



BRYN MAWR BUGLE

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Bryn Mawr Together Apart

Pet Photo Contest

June 8th - July 6th

Pets provide comfort and love, things we need during this time. Please post to Facebook and/or Instagram a photo of your pet with #BrynMawrTogetherApart. Perhaps your pup at a protest, your guinea pig lounging in the yard, or a neighbor's cat out exploring. Maybe there's a costume involved... get creative! The prize is a \$25 gift card to the winner's Bryn Mawr business of choice. Let's see your pet pics!



Ice Cream Stroll

Thursday, July 16th 5:30 - 7:30pm

This year's Ice Cream Social will be on the move! Individually packaged popsicle and ice cream treats will be available throughout the neighborhood - music too. It's a chance to indulge, stroll, and socialize at a distance. Physical distance between households and masks are encouraged. Up-to-date info will be posted on bmna.org and sent to the email distribution list. Event details and RSVP can be found on our Facebook event.



Festival of Garage Sales Update

This year's Festival of Garage Sales normally held in May was postponed due to COVID-19. The BMNA Board has decided to cancel the event for 2020. Our event coordinator will be trying to arrange a few trucks to come by for pickup of any items people have collected and want to donate. Check your email for more information.



"Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that."

- Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

On May 30, Danielle Kusar-Loven, owner of Vivid Interior, commissioned Tim Westrom Murals and Design to paint this tribute in honor of George Floyd on plywood covering the windows of her Area 3 business.



BMNA Community Response

Dear Neighbors,

It's difficult to put into words anything that can adequately address the situation facing the Twin Cities area and the nation right now. Starting with what can only be described as a horrific few minutes captured on cell phone video that recorded the last moments of a man's life, George Floyd, and spreading from there to protests that began peacefully but then erupted into literal flames in more than one area of our sister cities.

The Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association wishes to express its support to all our neighbors and our businesses. While Bryn Mawr has remained peaceful to date, we recognize the need to remain aware and take precautions to secure your homes and businesses as you deem prudent. Emergency funding has been set aside by the Association to help businesses secure storefronts if

requested. This communication is not meant to frighten, just to raise awareness of a very real situation as it exists.

Bryn Mawr neighbors have a long history of watching out for each other and this has helped make the neighborhood one of the safest in the city. Let's continue the tradition of watching out for one another, and consider extending our neighborliness to aiding in cleanups and assistance to other areas. The BMNA is discussing ways we can respond to the systemic racism and how we, as a Board, may be participating.

Our Neighborhood Coordinator will be looking for and sending out information on the neighborhood response to opportunities.

Our best to you all,
Kevin Thompson, President
Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association
(Written: May 30, 2020)

Safer At Home in Bryn Mawr

Make sure you are subscribed to the BMNA email list bmna.org/bryn-mawr-rocks-registration/ where we send out important information or follow us on Facebook, Next Door, Twitter or Instagram. There is also a Helper Map on Next Door where people can list that they need help or are able to offer help. Stay tuned for information regarding where you can participate in our monthly Neighborhood Association meeting.

Visit our website, Facebook page or email list for up-to-date information on the neighborhood response to the COVID-19 virus and links to resources including unemployment assistance, rent assistance, MNSure, food programs, and more.

- Lynda Shabeen,
BMNA Communications and Fundraising Coordinator
Coordinator@bmna.org



BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 10, 2020
6:30 – 8:00 PM
Google Meet/Virtual Meeting

Board and Staff

Kevin Thompson – President
Brian Treece – Vice President
James Dietrich - Treasurer
Jessica Wiley – Secretary
Dave Holets – Area 1 Rep
Dennie Juillerat - Area 3 Rep
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Stephen Harvey – Area 7 Co-Rep
Kate Knuth – Area 7 Co-Rep
McKenzie Erickson – Event Coordinator
JoEllyn Jolstad – Bugle Editor
Lynda Shaheen – Communication/
Fundraising Coordinator

Guests:

Lisa Goodman – Minneapolis City Councilperson
Torie Stone - MPD
Jackie Cherryhomes - Lupe Development
Steve Minn - Lupe Development
Cameron Flakne - Lupe Development
Liv Nielsen – Area 1 resident
Adam Arvidson - Mpls Park Board

Call to Order at 6:32PM

Agenda approval. Moved, seconded. Motion carried.
Minutes from May were not published in Bugle. Deferred approval until July.

Councilmember Lisa Goodman

Appreciates the support from neighbors. Released a statement to those on her email list (<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1yTv8o1rXltr1pgVBCvsbWR469V45um/view>) about why she didn't sign the pledge to defund the police or appear at a rally. Has received approximately 30,000 emails and phone calls; replied to about 300 emails a day for the past 10 days. Took questions from the board about the administration refusing to negotiate with the union, other actions taken by the city council and the chief of police, the response of the police department to the murder of George Floyd, and about reform. State laws and the city charter stand in the way of immediate change. The city charter outlines how many police officers we must have. A charter change would have to be made on a citywide ballot. Members of the police department have made statements about the shame they feel over the behavior of other officers. Encouraged us to read the editorial in the Strib about PELRA (Public Employee Labor

Relations Act) by William Pen-telovitch. Discussed how reform movements in the past have not resulted in real change, that we have to think differently about how the police respond to 911 and other city issues. Asked about removing Bob Kroll as police union president. Responded that having Kroll leave would go a long way toward healing. Discussed how the city is addressing the rebuilding of Lake Street and other neighborhoods.

Safety – Torie Stone

Thanked Bryn Mawr for embracing our partnership during the past weeks. The 4th precinct has gone into protective mode; they've been threatened and need to protect the precinct and the surrounding houses. The fence will come down eventually. National Guard is still at the precinct at this moment. Patrols are focused on West Broadway. Addressed businesses in Bryn Mawr affected by looting; Bryn Mawr Mobile station had a theft. There was another theft but not related to the looting. Discussed partnerships with police department. Still in communication with the Park Board. Contact Torie if you're having issues in the park and she will communicate with the Park Board. All the cameras were destroyed during the looting at the Fruen Mill and no budget to replace them. The building is still being watched. Continue monitoring at the Century Link building. No reports of damage during the riots. Still having issues with people in the parking lot. Asked about a neighbor finding a flammable bottle at Century Link. She will investigate. Call 911 if you see something dangerous. You can also call a report in to the FBI tip number. Torie.Stone@minneapolisismn.gov

2800 Wayzata Project

Lupe Development - Steve Minn, Cameron Flakne, Jackie Cherryhomes
Cameron thanked the BMNA for sponsoring the naming contest. There are 47 entries; closing on June 15. Steve reported on the funding for the project. Money is lined up for the market rate building, waiting for funding for the affordability building. For the affordability gap, have to go through a number of steps. Hennepin County Commissioner Irene Hernando advocated on behalf of the project; they were awarded a \$600,000 grant to help move forward. This grant, along with \$2 million dollars from the city trust fund, confirms the critical partners to advance to the next step. In the pool for a \$1.5 million grant from Met Council for site improvements. Need BMNA letters of support for this. Working on applications for state housing bonds, and getting support from Minnesota Housing Staff. Jackie Cherryhomes working with the Minneapolis Public Schools on the pond design. CoVid interrupted the work, but a legal agreement is imminent. A small right-of-way berm that belongs to the City of Mpls needs to be deeded to the project. Update on

the schedule. Takes a year for bonds to be awarded. Breaking ground around June of 2021. Move in around December 2022. Both buildings will be constructed at the same time. Kevin will review the letters of support, word smith, and obtain approval from the board before sending.

Bryn Mawr Meadows –

Adam Arvidson, Director of Strategic Planning, Mpls Park Board

Was Project Manager for the North Service Area Master plan which included Bryn Mawr Meadows. Presented the funding overview for implementation. Shared the graphic vision for the park that was adopted by the Park Board. www.minneapolisparcs.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/NSAMP-4-A-C-Neighborhood-Park-plans.pdf Significant reduction in ball fields; moved the ball diamonds back away from Morgan. Includes green space and a semi indoor/outdoor conservatory space that could bring in activities all year long. In 2019, \$290,000 allocated for the playground. Note that dollars are not always spent in the year they're allocated. A significant \$3.44 million allocation was assigned to the park with money available in 2021. A design project manager will be assigned to work with the neighborhood and facilitate community engagement in 2021 to talk about what exactly will be built. Construction will start in 2022 and possibly go into 2023. Playground will be done at the same time. Working with Bassett Creek Watershed Management District which is committing funds for treatment ponds, eliminating the pipes which take Bryn Mawr water into Bassett Creek. Discussed the 20% reduction in parking. Fewer games happening at one time, longer periods for play due to lighting of outer fields, more turnover should result in fewer spaces needed at the same time. Connection to bike trail remains. Over \$4 million total dollars is available from all sources; Park Board, water shed, neighborhood capitol levy and NPP 20 agreement funds. Does not believe that the dollars are at risk. Asked about including plants along the wall of the Light Rail.

BMNA Response to Post Protests Needs/Supporting Other Neighborhoods-Kate Knuth.

Given everything that's happening in our city, sparked by the murder of George Floyd, exposing decades of social injustice that resulted in systemic racism, wants us to think about our role in rebuilding and how we can be a part of making our city a more racially just place. Need more time to talk about these things than a board meeting allows. Proposed forming a committee to talk about the BMNA response to the immediate social unrest and how we can bring about racial justice. Don't know what the scope of the committee should be, the committee can talk about this. Could

serve multiple roles. Committee should come back with some short term ideas for responding to the current situation, and long term ideas for addressing the bigger issue of racial inequality. McKenzie and Kate agreed to chair the committee. Lynda, Jessica, Steve, Colleen, Liv, JoEllyn, and Karen Soderberg volunteered to be on the committee. Specific ideas were also suggested to support rebuilding the community. Dennie is currently working to install the art work Vivid commissioned from artist Tim Wellstrom. Perhaps we create a space for community art addressing equity. Offer free ads in the Bugle for businesses to the north, directing dollars to neighborhoods that need it. Look at ways to make Bryn Mawr a more affordable community in which to live. Convene conversations about racial justice. Connect with the group and leaders that met in the past years to talk about racism in Bryn Mawr. Look at any informative work that the Vision Committee did last year.

Treasurer Report – JD Dietrich

Profit and loss document posted. Working with Michael Wilson from the city on our taxes. Have contracted with Dennis Fazio to help with the tax report. Looking into potential investments. CPP plan reviewed. Highlights of our accomplishments in 2019. The city asks specifically for how we connect and communicate with stakeholders that might be marginalized and not as involved. Report moved by Jessica, second by Barry. Approved.

Communications & Fundraising - Lynda Shaheen

Submitted a written report. Really busy communicating about CoVid and the George Floyd protests. Membership donations are still coming in online and in the mail. Continue to get questions about the garage sale, plant sale, and Cedar Lake. Have received a lot of feedback from neighbors grateful for our communications about COVID and safety. Kevin commended Lynda for the thorough job she's done communicating with the neighborhood.

Events – McKenzie Erickson

Written report submitted. Highlights this month included Color Bryn Mawr, Clean up / Planting (Thank you Dennie, Rod, Karen), the Grad parade - 12 graduates and countless neighbors cheering (Thank you Patty Wycoff and Lynda). The building naming contest had 47 submissions. Coming up is a pet photo contest and yoga in the Meadows. Talking about how to do a self-guided garden tour, a socially distanced ice cream social, hosting undoing racism conversations. Kevin thanked McKenzie for all her work during this difficult time.



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Bryn Mawr Recycling Schedule

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From the Editor

When CoVid shut down the world in March, we were all sent home to isolate with our chosen bubble of family and/or friends. Although education is truly an essential service, it was determined that it could be delivered effectively online. That meant that I was working from home and our daughter was back in the nest to finish her college year.

We stocked up on essentials and then made a game of cooking from the pantry. Despite the deathly seriousness of something that has claimed more lives this year than any other single cause, we settled into a new reality of wearing a mask and only needing one tank of gas every other month.

There are many benefits to having our daughter home. She is fun and great company. I am eating a mostly pescatarian diet and trying new recipes. There is ALWAYS wine with dinner and also dessert. The dishwasher is filled and emptied as needed and we are making good use of our Netflix and Prime subscriptions. I have discovered the joy of curbside pickup at Kowalski's and Total Wine and realized that I don't need any more clothes.

And in the midst of all this, a black man named George Floyd died at the hands of a white police officer. The sad reality is that

ANOTHER black person's life was extinguished because of a system that doesn't value all lives and perpetuates unfounded fear of those who do not look "like us". This time, the citizens of this country were not consumed by the pre-CoVid work-a-day life and our world erupted as outraged people took to the streets.

The city burned and people demanded change. Our leaders advised us to be vigilant and to hide our garbage cans in the garage to prevent them from becoming the next target for fire. Patio furniture and other things that could be thrown through windows were also stowed and we were glued to the television news until the wee hours of the morning, witnessing the horror of it all. For the first time in my life, I understood what it was to live in fear. I gained the tiniest insight into what it is like for people who face this reality every day.

And now I am more grateful than ever to have a young person living in my house. Her perspective on what is happening has helped me grow. I have a greater understanding of the obstacles this city and our country face in trying to achieve true equity and justice for all. More importantly, I see that I can and must play a role in affecting this change.

- JoEllyn Jolstad editor@bmna.org

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SWLRT Light Rail News

Bicyclists and pedestrians will be detoured to Kenwood Parkway from the Cedar Lake Trail near Linden Yards from June 18-22. Cedar Lake Parkway will close for 16 days starting July 6. There will still be pedestrian and bike access. A longer closure of nearly 6 months is expected later this year for tunnel excavation.

COVID-19 Updates

As restaurants and other businesses re open please check the laws about wearing masks, they are required in all indoor places in Minneapolis. Free testing is available to people who have been at mass gatherings like protests and distribution sites. Assistance is available for businesses that were damaged and need to rebuild or have been affected by COVID-19. Evictions have been suspended

through July 13. Rent assistance is available through Hennepin County. More information on bmna.org and minneapolismn.gov

Census

Keep it up Bryn Mawr! Our participation rate has gone from 85% in May to 90%! The Census is available online. Minneapolis residents should have received an invite in their mailboxes and can complete the census in it's online version by going to my2020census.gov. Let's get the highest response rate in the city!

Absentee Ballots

You can request an absentee ballot for the August primary and the November general election as a way to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. More information at sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/

Celebration of Life

Mindy Macy, Area 6

Ned and Kevin McGraine invite you to celebrate the life of their beloved wife and mother, Mindy Macy.

July 15, 2:00 pm
Plymouth Congregational Church
1900 Nicollet Av, Minneapolis

Attendance will be limited to allow for distancing. Please RSVP by calling 612-377-0866. Memorial contributions to Planned Parenthood.



Ex-Bugle Writer Promoted

Dave Logsdon, who wrote the popular "Counter Talk" column in the Bugle for many years, has been named Vice-President of National Veterans For Peace. Veterans For Peace is a veteran led organization that is dedicated to bringing awareness through arts,

education, and action to the high moral and fiscal costs of war. Dave now lives in the Longfellow Neighborhood in Minneapolis, and still worked at the Bryn Mawr Market until recently "self-furloughing" himself with the onset of the Co-Vid pandemic. He will serve as the interim Vice-President for 2020.



- July 4, 2020 Partial lunar eclipse starting at 10:07, maximal at 11:29. The sun's shadow will cover about a quarter of the moon in the upper left quadrant.
- July 5, 2020 Full moon, the Dakota Canpasa Wi or chokecherry moon.
- July 9, 2000 Floodwaters after a 3-inch cloudburst washed out the Canadian Pacific railroad tracks under Glenwood Avenue. Decades ago the Army Corps of Engineers rerouted the creek, isolating the lagoon just north of Glenwood that could serve as a reservoir to store overflow water during such events. The CP track, running over and along the creek west and south of the BNSF tracks, was repaired but later abandoned when the few businesses it served no longer used its services. Now the Park Board is trying to buy it and make it a recreational trail.
- July 15, 2013 Great horned owl hooting in the woods near Bryn Mawr School.

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BMNA Community Project

Wrap a Utility Box

We have completed the wrap of one of the utility boxes in Area 1. This project was one of four approved in February 2019. For this project, we partnered with the City of Minneapolis in the effort to cover utility boxes with artist created designs.

Criteria for community projects include:

- Is it possible (politically, physical-ly)?
 - Does it meet the budget (\$0 - \$6000)?
 - Is it sustainable long term?
 - Does it have neighborhood wide impact?
 - Is there leadership (an identified neighbor) to get the project done?
- Projects that will improve our community are solicited annually from



neighbors, October through December. We appreciate the creative ideas we received and hope you will continue to submit ideas for future projects to jessica.wiley@bmna.org, or 612-374-3481.

The BMNA Community Project has been in place for the last 13 years. Committee members include: Steve Harvey, Area 7; Jay Peterson, Area 6; Joanne Michalec, Area 4; Jessica Wiley, Area 3; Susan Verrett, Area 2; Kevin Thompson, BMNA President; and Lynda Shaheen, Neighborhood Coordinator.

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - July 2020

*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
MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUILDINGS ARE CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. Students will engage in online distance learning and outside permits are cancelled until this mandate is lifted.			1	2	3	Independence Day 4
5	6	7	8 BMNA Monthly Meeting Online TBD Subscribe to BMNA email list or visit bmna.org for details.	9	10	Buckthorn Removal Volunteer Event 8am-noon. RSVP to alysonkquinn@gmail.com
12	13	14	15	Ice Cream Stroll 16	17	18
19	20 Submissions due for June Bugle. Drop in the Bugle Box at Bryn Mawr Market or email bugle@bmna.org	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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Graduate Parade

- Photos by Jay Peterson, Area 6

The Class of 2020 is the Class of Covid-19—no prom, no senior parties and no graduation. The people of Bryn Mawr decided to change that. On Saturday May 30, they had their own ceremony for the 12 seniors in the neighborhood that were able to attend. The day before the event, George Floyd was killed at the hands of the Minneapolis Police. We weren't sure if we should cancel the parade. The students had their own idea about what to do, carrying signs calling for racial justice.

Southwest High teacher and Bryn Mawr neighbor Casey Briskin gave a commencement address and the graduates marched through the neighborhood. Neighbors who have known these kids their whole lives came out to cheer for them. Former teachers from Bryn Mawr Elementary School came to celebrate them too. Look for a video soon made by Area 6 resident Deacon Warner.

- Participants were:**
- Zack Carlson, Southwest High
 - Lili Carr, Southwest High
 - Lasse Corson, Southwest High
 - Gabe Engel, Southwest High
 - Elliot Etz, St. Louis Park High
 - Charlie Grabow, Southwest High
 - Lauren Hiedeman, Southwest High
 - Jasper Linnebach, Southwest High
 - Will Marshall, Southwest High
 - Abby Smith, Southwest High
 - Jack Stillman, Southwest High
 - Ajay Torborg, Southwest High

Copy of commencement address by Casey Briskin on page 11.



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Bugle - JoEllyn Jolstad

The deadline for articles/ads is the 20th, as usual. Shout out to the graduation parade. Graduation issue was in June instead of July. Some grads will be added in July. Grad speech submitted. Two versions of minutes, May and June.

Webmaster – Jeremy Stafford
Online report.

Committee Reports (as needed)

Community Projects. Jessica Wiley
Utility wrap in Area 1 being done this summer.

Finance/Membership. JD Dietrich
Reviewed decisions made at the June meeting including: move the Anwatin/ PASS account, create a separate emergency fund category in community projects, contract with Dennis Fazio for tax filing, address inventory and in kind donation record keeping, determine how fees will be recorded, and separate payments for spirit wear and membership donations.

Gardens – Dennie Juillerat
Excellent help. Appreciate communications from McKenzie and Lynda. Moved from clean up to weeding.

Gateway Project – Dennie Juillerat
Moving forward. Working with MN DOT and City of Mpls. Funding hasn't changed. We will not incur out of pocket costs for the hedge up to \$10,000. Dennie identifying plants.

Nominations – Brian Treece
President, Secretary, and 2, 4, and 6 are all up for re-election and we are accepting additional nominations.

Schools – Lynda Shaheen
The contracting of school resource officers (SROs) in the schools has been contentious. Severed ties with Mpls police dept. EBT card—everyone eligible for food for the summer. Passed a balanced budget.

Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements

Andrew Jansen, Area 5, has resigned from the board, leaving an opening for a new rep from Area 5.

Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:
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Form and Forum TBD
Upcoming Events:
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Yoga in the Meadows

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Agenda approval moved, seconded. Motion carried.
Minutes from April moved, seconded. Motion carried.

Councilmember Lisa Goodman

Sending out a weekly newsletter. All of the street sweeping is done. Compromise at Legislature on voting; not going to mail ballots for city or statewide for either August or November elections. We need election judges; they get paid. Not going to go door to door for census. Remember the naming project for the new development. There have been a couple of zoning requests. Lisa answered questions about Fruen Mill, the recycling company fire and the Century Link site. Safety – Torie Stone and Rowena Holmes. MPD restricted from using Zoom for privacy issues. Submitted a written report. We will explore a virtual meeting program that allows MPD and city employee participation.
Torie.Stone@minneapolismn.gov written report

Treasurer Report – JD Dietrich

Sent out a balance sheet and Profit and Loss document. Working with Michael Wilson on our 2019 taxes. Have postponed them. Want to look at some needed bylaw updates.

Communications & Fundraising - Lynda Shaheen

Having Zoom meetings with all the neighborhood coordinators. According to their metrics, we're doing an A+ job communicating with neighbors through our emails, Facebook page, webpage, and NextDoor. We have a link on our home page link to Together/Apart activities. Incorporating Instagram into our social media portfolio. Working with Jack Whitehurst to complete the CPP report. Cleaning up Quicken lists which track our membership and donation lists.

Events – McKenzie Erickson

Sent a spreadsheet with all the activities that we're planning and supporting during the stay home and social distancing orders.

Activity Recap:
We got engagement in Earth Week, about 50 ribbons were moved during the May Day Ribbon Together

activity. Spring Clean Up had 5 volunteers, which was the max. Make sure neighbors know about Color Bryn Mawr, Naming Contest, and Grad Parade. Forwarding emails, social, and word of mouth. Asking board members to participate and share on Facebook and Instagram with #BrynMawrTogether-Apart #StayHomeActivity.

Bugle - JoEllyn Jolstad

The deadline for articles/ads is the 20th, as usual. Have extra Bugles because walk through pick-ups are minimal; Bugles still available at the Market or let JoEllyn know if you need extra copies. The salute to Grads moved up to June. If you know students that should be acknowledged let them know. In July will honor the grad parade planned for May 30.
Webmaster – Jeremy Stafford. Completed upgrade to live site. We're now on Word Press 5.4 Some bugs and glitches to work out. In the last 90 days, website traffic is up 40%. Typically the Bugle or the current event is most visited; Together/Apart getting traffic. Goals for next month are to complete tutorials for processes we use, including how to access documents through our G Suite, tweaking photo galleries and integrate with Instagram.

Committee Reports

Communications. Jay Peterson
Acknowledge our appreciation of our staff members for all that they're doing and working together to keep our community informed. Also thanks to Jessica and JD for the transition work they've done with the secretary and treasurer positions.

Community Projects. Jessica Wiley
2020 community projects are continuing to move forward. The La Mesa patio is done. We can't wait to access it. Had a neighbor propose a project to put up flower baskets at The Villa on Glenwood so that room bound clients could enjoy flowers during this time. The committee reviewed the proposal and approved \$400 to support it.

Events – See McKenzie's report
Hold on filling the event position permanently until we can meet with applicants.

Finance/Membership
Finance Committee will be meeting in late May.

Gardens – Dennie Juillerat
Committee members are doing a lot of work. There are 19 members on the garden list. We want to recognize all the garden volunteers, and especially those that have taken on leadership for projects. John Davenport for the garden in Area 1 on Cedar Lake Parkway. Kathy Ripke for the Garden of Hope and Healing near the church and the garden at the Anwatin/Bryn Mawr school sign. Kathy Skalicky for the Upton Garden in Area 4, and Lauren for the Triangle in Area 3, along with Jan and Joe Wagner, and Larry Cutler for photos. Schedule for work has been sent out for cleaning up downtown and spreading mulch.

Gateway Project – Karen Frederickson

Submitted a written report. Continue to meet with the City of Minneapolis. Landscape group is working to engage various people to help. Red Knights firefighters group has volunteered to help with mowing. Been in touch with contacts at the City of Minneapolis for water access. Those who have further questions should contact committee members. We want to recognize the original hedge creators, including Steve Jensen, Greg Lecher, Vida Ditter, and Kathy Ripke. Margaret Anderson Kelliher was the neighborhood coordinator at the time. We are grateful for the donation of the Carrera marble. It's beautiful. Envisioning how to incorporate it.

Nominations
President, Secretary, and Area Reps for 2, 4, and 6 are all up for election and we are accepting nominations. Elections will be held in November. The Board can also appoint people to open positions. Our bylaws allow three reps per area; there are openings for Area Reps in Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7. Contact Brian Treece.

Schools
The CDD (Comprehensive District Design) plan for the MPS passed. It drastically changes the district. Implementation of the changes will begin in 2021. Bryn Mawr Elementary will not see changes. Anwatin will lose the Spanish Immersion Program, gains all students from Kenwood and Nellie Stone Johnson (in addition to having students from Bryn Mawr Elementary). For all students who attend Anwatin, the neighborhood high school changes to North High. Discussed the particulars of the changes that will occur. Go to www.cdd.mpls.k12.mn.us/ for more information.

Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements

ROC - Not meeting during CoVid19. The Bassett Creek Valley artists' apartments are under construction. SW LRT - No changes reported to the funding. Board members asked to commit to either writing or soliciting an article for the Bugle. This is a yearly expectation. Discussed what online format to use for the June meeting. We anticipate a virtual meeting.

Adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:
Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Upcoming Events:
May 30 Grad Event
May Coloring Art Activity

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.

Step Into Nature

Stepping into nature can be as simple as walking out our back door. Being able to take that step may be an essential part of our future and our hope for survival.

It is a common awareness that many species of insects, birds, and many other animals are in serious decline or have already disappeared. Populations of bees, butterflies and birds are noticeably diminished compared to what they were when we were young. Just look at the reduced number of insect splatters on the car windshield compared to when we were kids.

Many of these vanishing species are part of the natural network on which we humans depend for our own survival. Their disappearance warns us of our own demise. It is a bleak picture, but there is a serious solution that is right out our back door.

A surprising and simple solution was just put forth by naturalist Douglas Tallamy in his most recent book, "Nature's Best Hope." Tallamy explains how loss of their habitat and sustaining food sources is a key factor in the disappearance of insects and other animals. Natural areas in places such as national parks are simply inadequate to provide suitable habitat to support a sustainable population of bees, butterflies and birds.

The good news is that outside those national parks are millions of acres of green lawns that can be converted into sustaining habitat the parks are not able to provide. Mil-

lions of acres of ecologically barren lawns are easily available if we replace the turf in our yards with native plants. Rather than our going out in search of natural spaces for our own enjoyment, we bring nature to us. We also bring back the bees, butterflies and birds.

Tallamy and his research students point out that cultivars are no good substitute for native plants. Cultivars, those strange and attractive plants we buy at nurseries, may be pleasing to us, but they are more like fast food for bees and butterflies. Filling but not nourishing.

Native plants can be equally as lovely as cultivars. Natives also provide a more appealing and nutritious option for caterpillars that eat the plants and for the insects that feast on the pollen and nectar. The plants and insects have evolved over millions of years to offer one another their best option. Birds, in turn, feast on the insects and require those bugs to feed their young.

We have learned to see green lawns as culturally appealing to us, but they are actually an ecological wasteland. Many lawns in Bryn Mawr have already been purposefully abandoned and many neighbors have created native parkland in their own yards.

Bees, butterflies and birds are happier and better able to survive because of this conversion. So are those neighbors happier who only have to step outside their door to be enveloped by a natural setting. It's a setting in which everyone also has a better chance to survive.

Barry Schade, Area 6

sons can RSVP to alysonkquinn@gmail.com

We have some tools, safety goggle for all, and will be creating outdoor learning/play spaces in the areas where we clear. Volunteers should bring their own water, wear work pants and close toed shoes, if possible bring gloves, and tools if they have them (no power tools).

We will create a registration link that can be shared on the BMNA FB page and shared with those who respond. We will have an orientation the day of, and a nurse on site.

- Alyson Quinn, Area 7



Renovation of the Meadows in the Works

The Minneapolis Park Board is planning a \$4 Million renovation of Bryn Mawr Meadows for 2021-2022. The project, which will significantly transform the park, is guided by The North Service Area Master Plan (NSAMP) which was formally adopted in February of 2019. The vision for the Meadows includes realignment of the

baseball fields, a new playground and splash area, relocated parking, better vegetative screening, and improved stormwater handling. The park improvements will happen in phases as the funding becomes available, and it's likely that some parts of the project will have to wait. The plan calls for a potential new park building, but funding for it has yet to be identified. Depending on the exact scope of the project, fields would be finished in either 2022 or 2023.

-Chris Etz, Area 4 Co-Rep



Park Programs and Amenities

LAKES

The Park Board has reopened some area beaches with lifeguards. Lifeguards will be posted daily at Bde Maka Ska, Nokomis, Wirth Lake, Cedar Lake East, and Lake Harriet North.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Fun on the Run has also started at 12 area parks. It is a free program for youth and teens that runs from 1:00-4:00pm.

ONLINE COMMENTS

New online interactive tool to share comments about the Cedar Lake/Lake of the Isles Master Plan. Follow the link to the Minneapolis Parks website and choose Favorite Memory, I Have an Idea, I Have a Concern, This Works Well. You can add a comment and pin the location

SAILING

Sailing classes for kids and adults and new cruises are starting at Lake Harriet. More information and registration online.

www.minneapolisparks.org

Brush/Buckthorn Removal Event

Saturday, July 11, 8am-12pm

The Minneapolis Nature Preschool is organizing a work day to remove brush and buckthorn in our surrounding woods. The volunteer event will take place Saturday, July 11th, 8am-noon.

This event is open to socially distanced, adults only and there is a limit of 20 people. Interested per-



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Bryn Mawr Moms on the Search for Good Books & Food

The Library Book
By Susan Orleans

In 1986, the main branch of the Los Angeles Public Library caught fire. The fire raged for over 7 hours, burning and damaging a million books. While no one died, 50 firefighters were scorched and suffered lung damage from a fire described as “colorless,,like a sheet of glass. We thought we were looking at the bowels of hell.” Author Susan Orleans sets out to answer the biggest question swirling around the fire. Was it arson?

Harry Peak was a suspect from the very beginning. Harry had always wanted to be an actor, and he had the good looks he thought would open doors for him in Hollywood. He was known for his very thick, blond hair and for his embellished storytelling. Harry’s life was filled with “a series of tall tales and wishful thinking.” Harry told friends he was there when the fire began, how the fire was so intense he was carried from the building by a handsome fireman. His story and his alibi changed over and over during the investigation. “He kept repeating the story, adjusting it a touch each time, as if he were a tailor working on a jacket, taking in a bit of fabric here, letting out a seam there. Then stepping back to consider what fit best.” Orleans spent years researching, interviewing Harry’s friends and family, investigators, firefighters and librarians, to find out if he really did it.

But as Orleans digs into the Central Library fire, with her journalistic skills and curiosity, she unearths stories that were waiting to be told. She writes about architecture, the nature of fire, the banning and burning of books to erase a people, early librarians (characters who understood how a library sustains culture) and she came to understand the complexity of the role a library plays in being part of the soul of society. “It wasn’t that time stopped in the library. It was as if it were captured here, collected here, and in all libraries ,,,all human time,,. In the library, time is dammed up - not just stopped but saved.”

The first library in Los Angeles was a reading room opened in 1844. By the time Orleans begins her delve into the Central Library fire in 2011, the building was 85 years old. She describes it as “what a child might assemble out of blocks.” There were a number of small entrances and balconies, a “fantasia” of angles and nooks, plateaus and terraces stepping out to a single central pyramid topped with a bronze sculpture of an open flame held in a human hand. The complexity and politics of designing and building a library are clear as

she interviews longtime librarians and architects involved in creating a space that is central to community. The importance of the library, both the space and purpose, is not lost on those who lives are spent there. Senior librarian Roy Stone “confided ,, that when he worked at a branch downtown, local drug dealers used to come to the library and ask him to help fill out their tax returns. He thought it was a perfect example of the rare role libraries play, to be a government entity, a place of knowledge, that is nonjudgmental, inclusive, and fundamentally kind.”

Orleans comes to know librarians, and while the earliest figures in the library movement were men, there were female librarians who experienced blatant sexism as they sought to move to roles of power and authority. Her story is filled with the musings, observations and quirky aspects of the people whose life-work is in the library. “My friends think because I’m a librarian, I know everything. “We’ll be watching the Olympics, and suddenly, they’ll say, ‘Tina, how do they score snowboarding at the Olympics?’ Or out of the blue, ‘Tina, how long do parrots live?’” And still, in the era of Google, librarians are the connection to information.

We loved this book. It’s a page turning mystery, a nostalgic journey back to childhood, remembering the freedom of being in the library with an endless choice of intriguing stories, a compelling account of the importance of libraries to culture and history, and an understanding of being. “Destroying a culture’s books is sentencing it to something worse than death. It is sentencing it to seem as if it never lived” Some of the chapters were heavy on facts, but it’s beautifully written. “The library is a gathering pool of narratives and of the people who come to find them. It is where we can glimpse immortality; in the library, we can live forever.”

Did Harry Peak commit arson? The building was a complete tinderbox just waiting to be ignited because of its outdated electric system compounded with housing the most magnificent storehouse of tinder! And as Orleans discovers, arson is “vexingly hard to investigate.” Determining whether arson occurred is an imperfect art. We will never know.

What the Moms are reading now:
The Sea Wife, by Amity Gaige



Youth & Schools

Lynda Shabeen, BMNA Schools Committee Chair

Bryn Mawr Buddies

The Bryn Mawr Early Childhood Special Education team is excited to re-launch the “Bryn Mawr Buddies” inclusion program! We are looking for children ages 3 to 5 years old to join our preschool Autism program as peer models for our students with special needs.

As a peer model your child will be a leader in our classroom using their talents in social play, friendship, and language skills to help our unique learners grow in their skills. At the same time, all involved will be getting a free high quality preschool experience through the district’s pre-k academic curriculum, Big Day for Pre-K, with social emotional learning, and self regulation skills along with getting the unique experience to learn more about kids with special needs. If you are interested in participating in this program or would like more informa-

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an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi,
White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo,
Me and White Supremacy by Layla Saad, and *The New Jim Crow* by Michelle Alexander.

These four titles bring to light the many ways in which racism functions, damages, and is perpetuated in our modern world. These books pose essential questions to each of us: How can we hold ourselves accountable? And also, how can we contribute to a society of true equity and justice?

If you’re hungry for even more reading, the University of Minnesota Press has made available a collection of anti-racist books to all to read online for free through August 31.

The recent efforts of community members to protect our libraries and clean up damages have touched our hearts. Thank you. You have stood with us time and time again, and we stand by you at every turn.

In peace and solidarity,
—Friends of HCL



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Loss and Resilience -
Remarks to Neighborhood High
School Graduates and a small
gathering of neighbors.

It is a pleasure to be speaking to the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood graduates of 2020, and their families. I have long awaited the opportunity to deliver a commencement speech, but in all my fantasies I never thought it would be in the parking lot of Anwatin Middle School, in the middle of a global pandemic and civil unrest. And, I'm certain neither did any of you. And yet, here we find ourselves. Brought together by the bond of community and the will power of Patty Wycoff.

What can I bring to this occasion, to both mitigate the loss our seniors have experienced, and inspire them with hope of better days? This is not the world we promised you. Especially now, as we grieve the murder of George Floyd, and watch our town erupt into anger and flames. What can I say when outrage and sorrow overshadows what should be a day of joyous celebration? Nothing.

And so I turn to literature to find my inspiration. I turn first to Shakespeare and his play *King Lear*, a play in which the world falls into chaos and disorder. The word "nothing" is repeated 34 times throughout the play and evolves into a metaphor for loss. When Lear says, "Nothing will come of nothing," what he means, and what the world has come to understand is that whether we start with nothing, or have everything and then lose it, we learn to make something from what remains. *King Lear* gains self-knowledge and the value of love. In the end, after so much death and loss, the task of restoring order to the kingdom begins. And now, in this parking lot, is where you begin to rebuild what Covid-19 has stolen from you. This gathering is a testament to the strength of this community and the love that surrounds you.

And that is why we are here- to acknowledge not only the losses but also the resilience of our graduating seniors during this difficult spring season. Literature teaches us that we don't always get the happily ever after ending we crave, but it does teach us about adversity, loss and the restorative power of love and community.

Starting with *King Lear* and ending with *The Handmaid's Tale*, My students journeyed through some difficult and dark stories. Let me share three short examples, however, in which love of family and community balances the pain of loss and injustice.

Although *Lear* is primarily responsible for plunging his kingdom into conflict, he finds redemption through the unwavering love and forgiveness of his daughter Cordelia.

In *Beloved*, by Toni Morrison, readers are thrust deeply into the pain of Sethe, a former slave who sacrifices her own child in order to save her from the horrors of

enslavement. Like Lear, she too is healed by the restorative power of love: Love from a former slave, love from her family, and community.

And finally, in *The Handmaid's Tale*, a dystopian novel in which Margaret Atwood warns us of the dangers of religious extremism, sexual oppression, and injustice, Offred, our protagonist, finds comfort in the memories of love for her daughter and the way the world once was.

These are not cheerful novels, but they help us understand how to navigate a world of loss and injustice. And though we stand here knowing we are privileged to be standing here, to be celebrating this rite of passage, I would like to acknowledge the personal and communal losses of this graduating class of 2020.

Personal disappointments may seem insignificant when compared to the greater suffering we see around us, but they are emblematic of these times as well.

The sudden closing of school and the stay-at-home order brought a sudden halt to specific plans and traditions. You accepted these personal losses with stoic acceptance and maturity.

Yes, you have lost much. And there is much that you have gained during the pandemic. You have gained time for introspection. You have learned to be content with the view that is familiar: that of your family, your backyard, and here behind you, the view of Bryn Mawr Elementary and Anwatin Middle School. A fitting view that has brought you full circle in your educational journey.

There is also the view that is disturbing and horrific. The view of injustice suffocating the life of the innocent. You have come to this gathering prepared to march through the neighborhood with signs demanding justice for George Floyd. You understand that in the midst of lost traditions, there are greater issues to overcome.

We are fortunate that the shutdown took place while the earth was opening up its beauty to us, allowing us to take joy in the rebirth of spring and the hope it conveys. But now that promise has been tarnished.

I would like to end with a few lines from Mary Oliver's poem *Wild Geese*, in which she speaks to the healing beauty of the earth and the promise of community:

Whoever you are, no matter how lonely,
The world offers itself to your imagination
Calls to you like the wild geese,
harsh and exciting
Over and over announcing your place
In the family of things.

Graduating seniors of 2020, may you all find your rightful place in the world and help set it right.

- Casey Briskin, Area 5
English Teacher, Southwest High School



Graduations 2020

Honoring one more young person who we missed last month.
Congratulations to all the Graduates and their families.
Good luck in the future as you pursue your dreams!

Area 3

Lily Carr has graduated this spring from Southwest High School. She is most likely going to attend Loyola University in Chicago this coming Fall. Her parents, Paul and Julie Carr, her family and friends are so proud of her. Congratulations Lily!!



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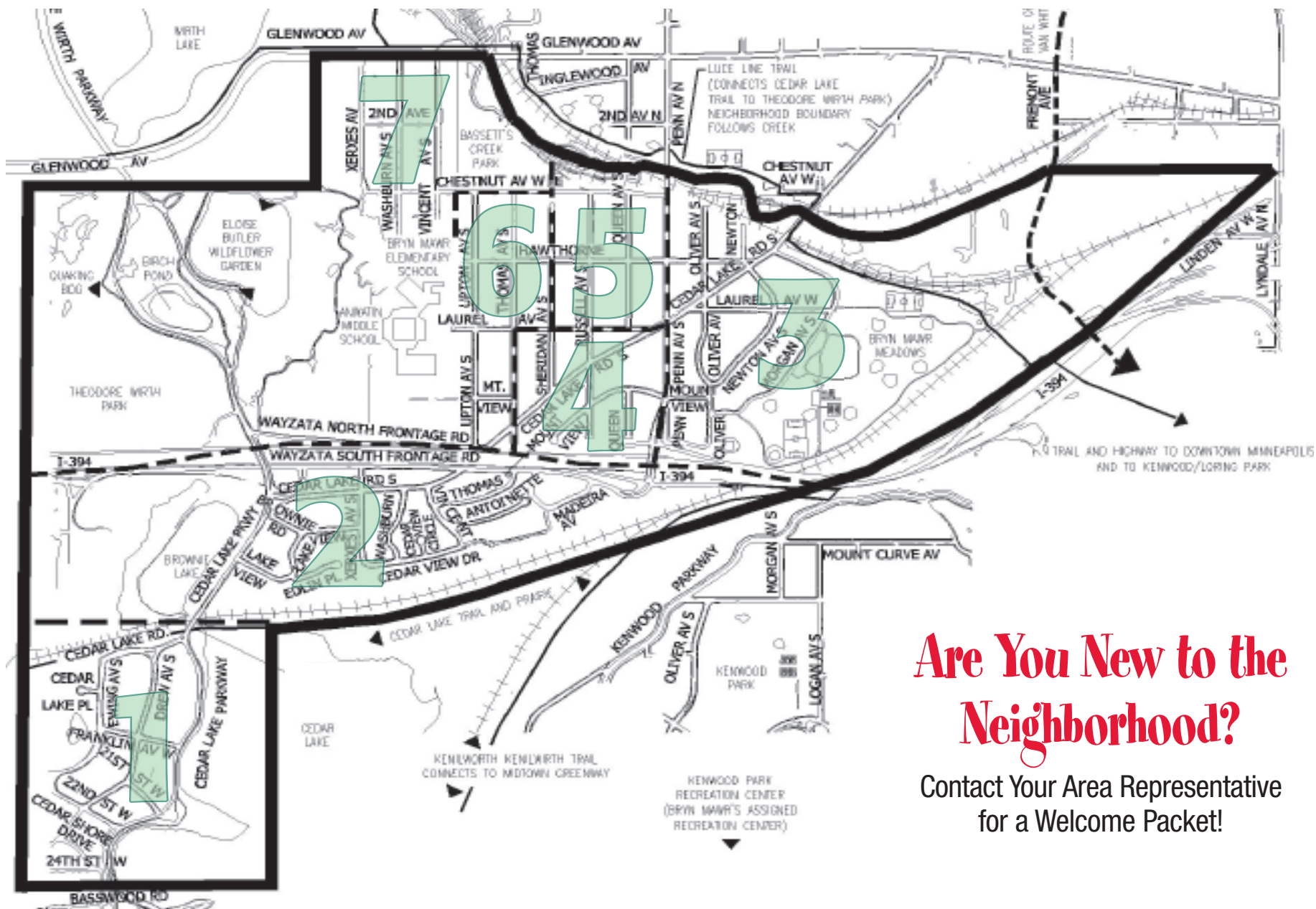
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