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# 2018 Annual Meeting Potluck Dinner & Board Elections Wednesday, May 9, 6-8 pm

oin your neighbors in the Bryn Mawr Elementary School Cafeteria from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM for the Annual Meeting and Potluck Dinner on Wednesday, May 9.

The pot luck dinner starts at 6:00 PM. Don't miss out on fabulous hot dishes, salads, side dishes, and desserts. Talk with BMNA Board Reps and other elected city officials about the issues that are important to you, and best yet, meet neighbors from all over Bryn Mawr.

The annual meeting starts at 6:45 PM, with an update from President Kevin Thompson, an overview of our neighborhood health, and elections of board members for the next two year term. This is a time for you to share your hopes and dreams for our neighborhood. If you're not yet a BMNA member, you can join at the annual meeting. Door prizes donated by our gener-

ous local businesses top off the evening. Support your neighborhood association. See you at the annual membership meeting!

- Patty Wycoff, Neighborhood Coordinator

#### **Current Slate for 2018 BMNA Board**

Area 2

Lynda Shaheen and Susan Verrett

#### Area 4

Christopher Etz and Joanne Michalec

#### Area 6

Vida Ditter, Jay Peterson and Barry Schade

0President

Kevin Thompson

#### Secretary

JD Dietrich



# 2018 BMNA Events

May 5-6

Bryn Mawr Festival of Garage Sales

#### May 9

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting. Board Elections an

#### **May 18**

Bryn Mawr Elementary Family Fun Night

#### **July 26**

Ice Cream Scoop Off

#### October 11

Sip and Stroll

### November 15

Bryn Mawr Harvest Dinner

#### **December TBD**

Anwatin Craft Fair

#### December 15

Saturnalia

# **BMNA Membership Kick-Off Party Update**

hanks to all who were able to make it to Cuppa Java on April 13th. Cuppa Java owner, Bob Gillem, donated 10% of the day's sales to BMNA and your purchases raised \$265 for our neighborhood association! Neighbors dropped \$285 in the BMNA donation box at the event and donated an additional \$105 using Paypal. We are on our way!

Please remember, any amount is welcome. In past years, we have had a suggested contribution of \$40 but please

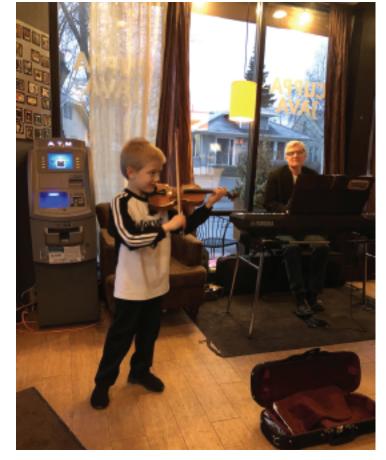
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- Patty Wycoff, Neighborhood Coordinator

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**BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION Board Meeting Minutes** 

Wednesday, April 11, 2018 6:30-8:15 PM Bryn Mawr Elementary (Cafeteria)

Brian Treece - Vice President James Dietrich - Secretary Dennis Fazio - Treasurer Dave Holets – Area 1 Rep Susan Verrett – Area 2 CoRep Lynda Shaheen – Area 2 CoRep Jessica Wiley – Area 3 CoRep Christopher Etz - Area 4 CoRep Joanne Michalec - Area 4 CoRep Jay Peterson - Area 6 CoRep Barry Schade - Area 6 CoRep Patty Wycoff - Neighborhood Coordinator JoEllyn Jolstad - Bryn Mawr Bugle Editor Lisa Goodman – Minneapolis City Council

**Minneapolis Audubon Society Monthly Events** 

PENGUINS OF ANTARCTICA - Katy Shannon

#### Guests

Karen Gunderson David Simmons

Friday, May 9, 2018 1 p.m.

and a little info about the region.

utes! For more information call 763-533-8381.

Adam Arvidson – Minneapolis Park Board Karen Fredrickson

A quorum was present. Vice President Brian Treece presided.

Vice President Brian Treece called meeting to order at 6:37 and began with introductions.

Jessica Wiley moved to approve the agenda. Seconded. Motion passed.

The next order of business was the minutes. With no objections or corrections, the minute from March were approved.

Lisa Goodman gave an update from the City. Lunch with Lisa is the 25th, Heather Hunt, 7th ward resident and Minneapolis 911 Director and will be a review of the new 911 service. May meeting will be Senator Dibble and Representative Hornstein. June meeting will be a field trip to Minneapolis Animal Control.

A few items that directly relate to Bryn Mawr. There is a request for a subdivision for 208 Oliver Ave S and a zoning change. Streets on the

north side of 394 will be seal coated to extend the life of the streets. Regular street sweeping will start on the 23rd. Yard waste collection is starting on 9th and will go through the fall. Burnam Ave bridge will have some bridgework done starting on the 23rd. Also, please report potholes that need patching!

Hennepin Ave reconstruction meetings start tonight from Douglas through Uptown. Will be building a plan and then begin to work towards community alignment.

The purchaser or the Prudential building, Opus, is working to re-tenant the building for office use with no additional building.

A property has been a hazard for the community, Palm Brothers, has been demolished. There had been many complaints over the years.

James Dietrich moved to create a committee to review the Minneapolis 2040 plan and how it relates to the Small Plan. Seconded. Motion passed. Jay Peterson volunteered to chair the committee. All those interested should contact Jay.

Adam Arvidson of the Park Board is working on the Southwest Service Area park plan. These are parks south of 394 and west of 35W, and includes a single park in Bryn Mawr, Reserve Block 40. Planning for North parks will be forthcoming with changes being rolled back to Community Action Committee. Information on specific events can be managed at www.minneapolisparks.org/sw. The Park Board is asking neighborhoods

Dennis Fazio moved to approve and submit the tax return. Jessica seconded. Motion carried.

to appoint a CAC for the South

Parks Master Planning committee.

Dennis Fazio presented a review of the 1st quarter financials. After a brief walk through, Dennis moved to put the financials on the floor for acceptance. Jay Peterson seconded. Motion carried.

Patty Wycoff, Neighborhood Coordinator, gave a brief update. Membership kickoff party is this week from 7:00 to 9:00 at Cuppa Java. All day Friday, Cuppa Java is donating 10% of profits to BMNA. Bryn Mawr Garage Sale is coming, 16 sales are signed up so far. Last year we had 101 registered sales. Annual potluck dinner is coming the second Wednesday in May. The Garden and Outdoor Space Tour will be happening again this year on Saturday July 21st.

JoEllyn Jolstad provided an update from the Bugle. Kevin Thompson submitted a great article for the Bugle. Jay Peterson is submitting May, and Susan will be June. Deadline is the 20th. More information on the membership kickoff event and garden tour will be included.

Jay Peterson gave an update from Communications Committee. The website is now hosted on https and is secure. Communication committee has met and each page has been reviewed and updated. The library would like to know if any original copies of the Bugle may exist. Individuals can contact Chris Etz.

Lynda Shaheen reported on the Schools Committee. The fundraiser plant sale is in full swing, plants will be delivered May 10th. The School carnival is coming up and the School Committee will be giving \$100.

Jessica Wiley gave an update on Community Projects. The nature pre-school has been given their award. Buckthorn removal will begin when weather permits. The painting of the bridge railings will take place this spring. The doggy waste stations will be installed this summer. Discussed the value of public art that is accessible to all and helps give identity to public spaces. The mosaic for downtown is in the planning stages.

Brian Treece gave an update on nominations. Everyone in office is running again, no new applications/interest so if you are interested in joining the board, please contact Brian.

Barry Schade provided a SWLRT Update the open house at the end of march where we made a statement of support.

JoEllyn Jolstad announced that one of our former Board Members, Matt Stark, passed away this week. Chris Etz moved that BMNA acknowledge and thank him for his commitment to Bryn Mawr. Joanne seconded. Motion Passed.

Motion to Adjourn. Brian Treece adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, May 9, 2018 (Annual Meeting) Bryn Mawr Elementary School, Cafeteria

UPCOMING EVENTS: Festival of Yard Sales, May 5 - 7BMNA Annual Meeting, Pot Luck Dinner and Board Elections, May 9

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.

bird walks in Roberts Bird Sanctuary (across the street from the Rose Garden on the north side of Lake Harriet in Minneapolis.) We meet in the parking lot. Roberts Bird Sanctuary is located on the north side of Lake Harriet in Minneapolis. There is a Visitor's Shelter on the east end of the Sanctuary across the street from the Rose Garden. The address of the Visitors Shelter is 4125 Roseway Road, Minneapolis.

Katy Shannon, is a naturalist & retired science teacher. During the winter

of 2015-2016, when the Larsen 3 ice-shelf was still intact on the Antarc-

tic Peninsula, she and her son had the adventure of a lifetime! They

Islands, the Shetland Islands and the Antarctic Peninsula. During the

and mammals. She is excited to share our sightings and experiences,

voyage they saw seven different types of penguins and many other birds

All are welcome for the Minneapolis Audubon Society meeting at the Bryant

Square Neighborhood Center, 31st & Bryant Avenue S, just one block south

On Tuesdays in April and May from 9 a.m. to noon, please join us for

of Lake Street, easily accessible via the #4 bus, which runs every 15 min-

went on an expedition to the Falkland Islands, the South Georgia

## **Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association** Membership - 2018

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If a circus of clowns pulled into Bryn Mawr, they wouldn't joke about a name like Kalitowski.

# Jim Kalitowski R E A L T O R He's been around your block.



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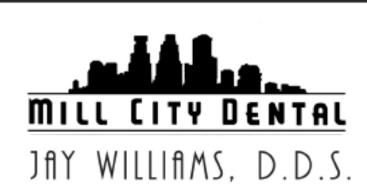
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# **From the Editor**

I'm sure I've written about the weather in the May Bugle before. Actually, I probably write about the weather more than once or twice a year. Oh well. We live in Minnesota and it's never boring.

Our big family trip to Mexico was during Winter Break. In the past couple months, I have been to visit our oldest in Philadelphia once and twice to visit our youngest in Chicago. So I spent Spring Break hunkered down at home in Bryn Mawr waiting for a blizzard. That same week, the freezer part of our refrigerator died. So it was actually convenient that our porch was cold enough to function as temporary food storage.

The Minneapolis Public Schools declared a snow day and Spring Break ended up being extended due to the 20 inches of snow and impassable side roads. While it is always a treat to get paid to not go into work, it only contributed to my stir-craziness. It feels like we've been cooped up forever.

Now it's 60 degrees and there are even warmer temperatures in the forecast. The sun is high and strong. I know one neighbor who was just sitting out on her porch and came away with a terrific sunburn after accidentally dosing off for an hour.

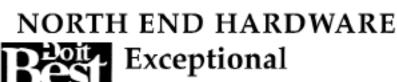
The Bryn Mawr PTA plant sale pickup is next week and even though the ground is still a bit frozen, I am looking forward to putting something colorful in the pot on the front stoop.

This weekend will be spent culling long-forgotten treasures to donate to one of the three charitable sales to which I have connections. In Area 3, the Stillmans do a sale to benefit the Catalyst Foundation. Their sale is also the place to have lunch because they sell freshly made eggrolls and spring rolls. The BMNA benefit sale is once again at the Carlson home on Queen in Area 5. You can find information about donating in the last Bugle.

New this year is the sale at the Conners on Sheridan in Area 6, which will benefit Anwatin Middle School. You can find event and donation information on the PASS (Parents of Anwatin School Students) Facebook page.

A list of all this year's registered sales will be posted on BMNA.org on Friday. According to the weather app in my phone, Garage Sale weekend will be a perfect sunny and 63 degrees. Have fun and don't forget the sunscreen!

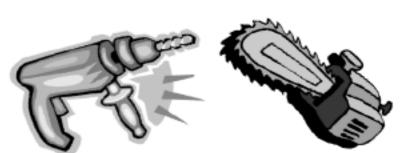
- JoEllyn Jolstad, Editor bugle@bmna.org



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#### **Former BMNA Board Member** Matt Stark, Area 4 Passes

"I call Matt, the Godfather of the Gardens of Bryn Mawr!" declared Matt's wife, Terri with delight. I beam with pride and joy as I approach gardeners, owners throughout the neighborhood exclaiming my gratitude for helping to make Bryn Mawr so beautiful with their wonderful gardens. I embrace them cheerfully as our godchildren-with the gardens of Bryn Mawr! Matt bought the house at 444 Penn Ave South in Bryn Mawr in 1973, studied the sloping lawn and declared, "There will be no lawnmower and there will be no grass!" And along with a load of dirt and railroad tie logs-STARK PARK began its amazing development—to have its own ecosystem, to become a certified water garden, to give passersby, native birds and animals shade, refuge and delight for all.

Through the years, the plants spread beyond Stark Park to bring beauty to others and helped frame the floral Bryn Mawr signage that welcomed all to Bryn Mawr. Matt oversaw and participated in the continual evolutions of Stark Parkalways most content puttering in his garden. Not only did Matt bring a sweeping change in landscape throughout Bryn Mawr but helped transform it from the politically conservative landscape of uniformity to the wonderful eclectic neighborhood I hear admired from everywhere exclaim Oh, you live in BRYN MAWR! I love Bryn Mawr!

Matt organized folks for years to work together cleaning up trash along the roadways, shepherding committees and participating at board meetings throughout the decades. Matt and his Stark Park have been pillars and roots in the neighborhood.

In the wider communities and in the nation, Matt was a leader of phenomenal development and change. He was the legal liaison of

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the national ACLU to Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement, facilitating the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. Matt helped to organize the southeastern American states for the ACLU. He was courageous and tireless in his work throughout the decades in helping fight for minority rights, women's rights and reproductive freedom, in promoting and strengthening public education, and in leading the nation in religious liberty.

Matt helped found Hamline Law School, the Minnesota Justice Foundation at the University of Minnesota, and the American Indian Movement. Matt instituted scholarships to be awarded to students and faculty at the University of Minnesota in the colleges of Education, Liberal Arts and the Law School—to assist others in doing work of civil rights and civil liberties into the future.

In honoring Matt for so many untold stories of his assistance to American Indian People, he was religiously inducted into the Bear Clan (protector, tender) and given an Indian name: Jiwanjiga in Ojibwe, in English—One Who Cares.

Three words were known as "Matt's Words": WONDERFUL! EXCELLENT! BEAU-ti-ful!

Please feel free to stop in at Stark Park on May 31st as Terri completes her wedding anniversary in full circle with a tribute to Matthew. Matthew always said, Give flowers to the living. If you'd like to drop in the afternoon, evening or night of May 31st, please arrive with a flower to exchange. As you let go the flower, please offer a memory of Matt. As you take ahold of another flower, please offer why in your experience it was good and importhis earth. Potluck items welcome. More widely known of Matt, is what Mary Lynn Smith, a reporter with the article which was included in the Minnesota Section of the Star Tribune

#### Area 3

ongratulations to Lauren Stringer, Area 3 resident, on ✓being a 2018 Minnesota Book Award finalist. Lauren was recognized in the children's literature category for her illustrations for The Shape of the World, by K.L. Going.

The Minnesota Book Awards, sponsored by the Friends of the St. Paul Public Library, has celebrated the best in local literature for 30 years. Lauren has been a finalist numerous times and was a Minnesota Book Award winner in the picture book and non-fiction picture book categories for Mud, Fold Me a Poem, and Our Family Tree. For a complete list of all of Lauren's books, go to

www.laurenstringer.com.

Lauren has lived in Bryn Mawr for nearly 30 years with her artist/writer spouse, Matthew Smith, and their

cats. Their two children, Ruby Smith and Cooper Smith, have followed in their parents' artistic footsteps.

Jessica Wiley, Area 3 Co-Rep

#### Area 6

yrenmann children built this snowman on April 17. Kids making the best of our late



# **BLIZZARD CLOSES BRYN MAWR MARKET!**

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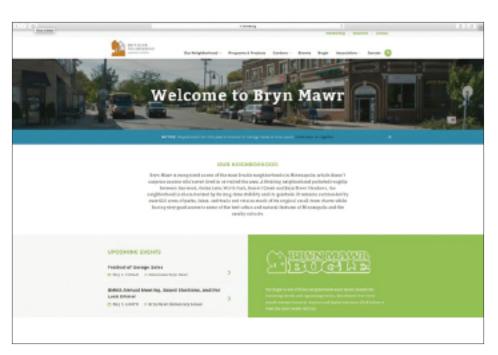
By Dick Adair, area 6

During the April 14 blizzard, Hell didn't freeze over, the Vikings didn't win the Super Bowl, but the Bryn Mawr Market shut its doors in midafternoon. A blizzard is defined as winds greater than 35 mph for at least 3 hours and enough snow to cause a white-out. The last official one in the Twin Cities was in 1983. I could find people who remembered that storm, and the great Halloween snowstorm of 1991, but I couldn't find anyone who could remember the last time the Market

So let's thank Paul and Doug and all their loyal employees for such great service to the neighborhood. It's pretty remarkable if you think about it. I suffered caffeine withdrawal. It could have been worse.



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## **BMNA.org**

By Jay Peterson, Area 6 Communications Committee Chair

It's hard to believe how fast time rushes by, but it's already been over two years since we re-built the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association's website (bmna.org.) It was time for a review and to refresh and to update information that had grown stale. Many fellow Bryn Mawr residents helped to go through the information and make necessary changes, our Bryn Mawr Webmaster implemented the recommended changes.

I encourage you to either take a first look at the current version of our website or to re-visit it again to see on-going updates. First, there's the **Our Neighborhood** page. Here you will find links to New Neighbors, Schools, Parks, Elected Officials, a Photo Gallery, Safety and helpful Links/Resources.

The **New Neighbors** page provides a summary of information available on the website. There's also a letter from our President, Kevin Thompson, welcoming neighbors to Bryn Mawr.

Our **Schools** page provides contact information for Anwatin Middle School and Bryn Mawr Community School as well as information about our Schools Committee and how to

keep in touch with Minneapolis Public Schools.

The **Elected Officials** page gives you contact information to all of our city, county, school board, state and national representatives.

Looking for photos from around Bryn Mawr? The **Photo Gallery** page is where we've collected pictures from neighborhood events, garden tours and a local photography walk. If you have photos you'd like to share, this is where we can publish them.

We've created a **Links/Resources** page as a handy reference tool to services and help available to you.

The **Programs and Projects** page highlights the sponsored work of the association and the neighborhood participation in other projects going on around us, such as the Blue and Green Light Rail projects.

The Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association sponsors eight events every year. You can find what's coming up on the **Events** page.

The **Bugle** page provides links to current and past issues of the Bugle, our neighborhood organization newspaper, going back to 2011. The Bugle page is the most visited page on the website. We are also working with the History Center to digitize all issues going back to the 1970's.

The **Association** page is where we have official notices concerning the governance of the BMNA. This page is where you'll find links to the Board page with their smiling photos and contact information. We publish minutes from every monthly Board meeting at the Minutes page. Also information can be found on Finance and Policy page, Forms and Stationary page, and Governing Documents page.

The **Gardens** page is a work in progress, but will have information about our amazing Garden Committee. You can see all the gardens that the BMNA supports, volunteer to help with spring and fall cleanup, help with boulevard and planter planting, and watering and weeding schedules. We also have information about the Garden Tour held every other year.

There is an exciting tour planned for 07/21/2018 that will feature, not only gardens, but also urban farming and outdoor spaces as well, on a fun filled Saturday. We have also added links to other gardening resources for all those in the neighborhood with green thumbs.

The last page I'll mention is the **Donate** page. We use all of your annual donations and monies from the city to help support the great neighborhood we live in. Your membership and help of any kind is greatly appreciated.

# **Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - May 2018**

All meetings are open - everyone is welcome. Neighbors are urged to attend and participate in meetings and activities of special interest to them.

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Sunday	Monday		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	Anwatin School Carnival, 4-6 PM on soccer fields.	Bryn Mawr Festival 5 of Garage Sales, BMNA sale, 249 Queen Ave. S.
Bryn Mawr Festival of Garage Sales		7	8	BMNA Annual 9 Meeting/Potluck Dinner, Bryn Mawr Elementary cafeteria, 6-8 PM	Bryn Mawr PTA 10 Plant Sale Pick Up, 2:30-6:30 at Bryn Mawr Elementary	Bryn Mawr PTA 11 Plant Sale overstock sale	Bryn Mawr PTA <b>12</b> Plant Sale overstock sale
	13	14	ROC, Harrison Community Center, 6-8 PM	16	17	Bryn Mawr 18 Elementary Family Fun Night, 5-7 PM	19
	20	21	Design Charrette for 2800 Wayzata Blvd development, 6:30-8:30pm Bryn Mawr Elementary cafeteria	23	24	<b>25</b>	26
	Memorial Day Holiday	28	29	30	31		

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By Mike Brennan, Area 3

ver the last month, the Minneapolis Park Board's community outreach efforts, as it develops the Master Plan for North Minneapolis parks, have continued to be extensive. And, as a member of the Community Action Committee, I have continued to go Up North.

I have to say that I continue to be very impressed by how hard the Park Board appears to be working to hear what our community has to say. When I agreed to join the Committee, I was concerned it was just a political exercise, but I now see the process as a genuine listening campaign.

Thanks to the community feedback real changes are in the works for Bryn Mawr Meadows and Bassett Creek.

Early renditions show a nice water feature in the Meadows, compliments of Bassett Creek, a new playground (one version even has it indoors with large Plexiglas garage doors open in summer), splash pad, climbing wall, mountain bike areas, open lawns, picnic areas, and trails, yes, the kind you can actually walk on! There will continue to be a presence for baseball diamonds, but they will have much smaller footprint and be along the train tracks side of the park.

Within Bassett Creek Park, you see a design emerging that connects the Meadows, the North and South sides of Bassett Creek, and even Theodore Wirth, instead of the chunky and disparate patchwork we see today. The design brings both sides of the creek together in way the features walking and biking trails by possibly reclaiming the abandoned train track that runs along the creek. There will also be a large dog park, new playground, possible winter hockey rink, and more.

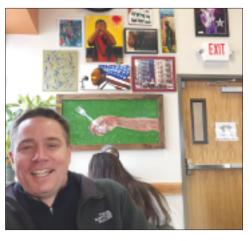
We are looking at a very nice facelift all around, although keep in mind that today's designs are still a work in progress.

I will say that, as the Park Board set up public meetings to hear our feedback, a familiar sentiment was heard. At least one person expressed concern that many of the meetings were Up North, and, as I said in my first article, North Minneapolis was a place you just didn't go.

Jono Cowgill, the Park Commissioner for Park Board District 4, gracefully and eloquently responded to this concern and even included a restaurant recommendation, if one were inclined to go Up North. Jono declared "Breaking Bread," located on Emerson and Freemont, as the "best breakfast in the city." That's high praise in a city of foodies. I had to check it out!

Breaking Bread is a wonderful space, bright and airy, with the work of talented local artists covering the walls. We were greeted by very friendly staff and quickly had coffee in hand. Choices for breakfast abound: Quinoa Cakes, Jerk Shrimp & Grits, Potatoes O'Brien, Biscuits & Gravy, or any combination of A La Carte items your heart desires. I went with the



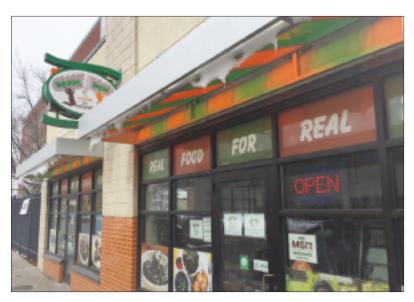


Northside Breakfast, of course, which gives the option of a "BIG BAD" upgrade for another \$5. My regular

sized serving of pancakes, sausage, eggs and toast left nothing to be desired. I was full and completely content. It was delicious!

And as an added bonus to the sumptuous food and pleasant atmosphere, "when you dine at Breaking Bread Café, you're supporting the longterm health of our community." Menus don't lie!

Breaking Bread Café & Catering is a social enterprise program of Appetite For Change, a North Minneapolis nonprofit organization "that uses food



as a tool to build health, wealth and social change." Appetite For Change has all kinds of food oriented programs like teaching folks how to cook, maintaining extensive urban gardens, helping local food entrepreneurs, providing job training, and organizing a variety of food justice initiatives. Quench your conscience and your appetite? Remarkable!

Did I mention the food is amazing too? Thanks for the recommendation, Jono!







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#### MARY LOU CARMICHAEL RESIGNS AS COORDINATOR OF ANWATIN COMMUNITY SCHOOL

In eighteen years as coordinator of our Community School, Mary Lou Carmichael's work has enriched our neighborhood and district with educational and recreational classes. In January she relinquished the coordinator's duties to spend more time with her family and to enjoy occasionally a warmer climate.

While a new coordinator is being sought, the Anwatin Community School offers its winter schedule as set up by Mary Lou and Mary **Duffy**, nine-year aide to the coordinator. This schedule includes classes ranging from Academic Enrichment to Business, Consumer Information, Cookery, Crafts, Health and Fitness, Trips, and many others.

This array is a contrast to the beginnings of our Community School at Bryn Mawr Elementary School eighteen years ago, which started with lunchtime and after-school activities planned by a PTA group concerned about children coming home to empty houses-led by, yes, Mary Lou.

In investigating other schools' lunch programs, Mary Lou found community schools in existence. With the friendliness and determination we all know, she started a Community School in Bryn Mawr, with its popular gym classes, children's crafts, swimming

In 1974, after the Bryn Mawr School closed, the Community School moved to Anwatin. Decisions on what to offer were based on suggestions from the community, who wanted people from the community to teach. This has carried on to the present.

One of Mary Lou's famous successes was recruiting Leeann Chin, who was then working as a seamstress at Albrecht's, for Oriental cooking classes. Leeann continued with Anwatin for three years before becoming a popular Twin Cities restauranteur.

Because Anwatin has good home economics facilities, cookery classes have always been popular, among them Mary Duffy's bread baking classes and Mary Lou's own Creole Cooking.

Students of some long-running classes such as woodworking, crafts, and foreign languages have developed friendly club-like atmospheres that extend from season to season.

Mary Lou worked mightily to provide summer activities at Anwatin for children after a neighborhood needs survey. To start, she raised money from neighborhood businesses. Later the Public School's Community Education Department extended funding for Sports/Arts Olympics. And in 1988, Mary Lou introduced "double bounce" tennis for the disabled.

In 1989, the summer program had its largest enrollment-160 students, 75% of them from Bryn Mawr.

"I've enjoyed my work," says Mary Lou. "I like seeing people get out in the evening and meet others to learn skills. It broadens their outlook. I'll miss the place."

Joanne Gerrish, an aide to Mary Lou in the early years and recently a community school coordinator at other schools, says, "Mary Lou's charm and good communication skills enabled her to secure good teachers and to maintain long-time support from the advisory council."

Joanne recalls that part of Mary Lou's persuasion to encourage attendance at council meetings was to serve cookies at meetings and in the last years to have cooperative dinner meetings. "She is a great assett to the neighborhood," concludes Joanne.

Mary Lou was honored in December at an open house at council member Karen Ringsrud's house. The council presented her with a cook book, and woodworking teacher Dean Freitag gave her an example of the work of his class—a beautiful wooden loon with a baby loon riding on its back.

Mary Lou will still be visible at Anwatin Community School occasionally when she teaches a class. She will also share her skills by training new coordinators for city community schools.

- Helen Nelson, Area 4



#### Anwatin Community School History by Mary Lou Carmichael

The Bryn Mawr Improvement Association organization was credited to John Diegel. It helped get the area zoned residential. A verbal rumor which colorizes this purpose was that the Kenwood area did not want the tracks to be part of their neighborhood but Bryn Mawr's. Whether the changing yards or roundhouse were the actual problem is unknown.

Various other groups emerged over the years to answer the needs of the neighborhood. The Bryn Mawr Community Organization met at the Prudential building for its annual meeting. It was a fancy affair with silverservice. There were speakers at the meeting and problems of the community were discussed, however, the purpose was primarily social.

The Bryn Mawr School had its PTA which was most active on school concerns, problems affecting children but not general concerns.

many families missed the contacts they had cerns and needs of the residents of Bryn made and the Bryn Mawr Community League was formed for social purposes. In addition, alumnae of the school, circa 1920-1940, continue to meet as the Bryn Mawr Kids yearly.

The Community School Council came into being when school lunches were introduced though Community Education to the elementary. The PTA invited Paul Boranian of Community Ed to make a presentation about Community Education at the school. In the fall of 1969, the Community School of Bryn Mawr was started with an Advisory Council of 15 members. In 1973, the Social Concerns Committee of the Community School Council established a Highway Task Force to study the issue of the proposed I-394. As a result of the work of this Task Force, a neighborhood organization (BMNA) was

As children grew and left the elementary, re-established to address additional con-Mawr. The Council and Community Education were moved to Anwatin in 1974 when the District purchased the old St. Margaret's school as a middle school. In 1977, the Anwatin Community School was one of those in the city chosen to be a recipient of Mott Foundation funds through the Stimulate Neighborhood Action Process (SNAP) program. With these funds, and additional monies raised by neighbors, they engaged in projects such as the Summer Fun Club for children, Block Clubs, joint contracting for home maintenance and improvements, a professional study of troubled youth, a Cooperative Day Care Center, a canoe trip for teens to BWCA and a single parents workshop. The Community School Council had the active cooperation of the BMNA.

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## **Development is Coming to Bryn Mawr**

eveloper Ned Abdul has purchased the former Century Link property at 2800 Wayzata Blvd in Bryn Mawr. The site is approximately 8 acres in size with a 100,000 square foot office building situated in the middle of it. The building will continue to be used as office space with the goal of attracting an anchor tenant to occupy the majority of the space. The remainder of the acreage will be developed into housing. Mr. Abdul has partnered with Lupe Development for the housing portion of the project. Discussion to date has been about two separate structures, one on either side of the office

building. The suggested use for the structure to the west would be affordable family units, and the suggestion for the structure to the east is senior/55+ units, possibly designed as a co-op. The site is zoned OR2 – High Density Office Residence District, which accommodates the proposed uses.

A Design Charrette hosted jointly by the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association, Lupe Development and Urban Works Architecture is currently scheduled for May 22, 2018, from 6:30 – 8:30 pm in the Bryn Mawr Elementary School cafeteria. Interested neighbors are invited to attend.

- Kevin Thompson, Area 3

#### 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!

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

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- Come for as much or as little time as you have.
- Signs at the Garden's front gate direct you to the pull 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 - 2018



WEEKLY MEETINGS OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS are held at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Cedar Lake Road & Laurel Ave, <u>Tuesdays</u>, 7:30 p.m. All interested people are invited to attend.

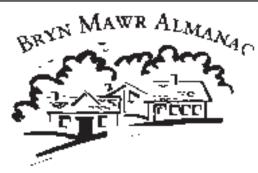
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# **Unsung Heroes**



Area 3

Rod Gordon, volunteered his time on the keyboard at the BMNA Membership Kick-Off party on April 13th.



May 2, 2013 Very late ice-out on Lake Minnetonka, the first time in 50 years it's been in May.

May 15, 2018 It's blossom time for the many crabapples planted in Bryn Mawr about a decade ago. Each blossom has five pistils with 2 egg cells at the base. All 10 must be fertilized by bees carrying pollen for an apple to develop. There are always 10 seeds in an apple core. A common fungal disease to watch for is apple scab, which causes leaf yellowing and drop-off but doesn't usually kill the tree. It's more prevalent in years with heavy

May 16, 2017 An F-3 tornado on the ground for 83 miles (a very long path) destroyed a mobile home park in Chetek, WI.

Late May and June are prime tornado times in the upper midwest.

rain and humidity, like 2017.

May 29, 2018 Full moon, the Dakota Wozupi Wi or planting moon. By the end of May, garden soil is reliably warm enough to start tender plants (if planted in the cold, they may survive but won't grow much). With longer growing seasons recently, this traditional Native American planting date can often be moved up after a stretch of warm, sunny days. As the soil warms, look for sprouting acorns planted by squirrels last fall.



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# **Youth & Schools**

# Announcing Bryn Mawr Community School's Family Fun Night! Friday, May 18, 5:00-7:00 PM

Carnival games for kids 3-11 Cakewalk, Face Painting and Flair Hair Bouncy Houses (one for toddlers to 6 yr olds, another for 7-11) Family Photo Booth Dunk Tank!

#### Silent Auction Fundraiser, 5-6:30!

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Bring your toddlers and elementary school-aged kids! (No kids without parents/adults.)

It's a great way to meet our school community, including teachers and other staff (who help 'work' the carnival, along with parents and alumni), and check out our school. All neighbors are welcome to bid in the Silent Auction!

Dinner will be available, for an incredibly low price, from 5-6:30PM

We would love to see lots of neighborhood kiddos! It's a great way to meet our school community, including teachers and other staff (who help 'work' the carnival, along with parents and alumni), and check out our school.

Lisa Mills, Bryn Mawr PTA

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# Contact Information For Bryn Mawr Community Schools

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

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

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**Anwatin Community Education** 612-668-2478

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# Calling All Graduates!

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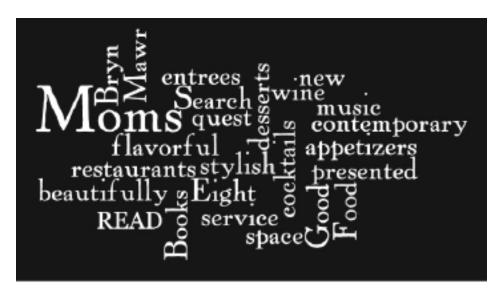
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#### **Bryn Mawr Moms on the Search for Good Books & Food**

The Boy Kings of Texas: A Memoir Domingo Martinez

"A stone in the journey taught me that my destiny was to roll and roll.

Then a mule-driver once told me that you don't have to be the first to arrive,

but you have to know how to arrive.
If I'm rich or I'm poor
I will always get my way
And my word is the law.
I'm without throne or a queen
nor anyone who understands me
but I am still the king."
Jose Alfredo Jimenez

Words used to describe this book–gritty, heartbreaking, raw, violent –only partly capture Martinez's life story. While all these words recount his early years growing up in the 1980's in the border town of Brownsville Texas, humor also permeates his memories, along with a conflicted sentimentality about the bonds of family.

Brownsville in the 1980's is poor and struggling. The Martinez family —mom, dad, three girls and three boys, Gramma and Grandpa, and various hated and beloved aunts and uncles —straddle the cultural divide between Hispanics and whites, living constantly on the edges of poverty. Called June by his family, Martinez's days are filled with fighting, guns, drinking, drugs, crude sex, and still more fighting. He learns from example about the culture of machismo and retaliation that permeate his family's actions.

A Seattle journalist, Martinez, had a writer's sensibility from childhood. He collected details and images throughout his young life, contributing material to the Brownsville Herald while still in high school. He tells the loving story of the annual ritual of making tamales on Christmas Day; eventually tossing dough balls up onto Gramma's roof to get out of the task. He regales his readers with the tale of his two older sisters, who become "the Mimis," in junior high, dying their hair blonde, dressing in designer labels and adopting a "Valley Girl" affectation, each one calling the other "Mimi."

As a teen, he identified with writers who told their stories of living through concentration camps. "The grind of that low, tough gear that gets you through an impossible experience, seemingly without end. How you just keep going on. And on. Hope disappears. And you still go on...That's what we experienced. Mom, Dan and I lived in an emotional concentration camp, held captive by a petty tyrant and his mother." He struggles throughout the memoir with condemning his circumstances while trying to understand them and live beyond them. And he comes to a deep realization that he needs to get out of Brownsville if he's going to survive.

The book is anecdotal, moving from one story to the next through sometimes random memory associations, which he often ends abruptly saying, "But that's another story." It's long and overly detailed in parts, although the raw emotion is always there.

We agreed that Martinez has a commanding use of language and an uncanny ability to capture his reflections of events from his childhood. Many of us are reluctant to recommend (or even finish) a book filled with child abuse and violence. But yet again, there's value in knowing the stories of others and gaining insight into how their world view is shaped by experiences vastly different from yours.

What the Moms are reading now: **The Hamilton Affair** by Elizabeth Cobbs F

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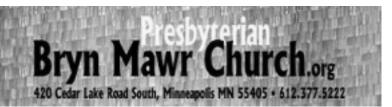
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