



# BRYN MAWR BUGLE

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March 2021



## Join us for a Reimagined Winter Fest on Saturday, March 13th at 4-8pm

Join us for the 3rd Annual Winter Fest. It'll be like none other before! The aim in the past has been about gathering with neighbors at the end of a long winter and fundraising for the summer events on the horizon. There is

no fundraising goal this year and no fee to attend. As we mark a year of physical distancing, and what has felt like the longest winter, the hope is to simply gather safely. Fly kites in the meadows, roast marshmallows around a fire, walk

in the woods, get crafty, dance with sparklers, and patronize our wonderful businesses. There will also be a drawing for prizes and an opportunity to shop the latest Bryn Mawr looks! Stay tuned for the schedule and map!

## 2021 Bryn Mawr Community Projects

For the past 14 years, the Community Projects committee has reviewed ideas suggested to improve the neighborhood. The ideas range from the serious to the whimsical; this year was no different. We discussed having musical instruments in the parks, strings of lights in downtown, meal trains, Fed Ex and UPS drop off sites, signs to identify Bassett Creek, starting Bryn Mawr ski races, and many ideas to improve our gardens. The committee recommended the following three projects for funding at the BMNA Board Meeting on February 10. Our budget for community projects is slightly less this year, but we are supporting \$4000 of community work.

Bassett Creek Restoration	\$2300
Wrap a Utility Box	\$850
Design a Walking Tour of Bryn Mawr	\$850

### Bassett Creek Restoration

This project will build on the hard work by Bryn Mawr neighborhood volunteers (31 volunteers donated 215 hours to this project over the past 5 years) by partnering with Friends of the Mississippi River to develop a 10-year plan to guide long-term, volunteer-led removal of buckthorn and restoration of native species in BCP. Dollars will support planning and native plantings.

### Wrap A Utility Box

We will partner with the City of Minneapolis to wrap a second drab street-side utility box.

### Design A Walking Tour of Bryn Mawr and Bassett Creek

Design a tour covering the history, environment, and development of the area tapping into the expertise of the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission, Friends of Bassett Creek, Hennepin County Historical Society, City of Lakes Land Trust, City of Minneapolis Community Planning & Economic, and Wellington Management Funds. A self-guided tour will be created for the future.

We will cover the progress of each of these projects as they unfold over the year. Watch the Bugle for further information.

### Criteria for community projects include:

- Is it possible (politically, physically)?
- Does it meet the budget (\$0 - \$4000)?
- Is it sustainable long term?
- Does it have neighborhood wide impact?
- Who does the project benefit?
- Is there leadership (an identified neighbor) to get the project done?

We appreciate the creative ideas we receive and hope you will continue to submit ideas for future projects to [jessica.wiley@bmna.org](mailto:jessica.wiley@bmna.org), or 612-374-3481.

The BMNA Community Project has been in place for the last 14 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; Lynda Shaheen, Neighborhood Coordinator.



The iconic Festival of Garage Sales held the first full weekend in May has been postponed due to Covid concern. We hope to have it this fall.

### Upcoming BMNA Online Meetings on Google Meet:

Wednesday, March 10, 6:30pm

Wednesday, April 10, 6:30pm

Email [secretary@bmna.org](mailto:secretary@bmna.org) or call 612.234.7819

for meeting link and joining information.





**BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, February 10, 2021**  
**6:30– 8:00 PM**  
**Google Meet/Virtual Meeting**

**Board and Staff**

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- McKenzie Erickson – Event Coordinator
- Lynda Shaheen – Communication/ Fundraising Coordinator
- JoEllyn Jolstad – Bugle Editor
- Jeremy - Webmaster

**Guests:**

- Lisa Goodman – Minneapolis City Councilperson
- Elizabeth Mary Adams – POSTME Coalition
- Chris Whalen - POSTME Coalition
- Dave Holets – Area 1
- Gail Freedman – Area 6
- Ben Gansky – Area 6
- Jim Nelson – Area 6
- Karen Soderberg – Area 7
- Michael Martens – Area 7
- Ly Maskini
- Pat Venue

**Call to Order at 6:34 PM.**

Agenda approval moved, seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes from January 2021 moved, seconded. Motion carried.

**City of Minneapolis - Councilmember Lisa Goodman**

Lunch with Lisa, February 17. Andrea Brennan, Director of Planning and Economic Development will talk about plan for rebuilding Lake Street following the civil unrest and about Federal Rental Assistance program rolling out. Bryn Mawr hedge agreement accepting the dollars from MNDOT will be signed on February 17. Upon request, Public Works will be taking down old neighborhood watch signs from the 80's. The extremely cold weather has necessitated adding warm shelters for homeless. Ample availability for families. Through the Federal Rental Assistance program, Minnesota has been allocated \$375 million dollars. Minneapolis will receive over \$10 million for direct financial assistance to pay rent. The county will also be getting \$25 million. Tenants will be able to apply directly for rental assistance. Asked about TOPA (Tenant Opportunity to Purchase). Has been briefed. Authors not committed to a specific path. Thinking it could be positive as an affordable housing strategy.

**Crime Prevention Report**

Torie not available. Kevin forwarded the crime report from the city. Bryn Mawr had one theft on the report. These reports are of higher-level crime; not reporting criminal activity like break in-attempts on cars.

**Treasurer Report- JD Dietrich**

1099's are done. Michael Wilson from the City will be helping with the 990. Cash reserves are healthy. Moved \$18,000 to checking. CPP

dollar draw is in process. All reports are in our G-Suite.

**POSTME (Public Oversight of Surveillance Technology and Military Equipment) – Jessica Wiley**

Councilmember Fletcher has proposed an ordinance banning facial recognition technology use by law enforcement in Minneapolis. Ben Gansky brought this issue to the Racial Justice Committee in November; completed an IRP for the committee, garnered committee support for the ordinance. Elizabeth Adams, Stanford Fellow, and Chris Whalen, AI specialists working with the POSTME coalition, gave background information about facial recognition technology, what the ban would and would not affect, and answered questions. There are several exceptions to the ban. Currently, Clear View AI is specifically the problem. It misidentifies black and brown faces, which can result in false positives with legal consequences. The City Policy and Oversight Governance Committee has approved the ordinance, full Council vote to approve on Friday, February 12. Jessica moved that the BMNA Board support Councilmember Fletcher's language banning facial recognition technology under the POSTME ordinance. Barry second. Approved. Kevin will email our support to Councilmembers Goodman and Fletcher.

**TOPA – (Tenant Opportunity to Purchase) Discussion – Kevin Thompson**

HNA (Harrison Neighborhood Association) presented their position on TOPA in November and asked for our support for option 2. HNA submitted an IRP which was sent to the Board on January 11, 2021. Three options are proposed - discussed pros and cons of the three: the impact on Harrison and Bryn Mawr, on BIPOC communities, on the real estate market, and how its working in other cities. Board committee formed (Brian, Steve, and McKenzie) to research history and answer questions raised. Bring back further information and continue Board discussion in April.

**Communications & Fundraising Report - Lynda Shaheen**

Shared report. Working on Welcome Packet coupons. New businesses included. Laura Glass has presented a choice of templates for our e-newsletter. Working on school choice. Neighborhood schools had open houses. Presence on social media grew in 2020 - FB likes and followers, Instagram, Twitter. 900 on email list. Membership is similar to last year; 285 members have donated.

**Event Report – McKenzie Erickson**

Report shared. Winter coloring sheets are posted in the box outside the bus stop at Cuppa Java. Winter Fest is on for March 13, not a fundraiser this year. Will be a combo of Saturnalia and Sip and Stroll. Goal is to bring people together in a safe way. Earth Day coming up. Need leadership to

work with the city on this. Talking with church to partner on a Covid memorial on April 29. Garage Sale likely to be postponed to fall.

**Bugle - JoEllyn Jolstad**

The deadline for articles/ads is the 20th, as usual. Thanks to Rod and Barry for their February submissions. Turn around for March very short.

**Webmaster – Jeremy Stafford**

Still working on website issues with WordPress updates. May move to a new server host.

**Committee Reports (as needed)**

**Communications – Jay Peterson**

The Visioning Committee is meeting again. Looking at operating manual for new board members.

**Community Projects - Jessica Wiley**

Had seven ideas submitted. Approved three projects; Bassett's' Creek Park restoration planning and native plantings, wrap a(nother) utility box, and create a walking tour of Bryn Mawr. Committed \$4000 total. Events – Brian Treece. Meeting in next month to decide 2021 events. **Gateway Project – Karen Frederickson/ Dennis Juillerat/JD Dietrich** Approval of dollars for hedge is a big step for the Gateway project. Monies will be appropriated through MNDOT for planting of hedge in April/May.

**Racial Justice – Kate Knuth/McKenzie Erickson/Jessica Wiley**

Will be developing a land acknowledgement statement for the committee meetings. Books were donated by the Little Free Library organization focused on diversity for our Little Free Libraries. Resource suggested; Healing Minnesota Stories, presented by the Minnesota Council of Churches

**Safety/Traffic – Chris Etz**

Follow up—study supports the current configuration of the traffic light at Brownie Bridge. If traffic backs up they will consider timing. Adding a crosswalk on Glenwood and Xerxes would require ADA compliant ramp on both sides of street. Safety committee is dormant right now, most issues are handled by our Crime Prevention Specialist, Torie. Chris proposed that we re-establish our Park Committee. Should be addressing the Cedar Lake/Lake of the Isles master plan, the re-design of the Meadows, and Loppet issues with hiking/biking and ski trail use. Question as to whether it should be broadened to be an environment committee. Will make a committee recommendation in March. Discussed light rail remnant land given from railroad being tied to the Cedar Lake Park planning effort.

**Other Standing Reports**

**SWLRT Update**

March 4 public meeting being planned.

Adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

**Upcoming Events:**

Winter Fest, March 13, 2021

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# Racial Justice Committee Reflection

Responding to the killing of George Floyd last May, the BMNA formed a Racial Justice Committee. As we near the trial of the police officers charged with his murder, we reflect on the goals we set, the conversations we have had, the actions we have taken, and our initiatives for 2021.

The commitment that the committee made last summer has been strengthened through this difficult year. We continue to grieve over the death of George Floyd at the hands of our police department. We stay committed to taking action that will change systems that have hurt our BIPOC neighbors. We have consciously reviewed the actions we take as a neighborhood organization through an anti-racist lens.

During 2020, the committee created an Issue Review Process (IRP) that was adopted by the Board, which asks that an equity lens be applied to conversations and actions of the Board. The IRP has been used to:

- Review and support our statement for the Neighborhood 2020 plan.
- Review matching dollars for a BIPOC business.
- Frame Board support for the POSTME city ordinance to limit use of facial recognition.
- Guide current conversations about TOPA proposals.
- Last September and October, we held a multi-session anti-racist workshop for Bryn Mawr neighbors and distributed anti-racist books to our 15 Free Little Libraries.

We supported BIPOC owned businesses by providing a matching grant to Gorgeous Looks Salon for an awning, printing articles on BIPOC and northside businesses in the Bugle and making contacts with BIPOC businesses for Bugle advertising. Opportunities to support businesses and neighborhoods affected by civil unrest have been shared weekly in the BMNA email newsletter.

In support of our neighborhood schools, we recruited a Racial Justice Committee member for the School Site Committee and featured School Board candidates in the Bugle. Additionally, we remain committed to recruiting neighbors to serve on the Bryn Mawr Board.

## Our initiatives for 2021 include:

- Continued support for BIPOC Businesses
- Fostering Inclusivity and Diversity in the BMNA
- Creating Opportunities for Community Conversations around Challenging Systemic Racism

The Racial Justice Committee invites your participation. Please contact [kate.knuth@bmna.org](mailto:kate.knuth@bmna.org) to join the committee.

**BMNA Racial Justice Committee Members:** Olivia Nielsen, Area 1; Lynda Shaheen Area 2; Rie Gilsdorf, Area 3; Jessica Wiley, Area 3; Chris Faucher, Area 3; JoEllyn Jolstad Area 4; Colleen Dhennin, Area 5; McKenzie Erickson, Area 5; Barry Schade Area 6; Haven Stephens, Area 6; Ben Gansky, Area 6; Kate Knuth, Area 7; Steve Harvey, Area 7; Karen Soderberg, Area 7.

# Centering Security

There has been no shortage of discussion around safety in Minneapolis (on both sides of the political spectrum) since the murder of George Floyd by former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin and the subsequent unrest. However, with Chauvin's trial looming, it is important to center this conversation of safety on those who have historically faced, and currently face, the most insecurity.

This past summer I witnessed online neighborhood groups and message boards devolve as (predominantly white) homeowners expressed outrage, not over systemic racism, but over the fear of protesters setting fires or defacing personal property. I do not want to minimize the real damage that did occur throughout the city, however, let us not let this narrative lead us away from the real harm done; that of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color being killed and traumatized by police brutality. Bryn Mawr is a predominantly white neighborhood (myself included), and while many of us have become hyper aware of security and safety over the past year, I think it is important to remember that the temporality of that feeling of insecurity is, in and of itself, a privilege. For the insecurity and discomfort that some white homeowners may feel, cannot be compared to the violence and trauma of systemic racism the BIPOC

community experiences on a daily basis. That is why our conversations around safety need to center on the needs and voices of the BIPOC community.

As Chauvin's trial date approaches there has been a heightened concern over security in the city. It has been reported that Minneapolis police, Hennepin County sheriff's deputies, Minnesota state troopers, and the National Guard will all be on hand during the trial proceedings. Minnesota's Public Safety Commissioner, John Harrington, said in a press conference on February 17th, "We are committed as part of the unified command to learn from history and not repeat it." It seems the history to which he refers is that of the unrest of this past summer. Would it not be more important to reassure citizens that the history of police violence perpetrated against Black, Indigenous, and People of Color not be repeated?

While the topic of policing and public safety is deeply divisive, let those of us who do not experience the oppression of systemic racism remember that we are not the greatest stakeholders in this conversation. Let's find common ground by asking: what would equity in policing look like? For when all citizens feel secure, aren't we all safer? I encourage everyone, when faced with these concerns and conversations, to remember whose safety is most at stake.

- Olivia Nielsen

# February Bugle Scavenger Hunt Winners

The Bugle scavenger hunt is over! Thanks to all who participated over the past few months, and for the emails with messages of support for the Bugle. It's good to hear that neighbors read the Bugle to find out local goings on. In a survey taken this fall and winter, the Bugle ranked the highest of ways people find out news about Bryn Mawr.

Readers identified the February Bugle page numbers containing the Bugle Advertising Rates, the BMNA Survey, and a map of School Boundaries. We loved hearing that this was fun.

## A random drawing of all submissions sends gift cards to 8 lucky winners.

- \$5.00 Cuppa Java gift cards to Mary Bolla and Karin Ciano
- \$10.00 Utepils gift cards to Denise Pasmanter and Dorothy Rice
- \$15.00 La Dona gift cards to David Cesiel and Emily Wilson
- \$20.00 La Mesa gift cards to Robin Brown and Larry & Muffy Cutler

It was gratifying to hear that neighbors read the Bugle every month and appreciate the hard work it takes to get out the neighborhood news.

Watch for a BMNA.org website hunt coming soon!



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# From the Editor

Have you ever attended a meeting that started with a Native land acknowledgment? The first time I heard one, I didn't understand what was being said or why I should think it was important. The person speaking was not a Native and the workshop I had come to attend was not about Native people. The acknowledgment was scripted, poetic and lovely to hear but did not make me question my long-held beliefs about property ownership.

At the time, I thought of Native peoples as history. "Once upon a time, the Dakota Nation lived here." The same way three other families once owned the house where we live. I don't feel the need to reflect on the previous occupant/owners of a dwelling that we bought according to the legal and socially sanctioned constructs of our capitalistic society.

What I heard all those years ago sounded to me like someone waxing nostalgic for a time when the land was untamed and another race of people were its stewards. What was missing was how a violent band of immigrants joined together into a tribe (white people) and claimed the land for themselves. There was also no mention that even if none of the workshop attendees actually participated in this, we are still benefiting from this horrific crime.

This past year, I have been involved in the racial justice work of both my work and neighborhood. Much has changed since Minneapolis Community Education was founded in 1968 and the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association in 1974. But much has also remained the same. I learning how our systems of government, commerce, education and so much more were created to and still predominantly benefit white people.

I still have a very long way to go on my journey and am keeping my ears and mind open to new information and perspectives. A friend and colleague who was part of a theatre educator panel discussion earlier this fall said, we know that the two pandemics of Covid and racism present challenges. We need to look for the opportunities within those challenges. This sentiment has stuck with me and sustained me over these past months.

Over these long, dark 12 months Covid has claimed half a million American lives and racism continues to erase black, brown and indigenous bodies from the land. Both are plagues that need to be eradicated to get our country back on track. Every day we have the opportunity to do better than those who came before us.

- JoEllyn Jolstad, [editor@bmna.org](mailto:editor@bmna.org)

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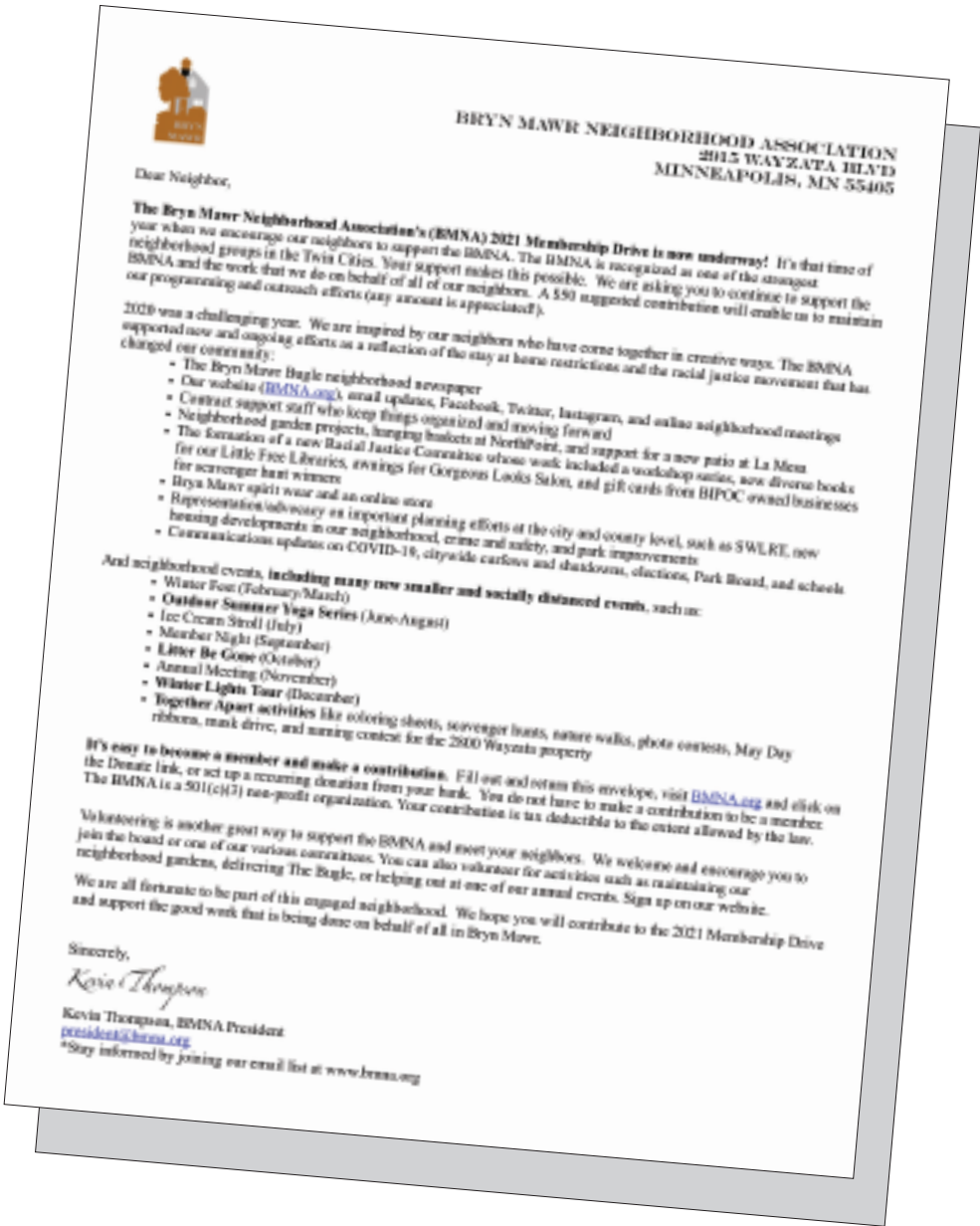


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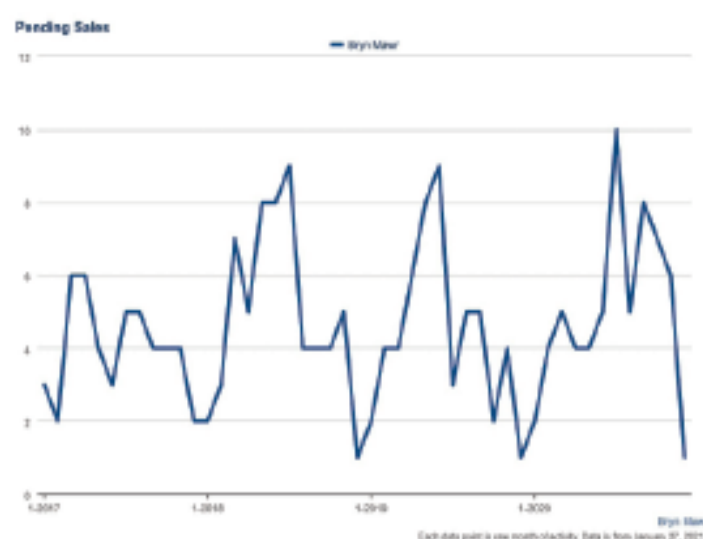
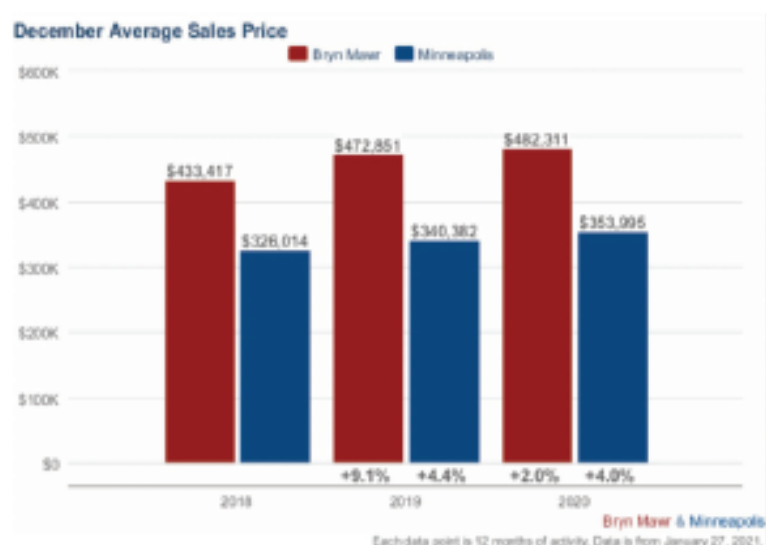
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## Read in Color

As part of the Racial Justice Committee’s effort to diversify the 15 Little Free Libraries found in our neighborhood, the BMNA purchased 45 books this past summer and distributed them around the neighborhood. Through a new program called Read in Color that the Little Free Library organization launched, the BMNA received 30 more books by and about diverse individuals and cultures. There web-site says, “Read in Color is a new ini-

tiative bringing diverse books to Little Free Library book-sharing boxes around the world. Kicking off in the Twin Cities, Read in Color distributes books that provide perspectives on racism and social justice, celebrate BIPOC and LGBTQ voices, and incorporate experiences from all identities for all readers.

Less than 25% of children’s books depict non-white characters. We believe everyone should be able to see themselves in the pages of a book. We also know that books can be a window into experiences that are different from our own. By reading diverse books, we can increase understanding, empathy, and inclusion.”

Look for these books soon in Little Free Libraries around Bryn Mawr.



Residences with libraries will also receive a packet from Read in Color with stickers, bookmarks, and more information about the program. If you want to get involved, you can sign a pledge to read and share diverse books at [www.littlefreelibrary.org](http://www.littlefreelibrary.org). A list of multicultural books can also be found on their website.



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## Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - March 2021

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 are meeting virtually over Google Meet. Email [secretary@bmna.org](mailto:secretary@bmna.org) for meeting links.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	SWLRT Meeting 4-5pm <a href="http://bit.ly/swlrtpi">http://bit.ly/swlrtpi</a>	5	6
7	8	9	BMNA Monthly Meeting, 6:30pm on Google Meet. Email <a href="mailto:secretary@bmna.org">secretary@bmna.org</a> for meeting link.	11	12	Winter Fest 4-6 PM Details coming to <a href="http://BMNA.org">BMNA.org</a> or call 612.314.6107
Daylight Saving Time Begins. Set clocks AHEAD one hour	15	16	17	Racial Justice Committee	19	SPRING EQUINOX Submissions due for April Bugle. Drop in the Bugle Box at Bryn Mawr Market or email <a href="mailto:bugle@bmna.org">bugle@bmna.org</a>
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Council Members Vote to Bar City's use of Facial Recognition Technology

On February 12, the City Council approved a new ordinance, Public Oversight of Surveillance Technology and Military Equipment, or POSTME, to hold police accountable for proper use of surveillance technologies.that prohibits the City from buying facial recognition technology or using data derived from it, with very narrow exceptions. Along with banning the purchase of the technology, the new ordinance creates a transparent process for City departments to request additional permitted uses of facial recognition programs and data through an exception process. This new ordinance builds upon the City's adopted data privacy principles to consider and value the privacy of individuals any time data is collected on individuals, including only collecting this information when there is a reason to do so and being transparent about what's being collected and why. It also creates a regular reporting structure for the City to track and report violations of this ordinance and remedies to those violations. POSTME is a local measure within the ACLU's nationwide Community Control Over Police Surveillance (CCOPS) effort.

Facial recognition technology uses computer algorithms or other automated processes to analyze images of human faces. Council members heard concerns from residents about how the technology could be used

to capture people's faces without their consent and conduct wide-spread automated surveillance. Studies have also shown facial recognition technology to be significantly less accurate in identifying people of color, women, and other groups, raising concerns that incorrect identifications by law enforcement would further harm already disadvantaged communities. Federal studies have revealed that surveillance tech misidentifies Black and Asian people up to 100 times more frequently than it does white people.

The Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association's Racial Justice Committee heard a presentation on this issue in November from neighbor Ben Gansky and expressed their support, asking Ben to reach out to sponsor Council Member Fletcher regarding the language and timeline of the ordinance. In February, the BMNA heard from Elizabeth Adams, Stanford Fellow, and Chris Whalen, AI specialists working with the POSTME coalition and after discussion voted in support of the ban. A letter was sent to City Council stating our support of the POSTME ordinance. More information can be found at [www.postme.mn](http://www.postme.mn).

Covid Vaccines

The State of MN has launched a new vaccine connector. Everyone is encouraged to fill out this form to stay updated on your eligibility for the Covid-19 vaccine and connect to vaccine opportunities in your area when they become available. You will receive confirma-

SWLRT Meeting on March 4th

Construction is Coming to Bryn Mawr

Construction of the Southwest LRT will become more noticeable to the residents of Bryn Mawr in 2021. Details on this construction activity will be presented on Thursday March 4, from 5:00 to 6:00 PM at a virtual update meeting. Staff of the SWLRT Project will describe construction activity planned in and around the Bryn Mawr neighborhood and answer questions.

The meeting will include updates on the construction of

the Bryn Mawr Station and the Corridor Protection Wall located between the freight and LRT corridors. This event follows the 2021 SWLRT Minneapolis Town Hall held earlier this year and will focus on Bryn Mawr.

The Southwest LRT Project Office and Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association invite you to join and participate in this event virtually at <http://bit.ly/swlrtpi> The link to the meeting will also be communicated through the BMNA email list and website. Meeting details can also be found on the Southwest LRT website.

- Barry Schade, Area 6

tion via email that your Minnesota Covid-19 Vaccine Connector sign-up is complete. When the information you provided suggests you might be eligible to receive the Covid-19 vaccine, you will receive information on vaccine opportunities in your area and how to schedule your appointment. If you don't have an email address, you will be notified via text message or phone call. If you have questions about the form or need language assistance, please call our Minnesota Covid-19 Vaccine Connector hotline at 833-431-2053 or go to [www.vaccineconnector.mn.gov](http://www.vaccineconnector.mn.gov)

If you are 65 or older, you can sign up for one of the limited number of appointments for a vaccine by calling 833-431-2053 or registering at <https://mn.gov/Covid19/vaccine/find-vaccine/index.jsp>

NorthPoint Health and Wellness Center, 1313 Penn Ave N, is offering Covid vaccines with the following criteria:

You are age 65 and over and you are a patient or participant who has received services at Northpoint or

You are age 65 and over and you live in our main service area zip codes - 55405, 55411, 55412.

Call 612-348-9000 to make an appointment to be vaccinated.

Saving energy can make your home more comfortable

It takes a lot of energy to keep our homes comfortable during Minneapolis's famously chilly winters. However, homes that look similar may need very different amounts of energy to maintain this comfort. That difference is measurable — it represents the energy efficiency of a home.

For almost a year, the City has been assessing the energy use of houses on the market and has compiled thousands of home efficiency scores. Because many Minneapolis homes are older, the average city score is 70 out of 100. (You can view the publicly available map of scores at [mncee.org/tish/yourscore](http://mncee.org/tish/yourscore).)

Curious about how you can stay more comfortable by saving energy? Contact an Energy Advisor from the local nonprofit Center for Energy and Environment. Energy Advisors are a free, no-pressure service to help answer home energy questions, identify available rebates and financing, and provide connections to quality contractors.

Improving a home's energy efficiency has multiple benefits:

- improved year-round comfort;
- better indoor air quality;
- lower energy bills; and
- reduced environmental impact.

Call 651-328-6225 to speak with an Energy Advisor or visit [mncee.org/tish](http://mncee.org/tish) for more information.

Energy Advisors are a service from the local nonprofit Center for Energy and Environment in partnership with CenterPoint Energy and the City of Minneapolis.

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Keep it up, Minnesota!

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Wash your hands

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Get tested when sick

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Stay 6 feet from others

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Wear a mask

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Stay home when able

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Work from home when able

Continue to follow safe practices.

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# Bryn Mawr Owls Survive Covid-19

The cold of winter and Covid-19 have not changed the lives of the Great Horned Owls (GHOs) of Bryn Mawr. They are still in the backyards of your homes and Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary (EBWG). We’ve been observing this family of owls and their broods of 1-3 hatchlings for at least 15 years. Many of you report hearing the owls from the EBWG parking lot when walking in the woods or right outside your bedroom windows. The “hoo-h’HOO-hoo-hoo” of the male at dawn and dusk will alert you to look for them. The higher pitched voice with a few more syllables is the female. She’s also about 30% larger than the male. The owls are frequently heard and seen from the footpath surrounded by White Pine and Spruce trees just east of EBWG. It’s their primary residence and that’s where you’ll most likely find them. Neighbors also report hearing owls at night near The Bryn Mawr Meadows, Basset Creek along Chestnut and in Wirth Woods west of Xerxes. They could be the same owls out hunting for food.

I’ve been hearing and watching these owls for many years. Last year they eventually nested and raised 2 hatchlings about 400 yards northeast of EBWG near the walking paths just off of Xerxes and Chestnut. Many of you stumbled upon the nest when you discovered hikers and dog walkers who had gathered to see them. They had two hatchlings who survived to adulthood which is amazing (see Nina Hale photo). The mortality rate among GHO juveniles is 50%. At the end of April last year, one of the owlets fell from the nest but survived perfectly well. It is common for owlets to climb out of the nest on to branches while exercising their wings and learning to fly. They often fall but if not injured, they survive without help. They use their bills and talons to methodically climb back up the tree. Of course, the greater threat is a fox or dogs running off leash. The University of MN Raptor Center observed the fallen owlet last year and determine he/she was fine and did not intervene. They were right (see Beth Franzen photo).

GHOs are large owls named for the tufts of feathers on their head, which are neither horns nor ears. They mate for life, nest, raise their young called broods and live in Minnesota year round. They rarely build their own nest but move into nests already built by other large birds, such as hawks and crows, in cavities of trees and sometimes in the nests of squirrels. While GHOs have one of the most diverse diets of all North American raptors, they mainly eat small rodents and mammals. An owl is not likely to hunt your small dogs or cats hanging out in your back yards but it has been reported.

GHOs nest and lay eggs the first part of February. They hatch in about 30 days, by mid-March. They raise only one brood a year, usually with 2 owlets. The female assumes primary responsibility for incubating the eggs while the male brings food for her and the nestlings. If all goes according to plan, hatchlings should appear around the second week of March. By the end of March, you may hear the owlets clapping their bills or shrieking, as they beg their parents for food. Around the middle of April, they will begin climbing from the nest to nearby branches. They are called “branchers” then and you can see them sitting in the sun. After developing wing feathers in early May, they become fledglings as they clumsily learn to fly from branch to branch. They will move out of the nest by mid-June and will be moving around more as they learn to fly and hunt for food. You’ll have to search to find them. The adults care for the juveniles throughout the summer and fall, feeding them while teaching them to hunt until they reach sexual maturity in 1-2 years. The feeding territory established by the adults usually cannot support more owls so the juveniles are chased out of the territory by their parents usually in December before the next breeding season. Occasionally, one may hang around a bit longer still begging for food.

While the GHOs lives were not changed by Covid-19, ours were. Many of you found life beyond the guidelines and restrictions in the woods, exercising and enjoying nature. Many of you saw the white, speckled downy feathers on the breasts of the owlets as they fledged and hung around learning to hunt. Many watched them throughout the summer become young adults (see Roy Larson photo). If you find an owlet this year while walking in the woods, look around. An adult owl will always be nearby protecting it and more important, feeding it. If you hear the alert calls of Blue Jays or American Crows, look around. There’s a good chance they have found the owls and are harassing them. They don’t get along.

When you see the Great Horned Owl and their owlets, you will be mesmerized. Try not to stress them by making noise, making hooting calls, trying to make them fly or by getting too close. You might even consider watching owls and other birds as a hobby. Bird watching gets you out of the house into nature for some exercise and will give you something fun to talk about with your friends. Oh, you’ll also see some fantastic birds that otherwise go unnoticed. To learn more about birds and observe them in and around EBWG, considering joining Naturalist Tammy Mercer on Saturday mornings for the Early Birders program from April through October. (References are available upon request.)

Rod Miller, Area 6



Photo by Nina Hale



Photo by Beth Franzen, Area 4



Photo by Roy Larson

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March 11, 2012	The Duluth News Tribune reports average ice cover on the Great Lakes is down 71% over the last 40 years. The Madeline Island ferry ran all winter on a path that usually carries trucks.
March 25, 2010	Dandelions blooming on the south side of Anwatin School.
March 26, 2020	A sunny cool spring morning. Skeins of geese flying north, a chipmunk snooping around the back yard, red winged blackbirds singing “konk-a-chee” in the cattail marshes near Wirth lake, robins suddenly everywhere.
March 28, 2021	Full moon, the Ojibwe snowshoe-breaking moon.
March 31, 2020	Chorus frogs singing loudly in the retaining pond east of the Century Link building on Cedar Lake Road.





# Bugle Notes

## Virtual Book Discussion Online

From February 21st through March 28th, the Adult Education group will read “A Paradise Built in Hell” by Rebecca Solnit. The book reviews five major disasters, from the San Francisco earthquake of 1906 to Hurricane Katrina in 2005, and shows how what actually happens in a disaster is very different from what most people think and believe. To quote

the book jacket, people don’t simply “rise to the occasion...they do so with joy.” What sparks this joy? What are its implications for our everyday lives? Do we need a disaster in order to uncover the generosity of the human spirit? The group will explore these and other questions raised by Solnit from 9:15 to 10:20 each Sunday morning. Contact [info@brynmawrchurch.org](mailto:info@brynmawrchurch.org) to be notified of the meeting links.

DATE	ASSIGNMENT
Feb. 21	Prelude: Falling Together Part I. A Millennial Good Fellowship : The San Francisco Earthquake
Feb. 28	Part II. Halifax to Hollywood: The Great Debate
Mar. 7	Part III. Carnival and Revolution: Mexico City’s Earthquake
Mar. 14	Part IV. The City Transfigured: New York in Grief and Glory
Mar. 21	Part V. New Orleans: Common Grounds and Killers
Mar. 28	Epilogue and Conclusion: What are the lessons of this book? How has the book impacted us?

## Fun in the Cold and Snow

Some neighbors got creative during the polar vortex.



Cindy Dilliard and her dog found a tepee in the snow.

Greg Abel froze his Zubaz pants.  
  
The kids at Minneapolis Nature Preschool made snow angels and decorated them with items from the School Forest.





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Email your neighbor news and photos to [bugle@bmna.org](mailto:bugle@bmna.org) or drop it in the Bugle Box at the Bryn Mawr Market.





# Youth & Schools

Lynda Shabeen, BMNA Schools Committee Chair

## Community Service Team at Anwatin

The Anwatin Community Service Team is a group of students who are committed to Service Learning and helping to make their community better - even via Distance Learning. As a team,



they voted to organize a collection of needed items for people who are homeless. Together they designed a flier and distributed it via social media. Anwatin was the drop off site.

The Anwatin Community and beyond brought many baby and personal hygiene items, toys and warm clothes to be donated. On January 21 the items were brought to Sharing and Caring Hands in Minneapolis.

On behalf of the Anwatin Community Service Team, thank you, Anwatin Community, for your generosity!

Brian at Sharing and Caring Hands thanks The Anwatin CST for the generous donations.



Anwatin Community Service Class Organizes Donation for Sharing and Caring Hands

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612-668-3890  
mplskids.mpls.k12.mn.us/

**Anwatin Middle School (6-8)**  
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anwatin.mpls.k12.mn.us  
**Anwatin Community Education**  
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## Harrison Recreation Plus

### School year 2020–2021

#### School-Age Childcare Grades K–6



### September 8, 2020–June 11, 2021, 2–6pm

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The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board offers Rec Plus for children who have are currently enrolled in kindergarten-6th grades at neighborhood recreation centers. Rec Plus enables children to experience the positive benefits of a balanced recreation program and provides a safe environment that promotes healthy physical and social development.

- Limited number of full scholarships are available for the Harrison Rec Plus Site. Email [RecPlusHarrison@minneapolisparks.org](mailto:RecPlusHarrison@minneapolisparks.org) or call 612-370-4951 to apply for a FULL scholarship, register for Harrison Rec Plus and get additional details. The Harrison Rec Plus Scholarship assists residents residing in North Minneapolis. Eligibility for the program is determined by meeting the current income guidelines, zip code, and completing the application. The scholarship program covers 100% of program cost and supplies.
- Qualifying families may also apply through the Hennepin County Child Care Assistance program and register at Harrison Park.
- Modified programming is now running due to Covid-19. Masks are required and social distancing is practiced.

The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) is an Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity Employer. In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the MPRB will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs or activities.

### Harrison Recreation Center

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