

It's All About the Neighborhood BMNA Yearly COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The BMNA Community Project program has been in place for over a decade. Each year we ask neighbors to suggest projects that improve livability and safety in Bryn Mawr.

Projects from past years include:

- **Redesign of the Upton community garden.** Completed a remake of the Upton garden in Area 4, and created a plan for ongoing maintenance.
- **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 other BMNA initiatives.
- **Ash Bore identification project.** BMNA teams identified more than 800 ash trees in Bryn Mawr and presented neighbors with a variety of options for maintaining or replacing ash trees.
- **Downtown banner project.** Part of a joint City of Minneapolis/BMNA NRP project, four banners identifying Bryn Mawr are displayed from light posts in downtown Bryn Mawr.
- **Pedal to Petal garden bike ride.** This group bike ride through the neighborhood highlighted our community gardens and culminated in a renewal of our alternate year garden tour program.
- **Little Library.** Built on Penn Avenue near Cedar Lake Road with the sweat equity of neighbors.
- **Buckthorn removal in Chestnut Park/Fruen Mill.** A continuing effort to eradicate buckthorn by neighbors in Area 7 working with the Park Board.
- **Park bench.** Installed by the Park Board at Brownie Lake near the canoe rack.
- **Bee hotel.** Built in J.D. Rivers Children's Garden by a Bryn Mawr Eagle Scout candidate.
- **Scholarships for children participating in the Nature Play Adventure Camp.** The camp was designed for 4-7 year olds, held at Anwatin in summer 2017. This is part of the effort to support a Minneapolis Nature Pre-School.
- **Traffic speed indication sign.** Purchased to provide speed information; moved as needed.