



BRYN MAWR BUGLE

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2021 Annual Meeting & Board Elections June 9, 2021 - Online

Agenda:

- Call to order and welcome
 - Approval of agenda
- Introduction of Board members, staff and elected officials
 - State of the Neighborhood
 - Accomplishments
- Membership and Communications Update
 - Events Update
 - Financial Health
- Election of Board Members for Open Seats
 - Comments from Elected Officials
 - Adjournment

Election Slate*

Vice President:

Brian Treece

Co-Treasurers:

Roberta Jordan

Deb Anderson

Area 1 Representatives

Liv Nielsen

Area 3 Co-Representatives:

Allison Fruen

Dennie Juillerat

Area 5 Co-Representatives:

Colleen Dhennin

Beth Turnbull

Area 7 Co-Representatives:

Steve Harvey

Kate Knuth

Anthony Ramirez

**additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.*

The BMNA Bylaws allow for up to three (3) Co-Representatives per area.

Email vicepresident@bmna.org for more information.

Join us for the BMNA Annual Meeting Wednesday, June 9th at 6:30pm. We will meet online using Google Meet. Our Annual Meeting is a time to hear (and see!) a recap of what the BMNA accomplished in the past year including our financial report. Elected State Senators, Representatives, City Council, Park and School Board officials are all invited to attend and speak about their priorities. We also elect new representatives to our Board from the odd numbered areas of Bryn Mawr. Nominations from the floor are accepted that night. And most of all it's a great chance to get together with other neighbors, even if it's online, we still allow time for socializing at the end. Contact coordinator@bmna.org or 612.234.7819 to get the meeting link. Hope to see you!

- Lynda Shabeen,
Neighborhood Coordinator



Upcoming BMNA Online Meetings on Google Meet:

Wednesday, June 9, 6:30pm (Annual Meeting)

Wednesday, July 14, 6:30pm

Email secretary@bmna.org or call 612.234.7819 for meeting link and joining information.

Do you want to partner with the BMNA on a project?

The City's Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) department is excited to announce the Partnership Engagement Fund, one of the four funding programs that emerged from Neighborhoods 2020, is now accepting applications. Community-based organizations doing work in Minneapolis to meaningfully engage historically underrepresented communities are invited to apply for grants of

between \$5,000 and \$15,000 for projects that will involve a partnership with one or more of Minneapolis' 70 neighborhood organizations. NCR staff is available to help interested organizations create partnerships with neighborhood organizations. Applications are due July 1, 2021. Application forms are available in English, Spanish, Somali and Hmong. Learn more and start the process at minneapolismn.gov/partnership-fund.

Have you joined yet?

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BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 12, 2021
6:30– 8:15 PM
Google Meet/Virtual Meeting

Board and Staff:

Kevin Thompson – President
Brian Treece – Vice President
Jessica Wiley – Secretary
Liv Nielsen – Area 1 Co-Rep
Sue Verrett – Area 2 Co -Rep
Allison Fruen – Area 3 Co-Rep
Dennie Juillerat - Area 3 Co-Rep
Joanne Michalec - Area 4 Co-Rep
Chris Etz – Area 4 Co-Rep
Colleen Dhennin - Area 5 Co-Rep
Beth Turnbull Area 5 - Co-Rep
Jay Peterson - Area 6 Co-Rep
Rod Miller - Area 6 Co-Rep
Barry Schade – Area 6 Co-Rep
Stephen Harvey – Area 7 Co-Rep
Anthony Ramirez – Area 7 Co-Rep
Vida Ditter - Emeritus
JoEllyn Jolstad – Bugle Editor
Lynda Shaheen – Communication/
Fundraising Coordinator
McKenzie Erickson - Event Coordinator

Guests:

Lisa Goodman – Minneapolis City
Councilperson
Sally Rousse- Area 3
Jennifer Samaha – Area 5
Bridget Bergheger – Area 5
Haven Stephens - Area 6
Bill Miner – Area 6
Molly Dengler- Area 7
Keith Hazzard
Jean

Call to Order at 6:40 PM

Agenda approval moved, seconded.
Motion carried.
Minutes from April 14, 2021, moved,
seconded. Motion carried.

City of Minneapolis

Councilmember Lisa Goodman

Hedge project has gone through the City Council. Thanks to everyone for feedback on the Wirth in the Woods project. The project could be 400 – 500 units with both affordable housing and market rate. Lunch with Lisa is ongoing. Working on field trips at sites in the city. Census was a success. Thanks to all the volunteers. This directly affects allocations for education and health care. Farmers Markets opening in June throughout the city. Emergency rental assistance available. Over 1000 families helped. Is available for a coordinated debate for City Council elections.

Crime Prevention

Specialist-MPD Bill Magnuson.

No Part I crimes in Bryn Mawr for this month.

Promenade Performances in the Meadows - Sally Rousse

Planning promenade performances in the Meadows each Sunday in June from 6:00 – 7:00 PM, the audience will walk and come upon acts/vignettes. Ask is for enthusiasm and participation from the Board and neighborhood. Picnics encouraged. Will be distributing a flyer.

I-394 Ramp Clean Up: Vida Ditter

Looking for a volunteer to organize ramp clean up. Dennie will check with his contacts at MNDOT to confirm what support they give.

Treasurer Report- JD Dietrich

Submitted a report.

Communications & Fundraising Report - Lynda Shaheen

Publicized new date for the garage sale; September 11, 2021. Positive feedback so far. Working on returning to in-person Board meetings. Have 900+ followers on FB and on

our email list. City is providing templates for updating bylaws, policies, and forms; will help with language and legal compliance. Officers and committee chairs will take a first look at what might need to be changed. Updates need to occur by December 2021. Working on organizing a catalytic converter event. Doing well on fundraising; ahead of last year. People have been generous during CoVid. Have over \$500 donated for memorials and designated gifts.

Event Report – McKenzie Erickson

No events in the last month. Garage sale moved to September 11, 2021. Will be having ice cream stroll on Thursday, July 15; modeled after 2020 event. Appreciate Sally creating an event for June, and thanks to Vida for working on a ramp clean up. Annual meeting with be on June 9. Will have elections for BMNA board members and updates on what the BMNA has accomplished this past year. State reps and city office holders are invited to give updates; no election speeches for those running for office. Discussed neighborhood picnics. Could be a part of the Promenade Performances.

Bugle - JoEllyn Jolstad

The deadline for articles/ads is the 20th, as usual. Thank Rod, Liv, and Chris Faucher for their contributions. July will be the graduation issue. Submit high school and college grad pictures and info by June 20.

Committee Reports

Communications - Jay Peterson

Board members should plan to contribute an article to the Bugle each year.

Community Projects - Jessica Wiley

Bassett Creek Volunteer (BCV) project has applied for a grant with the Green Partnership; wrote a letter of support from the Community Projects Committee for this grant. BCV are also finalists for Bassett Creek Watershed Commission. These partnerships leverage dollars we gave to the project.

Elections – Brian Treece

Presented slate for elections. VP, Treasurer and Area Reps for 1, 3, 5 and 7 are up for election. Nominations still accepted. Discussed who gets to vote, who is a member of the BMNA. Sign up is on the membership page, no donation needed. Anyone who lives, owns property, or works in Bryn Mawr can be a member.

Finance/Membership – Jessica Wiley

Submitted request for CPP from the city; received a check for \$26,337. There are increased reporting requirements that we will have to meet by December. Will also have to do a CPP budget adjustment before the end of the year. Jessica moved that we add a line item (6410) to our expense budget of \$3000 for the Gateway Project, Jay second. Dollars will be used for the irrigation system and other expenses that may not be covered by the funding from MNDOT. MNDOT has committed \$10,000 for the Gateway Project. Approved.

Gardens – Dennie Juillerat

The gardens look great because of all the efforts that have gone into them. We have over 20 boulevards and community gardens. Have 29 volunteers signed up. Hit by graffiti on rocks and containers. Clean up is difficult. but happening. Water spigots and meters are hooked up. BMNA is a member of Minnesota Green; get a lot of free plant material.

Gateway Project – Karen Frederickson/ Dennis Juillerat/JD Dietrich

Hillside prep is continuing for the hedge. MNDOT cleaned up nuisance trees in the fence line. The lilacs were cut down before the bloom because of scheduling, the pile of woodchips will be used for soil remediation and moisture retention for the lilacs. Tentative date for planting the 330 shrubs; June 12. Average letter is 14 feet tall and 10 feet wide, so there are a lot of holes to dig. Each area will be asked to plant a letter. Working with Lynda to communicate the plan for the day.

Parks – Chris Etz/Barry Schade

Invited to a short meeting with Elizabeth Schaffer who is running for Park Board. Jono Cowgill is also running again. Walked the Meadows with Tyler Anderson, principal planner from the city. Trying to keep Bryn Mawr in the loop as the project moves forward. Should see dirt moved by next calendar year. Discussed the lack of priority for tennis courts and a tennis program in the neighborhood. Work on the north east end of the Meadows is related to the SWLRT.

Racial Justice – Kate Knuth/McKenzie Erickson/Jessica Wiley

Continuing work on holding anti-racist/equity conversations for the Board and creating land acknowledgement statements. Encourage neighbors to look at how to remove racial covenants from abstracts.

Safety/Traffic – Chris Etz/Rod Miller

Lisa Goodman got our speed sign back. Still have 20 is Plenty signs. Working on mission statement for the committee.

Schools – Lynda Shaheen/Colleen Dhennin

Colleen reported on the increase in students attending Bryn Mawr elementary. Impressed with staff work on community building and grant writing. Phy ed teacher got a \$17,000 grant for bicycles. Site council requested dollars to provide lawn signs for the neighborhood expressing support for the school. The school committee has \$1000 budget. Vida raised the issue of saving the mosaic on the brick facade of the school; could be a community project proposal.

Adjourned at 8:30 PM

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Annual Meeting Wednesday, June 9, 2021

Upcoming Events:

Ice Cream Stroll, July 15, 2021
Festival of Garage Sales, September 11, 2021

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SWLRT Closures and Tours

Southwest LRT staff invite you to tour project construction areas on June 15 and June 19. The tours provide an opportunity to see some of the elements as part of the 14.5-mile LRT corridor. Please note, the tours will last approximately one hour, are weather dependent, and each tour is limited to 15 people. Registration is required and we will provide hardhats and other personal protective wear. To view dates, tour locations, and to register, visit swlrt.org

Participants will meet at Park Siding Park, 3113 W 28th St, Minneapolis, MN 55416. After about 20 minutes, the group will walk to the West Lake Street Station area via West 28th Street, Dean Parkway and the Midtown Greenway. Project staff will discuss the current state of construction in Minneapolis as well as specific topics such as the Kenilworth LRT Tunnel and the West Lake Street Station. Project Staff can be available to accompany participants back to Park Siding Park. A weekday afternoon tour may see excavation activities.

Pile driving continues near Van White Boulevard for the new Luce Line Trail bridge. The old bridge that connects the Luce Line Regional Trail between Bryn Mawr Meadows Park and the Cedar Lake Regional Trail is scheduled to be demolished in June. More details to follow.

A project that will naturalize and stabilize the Kenilworth Channel shoreline between Burnham Road Bridge and Cedar Lake will close the channel for all recreational uses (canoes, kayaks, stand-up paddleboards, etc) beginning Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

The closure will remain in place through the fall as work takes place to remove the old wood channel walls and replace them with a naturalized shoreline featuring aquatic plants, stone and soil. Trees in the corridor between Cedar Lake and

Lake of the Isles will be preserved and protected as much as possible during construction. A soft surface trail connection on the north side of the channel between Burnham Road Bridge and Cedar Lake East Beach will also be closed during this time.

Kenilworth Channel is scheduled to reopen for winter recreation by December 2021, weather permitting, and water recreation in spring 2022.

NiceRide

NiceRide is back and you can find bikes, and scooters around Bryn Mawr. There are docking stations at Wirth Beach, Bassett's Creek near Utepils, Glenwood/Penn Ave, Oliver and Cedar Lake Rd, Bryn Mawr Meadows, Cedar Lake Point Beach, and Cedar Lake Parkway. More information at niceridemn.org

RentMN

RentHelpMN is a new program designed to help Minnesotans who are behind on their rent or worried about keeping up with their rent. Applications are now open to help those with past due rent pay their rent or utilities. Landlords are also eligible to register. More information and applications can be found at <https://www.renthelpmn.org> or by calling 211.

Internet Assistance

As part of the Federal Government's Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) program, Comcast provides qualifying low-income consumers with up to \$50 a month to help cover the cost of their Internet service and leased Internet equipment. For more information, please visit www.xfinity.com/EBB or 1.800.XFINITY

What is the Bassett Creek Valley ROC?

By Colleen Belmont

The Bassett Creek Valley (BRV) Redevelopment Oversight Committee (ROC) is an advisory body made up of representatives from areas surrounding BRV who are focused on the long term development of the the area from Cedar Lake Road to I-94 and 4th Avenue North to I-394. This community-based committee was established by the City Council of Minneapolis to help implement the 2000 Bassett Creek Valley Master Plan.

ROC has representatives from several organizations: Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association, Harrison Neighborhood Association, the Mayor's Office, Wards 5 and 7 City Councilmember Representatives, representatives from businesses in the Valley (West Business Group) and representatives from Friends of Bassett Creek. These representatives meet regularly to review development proposals and provide support and advice, independent of the advice and support provided by the neighborhood associations, to the various organizations who are planning development in the area.

Some notable projects where ROC has provided advice and support are Southwest LRT routing and stations, Minneapolis Impound Lot development, including reduction of the footprint and movement of the police hold area, and rezoning of the area to support residential growth and business development. Since 2007, there has been an effort to shift away from industrial use of BRV to multi-family housing, both affordable and market rate. Wellington Properties has been given development rights on City owned lots between Van White Memorial Boulevard and 2nd Avenue North. When considering new projects, ROC advocates for environmentally responsible development, establishment of green

spaces, resident safety, more housing for current and a diversity of new residents and bringing in new non-industrial businesses, like restaurants and retail, to support existing residents and offer employment opportunities.

Developments in Bassett Creek Valley have spurred a lot of feedback from residents in the area, which ROC takes into consideration when determining whether to support new projects. Such feedback includes opposition to industrial zoning, limiting height of new developments, creating living wage job opportunities that will serve local residents, retention of current residents and improvement of existing housing as well as creation of new housing, with a variety of housing options, making the area pedestrian-friendly, a welcoming place to grow families and improving the sense of safety for area residents.

Recent items of discussion in ROC meetings have included construction of the Artists Lofts on 2nd Avenue and Cedar Lake Road, TOPA (Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act), movement of Police hold area of the Impound Lot to underneath I-394 with an entrance off of Van White Boulevard, construction of a 7 story residential building on Glenwood and Fremont Avenue North and the homeless encampments along Van White Boulevard.

All ROC meetings are open to the public.

The Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association ROC representatives are:

- Colleen Belmont
- Michel Martens
- Ben Ganski
- Winston Wildebush

Councilmember Goodman's Reps are:

- Vida Ditter
- Naomi Chu


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From the Editor

Well, Minnesota, it looks like we've done it. Covid infections and deaths are at an all-time low and restrictions are being rolled back. The Governor is encouraging us to start getting back to a new normal. This week, he is expected to lift capacity limitations and he already ended the state mask mandate (although the city of Minneapolis has yet to do so.)

A year and a half is a long time to develop comfort with staying home and anxiety over being too close to anyone. So I'm a bit reluctant to just toss aside all precautions. But everyone in my household is fully vaccinated and I am ready to put a toe in the social waters.

I said no to a large luncheon that included out of state people. The pictures posted on Facebook confirmed that no masks were worn despite being indoors in Minneapolis. I said yes to a smaller dinner gathering indoors with neighborhood friends. It felt both normal and strange. The evening was fun but I realized that my conversational skills have definitely lapsed from lack of practice. I found myself listening for long stretches and waiting for my turn to "unmute" rather than actively participating.

During the pandemic I have allowed my hair to go full-on silver, so the first time I walked into school, there were several surprised people. Next week I will get to meet a new work colleague in person, face-to-face for the first time - the whole face not just the eyes!

It's been a long haul and the loss has been real. In this neighborhood of artists, we know better than most how much the performing arts have been affected by the pandemic. Theaters were shuttered and while some artists reinvented themselves online, many rely on others for collaboration, so they had no choice but to wait for things to start up again. Of course it's not as simple as turn on the lights and welcome in large paying audiences. It takes time and resources to prepare content and despite assurances of safety, many people are not ready to sit cheek-to-cheek for two hours with 400 strangers.

So it was ever so exciting when I had the joy to attend a play last weekend inside the Washburn High School theater. The audience was masked and spread out in the huge auditorium, so it wasn't the exciting, intimate shared experience like before. But it's a beautiful start.

- JoEllyn Jolstad, editor@bmna.org

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Bugle Notes

Area 5

Sheridan Avenue lost a good friend and neighbor, “Rollie” Klipstein (Roland Gary Klipstein), born February 12, 1938, who passed away peacefully in his sleep on April 19, 2021. He was 83 years young. He is survived by his children Kevin and Susan, his siblings Neil, Rita, Karen, grandchildren Andrew, Zach, Zoe, Coco his dog, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and loved ones. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 56 years Marylou, siblings Walter Jr., Paul, Duane, Jim, and Beverly, and his parents, Leita and Walter Klipstein.

Rollie’s life revolved around his family, dogs, friends, and church. He loved to tell jokes and be the funny guy to put people at ease. His quiet and dry sense of humor, always took me by surprise. He was a soft-spoken, kind, and gentle soul and a fast friend to all. He was that handyman that would come help neighbors fix practically anything, as long as it didn’t have anything to do with plumbing.

Rollie was a storyteller. The tale he shared only on occasion was a life-changing near-death experience he encountered as a youth growing up in South Minneapolis. While checking out fishing activities at a T-dock on Lake Calhoun, he tripped, fell into the lake, and nearly drowned. He had not yet learned how to swim. He remembers blacking out and being resuscitated by a woman he did not know. While underwater and unconscious, he experienced visions of brilliant lights, the sounds of beautiful music, and singing as he had never heard before or again. The incident impacted his spirituality till his death, he knew he was always going to be ok.

Rollie met his wife-to-be on the telephone. His buddy was calling his girlfriend and trying to get her and her friend (Marylou) to go out with them. Rollie’s buddy handed him the phone and the two hit it off immedi-

ately. They met shortly after and Rollie inadvertently asked Marylou to marry him six short weeks later.

They were hitched a few years later in October of 1960, had their first child Kevin in 1971, Susan was born the following year. Rollie and Marylou never needed an excuse to throw a party or entertain both family and friends and did so frequently.

Rollie loved gadgets, automobiles, and cigars. Kevin told me he was somewhat obsessed with nostalgic telephones. He had an antique “candlestick” model that he would hand to visitors who asked to make a call. He watched in amusement as they failed miserably to decipher how it worked. Kevin got in trouble once by hanging up the receiver of the plastic Mickey Mouse phone in anger; Mickey’s arm was never quite the same.

Rollie restored a Ford “Model T” in the ’60s and would drive it and his family around the Minneapolis chain of lakes, blasting an “AHOOGA” horn to the delight of onlookers. Mary Lou accidentally backed into his prized possession in their garage, nearly destroying it. He was understandably upset, but the marriage not only survived but thrived. Rollie adored Marylou and it showed.

In 2001, Marylou suffered a stroke and never fully recovered. Rollie took early retirement from his job to care for the love of his life at their home until her passing in 2016.

Rollie was the go-to neighbor to call when you needed help. I will always remember his bright white shock of hair and infectious crooked smile. Our little community on Sheridan Avenue mourns his passing. We dearly miss our Rollie.

- Paul Connors, Area 5



Area 4 resident in Film Festival

Deacon Warner’s most recent production, The Co-op Wars, explores the origins and future of the American natural food movement by uncovering the drama behind its most dynamic center: the food cooperatives of the Twin Cities of Minnesota. It is a one hour documentary that primarily follows the beginning of the Twin Cities’ natural food movement and features many well known local participants. It premiered as part of the

Minneapolis St. Paul International Film Festival in May. Deacon directed this film and has been the Youth Program Director at FilmNorth since 2008. Deacon also made a video tribute to Keith Basinski, the UPS driver killed in the mass shooting at Accent Signage in Bryn Mawr which can be seen at vimeo.com or on our website, bmna.org. Look for upcoming screenings around town this summer and on public television this fall. More information at radicalrootsfilm.com

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Catalytic Converter Theft Prevention

The BMNA has partnered with Bobby and Steve's Bryn Mawr location to provide motorists with the service of applying a high temperature automotive exhaust spray paint to their catalytic converters to deter theft. There has been an

increase in theft of these parts due to their value in precious metals. Many scrap yards won't purchase catalytic converters that have been marked. Bobby and Steve's Bryn Mawr will do them at no cost and by appointment. It can be done as part of another service appointment or as a stand alone service. Please call to make an appointment, 612-377-4743. Thank you Jason!

Festival of Garage Sales - Rescheduled to September 11

A date has been set! Thank you for your patience and to the 139 neighbors that completed the survey. After reviewing responses, checking Covid guidelines, and discussing at the April board meeting we have selected Saturday, September 11th.

We look forward to hosting this iconic neighborhood-wide garage sale with you all! Check our Facebook event and bmna.org for updates and registration form later this summer. Questions? Contact events@bmna.org



Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - June 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 coordinator@bmna.org for meeting links.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 BMNA Annual Meeting, 6:30pm on Google Meet. Email secretary@bmna.org for meeting link.	10	11 Get Together at Bassett's Creek Playground	12
13	14	15 ROC Meeting	16	17 Racial Justice Committee Meeting.	18	19 JUNETEENTH
20 Submissions due for July 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	Save the date! Ice Cream Stroll Thursday, July 15, 2021		

Tree Planting Event in Bassett’s Creek Park

Thank you to the 60+ volunteers who helped MPRB Arborists plant over 180 trees in in the woodland of Bassett’s Creek Park on May ! Many trees were adopted and many more are in need of adoption.

Adoptees will have the opportunity to care for a small plot of tree(s) they plant to give them the best chance of survival. “Care” is periodic watering and removal of invasive species encroaching on the new tree(s).

If you are interested in adopting tree(s), please contact Anna Peterson: 763.370.1639 or Anna.migration@gmail.com.



21st Century Yards of Bryn Mawr

Grass lawn can’t be beat for sports and picnics and more, but — we don’t have sheep to keep grass lawns trimmed as did the original owners of great English estates (drat!) We’re obliged to mow with those roaring mowers, too many of them still those one-cylinder gas guzzlers that spew out CO2.

Not a few of us have devised rock gardens, hosta beds, and those wonderful rain gardens that purify groundwater and dance with wildflowers. Here, I mention two more fresh options that seem to be succeeding in the neighborhood.

At the corner of Hawthorne and Thomas, Ed Erickson has grown two test stretches of Dutch white clover. It’s deep green, spreading, and will renew depleted soil with nitrogen. The white flowers will soon nurture bees, and Ed knows he’ll never have to mow this clover. Dutch white grows to an even 5 inches or so and stops there. This looks like a winner!

Near Upton and Chestnut, Ben Friesen, with a background in environmental studies and science education, has re-awakened Minnesota’s natural prairie. In brick-lined stretches of his front yard, you see clumps of the prairie grasses and wildflowers - including milk-weed for our monarchs - that will top at 6 to 8 feet by summer’s end. Ben does not have to water or mow; these perennial prairie grasses are extending their roots 12 feet into the earth, renewing the soil, and sequestering CO2 in the healthy natural cycle that was our Midwest before Europeans arrived.

Do talk to these neighbors - or contact University of Minnesota Extension. We have options!

- Wendy Jerome, Area 6

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JUNETEENTH

Celebrating Freedom Day expands to a full week of activities, from Sunday June 13 to Saturday June 19. This year, the holiday will be commemorated with a number of activities in various parks.

Juneteenth highlights:

- Storybook strolls featuring Black authors and artists at several Minneapolis parks, in collaboration with Hennepin County Library
 - Virtual community panel discussions
 - Outdoor and drive-in movies: 42, The Great Debaters and Jumanji: The Next Level
 - Family Night at Creekview Park
- And more!

Details are being finalized, so watch for updates via BMNA email and at the website minneapolisparks.org/Juneteenth

Summer Camps

A series of themed, all-day, week long summer camps will be offered out of Minneapolis Parks for \$10 For more

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Cedar Lake In-person and Virtual Boat Tours

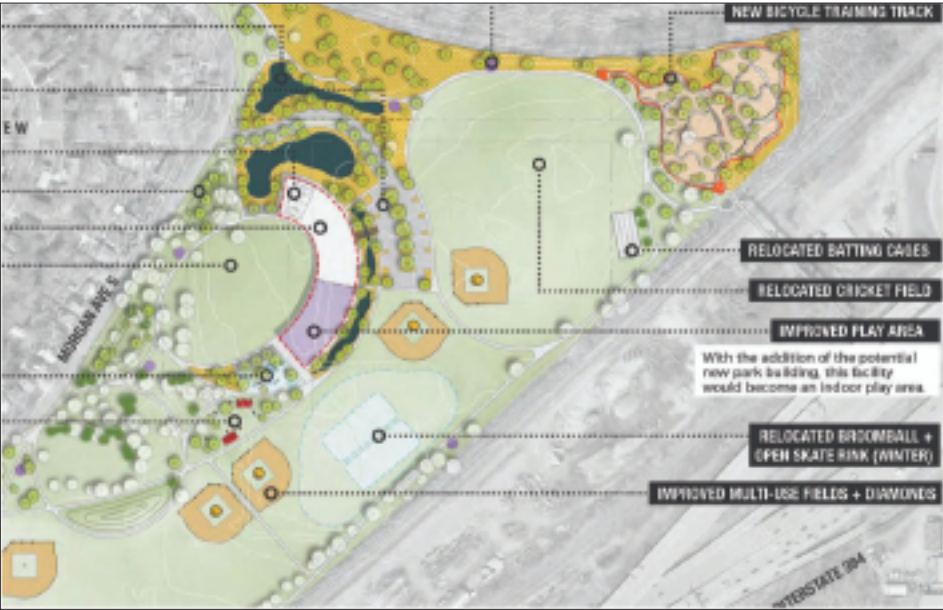
The Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board is hosting online events to help raise awareness and collect feedback on the Cedar Lake-Lake of the Isles Master Plan! The Cedar Lake-Lake of the Isles Master Plan (Cedar-Isles Master Plan) will guide improvements and stewardship at Cedar Lake, Lake of the Isles and surrounding parkland, parkways and trails for the next 20+ years. The next virtual tour and general feedback session on park experience at Lake of the Isles and Cedar Lake is scheduled for June 7 from 6-7:00 pm and will be discussing Dean Parkway. In-person walking tours will be held June 3, 9, and 29. More information and register at minneapolisparks.org

Bryn Mawr Meadows Renovation Project Update

The planed renovation of Bryn Mawr Meadows will begin soon. The 2+ year project, led by MPRB’s Tyler Peterson, will involve moving the parking lot, upgrading the playground equipment and reconfiguring the sport fields. The project will take place in conjunction with a water quality improvement project engineered by the Bassett Creek Watershed Management Commission (BCWMC) designed to provide better drainage for the ballfields and improve the water quality of runoff entering Bas-

sett’s Creek. In addition, the city will also be reconstructing the sanitary sewer that runs under the park. The Park Board is in the final stages of choosing the consultants for the project, and design work will take place this summer. While the overall design will be guided by the North Service Area Masterplan approved by the Park Board in 2019, there will be some community outreach as details of the design are finalized. Construction is expected to begin in the Spring of 2022.

- Chris Etz, Area 4




Bryn Mawr Meadows Renovation Concept Plan

Bassett’s Creek Playground Open



Visitors are welcome to enjoy new play areas near Morgan Avenue North. Swings have been installed and wood mulch was spread.A few small details remain, including installing the last picnic tables and growing turfgrass.



June 1, 2019	Bats swooping, looking for insects at dusk.
June 17, 2012	Monarch butterfly population on the upswing. It takes several generations for these beautiful but threatened creatures to migrate from the fir forests of central Mexico to Minnesota. The first group lays eggs in Texas and Louisiana. When the sun’s angle declines in September, they head back south.
June 21, 2021	Summer solstice. Firefly activity peaks at this time of year. Different species flash slightly different colors and timing of their on-off cycles.
June 22, 2020	Jet stream instability related to diminishing polar ice cap brings 100 ° temps far above the arctic circle, and dust from the Sahara to North America.
June 24, 2021	Full moon, the Ojibwe Odelimini Giziz or strawberry moon



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MEADOWLARK

by Sally Rousse

Yes, I'm at it again. I know, I know, I said "no more big projects!" ICON SAM: The Temple Dances ("Best Performance, 2018") nearly did me in, with over 50 scenes by as many artists, including stellar Bryn Mawr residents Megan McClellan, Brian Sostek and their daughter Mahira. But the pandemic caused the cancellation of theater performances (which was basically my entire social and professional life) not to mention the three gigs I had lined up with other dance artists. Instead, as with many of you, all my energy and focus over the past 16 months has gone to sheltering at home, not travelling, not going to restaurants or theaters, just washing my hands and groceries. I have had two offspring at home, both in 100% online school.

I started teaching dance online from my dining room, cancelled my germmy gym membership, and started walking the 'hood. Bryn Mawr Meadows became my extended front yard and, over the Summer of 2020, when playgrounds and sporting fields were taped off, my companion. I started noticing the rhythm of the park: the sounds, the tempos of the trees and wildflower growth, the birds that bossed others out of trees. I've always anthropomorphised non-human objects, so when approaching the small fern after the tree grove, I imagine sea life or zombies reaching upwards toward the path. The two trees near the soon-to-be removed curly-q ramp bridge at the east end become sit-com style neighbors, bantering about the crazy times we're living in (racial uprising, homeless encampments, the president-gone-bananas). The huge batting cage near the basketball courts comes to life in a different way for me: I saw a lonely sock in there one day, and since then I cannot shake the image of an ICE detention camp filled with children without their parents.

As a veteran dancer and curator, I've heard phrases like "white stages" and spaces unwelcoming to nonwhite bodies. I thought I understood, I mean, I was regularly ordered to lighten my olive skin with white powder for "Swan Lake" and other classics. Over the past year, diving deeper into anti-racist work (work I will be doing for the rest of my life) I zoned in on these issues of equitable programming and funding in dance and the performing arts, noting the dominating presence of older, white male in positions of power. (How is it that in my field of ballet the ratio of females to men is 20 to 1, yet the majority of directors, presenters, funders are older, white men?). My eyes are opening, because there have been no performing stages or spaces and funding has shifted or been revoked due to a weird phrase known as "force majeure" aka "act of God." When performances are cancelled due to force majeure, that means that the artists don't get paid, even if we have spent hundreds of hours and dollars creating and rehearsing the work. Zero, zip,



Photo by Oliver Sewell

zilch, nada. The administrators who work at the theater, the foundations who reviewed grant proposals, the presenter who curated the season that never was — they all continue to receive their salaries.

So, with no live performances to attend or to prepare my body for, and without my two regular teaching jobs, I continued to court Bryn Mawr Meadows and let my imagination run, even if I was too out of shape to actually physically run.

I said (to no one) (well, maybe to Instagram) "someone ought to perform out here." And someone did: In October, Mixed Precipitation parked their truck and sang excerpts from their punk operetta The Odyssey right across from my front door on Oliver Avenue. It was dreamy. I got to see some masked neighbors, some dance friends, some live culture not on a digital rectangle. Now that I had a taste, I hankered for more. I craved seeing something, someone, appear along my strolls. But who was I to demand, "come, watch me flail about in the grass!" when all the arts equity research was telling me to step aside, amplify others? I hung out on the sidelines, supporting my BIPOC peers, taking up grunt work so that others could create and flourish. It was gratifying labor for much of the Fall and Winter, until suddenly it was 2021 and I realized I had erased myself, felt invisible, as though I didn't deserve to create. My only creativity or performance was acting cheerful for my kiddos. Reduced to watching comedies on Netflix and seeking out yellow, I took an online happiness course from Yale: The Science of Well-being. And walked.

Finally, this depleted dancer/walker woke up and realized: no one is going to dance in the meadow unless I start dancing in the meadow and I deserve to dance in the meadow.

Normally I would spend months planning a show, raising funds, rehearsing, promoting....stressing. This time, I am leaning into imperfection, assembling a couple dozen delightful humans to sing, dance, juggle, joke, and play alien Olympics every Sunday in June (6pm-7pm) amidst the cricket games, the picnicking families and dog walkers. MEADOWLARK aims to elevate our Sunday in the park walk without George (Rest In Power, GF), animate the natural and urban setting, and give us artists a way to ease back into performing in real life, on the green, not on a screen.

MEADOWLARK

A free (donations accepted) promenade performance in Bryn Mawr Meadows every Sunday in June (6pm-7pm).



Bryn Mawr Moms on the Search for Good Books & Food

Book/Restaurant Review - June 2021

We relish the memories of the books we've read together over the last 15 years. Impressions from past readings pepper our conversation as we talk about our latest story. Whether we like a book or not, the discussion is always enlightening and provocative. The last two books we've read could not be more different, and both immersed us into lives different from ours.

On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous by Ocean Vuong, was challenging for all of us. Some couldn't finish it, some found it deeply disturbing, all thought it provocative. The novel is loosely based on Vuong's life. His mother was an immigrant from Viet Nam, escaping the ravages of the Viet Nam war. The brutal descriptions of his sexual coming of age as a gay teen are intimate and painful to read. His gossamer but unbreakable connections to his mother, grandmother, aunt, and lover sustain him through his abusive childhood and teen years.

Vuong is a poet, and he brings his poetry to his first novel. Metaphor is woven throughout the book; he compares his life with that of a monarch. "Monarchs that survived the migration passed this message down to their children. The memory of family members lost from the initial winter was woven into their genes. When does a war end? When can I say your name, and have it mean only your name and not what you left behind?"

The Lost Shtetl, by Max Gross, is a laugh out loud provocative read. Filled with delightful characters, it's the fictional story of a small Jewish town in Poland, untouched by time

for decades, including the ravages of the Nazi regime, and their "discovery" in 2020. It's the story of the struggle between the past and present, anti-Semitism, big money, and a "big lie" that throws all change into question.

In the mid 1800's, the town changed its name and became truly isolated. "No, we were not isolated, exactly. (Or, not extremely isolated.) We were simple—and proudly so. "And what's so bad with simplicity?" Rabbi Yeshkel Slibowitz—the Rebbe of Kyrshkow—asked. "It is complication that is evil. Adam and Eve were perfectly happy with their humble, unadorned garden. It was only when they reached for knowledge, for understanding, for an ability to be godlike, that everything started going wrong. We here in Kyrshkow shouldn't want for more."

One of the main themes of the novel is that simplicity and humility surpass sophistication and modern conveniences in making for a good life.

After 16 months of BYOE (bring your own everything) patio parties and zoom events, we gathered, fully vaccinated, at a restaurant in Excelsior for wine, beer, burgers, and fries. It felt so good to chat with our waitstaff/bartender and to listen to the laughter from others in the restaurant. We are grateful that our bookclub sustained this crisis. We send our deepest sympathies to those who weathered illness and lost loved ones. And we look forward to more books and great restaurants!


What the Moms are reading now:
Apeirogon, by Collum McCann

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Area 1 Bugle Distributor Needed

Did you know that your neighbors are the reason your *Bugle* arrives at your home every month? Area 1 has lost their long-time Area Distributor. Responsibilities include taking delivery of all Area 1 Bugles once a month and getting them to block distributors who circulate to neighbors. If you can help make sure that Area 1 keeps getting the *Bugle*, email the Area 1 BMNA Representative at liv.nielsen@bmna.org.





Calling All Graduates!

The Bugle will be running its annual tribute to graduates in the JULY issue. If you or someone you know is a recent or soon-to-be graduate, be sure to drop an announcement and a photo in the Bugle box at the Bryn Mawr Market. Include your name, school, and phone number so we can call with questions.

Or contact us (612-377-8968, or e-mail bugle@bmna.org) and we will help you write the interesting particulars of your accomplishments and plans for the future.



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Youth & Schools

Lynda Shaheen, BMNA Schools Committee Chair

End of School Year Play Date

Join us Friday, June 11th at 5pm for a picnic/playdate to celebrate the end of the school year and the opening of the new playground at Bassett's Creek Playground at 177 Morgan Ave N. Bring your family out for some fun and meet other toddlers and school-aged children in the neighborhood.

BMNA Schools Committee

The Bryn Mawr School Committee will elect new representatives from Areas 1, 3, 5, and 7 on June 12 at the BMNA Annual Meeting. The committee meets 3 times a year unless a neighbor has brought a school related issue of concern to our attention. We serve as a subcommittee of the larger Bryn Mawr Association Board and as a way to examine school related issues more in depth before making any recommendations or taking a side on an issue. We have looked at school choice, transportation, summer programs at Bryn Mawr, and the referendum. If you

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Mask Drive for School

Thank you to the many neighbors who responded to the School Committee request for child sized masks for Bryn Mawr School. We collected over 1,00 make and the school was so grateful! The kids loved seeing the variety of colors and patterns. Thank you all

- BMNA Schools Committee



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Anwatin Welcomes Gardens For Good

Anwatin Middle School has partnered with Hennepin County Master Gardeners to grow vegetables this summer for distribution to local food shelves. This is part of the new Master Gardener program, Gardens For Good, begun last summer when COVID restrictions limited public engagement. Vegetables are being grown in private and public spaces such as Anwatin for distribution in the community following a strict safety protocol developed by U of M Extension.

Behind the school, there are 12 raised beds which will be used for growing vegetables. Half of the beds have been prepared and planted by students under the guidance of science teacher Ben Sonquist. The parallel six beds are being planted by a small group of Master Gardeners, some of whom live in Bryn Mawr, as part of Gardens For Good. Mr. Sonquist has worked with the adult gardeners to produce short videos about the planting and care of vegetables. These videos are an aid for giving instruction to students as they garden in the raised beds assigned to them.

Mr. Sonquist has explained how the garden will become an outdoor classroom focusing on both horticulture and the forest surrounding the school. This is part of a new curriculum he will be teaching next year. For now, he has been bringing his science students outside to plant and care for the garden. A significant addition to the garden is the construction of a new, higher fence. The abundant wildlife in Theodore Wirth would otherwise have easy access to an assortment of tasty plants in the garden.

Anwatin is offering a wonderful opportunity for the student and adult gardeners to grow vegetables this summer. The garden behind the school will become the source of a nice crop of vegetables for distribution to food shelves in a couple of months. If you are interested in contributing fresh vegetables from your own garden, send us an email and we will get you connected. The food distribution will take place on Mondays during the harvest season. You can join in the experience of giving produce from your garden for the benefit of others.



Gardeners discussing the preparation of a raised bed for planting.

- Chrys Faucher & Barry Schade

Bike Fleet for Bryn Mawr Elementary

The fourth-fifth grade students at Bryn Mawr just finished up their bike unit. Ms. Anita really got out of her box and taught biking for the first time in her thirty-year career. We can all learn something new! We had ten students learn to ride a bike. Bryn Mawr got a grant to get twenty-four bikes, two striders and helmets for fourth-fifth grade students. We also got a grant for thirty-six bikes that will fit second-third grade students. Thank you, Kyle Kauppila for going with Ms. Anita to pick the bikes up from freebikes4kids who donated thirty-six bikes to Bryn Mawr. They are located in Brooklyn Center. These bikes will be used by the second-third grade students next year. A big thank you to Mr. Seth Nesselhuf from Quality Bike Parts who funded our \$5,000.00 grant to get twenty-four strider bikes and helmets for our Pre-Hi5, Kindergarten-First grade students. Seth also built bike racks for our fleet of bikes. The strider bikes have pegs and no pedals to

start learning how to glide on the bike working on balance. The cool thing about these bikes is they come with a Pedal Kit so the bikes can be converted into a pedal bike as the students' progress. Thank You to Michael Motzko for enlisting Siwek Lumber located in Northeast, MPLS to build and donate all materials for the bike racks for the new strider bikes and helmets. So, we have a wonderful school fleet of bikes thanks to many people. This is why we stand out from all the others. Thank You to the Bryn Mawr PTA for supporting the Bryn Mawr Bike Fleet as well. Bryn Mawr PTA rocks!!!!!!

Bryn Mawr also received a grant from Good Sports for recess and Physical Education equipment. If you're looking for a great school that is supported by a wonderful community look no further than Bryn Mawr. BULLDOG PRIDE ALL THE WAY!!!!

- Anita Chavez, Physical Education Teacher Bryn Mawr School



Positive Growth at Bryn Mawr Community School

As students and staff at schools everywhere wrap up an extraordinarily challenging year, our principal and teachers at Bryn Mawr Community School are already planning for an exciting year of growth ahead in the 2021-22 school year.



Under the Minneapolis Schools' Comprehensive District Design, one hundred plus new students will attend Bryn Mawr Community School next year, increasing the student population by 50% over this year's two hundred K-5 students. An all-school event on the evening of May 6th, invited new students to meet this year's students and staff for an outdoor celebration with food and games.

The attendance increase means that Bryn Mawr elementary school will once again be able to have three classrooms at each grade level, which Principal Laura Cavender feels is the optimum number for both the physical space and student learning experiences. Currently, many classrooms are unoccupied as the school once served a larger population, so students arriving next year will find plenty of room as well as an even stronger individually tailored learning experience.

To prepare for next year, Teachers at Bryn Mawr Community School are meeting and using Total School Cluster Grouping to create next year's classrooms according to the best academic and social fit for each student. TSCG is a method of student placement developed by Marcia Gentry, a long-time teacher and University of Purdue education professor specializing in talent development and student-focused differentiation. Principal Cavender feels that cluster grouping for

students is much more effective when given more than just two options, so three classrooms per grade level will help teachers make the best placement for each child.

Along with the increase in students, Bryn Mawr elementary will benefit by the addition of several teachers and staff. Of course, a new teacher has been added at each grade level to accommodate the additional classes, but the school was also able to add a Media Technology Specialist to assist students working on computers as well as a Differentiation Specialist, and Advanced Learner/Intervention Specialists for grades 3, 4, and 5. Along with staff to meet their learning needs, Students can also look forward to a new fleet of bicycles to ride in Phy. Ed. class, thanks to a grant written by teacher Anita Chavez.

With all of the great additions at Bryn Mawr Community School, 2021-22 promises to be one to look forward to. Kudos to all of the students and staff at Bryn Mawr Community School for their hard work and perseverance this school year. We hope you have a safe and joyful summer!

If you are new to Bryn Mawr and have school-aged children, you may contact the school at 612-668-2500 or visit brynmawr.mpls.k12.mn.us for registration information or to learn about our school.

- Colleen Dhennin

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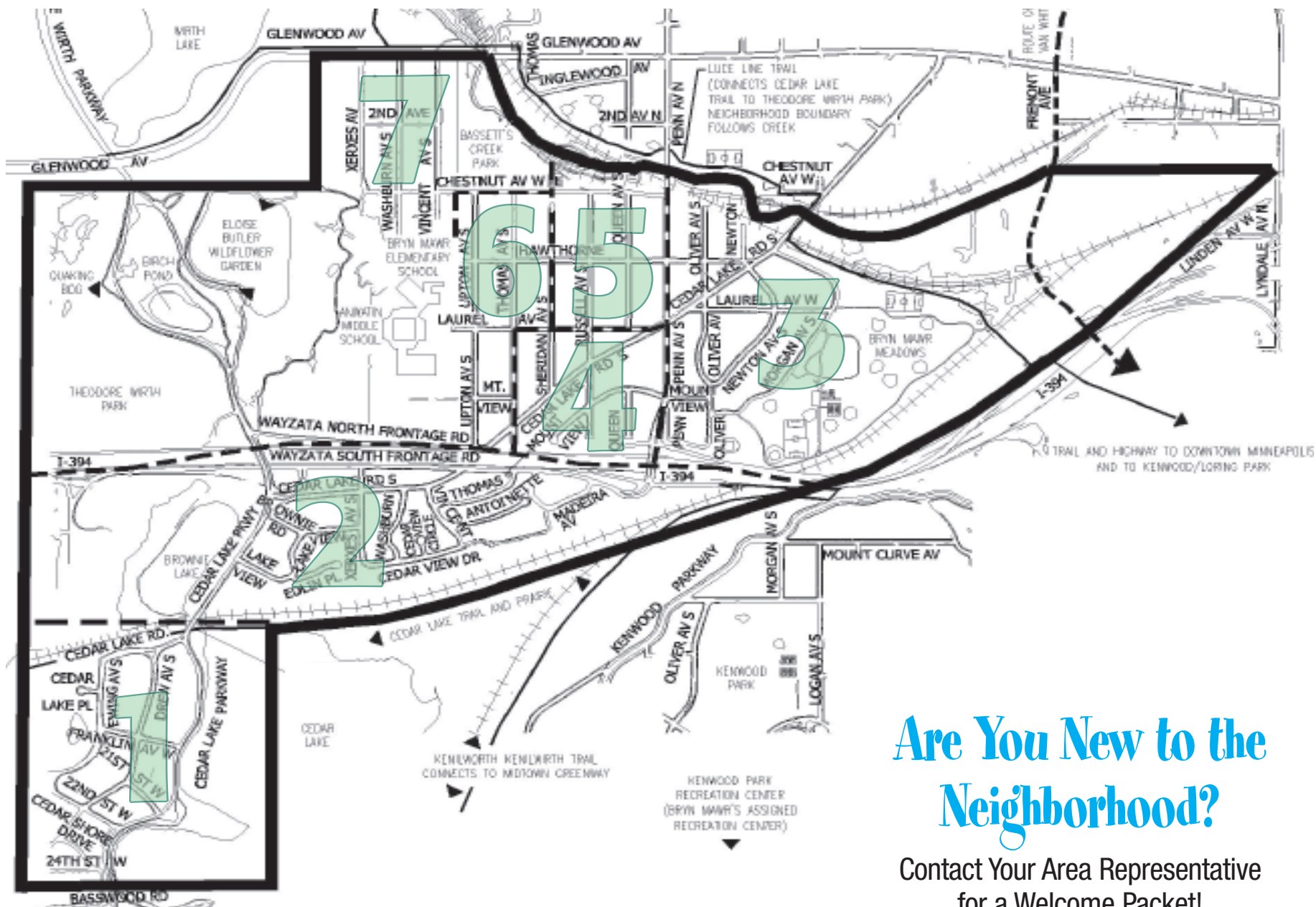
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