



BRYN MAWR BUGLE

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BMNA Bulletin Board

BMNA Volunteer Opportunities
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Help Wanted

Area 4 Bugle Distributor

After more than 15 years of service, the current distributors are stepping down. Responsibilities include taking delivery of all Area 4 Bugles once a month and getting them to block distributors who circulate to neighbors. If you're interested, email bugle@bmna.org.

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

BMNA Member Night Out at Utepils



Join us Tuesday, September 17th for a Member Night Out at Utepils. It will be a great night to socialize with neighbors and check out the new beer garden at Utepils overlooking the river. Members of the BMNA will receive a free beverage token courtesy of Utepils. Not sure if you have donated in 2019? You can join that night! Event starts at 6:30pm.

- Lynda Shabeen, Neighborhood Coordinator



Bryn Mawr Spirit Wear

Buying a Bryn Mawr Neighborhood t-shirt (or three!) and BMNA stickers is a great way to show your pride in the neighborhood AND support the Neighborhood Association at the same time! All proceeds from shirt sales go right back into supporting the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association's operations and initiatives. T-shirts can be purchased for \$20 and stickers for \$5 at www.bmna.org/store.



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



BMNA Reporter

BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, August 14, 2019
6:30– 8:00 PM

Bryn Mawr Church Coffee Hour Room

Kevin Thompson – President
Jeremy Staffeld - Webmaster
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Sue Verrett – Area 2 Co-Rep
Karen Frederickson – Area 2 Co-Rep
Jessica Wiley - Area 3 Co-Rep
Jay Peterson – Area 6 Co-Rep
Vida Ditter - Area 6 Co-Rep
Jack Whitehurst – City of Minneapolis Community Relations
Christopher Etz -Area 6 Co-Rep
Lisa Goodman – Minneapolis City Councilperson

Guests:

Kaley Lindsey – US Solar
Jack Whitehurst

President Kevin Thompson called the meeting to Order and proceeded with introductions. A quorum was present.

Jay Peterson moved to approve the agenda with the addition of US Solar to the agenda. Seconded. Motion carried.

Jessica Wiley moved to approve last month's minutes. Seconded. Jay Peterson noted that his wife's last name is Ripke. With that modification, the motion was approved.

City of Minneapolis: Councilmember Lisa Goodman's Report
Lisa has a new executive assistant, Judy Sharon, with new office hours to accommodate. There will be no Lunch with Lisa in August. The last Lunch with Lisa was a field trip which included 90 people over two days. Next program is September 25th, and the topic is 7th Ward Residents who serve on boards and commissions. Lisa noted that Minneapolis was ranked 4th of 75 behind Boston, San Francisco in terms of solar efficiency.

Kaleb Lindsey is residential community solar coordinator for US Solar, Based and operated and based in Minnesota. The solar project underway in Belle Plain will achieve an estimated 20% savings over Xcel, as these are the last of the ARR rates. The solar garden covers approximately ten acres in Belle Plain, producing about 1 megawatt. Interested parties can learn more at www.us-solar.com.

Treasurer Dennis Fazio provided a 6-month check in report. After a review, Dennis Fazio moved to accept the 6-month budget report. Seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer Dennis Fazio moved to approve the Finance Committee new Procedures. Seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer Dennis Fazio reviewed the Financial Management Policy including utilizing gift cards as a mechanism of purchase instead of cash or blank checks.

Treasurer Dennis Fazio moved to adopt the Financial Management Policy. Seconded. Motion carried.

Communications and Fundraising Coordinator Lynda Shaheen sent in a report in absentia. Ice Cream social was extremely successful and well attended this year. The report included a review of some additional notes to improve the event for next year.

President Kevin Thompson provided an update on the Event Coordinator Position. Approximately 9 applicants, 3 showed up for an interview. The Event committee plans to extend an offer to one individual.

Webmaster Jeremy Staffeld provided a report. The online store for BMNA

is up on BMNA.org/store. There you can buy BMNA stickers and T-shirts. Also, the live streaming of the Board Meetings is still a work in progress. Links can be found on the BMNA.org website.

As part of the Communications Committee, Karen Frederickson received 26 signups for the Visioning Committee.

With nothing further, meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:
Wednesday, September 11, 2019
Bryn Mawr Elementary School Cafeteria

Upcoming Events:
Sip and Stroll October 17, 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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WEEKLY MEETINGS OF ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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Areas 2, 3, 4E, 5E		September 17	September 4

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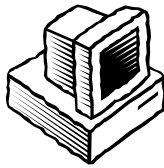
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From the Editor

Oh boy; it has been quite a summer. The house is still not complete but there is genuine progress. The roof is done (I cannot even believe it!) All that is left for them to do is finish the gutters and downspouts. The garage has a roof, windows, electricity and all that remains is to put in the door and opener. The porch interior is done. Once the radiator is reconnected and the system filled and serviced, we can finally get the piano out of the dining room. There is still plenty of exterior work to be done but the idea that I might soon be able to get the lawn mower and bicycles out of the family room fills me with hope.

I had a very adventurous summer culminating in a fantastic road trip. First we were off to Chicago to see our younger daughter perform. Then she and I made the drive to New York City. Rather than trying to see absolutely everything in five days, we picked our top few and did those to the max.

One day it was 25,000 steps in Central Park. Other days were deep dives into some of the amazing galleries and museums. Each night, we made our way to Harlem to have dinner with our oldest. One of the most incredible things was seeing Moulin Rouge on Broadway. It was an unforgettable experience.

My husband flew in for the last couple days of the trip and the four of us drove to visit my aunt on the Jersey Shore before taking our younger child back to Chicago for her junior year of college. It was a much-needed escape from the chaos at home and the heartbreak that happened next door a few weeks ago.

The people who bought the vacant property on the corner let me know that all the permits had been approved and they would be preparing to break ground on a house within weeks. Then one sad day, a crew showed up and clear cut the lot. All the trees and shrubbery are gone, including the giant old white pine that shaded both properties for a century. Even the stump has been ground to a pulp.

Thank you to everyone who has shown me kindness over this loss. It was a great comfort to be amongst the impromptu gathering of community members as the strong old girl took her final bow. I will feel tender about this one for a while.

I had a few days at home to unpack and unwind before being thrown back to reality and returning to work this week. The students come back on Tuesday and just like that another school year has begun.

- JoEllyn Jolstad editor@bmna.org

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Update from City Council Member Lisa Goodman

We are thrilled to share that we have hired a new associate in our office. Please help us welcome, Judy Sherin who is taking Ruth's place since she retired earlier this month. Judy is a City Hall Veteran, having started her career working for the city of Minneapolis in the Inspections Department and then in the City Attorney's Office. She also worked as an associate for former Council Member Tony Scallon. Although you will hear a new voice when you call our office, rest assured that you will still receive the same great service and response we have always offered to our constituents.

Bike Survey

The City of Minneapolis recently submitted an application to renew the Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) status awarded by the League of American Bicyclists. The Fall 2019 BFC review process is now officially underway.

To help the League of American Bicyclists gain a better understanding of local bicyclists' experiences and perceptions of bicycling in the City of Minneapolis, we would appreciate your help in providing feedback. Please consider submitting information at the following link: www.surveymonkey.com/r/app_BFC_FA19

Southwest Light Rail

Cedar Lake Parkway at the Kenilworth Corridor will be closed for up to five days in early September in order to shift the freight track. Water main work will also be conducted in this area at that same time. The closure date for freight track work is being coordinated with water main work to reduce to duration that the roadway is closed. Pedestrians and bicycles will continue to have access across the Kenilworth corridor when Cedar Lake Parkway is closed to vehicle traffic. The longer-term closure of Cedar Lake Parkway for LRT tunnel work is anticipated later this year.

Solar Program

Solar Twin Cities 2.0 is a solar group buy program for homeowners and businesses. Offered by the Midwest Renewable Energy Association (MREA) with support from Twin Cities communities, our solar group buy program provides home and business owners in the metro the opportunity to pool their solar buying power to secure significant discounts that make installing solar even more affordable!

Start by attending a Solar Power Hour: www.SolarTwinCities.org.

Solar Power Hour
Wednesday, September 4, 6:30 pm
Seward Co-op Friendship Store
317 E. 38th St., Minneapolis

Learn about the basics of solar energy, its financial implications, and how our group buy program lowers the cost of solar ownership.

Next, get a no-obligation site assessment from our competitively-selected installer, TruNorth Solar.

Finally, decide if participating in our program is right for you and let the TruNorth Solar team handle the rest!

Solar Twin Cities 2.0 ends September 30, 2019.



If Your Dog Poops



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- September 2, 2019 Labor Day. Last month, took a tour of the Duluth/Superior Harbor on the Vista Queen. Saw the usual docks for loading taconite, wheat, limestone, cement, and coal destined for ports on the lower Great Lakes and all over the world. Something new: two big ships unloading wind turbine bases and blades from Europe, being carefully placed onto special large trucks for wind farms all over the midwest. At a glance I could imagine the transition from coal to wind power. No ships were at the coal terminal. Duluth has developed expertise for handling this labor-intensive cargo.
- September 5, 2018 Loud after-dark chorus of singing insects including crickets, grasshoppers, and katydids.
- September 14, 2019 Full moon, the Ojibwe Manominike Giziz or wild rice harvest moon. The first half of September is summery and can be rainy. The second half is fall-like and generally dry. It's important to water trees and shrubs as they prepare for winter.



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From the Board

Submissions from BMNA Board Members

Home Make Over in Area 3

This past spring, 65 eager volunteers from Krause-Anderson (employees, their family members and friends) gathered on a Saturday in June to restore the exterior of Area 3 neighbor Jerry Mor-daunt's home. Jerry, a former landscape designer who has lived in

Bryn Mawr for 14 years, qualified under the guidelines of Hearts & Hammers to receive an exterior home makeover.

KA volunteers scraped and painted Jerry's 1923 home. Carpenters patched squirrel holes in the house soffits, replaced a lower section of her garage door that was rotted and installed a new service door to her garage.



The landscape crew weeded and edged Jerry's beautiful gardens, overgrown because of Jerry's inability to maintain them anymore; a task she loved so much to do. Jerry actively participated in the weeding, telling volunteers the name of every plant and weed! Landscapers also rebuilt a brick wall that was falling over and relocated many large rocks.

Kraus-Anderson has been with Hearts & Hammers since its inception in Minnesota. Many KA employees have served on their Board of Directors and as Captain of the KA Home team on program day.

The mission of Hearts & Hammers -Twin Cities is to provide

exterior home improvement assistance for senior citizens, disabled adults, and veterans of the United States Armed Forces or their surviving spouse so that they may continue living independently. Assistance is provided at no cost and is completed during a one day event. More information about Hearts and Hammers can be found at:

<https://heartsandhammers.org/>

Jerry's house not only looks great, but is restored; weatherproof, safe and secure, thanks to the Krause Anderson volunteers with Hearts and Hammer.

- Jessica Wiley, Area 3 Co-Rep

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - September 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
1	Labor Day Holiday 2	First Day of Classes 3 Minneapolis Public Schools	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	BMNA Monthly Meeting 6:30-8:00pm at Bryn Mawr Elementary School 11	12	13	14
15	16	Bassett Creek Valley 17 Redevelopment Oversight Committee (ROC) Meeting 6:pm at Bryn Mawr School BMNA Night at Utepils	18	19	October Bugle deadline: all editorial and advertising submissions due in the Bugle Box at the Market or email to bugle@bmna.org 20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	<p style="font-size: 1.2em; color: #00a0e3; font-weight: bold;">BMNA Member Night Out</p> <p style="font-weight: bold;">Tuesday, September 17th, starting at 6:30pm at Utepils</p>				



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BASSETT CREEK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Improvements Contained in the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission's 2015 Watershed Management Plan

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC) will hold a public hearing during its regular meeting on

Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 8:30 a.m.

at Golden Valley City Hall, 7800 Golden Valley Rd, Golden Valley, MN

Interested persons are invited to attend. The purpose of the hearing is to hear testimony and comments from the public and cities regarding four capital improvements proposed to begin in 2020.

Bryn Mawr Meadows Water Quality Improvement Project:

This project in Minneapolis will collect stormwater runoff from 45.1 acres of residential areas for treatment in new stormwater ponds and water features in Bryn Mawr Meadows Park. Annually, it will remove an estimated 30 lbs. of phosphorus and 10,500 lbs. of sediment before entering Bassett Creek. The project will be built in conjunction with a park reconstruction project. The project has a total estimated cost of \$912,000. Funding is proposed to come from the BCWMC's Capital Improvement Program funds through 2020 and 2021 ad valorem property taxes collected by Hennepin County on property within the Bassett Creek Watershed.

Jevne Park Stormwater Improvement Project:

This project in the City of Medicine Lake will create 0.38 acre-feet of flood storage within an existing wetland in Jevne Park and will reduce phosphorus pollution to Medicine Lake by 4.1 lbs. per year. The project will also improve wetland and upland habitat. This project has a total estimated cost of \$500,000. Funding is proposed to come from the BCWMC's Capital Improvement Program funds through a 2020 ad valorem property tax collected by Hennepin County on property within the Bassett Creek Watershed.

Crane Lake Improvement Project:

This project in Minnetonka will treat runoff from 13.3 acres within an underground treatment and filtration/infiltration system in a new park on Ridgedale Drive. The project will reduce phosphorus and sediment pollution to Crane Lake by approximately 9 lbs. and 3,500 lbs. pounds per year, respectively, and will be built in conjunction with the reconstruction of Ridgedale Drive. Estimated project costs are \$582,800. Partial funding of \$380,000 is proposed to come from the BCWMC's Capital Improvement Program funds through a 2020 ad valorem property tax collected by Hennepin County on property within the Bassett Creek Watershed. The remainder of project costs will be paid by the City of Minnetonka.

Sweeney Lake Water Quality Improvement Project:

This project in Golden Valley will significantly reduce phosphorus, improve water quality, and support a balanced aquatic ecosystem in the lake by performing an alum treatment and managing carp. Estimated project costs are \$550,000. Partial funding of \$220,000 is proposed to come from the BCWMC's Capital Improvement Program funds through 2020 and 2021 ad valorem property taxes collected by Hennepin County on property within the Bassett Creek Watershed. The remainder of project costs will be paid by a Federal Clean Water Act Section 319 grant.

More information is available at www.bassettcreekwmo.org/projects.



Parks

www.minneapolisparcs.org



September Programs at Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden

Forest Bathing in the Garden

Tuesdays, September 10th and 24th, 7:30-9am

\$5 per person

Come to the Garden for a meditative walk in the Garden. Soak up the sights, sounds, and smells of the Garden's natural setting to promote physiological and psychological health. It will give you an opportunity to slow down, appreciate things that can only be heard or seen when moving slowly and take a break from the stress of everyday life. Meet at the Visitor Shelter.

Nature Tots

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30am

Led by a Garden Naturalist

Cost: \$5 per child, caregivers free

Bring your favorite adult along to explore nature with you throughout the wildflower garden. Each Nature Tots program will have a nature topic of exploration. Nature Tots is appropriate for children ages 2 to 5 years old and will include an outdoor hike, activity and craft. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged, as spaces are limited. Adults do not need to register, children only. Join a naturalist every week to explore every nook and cranny in the Garden.

September 3-Squirrels

September 10-Terrific Trees

September 17-Spiders

September 24-Owls

Full and New Moon Tours

Led by Garden Naturalists

Cost: \$5 per person

Enjoy a nighttime tour of the Wildflower Garden with two Garden Naturalists. Meet at the Garden's front gate. Advance registration is required.

Full Harvest Moon Hike,

Thursday, September 12th, 7:30-8:30pm

Take a twilight tour of the Garden and discover the magic of being in our Sanctuary after the sun has set. We will look for bats, listen for owls and see what other delights we can find under the glow of a full moon.

New Moon Creatures of the Night Tour

September 28, 7-8pm

Experience the Garden at nightfall. Learn how to fine tune and use your senses while you discover the sights, sounds and smells of the Garden after dark. We'll listen and look for bats, nighthawks, owls, insects, mushrooms that glow in the dark and more!

Special Walks and Events

S'mores and Stories-FREE!

Friday, September 20, 6-7:30pm

Celebrate Autumn at the Garden! Join Garden Naturalists for stories around a bonfire. Bring a friend and enjoy apple cider and s'mores during this special evening program at the Garden.

How to Register

- Online at minneapolisparcs.org using ActiveNet (credit card payment)
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Bugle Notes

Area 1 - The 30th (and final) on the Fourth

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- Mary Duffy, Area 1



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Youth & Schools

Kindergarten Info

A group of current and former Bryn Mawr parents have been meeting to share their experiences with Bryn Mawr Elementary School. If you are interested in joining the discussion, contact Andrea.Auchter@genmils.com.


Contact Information For Bryn Mawr Community Schools

Bryn Mawr Elementary (PreK-5)
252 Upton Avenue South
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brynmawr.mpls.k12.mn.us


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Letters

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

Community Forum on Public Education in Minneapolis

Interested in the future of public education in Minneapolis? You are invited to a community forum “Your children, Your Community, Your Voice” with school board Directors Felder and Ellison, 59-A Rep. Lee, and North High principal

Friestleben at the U of M UROC Center, 2001 Plymouth Ave N at 6:15 pm Sept. 16. This forum is hosted by the Senate District 59 DFL party, which will host an indoor picnic an hour beforehand featuring food catered by Holy Land. You are also invited to the picnic.

- Richard Adair, Area 6



Bryn Mawr Moms on the Search for Good Books & Food

The Overstory
Richard Powers

Where the Crawdads Sing
Delia Owens

This summer we read two novels steeped in the wonders of nature, both written by authors whose knowledge of the natural world created wondrous images of trees, roots, forests, swamps, marshes and rivers, their interconnections, and the creatures who inhabit these places.

Powers and Owens are both environmentalists who write like poets. Powers’ legend in *The Overstory* of a handful of activists trying to save the majestic forests of the northwest draws in the reader with his powerful images of trees growing, connecting and dying.

“The smell of the cuts overwhelms him. Damp spice drawer. Dank wool. Rusty nails. Pickled peppers. Scents that return him to childhood... Smells that plunge him down to the bottom of the deepest well and hold him there for hours. ... The snarl of saws and feller bunchers... A great truth comes over him. Tress fall with spectacular crashes. But planting is silent and growth is invisible.”

Owens, a wildlife scientist and nature writer, has beautiful passages in *Where the Crawdads Sing* describing the marshes of the North Carolina coast.

“Marsh is not swamp. Marsh is a space of light, where grass grows in water, and water flows into sky. Slow-moving creeks wander, carry-

ing the orb of the sun with them to the sea and long-legged birds lift with unexpected grace- -as though not built to fly—against the roar of a thousand snow geese. “

The *Overstory* begins with eight short stories, each connected in some way to the life of trees and then eventually, in activism to save the forests. From the young artist who becomes intertwined with the chestnut tree his great great grandfather planted, to the tech wizard who is left disabled after falling from a tree, we become immersed in the life of trees, and challenged to see the power trees have in maintaining the health of the earth.

Where the Crawdads Sing is the story of an abandoned young girl who survives in the marshes of North Carolina because of her love and understanding of nature. There are rich themes to discuss; the woman as outsider, domestic abuse, and social isolation. But at its heart, *Crawdads* is a murder mystery, destined to be a movie.

Each book had its critics. Some found *Overstory* to be long and overwritten. Some found the plot of *Crawdads* contrived, the dialogue annoying. But we all agreed the descriptions of nature in both books were magical.

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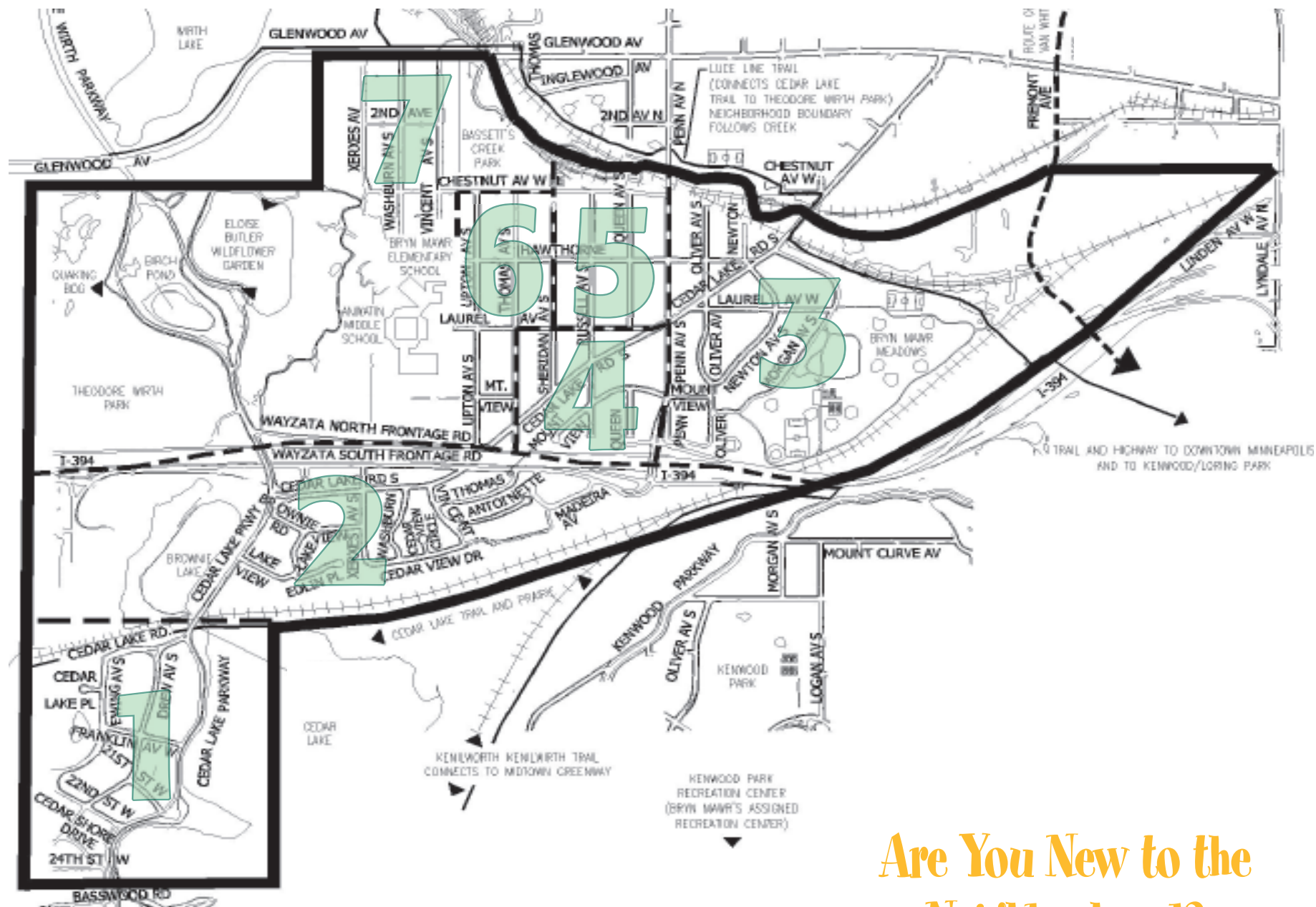
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