



BRYN MAWR BUGLE

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Blood Drive

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church

Church Basement
420 Cedar Lake Rd S
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**Friday, February 9, 2024
12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](https://www.redcrossblood.org) and enter BMNA to schedule an appointment.

Red Cross Blood Drives

The Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association hosted two Red Cross blood drives in 2023 that collected enough blood to save 236 lives. Both of these events were well supported and successful events. In 2024, we have partnered with Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church to continue with regularly scheduled blood drives. BMNA will host three blood

drives and BMPC will host two. We hope you will consider becoming a regular donor. Donors can donate blood every 56 days.

Our 2024 Red Cross Blood Drive Dates:

February 9
April 19
June 7
August 9
November 22

Racial Justice Film Series

This month the Active Transportation and Racial Justice Committees of the BMNA will host the screening of two films documenting noteworthy bicycling achievements by African Americans during the 1890s. We have invited several predominantly African American bicycle organizations to join us for these screenings.

The first film, "The Bicycle Corps: America's Black Army on Wheels", documents the trek of an African American army regiment based in Montana from their home base to St. Louis Mo. The 1900 mile trip, completed in 41 days in 1897 was intended to demonstrate the utility of the bicycle for military purposes. The second is a short film, "The Six Day Race: The Marshall 'Major' Taylor

Story". It tells the story of a black teenaged cyclist who enters the fabled six day endurance bicycle race held at Madison Square Garden in 1896 some six months before the adventures related in the first film. Marshall 'Major' Taylor goes on to be a world champion and is still considered to be one of the greatest American sprint cyclist.

Screening of these two films will be at the SRF Building auditorium, 3701 S Wayzata Blvd, on Wednesday, February 21st, at 7pm. Registration for the event will be available on the Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association website. We also encourage you to sign up to the BMNA email list for details to come on future film screenings throughout this winter and spring!



2024 BMNA Events

Winter Fest

Thursday, April 11th

Festival of Garage Sales

Saturday, May 4th

Annual Meeting & Pot Luck Dinner

Wednesday, May 8th

Ice Cream Social

Thursday, July 25th

Member Night

September 26th

Sip & Stroll

Thursday, October 10th

Harvest Dinner

Thursday, November 21st

Saturnalia

Saturday, December 14th

Winter Fest has turned into a Spring Fling

Spring Fling - April 11th

We have a date set for Spring Fling (formerly Winter Fest)! Mark your calendars for April 11th.

The event will take place at La Doña Cervecería Brewery. This is our first big event of 2024.

Sponsorship

We're looking for sponsors for the event. We have 3 levels of sponsorship; Platinum(\$500), Gold(\$250) and Silver(\$100). As a sponsor you will receive free tickets to the event and free advertising in the Bugle and our social media accounts promoting this event. Email Events Coordina-



tor, Patty Wycoff at events@bmna.org if you would like to become a sponsor.

Donate to the Silent Auction

We are also looking for silent auction donations. Are you an artist or crafter? Please consider donating something you have created. Did you receive a gift card or a gift you won't use? Donate it to the Spring Fling! Email Patty Wycoff if you have an item to donate.





BRYN MAWR NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 13, 2023
6:30– 8:00 PM
Hybrid Meeting

Board and Staff

Kate Knuth – President
Brian Treece – Vice President
Roberta Jordan –Treasurer
Jessica Wiley – Secretary
Liv Nielsen – Area 1 Co-Rep OL
Sue Verrett – Area 2 Co -Rep
Addie Arnold - Area 2 Co-Rep
Mark Henry - Area 3 Co-Rep OL
Beth Franzen - Area 4 Co-Rep
Joshua Nichols - Area 4 Co-Rep
Colleen Dhennin - Area 5 Co-Rep
Katy Kessler - Area 5 Co-Rep
Haven Stephens - Area 6 Co-Rep
Stephen Harvey – Area 7 Co-Rep
Jay Peterson – Emeritus
Lynda Shaheen – Communication/
Development Coordinator

Guests:

Benjamin Lester - Area 6
Michael Martens - Area 6
McKenzie Erickson – Harrison OL
OL - online

Call to Order at 6:33 PM.

Agenda approval moved, seconded.
Motion carried.
Minutes from November 8, 2023,
moved, seconded. Motion carried.

City of Minneapolis – Report shared from Councilperson Lisa Goodman

Last report for BMNA from Lisa. Minneapolis moving forward with 3rd precinct rebuild. Margaret Anderson Kelliher approved as City Operations Officer. 2024 budget adopted. Pet

adoption fees will be covered during the holidays.The city recycling program turned 40. Free disaster preparedness training available. Crime Prevention Specialist Report - From Shannon.All reported crimes were property crimes. No violent crimes reported. Board and neighbors can view crime stats at <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/resident-services/public-safety/police-public-safety/crime-maps-dashboards/crime-locations-map/>

Treasurer Report– Roberta Jordan

Winding up year-end payments and reports. Saturnalia finances completed. Current statements of financial position are in the Google Drive. We will draw the city dollars before the end of year.

Communications & Development Coordinator Report - Lynda Shaheen

Communication topics included blood drive, Saturnalia, Sip and Stroll, clothing drive, and Wirth on Woods open houses. Putting together new Welcome Packets. We received the Business Façade Improvement grant for \$30,000. Sending letters for end-of-year donations, Website out of date; needs updating. QB not working to send out automatic reminders. Ask that all board members donate, no matter how small. Currently \$15,691 in individual donations. Give to the Max brought in \$600. Exploring storing and selling our merch at Big Hill books. Ordered vinyl stickers. Event Coordinator Report – Patty Wycoff. Brian shared report.About 70 neighbors at Harvest Dinner; provided 11 side dishes, 136 items for Simpson Housing. Saturnalia was great. Glitch when road blocks were picked up early. Good to have Bleu space for Santa, thanks to Brian for all the coordinating of the hayride. Blood drive; have filled 40 of our 43 spaces. Meeting with La Dona to discuss WinterFest.

Bugle Report - JoEllyn Jolstad.

The 20th is the deadline for articles/ads. No Bugle in January.

Webmaster – Jeremy Staffeld

Getting a lot of phishing emails again. Be cautious when anything looks strange.

Committee Reports (as needed)

Schools –Colleen Dhennin

Anwatin and Elementary grateful for donations during winter clothing drive. Colleen dropped off 6 full coat racks and the coats are all gone. Can still drop off at school. Snow pants and mittens needed, Haven volunteered to gather more clothing. Lisa Sayles Adams is new superintendent, staring Feb 5. Passed resolution to start the transformation process. Physical space study of all the schools will look at enrollment capacity, current utilization, and accessibility of the building.

Active Transportation- Josh Nichols

Two events in December, Farmers Market holiday décor ride and light peeping ride looking at holiday lights. Writing a grant to pay for artists’ renderings of what bike structures could be. Question about turning a railway line into a bike trail. Josh asked that questions or suggestions be emailed so him for exploration.

Racial Justice – Steve Harvey

Meeting on Wednesday.Article about donated tax for Indigenous lands in Bugle.

Gardens – Drew Quirk

Meetings are set for the year.

Finance/Membership – Jessica Wiley

Reviewed the proposal for 2024 Budget. Printing expenditures should be increased to. \$200.Add to Saturnalia budget. Increase for insurance. Approval vote will take place on January 10.

Community Projects - Jessica Wiley

Solicited proposals for projects in December Bugle. Will send info out through e-newsletter in January.

Other Standing Reports

SWLRT Update

Glenwood bridge open after being closed for 4 years.

Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements

Steve described the Façade Grant project, who can apply and which areas are eligible. Goal is business district revitalization. Murals are allowed. City pays one part, business owner or other agency pays match. Areas include Glenwood Inglewood, downtown Bryn Mawr, businesses in Area 2, Utepils, and Accent signage building. Funded up to a total of \$30,000 over 3 years. Starts January 1, 2024; looking for a committee chair. Public comments at school board meeting proposed applying for a grant to support electric school busses. Contact Board Member Adriana Cerrillo. Reviewed the feedback from Board retreat. Questions about the Fruen Mill development. How can we best support development? Add reps to Areas 1, 8, and 9.

Adjourned at 7:38PM.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:
Wednesday, January, 10, 2024

Upcoming Events:
Blood Drive Friday, December 15, 2023

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Haven Stephens - Area 6 Co-Rep
Drew Quirk– Area 6 Co-Rep
Stephen Harvey – Area 7 Co-Rep
Anne Hartman- Area 7 Co-Rep
Jay Peterson – Emeritus
Barry Schade – Emeritus
JoEllyn Jolstad – Bugle Editor
Lynda Shaheen – Communication/
Development Coordinator

Guests:

Katie Cashman - Minneapolis City Councilperson
McKenzie Erickson – Harrison OL
Rod Miller - Area 6 OL
OL - online

Call to Order at 6:34 PM.

Agenda approval moved, seconded. Motion carried.
Minutes from December 14, 2023, moved, seconded. Motion carried.

City of Minneapolis - Councilperson Katie Cashman

Katie shared her background, thanked Lisa for her service. Has been named to chair the Climate and Sustainability Committee, formerly Public Works Committee. Sewer line repair funding on agenda, working on historic investment in climate work. Will sit on budget committee. Meet Minneapolis will be working on downtown revitalization. Activities include forming relationships with other council members, spending two days of strategic planning with the mayor’s office. Heid E. Erdrich is the new city poet laureate. Council will be moving a resolution forward to have a cease fire in Gaza.Although foreign policy is not a city responsibility, the City has taken votes on resolutions like this in the past. Will hold a monthly virtual meeting with a neighborhood representative to talk about issues, will meet with neighborhood associations quarterly. Board shared what information they’d like from Katie.Talked about need to work with other boards including park board, school board. Court agreement on public safety reform

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moving forward. Presentations from three organizations applying. In touch with MPD precincts. Katie asked about a safety liaison. Anne agreed to chair the safety committee and be the contact.

Crime Prevention Specialist Report – Shannon McDonnough
Report shared by Kate. All reported crimes were property crimes. No violent crimes reported. Board and neighbors can view crime stats at <https://www.minneapolismn.gov/resident-services/public-safety/police-public-safety/crime-maps-dashboards/crime-locations-map/>

Treasurer Report– Roberta Jordan
Shared by Jessica and Kate. Year-end bank statements, balance sheet and statement of activity (profit and loss) are posted on our Google Drive. \$5,065 year end deficit, less than anticipated. Carry over from EEF funds from 2023 to 2024 of \$3790. Year end budget v/s actuals sent to Board members. The Hartford Insurance Company is new carrier for general liability insurance. Premium increased. Using same insurance broker for both General Liability and Directors and Officers liability insurance. Anticipate the D&O premium will go down in 2024,

Communications & Development Coordinator Report - Lynda Shaheen
200 Welcome Packets dropped off at Wirth on the Woods. Shared spreadsheet of increase in numbers of users of our social media, including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, email subscribers, and views on Next Door. End-of-year donations good. 1200 households, 258 contributed. Donations in memory of a neighbor increased. Brian sent list of new move ins. new membership drive begins in February. Videos on our YouTube channel.

Event Coordinator Report – Patty Wycoff
Shared by Brian. Working on multiple blood drives, BMNA hosting 3. Volunteers needed for February 9. Secured La Dona, April 11, 6:00 – 9:00PM for WinterFest, Transitioning to spring fest.

Bugle Report - JoEllyn Jolstad
The 20th is the deadline for articles/ads. Mapped out production schedule, some months have only 3 days to get Bugle produced and to the printer. Would like more reporting on neighbor activity.

Webmaster – Jeremy Staffeld
No report this month.

Committee Reports (as needed)
Schools –Colleen Dhennin
Plant sale coinciding with garage sale. Open house at Bryn Mawr Elementary for prospective pre-school and kindergarten students and their families. First Choice School lottery is January 31. School Finder Fair is January 13. Open gym started, every Tuesday 5:30 -7:30, parent/caregiver must be there. Playground will be rebuilt. 2 options. Mock-ups at school. Looking for feedback on design.

Active Transportation- Josh Nichols
Met with Dick Adair for advice.

Racial Justice – Steve Harvey
Met in December. Did an overview of the Façade Grant. Will contact businesses to let them know it's available. Tentative date for film series - February 21. Short films concerning Black cyclists from the turn of the century. Working with Active Transportation committee. Book talks at Big Hill Books. Rie will be introducing the author of Being White Today. Jessica will be introducing Janet Horvath, author of The Cello Stills Sings. Brief discussion of the Upper Harbor Terminal Park development.

Parks – Chris Etz/Barry Schade
Happy to hear that Katie Cashman is working with Elizabeth Schaeffer.

Gardens – Drew Quirk. Quiet right now. Plans for 2024. Kicking off monthly meetings in January, meeting 4th Monday at Utepils. Would like to bring back the Garden Tour. Soliciting gardens to see about involvement. Brainstorming an event highlighting community gardens.

Finance/Membership – Jessica Wiley
On behalf of the Finance Committee, Jessica moved approval of the 2024 budget, Steve seconded. Motion approved.

Community Projects - Jessica Wiley
Soliciting projects in Bugle and E-newsletter.

Communications - Jay Peterson
Continue to work on the website. Encourage Board members to write a 500-word piece for the Bugle. Could feature a business.

Other Standing Reports
SWLRT Update
Glass going in the walkway at the station.

Wirth on the Woods
Rod is stepping down as liaison. Thanks to Rod for all his work.

Discussion Items, New Business, Updates and Announcements
Façade Grant. Steve and Lynda will contact businesses to let them know about the grant. Addie agreed to chair the committee. The Community Projects committee will propose a process that can be used to evaluate proposals. Anne will chair the Safety committee. Brian reported that Vanguard investment increased 9%. \$5800 gain reinvested.

Adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:
Wednesday, February 14, 2024, Heart Day!

Upcoming Events:
Blood Drive, February 9, 2024

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.



Bugle Notes

Banned Books for All!

By Anna Quirk

During her semi-annual teeth cleaning, Beth Thompson of Big Hill Books was approached by Dr. Jay Williams of Mill City Dental with a business proposition. "Let's talk shop." Thompson listened, nodded and gurgled her excitement as Dr. Jay explained his idea and examined her teeth. It may seem odd to have a book proprietor and a dentist working together, but what came from this collaboration is inspiring.

During the month of December, Dr. Jay led an effort to support the circulation of banned books in the community by offering a donation to Big Hill Books. This donation was able to purchase over two dozen children's and young adult banned books to give to customers and community members for free. Thompson and her team purchased books found on the American Library Association's 2022 list of frequently banned books and made a display for neighbors to choose from. Books that were selected are frequently banned for their LGBTQ+ themes or mentions of race, critical race theory or discrimination.

The year 2023 has been fraught with discussions of "what books are appropriate for our communities to read?"

According to a recent MPR article, nearly 700 attempts occurred to ban books from schools and libraries in the first eight months of 2023 (A. Archie, 2023), with many more by the end of the year. Organizations like "Moms for Liberty" are leading the charge to ban books in schools and libraries across the country.

The response to the initiative at Big Hill Books has been "heart-warming" says Thompson. Patrons are proud to support the idea of getting banned books into the hands of children and youths. The donated books were quickly nabbed and dispersed across the Bryn Mawr neighborhood and beyond.

Thanks to the efforts of Dr. Jay Williams and Beth Thompson we are directly confronting attempts to create division in our community and protect our access to diverse literature.



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Bryn Mawr Recycling Schedule

	Monday	Tuesday
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Areas 4W, 5W, 6, 7	February 5 February 19	
Areas 2, 3, 4E, 5E		February 6 February 20

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From the Editor

Like so many couples before and since, my parents meet at University. They were both local students commuting to Philadelphia from their parents' homes in the suburbs. They shared their pursuit of degrees in medicine (my dad a physician and my mom a lab tech.) The east coast was the only life they new.

Despite them having this in common, their families were very different. My father's Mayflower English Episcopalian, country club family was not crazy about "their son the doctor" marrying the child of working class, Catholic, Italian immigrants. And my mother's parents were equally dismayed by the unlikely pairing.

Because of the family tensions, my parents relocated at the first opportunity - first to Alaska and ultimately to Rochester, Minnesota. They had five kids and created their own nuclear family.

When it was time for those kids to head off to college, our parents made it clear that they had no intention of letting us scatter to the winds. They explained that they wanted our family to remain close and if we went far away we would likely meet and make a life there. I went to the Minneapolis, two of my brothers went to St. Cloud. My sister went all the way to Grinnell, Iowa and the baby brother, all the way to Madison.

For the most part, he got their wish. One of us is still in Rochester, three of us are in Minneapolis and only the middle child landed all the way in Chicago.

So in 2009, when our oldest was looking at schools, my father warned me about letting her go far away. Of course, she ended up in Boston. I reasoned that advances in travel was making the world smaller and I never allowed myself to believe that she would not eventually come home.

After she graduated from BU she applied to several medical schools including the U of M and Mayo in Rochester. She decided on my parents' alma mater, Temple in Philadelphia. She sent me flowers on Mother's Day apologizing that she was going to be gone for another four years. At Temple she predicably met her now-fiancé and they have since stayed back east to do residencies and fellowships. They are currently planning their wedding in New York this summer.

Now, 15 years after that fateful decision was made, the seemingly impossible has happened. They have both accepted jobs in the Twin Cities and are moving back in August.

I truly do not have words to express how over the moon we are. Except to say how much I think they will love making a life here and welcome home!

- JoEllyn Jolstad, editor@bmna.org

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Up to \$600 more to help prevent energy shutoffs, get energy reconnected, or get emergency fuel deliveries. Funds to help homeowners get their broken furnace repaired or replaced.

Households may also get help paying their past due water bill

EAP Income guidelines:	
Household Size	Annual Income Limit
1	\$32,667
2	\$42,719
3	\$52,770
4	\$62,822
5	\$72,874
6	\$82,925

New Tenant Landlord Laws in Effect

- Changes include :**
- Landlords must issue a 14-day written notice before filing evictions for non-payment of rent
 - Landlords must disclose all non-optional fees on both the front page of the lease and in any advertisements—calling it the ‘Total Monthly Rent.’
 - Between October 1 and April 30, landlords must maintain a minimum temperature of 68 degrees in rental units.
 - Landlords must give a minimum of 24 hours notice before entering

Register Early for the 2024 Minneapolis Community Connections Conference

The conference is a free event that connects Minneapolis residents, community groups, neighborhoods and local government. The conference is open to everyone and will run together with the 2024 Green Zone Summit for environmental justice. Our conference theme will be “Open city, your Minneapolis.” This year, we want to focus on making Minneapolis a transparent, accessible city that is open to everyone, open to new ideas and open for business. We will highlight the ways you can get involved in both government decision-making and your local community. We will also celebrate the

How to apply for the Energy Assistance Program:

Both renters and homeowners can qualify. Eligibility is based on income and household size. Apply online at <https://energy-assistance.web.commerce.state.mn.us/>. Find more information at mn.gov/home

Households can also contact their local EAP service provider to apply for EAP In Hennepin (Both Minneapolis and Suburban) Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County 952-930-3541

28 local EAP service providers including Community Action Programs, counties, tribal governments, and non-profits serve all areas of the state. Find provider by calling 1-800-657-3710 & entering their zip code or on this list of service providers by county or tribe: <https://mn.gov/commerce/energy/consumer-assistance/eap-providers/>

Repair emergencies will now include a non-working refrigerator, promised air conditioning, serious infestations and a city notice of an intent to condemn the property. In limited circumstances, this law allows a tenant to end their lease early to move into a medical facility with two month’s notice.

Cold Weather Rule

The Cold Weather Rule is now in effect. The Cold Weather Rule means that if you can’t pay your home heat bill, your heat can’t be shut off Oct. 1-April 30. If you get a notice about disconnecting your primary heat source, make sure to immediately contact the utility and set up a payment plan.

Find resources on the State of Minnesota website.

many parts of city that are reopening and recovering after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Community Connections Conference

Saturday, February 17
9 – 10 a.m., registration and exhibit hall opens
10 a.m. – 4 p.m., conference programming
Minneapolis Convention Center, first floor, Hall E

Register online for the conference.

You can also register in person on conference day in several languages

Margaret Anderson Kelliher Sworn in as City Operations Officer

Margaret Anderson Kelliher was sworn in Jan. 3 as the City’s new city operations officer. The position oversees the City’s Office of Public Service and its 17 departments including Public Works, Community Planning & Economic Development and Regulatory Services. Anderson Kelliher will lead thousands of employees Citywide to ensure high-quality, coordinated City services.

A 34-year resident of Minneapolis, Anderson Kelliher previously led the City’s Public Works Department and the Minnesota Department of Transportation. She served 12 years in the Minnesota House of Representatives with four years as the speaker.

Under the City’s new government structure, the city operations officer is one of four direct reports to the mayor and oversees the Office of Public Service. Core functions of the



Office of Public Service include internal services; communications and engagement services; and development, health and livability services. These departments primarily support the work of the enterprise, address community health and livability, foster racial equity, and administer performance management.

Early Primary Voting Open

Early voting began, Jan. 19, in Minneapolis voters are among the first in the nation to cast in-person ballots in this high-profile primary race, and they can do that at the Early Vote Center from Jan. 19 through the day before the March 5 primary. The Early Vote Center is at 980 E. Hennepin Ave.

Unlike with other elections, voters in the presidential primary choose which of the two participating major party’s ballot they want. The party they choose is not public information, though it will be available to the selected major party.

Standard hours for the Early Vote Center are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. The center is closed on Presidents Day, Feb. 19. The center is also open the last two weekends before the primary. Besides the Early Vote Center, voters can vote early at the downtown Hennepin County Government Center, 300 Sixth St. S. You can find more information on early voting options on the City website.

Vote early by mail

Any voter can vote early by mail; no reason is required. Please allow



enough time to complete the process by mail. It can take up to seven days. You can complete your applications online on the City website.

Make sure you’re registered to vote

While people can register to vote at the polls, preregistering speeds up voting on the day of the primary. Voters can check the status of their registrations on the City website. If you’ve moved to a new address or had a name change since last registering, you’ll need to reregister to vote. If you haven’t voted in the past four years, you’ll need to reregister.

Preregister online, or fill out and mail in a registration application. These are available at government offices and the City website. Pre-registration ends 21 days before the March 5 Protection from heat being shut off



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Active Transportation

Due to a series of factors – geography, timing, and historical coincidence – American communities have developed largely in a sprawling fashion that cater to the dimensions and speed of four wheels rather than two legs. Many of us (including yours truly) appreciate and rely upon the convenience of vehicle-based trips. And yet, the car has been so successful in its psycho-economic ingratiating that it has effectively marginalized other forms of travel and warped entire industries and places. We’ve shaped our landscape around the automobile, and in turn, the automobile shapes us.

The Twin Cities lag global counterparts in walking, biking, and pedestrian safety. In many non-central U.S. communities, sidewalks are not even available, and access is limited to those who cannot afford to drive their own vehicle. Our reliance on cars for most trips nationwide (even trips close to our homes) has contributed to social disconnection, obesity, environmental pollution, and personal and household debt. We are orders of magnitude away from true transportation equity or sustainability, and our sprawling road infrastructure will be more and more expensive to maintain as global warming increases those pesky freeze-thaw cycles (not to mention, as the price of carbon fuel starts to match its pollutive impacts).

These and many other reasons make it increasingly important to retrofit and improve our streets and sidewalks to accommodate safe walking and biking. These modes of transportation are collectively referred to as “active transportation” and are less expensive to maintain than automobile-exclusive infrastructure.

Active transportation is not new. Walking is an evolutionary birthright; our senses are attuned to it, and it’s scientifically proven to boost our moods. Not coincidentally, some of our most iconic and beloved places (such as our Main Streets) are walking-scale and not built around the spatial demands of the vehicle. Ironically, Americans pay hundreds of dollars to experience active transportation in theme parks such as Disney World. Many fondly recall walkable lifestyles on college campuses as if such walkability belongs to a bygone era, and not something that can be integrated into our current neighborhoods and land uses.

There is a path forward that is economically, socially, and environmentally positive: retrofitting our existing transportation network to become walkable, bikeable corridors that are appropriate for the very young and the very old. These corridors should also be fun and safe to drive. By tilting the balance towards safety and comfort for pedestrians and bicyclists (even in winter), Minneapolis can knit and improve upon its already strong reputation as a leading-edge City.

John Pierce LEED Green Associate,
in coordination with the Active Transportation Committee of the BMNA

Bryn Mawr Neighborhood Association Calendar - February 2024

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
				First Day of Plastic Free Challenge 1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	BMNA Blood Drive - 12-6pm Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church basement 9	10
11	12	13	BMNA Monthly meeting 6:30pm Bryn Mawr Church, 6:30pm & Google Meet. Email coordinator@bmna.org for joining link. 14	15	16	COOP FIS Cross-Country World Cup Sprint Races 0am-2pm in Wirth Park 17
COOP FIS Cross-Country World Cup Distance Races 10am-2pm in Wirth Park 18	Presidents' Day Holiday 19	Submissions due for next Bugle. Drop in the Bugle Box at the Market or email bugle@bmna.org 20	7pm Racial Justice Committee, film screening at the SRF Building auditorium, 3701 S Wayzata Blvd 21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	Deadline to Submit ideas for Community Projects Jessica.Wiley@bmna.org 29		

Saturnalia Recap

Our last event of 2023 was Saturnalia. This outdoor event attracted neighbors of all ages. There was something for everyone.

Hot cocoa was donated by Cuppa Java and marshmallows for roasting were donated by the Bryn Mawr Market. Santa Claus was cozy in his chair inside Bryn Mawr's newest business, Bleu. This gave neighbors an opportunity for a sneak peak inside Bleu

and a chance to meet the owner. The hayride was pulled by an electric truck for the second year. BMNA Vice President, Brian Treece is responsible for this cost saving, environmentally friendly truck. Area 5 resident, Hugh Morris donated his time to be our truck driver. Like so many of our events, it takes a village. Thank you to everyone who helped make this one happen and all of the events of 2023.



Community Projects: It's All About the Neighborhood

For over 15 years the BMNA has supported small community projects that improve neighborhood livability, including adding doggy waste stations, wrapping a utility box, and supporting patios and awnings for neighborhood businesses. The BMNA Community Projects Committee is looking for good ideas to improve Bryn Mawr in 2024. You could have the perfect suggestion.

Ideas for projects will be accepted from now until February 29, 2024. The committee will meet in March to identify workable projects and make a recommendation to the board at their April board meeting. To submit your idea, email your suggestion to Jessica.wiley@bmna.org. You will receive a brief form where you can formally submit your proposal.

The process:

- Request for proposals December - February 2024.

- Submit proposal idea to Jessica.Wiley@bmna.org by February 29, 2024.
- Those who have submitted an idea will be asked to complete a brief form about the specifics of the project.
- Who will lead the project?
- What will it involve?
- How much funding is needed?
- Who will the project benefit?

The committee evaluates suggestions using the criteria listed below.

- Is there leadership (an identified neighbor) to get the project done?
- Is it possible (politically, physically)?
- Does it meet the budget (\$0 - \$1500)?
 - Is it sustainable long term?
- Does it have neighborhood wide impact?

For a list of projects completed in past years, check out the December 2023 Bugle! (bmna.org)

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Pup of the Month

By Benjamin Lester, Area 6

Welcome to Pup of the Month, where we feature Bryn Mawr's goodest dogs. Here is a Valentine's Special of a cute canine couple.

Loma (12 months) and Henry (18 months) met during a backyard romp and realized they were paw-fect for each other.

Besides both loving to wrestle, Loma's interests include squirrels and Henry enjoys big drinks of water.

Their V-Day advice? Sharing is caring. If you see them around the neighborhood, say hi! They're super friendly.





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Weekend Events:
Saturday February 17 - Sprint races, 10am - 2pm
Sunday February 18 - Distance races, 10am - 2pm
Monday February 19 - Share Winter Playday - come celebrate with

the community in Theodore Wirth Park!

Park-and-Ski/Bike/Walk Lots: There are three park-and-ski/bike/walk lots available:
Anwatin School, Wirth Beach House, and Wirth Beach Boat Launch. These lots are 1-2 miles from the venue, and marshals will be present to help you ski, bike, or walk your way from the parking lot to the venue.

To learn more, please go <https://loppetcup.com/>.

Kickstart your plastic-free journey: Take the Plastic-Free Challenge

Plastics can be a hassle - they create clutter and can be confusing to recycle - plus they contribute to litter, harm water and wildlife, and have largely unknown health impacts for us. Fortunately, there's a lot we can do to help create a plastic-free world, from learning more about plastic waste and recycling to making simple swaps to advocating for changes in your community and sharing your story with others.

Be part of the solution to reduce waste, protect water and wildlife, address climate change, and look after the health of ourselves and future generations by joining the

Plastic-Free Challenge (tcplasticfree.ecochallenge.org).
About the Plastic-Free Challenge
The Plastic-Free Challenge is a month-long effort starting February 1 to reduce plastic consumption, especially single-use plastics, in ways that fit best in your lifestyle and have the most impact on reducing your footprint. Businesses, organizations, and community groups can also join the challenge as Plastic-Free Challenge partners.
The challenge runs during the month of February 2024. Registration opens on January 1. Sign up to be notified when registration opens.

Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden & Bird Sanctuary in partnership with The Loppet

WINTER PROGRAMS

JOIN A GARDEN NATURALIST FOR A GUIDED WALK TUESDAYS 10:00 - 11:00AM	Winter Tracks & Wildlife January 9, February 6 & March 5, 2024 Winter Tree ID Walk January 16 & March 12, 2024 Winter Birding Walk January 23, February 20 & March 19, 2024 Winter Nature Journaling & Walk January 30, February 27 & March 26, 2024
KNITTING NEAR NATURE 11:30 - 1:00PM	Every Other Wednesday January 10 - March 20, 2024 Bring your projects and join fellow crafters by the fire at the Trailhead!
NATURE STORYTIME 10:00 - 10:30AM	Thursdays: January 4 - March 28, 2024* Kids nature stories and activities led by a garden naturalist! *Not offered on February 15

All programs meet at The Trailhead
1221 Theodore Wirth Pkwy





BMNA Garden Committee

Drew Quirk here, your friendly neighborhood association garden committee chairperson, with a note of hope and a plea for help in the year ahead...

During a typical January, gardeners in Bryn Mawr have the luxury of superimposing our horticultural dreamscapes over a blank canvas of a foot or more of snow. This year, however, we are forced to reckon with the stark reality of both our glories and our flaws from the past season as they lie fully exposed in our powder-barren landscape. It's humbling, this vulnerability, but helpful for the dreamers among us (present company included), to own our current state and begin the task of planning with feet firmly planted in our reality. [For tips from the experts, check out the University of MN Extension's excellent resources page for planning: <https://extension.umn.edu/how/planting-and-growing-guides>].

In my house, seed catalogs and packets are scattered throughout, bookmarked and highlighted in the annual ritual of selection. February officially gets the indoor planting season underway with onions and many annual flowers available to be started, beginning the daily rituals of caring for and watering tiny shoots. With those first emerging embryos, you can't help but brim with optimism about this year's potential! If you're curious about seed starting, I'd encourage you to give it a try - it's relatively low cost and low effort for a fun return!

Now for my plea: as the garden committee prepares for our year ahead, we are interested in bringing back the beloved Bryn Mawr Garden Tour! To do that, we need hosts to volunteer their gardens for the event. If

you are interested in sharing your labors of love, please reach out to me directly at drew.quirk@bmna.org and I will fill you in with the details. We're interested in showing off gardens in all stages and styles to inspire neighbors to discover what is possible, so please don't hold back if you have a unique feature that you'd like to share! And we also need volunteers: we have activities from planting to weeding, educating and communicating, organizing and more, so please consider joining us no matter your gardening experience. We meet every fourth Monday of every month at Utepils. We hope to hear from or see you soon!

Garden Tour 2024

Planning your garden for next year? Consider joining the 2024 Bryn Mawr garden tour as a host! We're hoping to reintroduce the Tour after several years off, but we need to confirm the availability of host sites before committing fully to the plan or an official date. The event attracts gardening enthusiasts from around the metro with real world examples of transforming our urban outdoor spaces into places of comfort, beauty, sustainability, learning, and play with the natural environment. We're proud of the strong gardening culture we have in Bryn Mawr, so let's show it off! As a host, you will receive support from the garden committee and our support crew to get your garden "on the map" and looking great for the event. Proceeds benefit the Neighborhood Association and the work of the Gardens Committee within the association to provide opportunities to beautify the neighborhood and learn more about gardening. If you have interest or would simply like to learn more, please contact Drew Quirk at drew.quirk@bmna.org.



- February 12, 2023

30°, calm and sunny. Chickadees have switched from their winter "chick-a-dee-dee" to their spring song "fee-bee, fee-bee", cardinals are loudly proclaiming "what cheer" from the treetops, crows are gathering in large flocks. Not sure exactly what triggers all this, but I think it has to do with keeping their species going as signs of spring appear.
- February 22, 2022

Walked in the snow along the abandoned railroad tracks just south of Bassett's Creek across from Utepils. This beautiful and surprisingly isolated area is part of the creek floodplain and a reminder of what the creek looked like before it was straightened and channeled by our predecessors. They didn't like its flooding, considered marshes a source for malaria and other vague ills, and used this area as a dump. In 1923 the creek was diverted into a sewer beneath downtown just east of what is now Van White Blvd. Now that the CPKC railroad has abandoned these tracks, the Park Board is interested in acquiring them.
- February 24, 2024

Full moon, the Ojibwe Onabini Giziz or Crust of Snow moon.

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Bryn Mawr Staff Surprised With Free Coffee

Thank you to Corner Coffee for making Specialized espresso drinks and free coffee to the Bryn Mawr staff. Everyone started their Wednesday out with a big smile! Corner Coffee has locations in the North Loop, Uptown, Camden and Northeast. Thank you to Scott Woller and Rachel Bundy who served the staff. Such a wonderful surprise!



Summer Camps - En route !

June 24 to August 23, 2024
Learn more at afmsp.org.

SUPER SUMMER

2024 Youth Programming

Henry • Justice Page • Kenwood • Sanford • Southwest

Registration Opens at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 25th
mplscommunityed.com

Youth & Schools

Community Open Gym

The BMNA has partnered with the Bryn Mawr Elementary School PTA to offer neighborhood kids, students, and their families active play time Tuesday evenings in January and February from 5:30-7:30 pm.

There is a cart of balls and gym equipment available, but families can bring their own toys as well. For children's safety, a parent or caregiver must attend with children. Families are welcome to attend all or part of the open time frame.

School Choice for 2024-25 School Year

It is time for families to make their first choice selections for Minneapolis Public Schools. The first choice deadline is January 31. Community schools for the Bryn Mawr neighborhood are Bryn Mawr Elementary for high five (pre-school) through grade 5, Anwatin Middle School (grades 6-8), and North High School. MPS also offers STEM and dual Spanish immersion magnet schools that can be found with their School Finder tool at the Minneapolis Public Schools website.

Super Summer Youth Programs

Get ready for MPS Super Summer June 24-August 8! There will be enrichment programs for youth entering Grades PreK-9. Locations are Kenwood, Justice Page, Southwest, Sanford and Henry Schools. Registration opens on Sunday, February 25 at 5pm. Brochures will be mailed and posted on ce.mpschools.org the week before. Minneapolis Community Education on Facebook or [mplscomm](https://www.facebook.com/mplscomm) on Instagram to be notified.

New Playground

Bryn Mawr Elementary School is scheduled for a playground replacement through the Minneapolis Public Schools' capital improvement budget. The contractor has been hired and the school is now engaging students, parents, and community members in choosing their preferred equipment and add-ons. Two main playground layout posters with add-on options for each are on display at the school. Principal Oldenburg invites you to stop by during the school day to view them and complete a survey expressing your preferences by the end of the first week of February. Demolition of the existing playground is planned immediately after the current school year, June 15, with new construction immediately thereafter.

Teach After School at Bryn Mawr and Anwatin

Minneapolis Community Education, which runs the after school program at Anwatin, Mon-Thurs is offering after school programming at Bryn Mawr on Tuesdays and Thursdays. In addition to fun classes, students who participate will get a snack and transportation home, all at no charge to families.

ALC (Extended Learning) is academic support taught by licensed staff. ALC runs from 2:15-3:30pm. The Beacons (enrichment) program is community based. Beacons runs from 3:30-5:00pm.

Do you or someone you know want a part-time job sharing an interest with youth?

Beacons activities may include crafts, hobbies, games, or athletics that can be shared with elementary or middle school youth. The program is looking for instructors for programs that will run from October 31 up to Winter break. These are paid positions and supplies are provided. There will be another session after Winter Break if that fits instructors' schedules better. Anyone interested in teaching a class can contact Wendell Johnson at Anwatin Community Education: 612-668-2470 or wendell.johnson@mpls.k12.mn.us.

We Need Your Insights!

Community Education is looking to hear from you! Please take a few moments to complete the brief survey as we collect feedback and insights on what offerings you want to see in the upcoming sessions.

- Matt Branch, Youth & Adult Enrichment at North High School



Contact Information For Our Community Schools

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612-668-2500
brynmawr.mpls.k12.mn.us

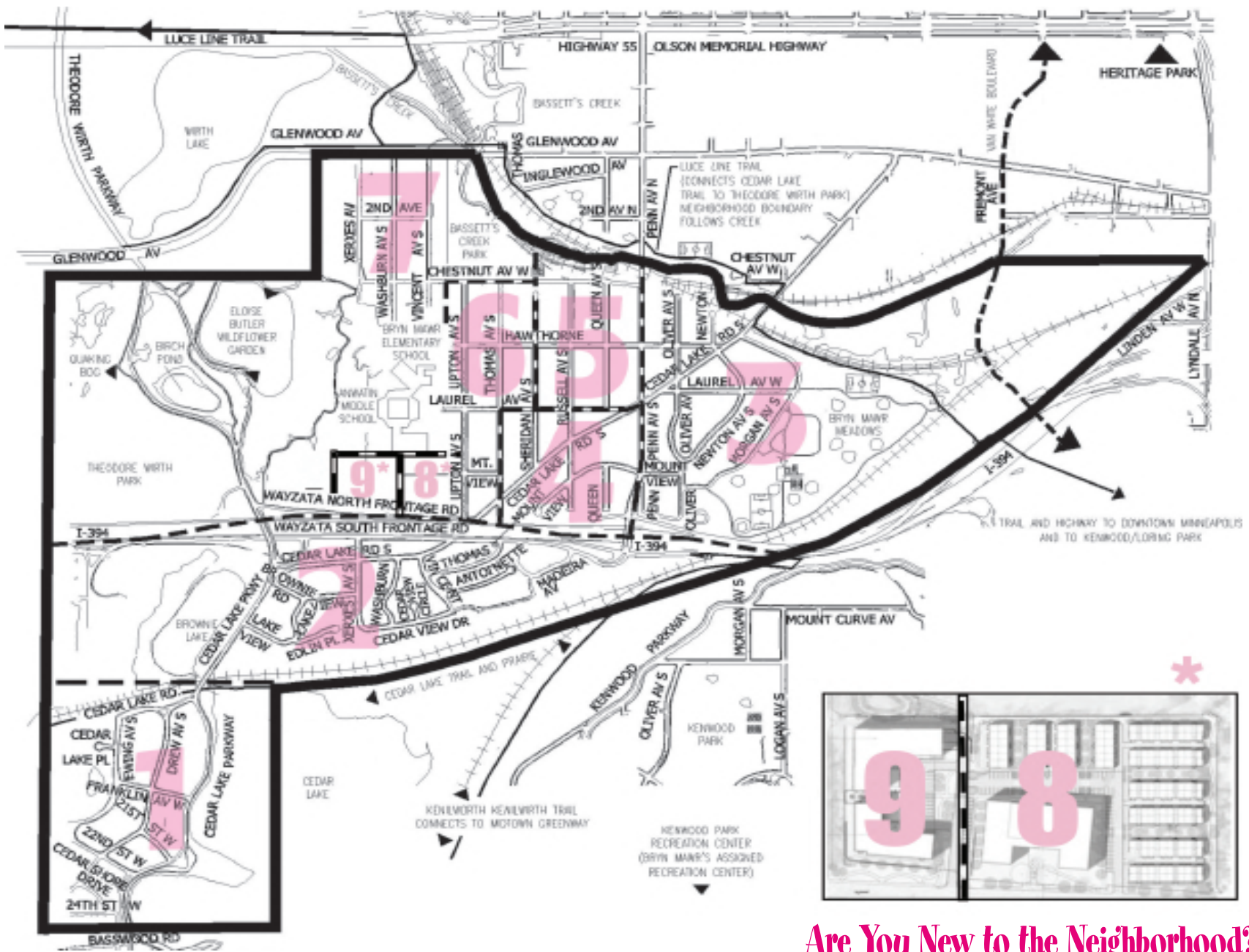
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anwatin.mpls.k12.mn.us

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612-668-2470
[commed.mpls.k12.mn.us](https://www.facebook.com/commed)

North High School (9-12)
1500 James Ave. North
612.668.1700
north.mpls.k12.mn.us

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Age	Sun-Thurs	Fri-Sat
Under 12	9:00 pm	10:00 pm
12-14	10:00 pm	11:00 pm
15-17	11:00 pm	12:00 pm



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for a Welcome Packet!

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