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October 2017

9th Annual Sip & Stroll

Come to downtown Bryn Mawr on Thursday, October 12th and Sip and Stroll through our wonderful businesses.

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- 1. Look for the Sip and Stroll 2017 poster on the front door/window of a business.
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Don't miss this great event and an opportunity to get to know our business owners better. They are the backbone of our community. Join the fun and show your support.

Save the Date

BMNA Harvest Dinner - Thursday, November 16

It's All About the Neighborhood

BMNA Yearly COMMUNITY PROJECT

The BMNA Community Projects Committee is looking for a few good ideas to improve Bryn Mawr. You could have the perfect suggestion.

Ideas will be solicited from now until December 31, 2017. The committee will meet in January 2018 to identify workable projects and make a recommendation to the board at their February 2018 board meeting.

The process:

Request for proposals October – December 2017. Submit proposals to jessicasusanwiley@gmail.com by December 31, 2017.

Those who have submitted an idea will be asked to complete a brief form about specifics of the project.

Who will lead the project? What will it involve? How much funding is needed?

The committee evaluates suggestions using the criteria listed

Is there leadership (an identified neighbor) to get the project done?

Is it possible (politically, physically)? Does it meet the budget (\$0 - \$5000)? Is it sustainable long term? Does it have neighborhood wide impact?

The BMNA Community Project program has been in place for the last 11 years. Each year we ask neighbors to suggest projects that improve livability and safety in Bryn Mawr. Projects from past years include:

- Redesigning the Upton garden in Area 4. Our first community project; we completed a remake of the Upton garden and thanks to Cathy Skalicky, created a plan for ongoing maintenance. Drive by to enjoy the beauty.
- Energy Challenge. Over 80 neighbors joined the challenge and received statistics about their energy use. From this project we leveraged our relationship with SEE to receive two cash awards that benefited BMNA initiatives.
- Ash Borer identification project: Our team identified more than 800 ash trees in Bryn Mawr and presented neighbors with a variety of options.
- Downtown banner project: Part of a joint City of Minneapolis/BMNA NRP project.
- 2011 Pedal to Pedal garden bike ride; which culminated in a renewal of our alternate year garden tour program.
- Construction of a Little Library on Penn Avenue in front of Bassett Creek Arts.
- Buckthorn removal in Chestnut Park/Fruen Mill area over the last five years
- Construction of a bench at Brownie Lake
- A bee hotel placed in J.D. Rivers Children's Garden
- Nature Play Adventure Camp for 4-7 year olds held summer 2017
- Traffic speed indication sign

There are also a few projects still underway— the placement of dog waste stations throughout the neighborhood, portable historical murals, and plans for traffic calming.

The Community Project Committee includes BMNA board members Steve Harvey, Area 7; Jay Peterson, Area 6; Joanne Michalec, Area 4; Jessica Wiley, Area 3; Susan Verrett, Area 2, and Patty Wycoff, Neighborhood Coordinator. The committee also considers suggestions from past years. We just can't let go of a good idea!



2017 **BMNA Events**

May 6 -7

Bryn Mawr Festival of Garage Sales

May 10

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting. Board Elections and Potluck Dinner

May 12

Bryn Mawr Elementary Family Fun Night

July 13

Ice Cream Scoop Off

October 12

Sip and Stroll

November 16

Bryn Mawr Harvest Dinner

December 7

Anwatin Craft Fair

December 9

Saturnalia

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BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, September 13, 2017 6:30–8:15 PM Bryn Mawr Elementary (Cafeteria)

At 6:31pm, Kevin Thompson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

A brief introductions of individuals present ensued.

Board Members and Staff

Kevin Thompson – President James Dietrich – Secretary Brian Treece – Vice President Dennis Fazio – Treasurer Patty Wycoff – Neighborhood Coordinator

Dennie Juillerat – Area 3 Rep Vida Ditter – Area 6 Jessica Wiley Area 3 Rep Jay Peterson – Area 6 Rep Barry Schade – Area 6 Chris Etz – Area 4 Rep JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle Editor **Guests**

Lisa Goodman – Area 6 and Minneapolis City Councilperson George Puzak

Paul Miller, City of Minneapolis

Public Works
Rachel Auerbach, Metro Transit
Sophia Ginis – Metro Transit
Adam Malone – Area 3
Susu Jeffrey – Area 2
Andrew Jansen – Area 5
Yolanda Petkova – Area
Tom Hoch – Lowry Hill

With no changes or additions, Kevin Thompson moved to approval of today's agenda. Seconded. Motion carried.

With no changes noted, Jessica Wiley moved to approve of minutes of last month's meeting. Seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Lisa Goodman gave a report from the City of Minneapolis.

• Lunch with Lisa occurs on September 27th. The topic will be Peavey Plaza which is at approximately 60% design complete. Lisa expects a substantial turnout. Octo

ber's Lunch with Lisa will be a presentation by the Superbowl Host Committee.

- Street sweeping starts on October 16th. Please take note to move your cars accordingly.
- The City is sponsoring a low-cost animal vaccination program for cats and dogs. This program includes vaccinations for rabies, feline distemper, canine distemper, or a microchip. The services are \$10 each or all for \$25.
- Mayor Hodges delivered the budget. This proposal included new spending items in the City including jobs and projects. Bryn Mawr would see an approximate 11-13% property tax increase and potential levies. More information can be found here:

http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/fin ance/budget/city-budget_index.

• Early voting for municipal elections opens on Friday September 22nd at the Public Service Center at 250 S 4th St, Room 510. Minneapolis, MN 55415. Those who wish can vote between Sept 22nd and November 11th, or you can request a no-excuse absentee ballot. There is still a shortage of volunteers for election day. Call Ruth in the elections office to volunteer.

Dennis Fazio graciously reviewed phone options for BMNA.org main number.

By using Google Voice light, BMNA can have a phone number with forwarding options and save over \$1200/year. BMNA could have the main number forwarded to the Neighborhood Coordinator. Consideration was also given to purchasing a separate cell phone that can be passed as needed to officers. Dennis Fazio will work within the group to create the solution.

Dennis also discussed consolidating funds in different locations into a single account, in particular by closing a money market account at Capital One. Motion by Jay Peterson to authorize closing the Capital One money market account and move the funds to the BMNA checking account at Sunrise bank. Motion carried

Sophia Ginis, Met Council/Metro Transit gave a review of the proposed wall related to the SWLRT

The wall which is being required by BNSF. Sophia showed an overlay of the upcoming Bryn Mawr station. The wall would be 10 ft high, and 3ft wide on the freight rail side. With the ground build up next to the rails, the passengers should still be able to see over the wall from the train. There was discussion around how pedestrians will be able to cross the wall. There is no current solution as yet.

Sophia also presented a notice that Olson Memorial Highway will be closed for 12 days while Route 9 is rerouting.

Kevin Thompson discussed an opportunity for BMNA to co-sponsorship two Ward 7 City Council Candidate Forums.

This opportunity requires no funding or additional expense to BMNA. Jay Peterson moved to cosponsor the forum. Seconded. Motion passed.

There is an opportunity to host an additional forum occurring on the 28th. BMNA will ask for some donations to cover expenses, up to \$200. Kevin Thompson moved that we sponsor this additional event. Seconded. Motion carried.

Patty Wycoff, our neighborhood coordinator, gave her report.

- Welcome packets for Area Reps are here. Come get them!
- The Sip and Stroll is coming up. This is a great way to reconnect with local businesses. Included in the event is Bliss, which took over the former Trappings space.
- Harvest dinner is scheduled for Thursday November 16th.
- BMNA has raised almost \$7000 in membership dues without the usual spend on marketing. However our goal is \$10000 to offset our expenses. Email notifications have been effective at reaching many Bryn Mawr residents; Next Door reaches a further 1200.

Patty also read an unsolicited Thank You to the BMNA Facebook inbox in appreciation of the gardens throughout Bryn Mawr. "I just finished walking my dog and I wanted to say thank you to the Bryn Mawr Garden Committee in appreciation for doing just an amazing job with the gardens. I'm not a botanist, but it seems like they had a mission to build butterfly gardens? Lots to look at, smell, and enjoy."

Jay Peterson gave a quick update from the Webmaster.

The photo galleries are up on the webpage bmna.org/gallery. You can post images from events, occurrences, or just imagery captured in Bryn Mawr. Go look, enjoy, and share your own photos! On Tuesday the 26th, the photographer group will be meeting at 5:30 at Cuppa Java to walk the neighborhood and capture the scenery. All are welcome!

Dennie Juillerat is looking for feedback on the idea posted on the Bugle. If you have some to share, please do.

Kevin Thompson gave a quick update from the Gardens Committee. The committee is looking at extending the garden's impact down cedar lake. Kevin is suggesting using some of the NRP funds dedicated to beautification down Cedar Lake to Oliver. This will allow businesses to use the funds to beautify their space as they see fit.

Jessica Wiley gave an update from the Community Projects.

Look for ideation options in the Bugle in the coming months and submit your ideas!

Patty Wycoff, Events Committee

The Sip and Stroll coming up on October 12th. Plan to be there and enjoy friends and neighbors!

Vida Ditter suggested a Welcome to the Neighborhood meeting for new neighbors.

Chris Etz gave an update on Safety/Traffic Committee.

The new sign is up after receiving insurance funds. The sign will be continued to moved throughout the neighborhood. And, the little green men on Russell and Cedar Lake Road have been moved back to the sidewalks.

The ROC/Basset Creek Valley Update meets next week on the 17th and Vida Ditter expects Leef properties.

JoEllyn Jolstad gave an update on the Bugle.

- October bugle readership is beginning to pick up with the number of activities that occur.
- Lynda Shaheen is teed up for the October article.
- A Thank You for the article on politics and the BMNA Annual Dinner was presented by Kevin.

With no further questions or comments, Vida Ditter moved to adjourn. Seconded.
Adjourned 8:15 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 6:30 p.m., Bryn Mawr Elementary School, Cafeteria

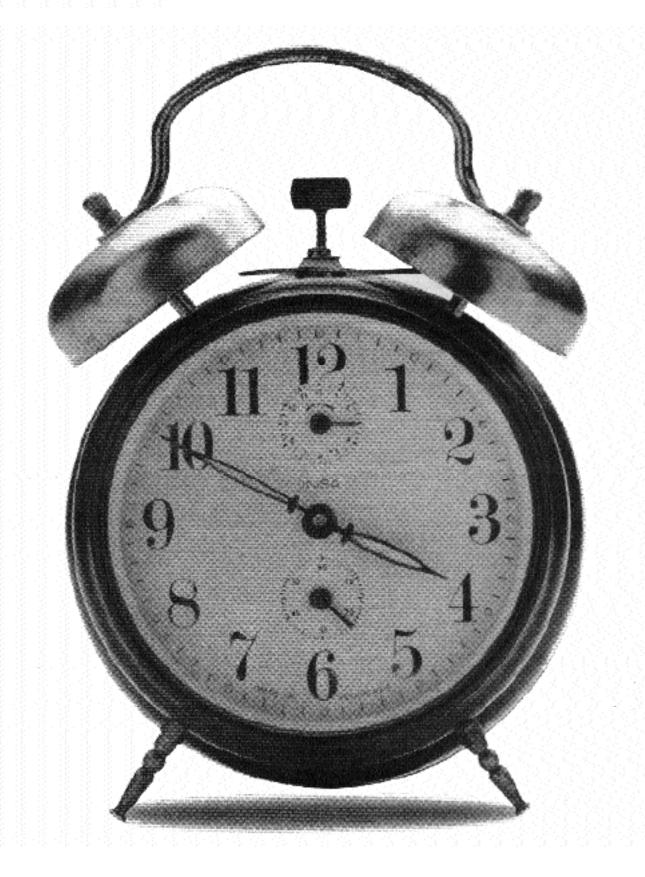
UPCOMING EVENTS: Sip and Stroll - October 12th Harvest Dinner Thursday, November

The BMNA invites and encourages participation by every resident to each program, service and event organized by the BMNA. Should you require an accommodation in order for you to fully participate, or if you require this document in a different format, please let us know by contacting our neighborhood coordinator at organizer@BMNA.org at least five days before our event.





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| | October 23 | |
| Areas | October 2 | |
| 4W, 5W, 6, 7 | October 16 | |
| | October 30 | |
| Areas | | October 3 |
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From the Editor

Plection season is here and with it, all the marketing, public appearances and personal attacks. Everyone has unique preferences as to how to get information to help them make decisions. So, the question arises, "Where do politics belong?" On Facebook?. In the NFL? Many say yes; I see more and more people saying, no.

I don't mind seeing lots of differing opinions expressed in multiple places, as long as they are based in a reasonable amount of reliable evidence. I accept the fact that not everyone agrees with me and that their life experience means they may prioritize different outcomes. But, you won't catch me posting articles about it. Heck, you won't even find a political candidate's sign in my yard.

These days, it is hard to tell what is real and what is fake. It is an effort to wade through everything that is out there in an attempt to find something substantive. For me there are no right or wrong answers, just more opportunities to learn and affect change.

My brother-in-law recently asked me who I was voting for in the fall mayoral election. We were out on the pontoon at the cabin, enjoying the a glass of wine and the beautiful scenery. For many, this would be the WORST place to bring up politics. But for me, this is one time I enjoy politics - deep, reflective conversations where people are really listening to one another.

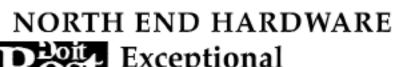
I knew going into our conversation that he and I probably voted for different candidates in the last presidential election. So I resisted the urge to throw out a name. Instead I said that no matter which candidate becomes the next Mayor of Minneapolis, I will probably be okay.

I am pretty much most candidate's target demographic and my relative success or ability to seek a quality life in this city is pretty much assured by business as usual.

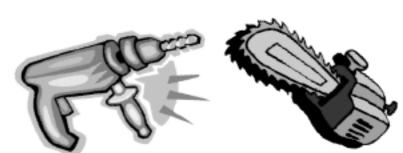
However it is my genuine belief that this city will never really be a great place until people of all races and socio-economic circumstances have that same opportunities. This is what I am looking for in leadership at City Hall.

The BMNA is co-hosting a City Council Candidate Forum tonight and I am going with a great group of neighbors with whom I have shared many wonderful discussions on these subjects. If you happen to be at Cuppa Java this evening, you will probably witness another.

- JoEllyn Jolstad, Editor bugle@bmna.org



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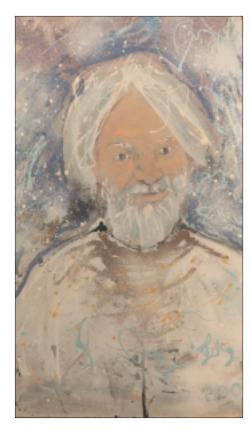
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Bugle Notes



Self-portrait by Steven Lindberg

Tribute Area 3

orty three years ago, we were looking to purchase a house. Steven said, "I know just the perfect neighborhood." That is just what it turned out to be. He proudly called himself a Bryn Mawr artist. Steven Lindberg passed away in July of lung cancer. Steven participated in many Art events and exhibited in many venues. Steven's Rock sculptures and paintings were sponsored by BMNA at the Spring Art Fling in 2004. He took Rock sculptures to the Metropolitan artists market across from International Market Square and exhibited paintings at the Minneapolis Institute of Art "foot-in-the-door" events.

You may have heard his backyard chickens form time to time. Perhaps you came to his annual art sale, he appreciated all your visits. His colorful character will be missed by family friends and neighbors. It was a good move to choose to live in Bryn Mawr.

- Naja Lindberg

WEEKLY MEETINGS OF **ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS**

are held at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church,

Cedar Lake Road and Laurel Avenue.on Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.

All interested people are invited to attend.

Book Launch Area 2

artin Skoro, an Area 2 Bryn Mawr resident, is organizing La book launch weekend for a book he has been working on for many years: Baba Yaga: The Wild Witch of the East in Russian Fairy Tales. He conceived the idea and project managed the creation of the book, engaged 3 literary scholars to work on it, gathered illustrations of Baba Yaga, old and new, and art directed the design. Baba Yaga is a folk-figure known around the world, but best in her cultural origin of Russia and Eastern Europe. Now readers can enjoy this first authoritative collection in English of this new translation of 29 enticing (and sometimes bizarre) tales of Baba Yaga. Martin has partnered with The Museum of Russian Art for the book launch and support.

Book Launch Details:

Friday, Oct 11, 6:00 PM

Moscow on the Hill by, reservation & limited to 40 people. 651.291.1236 Saturday, Oct 12

The Museum of Russian Art, by reservation (612) 821-9045 10:30-11:15 AM: This is an event for children from 5 - 10. The children are encouraged to dress in Halloween costumes.

5:00 - 7:00 PM: Scholar and Translator, Sibelan Forrester speaks briefly at 5:30, free exchange follows. Two other contributors to the book, Martin Skoro and Helena Goscilo, will also be available for questions. Free admission.

Sunday, Oct 13

The Bookcase Wayzata 952-473-8341 2:00 PM: Scholar and Translator, Sibelan Forrester will do a short reading and talk about Baba Yaga and the book, then she is open to questions.

- Ross (Roselyn) Rezac



October 5, 2017 Full moon, the Dakota Wazupi We, or drying rice

October 9, 2012 Bald eagle fishing along the east side of Lake Cal-

October 11, 2012 Encountered a female grouse in Wirth Park. Never seen one before in the cities.

October 14, 2016 About 50 robins gathering in Bassett's Creek Park on the Harrison side of the creek, eating purple buckthorn berries and getting ready to migrate south.

October 7, 2013 On a bike ride through a wooded area I surprised a great horned owl with a mouse in its talons. It took

off-and took the mouse with it.



Letters represent the opinion of the writer, not necessarily those of the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association or the Editor of the Bugle.

Speaking of SWLRT

The Bryn Mawr Southwest Light Rail Transit Station, would be 30-feet below the dead end where Penn Avenue North meets the top of the bluff of an ancient Mississippi River channel.

Access to the station would be along a horizontal pedestrian walkway, thrust across and above the freight rail. The pedestrian walkway would be 300-feet long, or 100yards-a football field.

At the end of the skywalk an elevator or stairway would take riders up or down 22-feet. Without elevator service Bryn Mawr LRT riders would have to navigate 42 steps. The Lake Street LRT elevator is frequently out-of-service.

Added to the accessibility challenge this LRT facility, as the Lake Street station, would serve as a homeless shelter, prostitution scene, toilet, drug and panhandling site. It would be a set-up for trapping riders in off-peak hours.

City Councilmember Lisa Goodman said the safety issue had been discussed. Could an officer respond in time to stop a security scare, a robbery or rape threat?

There is no parking for Minneapolis transit stations. Cedar Lake Parkway at the RR crossing would be closed during the multi-year con-

> -Susu Jeffrey, Bryn Mawr resident since 1986



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e are inching closer to our goal of \$10,500. Thank you neighbors for your support! We are hopeful we will reach our goal by December 31st, 2017. Please go to bmna.org if you have not contributed.

October, November and December are busy months for the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association. On October 12th we will celebrate our neighborhood businesses at our annual event, Sip and Stroll. On November 16th we will share a

bountiful feast at our annual Harvest Dinner and on December 9th we will celebrate the coming of winter at our annual Saturnalia event.

Please make your calendars for these events. Don't miss these opportunities to meet new neighbors, catch up with old friends and be a part of building a stronger community in Bryn Mawr. This is our mission as your neighborhood association. Build relationships, strengthen community and respect one another.

> - Patty Wycoff, coordinator@bmna.org

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Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - October 2017

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.

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Buckthorn Removal 7 at Eloise Butler Wild- flower Garden, 10- 12:30 |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | BMNA monthly meeting, 6:30 @Bryn Mawr Ele- mentary in cafeteria | Sip and Stroll, 6-8:30, downtown Bryn Mawr | 13 | Buckthorn 14 Removal - Bassett Creek Park, 1-4pm |
| Buckthorn Removal - Bassett Creek Park, 1-4pm Buckthorn Removal at Eloise Butler Wild- flower Garden, 2- 4:30 | ROC Meeting, 6 pm,6 Harrison Community Center | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
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From the Board

Submissions from BMNA Board Members

Baskins Tales

his summer I had a nice surprise visit by the children of the previous owners of my house. I came home to see two elderly gentleman dressed in ties walking up and down the street around the outside of my house. I was curious what they were doing since they seemed unlikely suspects to be casing the house for a later robbery. By the time I got out of the car they had walked farther down the street. The neighbor told me he thought they had grown up in my house and that they came by every year or so to see it.

I was excited because we had always heard a few things about this family, one was that they were the Baskin's in Baskin Robbins ice cream. We had been told that one of the boys was good friends with the Robbins boy who lived on the West side of Cedar Lake and that they started Baskin Robbins company. I was in luck because just then the pair came walking back toward my house. They were a little hesitant to be approached because they didn't want to intrude. They confirmed that they were two of the Baskin brothers who had grown up in the house. They set the story straight for me about the ice cream company however. They said their uncle in California, Burt Baskin, started the Baskin Robbins ice cream compa-

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I had one other legend about the family that I had to find out if it was true. I had heard something about one of the boys and Wilt Chamberlain. The one brother, Matt (who is 6'7"!) smiled and said that was him. He was playing for Colorado University from 1956-58 when he met up with Wilt Chamberlain who was playing for Kansas. Matt held Wilt Chamberlain to the fewest points per game that day largely by holding the ball mid court since the shot clock hadn't been instituted yet.

The brothers had so many fond memories of my house but didn't want to come inside. They has been inside a few years ago and found it painful to have so many memories flood back. The house is also known for the huge oak tree in the front yard. We were told it is the oldest oak in Hennepin County (but apparently we were told many stories). The brothers remember it being special even when they were growing up. Their grandmother lived with them and it was her job to water it. They said the joke was that their father would tell her to go outside and water it and the family would say, "She's standing there with a hose but the roots to that thing are a half mile down the road!"

The two men were so nice and clearly had such special family memories and still a loving sibling bond. It really made my day talking to them and hearing their stories. I hope to see them same time next year.

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If you have historic information or photos that you would like to share with the Bugle, please email Kevina Munnich at kmunnich@gmail.com.



This article by Mary Maguire Lerman, Coordinator of Harriculture for the Parks Department, is reprinted from the People for Parks newsletter.

This year, People for Parks has taken on a new project that involves the final restoration phase of the large tamarack bog in Theodore Wirth Park. The goal is to increase public access to the bog by installing additional boardwalks and to restore the bog's native understory plant community by funding planting efforts.

This acid bog, which is nestled on the west side of Wirth Parkway between Glenwood Avenue and I-394, is relatively unknown to many city residents. In fact, acid bogs, which are most commonly seen in northern Minnesota, are few and far between in the metropolitan area. Restoration of this bog will provide metropolitan residents a unique opportunity to view and study this rare resource and acquaint themselves with the plant communities that thrive in this type of ecosystem.

THE INVASION

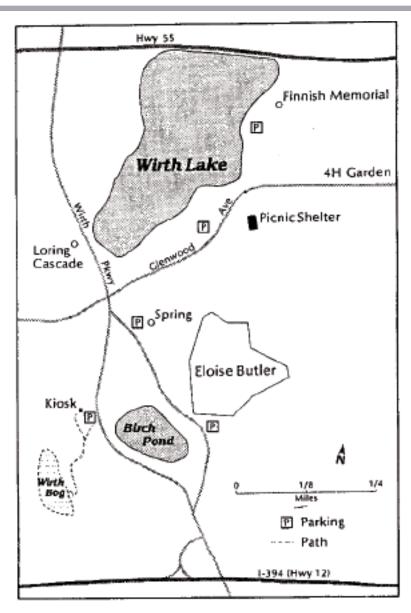
This spring-fed acid bog (pH of 4.5) has been part of the park system since 1907 when this section of Wirth Park (then called Saratoga Springs) was acquired. The famed botany teacher, Eloise Butler, frequently visited the bog to obtain plant materials for transplanting into the Wild Botanic Garden (now named in her honor).

In her writings, Butler referred to this bog as the "Quaking Bog" and further described it as an isle (Mariana's Isle) surrounded by a "moat." Her plant diary from 1909 mentioned the harvesting of pitcher plant, bog rosemary, snake-mouth orchid, grass pinks, cranberry, rose pogonia, and sphagnum moss. A 1911 photograph shows her crossing over the "moat" to the tamarack-laden isle as she inched her way over a fallen tamarack trunk. Between Eloise Butler's time and the present, a foreign shrub known as glossy buckthorn invaded the bog/swamp area and literally overtook the understory of the tamarack isle. It was so invasive, it destroyed additional tamarack habitat north of the current isle.

A COUNTERATTACK

Restoration of this bog began in 1986 with a grant funded by the Metropolitan Council. With this grant, the northern end of the five-acre bog/swamp area was dredged in the winter of 1986, removing the buckthorn and a three-foot layer of peat. The next spring, the underlayer of peat rose to the surface, and grasses and other plants typical of the peat area began to thrive again.

However, it was impossible to dredge the understory buckthorn in the tamarack isle without harming the tamarack. The severely cold weather of early January 1988 (referred to by meteorologists as a Siberian Express weather front), made it extremely difficult for forestry crews to productively prune in normal park/city situations. Crews had to work in areas below grade and out of severe winds, where they spent a week cutting the 25-foot buckthorn shrubs and hauling them to the most area surrounding the isle.



Illustrations: Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden & Bird Sanctuary Handbook.

When completed, an amazing new site appeared. Although early estimates indicated that there were about 80 tamarack trees on the site, now the true extent of these trees could be seen—it was more like 200!

Later that winter, a maintenance crew burned the buckthorn piles and, in early spring, we began to see some of the understory herbaceous plants returning. We had been told by DNR staff that by removing the buckthorn, we would return sunlight to the surface floor and perhaps some of the native plants would thrive again. Ferns and starflower were some of the earliest returning plants. Since then, park staff have monitored the bog and twice treated the buckthorn that has sprouted from seed and the purple loosestrife that was also attempting an invasion.

A limited number of boardwalk sections were installed in the last two years, allowing naturalists from the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary to regularly lead tours to the bog. The Minneapolis Municipal Hiking Club and the family of Ruth Anderson funded the boardwalk for purposes of making it more accessible to the public.

THE FINAL PHASE

Now, we are ready to begin the final phase that involves weeding out any additional seedling buckthorn that appear and replanting native acid bog plants--namely, the many acid-loving orchids native to Minnesota, large-leaf aster, princess pine, sensitive fern bunchberry, clintonia, marsh marigold, and numerous shrubs, such as blueberry, winterberry, labrador tea, and others. Because our state flower, the showy lady slipper, thrives in acid bogs, our hope is to re-establish the existence of this orchid along with many others in this habitat.

Bugle, March 1992.

Reprinted from Bryn Mawr

In order to accomplish this replanting, we must first make the bog accessible. This involves the installation of "bog walks" that will easily support not only the staff that works on the site to restore it to its natural habitat, but also visitors who come to experience and study this unique surrounding.

Our goal is to create an elliptical loop path through the bog allowing visitors to enjoy a complete walk on the isle beneath the tamaracks without compacting the understory and moss surface. As the native plantings are established, they will be labelled to teach visitors about life on the bog. From this path, visitors will also be able to enjoy the deer that have been regularly sighted in the bog, as well as the numerous bird populations. That's not to mention the nearly 200 tamaracks. Each fall (usually in October), these trees that grace the isle turn a golden color before they drop their needles. The nearby ridges surrounding the bog are populated with red oak, red maple, and other native trees and shrubs, making the fall color contrast most spectacular.

Think of the "Quaking Bog" as an extension of the experience one can have when visiting the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary. Because the bog in that garden is relatively small, the mature overstory of tamarack on the "Quaking Bog" provides a truly unique experience. Undoubtedly, it will become a regular visiting spot for wildflower and birdwatching enthusiasts, as well as teachers and students of all ages.

People for Parks is currently fundraising to complete the boardwalk and pay an intern to oversee the replanting of the tamarack bog. If you would care to make a donation, call 348-6778 or send it to People For Parks, 310 4th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55415.

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Please join us!

Saturday, October 14th and Sunday, October 15th from 1-4pm we will be clearing buckthorn in Bassett Creek Park

(enter from Chestnut alley between Vincent and Upton).

Show up anytime between 1 and 4pm. You're free to decide how long you stay. No experience needed. Wear sturdy shoes and clothes that can get dirty. Bring gloves if you have them. You'll quickly learn how to identify and remove buckthorn.

What is buckthorn and why should I care?

What is buckthorn?

Common buckthorn was brought to North America from its native Europe sometime prior to 1850. It was intended for use as a hedge plant, but it proved to be extremely invasive and quickly escaped into the wild. In Minnesota, it has now spread over most of the state. Minnesota law classifies it as a restricted noxious weed that cannot be sold or transported in the state.

Why is it a problem?

Buckthorn grows quickly in the open, in brushy habitats, and in woodlands. Once you recognize it, you see it everywhere. It can form nearly impenetrable thickets in forests.

Why do we want to remove it?

1. Buckthorn reduces diversity. It easily outcompetes native shrubs for light and moisture, which greatly reduces the abundance and diversity of plants. Fewer varieties of native plants and shrubs support fewer varieties of insects, birds, and other wildlife.

2. It significantly alters the experience of taking a walk in the woods. "Walking in the woods" comes to mean walking on a path between encroaching thickets of buckthorn. Woodlands infested with buckthorn are no longer places to be explored and played in—for children or adults—because buckthorn thickets make it virtually impossible to get into —or even see into—the woods.

What does it look like?

Buckthorn ranges from small seedlings to bushy shrubs to small trees (up to 35 feet high). It's most easily identified in the fall, when its leaves stay dark green and remain on the shrubs long after all other leaves have fallen.

How is it removed?

Small seedlings (less than 1 inch in diameter) can be pulled by hand. A very sturdy tool, a "weed wrench" is used to mechanically uproot larger shrubs. (We have these weed wrenches and train you to use them.) The largest trees must be cut and the stumps treated with herbicides (by Park Board staff only).

—From Liz Anderson (Area 7) and Welby R. Smith's Trees and Shrubs of Minnesota (University of Minnesota Press, 2008):





Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden needs your help!

Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary, the oldest public wildflower garden in the country, is in Bryn Mawr!

Buckthorn, an Invasive Plant of Major Concern, needs to be removed from the area surrounding the Garden. Enjoy a few delicious autumn hours outside while you protect the Garden. Bring a friend!

Saturday Oct 7, 10:00-12:30 Sunday Oct 15, 2:00-4:30 Sunday Oct 22, 2:00-4:30

- Come for as much or as little time as you have.
- Signs at the Garden's front gate direct you to the site.
- Wear appropriate shoes and clothes that can get dirty. We supply gloves, tools, training, and snacks!
 - If weather is questionable, call the Garden, 612-370-4903, in the hour before the event.

Questions? Email us at <u>invasives@friendsofeloisebutler.org</u> Eloise Butler Friends Invasive Plant Action Group - 2017





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Why I Choose Neighborhood Schools

Lisa Mills, BMNA Schools Committee

Recently, a couple of Facebook friends 'shared' a blog article called "Civics, Community and Allyship: Why We Chose Our Local Public School." As I read the article, I wanted to shout, "YES! THIS!"

Over many years, neighborhood attendance at our schools has fluctuated a lot. I'm guessing we are now at one of the lowest points in that fluctuation. What hasn't changed, is the fact that our kids have been in the minority, both racially and socioeconomically, in our neighborhood schools. (But in this "lefty liberal" borough, no one wants to offend by even implying that race or socioeconomics played a part in others' avoidance of our schools.)

Even though I did the research and I knew that my kids' test scores would not be better if we chose a suburban, charter or private school, I'll admit that knowing that my kids would be part of a very small minority, especially at the elementary school, made this child of the 'waspy' western suburbs nervous. But my 'conscience of a liberal' urged me to consider it an asset, not a drawback, that my kids (and I) would become part of a community where they would learn what it's like to be in the minority, and where we'd learn and grow with many people whose circumstances, cultures and experiences are very different than ours. (Of course we've also seen that our values, hopes and dreams for our kids are pretty much the same.) Lucky for us, we knew several neighbors whose kids attended those schools and were (are!) bright, smart, well-adjusted people. I anticipated being part of that community of parents, working together to support the school and help provide great opportunites for all of the kids.

Although each of my kids has had a year where we questioned whether we should stick it out, I am very happy that we chose these schools! I won't list all of the reasons (like AMAZING TEACH-ERS!), but the friendships we have made, with diverse families and with neighbors who have been the heart of the PTA for all of these years, have enriched all of our lives. My kids have been challenged and have excelled academically, but that would happen at almost any school, given who they are and their circumstances. What couldn't be replicated at just any school, is the fact that the experiences and relationships they've had are giving my daughters an understanding of racial and socioeconomic differences, perspectives and issues that they could never have gained, growing up in a school where most or all of the kids were 'just like them.

So, I want to share some of the post here, particularly with the many young families who will soon be considering where to send their kids to school. The author intended for this to be shared and discussed. I am grateful to her for saying out loud and in public, much of what I've been thinking and feeling and sometimes afraid to say, for the past 9 years.

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"When parents ask me where my daughter is going to kindergarten, I tell them my local, public, elementary school. Many are surprised, and follow up with "Oh! Is that a good school?" Sometimes, even though I don't mean it, I say, "no." I say that because I think based on the metrics most parents are using for determining a "good" school, it isn't... [And] it is 5% white. It is 83% low-income. It is, and has been, historically ignored by the majority of affluent families and community members in our neighborhood.

"We had options... And this "Yay! First day of Kindergarten!" post, is meant to act as a manifesto, as a rallying cry, as no-holds barred monologue of our truth, of my truth, as a mother, a neighbor, a community member...

"Here's why we CHOSE this school.

"Because it IS a good school, with loving parents, teachers, and administrators. Without the glossy brochures, the extra fancy professional development, the "team-building."

"Because there is no lottery, no admissions process, no waitlist. No back door secret enrollment policies. You live in this neighborhood; this school belongs to you...

"Because just as the grassy strip of parkway in front of my house is my responsibility to maintain for myself and my neighbors, my local elementary school is also that- my responsibility. My responsibility to patronize, to trust, to support.

"Because unless I am intentionally placing my children in diverse settings, both socio-economically and racially, unless I am intentionally acknowledging and addressing the issues of school segregation that have divided this great city, I will raise a racist. I won't mean to. But intentions are no longer enough. Unless I am forcibly putting her out in to the world, confident in her resilience, humanity, and grit, I will keep her cloistered and separate from the truth of what it really means to be an equal among equals.

"Because unless my children grow up with peers who come from different backgrounds, families, experiences, they will normalize their white privilege and when it comes time to educate them about structural racism and classism and their part and responsibility to dismantle that system, they will have no context...It is no longer enough to condemn this two tiered, race and class based system of education. I refuse to propagate this system by being willing to sacrifice another child's educational opportunities for my own's.

"When I turn down the JAWS soundtrack that the only way to be a good parent is best preschool>best elementary school>best high school> best college> best life and if I haven't done that I have failed, then there is joy to be found. That maybe if my kids lives and educations aren't perfectly orchestrated or curated or cultivated, they could still be amazing humans." [https://integratedschools.org/2017/08/15/first-day-of-kindergarten-good-intentions-are-no-longer-enough/]



Youth & Schools

Anwatin's Garden Revival: How the Community Can Help

here does food come from? For many middle school students, their knowledge of the food supply chain ends at the grocery store, convenience store, or fast-food restaurant. Too many of our kids lack the connection to healthy food as a renewable resource they can help cultivate.

A garden plot not only enhances students' knowledge of where the food they eat comes from, it promotes healthy eating and environmental awareness. Students who garden together also get the unique experience of working as a community to create something tangible that benefits everyone.

To help students realize these benefits, Anwatin has a new garden task force. Following in the footsteps of The Original Edible Schoolyard in Berkeley, California, design teacher Jess Nite leads the initiative along with Science teacher Benjamin Sonquist and ELL teacher Johanna Baker-Raivo.

The Anwatin Middle School Community Garden will not only provide a source of healthy food, it will be a teaching tool across all content areas. Every teacher and student can be part of growing and preparing food.

In addition to maintaining our own garden-to-cafeteria supply chain, the garden will improve student, family, and community engagement through events throughout the year. These events are centered around food and designed to nourish our bodies and souls.

On Tuesday, October, 10th, Anwatin is inviting students, families, and community members to the first of these events. Come help put the garden to bed for the season to prepare for a new start in the spring. We are looking for volunteers to help weed, remove brush, and cover the soil for future plots. We even have high hopes of finishing our garden shed!

We are also looking for donated supplies such as:

- Compostable lawn bags
- Gardening gloves
- Hand tools
- Mulch
- Landscaping fabric rolls

Donated supplies can be dropped off at the main office any time before the event. See you on the 10th!

Support the Arts! Support the kids! Come see what's happening at Southwest High School.

October

October 4-7, 7pm *Steel Magnolias*, Unhinged Student Theatre Company, Black Box at SWHS October 12-14, 7pm *Once Upon A Mattress* Footlights Freshman & Sophomore Musical This hilarious musical upends "The

This hilarious musical upends "The Princess and the Pea" tale with twists and tricks, and side-splitting shenanigans.

October 17, 7pm Band/Jazz Concert, Auditorium SWHS

Auditorium SWHS
October 26, 7pm Orchestra/Guitar

October 24, 7pm Choir Concert,

Concert, Auditorium SWHS

November

November 16-18, 7pm *Romeo and Juliet: Steampunk*, Main Stage Play November 19, 2pm

Contact Information For Bryn Mawr Community Schools

Bryn Mawr Elementary (PreK-5)

252 Upton Avenue South 612-668-2500

brynmawr. Minneapolis. k12.mn. us

Minneapolis Kids School-age Childcare (at Bryn Mawr School) 612-668-3890 mplskids.Minneapolis.k12.mn.us/

Anwatin Middle School (6-8) International Baccalaureate and Spanish Dual Immersion

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Neighborhood Program to Feed Hungry Kids Continues to Expand

he upcoming school year promises to be bigger than ever for an important neighborhood partnership that combats hunger by providing weekend food bags for high-need school students. The partnership now includes both our neighborhood schools, Bryn Mawr neighborhood volunteers, Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, and a nonprofit organization called the Sheridan Story.

The Sheridan Story model is based on the reality that some children go hungry over weekends, when they don't have access to free or reduced school lunches and breakfasts; the nonprofit now works with 144 Minnesota schools. Bryn Mawr Church began partnering with the Sheridan Story and Bryn Mawr Elementary for the second half of the 2013-14 school year, starting with a few dozen students.

Bryn Mawr's involvement with the Sheridan Story has continued to expand, adding Anwatin Middle School halfway through last school year. During the 2016-17 school year, volunteers delivered 4,381 weekend food bags to the lockers of students identified by the schools. The goal for the 2017-18 school year is to expand even further, serving 175 students over the course of 36 school weeks.

The program depends on loyal volunteers who distribute the food bags at the end of each school week. Some of these volunteers

have personal connections to the church or one of the schools, but many volunteers are simply neighbors who understand the need. Dick and Connie Adair, for example, explained their participation this way: "Why do we volunteer for the Sheridan Story? One of us experienced hunger at times during childhood, so

we have been quite aware of this program for years. We live in area 6, right across from Bryn Mawr Elementary. So when we retired, we signed up to help. We are rewarded by the kids' smiles, seeing the dedication of the teachers, and the thought that this is a way to contribute that is very practical and local."

Volunteer Faye Knowles also finds the experience to be very rewarding. "My husband and I have lived in four different houses in Bryn Mawr since 1978 and raised two daughters here. When they were young, there was not an elementary school in the neighborhood - they went to Jefferson - and we were pleased when the elementary school opened. We love the diversity at the school and wanted to do something meaningful for the kids who come to school in our neighborhood. We value our volunteer time there, seeing the kids, the teachers, and the energy they all bring. I like to think that by slipping those food packages into their little backpacks, we are making their weekends a bit happier and healthier and taking a little pressure off their folks, who we know are working so hard to make good lives for their children."

With the expansion of the program, there is always a need for new volunteers; you can find further information about volunteering and a signup form online at http://bit.ly/2x5NaYJ





Bryn Mawr Moms on the Search for Good Books & Food

The Woman Upstairs By Claire Messud

laire Messud, a literature and creating writing professor, is best known for the novel *The Emperor's Children*. She was recently interviewed by MPR's Kerry Miller about her latest book, *The Burning Girl*.

We read *The Woman Upstairs*. The main character, Nora, is angry. The first line of the book reveals that. "How angry am I? You don't want to know. Nobody wants to know about that." According to Messud, Nora's anger is internal; on the outside she's still a good girl. "The acculturation of women does not encourage selfishness, assertiveness, single mindedness."

As a book group, we were divided on whether Nora was whiney and self-absorbed (get over it) or introspective and justified in her anger (you go girl). An after book club email wraps it up—"Thank you for hosting a lively evening—really like it when we have differing perspectives about the book and characters. Kind of echoes Nora's observations about her life."

Nora is a beloved, but resigned, schoolteacher who had always hoped to be an artist. She becomes entwined with a family who temporarily moves to her small town from Paris; an historian father, an artist mother, and a gifted son who is in her class. She falls in love with each member of the family and begins to see herself as she might be. Her ultimate betrayal by both the father and mother bring on her outrage and ultimate understanding that she can overcome the powerlessness she has lived with.

Messud was asked by Publishers Weekly if she would like to be friends with Nora. Messud's reply was caustic. "For heaven's sake, what kind of question is that? If you're reading to find friends you're in deep trouble. We read to find life in all its possibilities." The question should be, is this character alive?

Our big questions centered on whether a character has to be likable. Was Nora unlikable because an angry woman is disturbing? And betrayal. How bad was it?

Messud is a talented writer, according to New York Times reviewer Meghan O'Rourke, "a novelist of unnerving talent." Can beautiful writing overcome unpopular protagonists?

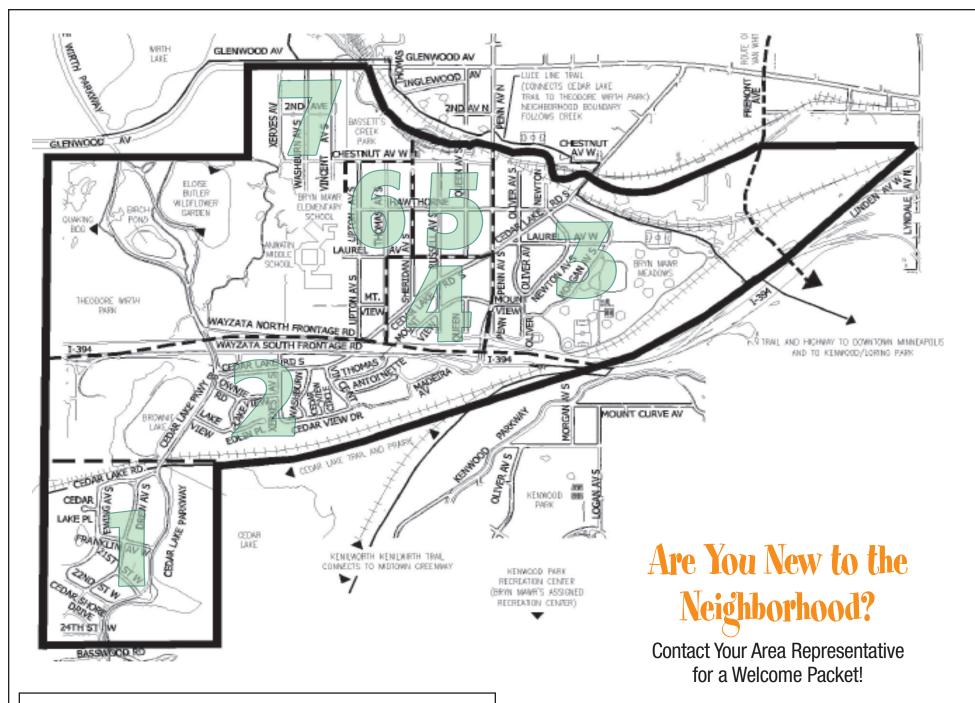
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