association (BMNA) submitted a proposal to the NRP to buy the entire area, to preserve it for use as an environmental learning lab for Anwatin students. The NRP awarded BMNA \$167,000 toward this goal. Residents raised additional money privately.

A developer also had his eye on this property as a site for luxury homes.

When the City Council asked for Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) the developer sued them, claiming too many "hurdles" were being placed in his path.

To settle the lawsuit, the City Council agreed to give the developer the \$167,000 in NRP funds. In exchange the developer would "donate" the small, wet, (undevelopable) marsh area back to the city.

Most neighbors opposed giving NRP funds to the developer.

A call was made to Bob Miller, who controlled the release of NRP money. We asked that the \$167,000 be returned to the general fund to be used for a legitimate revitalization project. We hoped to at least delay the release of funds until after a scheduled appeal of the EIS could be heard at the Environmental Quality Board (EQB).

Bob Miller did not meet with us. Instead, the check was cut and delivered to the developer immediately. Many believed that without this cash infusion the developer would not have been able to complete his purchase. Construction began before the EQB met. Is this the kind of mayor Bob Miller would be, doing exactly what citizens asked him not to do?

RT is a good listener, uses impeccable judgement, and opens his office for citizens to come and talk about any issue. Recently a bicycle and pedestrian path were planned that would take more trees from the Ewing Wetland area. When four of us went to talk to RT he acted swiftly and wisely to stop tree loss.

Delegates to the city convention on May 16, please give your vote to Mayor Rybak, so he can obtain the DFL endorsement for re-election.

- *Lynn Levine, Area 1*

### GO ORGANIC AT THE MARKET

Ever since I heard the Bryn Mawr Market has been suffering hard times I made a personal commitment to increase my support for it by purchasing organic eggs and certain other items from the Market only. (Yes, organic is expensive, but for years I have thought of it this way: I don't flinch at paying \$4 for a pint of Summit, so I shouldn't shudder at paying the same for a week's worth of healthy breakfasts.)

I figure Market owners Paul & Doug take a hit ordering expensive organic items for neighborhood residents, and heaven knows Whole Foods or the Wedge Co-op won't miss my business on those items. How great it would be if everyone in the 'hood made a similar commitment to our beloved grocer.

~ *Carla Tollefsrud, Area 4*

### HELLO NEIGHBORS!

Last month's bugle carried a touching notice from Bryn Mawr Market Owners Paul and Doug, asking for suggestions about how to encourage neighbors to stop at the store, since they are feeling the crunch of the economic down-turn. I know I was touched. My creative mind caught fire with ideas ranging from easy and practical to totally outrageous.

Doug and Paul generously listened to me, then showed me around and I was reminded that only a shore while ago they put in a new floor. It's smooth, bright and clean. That's a fundamental investment. Congratulations and thanks, I say!

The Bryn Mawr Market is a fine, friendly store; friendly, clean, casual and smart, and, most importantly, it is convenient. It's open every day of the year! You can pick up a newspaper or make a fine dinner from their groceries (yes, I have done it.)

But there is more to the word "convenient". I looked it up in the Oxford English Dictionary. "Convenient" comes from the Latin word *convenientia*, which means "meeting together". For me, stopping and shopping at the neighborhood store is priceless for the opportunity to mingle with neighbors, get a joke from Paul or "How's th dog" from Steve, something mellow from Larry or edifying from Doug. The Bryn Mawr Market bulletin board is the extension of this place for "meeting together". The store is the heart and soul of Bryn Mawr.

While there are lots of things Doug and Paul might want to do to make the place more alluring, the first thing to be done is by us. If we are to keep our neighborhood store thriving and prosperous, we have to shop there more often or buy more when we are there.

In our family, we decided to include more breads, coffee beans, the occasional whole meals, as well as cards and boutique items. In addition to our usual dairy, snacks and last minute necessities. It didn't happen overnight - we have been converting gradually for months and it feels great!

But, it is really important RIGHT NOW for customers to show their appreciation and shop with a purpose: to help keep the store in good financial shape during this economic crisis.

Sure, many things cost a bit more there than they do at big name stores. But you cannot walk to most of those places and as a non-driver, I have always factored that convenience into my cost of living. We have counted on the Bryn Mawr Market for decades for much more than the essentials. I should think that now, it can count on us.

- *Susan Taft, grateful customer, Area 5*

# more CounterTalk

by Dave Logsdon



"Why can't we all just get along?"  
-Rodent King

It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. I'm fully caffeinated and loaded for bear. Lost in all the dangling conversations and superficial sighs, I am full of mea culpas, sincere thoughts, and lots of other stuff that somehow relates to life right here in good ole' Bryn Mawr.

## Mea Culpa! Mea Culpa!

Bless your peapickin' hearts, you do read my column! The problem is when I open mouth and insert foot, there's way too many witnesses. In last month's Bugle I singled out a fellow Bryn Mawr board member in a rather mean spirited way. It was hypocritical of me to use a bully pulpit (this space) to call out someone for doing the same. Like a mother bear protecting her cubs, I lashed out in an irrational, emotion-

al way and ran fast and loose with the truth of the situation. Back when I originally served on the board, my column ran a disclaimer about how my opinions represented my views and not the views of the board. Furthermore, it speaks to the credibility of my opinions to get my facts right before calling out, even obliquely, a fellow board member. All members who currently serve on the board are volunteers! They are concerned about this community and selfishly give of their time and talents.

Also, in last month's column, I included a broadside about our government's use of the National Guard for ill conceived, illegal wars. That kind of kind of comment, whether you agree with it or not, is an uncalled for digression from a column about community events. I've always tried to stay out of advocating for any political party or candidate and I will to be as objective as possible in the future.

## Community news stuff

The BMNA membership drive is underway! You may say, what has this to do with the price of free range chickens in Frederic, Wisconsin? Nothing at all, but in order to keep this community strong and vital in these deeply troubled times, we all have to pitch in. You can't volunteer? Write a check! You're broke, volunteer! Whatever you can afford to give, give it. This is a won-

derful place to live. Part of the reason aside from location, location, location, is the spirit of community involvement. Even if you never been to an Ice Cream Social or read The Bugle, you reap the benefits of this involvement. There are people like the BMNA Co-Treasurers Ron Sterbenz and Chad Smude, who spend hours of their own time trying to stretch the board's budget. There's all the folks who rain, sleet, or hail deliver the Bugles to your doorstep. People like Carolyn Bastick and Greg Lecker who have worked in low profile tasks at the community's service for years.

Another way to help the Bugle remain a vital part is to advertise Bugle goes out to 1200 households every month and a business card sized ad costs twenty bucks for residents! I know I always try to buy locally whenever possible.

## The Rest of the Story...

Our neighborhood is lousy with talented people. Magnet artists (cough, wheeze), musicians, thespians, photographers, and dancers, we got em'!

Special Olympian and Bryn Mawr celebrity, Eric Sherarts, has a brother that is doing quite well himself as the guitarist in Kevin Costner's band, Modern West. Teddy Morgan used to practice his geetar behind the counter at the Bryn Mawr Market back in the day, but look at him now.

The Dr. Jeckyl and Mr. Hyde of the Twin Cities music scene, Alexei Moon Casselle turns into Mr. Hyde on April 10th at the Triple Rock on the West Bank. The occasion is the CD release party for his hip-hop group "Kill the Vultures". The mild mannered folk-singer who sings gentle songs (mostly) with his wife

Channy in their group "Roma id Luna", transforms into "Crescent Moon" with Kill The Vultures. The Vultures sound is avant-garde adventurous music not for the faint of heart. In other words, a can't miss event! Alexei grew up in Bryn Mawr and his mother, Karen Moon, lives in area 5.

In other news, John and Deb Inveen are grandparents! Ruby June Inveen entered this world last month. Dr. Pat Inveen and his wife Tara are the proud parents. Pat is another one of those talented kids who worked at one time stocking shelves at the Market. Those of us who have been lucky enough to watch Pat grow up here know how privileged we are.

All winter we have been anxiously (at least I have) news about the vacated Blooms-bury space in downtown Bryn Mawr. The wait is over! Cockle-Doodle-Deux, gift store/antique store will have its' GRAND OPENING this month. We wish them all the luck in their new venture.

I finally got around to the Remix Barbers and Beauty shop located near the Bryn Mawr Coffee Shop. I got ears lowered, watched a basketball game, and enjoyed an old-fashioned barbershop experience. Check out Ray and Dre and the guys, and give Cost Cutters' a break.

May 2 and 3rd is Garage Sale Weekend! It is going to be huge this year! Support the BMNA by shopping and donating to their sale at Sheridan & Laurel. If you pay the fee, you get on the map, and you won't be a scofflaw! As a bonus, this year all proceeds from Garage Sale registrations benefit the Bugle.

Well, that about does it for now, have fun at the Sale!

## Tax Incidence Study Shows Middle Income Earners Pay Most

By Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representative, Margaret Anderson Kelliber

Every two years, the Minnesota Department of Revenue compiles a Tax Incidence Study and releases its findings to the state legislature. The report details taxes paid by businesses and individuals, both in the past and projected for the future. According to the Department of Revenue, the major objective is to provide taxpayers and policymakers with important information on the equity or fairness of the overall distribution of Minnesota taxes. In other words, who pays Minnesota's taxes?

This study examines in detail whether state taxes are becoming more progressive (the more you earn, the higher your tax rate, such as income tax) or regressive (the less you earn, the higher your tax rate). For example, for people living on a fixed income, such as seniors, property tax increases on their home become increasingly more dif-

ficult to pay as increasingly consume a larger percentage of their income; for this reason, property taxes are considered regressive.

Unfortunately, the latest study reveals that from 2004 to 2006, Minnesota's tax system became more regressive, with higher income earners paying lower effective tax rates than lower-income earners. This continues a trend that was indicated in previous tax incidence studies.

We also learned this pattern will continue into the future, according to the latest study. In 2011, Minnesotans with household incomes below \$136,000 a year are projected to pay 12% or more of their income in state and local taxes. By contrast, the top 5% of households – those making over \$2.5 million - are projected to pay 8.5% of their income in state and local taxes; the top 1% will pay 7.7% of their income in state and local taxes.

Certainly, we understand that those who make more are paying more in total dollars. What this study tells us, however, is that low and middle-income earners are paying a larger percentage of their take home pay in taxes than higher earners. In addition, according to State Economist Tom Stinson, Minnesota wages are declining. Having regressive taxes increase at the same time

that wages decrease is like draining water out of a tub faster than you can fill it – you just can't keep up.

Here is another piece of the puzzle: In fiscal year 2009, property taxes are projected to bring in more revenue than the income tax for the first time since 1996. Since 2002, property taxes have increased by \$3.1 billion, a 67% increase in just seven years. These increases are due in large part to the fact that local government aid has been cut, and state funding for core services such as education and transportation has failed to keep up with costs. As a result, property owners have been asked to pay a larger share of local infrastructure, school operating costs, public safety, and other services that have historically been covered by the state.

People are losing their jobs, their health insurance and their homes. Working on tax fairness can be difficult when we are facing such a significant budget deficit, but we must be careful not to increase the burden for those who can least afford it. As we make these decisions, every option will be on the table. Please continue to contact me with your thoughts on where we should cut, how we can manage revenue, and what you want the future of our state to look like.

If you would like more information on the 2009 Tax Incidence Study, visit the Minnesota Department of Revenue website at [http://www.taxes.state.mn.us/taxes/legal\\_policy/other\\_supporting\\_content/2009\\_incidence\\_report.pdf](http://www.taxes.state.mn.us/taxes/legal_policy/other_supporting_content/2009_incidence_report.pdf)

## Learn more about City property taxes

The City of Minneapolis is hosting two open houses to give property owners an opportunity to learn more about their property taxes, as well as programs that may provide some property tax relief.

### Understanding Your Property Taxes

**Wednesday, April 8, 2009, 4:30 - 7 p.m.**  
Webber Park Community Center  
4400 Dupont Ave. N.

**Thursday, April 9, 2009, 4:30 - 7 p.m.**  
Pearl Park Neighborhood Center  
414 E. Diamond Lake Road

Staff from the City Assessor's Office will be on hand to provide you with information about Minneapolis property taxes, and to answer your questions. Cookies and refreshments will be served.

## BMNA Board Positions Up For Election This Year!

The BMNA by-laws state that, in even years, the following positions shall be elected: Vice-President, Treasurer, and Co-Representatives for odd-numbered Areas (1, 3, 5 & 7). Our current treasurers (Ron Sterbenz and Chad Smude) and Area 1 Representative (Rachel Banken) have notified the Board that they will not be seeking re-election to their positions, so it is critical that we find candidate to fill these spots.

All of these positions offer great opportunities to get to know many wonderful neighbors, to learn about the issues facing Bryn Mawr, and to have a voice in our neighborhood's response to those issues. The only requirements are a willingness to volunteer your time and effort, and to voice your opinions while keeping an open mind about what your neighbors have to say. (Well, and you have to actually be a member of the BMNA - but you can sign up right at the Annual Meeting, if you haven't already!)

Please contact Nominations Committee Chair Larry Skov, at 374-1561, if you are interested in volunteering for one of these positions! The full slate of candidates will be published in the May Bugle.



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## Volunteer Profile: Rachel Banken, Area 1

*A continuing series spotlighting exceptional neighborhood volunteers*

**1. How long have you been a Bryn Mawr resident?**

Four and a half years.

**2. What do you like most about living here?**

Oh, there are so many great things about this area but if I had to pick one, it would be the immediate access to both city and nature.

**3. What do you wish you could change about the neighborhood?**

I wish the neighborhood wasn't separated by 394. It can be a challenge for area 1 and 2 residents to feel a part of Bryn Mawr.

**4. In what ways do you volunteer in Bryn Mawr?**

I have been the Area 1 rep for the past 4 years, organize our area 1 wide national night out, and take care of a plot in the community garden.

**5. Why do you volunteer?**

I volunteer in the neighborhood because I believe in the importance of connected communities. I was a Peace Corps volunteer in a village in Guinea, West Africa for 2 years and seeing the power of true community was a transformative experience.



## Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - April 2009

*All meetings are open - everyone is welcome. Neighbors are urged to attend and participate in meetings and activities of special interest to them. Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association and its committees meet at Bryn Mawr Elementary School during the school year (ends June 10, 2009 unless otherwise noted).*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
<b>Minneapolis Public Schools Spring Break is April 3-12</b> There are no meetings at the school during this time. The April BMNA Board meeting will be Wednesday, April 15.						
5	6	7	8 Understanding Your Property Taxes 4:30 - 7 p.m. Webber Park Community Center 4400 Dupont Ave. N.	9 Understanding Your Property Taxes 4:30 - 7 p.m. Pearl Park Neighborhood Center 414 E. Diamond Lake Rd.	10	11
12	13	14	15 BMNA Monthly Meeting, 7pm, Bryn Mawr School Cafeteria	16	17	18 Earth Day Watershed Clean-u
19	20	21 ROC Committee, 6:30, Ripley Gardens	22	23 Lunch w/Lisa Goodman at St. Thomas at noon. 10th and LaSalle, RM 257 \$10/person	24	25
26	27	28	29 DEADLINE for Garage Sale Registrations!	30	<b>Bryn Mawr Festival of Garage Sales May 2-3, 2009</b> Register your sale  Proceeds Benefit the Bugle!	

# BMNA Bulletin Board

BMNA Volunteer Opportunities - Contact: [organizer@bmna.org](mailto:organizer@bmna.org)

**Area 5 Representative to Land Use Committee (LUC) Needed**

The BMNA is looking for a representative from Area 5 on the LUC. The LUC reviews variance requests and advises the BMNA on whether or not to support the request.

Members of the LUC are - Area 1: Mike Dillon, Bob Burgett (alternate), Area 2: Dan Claar, Curt MacKenzie, Area 3: Steve Maurelli, Area 4: Kevin Johnson, Area 5: OPEN, Area 6: Michael Martens and Area 7: Pat Waddick

**NRP Schools Committee Needs Representation from Areas 6 and 7**

The schools committee meets three times a year to look at issues related to schools and the neighborhood. Regular meetings are the fourth Thursdays of January, April and September at 7:00 pm in the conference room at Bryn Mawr Elementary. Additional meetings are scheduled as needed to review specific schools issues of the BMNA or neighbors.

Members of the Schools Committee are - Area 1: Bruce Jones, Area 2: Kevina Munich, Lynda Shaheen, Co-chair, Area 3: Jessica Wiley, Co-chair, Area 4: JoEllyn Jolstad, Area 5: Jean Defresne, Area 6: Beth Boyle and Area 7: OPEN.

**Area 2 Bugle Distribution Coordinator**

Area 2 Bugle Coordinator. A new coordinator is needed as of March 1 so that the Area 2 block distributors can continue to get the Bugle out to the neighbors.

The job consists of having all the Area 2 Bugles delivered to your home on the last Friday of each month (except December) then getting them to the volunteers, like yourself, who take them door-to-door. The Area Coordinator also maintains a list of each block and its volunteer to ensure that all residents get the Bugle.

If this sounds like something you or someone you know would be willing to do, contact David Logsdon, Bugle Volunteer Coordinator (377-9689)

**Bugle Block Distributors - All Areas!**

Every month, hundreds of your neighbors go for a little walk around the block. When they do, the drop copies of the Bugle on each of the 1500 doorsteps in Bryn Mawr. The last Friday of each month, Bugles are delivered to one coordinator in each area. They count and distribute them to the block distributors. Call Dave at (612) 377-9689 to find out if a block near you needs your help.

## Save the Date! May 2nd! 3rd Annual BMNA Garage Sale!

The BMNA will be hosting a garage sale during the Bryn Mawr Garage Sale weekend. This will be a fundraising event with all proceeds donated to the BMNA.

The garage sale consists of items donated by Bryn Mawr neighbors. Last year the event raised \$527. So, while you are getting re-organized after the holidays, start thinking about what you want to donate and hang on to it until May 1. A volunteer will come to your home on May 1 and pick up your donations. It's that simple!

**We would appreciate donations from the list below:**

**Children's clothing, accessories, jewelry, housewares, pictures, select furniture (with approval), clean linens, crafts, books, CD's, DVD's, records, toys, games, small appliances in working order, antiques, collectibles, holiday decorations, handtools, office supplies.**

We cannot accept: items that require cleaning or repair, hazardous waste items or appliances.

Questions? Contact Neighborhood Coordinator, Patty Wycoff [pwcoordinator@comcast.net](mailto:pwcoordinator@comcast.net) or 612-377-4565.

## SUPPORT THE BMNA!

**We have some of the cheapest rates around**  
*Why don't you advertise in the Bugle?!!*

Display Ad Rates	Page Size	Residents	Non Residents
Full Page	10"w X 16"h	\$240	\$280
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Half page, vertical	4 7/8"w X 15.5"h	\$120	\$140
Quarter page, horizontal	10"w X 3 7/8"h	\$60	\$70
Quarter page, vertical	4 7/8"w X 7 7/8"h	\$60	\$70
Quarter page, 1-column	2 3/8"w X 15.5"h	\$60	\$70
Quarter page, 3-column	7 3/8"w X 4 3/4"h	\$60	\$70
3-column, 1/4 high	7 3/8"w X 3 7/8"h	\$45	\$55
Sixth-page vertical	4 7/8"w x 6 3/8"h	\$45	\$55
Eighth page, horizontal	4 7/8"w X 3 7/8"h	\$30	\$35
Eighth page, vertical	2 3/8"w X 7 7/8"h	\$30	\$35
Business Card, horizontal	4 7/8"w X 2 3/8"h	\$20	\$25
Business Card, vertical	2 3/8"w X 3 7/8"h	\$20	\$25
Inserts	8.5"w X 11"h	\$135	\$155

*(Inserts must be printed by you, double or single-sided.)*

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\$60 each color, limit three per issue,

Does not include ad placement fee. Some production costs may apply.

**Full-Color Also Available!**

Call for Details.

**Ads are due the 20th of each month and should be camera-ready and paid in advance.**

**For more information contact Deryck (377-8968) [djolstad@msn.com](mailto:djolstad@msn.com)**

**For classified ads contact Carolyn Bastick (377-8457) [CJ0159@aol.com](mailto:CJ0159@aol.com)**

## BRYN MAWR'S ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF GARAGE SALES May 2nd & 3rd, 2009

~~ REGISTER YOUR SALE HERE! ~~

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE BRYN MAWR BUGLE  
A MAP OF REGISTERED SALES WILL BE  
POSTED ON BMNA.ORG

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS OF SALE \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: only Bryn Mawr addresses can be included in directory.):

LIST ITEMS FOR SALE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

OPEN SUNDAY?     YES     NO

~~ FEE ~~

**\$10.00 FOR INCLUSION IN THE DIRECTORY OF SALES**  
(This also helps to cover the cost of advertising and other expenses.)

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BMNA.**

Forms and fees can be dropped in the BMNA box at the Bryn Mawr Market or mailed to:

GARAGE SALES  
505 CEDAR LAKE ROAD SOUTH  
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55405

**DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29**



## Youth & Schools

### Bryn Mawr PTA Plant Sale Is Back!

Once again, the parents of the Bryn Mawr PTA are having a big plant sale. Order forms will be inserted in this April Bugle! You will also find order forms at the school, in some of the downtown business or email [jjolstad@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:jjolstad@mpls.k12.mn.us) and have a PDF file sent to you.

There will be a huge selection of annuals, perennials, and the world's most beautiful hanging baskets. Plus, there will be wildflowers, native grasses, herbs and tomatoes. Plants will be delivered to the school for you to pick up on Tuesday, May 12. There will also be a "Last Chance" overstock sale on Tuesday, May 13 during the BMNA Annual Dinner.

#### What makes our sale special?

**Unique Selection** - Even if you are a loyal supporter of another plant sale, with 150+ varieties, we know you will find something you like!  
**High Quality Locally Grown Plants** - Repeat customers know they will get full-size beautiful plants. Orders are due by April 17. Thank

you in advance for your generosity this year and enjoy your wonderful plants!

- Jenny Warner, Area 6 (374-5156)

### Bail Out the Bryn Mawr Band!

The Bryn Mawr PTA is looking for sponsors for its rockin' new fund raiser. "Shake it Like it's Hot" will be Saturday, May 23 at Lee's Liquor Lounge. It will feature several great local bands including Gone is Gone, Steams County Pachenga Society and Slim Dunlap.

#### Here's your chance to be a rock star!

Please join our list of rockin' sponsors in helping us Bail out the Band!

\$50	Groupie
\$100	Roadie
\$250	Rock Star
\$250+	Rock Legend!

All Rock Star and Rock Legend Sponsors will receive rock star treatment and be promoted in our advertising and promotional materials.

For more information, call (612) 490-2049 or visit [www.bailouttheband.org](http://www.bailouttheband.org).

## Bryn Mawr Welcomes Students from Osaka, Japan



Twelve students and two teachers from Kasugaoka High school in Osaka, Japan arrived on March 22nd for a one-week visit to Minneapolis. The visit was part of an exchange program arranged by Kyoko French who teaches Japanese at both Anwatin Middle and Southwest High Schools.

Three neighborhood families welcomed visitors into their homes. Rachel Boyle and Grant Jolstad, both of Area 4, each hosted one of the students and Reed Monson of Area 2 hosted one of the teachers. All three are sophomores studying Japanese at Southwest. Their guests lived in their homes and traveled to school with them on the bus each morning.

The third day of the visit included a trip to Anwatin Middle School.

Principal Cecilia Saddler and Assistant Principal Al Pit welcomed them and gave them small gifts, as remembrances of the school, to take back to Japan. The students visited the art class where they shared their knowledge of origami, the art of paper folding.



## Crime & Safety

### Crime Prevention Corner April, 2009

On March 30th, the Minneapolis Police Department held its annual Crime Prevention Awards ceremony. Outstanding block clubs are recognized with the Building Blocks Award while the Theresa S. Ruhland Youth Award goes to individuals who have done an outstanding job getting youth involved in the life of the community. This year, two block clubs in North Minneapolis received Building Blocks Awards. A north Minneapolis resident is also this year's sole recipient of the Theresa Ruhland award.

The St. Olaf block club on the 2900 block of Emerson is one winner of the Building Blocks Award. Founded approximately 10 years ago by two concerned neighbors the block club has tackled everything from boarded up, run down houses to serious drug activity in the neighborhood. Since teaming up with St. Olaf Church, the block club has met regularly on the 2nd Tuesday of every month for the past 5 years. Their membership includes homeowners and renters from several blocks as well as residents from the St. Olaf Nursing Home. They work with rental property owners, the Minneapolis Police Department, City Council members and other agencies to address a variety of neighborhood livability issues. Over the years they have made a real difference in and around their block and have shown that dogged persistence really pays off.

The other north side Building Blocks winner is the 35th Ave Aldrich/Lyndale block club. Since 2005 this block club has been a great example of how to build community the right way: by reaching out the hand of friendship to new residents who move on to the block, helping those residents who need assistance with foreclosure or other issues, door knocking every house on the block to get residents involved in the community, recruiting other block club leaders in the community, and networking with other block clubs to share information and ideas. They also work closely with law enforcement and other agencies to address serious crime and safety issues. The members of this block club understand the importance of grass roots organizing in the effort to build stronger, healthier communities.

The winner of this year's Theresa S. Ruhland Youth Award is James W. Nelson of the Willard-Hay neighborhood. When he first moved in to the Willard Hay neighborhood in July, 2005, he noticed that there

were many kids in the neighborhood badly in need of some positive adult contact. That unmet need struck a chord in Nelson, and rather than pass it off as someone else's problem, he saw it as an opportunity to be of service in his new community. In many small ways he set about making a difference. Now, Nelson is known to 60 or 70 kids in Willard Hay simply as "Pops".

Nelson is the guy on the block that kids go to if they need to borrow a football, get some air in their bicycle tires, or need someone to talk to. Over the years, by simply showing the common virtues of honesty and trust, and by letting the kids know that he thinks that they're important, and that their lives matter, he has become an invaluable part of their lives.

On any given summer afternoon, you'll probably find half a dozen or so kids in Nelson's backyard pool. There will probably be a few more shooting hoops in his driveway. Nelson often organizes impromptu football games for the kids on Theodore Wirth Parkway, or goes sledding with them on Sunset Hill. He organizes outings to the \$3.00 movie theaters. He's just "Pops" to kids from 7 to 19 years old, boys and girls alike.

More importantly, he listens. He takes their ideas, aspirations, and concerns seriously. These kids know that Pops will listen to them, and be straight with them. Over the years, he has gained their trust and respect, and this can be a rare thing, especially now when so many of our communities are fractured along age and ethnic lines.

James Nelson exemplifies many of the ideals and principles that are so important in crime prevention. He didn't go out to found a non profit, seek a grant, start a youth program, or anything like that. He simply saw a need in his community, and acted. He realized that there was a growing hunger among the youths in his neighborhood for some positive adult contact, and did something about it. He just did a few small things, like loan out a baseball glove, a sled, or a basketball. He also encouraged the kids in his neighborhood to talk to him, and he listened. He made them feel important. He made them feel valued.

These may be small things, but it's these small things, repeated consistently over time, and practiced by all of us, every day, that shape the character of our youth, and our communities.

- Tim Hammett,  
MPD Crime Prevention Specialist  
(612) 673-2866  
[timothy.hammett@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:timothy.hammett@ci.minneapolis.mn.us)

### City of Minneapolis Curfews

**Under 12:** Sun-Thurs 9 pm, Fri-Sat 10 pm.  
**Ages 12-14:** Sun-Thurs 10 pm, Fri-Sat 11 pm,  
**Age 15-17:** Sun-Thurs 11 pm, Fri-Sat 12 midnight



www.minneapolisparcs.org

## Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden Opens for the Season April 1st!

Come early to see the pussy willow in full bloom. Look for the unusual skunk cabbage nestled along the wetland's edge. Keep your eyes open for the emerging foliage and flowers of the spring ephemerals, our Garden's timeless treasures. In addition, take advantage of the wonderful array of migratory songbirds that are stopping at the Garden before they journey further north.

Every Saturday and Sunday Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden & Bird Sanctuary Naturalists offer free interpretive programs at the Garden. April program highlights include Spring Wildflower Walks, Secrets of the Spring Woods Nature Hikes, and Saturday Morning Birding Walks. Join us for our annual Open House to signal the beginning of the Garden season. Several special programs will be offered this season. Take a look at the offerings below and call us or go online to [www.minneapolisparcs.org](http://www.minneapolisparcs.org) to register.

### Program Registration:

To register for free public programs and fee based special programs; ask Garden related questions; or to inquire about plants in bloom please stop by the Martha Crone Visitor's Shelter or call 370-4903 during Shelter hours. All programs begin at the Shelter unless otherwise noted.

### Garden Hours:

The Garden is open daily from April 1st to October 15th from 7:30am to 1 hour before sunset.

Weather permitting the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden will open April 1st. A late snowstorm could delay the opening. Please call 612-370-4903 to verify early spring hours.

### Martha Crone Visitors Shelter Hours:

Monday to Saturday: 10:00am to 1 hour before sunset  
 Sunday: Noon to 1 hour before sunset

### Directions:

The Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary is located 1/2 mile north of I-394 on Theodore Wirth Parkway. Metro Transit bus route 9 stops at Glenwood Avenue and Theodore Wirth Parkway, just a two-block walk to the Garden entrance.

### Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden & Bird Sanctuary Public Programs and Tours April 2009

**Spring Birding at the Garden**  
 Saturday, April 4, 9:30-11am  
 Saturday, April 11, 9:30-11am

Saturday, April 18, 9:30-11am  
 Saturday, April 25, 9:30-11am  
 Millions of birds are on their way to Minnesota for another breeding season and birders everywhere are getting ready. Join us for an overview of binoculars and field guides as well as a primer on birding by ear using recordings. Then follow our lead on a walk, weather permitting, through the Garden to see who has arrived so far this spring and who survived another Minnesota winter. Bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them or you can borrow ours. Meet in the upper parking lot – rain, snow or shine!

### Open House

Saturday, April 4, 12-4pm  
 Join us in the Visitors Shelter and out on the trails to welcome in our 102nd season at the Wildflower Garden. Take a look at our April displays, talk to staff about the season ahead, and indulge in the warmth of a fire and a nourishing treat. Take a tour at 1 or 3 (pre-registration is suggested) with one of our naturalists to fully enjoy the start to this Wildflower Garden season.

### Animal Adventures

Saturday, April 4, 1-2pm  
 Saturday, April 12, 1-2pm  
 Though the Garden is known for its flowers it also supports abundant wildlife and spring is an excellent time to see it. We'll explore the trails in and near the Garden as we look for signs of the animals that live here. For families with children ages 6 and up.

### Secrets of the Spring Woods

Saturday, April 4th 3:00pm – 4:00pm  
 Sunday, April 12, 3-4pm  
 Sunday, April 26, 3-4pm  
 Spring is a time to appreciate the little things in the Wildflower Garden. Take a walking tour with a Garden naturalist who can assist in your discovery of the tiny miracles happening all around you this time of year.

### Birding Basics

Sunday, April 5, 1-2  
 Saturday, April 11, 1-2pm  
 Saturday, April 18, 3-4pm  
 Venture through the Garden in search of bird life. This program is designed for beginners of all ages. We will learn to identify common birds that nest in the Garden using sight and sound. We will also learn about tools to help you and yours discover a lifetime hobby. Bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them, or you can borrow ours.

### Bark, Buds and Branches

Sunday, April 5, 3-4  
 Sunday, April 19, 1-2  
 A world of wonderful woody plants is awaiting you. Spring is a great time to learn how to identify trees. A Garden Naturalist will lead you on a tree identification tour using features such as bark, buds, and branches to identify trees. You will learn how to recognize many of our favorite species and may even see some in flower! Handouts will be provided.

### Full Pink Moon Walk

Wednesday, April 8, 7:45-8:45  
 Take a twilight tour of the Garden and discover the magic of being in our Sanctuary long after the sun has set. We will look for bats, listen for owls and enjoy the spring song of chorus frogs. Meet at the front gate. Pre-registration required.

### Early Spring Wildflower Hike

Saturday, April 11, 3-4pm  
 Saturday, April 18, 1-2  
 Sunday, April 26, 1-2pm  
 Join a Garden Naturalist on a wildflower tour of the Garden. We will search for signs of all of our early spring favorites including hepaticas, trout lilies, and more.

### Evening Wildflower Walk

Wednesday, April 15, 6-7pm  
 Wednesday, April 22, 6-7pm  
 Wednesday, April 29, 6-7pm  
 Early evening is a wonderful time to enjoy the spirit of spring at the Garden. Relax and revel in the beauty of this short season as a Garden nat-

uralist leads you on a tour of the wildflowers along the woodland trails.

### Spring Ephemerals

Sunday, April 19, 3-4  
 Saturday, April 25, 3-4  
 Many woodland wildflowers need to flower and fruit early in the growing season. Come to the Garden to learn more about the habits of a group of plants called spring ephemerals and search for their inspired blossoms before they disappear for the season.

### Gardening with Woodland Wildflowers

Saturday, April 25, 1-2pm  
 Join a Garden Naturalist on a wildflower tour of the Garden. This tour will focus on gardening with native woodland plants. Explore the beauty of our garden and find inspiration for creating your very own woodland wildflower garden. Handouts, including a list of native plant suppliers, will be provided.



## Recycling

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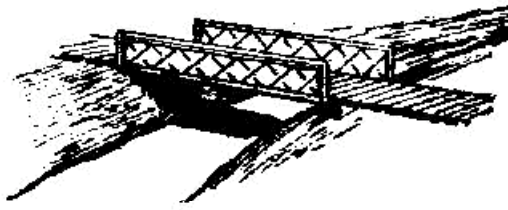
### Bryn Mawr Recycling Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday
<b>Area 1</b>	<b>April 6 April 20</b>	
<b>Areas 4W, 5W, 6, 7</b>	<b>April 13 April 27</b>	
<b>Areas 2, 3, 4E, 5E</b>		<b>April 14 April 28</b>
<b>Use it up, wear it out, make it do, do without. Recycle — 673-2917</b>		



- April 3, 1982 Big storm with a barometric pressure of 29.8 inches. Raining with an east wind and 55° at bedtime. By morning, snowing with a 55 mph northwesterly wind and 18°, as an intense low pressure cell passed just south of us into NW Wisconsin. Air circulation around these cells is counterclockwise, explaining the wind shifts. 91 inches of snow in the winter of 1981-82, a record. That's about twice what we've had this past winter.
- April 9, 2009 Full moon, the Ojibwe Maple Sugar moon.
- April 9, 2007 Loons heard calling on Cedar Lake.
- April 19, 2008 Last snow (piled near driveway north of house) gone. Rhubarb popping up in garden. Many neighborhood volunteers helped with the annual Bassett's Creek clean-up.

## View From the Bridge



### Welcome Spring! April 2009

Spring flowering trees include the common Crapapple and the rarer Cherry, Plum and Redbud trees. Previous columns discussed Black Cherry and Crabapple Trees. The shorter Redbud and such smaller Prunus trees as Plum and Choke Cherry are good trees for planting under overhead power lines. Redbud trees are occasionally planted in backyards and gardens in southern Minnesota. American Plum (also known as Wild Plum or American Wild Plum) grows in Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden. Station numbers noted below refer to numbered signposts that mark the general vicinity of the trees and the descriptive key that appears in the garden's guidebook sold in the visitor center. Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden reopens in early to mid-April.

*"The odor of plum and cherry blossoms is reminiscent of their fruits..."*  
Eloise Butler remarked in *Annals of the Wild Life Reserve*, January 19151

#### **American Plum (*Prunus Americana*)** **Station 45 Prairie; up to 10-15' tall and wide; 25 to 30 years.**

American Plum is a small tree that performs quite well in sun. It is a single or multi-stemmed, shrubby, small tree with a spreading crown. Spiny branches and slender twigs cover the branches; some twigs form 1" long thorns. Smooth young reddish brown bark ages into gray plate-like scales with irregular ridges or exfoliating curls. As with other Prunus species members, scratching thin bark will release a bitter almond odor.

Leaves are 3" to 4" long, oval or elliptical. The slightly wrinkled leaves have a finely serrated margin and sharply pointed tip. Leaves are dark green above and slightly paler beneath. Fall color is golden yellow.

Prior to the appearance of its leaves, Plum produces attractive masses of 3/4 - 1" simple white flowers with five petals. Appearing in late April to late May, flowers resemble those of Crabapple or Hawthorn— but with a unique fragrance that foretells of the fruit to follow.

Red to purple (and sometimes yellow) fruits — one inch in diameter—form in late summer. These plums can be eaten fresh or processed into jams and jellies in which sweeteners make the tart fruits more appealing and palatable. Plum trees provide food and excellent habitat for wildlife.

Plum trees are often grown as a mass planting because plants are prone to root suckering. Leaf spot and fruit diseases detract from plant appearance but don't threaten

health. Black knot fungus afflicts twigs and branches with large encircling black growths that resemble "scat on a stick" — a fool-proof identification of Prunus species. Borers may infest the trunk of stressed trees.

**Canada Plum (*Prunus nigra*) 15-20'**  
Canada Plum differs from American Plum by the presence of red glands on leaf stalks. The cultivar Princess Kay Plum (*Prunus nigra* 'Princess Kay') displays additional distinguishing traits that offer further appeal. Outstanding double white flowers are extremely fragrant and turn pinkish as they age. Its green foliage sometimes develops a reddish-purple fall color. Trunk and branches are almost black with attractive white lenticels. Fruit suffers from poor production and disease. Suckering plants are not true to the cultivar but to the species rootstock onto which the plant cultivar was grafted.

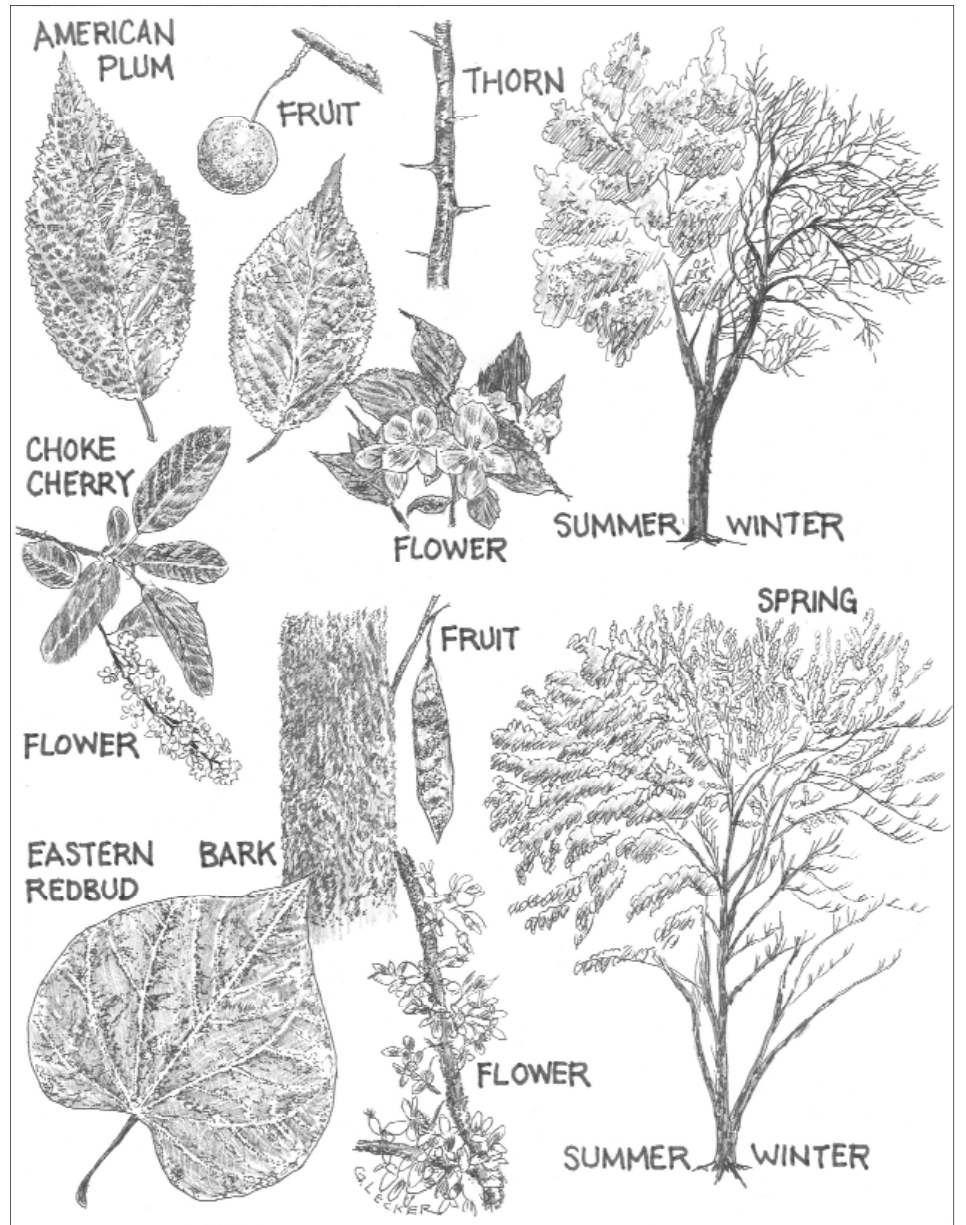
#### **Choke Cherry (*Prunus virginiana*)** **Station 35 Woodland; 15'-25' tall; 25-50 years**

Choke Cherry is a native species that grows as a large shrubby thicket or a small upright tree. Leaves are shiny with fine-toothed edges. Fall orange-red color may develop in sun. Like other Rose family members, flowers have five petals. Appearing in April to June, 2" wide white flowers bloom in dense, 2" to 6" long clusters. Dark purple fruits form in late summer—July to October. The extremely tart berries can induce a "choking" sensation, hence the name Choke Cherry. Like plum, added sweeteners can make the jelly palatable and even a delicacy.

Interestingly, though fruits of cherries are edible and even palatable, digestion of Prunus seeds, leaves, twigs and bark by enzymes in the stomach releases cyanide (hydrocyanic acid) that can result in poisoning. Typically, seeds are passed without being digested. Cyanide also produces the bitter almond odor and taste when the bark is scratched or crushed.

The plant and its fruit improve habitat for woodland wildlife. Choke Cherry grows in partial sun and rich moist soils along woodland edges or along well-drained fence rows or roadsides where birds and mammals have passed seeds after eating the fruits. Choke Cherry also reproduces by spreading underground stems (rhizomes) that sprout from base of the trunk to form dense colonies.

**Purple Leaf Sand Cherry (*Prunus x cistena*) 6' to 8' tall and wide; Bryn Mawr Mobil stone planter, northeast corner of Penn Avenue and Cedar Lake Road**  
Purple Leaf Sand Cherry is grown for its purple colored foliage that offers a pleasant contrast to the



green hues of most plants. Small pink flowers bloom after the foliage opens in the spring. Very small fruits are rarely if ever produced. Purple Leaf Sand Cherry is very winter hardy in well drained soil and does best in full sun. It suffers even in partial shade, producing sparse foliage, less intense color, and few flowers. In less than ideal conditions, Purple Leaf Sand Cherry will be somewhat short-lived, succumbing to stem canker. A cultivar less hardy than Purple Leaf Sand Cherry is Newport Purple Leaf Plum (*Prunus cerasifera* 'Newport').

#### **Eastern Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*) 15' - 25' tall and wide, 50-75 years.**

Eastern or American Redbud is a picturesque tree that blooms early with pinkish purple flowers that outline the spreading umbrella-like canopy. Pea-like lavender-to-pink flowers, 1/4" wide, appear along branches before leaf buds open.

Leaves are simple, heart-shaped, 2" to 6" long, alternately attached, with pointed tip and smooth margin. The shiny to medium dark green foliage is quite attractive throughout the growing season. Fall color is a clear yellow unless early frosts cause leaves to drop while a dull greenish-brown.

The fruit is a reddish-brown pod, 2" to 4" long, pointed at both ends like a pea-pod. The flat fruits turn brown in fall and persist into winter.

Redbud can be grown as a single or multi-stemmed small tree with a round to wide spreading crown. With age, the trunk often becomes fissured and reddish brown in color.

Redbud is not native to Minnesota; it was introduced from northeastern and southern United States. Because plants from these two

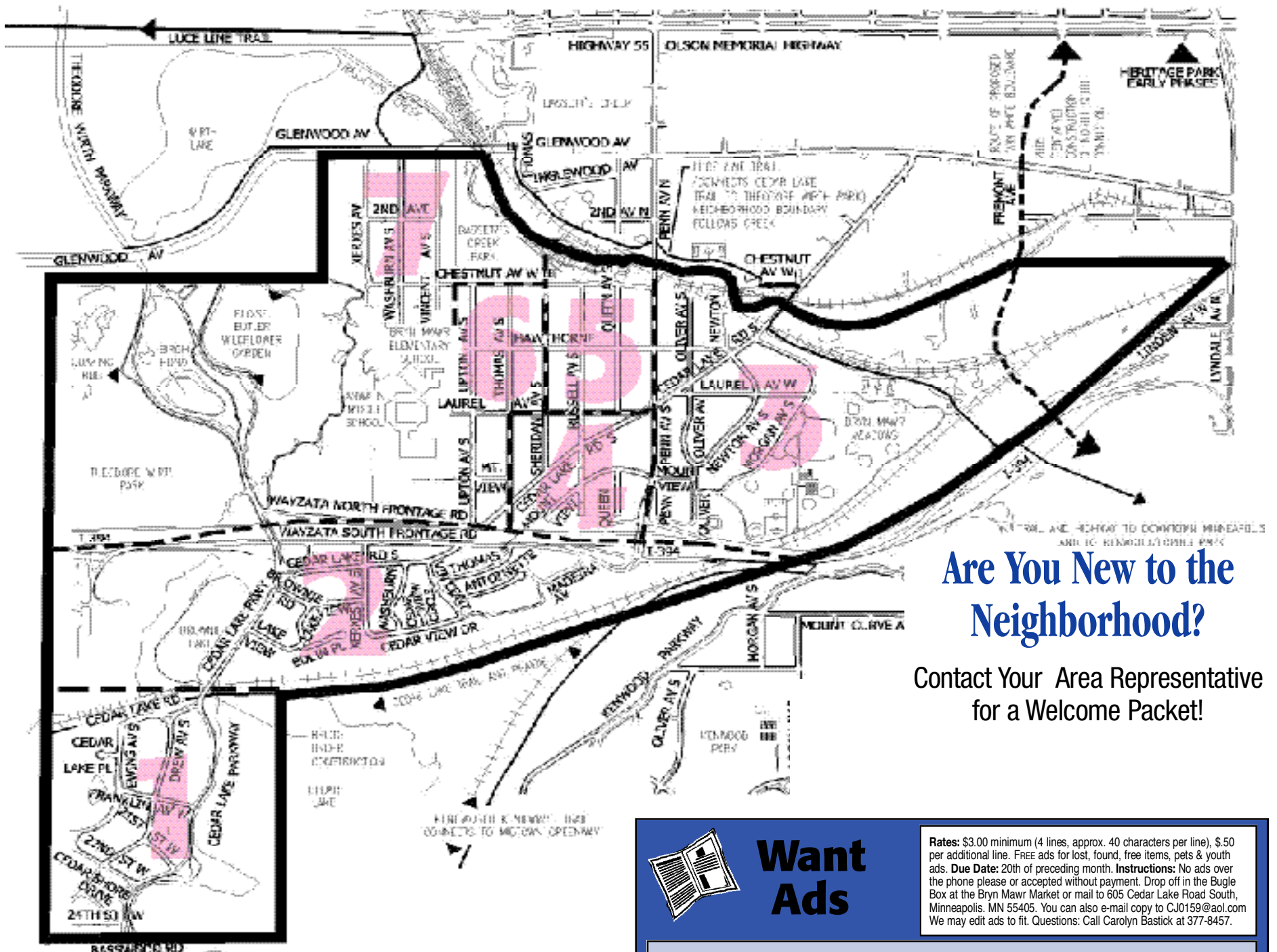
regions vary widely in hardiness, it is best to purchase trees from a reputable local nursery. Trees benefit from favorable microclimates like those found in metropolitan Twin Cities sites protected both from winter sun and winter winds. Redbud performs well in naturalized or woodland settings with well drained soil, good moisture and partial shade. Plants may be subject to cankers and verticillium wilt, a fungal disease. Redbud is also known as Judas-tree, referring to a European legend that the once-white flowers turned red with shame after the New Testament character Judas hung himself during the springtime Paschal season. A mature Eastern Redbud grows in the backyard of 253 Russell Avenue South.

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Plan a visit to Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden...it will be worth your effort!

Greg Lecker  
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