

# BRINKWR

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# And neighborhood events, including new smaller and socially

March 2022

Winter Fest (March) Outdoor Summer Yoga Series (June-August) Annual Meeting (June) Ice Cream Stroll (July) Festival of Garage Sales (September) Member Night (September) Sip and Stroll (October) Saturnalia (December)

### The Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association's (BMNA) 2022 Membership Drive is now underway!

t's that time of year when we encourage our neighbors to support the BMNA. The BMNA is recognized as one of the strongest neighborhood groups in the Twin Cities. Your support makes this possible. We are asking you to continue to support the BMNA and the work that we do on behalf of all of our neighbors. Member donations make up nearly half of our income stream with the rest coming from the city and other activities. A \$50 suggested contribution will enable us to maintain our programming and outreach efforts, although any amount is appreciated!

We continued to face challenges in 2021. Yet our neighbors have stayed engaged and involved and committed to working together. The BMNA continues to adapt and grow to better serve the needs of Bryn Mawr.

#### Our work in 2021 included:

The Bryn Mawr Bugle neighborhood newspaper

Our website (BMNA.org), email updates, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram,

NextDoor, and neighborhood meetings

Contract support staff who keep things organized and moving forward Neighborhood garden projects including the new Bryn Mawr gateway hedge and the Bassett Creek Restoration

Diversity and inclusion training for the Board led by Sun Yung Shin and the Racial Justice Committee

Bryn Mawr spirit wear and an online store

Representation/advocacy on important planning efforts at the city and county level, such as SWLRT, new housing developments in our neighborhood, crime and safety, and park improvements

New monthly safety meetings and regular safety updates from the MPD and Hennepin County

Communications updates on COVID-19, elections, Park Board, and schools

## It's easy to become a member and make a contribution.

- Fill out and return the envelope mailed to households or -Visit BMNA.org and click on the Donate link, or
- Set up a recurring donation from your bank.

You do not have to make a contribution to be a member. The BMNA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Your contribution is tax deductible to

Volunteering is another great way to support the BMNA and meet your neighbors. We welcome and encourage you to join the board or one of our various committees. You can also volunteer for activities such as maintaining our neighborhood gardens, delivering The Bugle, or helping out at one of our annual events. Sign up at the Volunteer page on our website.

We are all a vital part of this engaged neighborhood. We hope you will contribute to the 2022 Membership Drive and support the good work that is being done on behalf of Bryn Mawr.

Sincerely, **Kevin Thompson** Kevin Thompson, BMNA President president@bmna.org

## Have you seen these cool Ice-Liths?

potted on Upton Ave S, these cool sculptures were created by Bob Reilly. Bob retired in June, 2020, from working as a Birth to Three, Early Childhood Special Education teacher with Minneapolis Public Schools. That winter there was a real cold spell, but with blue skies that inspired him to get outside and create something. He decided to try building with ice. After unsuccessfully trying paper milk cartons, which explode when frozen, he found that inexpensive plastic food containers worked great for making ice bricks. Next he tried an old slider, a simple plastic shell sled, and tried filling that with water. It made a nice "icelith", so he collected a few more sleds so he could freeze several at a time. His great niece and nephew, and several young neighbors thought it was great, so they built a little fort complete with ice table and ice chairs and had some hot chocolate at the "ice cafe."

This year he had more conceptual feelings and just wanted to try an "ice installation," or environmental sculpture: something simple, something linear; a rumination on simplicity. A folly, he says, he took great care in setting up the row as straight as possible, oriented at precisely true south on the compass,

and setting up each ice-lith to the 90-degree vertical. Using six sleds he quickly reached the limits of his yard, but then sequentially, as ice-lith production continued, his neighbors happily accepted the linear expansion, even crossing Laurel, heading south.

Bob reflects on his project, "Part of the real pleasure of the installation is watching the changes as it melts and observing the way the ice-liths catch the light at different times of the day. It's kinetic art. But I think above all, it's been a wonderful excuse to be outside and active on some of the coldest days of winter. Protected with snow pants, boots, and heavy jacket, it's been a real pleasure. It's also a lot of fun to work with my young neighbors who came up with the idea of the ice igloo."







The Bryn Mawr Bugle March 2022 on the web at



**BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION Board Meeting Minutes** 

Wednesday, February 9, 2022 6:30-8:15 PM Google Meet/Virtual Meeting

#### **Board and Staff**

Brian Treece - Vice President Jessica Wiley - Secretary Liv Nielsen - Area 1 Co-Rep Scott Graham - Area 1 Co-Rep Sue Verrett - Area 2 Co -Rep Joanne Michalec - Area 4 Co-Rep Beth Turnbull - Area 5 Co-Rep Bridget Bergheger - Area 5 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 JoEllyn Jolstad - Bugle Editor Lynda Shaheen - Communication/ **Fundraising Coordinator** McKenzie Erickson - Event Coordinator

#### **Guests:**

Lisa Goodman - Minneapolis City Councilperson Lieutenant Grant Snyder - Minneapolis Police Department Nance and Mary Duffy - Area 1 Dave Holets - Area 1 Kris Ragozzino - Area 4 Anna Reiber - Area 4 Jen Schmitz - Area 5 Bill Miner - Area 6

## 2022 **BMNA Events**

#### Winter Fest

Friday, February 25th

#### **Festival of Garage Sales**

Saturday, May 7th

#### **Annual Meeting**

Wednesday, May 11th

#### Ice Cream Social

Thursday, July 28th

#### **Member Night**

Thursday, September 22nd

#### Sip & Stroll

Thursday, October 13th

#### **Harvest Dinner**

**TBD November** 

#### Saturnalia

Saturday. December 10th

- McKenzie Erickson, Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Events Coordinator events@bmna.org 612.987.2067

#### Call to Order at 6:31 PM

Agenda approval moved, seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes from January 12, 2022, moved, seconded. Motion carried.

#### City of Minneapolis -**Councilperson Lisa Goodman**

Kim Havey, Director of the Division of Sustainability for Minneapolis, will be moving into Bryn Mawr. Lunch With Lisa on March 23 will be a field trip to highlight a partnership among the city, Minneapolis Community and Technical College, and some developers to save the Historic Alden Property. Variance for a property on Drew passed zoning. Redistricting hearings end this month, no changes for Byrn Mawr. City moving to F2F/hybrid work in mid-March. Margaret Anderson Kelliher will be leaving MNDOT and working for Minneapolis as Public Works Director. Lisa stated that she was unaware until last week how noknock warrants work. Council had a briefing from lawyers from University of St. Thomas about the history and the statistics surrounding the practice. She believes it is a dangerous practice and should only be used in very exigent circumstances; supports banning no-knock warrants. Responded to Board questions. Kate asked that we acknowledge that Amir Locke was killed in our ward because of a no-knock warrant. Lisa elaborated on her understanding of the ban Mayor Frey claimed last fall and how that differs from the current ban being discussed. Introduced Lieutenant Snyder. Works with homeless, runs a non-profit that provides food for homeless encampments. Is working in a leadership position in 4th Precinct.

#### **Crime Prevention Specialist-Shannon McDonough**

tenant Grant Snyder introduced himself and talked about his history in Minneapolis, including working on sex trafficking and homelessness. Updated progress on the shooting at the Market in December. Suspects are currently in custody. The 16/17-yearold suspects are being charged as adults. Have been providing additional patrols in the neighborhood after reports of activity in the middle school parking lot. Discussed buyback/directed patrol program that will be offered in the 4th precinct. Officers can sign up for additional patrolling between 10 and 4. Buyback/directed patrol is funded through the MPD budget; not paid for with private funds from neighbors or neighborhoods.

#### Treasurer Report - Roberta Jordan No report.

#### **Communications & Fundraising Report - Lynda Shaheen**

Welcome Packets are in process, getting updated coupons from businesses. Barry will distribute when ready. Membership mailer in progress. New move-in list updated. Should start hitting mailboxes next week. Getting sponsors and silent auction items for WinterFest. Getting several donations from artists.

#### **Event Report – McKenzie** Erickson

WinterFest planning underway; Friday February 25 at Utepils. Using their side bar room with spillover into the warehouse area. Will be fol-

Shannon was unable to attend. Lieu-

#### Events - Brian Treece

and will split the expense.

Discussed possibility of having a Garden Tour this year. Budgeted \$2000 for a coordinator and a budget for expenses. Tour does generate revenue. Brian will explore leadership.

lowing covid protocols. Will have

colators playing from 6 - 10.

**Bugle - JoEllyn Jolstad** 

an article on owls.

No report.

taco bar, jerk chicken from Pimento,

The deadline for articles/ads is the

for picking up Bugles in Princeton;

will save us courier dollars. Rod has

**Webmaster – Jeremy Staffeld** 

Community Projects - Jessica Wiley

Approved a proposal to match cost

of awnings for Greenhouse Salon and

Spa. Both Community Projects Com-

mittee and Racial Justice Committee

supported this as a BIPOC business

**Committee Reports (as needed)** 

20th, as usual. Thanks to Steve Harvey

pork shoulder from Hugh Morris. Per-

#### Parks – Chris Etz/Barry Schade

Master plan for Cedar Lake/ Isles link sent. Some controversial items including making it possible to walk around Cedar Lake. Can still provide feedback. Zoom chat set up with Park Board Rep, Elizabeth Shaffer, to maintain workable link with Park Board. Meadows project starting; is coordinated with sewer project. Loppet was successful.

#### Racial Justice – Kate Knuth/McKenzie Erickson/Liv Nielson

Survey will be sent to board to give feedback on December DEI training. Supported a Bryn Mawr BIPOC business with dollars for awning. Inviting Board members to participate in the first 30 minutes the RJ meeting on February 17 to give feedback/input for equity goals the committee will set for 2022.

#### Traffic Safety- Chris Etz/Rod Miller Haven't received any feedback on our traffic calming letter. Still quiet at 2800 Wayzata.

#### Schools - Colleen Dhennin

Lynda shared that Colleen organized getting tennis shoes to Bryn Mawr Elementary. Volunteer Page generated interest in reading in the schools; Colleen connected them with Reading Buddies.

#### **Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements**

Purchasing the OWL camera that will allow us to hold hybrid BMNA meetings, hoping for a March trial.

Adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** Wednesday, March 9, 2022

**Upcoming Events:** Winter Fest February 25, 2022

#### **Winter Fest Sponsors**

Winter Fest Sponsors! We couldn't host such a big event without their support. Please show them your support and appreciation.

Platinum - Alex Boylan, Alexander Group, eXp A big thank you to our Realty, Utepils Brewing Co,

**Gold** - Bryn Mawr Soap, NATIV3, Spruce Salon

Silver - CLEAR Holistic Therapies, Bryn Mawr Market, Bryn Mawr Pizza and Deli, Pimento Jamaican Kitchen

## **BMNA Monthly Meetings**



#### **Upcoming BMNA Meetings on Google Meet:**

Wednesday, March 9 at 6:30pm Wednesday, April 13 at 6:30pm Email coordinator@bmna.org or call 612.234.7819 for meeting link and joining information.

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## **Long-time Anwatin Staff Member Passes Away**

n February 15, 2022 the world lost a beautiful soul, Joseph Brown, Mr. Brown has been the heart and soul of the Anwatin Community for more than 22 years and a dedicated MPS educator for 3 decades. Staff were hit hard by the sudden passing of their colleague and friend. The community pulled together to support each other and especially the students.

Mr. Brown forged close relationships with many students, as a coach, mentor and behavior dean. Extra mental health support staff were on hand including a support dog and the PTA group provided some on-site help and food for staff.

From Anwatin teacher, Tiffany Doherty: "My school lost the soul of our community unexpectedly this week. He leaves behind his wife, children, grandchildren, and a entire host of students, colleagues, and friends.



He will be missed dearly and loved always.

A Go Fund Me has been set up for his family. (In Memory of Mr. Joseph Brown) This fundraiser will benefit the family of Mr. Brown directly to help them cover expenses related to laying Mr. Brown to rest and supporting his family through this untimely loss.







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## City of **Minneapolis Curfews**

Under 12:

Sun-Thurs 9 pm, Fri-Sat 10 pm.

Ages 12-14:

Sun-Thurs 10 pm, Fri-Sat 11 pm,

Age 15-17:

Sun-Thurs 11 pm, Fri-Sat 12 midnight

## Schedule a Meet & Greet Bryn Mawr Location References Available

#### **Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church Welcomes You!**

Adult Ed @ 9:15 a.m.

September-May at BMPC or on Zoom

Worship @ 10:30 a.m.

Both in person and via Zoom For in person please wear a mask Request Zoom Link from info@brynmawrchurch.org

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## **Visit BMNA.ORG for a link to** membership information.

http://www.bmna.org/bmna/membership.html

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## Recycling

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

## Bryn Mawr Recycling Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday
Area 1	March 7	
	March 21	
Areas	March 14	
4W, 5W, 6, 7	March 28	
Areas		March 15
2, 3, 4E, 5E		March 29

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Minneapolis 311 is more than a phone number. It's also a 24-hour online resource for access to City services.

Minneapolis311@minneapolismn.gov



## From the Editor

Tsit here reflecting on this past month and thinking about what to write. and I am overwhelmed with the sheer volume of things that are weighing on me.

The Olympics were positively ruined by a decision to allow an athlete to compete who had tested positive for a banned substance. It was even sadder when this poor 15-year-old child broke under the pressure and the adults around her offered her no comfort or support.

Yesterday, Mother Nature reminded us that we live in Minnesota and it is (was) still February. Twenty hours of snowfall, wind and frigid temperatures shut down schools and restaurants, derailing my plans to celebrate National Margarita Day at La Mesa.

But, setting levity aside, I cannot shake the images of Deshaun Hill's funeral yesterday out of my head. Pictures of the hearse pulling up in the courtyard of North High School and his coffin being transferred to an open-air horse-drawn funeral carriage were haunting. It was during the storm and I could not help but think of how very, very cold he must be.

I am also replaying the heartwrenching victim impact statement of Daunte Wright's mother as she lamented how former office Potter cried- outnot for her son and what she had done to him or how she could help him, but at the prospect her own incarceration.

Crime has excalated and not just in Bryn Mawr. Our whole city (coun-

try?) is hurting and we need to be part of a holistic approach to healing. Then today conflict broke out in Europe and it seems possible that it could escalate into World War III. We sit and try to understand why this is happening (hint: power, money, oil) and what can be done about it. But ultimately, would we care if the price of gasoline wasn't skyrocketing?

There has been a drop in Covid cases and it would seem that we may be on the verge of the elusive herd immunity. I have been to several public performances and even went out to dinner in a jam-packed restaurant on Valentine's Day. Enrollments for summer camps are up 300% compared with the first week of registration last summer so it would seem I am not the only one seeing light at the end of this very long tunnel.

But as optimism looms, the fatigue of the pandemic has taken a toll. This week educators in both Minneapolis and St. Paul filed a notice of intent to strike. It is so sad that Federal and Local governments are throwing short-term money at districts rather than finally investing in public education by funding their own mandates.

I hope you don't mind that I took this time and space to voice what I have been feeling. One thing I think we have learned in this past year is that you don't have to say things are "fine" when they're not.

- JoEllyn Jolstad, bugle@bmna.org

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# City Council Confirms Margaret Anderson Kelliher as director of City's Public Works Department

he City Council has approved Mayor Jacob Frey's nomination of Margaret Anderson Kelliher as the new director of the Public Works Department for a four-year term. Anderson Kelliher has served as the commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) since 2019.

Anderson Kelliher will begin her new role with Public Works on March 2, overseeing a department with approximately 1,100 employees who build, operate and maintain the City's public infrastructure and deliver critical services, such as solid waste and recycling collection, safe drinking water, street maintenance and emergency sewer and road repairs.

In addition to serving as MnDOT commissioner, Anderson Kelliher served 12 years in the Minnesota House of Representatives, including as the Minnesota House Speaker for four years. While House Speaker, she oversaw passage of the transportation and transit funding package in 2008 – a groundbreaking investment in the state's multimodal transportation and transit system. Anderson Kelliher is a long time resident of Bryn Mawr having served on the Board and as the neighborhood coordinator.

#### **Tree Trust Trees Available**

inneapolis property owners will soon be able to order 5to 8-foot trees for \$30 each to plant on their private property. Minneapolis property owners in Green Zones, rental property owners and property owners who haven't ever gotten a tree in the City Trees program will get a chance to order a tree earlier. New this year: two trees can be ordered per property. The 1,500 trees in 30 varieties this year include large and medium shade trees, fruit trees, evergreens and flowering trees. Comparable trees cost about \$125 at a nursery.

Green Zones property owners (Bryn Mawr is not in the Green Zone) can order up to three trees starting at 8 a.m. Monday, March 7.

Rental property owners citywide can order their trees for a maximum of five properties starting at 8 a.m. Wednesday, March 16. They just fill out a separate order for each property.

Minneapolis property owners who haven't ever received a tree from the Minneapolis tree sale, who aren't in a Green Zone, can order their trees starting at 8 a.m. Wednesday, March 16.

All Minneapolis property owners can order two trees per address starting at 8 a.m. Wednesday, March 23.

Purchasing will close April 15 or when the trees run out, whichever is first.

## Low-cost trees are available first-come, first-served.

People will pick up their trees May 21, 22 or 23 (subject to change). Location is to be determined and will be emailed to people who bought a tree. Volunteers onsite will help load each new tree and a complimentary bag of mulch into vehicles on request.

Find more information and order your trees through Tree Trust www.treetrust.org.

In the past 17 years, the City Trees program has provided approximately 20,000 trees for planting on private property. Since 2006, the City of Minneapolis has funded the City Trees program, a low-cost way for folks to help the city's tree canopy grow and enjoy all the benefits of trees. Trees help filter pollutants out of the air and reduce the heat island effect in a city. They save energy by providing shade in the summer and protecting against wind in the winter. Trees reduce the amount of stormwater runoff into lakes and rivers. They even help reduce stress. Larger trees provide more benefits than smaller trees.



## Free Home Weatherization Workshops for Hennepin County Residents

# Free Home Weatherization Workshops for Hennepin County Residents

Rethos, a regional nonprofit that advocates for the reuse and repair of old buildings, will be offering six free home weatherization and energy efficiency workshops to residents of Hennepin County in 2022.

Workshops will teach homeowners, renters, and caretakers of old buildings how to maximize energy efficiency in their residences, saving money and prolonging the life of their homes. Some workshops will include a free home weatherization kit that attendees can take home and apply themselves.

Workshops are in the process of being finalized and many have not yet been posted on Rethos' website, but you can check Rethos' Education webpage

(https://www.rethos.org/classes) for upcoming workshops and reg-

istration. The following workshops will be offered:

Why Old is Green: Sustainability in Older Homes – Webinar, March 16, 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Old Window Weatherization: Maximizing Energy Efficiency (title may change) - Webinar, April 14, Time TBD (evening)

Old Home Weatherization: Low-Cost Upgrades - Webinar, May 3, Time TBD (evening)

Old Window Weatherization: Restoring Old Windows (title may change) - Hayes Window Restoration (Outdoors), May 24, Time TBD (evening)

Seasonal Home Maintenance Tips - Webinar, July 19, Time TBD (evening)

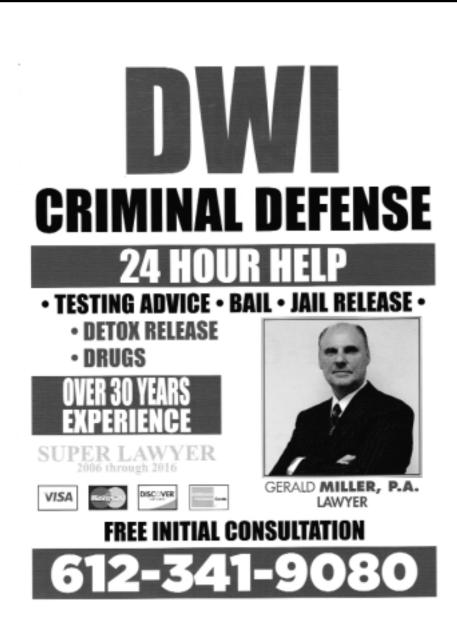
Old Home Weatherization: Big-Picture Planning - Webinar, Date TBD (August), Time TBD (evening)

For more information, please contact: Kelly Fischer, Outreach & Education Coordinator, kelly@rethos.org, 651-293-9047

# Order your free at-home tests from the Federal Government

Tou can now request free at-home COVID-19 test kits from the federal government at covidtests.gov. Each home in the U.S. is eligible to order four free at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests are free.

Orders will usually ship in seven to 12 days. The tests are rapid antigen at-home tests, not PCR tests. They can be taken anywhere. They will give results within 30 minutes; no lab drop-off is required.



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ecently a former resident of Bryn Mawr contacted me to donate to Winter Fest. When she came to my house she commented that she used to live on my block and that there was an article in the newspaper sometime in the 50's about our block. She gave me the title, "13 (children) is Lucky Number for 4 Families" and the date October 11, 1954. I was able to find it in the archives and share with my block. The article mostly described the layouts and furniture of these newer homes and the outside gardens including, "a dozen varieties of cacti flourish in the sandy soil which is heated by a special cable

running several inches below the ground." Another house is described as having, "nine bright red leather stools, studded with brass nailheads, stand in front of a 19-foot bar." These stools and bar are still in lace in my neighbors house! You can compare the 1950's photo with one my neighbor sent me from this year. There is mention of the Fruen family living here and they are relatives of the family that once owned Fruen Mill.The map of the block shows Mt. View interesting with Thomas Ave before 394 was constructed and Thomas was turned into a dead end cul-de-sac.

- Lynda Shaheen, Area 2



## **Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - March 2021**

All meetings are open - everyone is welcome. Neighbors are urged to attend and participate in meetings and activities of special interest to them.

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association and its committees meet at Bryn Mawr Elementary School during the school year, unless otherwise noted.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sa Pre on	afety meetings with vention Specialist S the first Wednesda	onthly Community Community Crime Channon McDonough by of the month from community members he to join.	1	Community Safety Meeting 6:30-7:30pm. Visit bmna.org/safe- ty for meeting loca- tion	3	4	5
	6	7	8	BMNA Monthly Meeting 6:30pm on Google Meet. Email coordinator@bmna.org for joining information.	10	11	12
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
due Bug Bug Ma	gle@bmna.org	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27	28	29	Lunch with 30 Lisa (Councilmember Goodman) Email zach.schultz@ minneapolismn.gov or call at 612-673-2207	31		

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## Bryn Mawr Owls Still Thriving in Wirth Woods

rithin a short walk of your home in Bryn Mawr, families of Great Horned Owls and Barred Owls have survived another year while we struggled with COVID-19. Pairs of each owl nested within feet of Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary and each produced two offspring. Many neighbors hear the Great Horned Owls at night when they visit the neighborhood searching for food. Not to worry - they're not interested in cats and dogs. They're looking for mice, rats (yep, rats!), voles, squirrels and rabbits.

Barred Owls typically avoid urban areas and prefer mixed forests of large trees near water. Many neighbors found solace and activity outside the pandemic bubble by walking in the woods and encountering our families of owls Last year, many of you watched them leave the nest, crawl out on branches and eventually learn to fly.

The Great Horned Owls were observed and heard courting and establishing their territory throughout December. Their distinctive mating duet was heard at dawn and dusk through January until they nested in early February. After nesting, they stop vocalizing so attention is not drawn to the nest. The male's 4-5 note hoot is low and melancholy while the female's 5-6 note hoot is higher and animated. The owls mated often (it takes a lot of 'opportunity' to produce one egg) during January. They finally nested in a tall White Pine on February 9 about .3 of a mile west of the Eloise Butler parking lot. The nest is nearly impossible to see, even with binoculars. They are opportunistic nesters. They don't build their own. They use a nest that's been built by hawks, sometimes squirrels and sometimes in the crotch of a tree as they did last year.

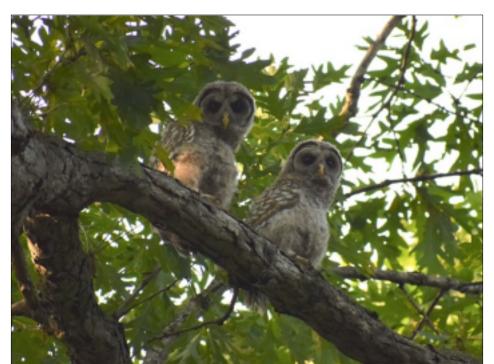
This year they confiscated the well-built nest of a Red-tailed Hawk who raised offspring there for the last three years. The female Great Horned Owl incubates the eggs exclusively for around 32 days while the male brings her food during the

night. In mid-March, the eggs hatch and downy white owlets pop their heads up from the nest now and then. By mid-April, the owlets crawl from the nest and sleep in the sun. They're called "branchers." There they learn to fly by exercising their wings and hopping short distances from branch to branch. They begin to fly by late May and are then called "fledglings." After they learn to fly, the juveniles explore the territory while their mother teaches them to hunt. She will feed them until fall but eventually both parents will aggressively persuade them to leave home and find their own territory before the next breeding cycle begins.

At any stage of the family cycle, you might hear and see them so listen and look up when you're in the woods.Barred Owls are bit more illusive and nest later in cavities of dead trees, completely out of sight. They are hard to find unless you see an adult come and go from the nest. Their distinctive call "Who cooks for you? Who cooks for you-all?" is usually heard at dawn and dusk. A Barred Owl was seen near the Eloise Butler parking lot in December, along Bassett's Creek recently and have been heard in the area. They are around so keep a look out for them. The Great Horned Owl is their greatest predator but the two are known to coexist while aggressively defending their nests. Our families of owls, and the family of Red-tailed Hawks, have nested within a few hundred yards of each other for the last several years. It's nice to see them all getting along!

If you're interested in watching birds, considering joining Early Birders this spring, a naturalist lead birding group at Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden and Bird Sanctuary. An excellent online resource to learn about birds is www.allaboutbirds.org. If you develop the hobby of birdwatching, there are several field guides you can choose from. I highly recommend birding! It's especially healthy in this COVID environment. If you would like to report observations, or ask questions, please feel free to contact me, the owl guy rod.miller@bmna.org.

- Rod Miller, Area 6 Co-rep (Photos courtesy of Susan Hartley and Aiden Fawcett)



Barred Owlets



Great Horned Owlets



Owl Nest





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March 17, 2012 Ice out, Wirth Lake. This is very early.

March 18, 2022 Full moon, the Dakota Istawicayazan Wi or sore eye

moon.

March 20, 2011 James Barker leaves Duluth Harbor, first ship of the

season.

March 28, 2015 Flock of robins in area 6. First pansies in a front-door

pot. Spring is here!

March 29, 2020 Four new fox kits emerged from their den in an

unfenced area 6 backyard. Their parents allow them to come out every night at twilight but maintain a careful watch. At the first sign of danger, a parental bark sends them scampering back to their den, located in a hole excavated in the past by a woodchuck. After several years of using this den, this fox family has moved on, following an encounter with an unleashed dog.



## Cedar Lake Master Plan

the Park Board has been soliciting feedback on two designs in an effort to create a new longterm plan for Cedar Lake, Lake of the Isles, Dean Parkway and the surrounding parkland and trails. The two initial park concepts, along with a plan vision and guiding principles, debuted for public comment in December. Feedback on these initial designs is welcomed through March 4. After this comment period closes March 4, feedback from the public, the CAC, partner organizations, and Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) staff and commissioners will be compiled and shared with the public and CAC. This feedback will inform the next stage in the design process, the release of a preferred park concept in late spring or early summer 2022.

**LIVING LAKES - CONCEPT A** 

MPRB anticipates the design, engagement and CAC process will continue through late summer 2022, before a draft plan heads to MPRB Commissioners for a public hearing and vote on the final plan, likely in winter 2022-23.

The two designs can be seen at the Park Board website or at an online meeting on March 10.

When: Thursday, March 10, 6-8 pm

Where: Online

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8282222 6791#success CAC Meeting #8. Dial 1-312-626-6799 to call in to the meeting. Webinar ID: 828 2222 6791.

About: Community Advisory Committee (CAC) members will discuss Circulation concepts. The online meeting is open to the public, but discussion will be limited to CAC members and staff until the last 15 minutes, which is dedicated for public questions and comments.

#### Description:

The "Living Lakes" concept prioritizes climate change mitigation, wildlife habitat and increased program opportunities at key areas within each park. Restoration of pre-colonial landscape communities honors a layered history and minimal trail improvements around Cedar Lake maintains "secluded" character.

#### **Key Attributes:**

#### Cedar Lake

- Infill rewilding and savanna restoration
- · Maximum natural water quality improvements
- · Enhanced amenities at two activity hubs
- · Add ice rink south of East Cedar Beach
- Increase mobility from future light rail stop, Kenilworth Trail, and Cedar Lake trail with new or formalized trail connections
- Reconfigure portions of Cedar Lake Parkway and consider one-way traffic to increase safety and space for trails

Increase signage for inclusive welcome

#### Lake of the Isles

- Expansive rewilding (greatly reducing turf)
- · Maximum natural water quality improvements
- · Enhanced amenities at seven locations

areas for inclusive welcome

- Add ice skating loop
- Add boardwalk in lieu of paved path in select areas
- · Improve safety at intersections with traffic calming design
- Increase mobility from the light rail stop, Midtown Greenway and the Kenilworth Trail with new trail connections
- Reconfigure portions of Lake of the Isles Parkway to limit or remove vehicular access for additional programmatic space

**UNIQUE LAKE EXPERIENCES - CONCEPT B** 

Increase signage and pedestrian safety at all gathering

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#### **Description:**

The "Distinct Lakes" concept emphasizes the existing character of each lake while broadening access to the park with new welcome points, improved multi-modal connectivity, and activity hubs. Greater preservation of turf areas on Lake of the Isles upholds the pastoral design legacy of the park.

#### **Key Attributes:**

#### Cedar Lake

CEDAR LAKE AND LAKE OF THE ISLES MASTER PLAN

- Infill rewilding (restore oak savanna, reduce turf)
- Select natural water quality improvements and some in-lake water quality improvements
- Enhanced amenities at one location
- Add new year-round structure (restroom + pavilion)
- Increase mobility with new connections around Cedar Lake and between Cedar Lake and Lake of the Isles
- Temporary closures along sections of Cedar Lake Parkway to provide additional programmatic space
- Increase signage at hub and distributed gateways for an inclusive welcome

#### Lake of the Isles

- Select areas for ecological restoration (prairie planting)
- In-lake water improvements with select natural water quality improvements (shoreline enhancements)
- Enhanced amenities at one location
- Relocate ice rink, new skating loop and new year-round building/warming house
- Reconfigure the existing bike trail on Isles to accommodate two-way traffic and increase mobility
- Temporary closures along sections of Lake of the Isles
   Parkway to provide additional programmatic space
- Increase signage at hub and distributed gateways for an inclusive welcome

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# Share your thoughts on the proposed changes to Cedar Lake

ast month the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) shared a draft of the vision, guiding principles and initial park concepts for the Cedar Lake-Lake of the Isles Master Plan. Some of these proposals include altering the flow of cars around the lake and creating a walking path the whole way around the lake. MPRB's design process will continue through summer 2022.

Use the link below or follow the QR Code to view the concepts and share your thoughts via an online survey. Please keep in mind these are preliminary concepts and elements of each concept may or may not be included in the final design.

www.minneapolisparks.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/2021 -12-12\_Cedar-Isles\_Initial-Park-Concepts\_final.pdf



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## **Nature Preschool Students Build Igloo Inspired by Book**

ur children were inspired by one of our favorite books to read, or rather sing, "If It's Snowy and You Know It Clap Your Paws One line in particular resonated with our group, "if it's frosty and you're freezing, build a fort" and so our next project - a design and structural engineering project - was put into motion as students insisted we, too, needed to build a fort. On our warmest day this week, children were given the opportunity to mix colors to create their own varied hues for their ice blocks. Teacher Sharon even led this activity during her Zoom class on Wednesday, inviting her small group to each take a turn to pick what color she should add to a tray of water and how many drops of water colors. They counted drops together and decided whether or not it needed more.

Students also experimented with different methods for creating our "slush mortar" that would hold our ice block pieces together. We used sticky snow on warm, sunny days, but what about when the snow was not sticky? As capable problem solvers, we were able to draw from our previous experiences with making hot tea slushies at snack time to come up with an appropriate mixture of warm water and snow. One student from the group exclaimed, "this will be like our glue!" Another student suggested covering our slush mortar mixture completely over the igloo to keep it strong and also noted that it would look white on the outside, but when you come inside it would be rainbow. What a creative, clever idea!

> Sarah Jay Bencriscutto Amado, Teacher & Creative Specialist Minneapolis Nature Preschool



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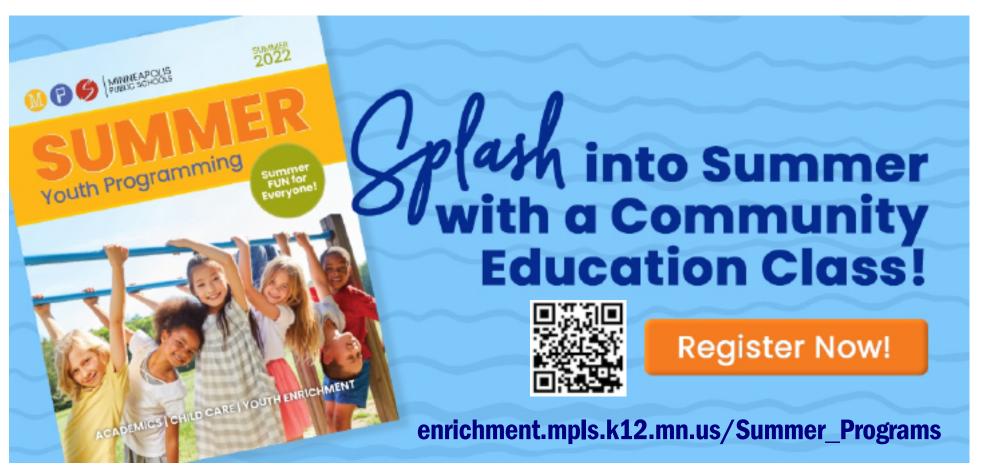
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# **Bryn Mawr First Graders with Sensei Gina Wood and Ms. Anita Chavez**

hanks to the collaboration among Bryn Mawr neighbors, Sensei GIna Wood of Midwest Karate Kids, and Bryn Mawr elementary physical education teacher, Anita Chavez, first grade students at our school had the opportunity in January to learn and practice Shotokan Karate. Upon completion of the fourlesson unit, students were rewarded with medals and a white belt in karate.

When the children of Bryn Mawr residents Carley Knox and Cheryl Reeve along with Jennifer Ikoma-Motzko and Mike Motzko attended Sensei Gina Wood's summer karate camp last summer, Knox appreciated how their children "learned foundational karate skills and teachings while connecting with Sensei Gina's leadership style and most of all had a blast." She let Ms. Anita know about the experience.

"Bringing Sensei to Bryn Mawr," Knox said, "was a wonderful opportunity to connect a diversely owned business in North Minneapolis with the students of the elementary school, while exposing them to a new athletic endeavor and the teachings of karate." Ms. Chavez, always proactive in pursuing opportunities for her students, contacted Sensei Gina, and the wheels were set in motion to bring this unique opportunity to our students at Bryn Mawr Community School.

Surprisingly, Sensei Gina did not always consider herself athletic and says that she found the discipline of karate "was incredibly good at connecting (her) overactive mind with (her) body." She is excited to teach youth the skills karate helped her develop to make her stronger, balance her emotions, and increase her self-confidence. In addition to several karate stances and terms, first graders learned principles of the Dojo Kon, which teaches,

First, I will strive for a full and complete character (keep trying to get better every day).

First, I will defend my true path.

First, I will cultivate the spirit of perseverance (work hard, don't give up).

First, I will honor the principles of etiquette (respect myself and others).

First, I will guard against hot-blooded behavior (I will not use my skills because I'm mad, only for self-defense or to help others).

Sensei Gina exudes great enthusiasm for karate's value to youngsters, saying "I've seen intellectuals and wallflowers turn into confident athletes, and athletic, high energy kids find balance with their emotions and bodies." Six-year-old Bryn Mawr resi-



dent Iver Quinn confirmed, "it was just really cool to actually be in a full karate session...(I) couldn't believe I was taking a karate session with a real sensei."

In all, ten stances, blocks, and kicks were practiced by young learners such as the Rei-Bow (pizza slice stance), Mai geri (snapping front kick), and Age uke (rising block) as well as Gedan barai (downward block). And, yes, they were able to chop a piece of wood in half, which Iver confided, "was the first board I ever actually chopped in half in my life, so I thought that was pretty cool."

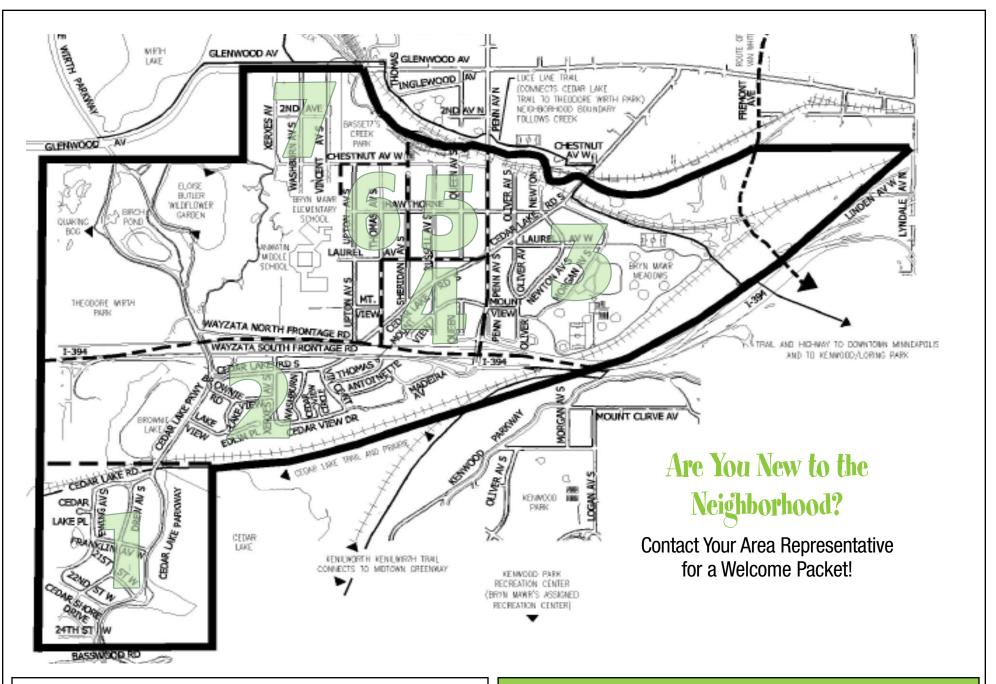
The Chavez family sponsored the first session of lessons for first grade students at Bryn Mawr in honor of their father, Raymond Chavez. To invest in more students, Anita Chavez secured a grant and is working with the PTA and Bryn Mawr neighbors to provide the next phase

of the project, which will bring karate to our second and third grade students in March.

This is not the first time community members and school staff have worked together to bring special programs to Bryn Mawr Community School students. Those Bryn Mawr Bulldog yard signs we see hanging up at Cuppa Java and Nativ3 and dotting our lawns are the result of a similar collaboration. Last Spring, the PTA collaborated with the visual arts teacher to bring a local BIPOC artist who worked with students to create yard signs promoting the school. Neighbors, families, and school staff voted to choose the winning design, and the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association helped get the signs printed. We echo Knox's sentiment, "Hoping to make similar connections for our students in the future.







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