



# BRYN MAWR BUGGLE

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Thanks to all the "kids" who decorated our neighborhood with creative snowmen this winter.

= Chris Etz, Area 4

## Bryn Mawr's Saturnalia December 12, 2009

Sponsored by the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Business Association

Thank goodness the weather decided to cooperate for Saturnalia! 100+ Bryn Mawr neighbors attended this wonderful annual event hosted by the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Business Association. Area 3 residents, Bob and Lynn Dixon, started the adults only party at Cuppa Java with beautiful folk music. They were followed by Area 5 resident, Morris Engel and his latest band, Dinosaur Riders.

Thank you to all of the volunteers for assisting with the event. We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you Bryn Mawr Business Association for hosting this valuable winter event.

- Patty Wycoff, Neighborhood Organizer



### A Thank You For Bryn Mawr Carolers and Contributors

In December, a group of Bryn Mawr neighbors caroled at Saturnalia. We raised \$325 for Project Starfish (which is \$125 more than last year!). Project Starfish helps families with short-term housing needs. Proceeds went to St. Anne's Women's Shelter in North Mpls.

Thanks go to our carolers: Karin Ciano, Beth Franzen, Rie Gilsdorf, Cynthia Hechter-Rollins, Wendy Jerome, JoEllyn Jolstad, Marc Kramer, Rachel Pytlak, and others who joined in. Ned and Kevin McCraine accompanied us on their trumpets.

Thanks also go to Cuppa Java, for allowing us to put a collection jar on the counter. And a special thanks goes to those who rescued the collection jar when someone stole it from the counter! I wasn't given any names of the heroes, but I'm certainly grateful for your daring rescue efforts.

If you missed joining us in 2009, plan to join us in 2010. It's a lot of fun, for a most worthy cause.

- Mindy Macy, Area 6





# BMNA Reporter

BMNA Minutes  
December 10, 2009

Present: Marlin Possehl, President; Ben Horn, Co-Treasurer, Adam Maki, Co-Treasurer; Dave Holets, Area 1; Greg Froehle, Area 1; Susan Verrett, Area 2; Jessica Wiley, Area 3; Rick Carter, Area 3; Paul Markert, Area 4; Dave Logsdon, Area 5; Jay Peterson, Area 6; Barry Shade, Area 6; JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle editor/Community Schools Liaison; Scott McLaughlin, NRP chair, Patty Wycoff, Neighborhood Coordinator,

Guests in attendance: Lisa Goodman, City Council Rep; Kathryn Kaatz, Bryn Mawr ROC Rep; Kari Anderson, Harrison ROC Rep; Michael Marten, LUC and ROC Rep; Dick Adair, Area 6; Vida Ditter, Area 6.

## Call to order and introductions

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 in the Bryn Mawr Elementary Cafeteria. A quorum was present. Introductions made.

## Approval of consent

Approved with additions to the agenda,  
Moved by Jay, second by Rick.

## City Updates-

### City Council-Member Lisa Goodman

It's winter and it's snowing. Pay attention to snow emergencies or the city can't get the roads plowed. Positions to serve on the police review authority are open. Variance for the Presbyterian church went through. Discussed snow shoveling. Explained TIF districts and the relationship with NRP funding.

## BCV ROC Committee-

### Kari Anderson, Kathryn Kaatz, Michael Martens, Vida Ditter

The Basset Creek Valley Regional Oversight Committee is made up of neighbors from Harrison, Bryn Mawr, and business representatives. The master plan for the area encompasses land from 394 to Glenwood. Ryan Companies has rights to develop the city property. A feasibility study has been launched to look at Linden Yards East to store commuter rail cars (heavy rail, not light rail storage). The area being developed for mixed residential and commercial use not likely to happen if Linden Yards East is used for rail storage; this would not be consistent with the master plan. Marlin suggested that talking points be created and an article written for the Bugle.

## Neighborhood Coordinator Update-

### Patty Wycoff

Sent out a BMNA email announcing the snow emergency. Welcome packets are being worked on and should be ready for the January meeting. Saturnalia is Saturday, December 12; there has been an overwhelming response for volun-

teers. Discussed whether there is a restriction in the Neighborhood Contractor contract that prevents voting as a member of BMNA committees. Marlin commented that it is typical in non-profits for staff members not to be voting members of committees. Discussed whether the Board supports restricting voting. Marlin will review the contract and 501.C3 status issues.

## Hour Car Update-

### Scott McLaughlin

The Hour Car has been delivered. We are waiting for \$10,000 from NRP. Will be parked in a prominent place during Saturnalia.

## NRP Report-

### Scott McLaughlin

There have been two meetings with engineers from the city about the downtown Bryn Mawr lighting project. The city has finally given support to this project. There are four viable and potential components. 1) four decorative lampposts on Cedar Lake Rd and Penn—similar to those by Wirth— old lighting/stoplight equipment removed 2) LED lights will be used; they will take down the one light that is there. The light poles will allow for a vertical banner 3) zebra painting on all four crosswalks 4) larger stop signs erected. Estimated costs are around \$45,000. We currently have \$35,000 in the plan for this project. It will require plan modification. Discussed the Hour Car and slide replacement.

## Redistricting Discussion -

### Barry Shade

Board and committee members interested in preparing for state and city redistricting met prior to the board meeting. This will be a multi-year process. The group will begin looking at different strategies, starting with researching the process of redistricting.

## BMNA Capital Projects

- The Energy Challenge—Jessica reported that there will be an article wrapping up this endeavor in the Bugle. The Board thanked Tracy and Becca for the work they put into this somewhat frustrating project.
- Downtown improvement project—With the approval of new light poles that can handle a banner, Rick will pull the Capital Project Committee together to discuss the downtown improvement activities.
- Ash Borer project- 918 addresses were surveyed for ash trees resulting in 853 ash trees identified. Half of the trees were on boulevards, with over ? measuring medium or large. There were 44 information packets distributed. There is a plan for distributing the remainder.
- Ben has been attending other Minneapolis neighborhood associations to see what activities they sponsor. He suggested we discuss the value of sponsoring monthly programs such as music or art activities.

## BMNA Secretary Needed

**The Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Board is seeking a volunteer to serve as the secretary. The secretary is a member of the BMNA Executive Board and is responsible for taking minutes at the monthly meetings which are held the second Wednesday each month. If you are interested, contact BMNA President, Marlin Possehl at 612-377-5662.**

## Standing Committee Reports

- Land Use- The Presbyterian church is planning an addition; adding an elevator to meet handicap accessible requirements. They appeared before the land use committee; they have met all the city criteria for the variance. Construction will begin in the spring. There will be disruption to neighborhood traffic flow. The church is working to address parking issues that will affect the businesses.

- Traffic-no report
- Parks and Rec-no report

- Schools Committee-Jessica Wiley  
The slide replacement has been accepted within the NRP plan. We won't have to modify the plan. The school district will be paying for installment.

The school committee discussed the structure of the committee and determined that there could be two representatives from each area and eliminate reps at large. They also decided to hold a late winter or early spring neighborhood forum to discuss educational changes coming from the school district.

On February 27, 2010, there will be a "bail-out-the-band" event at Lee's Liquor Lounge to support the Bryn Mawr Elementary band.

- Bugle Report -JoEllyn presented a written report on advertisers and dollars. Rates were raised slightly.
- BFR-no report

## Treasurers Report

Will develop a policy for paying small bills without waiting for approval from the board as part of the budgeting process. Moved by Scott, second by Dave to pay \$125 for maps used for school committee discussions. The membership drive will begin in January. We have 1200 households; 400 are members. Board members are asked to come half an hour early to the January board meeting to stuff envelopes for the 400 members. Will mail to the remaining 800 households in February.

## Reports from BMNA Reps to Affiliated groups-

- BCV-ROC— reported above
- SWLRT-no report
- Cedar Lake Parks-no report
- Park Board Lakes District Council-Dick Adair and Vida Ditter, Bryn Mawr representatives.

Dick presented a written report in response to a concern raised about the Loppet Trail. After walking the entire trail, he found that the trail routes and work are minor and friendly. The BMNA vision of this area is that it is a multi-use park for silent sports. The Wirth Beach is

planned to be completed next summer. Status of all park board projects are on their website.

## Adjourned at 8:59 PM

*Submitted by Jessica Wiley, interim secretary.*

## BMNA Minutes, Jan 13, 2010

Present: Board Members Larry Skov, Scott McLaughlin, JoEllyn Jolstad, Ben Horn, Adam Maki, Susan Verrett, Greg Froehle, Dave Holets, Jessica Wiley, Rick Carter, Christopher Etz, Paul Markert, Dave Logsdon, Jay Peterson, Barry Schade, Andrew Kraling, Steve Harvey, and Marlin Possehl, Neighborhood Coordinator Patty Wycoff, ROC and Cedar Parks representative Vida Ditter, Cedar Parks rep Dick Adair, and guests Frank Ditter, Councilmember Lisa Goodman and Mpls Public Works representative Larry Matzimoto, Police Liaison Tim Hammett, and SW Journal reporter Dylan Thomas. (apologies for omissions as the sign in sheet was misplaced)

President Possehl called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Consent agenda was approved minus December minutes which have not been distributed yet. Some members gathered early to address membership renewal packets.

Lisa Goodman gave her city update with information on snow removal and an MTV board opening for someone with a tech/ production background. Call 311 to report unshoveled walks. Lisa introduced Larry Matzimoto from Public Works who was previewing summer street resurfacing plans in Bryn Mawr. He said there will be public meetings on assessment ratings and future mailings announcing the work.

Tim Hammett gave a crime stat summary for Bryn Mawr: burglaries down 30% despite a late year spike; theft (mostly from auto) up 6%; fewer violent crimes, but insignificant in number. Tim urges residents to contact him for a home security survey if they haven't had one done. Concerns were expressed over reduction in force coverage from budget cuts.

Patty Wycoff gave the Neighborhood Coordinator report. New welcome kits are assembled thanks to Patty and the initiative of Lois Berry who came to the December meet-



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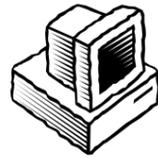


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## From the Editor

Next month, we will all receive our census packets in the mail. It is important to try and gather accurate information about American people because the government, schools and other agencies are making decisions based on 10-year-old information.

Of course, in a population-stable place like Bryn Mawr, the impact is that we will likely have less power and influence as the rest of the metropolitan area grows around us.

I heard they have updated some of the questions, so I previewed the form at [www.2010census.gov](http://www.2010census.gov) and found alarming gaps in the demographic area. For instance, Latino/Hispanic is now a separate question, because it is considered a culture, not a race. If you identify yourself as Latino/Hispanic you must still answer the race question.

But no attempt is made to explain what "race" means. In the world of education, race is basically synonymous with color. That is to say, if you walk into a room, what opportunities will you have or assumptions might be made about you based on the color of your skin.

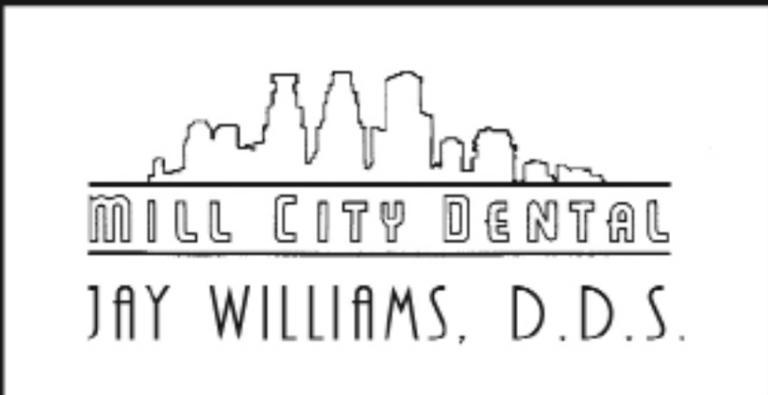
It is amazing to me how out-of-touch this part of the form seems. You can select "white", "black" or an extensive list of asian and native races. Actually, it says "black, African-American, negro". I saw a news segment that said the Census

Bureau did research and found that there are people who identify with the word "negro." I find this hard to believe and wonder how many people will be disenfranchised by the use of the word and therefore have a negative impact on the results. Will the ultimate result be that people will refuse to identify with this distasteful word and this demographic will be under represented (again) in the count and subsequently the services generated by it?

One of the things we will learn from this census is how this country is changing, but I am not sure this measurement tool is designed to accurately gather that information. As I looked at the form I wondered how my friends from India would classify themselves and what about Haiti? Haiti and Dominican Republic are basically the same place, geographically, but Dominicans are hispanic and Haitians are not. Why is Pacific Islander a race, but Caribbean is not?

I guess I want to know more than what the people look like. I want to know from what part of the world they or their ancestors came and how recently. I expect our country to evolve in the next ten years and if we had better data to work with, perhaps better decisions could be made.

- JoEllyn Jolstad, [bugle@bmna.org](mailto:bugle@bmna.org)



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# more CounterTalk

by Dave Logsdon



"Our task must be to free ourselves from this prison by widening our circles of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its' beauty"

-Albert Einstein-

It is extremely difficult to write a quirky, offbeat, whimsical column when you are watching the news from Haiti and the enormous suffering that those people are enduring. Our community comings and goings seem pretty petty in comparison.

## Replacing Margaret

When Margaret Anderson-Kelliher decided to throw her hat in the ring to be the Democratic Party's candidate for Governor, she gave up her seat in the state House of Representatives. There are currently three strong candidates for the Democratic Party endorsement. Marion Greene, Margaret's former campaign manager, introduced herself at the January Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association meeting. That is always a nice touch. I have talked to Katherine Hatt on the phone and had good impression of her as well. Both Ms. Greene and Ms. Hatt have picked up key endorsements. The third candidate is Tom Nordyke, a

name familiar to observers of the Minneapolis Park Board. He served as President of the Board until he lost in his bid to be an at-large Park Commissioner. The Democratic caucus is February 2nd so if you are lucky to get your Bugle before then, hopefully, the above information will be helpful to you.

## Our Hour Car

Many of us have chosen to live in Bryn Mawr, having done so to try to escape the "suburban car culture" that can be such a mind numbing experience. We are close enough to Downtown and Uptown so that a drive is easy enough and with two major bike trails intersecting the neighborhood, a lot of the area is accessible by bike or by foot! Add bus service to the equation and it gets even easier to kick the automobile addiction. Now we add to the options the HourCar and your choices really are amazing. This past couple of months the HourCar has placed a car here and they along with some faithful volunteers have worked hard to put the word out. Until the end of March there is a half off membership offering (\$25). For twenty-five dollars and five dollars a month you can access an hourly rental car, parked right here

in Bryn Mawr! Sell that second car and start counting the savings. Our household has saved thousands since we joined four years ago. That's right, thousands with a "T"! Check them out at [www.HOUR-CAR.org](http://www.HOUR-CAR.org)

## What Crime Report?

The annual crime report just came out and it was pathetic! How are we supposed to get people worked up about crime when there is just so little of it! If you were a victim of one the few serious crimes that happened last year you might not agree with the low crime rate assessment. In fact, these rare victims emphasize the point that we should not be lulled into the "Bryn Mawr's-like-Mayberry" kind of mindset. Do not leave laptops visible in your car, do not leave your garage door wide open while you mow the front yard, in other words, do not be complacent. We live in a great neighborhood where we look out for each other, but we still live in a city and times are tough.

## A Whole Bunch of other Stuff

The Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association is now on Facebook. Now you can "friend" a whole neighborhood. As a self-confessed "Facebook Bleep", this is cool news. It's also a quick way for former neighbors to stay connected with the local scene.

For the second year in a row, Lee's Liquor Lounge will be the site of the "Bail out the Bryn Mawr Band Fundraiser" On Saturday Feb-

ruary 27th you will be able to see bands like, "Gone is Gone", "Mad Love", "The Regulars" and the "Stearns County Pachanga Society"!

On February 12th, there will be a one person "Art Show/Sale in the basement below Cuppa Java. Local "Outsider Folk Artist" and noted "megalomaniac" Dave Logsdon will be showing his original canvasses and talking about himself in the third person. Dave also will be serving snacks and serving wines from the vineyards of Charles Shaw. ("3 Buck Chuck") There may be some of his infamous "art Magnets" for sale. It should be "tres chic" and lots of fun. Apparently, Dave likes to write about himself in the third person as well!(puleeze)

## Before I Ride on out of Here...

Fifteen years ago I wrote my first column for the Bugle at the invitation of then editor Jenny Bartholomew. The neighborhood will be forever indebted to Jenny for creating this monster! Of course, my concept of connecting the community dots has had mixed results, sometimes having the exact opposite results than I intended. I hope I've been a part of the mosaic, a comfortable old pair of shoes with a whole lot of sole! It's been mostly fun, and I'll keep doing it until the angry mobs form outside my door. Then, as right now, I will be OUT OF HERE!



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ing. Patty has assisted in preparing membership materials and enumerated other activities. She has also set up a BMNA Facebook page. Patty asked about her request to be able to serve as a volunteer member of the Schools Committee. A motion was made approving, but was withdrawn after discussion resulted in consensus that it was unnecessary. JoEllyn reported the Schools committee had revised its composition formula and there was now room. Organization documents do not prohibit her from participating as a volunteer, and, although uncommon to allow non-profit paid staff to assume dual roles, members present favored the request.

NRP Chair, Scott McLaughlin gave an update on protocol changes in the source of funds as amended for the placement of the Hourcar in Bryn Mawr. He also mentioned we have approximately \$100,000 available in pre-budgeted Phase 2 categories which we have until the end of 2010 to spend. He will come to the February meeting with a summary report of activity and pending outlays. He's spending most of his time concentrating on the longstanding efforts to place new decorative streetlamps with banner brackets at Penn and Cedar Lake Road. Joining him in this effort are prior chairs Greg Lecker and Rob Harris.

Rick Carter reported on a meeting of a BMNA committee, which solicits and reviews requests by neighbors to apply neighborhood human and financial resources to projects. He said the group has renamed the committee the Community Project Committee. Rick reiterated the criteria for consideration and will have an announcement in the February Bugle. They'll review in April. Jay

gave an update on the Ash Borer project and said he and Kathy will also have an article in an upcoming Bugle.

Rick followed with a summary of his request to the Land Use Committee to turn 2006 Laurel (commonly known as the castle) into a bed and breakfast. The LUC gave their support to his idea. He has many hurdles to pass along the way including purchase while in foreclosure. While unattended, the house may be self destructing beyond redemption. If he proceeds, he'll need a rezoning variance, which would remain after any currently intended use. More at the February meeting.

Jessica reported no meeting from the Schools Committee since December, but said from her experience as a school administrator that slowing of MN payments to districts is causing districts to borrow at market rates. This is having a particularly devastating effect on the Mpls district which is already in financial turmoil. JoEllyn noted that some residents have received misinformation in the mail and via the MPS website. She has instructions for anyone needing to question information they receive which will be in the Feb Bugle.

Ben and Adam were busy working on the membership mailings. They'll come to the Feb meeting with a 2010 proposed budget.

Marlin noted proposed calendar dates for 2010 events which were emailed in Dec. Motion to approve was made and withdrawn for consideration at the Feb meeting per Patty's request.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.  
- Submitted by Marlin Possehl,  
BMNA President



# Letters

## Please Respect Ski Trails

**B**ryn Mawr has an incredible winter amenity at its doorstep, a network of cross-country ski trails. It's too bad that a few inconsiderate neighborhood residents refuse to see the importance of not walking on these trails during the short ski season.

Walkers and their frequent companions, dogs, gouge up the trail surface and can leave deep marks, especially when the snow is soft. There's a simple correlation: The more people who walk on the trails, the worse they are for skiing.

I'm often perplexed by the answers I get to the simple request, "Please don't walk on the ski trails." Responses such as "I live in the neighborhood" and "I've been walking my dog here for years" don't really wash with me. I live in the neighborhood, too, and I hike these woods in all seasons without ever walking on the ski trails. Why, for a couple of months of the year at best, can't folks simply choose a route on the many well-packed snowshoeing/walking trails? It sure would be neighborly.

- Keith Goetzman, Area 6

## Leash and Cleanup after Dogs

**A**n excessive number of residents are very proudly using the Anwatin playing field as a off-leash dog park. They smile and wave as teachers enter the parking lot and apparently the sign that indicates leashing dogs and

cleaning up, go unnoticed. I am confident this population would not greet the tickets they could be issued with the same attitude.

Perhaps they could write into the Bugle and explain why they don't have to respect the students' play field or an ordinance written for the safety of everyone. The city of Minneapolis provides many carefully planned and designed dog parks, Anwatin Middle School property is not one of those dog parks.

- Jeannine McDonald, PE Specialist,  
Anwatin Middle School

## Counter to Countertalk

**W**e applaud Dave Logsdon's concern for the homeless and showing them kindness. However, we are concerned with the way many neighbors choose to show that support. We believe the best way to go about helping the homeless is to give to local charities whose purpose it is to serve this population.

It is unhealthy for the city and the neighborhood to encourage people to sit on the corner asking for money. It also makes the panhandler vulnerable to the elements and at risk from cars or muggers.

Panhandlers on every corner is a sign of a city without appropriate services for those who need it. There is nothing positive about supporting this practice.

- Mindy Macy, Deb Anderson, Area 6  
and Jessica Wiley, Area 3

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# Redistricting Will Affect Future Placement of Neighborhood

Following the action of the School Board to change the geographic identity of the Bryn Mawr neighborhood, the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Board began a process to involve the neighborhood in future decisions that may likewise affect the identity of the neighborhood. This is especially important because of the redistricting decisions that will be made soon after the 2010 census. The 2010 census will begin in March and the data will be made available before April 1, 2011 for multiple redistricting decisions.

Using the 2010 census data, the State will redraw the districts for the United States Congress and State legislature. Bryn Mawr is currently in State House of Representatives District 60A and State Senate District 60.

The City of Minneapolis will also go through a redistricting process. Bryn Mawr is currently in the seventh Ward. While the work of the Redistricting Commission cannot be done until the 2010 census data is available, the city's Charter

Commission has already been working on proposed changes to the redistricting process. The whole effort will likely be very controversial. Both the School Board and the Park Board have expressed a desire to be involved in the decision of where the district lines are drawn.

The neighborhood needs to be actively involved in the process of redistricting, beginning with high participation in the 2010 census. Lines will be redrawn and redistricting will determine where Bryn Mawr is placed. A group of neighbors has been working on this issue and will propose a strategy to the BMNA Board for approval. If you want to know more or would like to provide input, contact Barry Schade (612-377-8152).

- Barry Schade, Area 6



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## More Good Ideas for Improving the Neighborhood!

The BMNA continues to solicit ideas for our next community project. We will be collecting suggestions, which will be reviewed by a board committee and presented to the BMNA board for a vote. These projects are mainly supported with sweat equity and donations, although the board has a small budget to support some expenditures. If you have an idea for a project, contact Jessica Wiley, [jesswiley@comcast.net](mailto:jesswiley@comcast.net), or at 374-3481, by March 1, 2010.

The BMNA capital project has been in place for the last three years. The first project focused on redesigning the Upton Garden in Area 4. We just wrapped up the "Sustainable Bryn Mawr" Energy Challenge (read an update about it on page 9 of this *Bugle*) and the Ash tree mapping project. We will identify our next project soon and report to the BMNA Board at their March 10 meeting.

- Jessica Wiley, Area 3



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## BMNA Community Project Committee (Formerly Capital Project Committee)

The Capital Project Committee, made up of BMNA board members Rick Carter (Area 3), committee chair, Jay Peterson (Area 6), Steve Harvey (Area 7), and Jessica Wiley (Area 3), met the third week of December to kick-off the next selection process for our fifth project. The first order of business was to consider renaming the committee. Since many of the projects considered and implemented include service in addition to capital projects, the committee has been renamed the "Community Project Committee".

**The BMNA project program has been in place for the last four years. The first four projects were:**

- Redesigning the Upton Garden in Area 4. The first project resulted in a complete remake and an ongoing effort for maintenance. Drive by to enjoy the beauty.
- The Energy Challenge. Over 80 neighbors joined the challenge and received statistics about their energy use from the Center for Energy and Environment.

- The Ash Tree Identification Project. Our identification team has surveyed the neighborhood and documented ash trees on more than 900 properties.
- The Downtown Improvement Project. One of the suggestions we considered last year is currently planned as a part of a joint City of Minneapolis/BMNA NRP project.

**Ideas are being solicited from the neighborhood. Some of the categories of projects might be:**

- Environmental (ex. Ash Tree identification)
- Energy (ex. Energy Challenge project)
- Downtown (ex. Banner project)
- Transportation
- Community (Laurel Garden Redesign)

**The committee will review all suggestions and weigh them against articulated criteria, listed below.**

- Which is most possible (politically/physically)?
- Which fits within the budget (\$2000)?
- Which is sustainable long term?
- Which has most neighborhood-wide impact (multiple areas)?
- Which has the best fundraising potential?
- Which has neighborhood leadership (an identified neighbor to get the project done)?

We will include the priority ideas from last year and add any new ideas contributed this winter. A recommendation will be made at the March BMNA meeting. Please submit ideas for future projects to [jesswiley@comcast.net](mailto:jesswiley@comcast.net), or 612-374-3481.

## Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - February 2010

*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, unless otherwise noted.*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	BMNA Budget and Fundraising Meeting at Bryn Mawr School in Rm. 136 at 7pm 2	Land Use Meeting at Bryn Mawr School in Rm. 136 at 7 pm 3	4	5	City of Lakes Loppet 6 - Junior Loppet 2pm - Minne-Loppet 3pm
City of Lakes Loppet 7 9:15am Starting in Theodore Wirth Park, through Bryn Mawr and finishing in Uptown	8	9	BMNA Monthly Meeting at Bryn Mawr School in the cafeteria at 7pm. 10	11	12	13
14	15	Bassett Creek Valley 16 Redevelopment Oversight Committee (ROC) Meeting, 6pm at the Harrison Community Center	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	Lunch w/ Lisa Goodman, 12 noon at St. Thomas 10th & LaSalle, rm 257 24  Schools Committee, 7pm at Bryn Mawr School in Rm. 136	25	"Bail Out the Band" 26 Benefit for Bryn Mawr Elementary Band Program, 8:30pm at Lee's Liquor Lounge, 101 Glenwood Ave.	27
28	<p><b>Save the Date:</b> Bryn Mawr Community meeting about street paving project and assessment March 17, 2010, 7:00 p.m. in the Bryn Mawr School Cafeteria (see article on page 11)</p>					

# Sustainable Bryn Mawr – Energy Competition Update

By Tracy Dee Cook

Participants in the 2009 BMNA Community Project will receive a final competition update in February from our partner organization Minnesota Center for Energy and Environment. We plan to announce the top competition winners in the next Bugle. Even though the formal competition is coming to a close, keep the momentum and good green habits!

With so many amazing financial incentives available, now is a great time to make energy efficient upgrades to your home. Rebates range from Utility, to Federal tax credits, to the new Minnesota State Energy Saver Rebates! Find out details in the Green Tips Section below.

If you are tight on green, and looking for some free or low cost ideas, browse through the Energy Challenge Action Guide.

## GREEN TIP – ENERGY CHALLENGE ACTION GUIDE

What more can you do to save energy, money and the environment? Browse the Action Guide and learn about new ways to save! With categories like “Easy”, “Free”, “Fun for Families” you’ll be sure to find a new twist on going green. Find out more at:

<http://www.mnenergychallenge.org>

## GREEN TIP – NEW MINNESOTA ENERGY REBATE ALERT

Thinking about making energy efficiency upgrades to your home? The Energy Saver Rebates through Minnesota Housing have just rolled out. Although \$4 million has been allocated to this program — it will go fast!

\* Examples of qualifying energy improvements include: windows, doors, insulation, water heaters, heating and cooling, insulation and even light fixture replacement. More details can be found on the MN CEE website to ensure you meet the guidelines for the rebate. A maximum rebate amount is \$10,000 per household.

\* Questions? Contact Erica at [ESchulte@mncee.org](mailto:ESchulte@mncee.org) or call 612-335-5884 or refer to the website for more details.

\* New! MN Energy Saver Rebate ([http://www.mncee.org/programs\\_residential/home\\_improvement\\_financing/energy\\_saver\\_rebate/index.php](http://www.mncee.org/programs_residential/home_improvement_financing/energy_saver_rebate/index.php))

## ADDITIONAL INFO FOR LOCAL & FEDERAL ENERGY INCENTIVES

\* Federal Housing Tax Credit (<http://www.federalhousingtaxcredit.com/index.html>)

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## Give of Your Time!

The BMNA relies on many volunteers to keep the organization running effectively. Here are a few ways you can contribute.

### Transportation Committee:

Residents interested in serving on a committee that will work to improve the downtown Bryn Mawr area with respect to transportation, lighting and general infrastructure should contact Scott McLaughlin at 612-239-5368. Our first meeting will be held in February.

### BMNA Secretary Needed

The secretary is a member of the BMNA Executive Board and is responsible for taking minutes at the monthly meetings which are held the second Wednesday each month. If you are interested, contact BMNA President, Marlin Possehl at 612-377-5662.

### Contribute to the Bugle

The Bugle is always looking for your interesting story, photos or neighborly news. The March Bugle will focus on Community Projects. Leave your submissions at the Bryn Mawr Market or email them to [bugle@bmna.org](mailto:bugle@bmna.org). March content is due February 19th. Call 612-377-8968 for more information.

## BMNA 2010 Membership Drive

The Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association is kicking-off its annual membership drive and needs your support. The 2010 membership letters were mailed to each home over the past couple of weeks. If for some reason you do not receive the mailer, you may use the form below to send your donation. If you have an email address, please be sure to it with your membership so that your receipt can be emailed to you and save postage. If you don't have an email address, a receipt will be mailed to you.

The BMNA has been hard at work for over 30 years on your behalf to preserve the character and beauty of our neighborhood. The membership goals aren't just about money – they are also about the simple truth that there is strength in numbers. As more people either reaffirm their membership or join as new members, the neighborhood's collective voice becomes stronger and clearer to our elected city, county and park and school board officials. Your support and participation is needed to ensure that the neighborhood continues to be a safe and desirable place to live and that we all have a say in city and county issues that impact Bryn Mawr.

BMNA recognizes that 2010 will be a tough year for everyone and

has tightened its already modest operating budget, but we will still need everyone's support to meet our scaled-back goals. You may not realize it, but member donations are a vital part of the BMNA's operating budget. While some of BMNA's work is funded through city programs like the Neighborhood Revitalization Program, public funds are a vanishing source of money. Your donation helps cover the very minimal costs of the association and helps fund events like the summer Ice Cream Taste-off and the fall Harvest Dinner and fund the maintenance of the many public gardens throughout the neighborhood. The Board has also been striving to make BMNA a self-sufficient organization so that the mission to preserve our 'neighborhood within a park' can continue when public funds cease.

Your donation also helps BMNA deliver lasting improvements to Bryn Mawr. In 2007, the Upton Garden was renovated and in 2008, downtown beautification efforts were kicked-off and continue into this year. A Community Project Committee is actively working with the Bryn Mawr Business Association and the City of Minneapolis to identify funding sources, refine the project concept and work out further details. BMNA again solicited neighborhood project ideas from all neighbors through notices and articles in the Bugle. In 2009, a contin-

uing project on ash borer awareness was started and a volunteer mapping project identified 853 ash trees in our neighborhood. A committee continues work on developing a decision matrix to help residents decide how to manage their own trees. Our schools committee also recently mounted an effective advocacy effort in response to challenges facing the Minneapolis School Board and their effect on Bryn Mawr's schools.

### BMNA is counting on your membership and donation in 2010.

A donation of \$35 or more is greatly appreciated but any amount you can contribute is very helpful. If you have recently renewed your BMNA membership, thank you. Your membership contribution to the BMNA is tax-deductible.

Thank you for supporting Bryn Mawr. If you have any questions or need additional information regarding your membership or other neighborhood matters, please feel free to contact me or our neighborhood coordinator, Patty Wycoff at [organizer@bmna.org](mailto:organizer@bmna.org) or (612) 377-4565.

Sincerely,

*Marlin Possehl, President,  
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## Bryn Mawr Streets North of I-394 to be Resurfaced

A resurfacing project is currently proposed for the Bryn Mawr neighborhood for 2010. Resurfacing consists of milling, or grinding off, existing pavement, and overlaying the street with a new layer of asphalt. First, an approximately 6' width of pavement will be removed from each side of the street, extending from the curb towards the centerline. Then, the entire street will be covered with fresh new layer of asphalt. This allows for a thicker, sturdier pavement, while matching at the curb and at driveways. Resurfacing will increase the lifespan of a street by ten years.

While this work is taking place, the streets that are being worked on that particular day will be temporarily closed. Each street will need to be closed twice, once for milling and again for asphalt placement. Safety is one of the primary reasons for the closures, and also paving across the entire street at one time results in a better pavement surface. When one lane is allowed to cool before the other lane is placed, it doesn't form as good of a bond between the lanes and that can lead to an eventual line of potholes. Finally, after the asphalt is placed, it needs to cool, typically taking a few hours. Rutting may occur if the asphalt isn't allowed to cool enough before traffic is allowed back on the street. Unless there is a safety concern, all streets that are not being worked on that particular day will remain open during the project. Additionally, all efforts will be made to reopen any closed streets at the end of each day.

The expectation is that it may take up to four weeks to complete all of the streets in the project area, but it will likely be less than that. It is important to note that residents will likely only see work on the streets in from of their homes and businesses for only two of those days, one day for milling and the second day for asphalt placement.

**Contact Information about the project:**

Larry Matsumoto, City of Minneapolis Paving Engineer:  
612-919-1148  
Larry.matsumoto@ci.minneapolis.mn.us

Tracy Lindgren, Engineering Technician:  
612-290-5898  
Tracy.lindgren@ci.minneapolis.mn.us

## Q & A About Paving Project and Assessment

**Bryn Mawr Community meeting on March 17, 2010, 7:00 p.m. in the Bryn Mawr School Cafeteria**

The City of Minneapolis Public Works is looking forward to meeting you and the Bryn Mawr Community on the proposed 2010 resurfacing in your neighborhood. As mentioned in my meeting with you last week, we are planning on resurfacing this neighborhood this summer, and as a part of the funding for this project, we plan to levy a property assessment to help pay for a portion of this work. This assessment would be levied in 2011, with the work being performed this year. As a part of the assessment process, the City of Minneapolis will hold a public hearing at City Hall on May 23. In advance of this public hearing, myself and a representative of the assessor's office like to meet with the neighborhood in the evening in a location which is more convenient to the residents. This meeting is held to answer questions which may be a result of this work. I will be mailing a formal invitation to all of the assessed property owners in their formal assessment notice of the time and location (Bryn Mawr School) for this meeting, so all can attend.

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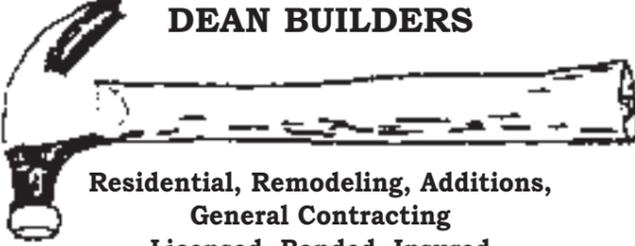
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## View From the Bridge



North Shore Geology  
February 2010

Recent columns have highlighted plants of the North Shore and Superior Hiking Trail. This month, consider the processes that formed the geological features found near the North Shore of Lake Superior. A combination of volcanism, sedimentation, glaciers, and erosion formed Lake Superior and the “highlands” on its North Shore.

### Volcanism

The recent Haiti earthquakes remind us that the earth below us is not as solid as it would appear. About 1.1 billion years ago, the North American continent began to split apart in what has become known as the Mid-continental Rift Valley. Molten rock from within the earth welled up from within this rift from present-day Lake Superior to Kansas. As the plate supporting the continental United States split apart in the mid-continental rift, plumes of solid rock rose up. Intense pressures maintained this extremely hot rock as a solid rather than allowing it to melt. Upon nearing the surface of the earth's crust, the rock liquefied, forming magma (molten rock) and flowing out from the rift as layer upon layer of lava — hundreds of layers of lava. In fact, the lava outcroppings of basalt on the North Shore are larger, thicker than those found on the island of Hawaii. In the area of present day Lake Superior, this layer cake of solidified lava fell, sinking due to the weight of the rock that had risen and the subsequent loss of support remaining beneath.

For unknown reasons, this mid-continental rift stopped when other rifts — the Red Sea and the African rift did not.

### Sedimentation

After the lava flows stopped, the area of the Mid-continental Rift lay for many years under a sea. Sandstone and other sedimentary rock built up above the basalt. Being compressed from the edges of the rift, like freezing wintry pavement forms ridges, a “keystone” was raised up to form the ridges of the Keweenaw Peninsula and Isle Royale.

### Glacial Activity

The advance of the glaciers scoured out the sandstone from the sediment laid upon the lava and carved out the Lake Superior basin. The weight of the glaciers depressed the earth's crust several hundred feet. Then, as the ice melted, the crust rebounded. The melting glaciers formed Glacial Lake Duluth — much broader and 500 feet deeper than the present day Lake Superior. This

lake found various outlets — through river deltas that can now be found high on the ridge above Duluth. Each time the lake uncovered a lower river outlet, the lake level fell until it reached the present lake level and its outlet at Sault St. Marie.

Today, evidence of glacial movement can be found in scratches or striations on the large “pancakes” of rock along the North Shore. As they moved, glaciers dragged along rocks. Beneath the glacier, these rocks, weighted under tons and thousands of feet of ice, scratched the bedrock below. Even now, looking at some rock outcroppings, one can infer/determine the path of the glaciers. Glacier movement will round off the back edge of the basalt and “pluck” off chunks of rock on the leading edge the long-vanished glacier.

The top soil/subsoil overlaying the North Shore bedrock consists of glacial till — a Scottish word referring to the mixture of fine mud and small rocks that is very difficult to plow or cultivate. With little useful top soil, the Finns settling the North Shore villages focused on fishing rather than farming.

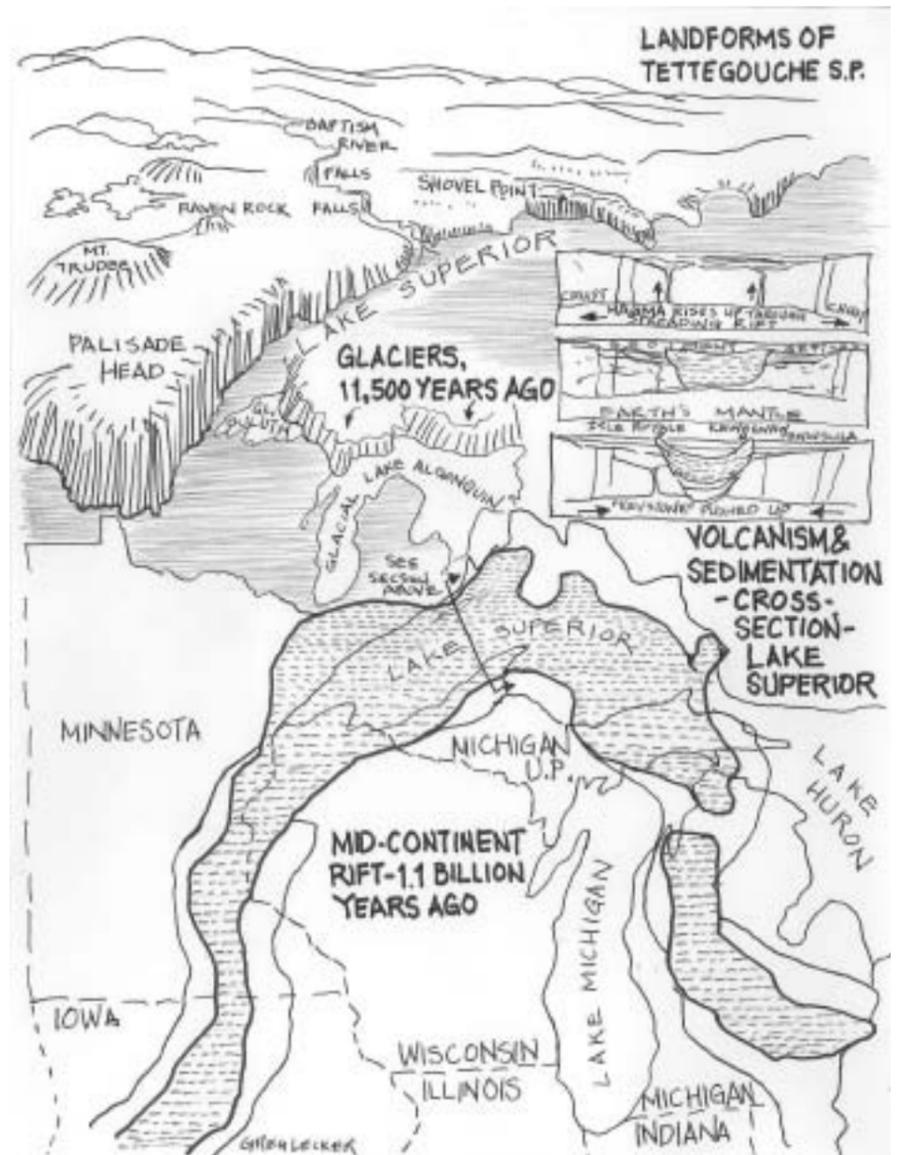
### Erosion

Finally, erosion put the finishing touches on the North Shore landscape we see today. Water enters fault lines, freezes and shears off rock. Varying degrees of erosion have created the topography of the North Shore. Rivers cut valleys downward through rock that is more easily eroded than its surroundings. Lake Superior wave action scours cliffs and creates beaches. Deltas form from sediment carried by the river. Long ago, rising lake levels form estuaries — or flooded river mouth — under certain conditions. The light colored cracks that one finds within rocks were formed when other liquid solutions flowed through the rock's faults forming calcite carbonate/calcium carbonate...

The Superior Hiking Trail is a lesson in geology. The book, *A Walking Guide to the Superior Hiking Trail: Natural History, Scenery and Other Trail Features* includes descriptions of geological and botanical features found at various waypoints along the Superior Hiking Trail, as well as an extensive glossary.

### Rock Types

The way that igneous rock was formed determines its characteristics and the name by which we refer to it. Slow cooling rock forms larger crystals than quickly cooling rock. It makes sense that rock that reaches the surface or reaches the cold ocean will cool faster than rock that cools below the surface of the earth. Granite and Basalt are two



common types of Igneous rock. Granite is the most commonly found rock found exposed on the earth's continents. Under the oceans, basalt is the most commonly found surface bedrock. Rarely found on the North Shore, Granite is commonly found in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area where it forms the Canadian shield rock exposed and lying under the many lakes. Granite has large crystals (slow cooling) or is coarsely grained and fairly light in color (quartz, feldspar, mica).

Basalt is one of several igneous rocks that make up the earth's crust. North Shore Basalt formed at the time of this mid-continental rift 1.1 billion years ago. Lava flowed up and out from the rifts. These lava flows formed much of the rock seen in the cliffs, ridges, and roadway cuts that one sees along Route 61, the North Shore Drive. The extra weight compressed the land underneath, forming the basin of Lake Superior. Basalt is the most common form of rock formed by lava flows. The faster that lava cools, the smaller the crystals are. Indeed, basalt is the rock formed by the rapid cooling of lava flowing from volcanoes in Hawaii and Iceland, and the flows from the mid-continental rift of the United States. Basalt is bluish-black — appearing lighter colored when the rock is dry and darker colored when the rock is wet. Wrought by massive geologic forces, “Tortured” Basalt is found exposed on portions of the Superior Hiking Trail (SHT). Basalt has small crystals or is finely grained, and typically dark to medium dark, especially when wet.

Found extensively along the Split Rock River Loop of the SHT, Rhyolite is often found as hexagonal prisms of rock. Hexagons may form within rock (as well as within honeycombs and other natural forms). Rhyolite has small crystals or is finely grained and is often somewhat reddish.

Lava that cools underground, that cools the slowest forms gabbro. This slow cooling forms large and distinct crystals. Often, this rock is comprised of black and white flecks.

Gabbro is a dark, medium grained rock. Gabbro is a dark blue-black rock that looks like basalt but has large visible crystals.

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*A Walking Guide to the Superior Hiking Trail: Natural History, Scenery and Other Trail Features*, Ron Morton and Judy Gibbs, Rockflower Press 2006

Look down to appreciate rocks throughout the year...it will be worth your effort!

Greg Lecker  
U of M Extension Service Master Gardener, Minnesota Master Naturalist Volunteer



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## SO, WHAT'S NEW IN WIRTH PARK?

**Wirth Park is a little miracle right here in our backyard.**

Imagine it's 1889 and you live in the small mill town of Minneapolis, upstream from the bustling urban capital city of St. Paul, head of steamboat navigation on the Mississippi and already a major railroad hub. Would you buy as city parkland a wooded area too hilly for farming, with a couple of lakes, a creek, and a pond several miles west of town? Would you have predicted that a century later this area would be home to almost 3 million people with this land near its center? The new park was named Glenwood Park in 1890 and renamed Theodore Wirth Park in 1928, in honor of the visionary early superintendent of the city's parks.

Wirth Park is the shape and size (759 acres) of Central Park in New York (843 acres) and provides both active recreation and places to experience solitude and even a touch of wilderness.

One thing the park has been for 120 years is durable. But this is no time to relax. While citizens of Minneapolis no longer picnic in straw hats beside an artificial waterfall, or watch synchronized swimming shows at Wirth Lake during the Aquatennial, they are finding new ways to enjoy this area, some of which put pressure on the park's ecosystem. And in the last decade, most of its forests have become thickets of invasive buckthorn, choking out native vegetation.

So what is the Park and Recreation Board doing with this treasure?

The Wirth Beach area is undergoing a major reconstruction, with most of the work to be completed during 2010. The sand volleyball courts will be moved west of the beach house. A new half-court basketball court will be constructed to the east. A patio area with seating and a pergola will overlook the west part of the beach, and two new play areas (one for 2-5 year olds, one for 5-12 year olds) will take the place of the current volleyball courts. If funding permits, future plans call for a floating boardwalk to encircle the swimming area, and a bike trail to Wirth Parkway, featuring a bridge over the marshy area full of cat tails. Public input helped shape these plans.

The Luce Line Bicycle Trail was constructed last summer through the area south of Hidden Lake and the par 3 golf course, connecting Wirth Parkway and Schaper Park in Golden Valley. Signage will be added this year. One can now bicycle off-road on the Luce Line Trail from the Cedar Lake Trail and Bryn Mawr Meadows all the way to central Minnesota. Getting this trail built

through Bryn Mawr and Harrison was a major accomplishment engaging many Bryn Mawr citizens a decade ago; now it's complete through Golden Valley.

Unpaved mountain biking trails have been constructed in the area west of Wirth Parkway and north of Highway 55. These trails are closed when wet to prevent erosion. Some have questioned whether this activity will eventually be extended to more southerly sections of Wirth Park. The Park Board's answer is a firm no, because mountain biking can cause too much erosion in hilly terrain.

Winter sports including tubing on the large hill near the golf chalet, and snowboarding in a hilly bowl just to the west are in full swing with plenty of snow.

The JD Rivers 4H project was very busy during the summer and fall of 2009, giving many inner city children the chance to grow and harvest their own vegetables and get an idea of how food grows.

The City of Lakes Loppet ski race will be held this year on February 7, from Wirth Golf Chalet to Uptown. Conflict between the ski race and supporters of the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden led to a negotiated settlement between the Park Board, the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association, the Loppet, and Friends of Eloise Butler about three years ago. Because the Loppet made some changes to its course through Wirth Park last summer, I was asked by the BMNA (as one of two neighborhood representatives to the Park Board) to investigate whether these changes honor that agreement.

I walked almost the entire length of the ski trail on weekends in November before the snow arrived and found three changes to the Loppet course: 1) In the area just west of the tennis courts along Glenwood the ski trail has been moved from a wooded area into a grassy area, so that this small patch of woods is now intact. 2) A sharp curve at the end of a downhill stretch near the pond north of Bryn Mawr Elementary has been moved several feet down the hill, lessening the risk of erosion and increasing safety for skiers. 3) West of Wirth Parkway and just north of 394 one segment of trail has been widened for about 30 yards and banked somewhat. No tree removal is apparent; the disrupted earth was covered with grass seed and straw.

These changes affect small sections of the ski trail and none is close to Eloise Butler. The agreement reached by interested parties and the Park Board appears to be intact.

The big change in this area, one that dwarfs all the others, is the result of a major effort last summer to remove buckthorn and some large dead trees from the forest south and east of Eloise Butler. One

can get an idea of how extensive this process has been by looking at the park from the frontage road north of 394 and east of Wirth Parkway. It now looks like something between the Oak Savanna and Big Woods ecosystems native to this part of the state. With the underbrush cleared right up to the border of the wildflower garden, the stretch of ski trail near its northeast corner is much less obvious.

The wildflower garden lies closed and dormant beneath a heavy blanket of snow. Two people recently told me they have heard great horned owls and great gray owls hooting in this area at dusk. Check it out. And while there, think about how we can all work together to share and preserve the priceless gift of this great park.

- Dick Adair, area 6



## Gardens

Sumner Library will be hosting a series of free gardening lectures over the next few months.

The presentations will be given by U of M Extension Master Gardeners from Hennepin County. All talks start at 2:00 and last about 2 hours.

**Saturday, February 6, 2010**

Landscape Plants for Winter Interest

**Saturday, March 6, 2010**

Hardy Roses for Northern Climates

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February 1, 1999

33 inches of snow piled up during January. No major storms but an endless parade of "Alberta Clippers". These weak low pressure systems from the northwest bring air that's too cold to hold much moisture, typically 2-3 inches of snow, with strong northwest winds and big drops in temperature.

February 2, 1996

Low -32°, high -17°. Think it's been cold this year?

February 16, 2007

Pileated woodpecker near the Bryn Mawr Elementary playground, being chased by crows. Crows are territorial and often drive away other large birds.

February 22, 1979

Snow—sleet—rain—thunder—snow. Old man winter is losing his grip.

February 23, 2008

First robin, on the Luce Line bicycle trail near the softball fields in the Harrison neighborhood. A few robins have been staying here all winter recently, but I haven't seen any this year. They tend to congregate near the springs that attracted early settlers to this area, where they can find water.

February 28, 2009

Full moon, the Ojibwe Crust of Snow moon. Earliest date I've seen chipmunks (in 1981).



## Youth & Schools

Lynda Shabeen, Schools Committee Co-chair

### School Request Cards

School request cards were due January 31, 2010. If you didn't fill one out, you can still do so online at

<http://schoolchoice.mpls.k12.mn.us> or request one by phone at 612.668.1840

A card should be filled out for each student entering kindergarten in September 2010. This year, request cards are also required for students in all grades who live in Bryn Mawr and wish to attend a school other than Bryn Mawr Elementary, Anwatin Middle School, or Henry High School. No request card is needed if your student currently attends a magnet or high school which is one of our 2010 choices.

### Reminder of changes for September 2010

The Minneapolis School Board voted in September 2009 to make changes to the transportation options in the school district. The Bryn Mawr neighborhood is in Zone 1 with the following choices:

Bryn Mawr Elementary School will remain as is, a PreK-5 community school.

Anwatin Middle School remains our community middle school choice offering the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program. In

addition, 6th grade Spanish Immersion students from Windom and Emerson will now enter Anwatin and continue their Immersion studies as well as having the benefit of the IB program.

Park View Montessori will close. Bryn Mawr families will not be provided transportation to a Montessori magnet school. Our magnet options are Hall IB, Marcy Open, Sheridan Arts and Emerson Spanish Dual Immersion, which will remain at its downtown location for the 2010-11 school year.

Emerson Spanish Immersion preK-5 is scheduled to move into the Bryn Mawr building in 2011 and share space with Bryn Mawr Elementary School.

High school choices with busing are Southwest, Patrick Henry, Washburn, and Edison. Students may also request placement at the citywide magnet programs at South or North.

Other school choices at all grades may be requested, but space in these programs is limited and parents must provide their own transportation.

### School Committee News

The BMNA School Committee met December 7 to discuss a concern brought to the BMNA Board by a resident. The Committee discussed the changes made by the School

District and their impact on Bryn Mawr. At issue was whether or not to convene a neighborhood wide meeting on the matter. It was decided to hold an informational session this spring to provide more information and answer questions residents may have about the school changes. The committee is meeting January 28 to further plan this session.

The committee by-laws were also reviewed and membership structure was revised to include up to 2 members from each of the 7 areas of Bryn Mawr. At large members were eliminated. Members from even numbered areas (2,4,6) rotate off in even years and members from odd numbered areas (1,3,5,7) rotate off in odd years. The next election will be held in May. Interested residents should apply to either of the school chairs.

### LEGO Robotics Competition

Over 400 elementary and middle school students competed in the MN First LEGO League regional tournaments on Saturday, Jan. 16. The tournament was held at Bryn Mawr and Anwatin and teams from both schools earned top prizes.

### Bryn Mawr School Awards.

Best "Team Spirit Award" went to all five Bryn Mawr Lego League teams for their support of not only their own team but for their great show of support of all their school's teams.

"First Place Robot Performance Award"- team "Lego my Eggo" for their robot "R2D2" out-running all

other robots in their division. Team "Star Wars" took second place and team "E.T." was also in the the final four of the head-to-head competition.

Best "Research Project Award"- to team "Electric Company" for their clever concept of a solar and wind powered add-on power device.

Best at "Programming Award"- team "Wall-E Dancers" for their depth in understanding and utilizing of robot programming.

Best "Teamwork Award"- to team "Lego my Eggo" for their great show of teamwork in the presentation and in the robot runs.

### Anwatin GISE Awards:

The 6th grade team, received the Design Award for being first place in the technical judging category.

The 7th/8th grade team, received the Research Project Award for being first place in the presentation category.

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## Fund Raiser for Anwatin Scholarship

The Big Trade Up is an intriguing concept created to raise money to support local non-profit "Mind The Future". Starting with an inexpensive item donated by Frank, a former Anwatin student and Mind The Future scholarship recipient, the organization will begin trading up for items of increasing value until we have secured an item that can be sold to fund 10 college scholarship commitments to be given to promising Anwatin 6th grade students.

Frank received the Mind The Future Scholarship in 2007 while at Anwatin and since has been inspired to not only excel in high school but he recently also started a peer tutoring network of his own. Frank heard about the idea of The Big Trade Up and was so excited about it he offered to start the trading with his well-worn #2 pencil. He knows the deep value of these scholarship commitments and wants to do everything he can to help make the Big Trade Up a success. Mind The Future hopes Frank's hard work will serve as an inspiration to others to participate in the Big Trade Up.

Visit [www.mindthefuture.com](http://www.mindthefuture.com) for more information on the organization and look for the link to the Big Trade Up. If you would like to see



Member of the Big Trade Up team, including former Anwatin student and 2007 Mind the Future scholarship winner, Frank Rippa (center).

what item is currently available for trade please visit [www.bigtradeup.com](http://www.bigtradeup.com) or email us at [mytrade@bigtradeup.com](mailto:mytrade@bigtradeup.com).

Thank you for your support.

- Chad Commers, MTF

### Mind The Future

Mind The Future is a local 501(c)3 non-profit organization created by a group of the young professionals from the Twin Cities. The mission of Mind The Future is to introduce inner-city youth to personal, educational, and financial opportunities beyond the status quo. The goal is to enable today's leaders to influence tomorrow's leaders. The mission is accomplished through identifying high-potential 6th grade students in Minneapolis and St. Paul, and then creating personal, educational, and financial support systems to aid these students in accomplishing their goals.



Anwatin alum, Joe Heili and his crocheted hats and bags were a big hit at the annual "Taste of Anwatin" Arts & Craft Fair

## Taste of Anwatin Community Night

The annual Arts & Craft Fair, was held on Thursday, December 3 as part of A Taste of Anwatin. It was a successful evening for the Anwatin staff, students, families and the community. Many of the artists appreciated the earlier date for the event. Thank you to everyone who came. Community support of the annual event is greatly appreciated. Big THANKS go to Pat Moen and Karen Ringsrud of Area 1 who stepped in for event coordinator, Mary Duffy who suffered a family tragedy the morning of the event.

### On a related note:

Sara (Duffy) Johnson age 45, passed away in Brooklyn, NY on Dec. 3, 2009. She is survived by her parents, John & Mary Duffy of Area 1; her husband of 21 years Eric Johnson and their beloved sons Patrick Emanuel & Pablo Parker.

Sara grew up in Bryn Mawr. Her mother, Mary is a dedicated neighborhood volunteer who founded the Arts & Craft Fair, serves on the Community School Advisory Council, and coordinates Bugle deliveries in Area 1. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to all the friends and family who have sustained this heartbreaking loss.

- JoEllyn Jolstad, Area 4

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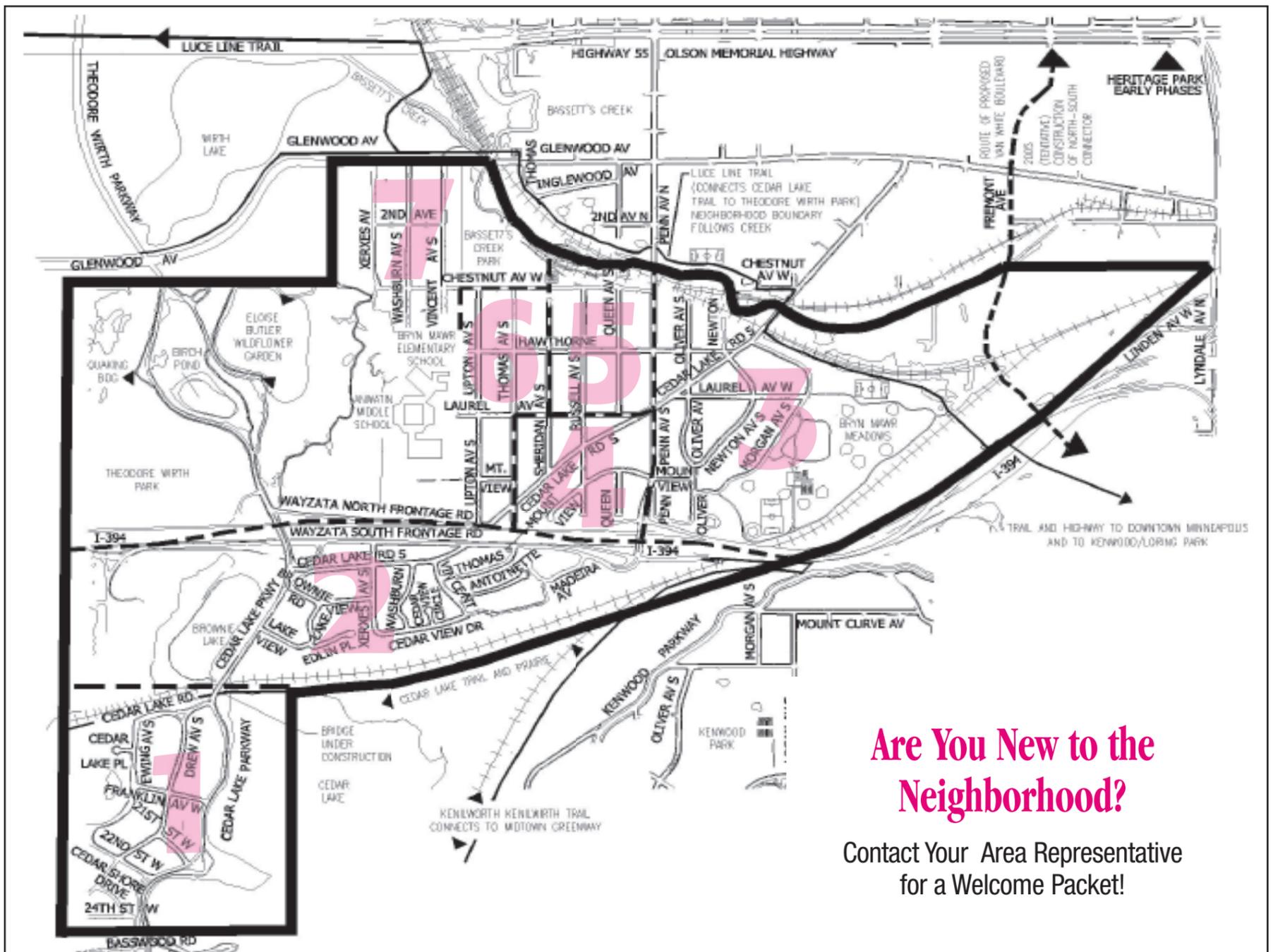
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