

## BRYNGAWR BUGHE

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## Saturnalia Wrap-up

hank you to everyone who braved the bitter cold to take part in the Saturnalia festivities. The Smiling Drum performers got the party started with their steady beat. Some people kept warm by the fire and roasted marshmallows for s'mores. Other people sought refuge in the Uptown Heating space where for the first time we had a craft project for kids, peanut butter bird feeders! They had a good time getting birdseed all over the table, or rather the pinecones.

Santa was there greeting kids and adults who wanted to share their Christmas wishes. And of course the horse drawn sleigh ride was a popular thing to do. The drivers took 5 wagon loads of people around the neighborhood. After going home and tucking the kids in bed, the adults headed out to Cuppa Java for some live music by neighbors Morris Engel

and Lasse Corson with Joe Weismann and singer Ariel

Thank you to Gerry Seilers and Cockadoodledoo for the firewood and sleigh. Thank you to Olivia Etz and Macy Martinson for volunteering to tend the fire pit. Thanks to Doug Anderson and family at the Bryn Mawr Market for donating the marshmallows. Another great event sponsored by the BMNA! See you at Winter Fest!

- Lynda Shaheen, Neighborhood Communications and Fundraising Coordinator



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BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 11, 2019 6:30– 8:00 PM Bryn Mawr Elementary School Cafeteria

Kevin Thompson, President Brian Treece, Vice President Dennis Fazio, Treasurer JoEllyn Jolstad, Bugle Editor Dave Holets, Area 1 Rep Susan Verrett, Area 2 Co Rep Chris Etz, Area 4 Co Rep Joan Michalec, Area 4 Co Rep Karen Frederickson, Area 2 Co Rep Jessica Wiley, Area 3 Co Rep Dennie Juillerat, Area 3 Co Rep Colleen Dhennin, Area 5 Mark Dhennin, Area 5 Sam Westermann, Area 5 Jay Peterson, Area 6 Co Rep Jeremy Staffeld, Webmaster Barry Schade, Area 6 Co Rep McKenzie Erickson, Area 6 Steve Harvey, Area 7 Co Rep Arlene Fried, Area 2 Colleen Belmont, Area 3 Bill Zych, Area 3

### **Guests:**

Emma Pachuta, Minneapolis Park Board.

### **Call to Order and Introductions**

Kevin Thompson, BMNA President, called the meeting to order.

With the addition of Emma Pachuta to the Agenda, Kevin Thompson moved to approval of the agenda as modified. Motion carried.

With no additions to Approval of minutes of last month's meeting minutes, Karen Frederickson moved to approve last month's meeting minutes. Seconded. Motion carried.

Minneapolis Park Board Representative Emma Pachuta will act as point person for Cedar Lake/Lake of the Isles Master plan, estimated as an 18-24 month project, made up of 17 citizens making for the CAC to make policy and design recommendations. Lake of the Isles to Lake Street, Kenniworth Channel, and Cedar Lake Trail, affecting a portion of the south side of Bryn Mawr.

Vice President Brian Treece moved to appoint Colleen Dhennin as Area 5 Co-Rep and Rod Miller as Area 6 Do-Rep. Seconded. Motion carried. Jay Peterson moved to appoint Colleen Belmont to the ROC Vacancy Appointment. Seconded. Motion carried.

Jessica Wiley, Finance Committee Chair, and Treasurer Dennis Fazio, addressed the board. Based on the findings of the City, and the fact that the Treasurer is a Board Member and the Bookkeeper is a paid contractor, but both roles are being performed by the same person which creates a conflict of interest, thus far approved by the Board, but which now may warrant re-evaluation. Kevin Thompson restated the Treasurer's role in the BMNA bylaws.

Jessica Wiley moved to establish that the Treasurer and Bookkeeper/accountant shall be separate individuals. Seconded. There was discussion about a required amendment to the BMNA bylaws. Motion carried.

Dennis Fazio provided the Treasurer's Report with Preliminary 2020 Budget Discussions. After an extensive review of expected revenues and expenses expected in 2020 that were used to create the 2020 budget. Jessica Wiley noted that the included proposed increase in bookkeeping expense from \$3600 to \$8400 and stated an opposition to that increase. Dennis Fazio stated that these entries are all best estimates based on information available at the time to give the Board a realistic view of what the financial plan is proposed to be next year. Kevin Thompson reminded the Board that these are estimated values in a proposed budget still under consideration and will not be finalized till next meeting. It also included discussions around including some amount of community projects money for local businesses projects, set at \$1500 in the Preliminary 2020 Budget.

Dennis Fazio made a motion for a continuing resolution to authorize the Treasurer to make payments as necessary through January until a final budget has been established.

Communications and Fundraising Coordinator Report: Lynda Shaheen as read by Kevin Thompson. Give to the Max generated \$1750 with final proceeds after expenses of \$1675.66. Taste of Anwatin is Dec 13th with multiple vendors from different cultures Saturnalia is coming, hosted in the Hero Plumbing Community space, including a Jazz Quartet.

Bugle Editor JoEllyn Jolstad reminded everyone that there is no Bugle in January.

Webmaster Jeremy Staffeld is working on updating the Security Certificate and getting the new hats up on the website. He's excited that the website is now being used for register for Taste of Anwatin registration.

Jessica Wiley reminded everyone that Community Projects suggestions are due December 31st

SWLRT Update from Barry Schade is that he is meeting with some members about the safety of the Bryn Mawr Station.

There is a variance request from 1955 Drew Ave S for being within 40 feet of the top of a slope.

Kevin Thompson spoke with the Minneapolis Park Board and it sounded as if the Park Board will not be cooperative with the request to house the storm water on park land. Kevin also spoke with the Vice Chair of the School Board and that the School Board is probably going to be cooperative.

With nothing further, Kevin Thompson adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday January 8, 2019 Bryn Mawr Elementary School Cafeteria

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## Guests:

Irene Fernando, Hennepin County Commissioner Tory Stone, Crime Prevention 4th Precinct

Inspector Kelvin Pulphus, 4th Precinct

Lt Derrick Barnes, 4th Precinct

### **Call to Order and Introductions**

With one addition to New Business, Chris Etz moved to approve the agenda. Seconded. Motion carried.

Susan Verrett moved to approve last month's minutes. Seconded. Motion carried.

### Councilmember Lisa Goodman's Report

The next Lunch with Lisa is January 29th. Frank Edgerton Martin, a highly regarded landscape architect, volunteered to do a 1 hour presentation on historic landscapes. February LwL is Bryn Mawr resident John Dunlop is going to be speaking on the climate crisis.

Two land-use updates, 411 Newton pool usage has been approved. 1955 Drew variance and remodel was also approved.

Minneapolis food inspections are now online, violations and compliances are now viewable and trackable.

Minneapolis Animal Care and Control witnessed a 60% increase in adoption in 2019 over 2018 as the move more towards a care and rehome focus.

### Torie Stone, CPS, Inspector Kelvin Pulphus, and Lt Derrick Barnes provided an update crime in Bryn Mawr.

There were two thefts, one of property from an AirBnB, and the other were wheels and tires on two cars. There was an auto theft, which turned out to be a purchased vehicle where the check bounced. There was also a theft by swindle where an individual downloaded an app called HelpMe.

She also provided a summary of an aggravated attempted robbery at Bryn Mawr Meadows. 4-5 male victims were sitting in a parked car in the parking lot of Bryn Mawr Park. An armed suspect approached their vehicle, demanded valuables and fired rounds into the car. A victim was hit, but fortunately it's a non-life threatening injury. Victim's car was taken by suspects during the altercation. Police located the stolen vehicle and apprehended the involved suspects.

For more information, sign up to receive crime alerts at http://www.minneapolismn.gov/police/crimealert/police\_crimealert\_sign up

Irene Fernando, Hennepin County
Commissioner, addressed the board
on how county decisions, spends,
information gathering etc, occurs,
differently from city or state. Her
two primary initiatives are affordable
housing and the upcoming US Census. More information, reports, and
statistics can be found at
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If the great trees of Bryn Mawr could talk, I bet they could easily pronounce "Kal-itow-ski."

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



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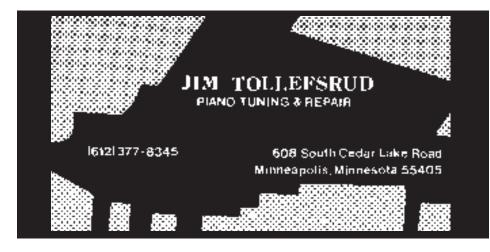
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## From the Editor

fter ten years of trying to make everyone happy, the Board of Education for Minneapolis Schools (MPS) is putting together a comprehensive district design (CDD). To be clear, the "everyone" that has been driving the direction of schools are people who have power and are not afraid to use it. They have jobs, stable housing, resources and time to make sure that their opinions are heard and valued.

These same well-intentioned people, fighting for what they see as the best interest of their family and in some cases for the betterment of the whole, are for the most part completely unaware of how the system has been built by and for them. From their perspective, the system is working and they cannot see why it is not working for everyone.

Even parents who want integrated schools often only see how they can make lower performing schools better by sending their children. They do not recognize that those same schools (that they have long feared and criticized) might have something to offer in return.

The primary goal of the CDD is to create a high-quality system that is more equitable. However the proposed changes come on the heels of several years of multi-million-dollar budget shortfalls and the reality is that if we allow the system to continue as it is, there will be massive cuts and schools will close.

While I do have a pretty good grasp of the CDD process and the information that has been presented, I cannot possibly fully explain it in this small space. Read the article on page 11 to learn a bit more about the plan, upcoming listening sessions and to find a link to the MPS CDD information page.

I have always been an advocate for integrated schools. I intentionally put my children in the racially, economically and educationally diverse Bryn Mawr and Anwatin schools. I felt confident that my children would thrive in most any school and I recognized the benefits of building community and learning first hand about differing perspectives and experiences.

I guess the bottom line for me is (to quote someone I know your will recognize) "We all do better when we all do better." It's not pie. More for someone else doesn't mean less for you. If we want a healthy city, we cannot subscribe to the "build it and they will come" mentality. We need to actively participate in meaningful change that benefits all students in Minneapolis.

- JoEllyn Jolstad editor@bmna.org

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## The City

### **Free Radon kits**

√he City of Minneapolis is giving away 200 radon test kits starting now to increase awareness of the cancer risks of radon and to encourage people to test their homes for it. The test kits are easy to use, and postage and testing instructions are included in the kit. The Environmental Protection Agency has designated January as National Radon Action Month. Radon is an odorless, colorless, tasteless gas that occurs naturally in Minnesota soil and can enter homes primarily through cracks and openings in basement or foundation floors and walls. Radon is the leading environmental cause of cancer deaths in the U.S. and the leading cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers. More than 21,000 deaths are attributed to radon each year in the U.S.

Free kits will be available while supplies last at the City of Minneapolis Development Review, 250 S. Fourth St., Room 300. Minneapolis Development Review's hours of operation are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays. Once the supply of free radon test kits runs out, kits will still be available at the same location for \$9 each.

## **2020 Elections – March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary**

arly voting begins in just a few weeks for the March 3 Presidential Nomination Primary. This will be Minnesota's first presidential primary since 1992. It replaces the presidential straw poll that used to be held during the precinct caucus. Precinct caucuses will still take place on February 25 to conduct other party business. Bryn Mawr Elementary School is a polling site.

By law, only major parties can participate in the primary. The chair of each major party will submit a list of candidates for the party's ballot no later than December 31, 2019. Those candidates will appear on the ballot even if they drop out of the presidential race before March 3. Each party decides if they want to include a write-in choice or an option to vote for 'uncommitted'.

Parties then must use the presidential primary results to choose the delegates. Delegates will go to a national convention where a final candidate is nominated. Each party handles delegate elections according to their party rules. Because each party will have their own ballot, you will need to choose which major party's ballot you want. Your choice of party ballot will be recorded and is private data. However, a list of who voted in a presidential nomination primary and the political party each voter selected will be provided to the chair of each major political

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party. How you voted on the ballot will be secret.

Like any election, there are three ways you can vote: early in-person, by mail, or on Election Day. Early voting begins on Friday, January 17. Visit vote.minneapolismn.gov to learn more, see who is on the ballot (posted in early January) register to vote, apply for a mail-ballot and more!

### **Pollinator Grants**

he Lawns to Legumes program is offering a combination of workshops, coaching, planting guides and cost-share funding for installing pollinator-friendly native plantings in residential lawns. Minnesota residents can apply to be reimbursed for up to \$350 in costs associated with establishing pollinator habitat in their yards. Residents must provide at least a 25% match for any funding received. This

match can be in the form of purchasing materials, hiring contractors or as in-kind time spent planting or maintaining plants (at \$25/hr). Applications for the first round of funding will be accepted through February 28, 2020. Funding decisions and all notifications will be emailed in March for Spring 2020 installations. All grant recipients will be asked to attend a workshop or complete a webinar.

How to apply: Apply online at Blue Thumb's website www.bluethumb.org

These types of plantings are supported: Native Pocket Planting: small native plant garden including flowers preferred by our state bee, Pollinator Beneficial Trees and/or

Shrubs: Flowering trees and shrubs with quality nectar and pollen for bees in the spring, Pollinator Lawn: A fine fescue lawn mixed with lowgrowing flowers to support pollinators, Pollinator Meadow: a relatively large expanse of native plants, reminiscent of a prairie remnant. Partners include Blue Thumb - Planting for Clean Water and Metro Blooms. Funding is provided through the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund (ENRTF) and will be targeted in priority areas to benefit the Rusty patched bumblebee and other at-risk species. Bryn Mawr is considered Priority 1. Many of these items will be for sale at the Bryn Mawr School Plant Sale in May.

## Weekly Meetings of Alcoholics Anonymous

are held at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, Cedar Lake Road & Laurel Ave, Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.

All interested people are invited to attend.

Keeping our sidewalks free of ice and snow is the neighborly thing to do . . .



Together, we are all responsible for keeping Minneapolis safe and comfortable for winter walking. For your own benefit and to help your neighbors, people pushing strollers or using wheelchairs, and the many people in Minneapolis who walk, please do your part.

... and it's the law.

## Minneapolis ordinance requires that property owners clear sidewalks after the end of a snowfall within

- 24 hours for houses and duplexes
- Four daytime hours for apartment and commercial buildings (daytime hours begin at 8 a.m.)

## When you shovel snow and clear ice

- Shovel the sidewalks on all sides of your property, the full width of the sidewalk down to the bare pavement.
- Remove all ice from sidewalks. After the sidewalk is clear, sprinkling a little sand can help prevent slipping on frosty sidewalks.
- Pile snow onto your yard and boulevard. It's against the law to shovel snow into streets and alleys.
- If you have a corner property, clear curb cuts at corners and crosswalks to the street gutter. You are not required to clear snow ridges or piles left by the plows beyond the gutter. City crews will make an effort to return to do this work as quickly as possible, but with some 20,000 corners to clear across the City, it may take a while. However, your neighbors would appreciate it if you could clear an opening sooner to help shorten the wait and provide a clear passage.

## Avoid a ticket

- If the City of Minneapolis gets a complaint or discovers that a sidewalk is not properly cleared, Public Works will inspect the sidewalk and give the property owners a chance to clear it.
- If the sidewalk has not been cleared upon re-inspection, the property owner may be issued a citation with a fine.
- Crews will remove the snow and ice from the sidewalk. Property owners will be billed for this service, and unpaid bills will be added to the owner's property tax.

## Remember

- You are as responsible for clearing ice on your sidewalk as clearing snow. Ice can be more dangerous and intimidating than snow.
- The sooner and more completely you shovel, the less likely ice will form.
- Make arrangements for someone to take over while you are on vacation.



Minneapolis Public Works

Call 311 or visit www.minneapolismn.gov

## Need help?

Community groups in Minneapolis shovel for seniors and people with disabilities for a fee. For more information, call 311.

Free sand is available to Minneapolis residents at:

### 6036 Harriet Ave. S. on West 60th Street

between Lyndale and Harriet

1809 Washington St. NE 18th and Jefferson

## East 27th Street

just east of Longfellow Avenue near the Public Works gate

## 2710 Pacific St. N.

Outside the main Public Works gate between 27th and 28th avenues North

## Want to go the extra mile?

Are there neighbors on your street who are elderly, have a disability or may have a hard time shoveling for any reason? Work with your neighbors to give a hand and ensure your entire block is safe and accessible to all.

## Report sidewalks that need shoveling

To report a sidewalk that is not shoveled, call 311 or visit www.minneapolismn.gov.



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## Treasurer Dennis Fazio led a 2020 Budget Discussion.

After some discussion, a concise summary was provided that as planned/budgeted, expenses would exceed revenues by \$10,000 and BMNA would need to utilize reserves. Bugle Editor, Coordinator, and Webmaster contracts have been finalized with no changes from 2019. Bookkeeping contract has yet to be finalized.

Though a reserve of BMNA funds does exist, a discussion on what events, activities, and or services would or could be cut in the event of a deficit that BMNA could not sustain, though the objective would likely be to increase revenues and donations to account for the deficit.

Treasurer Dennis Fazio moved to accept the 2020 budget. Seconded. One opposed. Motion carried.

Treasurer Dennis Fazio presented the annual 2019 Annual Report in its preliminary basis. Seconded. After some discussion, motion carried. Communications and Fundraising Coordinator Lynda Shaheen reported that the email distribution list remained relatively unchanged, with an increase of 89 people net. 2019 also so 306 unique donors, which was an increase of roughly 30% in the source of donations. Additional funds were generated by new sales, Give to the Max, garage sales were increased, and overall, nearly all sources of revenue witnessed an increase in 2019.

Working as a temporary appointment to the Event Coordinator, McKenzie Erickson is working with Lynda to plan Winter Fest. A possible date for being hosted at Utepils is March 5th, however alternate options including weekends are in discussion.

## Bugle Editor JoEllyn Jolstad provided an update on the Bugle.

Approximately 1700 copies are printed each month with 1400 going to neighborhood homes, with delivery prior to 1st of the month. This year has seen a transition to a new printer. JoEllyn recommended to the Communications Committee to consider an increase is advertisement rate, as the rate has not been adjusted in 10 years. Board mem-

bers are asked to contribute an article for the Bugle.

## Webmaster Jeremy Staffeld reported on the digital projects from 2019.

Events pages continue to draw the most traffic. The digital map for the Festival of Garage Sales was a success and he has received feedback on ways to improve. The online store has been a success. The SWLRT update blog has received attention.

### **Communications Committee**

will be scheduling a meeting to discuss several items.

Community Projects are in. A meeting is scheduled for February. There are several under consideration include a block of marble ready for a neighborhood project.

Finance Committee is meeting January 28th. Jessica Wiley moved that the Board waive the competitive bid policy, as the roles are currently being performed and are renewals of former contracts. Seconded. Motion carried. Jessica Wiley moved to approve the Communications, Fundraising, and Webmaster contracted spend which was the same as 2019. Seconded. Motion carried.

**ROC/Basset Creek Valley Update by Kevin Thompson.** Building south of Glenwood off Girard and Humbolt.

Pioneer Paper Company meeting is coming up the 13th. The City is recommending against approval of Non-conforming use permit requested by the Pioneer Paper Company.

The Park Board is looking for community members for the Community Advisory Committee to help advise the construction of a master plan for the Cedar Lake/Isles area. Chris Etz will be applying and is requesting the Board's support. Barry Schade moved that the Board send a Letter of Support to the Park Board in support of Chris Etz. Seconded. Motion carried.

With nothing further, Kevin Thompson adjourned the meeting.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday February 12, 2020 Bryn Mawr Elementary School Cafeteria

Upcoming Events: Winter Fest (March 2020)

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.

## **Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - February 2020**

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
Save the Date!  BMNA Winter Fest 6:00-10:00pm  at Utepils Brewing, 225 Thomas Av N				Community Connec-1 tions Conference  City of Lakes Loppet Festival - Wirth Park to Uptown www.loppet.org		
City of Lakes Loppet 2 Festival - Wirth Park to Uptown www.loppet.org	3	Family Open Gym 4 6:00-7:45pm	5	6	School Choice 7 Deadline	8
9	10	Family Open Gym 11 6:00-7:45pm	BMNA Monthly Meeting 6:30-8pm Bryn Mawr Elementary School	13	Valentine's Day 14	15
16	Presidents Day Holiday	Family Open Gym 6:00-7:45pm	19	Submissions due f 20 or March Bugle. Drop in the Bugle Box at Bryn Mawr Market or email bugle@bmna.org	21	22
23	24	Family Open Gym <b>25</b> 6:00-7:45pm	26	27	28	

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## The Bugle

s Minneapolitans we are fortunate to receive one of very Let remaining print neighborhood newspapers. The Bugle relies on a network of volunteers to deliver a copy to each household. I was fascinated to learn more about this very organized system.

Each month the printer delivers a bundle of newspapers to a volunteer in each area of Bryn Mawr. Those volunteers are called captains and they count out a precise number of copies for volunteers in their area who walk from building to building and deliver the papers. Several teens are involved delivering papers too, like Peter Davis and Lily Provenzano. Area captains are Mary Duffy Area 1, Leo and Sue Verrett Area 2, Sue and John Stillman Area 3, Mark and Laura Machacek Area 4, Area 5, Rod Miller and Bill Miner Area 6, and Jonathan Engel Area 7.

Rod Miller says he and his partner Bill Miner have been volunteering for 25 years. "Every month 250 Bugles are delivered to us. We count and distribute them to 11 volunteers who deliver them on the block(s) near their homes. We also deliver the Bugle to our neighbors, to Anwatin and Bryn Mawr schools and the Bryn Mawr Market. It takes about 30 minutes to distribute the Bugles and about 15 minutes to deliver them to our neighbors and

schools. We feel good about helping out with and participating in various functions of the neighborhood. It helps us be connected with friends and neighbors, to be informed and to contribute to well-being of the neighborhood." Rod and Bill have 12 volunteers that distribute The Bugles.

Sue Verrett, Area 2, and her husband Leo have been distributing The Bugles for 12+ years. She adds, "We have 9 devoted block distributors. The turnover in all these years has only been 2 people. Being involved with this task keeps us up to date on our neighborhood and getting to know more people other than just on our block. The average time spent each month is about 1 1/2 hrs."

Area 4 Bugle Captains Roger and Sandy Clarke have just moved out of the neighborhood after about 15 years serving as volunteers. Sandy reflected on her volunteering, "My husband Roger has been helping me. We split the route and drop off bundles at the doors of our 6 faithful Bugle deliverers each month. It's 155 papers so too much for 1 person to carry anyway. I like making a behind-the-scenes contribution to the neighborhood. It is fun to get outdoors and walk and accomplish something at the same time. A extra bonus is to chat with our deliverers. It only takes the two of us a half hour to cover our route."

Jonathan Engel, Area 7, says, "I've been delivering the Bugle in Area 7 since 2011, roughly 9 years. I started after my son was born and he and eventually his younger sister have been my helpers. We receive about 180 bugles, which are re-distributed to additional delivery folks for Washburn, Xerxes and Vincent Avenues who deliver 150 of those and my kids and I do the remaining 30 on Glenwood Ave. I like how delivering the Bugle gets the kids and I out in parts of the neighborhood that we don't usually get to, see neighbors we don't often see, and to just appreciate the fresh air, lovely gardens and quiet of our neighborhood. The process for us takes about an hour." David Nilsen, Area 7 deliverer adds, "It is good exercise, there are occasional chats with neighbors I might not otherwise see, and I get to see up close what I can't pay attention to while driving."

Other Bugle block deliverers include: Roberta Jordan, Chris Etz, Cathy Skalicky, Marion Williams, Marcia Glick, Eric Lindberg, Sally Neverman, Kris Ragozzino, Dale Thomas, Alisa Eland, Beth Franzen, David Nilsen, Lily Provenzano,

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Theusch, Brenda Foat, Bill Robiner, Genevieve Johnson, Mike Tieleman, Liz Curiskis, Dan Boschwitz, Stacey Christensen, Danette Scorza, Peter Davis, Becky Mattis, Joanna Danks, Marty Greulich, Patty Wycoff, Cynthia Rollins, Rick Olsen, Ed Erickson, Barb Leibundguth, and Wendy Jerome. And of course editor JoEllyn Jolstad oversees the whole process! A big thank you to everyone involved! Having a print paper like the Bugle really enriches our community.

Lynda Shaheen, Communications and Fundraising Coordinator

## **Bryn Mawr Spirit Wear**

uying 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!

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Quarter page, 1-column	2 3/8"w X 16"h	\$70	\$80
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## **Cedar Lake Master Plan**

he Cedar Lake-Lake of the Isles Master Plan (Cedar-Isles Master Plan) will be developed over the next two years through a collaboration between the project team, advisory committees, community groups and park users. The MPRB is seeking people to serve on the project Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and help plan the future of this popular regional destination. The total time commitment for CAC members is estimated at 35-45 hours total over the course of 18+ months. CAC applications are due Friday, January 31. Click here for more information about the CAC.

Anyone interested in the project can get started by filling out a short, open-ended online survey asking about values, concerns and visions for the entire plan area or specific park features within the area. Additional online community surveys will be made available as the planning process progresses and specific topics emerge.

Cedar-Isles Community Survey Please visit the Cedar-Isles Master Plan project page and sign up for email updates. Email updates are the best way to stay informed about meeting and event dates.

Last month, Commissioners for the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) approved the concept plan for improvements at Bassett's Creek Park.



These improvements will be made in the northern sections of the park in the Harrison neighborhood, and follow 2018 improvements in park areas south of the creek. They include:

Improved creek access

Naturalized areas and native plantings New loop trails

New and refreshed sidewalks

New play equipment and a refreshed play area New picnic shelter

After design plans are finalized, the project will go out to bid to construction contractors this winter. It is anticipated that construction will begin in spring or summer 2020





February 11, 2014 Last of 17 consecutive nights below zero. While

atmospheric warming is the predominant feature of climate change with loss of polar ice, disruption of the usual west-to-east flow of the sub-arctic jet stream can also produce stretches when polar air unpredictably spills much farther south than usual

into North America or Eurasia.

February 14, 2018 High 43°. While XC skiing in Wirth Park, noticed a few bees flying around outside the hives in the J.D. Rivers garden area, doing a little hive maintenance

work before the next cold stretch.

February 15, 2003 Prominent sundogs (or parahelion), two brightly col-

ored splotches on either side of the sun around sunrise or sunset, seen when cirrus cloud ice crystals at about 25,000 feel act as prisms refracting sunlight.

February 16, 2002 Pileated woodpecker near Bryn Mawr Elementary

School being chased away by crows.



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## Area 3

hat to do when you are snowed in on a Friday night? Walk to a neighborhood restaurant and enjoy a great night out with friends. That's just what several neighbors did January 17. Organized by Area 5 resident Patty Wycoff, a group of friends gathered at La Mesa.





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

Estelle's, 1806 St. Clair Avenue, St. Paul
he Bryn Mawr Moms ventured
out of their natural habitat, the
western environs of Minneapolis, all the way to St. Paul on a cold,
windy Friday night in January. They
were seeking the delights of the
restaurant Estelle, and were not disappointed in their quest.

The restaurant is located in the prestigious Mac-Groveland neighborhood, an area almost as wonderful as Bryn Mawr, so our adventurers felt quite comfortable upon arrival. Parking was not ideal, unfortunately. The location has long been a restaurant, first Scusi and then the short-lived, Bottle Rocket. It has been wonderfully made over by the current owners into a sleek and modern décor. They even added sound deadening material to the ceiling so the noise level was quite comfortable despite the restaurant being full and the kitchen nearby. There was a full, lively bar on the other side of the kitchen, out of earshot of the diners.

Estelle features a southern European cuisine, Portuguese, Italian and Spanish-inspired comfort food. The cocktails were creative, one called the Inquisition, and one made with coffee and served hot. The prices were reasonable, as befits a neighborhood establishment. We ordered three small plates for the table which served the five of us well; we all ordered entrees to follow. Patatas Bravas were crispy fried potato chunks with a spice coating that included lots of paprika. The shrimp al ajillo were huge and tasty, though the tortilla Espanola, a sort of quiche, was a bit bland.

Our entrees were just the right size. One was a tasty chicken dish served with jasmine rice and pickled vegetables, and the other one ordered by three of us, called Fideua, was a sort of paella with clams, shrimp, ham and fideua pasta instead of rice. It reminded me of fancy Rice-a-Roni. Very tasty.

Of course we had to order a dessert to share. It was soft-serve ice cream served with chunky, crispy cinnamon flavored toppings. The manager then brought us over a complimentary plate of hot, tasty churros to go with the ice cream.

The service was excellent. Our server, Caitlin, was attentive and very knowledgeable about all the dishes. She kept things coming at just the right pace. We all agreed we'd love to visit Estelle again and again (despite having to drive to St Paul)!

The Giver of Stars, by JoJo Moyes

ccording to the Stanford Literary Lab, there are over 200,000 fiction books printed in English each year. It's daunting. We have read and discussed 75

books since formally becoming a book club. Like most book clubs, one of the biggest discussions isn't around whether the characters made the right choices, what the theme is, or how the plot plays out, it's choosing the next book to read!

We know that books that appear on best seller lists, on Goodreads, or on Reese Witherspoon's list don't always hold up to our standard of good writing and compelling storytelling. But even knowing that, we've been caught a couple of times this year with stinkers. The Giver of Stars by JoJo Moyes is one of these.

It had such promise. The book is based on a real WPA program funded during the depression to bring books and literacy to rural areas. From 1935 to 1943, the Packhorse Librarians brought books to over 100,000 people living in the mountains of Kentucky.

Unfortunately, Moyes book suffers from a formulaic plot, one dimensional characters, and a cheesy melodramatic ending that panders to a reader's desire for a happy ending. The discrimination, domestic violence, and exploitation of coal miners and the environment by the wealthy company owners are given shallow treatment as Moyes tries to pack in too much plot. What is the main theme? Who knows? And to top things off, there's an accusation of plagiarism by an author whose book came out 6 months earlier.

Moyes made her mark writing contemporary romance novels. That should have been our first red flag. The Wikipedia description of the Packhorse Library Project provides a better read!

An American Marriage, by Tayari Jones

We do want to give a shout
out to An American Marriage. Jones' thought provoking and well written novel won
six awards, including the 2019

Women's Prize for Fiction and the
National Book Award in Fiction in

Reviews in the Atlantic and the New York Times Book Review called out her description of the quiet devastation of a family, caused by the long term consequences of the criminal justice system, as a story from the "African American community that begs to be heard."

With hundreds of thousands of books to choose from, we're thrilled when we land on one that offers us insight into the human spirit and encourages deep reflection into the experiences of others.

What the Moms are reading now: Bowlaway, by Elizabeth McCracken



## **Youth & Schools**

### **School Choice Cards**

Requests for Minneapolis Public Schools are due February 7. You can arrange a tour at Bryn Mawr Elementary by calling 612.668.2500.

## **Family Open Gym**

he Bryn Mawr Neighborhood is once again sponsoring Open Gym times at Bryn Mawr Elementary School from 6-7:45 pm. We need volunteers to supervise each week, get the equipment cart out of the closet and put it away at the end of each night. Questions? Contact Lynda Shaheen at coordinator@bmna.org

## Nature Preschool Coming to Bryn Mawr Elementary School

Tew next fall the Minneapolis Nature Preschool started by Bryn Mawr resident and teacher Alyson Quinn is moving to a new home at Bryn Mawr Elementary School. Preschool registration is now open until Feb 28, 2020.

When: September 8, 2020 to May 28, 2021

Time: 8:55am - 11:55am; 12:55pm-3:55pm

Who: Children ages 3-5 years (Must 3 years by Sept 1, 2020 and fully potty trained)

Where: Bryn Mawr Elementary, 252 Upton Ave S. Minneapolis, MN 55405

Tuition: Morning Session: Five Days Per Week (Monday-Friday) \$675/month\* Afternoon Session: Three Days per Week (Tues, Wed, Thurs) \$405/month\*

More information at https://www.minneapolisna-turepreschool.org

## Contact Information For Bryn Mawr Community Schools

**Bryn Mawr Elementary (PreK-5)** 252 Upton Avenue South

612-668-2500

brynmawr.mpls.k12.mn.us

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

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256 Upton Avenue South 612-668-2450 anwatin.mpls.k12.mn.us

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## Minneapolis Public Schools Comprehensive Design

he Comprehensive District
Design examines and makes
recommendations on how
MPS educates students, how the
school system works to meet the
needs of underserved populations
and how we ensure resources are
available to meet our goals. School
programs, boundaries, and configurations could be changed.

Currently there are no changes to Bryn Mawr Elementary in any of the models. (Boundary recommendations have not been made yet) There is a proposed change to Anwatin in the studies that would make it a community school for Bryn Mawr, Kenwood, and Jefferson attendance areas. The immersion program would be moved to either a new middles school at Andersen or Jefferson in the models. This process is still in the study stage, there is not a plan on the table yet. On January 28 the Board will be presented with five (5) models. Listening sessions will take place over the next few months and a vote is scheduled in April.

The Comprehensive District Design (CDD) examines and makes recommendations on how Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) educates students, how the school system works to meet the needs of underserved populations and how we ensure resources are available to meet our goals. MPS's current structure deprives a significant number of students — especially students of color and low-income students — of a well-rounded education.

## **Upcoming Listening Sessions**

Mon., Feb. 3, 6:30-8 p.m. Justice Page Middle School 1 W. 49th St.

Wed., Feb. 5, 6:30-8 p.m.
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## It's school request time in the Minneapolis Public Schools!

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Livery year in mid-November we kick off a new school request season when families begin the process of requesting a school for the following school year. Our online School Request portal opened in November. Request forms and other helpful information will be available at the portal. The deadline is February 7.

### WHO NEEDS TO REQUEST A SCHOOL?

Children who will turn 4 by September 1 (High Five - Preschool) Children who will turn 5 by September 1 (Kindergarten)

Students, in K-5 schools, moving to 6 grade who want a middle school other than their pathway school.

Any current student wishing to switch schools We welcome new students all year round!

### STEP-1: CONSIDER YOUR CHILD'S NEEDS

Consider your child's strengths, challenges and interests. In what kinds of environments do they learn best? Do they have special needs? Do you want your child in school near your home? Do you want out-of-school childcare available on-site?

### **STEP-2: CHOICES**

Find your school options by entering your home address into the School Request Center SchoolRequest.mpls.k12.mn.us Know that bus transportation and priority admission will be available to your child at these schools. Other school options are available, but may impact transportation and admissions.

### STEP-3:VISIT

See the MPS Guidebook to read about your schools, talk with staff at one of our two student placement centers about how schools compare, and, most importantly, visit the schools to see how they make you and your student feel. Tours are available most days and most schools have evening activities open to visitors.

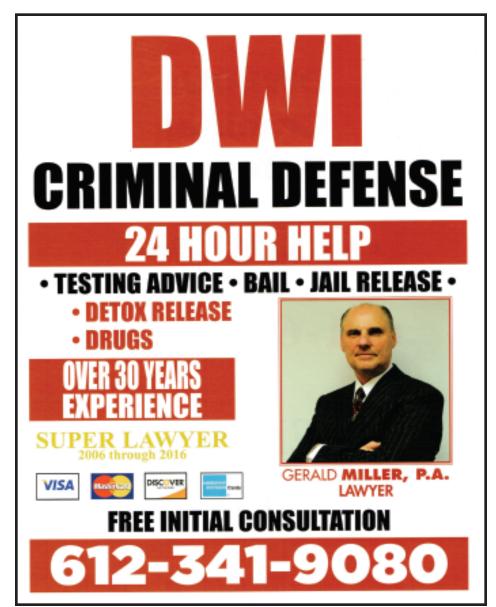
### **STEP-4: PRIORITIZE**

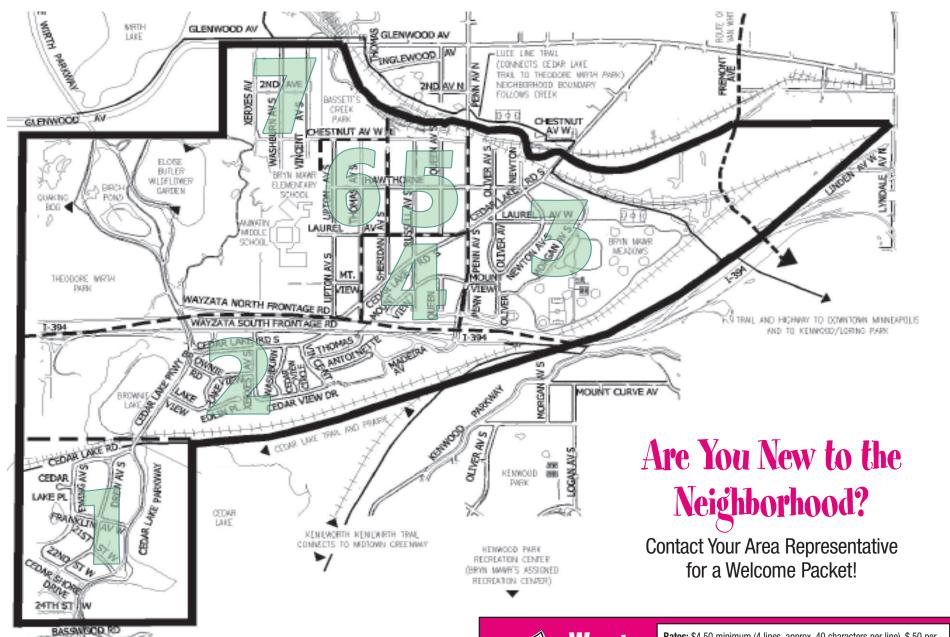
You can request up to two schools. In most cases a family's school request can be honored, especially when received by the <u>February 8</u>, <u>2019</u>, <u>priority deadline</u>. Your child will have the highest priority for placement at the community school for your Attendance Area.

## STEP-5: APPLY

Go online to the School Request Center SchoolRequest.mpls.k12.mn.us to submit your request, or download a paper request form to mail in. For assistance, call or visit one of our two Student Placement Centers: 612.668.3700 (3345 Chicago Ave.), or

612.668.1840 (1250 W. Broadway).





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