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- Lynda Shaheen, Communications and Fundraising Coordinator coordinator@bmna.org

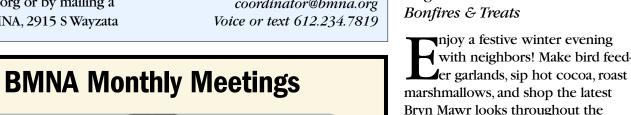
Saturnalia

BMNA Winter Festival Saturday, December 11th 4:00-8:00pm Musical Entertainment -Wagon Ride Children's Activities -

njoy a festive winter evening with neighbors! Make bird feed-✓er garlands, sip hot cocoa, roast Bryn Mawr looks throughout the event! The Smiling Drum Studio Women's Ensemble will perform



from 4:00 - 6:00pm. There will be horse drawn wagon rides from 6:00-7:30pm. Bundle up and gather in downtown Bryn Mawr as we bring cheer and light to the end of the year.





Upcoming BMNA Meetings on Google Meet:

Wednesday, December 8 at 6:30pm Wednesday, January 12 at 6:30pm Wednesday, February 9 at 6:30pm Email coordinator@bmna.org or call 612.234.7819 for meeting link and joining information.





The new Bryn Mawr topiary bedge was mulched in and readied for winter thanks to over 20 volunteers who showed up the morning of October 16th to spread the mulch and lighten the load via group effort! Thanks, everyone! (Drone photo credit: Paul Market, Area 4)

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BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION Board Meeting Minutes Wednesday, November 10, 2021 6:30–8:15 PM Google Meet/Virtual Meeting

Board and Staff

Brian Treece - Vice President Deb Anderson - Co-Treasurer Roberta Jordan - Co-Treasurer Jessica Wiley - Secretary Sue Verrett - Area 2 Co -Rep Allison Fruen - Area 3 Co-Rep Joanne Michalec - 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 Kate Knuth - Area 7 Co-Rep Anthony Ramirez - Area 7 Co-Rep Vida Ditter - Emeritus JoEllyn Jolstad - Bugle Editor McKenzie Erickson - Event Coordinator

Guests:

Lisa Goodman - Minneapolis City Councilperson Bill Magnuson - Minneapolis Police Department Atsuko Ashlei Fukushi - Area 4 Steve Jensen - Area 5 Haven Stephens - Area 6 Bill Miner - Area 6 Phillip Spoehr - Area 7 Chuck Larson - Area 7 Molly Dengler - Area 7

Call to Order at 6:30 PM.

Agenda approval moved, seconded. Motion carried. Minutes from October 13, 2021, moved, seconded. Motion carried.

City of Minneapolis -Councilmember Lisa Goodman

October Lunch With Lisa has to be rescheduled due to space issues and the Chief's schedule. SWLRT legislatively mandated safety meeting scheduled on Zoom. Fall street sweeping almost over. Pick up of yard waste ends on November 15. Variance issue moving forward for 2116 Laurel fence height. Redistrict-

ing process happening at Charter Commission. Four public hearings-November, December, February, March. Final maps approved in late March. Appears our ward numbers are steady or may be added to. Planning Commission has a priority to keep neighborhoods intact. Encourages us to follow the process. Public comments can be made at redistricting@minneapolismn.gov. 2022 City budget will be adopted on December 8. Public hearings can be accessed at minneapolismn.gov/government/mee tings/public-comment/online. American Rescue plan dollars will be addressed in the early part of the year. Public input indicated affordable housing is a top priority. A right to council was approved by the city council for low-income renters. If someone being evicted needs assistance, call 311 or legal aid. Addressed a question about how settlements for police misconduct occurs. Dollars come out of self-insurance fund, not department funds. All departments pay into the self-insurance fund; other departments also have misconduct settlements. Addressed a question about how the changes from Charter Ouestion 1 will be communicated and how those changes will affect how constituency interacts with council and staff. Been assured that council members will still be responding to constituency concerns, which is a priority for Lisa. Council will not be losing staff. Giving direction to staff that would change policy will cease.

Crime Prevention Specialist – William Magnuson

Glad to be back at our meetings. Crime stats for October. Eleven part one crimes (which involve victims). Robbery at a business at Penn and Cedar Lake Rd, with an attempted burglary. An arrest was made in the robbery; released due to juvenile status. Information about how juveniles are prosecuted can be accessed at https://www.hennepinattorney.org/c ases/juvenile/juvenile-prosecution. The County Attorney's office can be contacted for information about the status of an arrest. Auto theft and a theft took place near I394. Discussion occurred about the role the BMNA should take in communicating

about major crime like robbery. The e-newsletter communicates what is happening. Request to not minimize the crimes. November stats to date. Two burglaries, one near I394, and north of that. Bill received report of homeless person entering people's yards. CPED (Community Planning and Economic Development) was notified of the site of the camp. Working on getting resources for the person. Discussed the role of Block Club Leaders sponsored by the MPD. Bill can be contacted for information on the status of a crime and is happy to attend safety meetings.

Treasurer Report – Roberta Jordan/Deb Anderson

Have been writing procedures to help with transitions between treasurers. Reviewing insurance policies. Working with Finance Committee on 2022 Budget.

Communications & Fundraising Report - Lynda Shaheen

Written report. Positive news on fundraising.

Event Report – McKenzie Erickson

Sip and Stroll was a success. Cider was appreciated. There were 9 stops with businesses open, with a hub in La Mesa parking lot where Percolators performed. Over 100 people dropped off cards showing they visited all the businesses to be part of the raffle. New businesses include Green House (taking over Rolaynes). 612 Redo sells refinished furniture that was on display at Nativ3. Saturnalia-Saturday, December 11, from 4-8. Will have a horse drawn wagon ride, kids craft making from Nature Pre School, Cuppa Java donating hot cocoa, Smiling Drummers. Exploring having some Heart of the Beast type characters. No after party due to Covid.

Bugle - JoEllyn Jolstad

The deadline for articles/ads is the 20th, as usual. Printer misprinted the Bugle for November. Transposed pages 7 and 12. Talking about an adjustment on our bill. They did reprint the whole Bugle. Can pick up the reprint at local businesses or read it online. Will deliver to anyone who wants one. Someone in Area 4 stepped up to be Bugle distributor. December is last Bugle of the year. No Bugle in January 2022. Have an article on Habitat for Humanity, and Joanne will send an article.

Committee Reports

Community Projects - Jessica Wiley
Bassett Creek restoration project in full
swing. Wrap a utility box and walking
tour still in talking stage. Given budget
constraints, we will hold off on identifying new community projects for 2022.
We could ask for ideas later in the year
if fiscally prudent.

Events – Brian Treece

No Harvest Dinner this year due to Covid.

Finance/Membership – Jessica Wiley Creating draft budget for 2022. Board members will receive the draft before the December 8 board meeting, discussion on December 8, ask for approval on January 13. Commit-

tee has been meeting for four years to discuss budgeting strategies given changes in City funding of neighborhood associations. Our expenses have increased about 18%. We raise about \$50,000 from donations, spirit wear, ticket sales etc. City CPP dollars have been reduced 34% from 2021 to \$17,090. With our mission to support livability, encourage engagement and facilitate communication, have reviewed cost/benefit for communication activities, events, committee support, and administrative costs. Looking at priorities for funding in future budgets. Will be talking with Lisa about the current base funding from the city.

Parks – Chris Etz/Barry Schade New Park Board representative, Elizabeth Schaffer. She has attended several events in our neighborhood. We hope to keep issues that are impor-

tant to Bryn Mawr on her radar. Racial Justice – Kate Knuth/McKenzie Erickson/Liv Nielson

Board work on equity set for December 12 and 19. Committee will be talking about how we might impact police reform post-election.

Safety/Traffic – Chris Etz/Rod Miller Voluntary meeting with Swervo for neighbors most impacted by 2800 Wayzata scheduled for Tuesday, November 16.

Schools - Lynda Shaheen

Colleen reminded us that the elementary school media center and PTA are working together to add books written by and about Native American culture during National Native American Heritage Month. The goal is to add 20+ new books. Donate a book at this site. https://bit.ly/3jIZTZd

Other Standing Report

ROC/Basset Creek Valley Update
Vida Ditter. Conversations about
cleaning up the encampments in Bassett Creek. Working with social and
non-profit groups to support those
who need housing.

SWLRT Update - Barry Schade Steve Jensen has proposed a design for where bridge meets Wayzata Blvd. Has been proposed to project team and is under consideration.

Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements

Had success in the past selling roasted chestnuts at Saturnalia, very popular fund raiser, maybe re-consider this. PTA is having a coffee sale. November Bugle has info or on their website www.brynmawrpta.org/. Adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, December 8, 2021 Upcoming Events: Saturnalia December 11, 2021

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 organizer@BMNA.org at least five days before our event.

December at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church Come celebrate Christmas with us!

Children's Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 19 at 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24 at 7:30 p.m. No church service Sunday, December 26.

Due to limited space and COVID restrictions, please register for a space in advance at www.bmpc.us. Online streaming also available, details on our website

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The City

http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us

Impound Lot

he City of Minneapolis is opening a new Impound Lot office Monday, Nov. 22. The new office at 50 Van White Memorial Blvd. is located within the current Impound Lot site but features improved access from Van White Memorial Boulevard that will replace the old entrance from Colfax Avenue North.

The new energy efficient facility has: An expanded waiting area

A large meeting/conference room, which can be used as an additional customer service area during Snow Emergencies

Additional customer service windows

More conveniently located restrooms Updated ADA facilities A larger customer parking are

A larger customer parking are Unique customer drop-off space. Environmentally friendly landscaping

City Offers Mini Course on Salt Alternatives

ightharpoonup alt is a major concern for all bodies of water. Every winter, We are kept safe by applications of salt melting icv roads and sidewalks. However, the excess salt is carried away as snow melts into our storm drains, which empty directly into our waterways. Chloride, a compound found in salt, permanently pollutes our lakes, rivers, groundwater, and more. Salt also causes costly damage to our buildings, vehicles, and plants. You can read more information online https://tinyurl.com/saltmpls and watch videos. At the end, you can pledge to practice salt stewardship in your community and request a salt decal to show your commit-

Quick facts

De-icing salt is the #1 source of chloride use in Minnesota.

At high concentrations, chloride can harm the fish and plant life in our waters

According to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), 50 water bodies exceed the water quality standard for chloride (230 mg/L) in the Twin Cities metro area.

Data show that salt concentrations continue to increase in both surface waters and groundwater across the state.1

What can you do to help protect our water? Unfortunately, there are no environmentally "safe" alternatives to salt that can melt snow and ice. However, we can reduce excess salt by using smart salt application strategies identified in the videos below. Smarter application of salt reduces chloride damage to our water, wildlife and infrastructure, and is more cost effective. Sand by itself does not melt snow or ice, but can provide traction on shoveled walkways. Sand can be swept up and reused. The City of Minneapolis offers free sand for sidewalks to Minneapolis residents. The sand provided is a mixture of 75% sand and 25% salt. After clearing your sidewalks, spreading sand can help provide traction.

Ways you can reduce salt use:

Shovel and scrape often. The more snow and ice you remove manually, the less salt is needed and more effective it becomes

Select the correct de-icer (different de-icers work at different temperatures)

Sweep up and reuse leftover salt in airtight containers.

Scatter salt only where critical (aim for 3 inches of space between salt granules)

Catalytic Converter Anti Theft Legislation

the Minneapolis City Council has adopted a new ordinance to regulate the sale and purchase of catalytic converters. From the office of Council Member Lisa Goodman, "Over the last few years, catalytic converter theft has been on the rise. Using State Farm's auto claims data, catalytic converter theft has increased 293 percent nationwide over the past year. State Farm's data also shows that catalytic converter theft has paid out more than \$33.7 million in claims associated with catalytic converter theft over the past year alone. Catalytic converter theft has become a major problem and a major source of property loss due to several general issues, that when taken together, cause catalytic converters to become a prime target for thefts.

Catalytic converter theft has become popular because there is an active scrap metal market for detached catalytic converters.

Catalytic converters are quickly and easily removeable from vehicles.

Federal law does not require auto manufacturers to mark catalytic converters with a Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) making them less traceable to the vehicle of origin than other major components. Current federal law requires 11 classes of vehicles parts and 18 distinct vehicle parts to have identifying numbers affixed or inscribed on them as part of a vehicle theft prevention standard. Congress and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) established laws and regulations requiring individual motor vehicle parts to include VIN for the purpose of reducing motor vehicle theft and motor vehicle parts theft.

Catalytic converters contain the precious metals of rhodium, platinum, and palladium. All three of these metals, which are referred to as Platinum Group Metals (PGMs) have hit record highs in terms of their price with rhodium selling at \$29,800 per ounce in March 2021.

Catalytic converters can be sold in bulk without the need to advertise them for sale. There is an active market of buyers willing to purchase detached catalytic converters and that will accept bulk shipments with very limited scrutiny.

Once a catalytic converter has been removed from a vehicle, the item can quickly sell through a secondary market either as an individual piece or as part of a bulk sale, after amassing multiple catalytic converters, with little in the way of transparency. After removal from an automobile, whether done so legally or illegally, a catalytic converter can be reabsorbed into the supply chain with little to no traceability.

These collective factors create space for illicit behavior to not only survive but thrive and to do so alongside other legitimate business operators. Operators that do not deal in the sale or purchase of illegally obtained catalytic converters.

Here is the new ordinance that was adopted: CATALYTIC CON-VERTERS 404.10.- Sale of catalytic converters. No person or business may sell a used catalytic converter that is not attached to a vehicle. This section does not apply to a bona fide automobile repair garage or used auto parts dealer; whose license permits the installation, replacement, maintenance, or removal of catalytic converters. The purchase of any catalytic converter must meet the recording requirements laid out in Minn. Stat. § 325E.21, Subd. 1(b). 404.20. - Purchase of catalytic converters. No person or business may purchase a used catalytic converter that is not attached to a vehicle unless the seller is a licensed business, whose license permits the installation, replacement, maintenance, or removal of catalytic converters. 404.30. - Possession of catalytic converters. No person shall be in possession of one (1) or more catalytic converters that do not belong to a vehicle or vehicles owned by the individual in possession of the catalytic converter(s), or that the individual cannot provide verification of legal receipt of the catalytic converter from the vehicle owner"

City Charter Changes

n Dec. 3, Minneapolis City government will restructure to reflect the charter amendment passed by voters Nov. 2. The mayor will become the City's chief executive officer and the City Council will become a legislative body. Find more information on the City website about the new government structure, including:

• A chart describing the reorganization of City government

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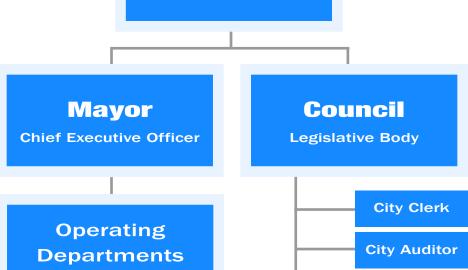
- The timeline for restructuring changes
- The background of the charter amendment



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Minneapolis311@minneapolismn.gov



Voters



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Recycling

www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/ solid-waste (612) 673-2917

Bryn Mawr Recycling Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday
Area 1	December 13	
	December 27	
	January 10	
	January 24	
Areas	December 6	
4W, 5W, 6, 7	December 20	
	January 3	
	January 17	
	January 31	
Areas		December 7
2, 3, 4E, 5E		December 21
		January 4
		January 18

Use it up, wear it out, make it do, do without. Recycle.

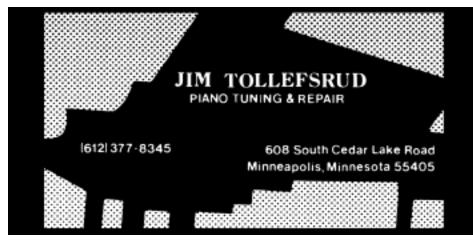
Your wedding dance, holiday party or event can be the very BEST!

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From the Editor

ast month, just in time for Halloween, our printer played a "trick" on us. You may have noticed that the pages of the November *Bugle* were out of order. So in the print edition, if you wanted to read board members Chris and Barry's informative update on the plans to improve Bryn Mawr Meadows Park, you had to start on the back page and then flip back to the middle for the conclusion. It was definitely jarring when I picked up my copy.

I spend a great deal of time working on the rhythm and readability of the *Bugle*. I try to make sure articles of like interests such as Parks and Schools are together and that there is flow from one article to the next. I want people to feel comfortable when they read the Bugle. I want them to know where to find the BMNA Minutes and the recycling schedule. I have been told by several people that they read the Bugle from start to finish like a book, so I am hopeful that means they enjoy the experience of learning about what is happening in our little corner of the world.

Over the past two years, we have been asked to accept significant disruption in our sense of normal. We set aside old habits like hugging friends and family and adopt new ones like wearing a mask. In these same two years, our city and country experienced fear and unrest like most have not known in their lifetime. And despite all that the neighborhood of Bryn Mawr had comfortably settled into our role as the "safest" neighborhood in Minneapolis.

On page 6, we have an uncharacteristically blunt assessment of our most recent incidents of violent crime. This time it is not happening on the other side of Bassett's Creek, but right in front of our homes and inside our businesses. Police Liaison, Bill Magnuson does not attempt to calm us and make us feel better. Instead he wants us to realize that we are not unique in these experiences. Crime is increasing across the City.

These reports have put a 1000-watt bulb on the stress of trying to cope in a pandemic. I am definitely more vigilant. I am also more intentional about finding opportunities to connect with others.

I hope last month's snafu will not repeat this month (or ever!) But in reality, all the pages were there even though reading them was a little more uncomfortable. I also hope when you read this *Bugle*, you find interesting information and the sense of community that really make our neighborhood special.

- JoEllyn Jolstad, bugle@bmna.org

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Bugle Notes

Area 3

rea 3 residents
Brad Horras and
Emily Helgerson
are new parents to
Teddy, born in August.
Teddy was the youngest
goblin on Newton this
year, joining the Halloween parade with
mom and dad. Welcome
to Teddy!





Falling in Love With Colombia

Bryn Mawr Residents Work Alongside Refugees from Colombia's Decades Long Civil War to Improve Their Future

In 2013 I joined a Habitat for Humanity trip to Colombia, partly for the adventure, mostly to do research for a novel I was writing. I was afraid of not being able to raise the \$5,000 donation required by Habitat, afraid of traveling to a country with a long history of violent civil war, and a bit worried I'd have difficulty working hard at 9,000 feet after injuring a shoulder.

But then I fell in love. In love with the adventurous, compassionate members of my team of volunteers from all around the US, in love with the Habitat staff who hailed from several different countries, and most of all, with the Colombians themselves. Habitat had committed to spending five years working alongside the people of Ciudadela Sucre, 11 neighborhoods that hug the hillsides outside of Bogota, to improve their communities. The area where we worked were informal settlements—the residents may have paid for their land or be given it in exchange for a vote, but they did not possess legal documents, a problem through much of South America. Although the families we worked with already lived in single-family structures constructed of large rectangles of terracotta building blocks, most had only dirt floors, no windows, and no functioning kitchens or bathrooms. The families, with jobs like selling flowers on the streets and cleaning homes in Bogota (often a 2-hour journey each way) could not obtain, much less afford, a mortgage. On average, Habitat estimated that it took families 20-years to finish their homes. Habitat's goal was to help foster an economy that reduced the time to 10 years.

Motivated by Habitat's vision our team raised more than \$130,000, enough to provide three families with a decent home, build a road, and conduct extensive analysis of the needs of the community. I was hooked and happily traded away most of the time I would have devoted to writing for cultivating donors to Habitat's work and giving presentations on Colombia.

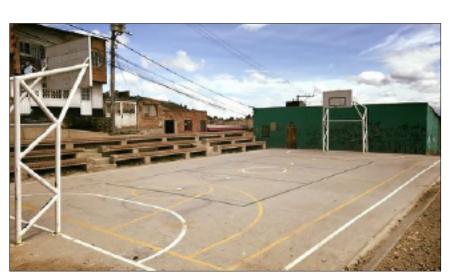
The following year I was humbled to co-lead a group of new volunteers. We improved the homes of more families, most with children with respiratory issues due to the poor indoor air quality. We installed windows, poured concrete floors, added walls to prevent mud from sliding into a home, and constructed an outdoor athletic/civic space called a cancha. One Colombian man we worked alongside was Juan. Juan is paralyzed from the waist down, his disability the result of trying to save his brother from a gunman. Colombians are considered the friendliest people in the world; Juan lived up to the deserved reputation. And now he is a great friend. When I had to miss the trips to Colombia in 2016 and 2017 due to leukemia treatment, Juan messaged me every week: Sigues fuerte! Stay strong!

In 2019, Habitat for Humanity withdrew from Colombia, citing the government's lack of support. In response, many of us former volunteers and former Habitat staff, formed a new non-profit, Building Trust Americas, to continue the work alongside our friends in Ciudadela Sucre. Although we had intended to partner with other non-profits and build needed infrastructure in 2020, the pandemic meant we could not travel and we instead devoted the funds we raised to emergency food and hygiene kits. This year we provided more emergency food and are currently raising funds to provide tuition and school supplies for children and adults as well as build one house and partner with a local non-profit that is piloting a water collecting and purification project.

To date, Bryn Mawrites have provided funds to improve several homes in Colombia and I am thankful. In 2017 my neighbor Jackie Tieleman Ward volunteered there and another neighbor, Ginnie Read, created our non-profit's website. My ask is that you consider supporting our work in Colombia and perhaps even join a future trip with us. Although the neighborhoods are clearly impoverished, the community is rich with hope and cooperation. For more information, please see our website at www.buildingtrustamericas.org or email Christopher_T_Davis@hotmail.com.



Building a road at 9,000 feet!



The cancha athletic facility/community space we constructed



Team of volunteers in 2019.

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Crime Update

→here have been a rash of carjackings and robberies across Minneapolis this year. After several incidents in our neighborhood, we received the following update from Bill Magnuson, our Community Crime Prevention Specialist on December 1st. Stay involved by becoming a block club leader (see inset), attending the monthly BMNA meetings where we have standing report from MPD or checking the crime maps at www.minneapolismn.gov.

"The white SUV spotted on Saturday came back as a stolen vehicle out of Minneapolis and has been located. The vehicle [used by] the suspects we arrested on Friday 11/26/21 was a Volkswagen Tiguan.

"The Robbery of the Bryn Mawr market is an ongoing investigation at this time we are not certain the suspects we arrested are connected.

"I do not believe there is an increase in Patrol in Brvn Mawr as we do not have the resources for that, and Bryn Mawr is not seeing an increase in crime compared to other neighborhoods, as these types of crimes are occurring throughout the entire City.

"The suspects we arrested on Friday are not the same ones responsible for the robberies that occurred on Saturday near Cedar Lake RD and Thomas Ave N.

"I am aware of a the Female that is stealing things from yards and porches I know exactly where her camp site is and I made contact with her yesterday for the first time, she refused to speak to us and walked away. I

have notified our Homeless outreach team regarding her a few times and will again do so today. This is the first time I am hearing about a male that is associated with her."

Community Crime Prevention Specialist Bill Magnuson and Inspector Adams will be at our next monthly meeting December 8. Look for the link to the online meeting in your email soon. Also here is more background information on the Crime Prevention Specialists. Last summer they were reassigned from MPD to Community Relations.

The Minneapolis Police Department (MPD) and Neighborhood and Community Relations (NCR) Department would like to announce that MPD's Crime Prevention Specialists, who have been an integral part of the MPD for over thirty years, will officially transition to the City's NCR Department on Monday, June 28, 2021. Crime Prevention Specialists are being transferred to NCR at the direction of the City Council.

Since January 2021, NCR staff have worked closely with Chief Arradondo, Deputy Chief Waite and Deputy Chief Fors to ensure that the Crime Prevention Specialists will have access to the technology they need to perform their numerous responsibilities. This includes conducting premise surveys, offering block leader trainings, providing crime statistics, participating in weekly MSTAT meetings with law enforcement and participating in crime prevention strategies. In addition, stakeholders will continue to see Crime Prevention Specialists educating the community about public safety and at community and neighborhood association meetings and related events.

The direct supervision of the Crime Prevention Specialists will transition to NCR Crime Prevention Team Manager Jose Velez. He can be reached at

jose.velez@minneapolismn.gov.

Block Clubs

ould you like to help connect your block? Forming a block club through the Minneapolis Police Department can be one way to strengthen communication among a block. Neighborhoods and block clubs work with their **Crime Prevention Specialists** (CPS) to prevent and reduce crime. If you choose to form a block club, your Crime Prevention Specialist will provide you with training to help you organize your block, run meetings, keep the block active, and crime prevention strategies. Neighbors, usually on one block, work together to be aware of suspicious activity, watch out for each other, call 911 when they see suspicious activity

or crimes in progress, work together to solve problems and deal with issues. You will also receive crime alert communications from your crime prevention specialist. Block clubs are encouraged to have at least one social event a year like National Night out. Other blocks in Bryn Mawr have formed phone lists, email lists or google groups to keep in touch not just about crime but social events and other block news. No matter which way you choose to unite your block, increased communication is the goal!

Contact your CPS, Bill Magnuson, 612.673.5778, william. magnuson@minneapolismn.g ov, to find out if your block is organized and if not, to step up and be a block leader.

Give to the Max 2021

√hank you to everyone who participated in Give to the Max day this year. We raised \$595 for the BMNA that will go towards programs, events, and communications. We are grateful for your support.

- Lynda Shaheen coordinator@bmna.org



Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - December 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 meet at Bryn Mawr Elementary School during the school year, unless otherwise noted.						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	BMNA Monthly Meeting 6:30pm on Google Meet. Email coordinator@bmna.org for joining information.	Minneapolis Nature ⁹ Preschool Winter Celebration 5-7pm Bryn Mawr/Anwatin Forest School	10	Saturnalia 4-8pm 11 Musical Entertain- ment, Wagon Rides, Children's Activities, Bonfires & Treats
12	13	14	PTA Coffee Sale 15 Pick-up, 4-6pm Bryn Mawr School	PTA Coffee Sale 16 Pick-up, 4-6pm Bryn Mawr School	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Winter Break Minn	eapolis Public Schools	s - December 20-31		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
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From the Board

Submissions from BMNA Board Members

Bryn Mawr Corner Concerts

ryn Mawr has been very fortunate to partake in corner concerts outdoors at 604 Cedar Lake Road S. Carol Anderson and Dean Severson have conducted six concerts during Covid and after the unrest with George Floyd. Collectively they have raised over \$1,000 of donations that has been contributed to non profit organizations. This was their effort to pay it forward at such a time of unrest. Carol, a realtor at Re Max, and Dean, retired from Fed Ex after 32 years, met in the last 80's as volunteers at the St Kates Art Fair. They officially started playing togeth-

the Upright Base and Guitar, Dean plays the Guitar. People have said Carol's voice sounds like Patsy Cline. As an aside, Carol was born the day Patsy died. Their voices and musical taste compliment each other. They were

part of a five piece band, Cannery Row, performing in 1995. They performed at the happy hour at the Red Stag for 10 years. Their band is now called Kitchen Patrol(no KP is required if you are playing!) Some of the songs they play are from artists K.D. Lang; Nancy Griffin; Patsy Cline; Bob Wills; John Prine; and Guy Clark. Their concerts have brought our neighborhood closer. Often neighbors might be out walking their dogs and will stop to listen. Children have been attending, such a wonderful way to expose them to something new. Carol and Dean don't know what the future holds. We have been so lucky to sit outside and safely enjoy their music this past year.

- Joanne Michalec, Area 4







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Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - January 2022

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	ryn Mawr Neighborhood As Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
No Bugle in January Next Edition is February 2022					New Years Day 1	
2	3	4	5	6	1	8
9	10	11	BMNA Monthly 12 Meeting 6:30pm on Google Meet. Email coordinator@ bmna.org for joining information.	13	14	15
16	Reverend Dr. 17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	18	19	Submissions due for Feb. 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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Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board Reducing Parkway Speed Limits to 20 mph

t its Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2021 meeting, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) of Commissioners passed Resolution 2021-314, which amends Chapter 9, Section 52 of the MPRB Code of Ordinances to lower the speed limit on parkways to 20 miles per hour (mph). The reduced speed limit on parkways will match the speed limit for local streets in Minneapolis, which was changed to 20 mph in 2020.

"We know that on our roads, slower speeds save lives," said MPRB President Jono Cowgill. "I'm proud of the Board for reducing parkway speed limits so they align with the city and with our goal of creating safe routes to our parks for everyone."

Over the coming months, the MPRB and the City of Minneapolis Public Works Department, which manages signage along the parkway system, will change existing signage



from 25 mph to 20 mph. Parkway speed limit signage adjustments will continue in the spring of 2022 as frequency of signage is reviewed in more detail.

Drivers should follow the posted speed limit on parkways while signs are updated.

Oak Wilt in Theodore Wirth Park

♦his year, the Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board (MPRB) identified several trees infected with oak wilt in south areas of Theodore Wirth Regional Park. MPRB actively manages diseased trees and takes measures to prevent the spread of oak wilt, as it has done for more than 18 years in this part of Wirth Park, including the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary.

Oak wilt is caused by the fungus Ceratocystis fagacearum, and is responsible for killing large numbers of oak trees every year in the Twin Cities metropolitan area, in greater Minnesota, and in the central and eastern United States.

With a significant population of mature oaks, Wirth Park is particularly vulnerable to a disease like oak wilt. If left unmanaged, it can quickly spread through a forested area and result in significant tree loss.

The diseased trees were removed and their wood disposed of off-site, as spores from the fungus can overwinter and cause new infections in healthy trees during the next active growing season.

Because oak wilt spreads primarily through root connections of mature oak trees, MPRB has also scheduled a control method called vibratory plowing. It involves contractors cutting underground root connections between healthy and diseased trees, reducing both the spread of the disease and its associated tree mortality.

After plowing, park visitors may notice areas where the soil looks disturbed in a linear fashion. MPRB staff will rake in the areas where soil does not naturally settle.



Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board Continues Transition Back to Pre-pandemic Services and Hours at Recreation Centers

he Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) continues to transition its 47 recreation centers to pre-COVID-19 services and hours of operation.

All MPRB recreation centers are currently offering scheduled registered and ActivePass programs Monday-Saturday, with five sites offering pre-registered programs on Sunday. Search all available activities at minneapolisparks.org/register.

Masks Required

During all phases of reopening, masks will be required for all recreation center visitors, including instructors and sport spectators, as directed by MPRB Superintendent Al Bangoura.

Recreation centers will begin offering general public hours starting Nov. 29, with the following phased approach:

Monday, November 29-Sunday, **December 19**

All recreation centers open Monday-Friday, 3-7 pm.

Drop-in recreation opportunities available during those public open hours.

Recreation centers open outside of public open hours and Saturdays

and Sundays only for pre-registered and ActivePass programs. Youth sports games begin at various sites with spectators allowed.

Monday, December 20-Thursday, December 30

(Minneapolis Public Schools Winter Break)

All recreation centers open on School Release Days, Monday-Friday, Noon-7 pm.

Drop-in recreation opportunities available during those public open

Note: all recreation centers will be closed and programming cancelled Dec. 24-25 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1 in observance of Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

Monday, January 3, 2022 and onward

All recreation centers open Monday-Friday, 3-9 pm.

All recreation centers open Saturdays, Noon-6 pm.

Northeast, Farview, East Phillips, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Pearl recreation centers open Sundays, Noon-6 pm.

Drop-in recreation opportunities will be available during those public open hours.



December 18, 2021 Full moon, the Ojibwe Pawatchi Giziz or descending cold moon.

December 21, 2021 Winter solstice, shortest day of the year. Sun rises at 7:48 and sets at 4:34. Although we don't see chipmunks, they are awake in their burrows, eating stored

food.

January 15, 2019 Skated around Cedar Lake. The ice was perfect due to

recent freeze/thaw cycles and no snow.

January 17, 2022 MLK day. Full moon, the Dakota Witelii Wi or hard time moon.

January 18, 1999 High -16°. Governor Ventura orders all schools closed

to keep kids safe.

January 18, 2019 Low -28°, coldest reading at MSP in 10 years. Wind

New Southwest Newspaper

new print newspaper called The Southwest Connector will start in December 2021. Initially it will be published once a month and grow to twice a month.

Their Facebook page says, "The Southwest Connector in southwest Minneapolis is for profit and for a purpose – and we don't sacrifice one for the other. As a media company, we work to highlight issues, solve real, meaningful problems, and repair existing social systems. We are working with our readers and advertisers to create a more just and responsible society that hears, helps and heals the customers and communities we serve. The Connector is part of TMC Publications, which also operates the Longfellow Nokomis Messenger in South Minneapolis and Midway Como Frogtown Monitor in St. Paul."



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

Hamnet, A Novel of the Plague by Maggie O'Farrell

Women's Prize for Fiction, a prestigious literary award in the UK. And rightly so. Maggie O'Farrell has a brilliant command of words and weaves the most delightful and deep tales based on bits of history.

Set in the late 1500's in Stratford, England, Hamnet is the fictionalized story of the wife, children, and family of Wm Shakespeare. O'Farrell takes the scarcest information known about Shakespeare's wife, Anne Hathaway, and creates a most compelling character, Agnes, who holds a kestrel on her glove and with a wave of rosemary, whisks her honeybees back to the honeycomb. Where historians generally treat Shakespeare's marriage with Anne as an unsatisfying union between an older woman and her much younger spouse, Agnes brings life's breath to her husband. "She can look at a person and see right into their very soul." During their lovemaking in the apple shed, "the apples are moving, jolting, rocking on their shelves" and the pair understands without speaking that their love is too big and too complex to grasp. Agne's lover turned husband is never mentioned by name. He is referred to as the Latin tutor, husband, father, son, playwright. Agnes is the major force in this tale.

The story is an exploration of a mother's grief. Agnes begins tending to her desperately ill daughter, Judith, Hamnet's twin. But in a Shakespearean turn, Hamnet dies of the bubonic plague, "blanched by fever, fingernails

stained black, buboes swelled tighter and tighter." Agnes withdraws, as mothers across time have. She is unable to save Hamnet and turns inward on herself and her marriage. "How were they to know that Hamnet was the pin holding them together," without him "they were as a cup shattering on the floor." However, the novel does not end tragically, but like many a Shakespeare play, with redemption.

One compelling chapter describes how the bubonic plague came to Agnes's door. "For the pestilence to reach Warwickshire in the summer of 1596, two events needed to occur in the lives of two separate people, and then these people needed to meet" begins O'Farrell's tracing of the plague that claims Hamnet. The description holds relevance given the pandemic we've been in for the past 20 months. We are reminded of the attempts to trace the beginnings of Covid and mitigate its effects. As Heller McAlpin of NPR writes, "We may have better medical technology, but our frantic missteps sound like echoes of the Renaissance. They had their physicians prescribing onion and dried toad; we have our [former] president nattering on about light and bleach."

The editors of the NYT Book Review chose this as one of the 10 best books of 2020. We couldn't agree more.

What the Moms are reading now... Let's Pretend This Never Happened (A Mostly True Memoir), by Jenny Lawson





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(sjstillman14@gmail.com) to arrange a drop off here in Bryn Mawr. Thanks for supporting North High School!!

Anwatin Middle School Clothing & Winter Gear Drive

ur neighborhood middle school is in need of donations of clothing, shoes, coats, boots and belts. Used donations are fine, but please make sure

they are clean and in good condition. Items may be dropped off at Anwatin Middle School (256 Upton Ave S.) Thanks for supporting Anwatin!!

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brynmawr.Minneapolis.k12.mn.us

Minneapolis Kids School-age Childcare (at Bryn Mawr School) 612-668-3890

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Anwatin Middle School (6-8) International Baccalaureate and **Spanish Dual Immersion**

256 Upton Avenue South 612-668-2450

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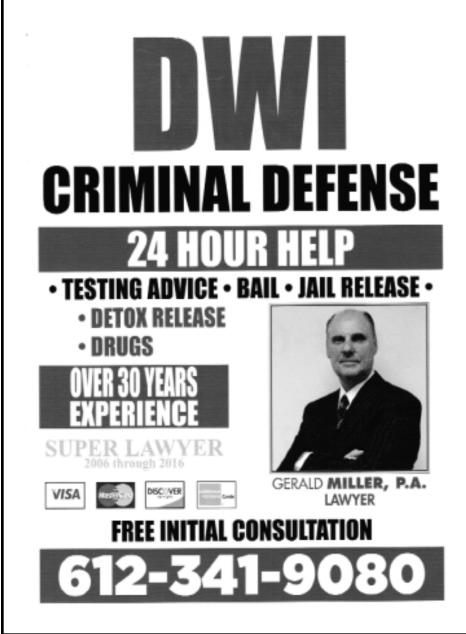
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A Charity Auction Event

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This year, Minneapolis Nature Preschool will host a week-long online auction ending with an evening winter celebration on Thursday, Dec 9th. Bidding will start Wednesday, Dec 1 at 1:00 pm CST and ends Monday, Dec 6 at 6:00 pm CST. Bid at www.biddingowl.com/Auction

Winter Celebration

Please join us on Thursday
December 9th for Bryn Mawr
Anwatin School Forest Winter
Celebration from 5-7pm. There will
be a woodland luminary walk, star
gazing, chickadee landing station, hot
chocolate and more!

At this time you can pick up you winning auction items or make special arrangements with Alyson Quinn or Janet Lopez (janetlo93@centurylink.net)

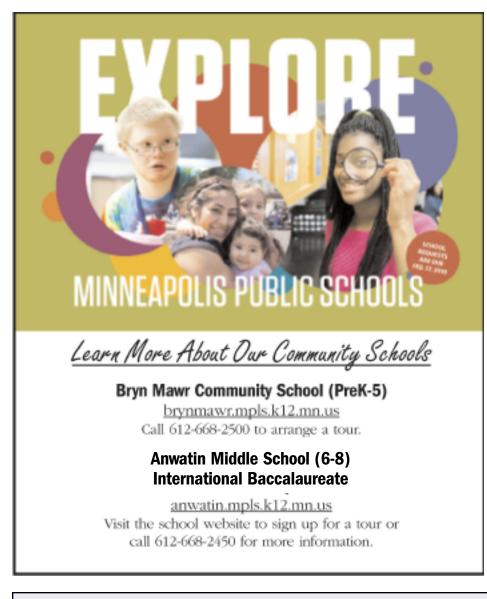
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If you would like to volunteer at the school forest winter celebration, reach out to Teacher Maia at maia@minneapolisnaturepreschool.org

Enrollment for the 2022-2023 Nature Preschool Year is now open. Visit

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