



BRYN MAWR BUGLE

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2019 BMNA ICE CREAM SCOOP-OFF

Thank you to everyone who made the Ice Cream Social a great night! The weather was beautiful, the music by The Percolators was great, and the ice cream was delicious! The Fire Department came by in their truck for the kids to explore. Elected officials Raymond Dehn and Bobby Joe Champion stopped by. We had so many neighbors pitch in to help scoop. Thanks to the generous neighbor who donated enough to pay for 10 families in line behind him! Bryn Mawr is a great place. Thanks to Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church for use of their facilities. Thanks to Adele's Frozen Custard, La La Homemade Ice Cream, Ben and Jerry's, and Sebastian Joe's for the ice cream. I heard a lot of rave reviews of some of the flavors! The vote ended in a tie between La La's Marzipan and Ben and Jerry's Pucker Up Sorbet at 38 votes each.

Here are all the results:

Ben & Jerry's Pucker up sorbet 38
La La Homemade Ice Cream Marzipan 38
Ben & Jerry's Salted caramel brownie 32
Adele's Strawberry cheesecake 28
Sebastian Joe's Nicollet Ave pothole 26
Sebastian Joe's Vegan Oreo 24
Adele's Vanilla 22
Adele's Turtle sundae 21
Ben & Jerry's Phish food 20
Adele's Frozen Custard Cookie Monster 20
La La Chocolate 13
La La Milk and cookies 12
Sebastian Joe's Raspberry lemonade sorbet 11

- Lynda Shabeen, Neighborhood Coordinator



2019 BMNA Events

February 28

Winter Fest

May 4-5

Bryn Mawr Festival of Garage Sales

May 2

Bryn Mawr Elementary Family Fun Night

May 8

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association
Annual Meeting, Pot Luck and
Board Elections

July 25

Ice Cream Scoop Off

October 10

Sip and Stroll

November 14

Bryn Mawr Harvest Dinner

December 12

Anwatin Craft Fair

December 14

Saturnalia



Bryn Mawr Garden Committee

Are you interested in helping maintain our beautiful public garden spaces in Bryn Mawr? You can help as your schedule allows. No gardening experience necessary. Tools will be provided. Help is needed all season. Contact coordinator@bmna.org if interested

Bryn Mawr Spirit Wear

Look for an update soon about our own Bryn Mawr T-shirts for sale on our website, www.bmna.org. The shirts were designed by resident Colin Kulow and are selling for \$20 with the funds being used to maintain our great neighborhood organization.



BMNA Reporter

BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 10, 2019
6:30– 8:00 PM
Bryn Mawr Church Basement

Karen Frederickson, Area
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Joanne Michalec Area 4 Co-Rep
Vida Ditter, Area 6 Co-Rep
Jay Peterson, Area 6 Co-Rep
Barry Schade, Area 6

Kevin Thompson called to the meeting to Order and Introductions at 6:31. A quorum was present.

Approval of today’s agenda. Vida Ditter moved to approve. Seconded. Motion Carried.

Motion to approve minutes as amended. Seconded. Motion Carried.

Councilmember Lisa Goodman’s Report
Lunch with Lisa field trip will be Wednesday July 31st at 11:30 sharp on 10th and Harmon. Please sign up as it will fill up.
A set-back variance was requested and approved for 1912 Drew Ave S. Hennepin County hazardous waste collection events July 26 and 27 and Jenny Lind Elementary or , and Aug 9, 10 and South High school. Glenwood bridge is closing. Various other locations have been closed due to MnDOT and/or Met Council with little response.

Dennis Fazio gave a full treasure’s report. Dennis fielded a few questions from various board members. Jay Peterson moved that the Board authorize Dennis Fazio to open a new checking account to move the PTA money into a separated account. Seconded. After discussion, Jay move to amend the original motion to wait until September. Seconded. Dennis Fazio spoke in dis-sension to the amendment. After discussion, Jay rescinded his amendment to the original motion. Motion passed.

Communications and Fundraising Coordinator Lynda Shaheen reported that new welcome packets ready for new neighbors.

Kevin Thompson reported on the Event Coordinator position. An ad was published in the bugle and in the ad from Minnesota Council of Non-Profits for the vacant Event Coordinator position and have received 4 or 5 applicants. Dead-line for the Bugle is the 20th.

Jeremy Staffeld set out a full Web-master report, but the summary was tonight’s events was recorded and live posted to the BMNA website. The purpose is to allow those who cannot attend a meeting but can still participate. The Bryn Mawr web-store is also in progress on staging. Should be ready by the first of August.

Jay Peterson reported that Kathy Peterson and Steve Harvey have begun work on the garden around the Anwatin sign. There are still issues with the lighting of the sign. Lynda Shaheen said that the plaque for the mosaic is in progress.

Kevin Thompson reported that ice cream social is nearly wrapped. Percolators has been booked. Ice Cream list is finalized. Vendors will contact Dennis Fazio directly.

Kevin Thompson reported on the Gardens Committee – still lacking a committee chair. Dennie and some volunteers freshened up the down-

town planters. And the waters are all ready to be turned on.

Vida Ditter gave a brief update on ROC/Basset Creek Valley– Some minor issues in the Wellington property on whether poverty clustering was occurring, and whether or not at 50% or 60% most Harrison residents would not be able to afford the property.

SWLRT Update Tuesday the 23rd at 4:30 to 7:00 at Bryn Mawr Elementary.

After a round of introductions for some new attendees, Kevin Thompson adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:
Wednesday, August 14, 2019
Bryn Mawr Church Basement

Upcoming Events:
Ice Cream Social, July 25, 2019

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 612-234-7819 or email coordinator@BMNA.org at least five days before our event.

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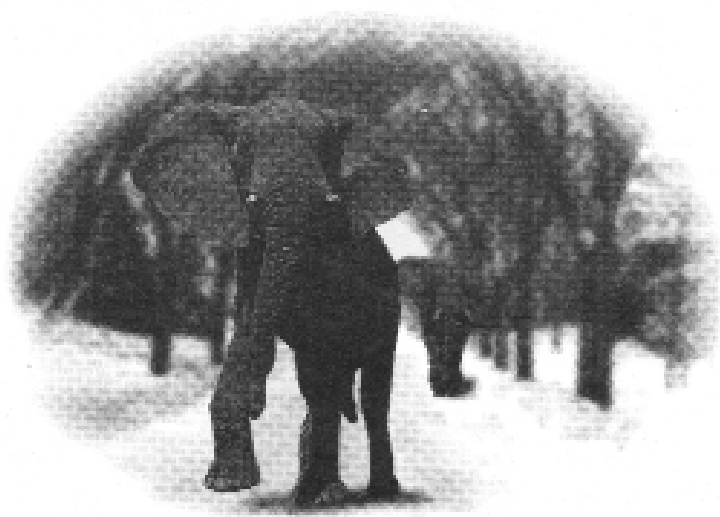
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WEEKLY MEETINGS OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

are held at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church,
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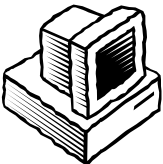
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From the Editor

Four months ago, when I offered to host the August meeting of my book club, I thought it would be a great chance to celebrate my new kitchen and other fun updates. But the issues revealed throughout the replacement of the roof have created substantial delays and left the inside of the home in chaos. The piano is still in the dining room while the porch where it usually resides awaits new trim, paint and light fixtures. The rest of the porch furniture is piled up in the living room and the the lawn mower, snow blower, bicycles and other contents of the garage are in the family room.

So, there is a lot to be finished in the next two weeks. But even if the roof, garage and porch are finished in the very near future (as I've been told to expect) there are many other projects which haven't even been started. Not to mention, actually cleaning and staging for guests. It seems highly likely that I will be taking someone up on an offer to allow me to host in their home.

The kitchen is still a fantasy in the preliminary design stage. Instead of being a top priority, it is now not likely to even get started with measuring until we see that is left in the budget. Other dream projects seem much less likely to happen at all.

But we don't have immediate plans to sell and downsize, so we can continue to chip away at the cosmetics now that the major structures have been addressed.

My summer program ended on Friday. After six weeks of classes for youth and adults including 10 performances of the two musicals I produced, I am ready for a change of pace. I have one more day of meetings, reports and cleanup and then I am off until the last week of August. Aside from trying to get things done around the house, we have plans to travel – first to see our younger daughter perform in two operas in Illinois and then to New York to visit our older daughter.

We will be driving both trips. The Chicago student just got her first apartment and the lease starts August 1. We are bringing all her clothes, furniture and housewares. The older child just moved to Harlem from Philly. We are bringing some large pieces of furniture that she's not had space for before.

It's fun and exciting to see them set up in their own homes and a satisfying break from the disorder back here in Bryn Mawr. Hopefully we too will soon be shopping for new curtains, bedding and decor.


- JoEllyn Jolstad editor@bmna.org

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Neighborhood and Community Engagement Commission New Representative

Olita Davis Carter was elected as representative for District 5, Bryn Mawr's District. The Commission advises the City on community engagement

1. How have your life/work/cultural experiences prepared you to be a neighborhood representative on the NCEC?

Living, Learning and Growing in Near North multicultural environments has prepared for working in our increasingly multicultural and global neighborhoods and/or world.

2. How have you participated in your neighborhood organization?

- Yes, I have in/my neighborhood organization in the following areas:
- Land use issues (location of a new school, shopping center, library, highway, etc.)
 - Neighborhood improvements (additional street signs or lights, repair of a sidewalk)
 - Urban design issues (historic preservation district; developing of architectural themes)
 - Dealing with crime and other disturbances

3. Describe why you want to serve on the NCEC.

Good neighbors' equal good neighborhoods, when you gather a group of people interested in bettering their neighborhood. I am confident good things will come to the community. Joining the Neighborhood & Community Engagement Commission (NCEC) would allow me, to highlight more community involvement in promoting inclusion, participation, and self-determination for individuals who feel they do not have a voice. Alongside helping to improve the economic mobility and inclusion of many individuals to strengthen the talent pool of City of Minneapolis for which our business relies on.

4. How do you plan to maintain a relationship with the neighborhoods you would represent,if elected?

- Build and sustain relationships and this process would consist of:
- Building relationships one at a time
 - Remaining friendly and make a connection
 - Ask community members questions
 - Inform community members about myself
 - Accept community members the way they are
 - Assume other people want to form relationships, too
 - Overcome your fear of rejection
 - Been persistent
 - Invite community members to get involved,
 - Enjoy, appreciate, and be grateful for community members to whom I would be serving

5. How do you plan to engage with under-represented groups within your district?



First, I would do a self-assessment then create effective messaging to promote meaningful family engagement while creating community connections within sub-groups of secondary groups, to serve as an information resource for parents, families, educators, and community groups.

6. Please list any community- based organization(s) with which you are currently involved.

Community organizations include parent-teacher organizations, sports clubs, church groups, block or neighborhood associations, 4-H clubs, and many others.

7. Please list any community-based organization(s) with which you are currently involved.Please list all current and unpaid affiliations.

- Minnesota Autism Council Working Group
- Minneapolis Neighborhoods 2020: Citywide Community Engagement Policy - Criminal and Juvenile Justice Information Advisory Group
- Minnesota Corrections Association (MCA) Juvenile Justice Committee

It's Time to Turn Garages, Basements, and Backyards into Housing!

David Wade, ADU Outreach Coordinator, Family Housing Fund

Have you ever dreamed of building a second home? Something unique, modern, or even energy efficient? You don't need to buy another lot – look no further than your own backyard. Here in Minneapolis, more than 130 local homeowners have already improved their lives with an additional, smaller home on their property. If you're curious about how an ADU could help your family, then check out our free Home + home: Twin Cities ADU Guidebook, found at www.fhfund.org/adu/. What is an ADU, you ask? It's an accessory dwelling unit. You probably know them as basement and attic apartments, mother-in-law units, and backyard cottages. Whatever you

call them, you can use one to downsize while staying in your own neighborhood. You can provide an affordable home to elderly or young relatives alike. And you can strengthen your family's finances by renting out your ADU.

Our guide inspires you through the stories of local families like Cate and Jason. They initially planned to sell their home and move into a smaller place, but then they came up with a better solution: build a new unit in the backyard to live in while renting out their main house.


The guide also walks you through the process of determining the type of ADU you want, securing financing and permits, and hiring and working with architects and builders. Constructing an ADU is bigger than a remodeling project, but our guide will give you the knowledge and confidence to decide if an ADU is right for you.

Types of ADUs

There are three basic types of ADUs:


Internal

ADUs are located within the structure of the main house, for example, a converted basement or attic. These are generally the least expensive to build.




Attached

ADUs share one or more walls with the primary house. These ADUs are commonly constructed as additions or conversions of attached garages.



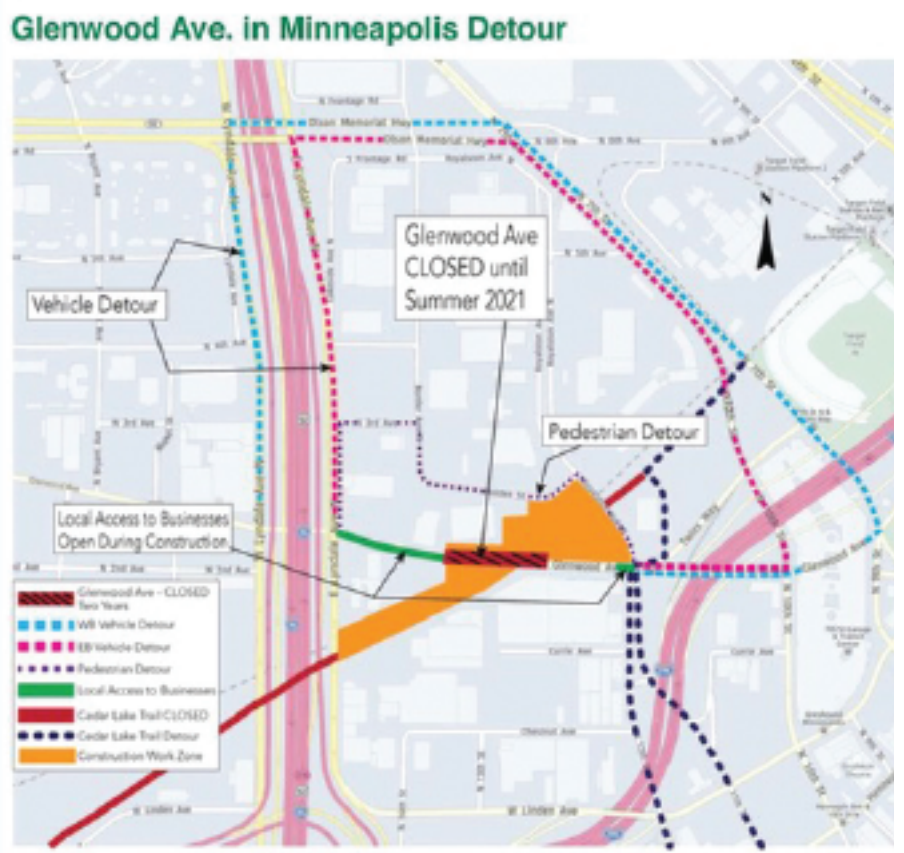
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ADUs are the most visible type of ADU. They are typically the most expensive to build and include freestanding backyard structures, detached garage conversions, same-level additions to a detached garage or above-garage units.



Glenwood Avenue Closed for Two Years

A full road closure of Glenwood Avenue between Lyndale Avenue North and 11th Street North occurred on July 15 and will last for approximately two years. Local access to businesses will be maintained. Generally, vehicle detours will use Lyndale Avenue, Olson Memorial Highway and 7th/10th Streets. The pedestrian detour will utilize Border Avenue, Holden Street and Royalston Avenue sidewalks. The Bassett Creek Redevelopment Oversight Committee has expressed concern that closing of Glenwood Avenue for the estimated two years of the construction is very detrimental to commuters from the west and from the north and will isolate these communities from the city. They are asking that both Hennepin County and Met Council planners present timelines and construction plans to a combined public meeting of Harrison and Bryn Mawr Communities



Construction on SWLRT Has Begun

At last, after many years of planning and public engagement, construction on the SWLRT, the Green Line LRT Extension, has begun. Near Bryn Mawr, the evidence of construction mainly appears as trail route changes, a bridge closure, and some chain link fencing. Elsewhere along the route, more is happening.

At an open house on July 23, the Project leadership team presented a detailed overview of the construction now taking place on the SWLRT. About three dozen neighbors came to review information boards, engage in discussion with the Project staff, and hear a presentation on the construction status.

Beyond Bryn Mawr, construction has already begun on some of the

16 new stations and 44 structures that will be part of the Project. Sheet piles are being installed at the station in Eden Prairie, demolition is taking place, land is being cleared, piles are being driven, and rails have been delivered.

Close to Bryn Mawr, detours have been established for the Cedar Lake Trail and Kenilworth Trail. Vibration monitoring has been installed at Calhoun Isles Condominium Association. Pier protection is being constructed under 394 and a temporary concrete batch plant is being built at Linden Yards.

Tree removal has begun in the Kenilworth corridor west of the channel. A detailed landscaping plan for tree removal and tree protection was developed in coopera-



tion with the neighborhoods, including Bryn Mawr. That plan is guiding how the Kenilworth is being prepared for construction. Neighbors are being actively engaged in resolving how specific trees adjacent to their property are being removed or kept.

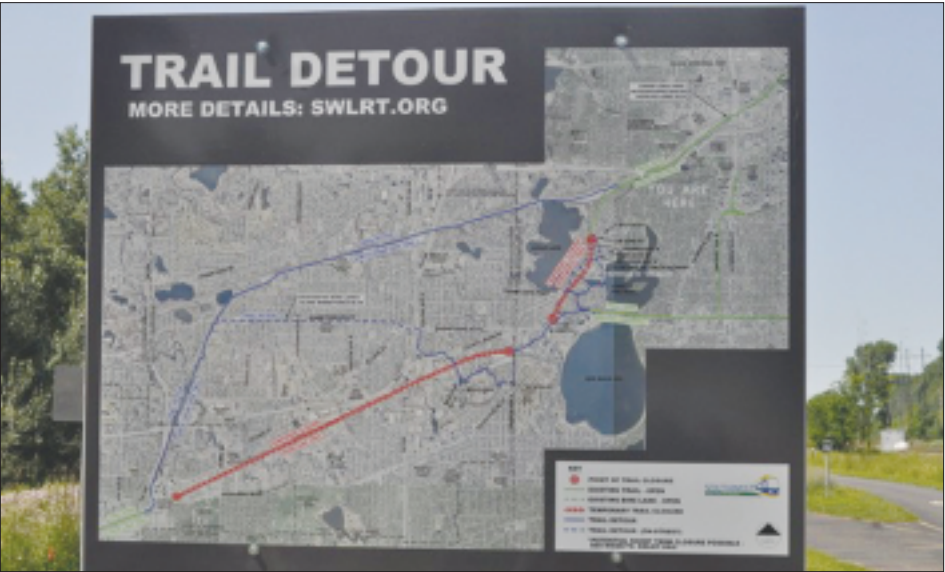
Of particular interest to residents of Bryn Mawr is the closure of the bridge on Glenwood Ave. The construction of 3 bridges at that location is particularly complex and will take time. The bridges cross a major railroad right of way, and construction has to be interrupted whenever trains pass. The width of the railroad and trail corridor must be expanded. At that point, the SWLRT track will rise to an elevation of current Glenwood Avenue and be on its own bridge. Separate bridges from the west and east will meet the tracks, providing an at-



grade crossing for traffic on Glenwood.

Stay tuned for utility relocation this year, as well as the construction of retaining walls, bridges and tunnels. Anyone wanting to keep informed on construction progress can sign up for a weekly update at SWLRT.org. A 24-hour construction hotline is at 612-373-3933. Our community outreach coordinator is David Davies, 612-373-5336, David.Davies@metrotransit.org. At SWLRT.org, there is a great animation video of what the future SWLRT will look like as it emerges from the tunnel and passes through stations near Bryn Mawr.

- Barry Schade, Area 6



Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - August 2019

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NOTE: the schools are closed for summer break. Neighborhood Association meetings are moved to Byrn Mawr Presbyterian Church. No meetings at the schools until after Labor Day.				1	2	3
4	5	National Night Out - 6 join your neighbors at a block party	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	BMNA Monthly Meeting at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, 6:30 pm 14	15	16	17
18	19	September Bugle 20 deadline: all editorial and advertising submissions due in the Bugle Box at the Market or email to bugle@bmna.org	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Replanting the Anwatin/Bryn Mawr Elementary Sign Garden

Steve Harvey and Kathy Ripke have been busy refurbishing the garden around the Bryn Mawr Elementary and Anwatin School sign. The existing garden had become overgrown with weed trees, crown vetch and other nasty weed species. Expending lots of sweat and toil, Steve and Kathy removed the carpet of offending weeds, removed the landscape fabric and, with a grant from the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Community Projects, purchased and



planted new plants. The new plants have been chosen to be sturdy and low maintenance, and to have aesthetic interest during the school year. The garden now is ready for a layer of mulch to finish off the upgraded, fresh look. A scrub brush was taken to the sign to remove most of the stains accumulated from years of rainfall. They hope to finish planting and have the mulch laid before the school starts its resurfacing of the parking lots at the end of July.

Thanks Kathy (who also tends the Garden of Hope and Healing on Laurel) and Steve (who has, for years, fought back buckthorn along Bassett Creek) for the hard work you've put in to make this garden a welcoming entranceway to our school campus in Bryn Mawr.

- Jay Peterson, Area 6

Photos left: before; Photos right: after



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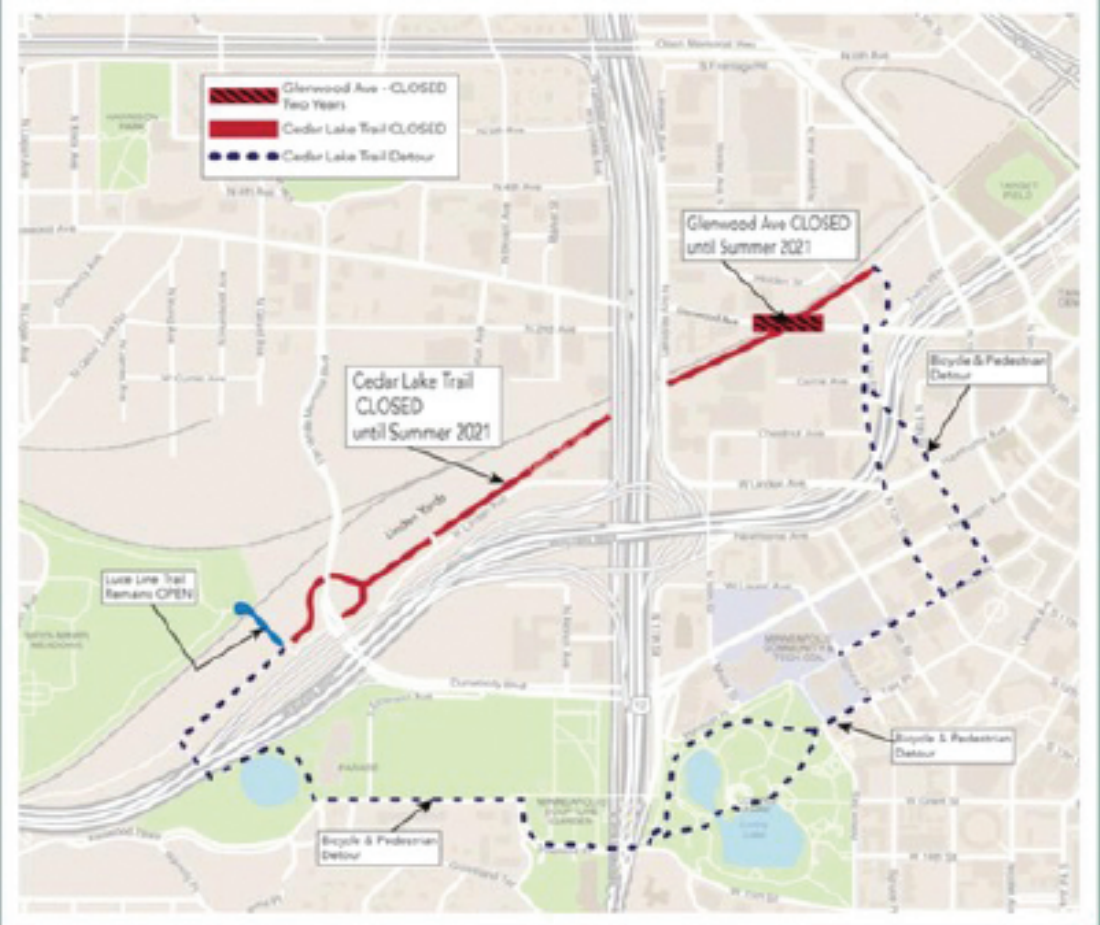
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Kenilworth Channel

Work to retrofit the existing pedestrian bridge for construction vehicles is almost complete. This work may take up to 4 months depending on the condition of the wall

and preservation protocols. The channel will remain open for recreational use but will be narrowed to approximately 25 feet during this work. A full closure of the channel is expected later this summer; a 14-day advanced notification will be provided prior to a full closure.

Cedar Lake Trail in Minneapolis Detour



Trees Down in Wirth Woods

Two large cottonwood trees fell after the recent wind and rain at one of the entrances to Wirth Woods blocking the walking and loppet trails. The entrances (see below) are off of the south parking lot/basketball hoops at Anwatin School.

This has been reported to the MPRB who has checked it out. Work orders have been submitted, but it will take time before it is addressed.

Submitted by Rod Miller, Area 6



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New Improvements

Planned at Eloise

Butler Wildflower

Garden

New bathroom, tool shed, visitor center addition and front entrance upgrades are all being considered

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) is planning improvements to the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden (EBWG) and would like to hear from area residents and current and future garden visitors to help inform the new project.

- Improvements, slated for construction in 2020 and 2021, will likely include:
- Adding an all-gendered, family-friendly, accessible bathroom
- Building an addition to the visitor center for EBWG staff and operations
- Re-envisioning the front entrance area
- Taking down the existing tool shed and building a new shed outside of the garden's fence

MPRB staff will be engaging people this summer to learn more about EBWG programming and operation needs. Your feedback will help shape upcoming design decisions and inform programming and garden improvements for years to come! Here's how to get involved:

Take the EBWG Improvements and Operations Online Survey

Share the survey with anyone who may be interested in the project:

surveymonkey.com/r/EloiseButler

Keep an eye out for pop-up engagement events planned at

the garden, various locations within Theodore Wirth Regional Park, and in nearby neighborhoods throughout the summer. Stay tuned for a more formal meeting this fall.

Visit the EBWG Improvements and Operations project page and sign up for email updates

About the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary

In 1907 Eloise Butler and other botany teachers successfully petitioned the Minneapolis Park Board to create a natural botanic garden to preserve native flora as the city grew. Three acres of bog, meadow and hillside were fenced and the Wild Botanic Garden opened on April 27, 1907 in Glenwood Park, which was renamed for Park Board Superintendent Theodore Wirth in 1938.

Wirth appointed Butler to the Garden Curator position in 1911, the garden was named after her in 1927, and she died while working in the garden in 1933. Over the years the garden evolved and expanded under the stewardship of the MPRB, aided by volunteers and philanthropic support from the Friends of the Wild Flower Garden, a non-profit organization founded in 1952.

Now an estimated 60,000 annual visitors enjoy spectacular seasonal displays of native wildflowers in woodland, wetland and prairie areas. Each area creates a different habitat that fosters different types of plants, animals and birds. Nestled in the garden is the Martha Crone Visitor Shelter, where visitors will find natural history displays, natural history reference materials and friendly staff and volunteers waiting to help with garden-related questions.

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Submissions from BMNA Board Members

Backyard Bounty

I am always walking through our parks with my eyes peeled and my other senses paying attention for the special things...

In the earliest of spring, just as the snow has melted and the bloodroot is blooming, the ramps show up and add that pungent oniony aroma to the woods, and I get my gardening knife out and bring a few home to grill or pickle for a future patio cocktail. Just a little bit later, the mushrooms start to peek out and the hunters are out! I've chatted with quite a few foragers in our midst; morels are their goal, gold in the "shroom-a-verse". I am sure to let them know that I am no threat to their hunt; I am searching for a more abundant fungus, pheasant back or dryad's saddle. It is not the best eating mushroom, but it is fantastic for making mushroom jerky! With different marinades, you can change the flavor profile to enhance many recipes calling for cured meats, (or sub out the meat all together for the jerky and make it vegan/vegetarian)!

As summer heats things up, the berries start to come to life! It's amazing that any of them make it home but, sometimes, I get to make popsicles, jam or a yummy base for a mojito or margarita to be shared with friends and neighbors. I will warn that last year while picking berries along

the tracks, I met with chiggers for the first and I hope last time. I have never been so itchy in my life!

This is also the time of year that all of our garden efforts in Bryn Mawr are on full view and I've got to say, you guys are awesome!!! I am always smiling at the lovely flower and veggie gardens around this great place we call home. (PSA: ((sorry, I can't help myself)) please try your best to buy your plants from places that don't use neonicotinoids, if you're not sure about their practices, ask, if they aren't sure about their practices, don't buy from them. The bees need our help. End of PSA.)

Here we are in August and I am looking forward to all of the delicious and wonderful things still to come from the bounty all around us...some of my absolute favorites start to show up as the night temperatures fall. Maybe I will find you out on the trails looking for Chicken of the Woods or Maitake which have had stellar years of production recently, probably the spoils of the tornado that went through a while back.

If we do meet on the trail, tell me what you are finding and I will share my finds with you or at the very least, just say "Hello", we are neighbors, after all.

Happy and Safe foraging to you all!

-Beth Turnbull, Area 5 rep.



- August 15, 2019

Full moon, the Ojibwe Wasutun Wi or harvest moon
- August 11, 2018

Perfect night for star gazing on a lake cabin dock (no moon, no city lights, breeze to discourage mosquitoes). Saw 3 meteors or "shooting stars" in 15 minutes at the start of the annual mid-August Perseid meteor shower, all starting from the constellation Perseus in the NE sky. The summer triangle of bright stars was directly overhead—Altair, Deneb, and Vega. Mars bright and red in the south. There are several good apps available for finding all this stuff.
- August 19, 2018

The "tornado alley" bike and XC ski trail north of the bridge over Bassett's Creek in Wirth Park is a great place to see both waterfowl and prairie birds. It runs between the slough east of the golf course and the tornado-damaged area along the railroad tracks. In one hour my grandson and I saw a great egret, green and great blue herons, an American bittern, goldfinches, a cedar waxwing, and barn swallows with their deeply-forked tails.



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2001: A Bridge Odyssey

On April 15, 2001 the city of Minneapolis tentatively plans to close and demolish the 83-year old Cedar Lake Parkway Bridge. In its place a new redesigned bridge will arise for the 21st century. Major changes will consist of flattening the arc of the present structure and realigning the access south of the bridge.

The bridge site and the road that goes over it has a history almost as old as the city itself. Cedar Lake Road was the first "highway" to wind its way west out of Minneapolis around 1860. The road, predating the rail system in Minnesota, carried settlers, mail, and trade goods out to the shores of Lake Minnetonka.

At that time there was a ridge running north-south, forming a barrier between Brownie and Cedar lakes. The road ran across the top of the ridge. The first railroad coming west out of the city (in 1867) detoured around this barrier (and the marshes on either side) and swung around the south end of Cedar Lake. Fifteen years later, one of the giants of Minnesota history took over the struggling railroad and changed the dynamics of the Cedar Lake area.

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James J. Hill saw that by skirting across the north end of Cedar Lake he could cut the distance and time it took to get his passengers to the new Mecca of North America in the 1870-80s: the fabulous hotels on Lake Minnetonka. Hill blasted through the ridge and spread the earth to the east and west to form a causeway they called "the Minnetonka Cut-off." In 1883 the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railway (the precursor to the Great Northern) built a bridge across the new gap in the Bryn Mawr hills.

The first bridge was a wooden one. It stood (as far as we can tell) until 1916 when the present bridge was built. The second bridge was

actually opened in January of 1917, without much fanfare one would imagine. It is constructed entirely of steel with a cement form poured over it. Though the designers at that time liked the look of the concrete bridge and the strength of the steel, today's city engineers agree that this wedding of steel and concrete is a poor one.

As the steel contracts and expands due to changes in temperature, it creates constant cracking of the cement around it, allowing water and salt to seep in. The result is the disastrous dislodging of chunks of cement we saw a few years ago. In addition, the arc of the bridge and the Y-shaped alignment on the south side of the bridge has led to hazardous conditions for motorists as well as pedestrians and bicyclists.

The present bridge is owned by the Burlington Northern Railroad. The street and bike trail that passes over the bridge is part of the Minneapolis Board of Parks & Recreation's (MBPR) Grand Round, and of course Cedar Lake Park and Trail go underneath it. The major player in the building of the new bridge is the City of Minneapolis Public Works. The city's bridge division has already drawn up tentative plans for the building of a new bridge.

Much of the funding for the new bridge is through the Federal Government's State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP). This

funding is coming through the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDot). As required by federal law, MnDot has to make a determination if the bridge or the area is historically significant. The State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) has made a preliminary determination that it may well be. So MnDot will need to have a consultant review the pertinent information and advise MnDot concerning this issue. As of yet, this writer has been unable to determine if this has been done.

After the city rebuilds the bridge, they will be the owners of it. The tentative plan is to demolish and rebuild the bridge during the 2001 construction season. However, city planners say it's possible that the bridge crossing may be closed for up to a year. When the bridge reopens the arc or "hump" of the bridge will be significantly flattened, increasing sight lines.

While the northern access will remain the same, the southern access will be significantly altered. The familiar Y-shaped figure of the converging roads will be realigned to a T-shape. The long end of the T will be the Cedar Lake Parkway while the cross line of the T will be Ewing Avenue leading north to the bridge. City planners envision that the combination of these two alterations will significantly increase the sight lines and safety of this dangerous crossing.

— Neil G.C. Trembley



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Hello friends and neighbors. I am writing today because I recently learned of a tragedy that happened to one of our very own neighbors. On May 29th, 16 year old Neyah Alamir died on the sidewalk outside of her house on the corner of Laurel and Russell Avenue right here in Bryn Mawr. She suffered anaphylactic shock due to a severe peanut allergy. Tragically, her family did not possess an EpiPen, due to the fact that her insurance did not cover it and the cost of purchasing one was not affordable. Neyah's family had just moved into the neighborhood in May. As a result, not many of us knew her or her family. This neighborhood is full of kind-hearted, loving people and I am convinced that if this had happened to any long-time residents, there would be an outpouring of love and support. I can only imagine how difficult it must be to not only lose a

child, but also to do so without the support of a community. I was utterly stunned when I learned of what happened to Neyah. Myself along with others would really like to do something to help. Neyah's mother's name is Tameka Alamir. I asked her permission to reach out to the neighborhood to ask for your love and support. It can be difficult knowing what to do or say in such a situation. If you'd like to stop by and offer any words of encouragement or support to Tameka and her 13 year old son Alvin, they live in the bottom duplex on the northwest corner of Russell Ave and Laurel. Also, I've setup a go fund me where you can make a donation to help the family with the cost of the funeral and cremation etc. https://www.gofundme.com/f/neyah039s-family&rcid=r01-156347986773-0f45b79c25e4a82&pc=ot_co_campaigngmt_w

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Youth & Schools

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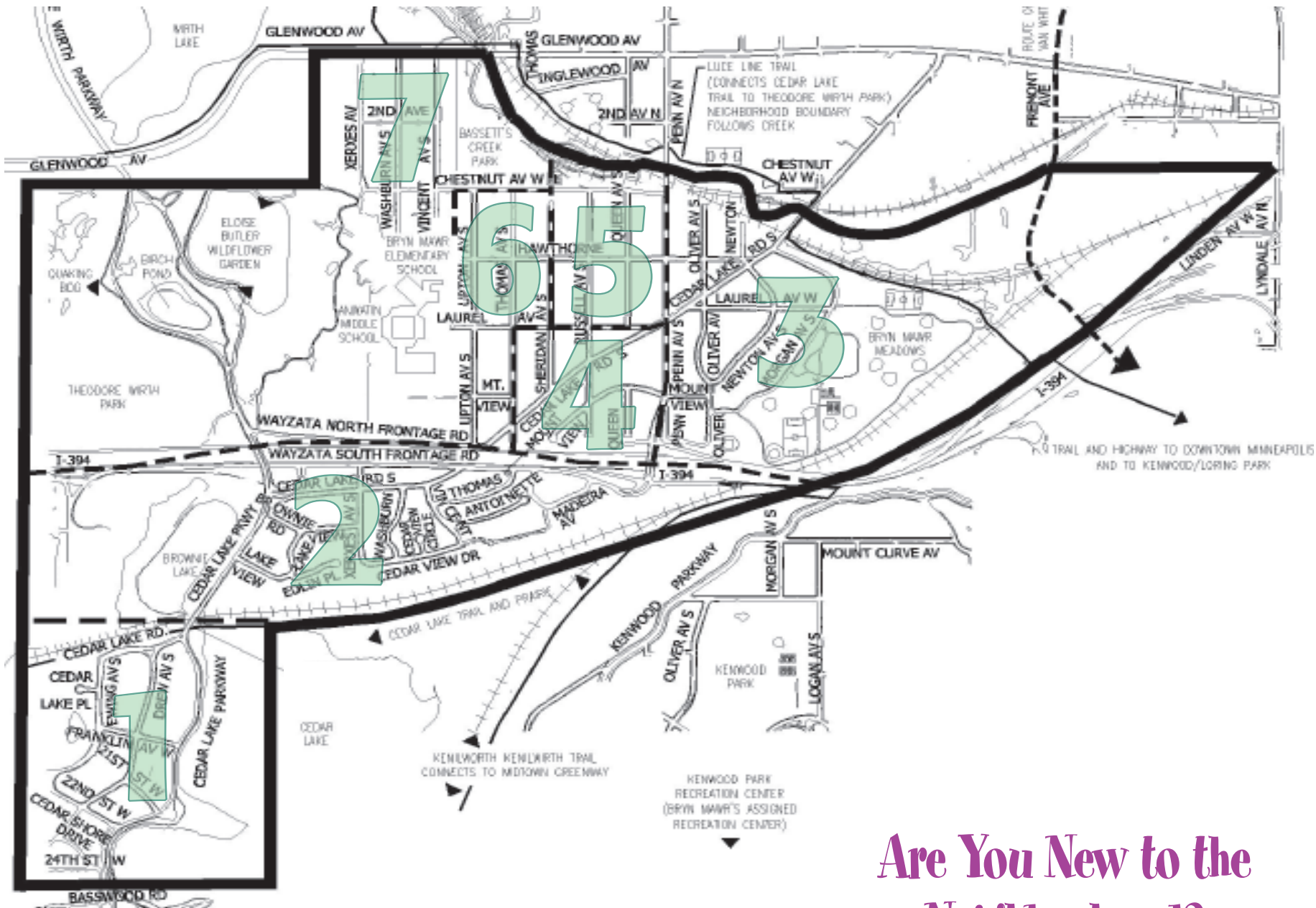
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